



Astor's Guide to BBQ

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Terra Sparkling Malbec, Viniterra 2007

This is a refreshing, fruit-forward sparkling Malbec from Agrelo, located in Argentina's Luján de Cuyo. It is full of mixed dark berries - blueberries, blackberries and red currants - with a hint of velvet tannins. A touch of black pepper spice, great bubbles, and a hint of earthiness make this the bubbly for all occasions. Try it with everything from hors d'oeuvres to roast pork. A great addition to any meal, and lovely by itself as an apéritif. Item #17007



~~Bottle Price: \$13.99~~
On Sale: \$9.99

Solms Wijn de Caab "Lekkerwijn" Rosé 2006

The Solms winery is located in the Franschhoek Valley, an area with a Mediterranean climate where Rhône grape varieties thrive. This wine belongs in the "serious rosé" category, with nuanced complexity that rewards attentive sipping. Item #19830



Bottle Price: \$19.99

Riesling "Unplugged", Tesch 2006

This Kabinett Trocken comes from several vineyard sites in the Nahe that have been in the family since the 1700s. It shows very focused and concentrated fruit on the palate, yet is thoroughly dry and full of minerals. Look for juicy notes of Meyer lemon (and then just try and put your glass down). Item #16678



Bottle Price: \$15.99

Côtes du Rhône "Grandes Vignes", D'Estezargues 2006

This great wine from a Natural winemaker is full of dark fruit, with tiny suggestions of smoke and game. Great now in the flush of youth but also shows interesting medium-term aging potential. Item #26323



Bottle Price: \$11.99

Lambrusco di Sorbara Red, Zucchi NV

A frizzante that's dry with firm acidity and aromas of fresh raspberries and violets. This is quite different from the inky, dark Lambrusco most people are used to. The fruit is redder and the texture far more delicate. The name "Lambrusco" actually refers to a large family of grapes, much like Moscato or Pinot. This Lambrusco di Sorbara will evolve for years to come. Item #16517



Bottle Price: \$14.99

Torrontés "Plata," La Rioja 2007

The "Plata" is dry on the palate, with notes of mixed white flowers, yellow plums, and even some white peppercorn on the finish. Overall, it has a remarkably fresh character, enabling it to complement lighter dishes without overwhelming them. It's fresh and surprising each and every time you open a bottle. Item #17296



~~Bottle Price: \$9.99~~
On Sale: \$7.99

Piazzolla Malbec, Mendoza 2005

When wine drinkers think of Argentina, Malbec is what usually comes to mind. This version is unoaked, allowing you to appreciate all of the wonderful flavors of Malbec grown in the Mendoza region. This bottle is packed with rich, dark, jammy berry fruit. Item #12804



Bottle Price: \$6.99

Tinto Reserva, Quinta dos Aciprestes 2004

This full-bodied red comes from northern Portugal's Douro Valley. It's a "Reserva" wine, meaning that it was aged in oak for an extended period of time before bottling. Intense and full-bodied, it shows ripe black plums, blackberries, and powdery tannins on the finish. Item #19608



Bottle Price: \$17.99

Schiava Rosé "ViV", Vivallis 2007

Astor has been "Schiava Central" for some time - and now we've even got a rosé version! It's just one more reason to fall in love with this red grape. This wine is dry, lovely, and perfect for warm weather. It's a little like drinking a bowl of perfectly ripe cherries in season. Enjoy it chilled. Item #20282



~~Bottle Price: \$11.99~~
On Sale: \$8.99

Moscato d'Asti, G.D. Vajra

Dessert wines like this are dangerously easy to ingest at any hour. We especially enjoy the sage fruit character and the acidity balancing out the sweetness on the finish. Lightly sparkling, light in alcohol. Item #15486



Bottle Price: \$15.99

Key  Veggies  Pork  Dessert
 Poultry  Beef