

American Heritage Thanksgiving Wine

Suggestions from:

Party Mart

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Schloss Vollrads SV Dry Riesling (\$11.99)

With documented vintages going back to 1236, Schloss Vollrads is the oldest, continuously operating winery in the world. This completely dry Riesling is produced from vineyards in the Rheingau, which is the finest growing area for Riesling in Germany. With its intense fruit character and beautifully balanced acidity, this is a lovely food wine, able to stand with all of the different flavor components that make up the Thanksgiving table. A very lively wine.

Just for fun, on your computer go to Wikipedia and search Schloss Vollrads. It is an abbreviated story about the Grieffenclau family, who owned the estate for over 700 years (early 13th century). A very short and interesting read.

“375” Rose (\$12.99) actually \$18 per case of 12 bottles!!!!!!

Two of the most oft heard comments among fine wine professionals: “I love great dry Rosé!” and “half bottles are the best way to start!” The Randolph Street Wine Company couldn’t agree more and decided to make life easier with the release of Three Seventy Five Rose’.

Three Seventy Five is a blend of the Merlot, Syrah and Grenache sourced from Napa Valley’s best vineyards. The Merlot comes from some of the coolest spots in all of Napa; from rocky soils to achieve bright freshness, adding strawberry and raspberry flavor. The Syrah, also sourced from cool climate vineyards, gives Three Seventy Five’s structure and color. Lastly, Grenache fills the mid-palette with darker, petite fruits.

Produced, by RSWCo winemaker Marbue Marke, with the sole intention of creating great Napa Valley Rosé. Bottled only in 375ml, hock shape, clear glass with a natural cork finish. Fermentation takes place for six weeks at extremely cold temperatures to enhance the fruit flavor.

Guigal Cotes du Rhone (\$14.99)

The 2007 Cotes du Rhone has finally been released, and Guigal has made his finest Cotes du Rhone to date, all from purchased juice. He and his son told me (Robert Parker) they go through thousands of samples in order to come up with this cuvee, which is based on 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache, and 10% Mourvedre, all aged in tank. A deep ruby/purple wine with lots of cassis, kirsch, pepper, and even an intriguing floral note, the wine is medium to full-bodied, silky smooth, and a truly delicious, hedonistic and intellectually satisfying wine that is a remarkable bargain. **Robert Parker Wine Advocate Score: 90**