



Call Me A Cab!

1. **Langlois-Chateau Rosé Cabernet D'Anjou AOP 2011, Loire Valley, France \$17.99**

Born in 1873 to a rural family in the Saumur region, Edouard Langlois was a wine maker and cellarman at St. Hillaire-St. Florent. He was 23 years old when he married 19 year old Jeanne Chateau, whose family came from Vendée. In 1912, the couple founded Maison Langlois-Chateau with the help of Baron de Bodman, the owner of Chateau de St. Florent. They specialized immediately in sparkling wines. Segue to 1973, when Maison Bollinger recognized the quality of the wines and acquired majority ownership. The enterprise subsequently experienced rapid growth, and alongside Cremant de la Loire, expanded to still wines and rosés. This wine is 100% Cabernet Franc. 11.5% abv. **Tasting Notes:** it expresses notes of voluptuous red fruit (strawberry, pomegranate, red currant), and sour candy. A well-balanced wine.

2. **Domaine De La Noblaie Chinon Cabernet Franc 2012 Loire Valley, France \$21.99**

The domaine itself has a history that spans several centuries; the land having been cultivated for vines since at least 1765. There is historic evidence of presses, cellars, and tanks cut in the soft rock known as 'tufa'. After having belonged to several owners, the Noblaie was purchased in 1952 by the Manzagol family. Today, the 3rd generation of winemakers continue developing with passion the wines of the estate. The domaine is Bio Ecocert certified as of 2011: organic farming is the protocol. 100% Cabernet Franc. 12.5% abv. **Tasting Notes:** This Chinon opens with an intense nose of red fruits. The mouthfeel is silky, with good structure.

3. **Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc 2011 Okanagan Valley, Canada \$45.99**

Burrowing Owl Estate lies within one of Canada's most unique ecosystems which includes the northernmost tip of the Sonora Desert. The location (on a southwest tilting, sandy plateau) near the north end of Osoyoos Lake is one of the most highly rated grape growing regions in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. In 1993, founder Jim Wyse was introduced to some relatively inexpensive and abandoned vineyard land south of Oliver. He purchased this property, which became the first 100 acres of Burrowing Owl Estate. The decision to build Burrowing Owl Estate Winery was made in 1997, and today, the estate combines state-of-the-art technologies with proven, classic winemaking traditions. 100% Cabernet Franc. **Winemaker's Notes:** an intriguing combination with intense aromas of ripe Italian plum, blueberry and tomato, along with violet, burlap, pipe tobacco, and dried herbs. The palate is dry, with lively acidity showcasing the fresh raspberry, ripe red currant, ruby grapefruit and plum before the combination of chocolate licorice, dried herbs, baking spice, smoked paprika, tobacco, violet, earth and charred meat unfold on the long finish.

4. Las Moras Black Label Cabernet-Cabernet 2010 San Juan Cuyo, Argentina \$21.99

Finca Las Moras is a pioneer winery dedicated to the elaboration of high-quality wines in San Juan since the restructuring of the vineyards in 1993 by Richard Smart. The vineyards are surrounded by blackberry trees. The fruit of the trees, the blackberries, are called 'Moras' in Spanish, hence the name of the winery. With more than 1,100 hectares of vineyards, Finca Las Moras provides a diversity of meso-climates that allow elegant expressions of the various grape varieties, and maintains deep concern for the environment. They pride themselves on "Wines in harmony with the earth". 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Cabernet Franc. 14% abv. **Tasting**

Notes: The color is deep red and smells of herbs, flowers, and green pepper. Flavors of cassis, strawberry, raspberry, and licorice follow, along with chocolate notes. Soft tannins.

5. Girard 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa County, U.S.A. \$34.99

Thirty years after first planting its vineyards, Girard continues to produce wines that reflect the quality that has made the Napa Valley famous. Today, Girard is experiencing a rejuvenation: long-time California vintner Pat Roney purchased the winery shortly after the turn of the 21st century. At Girard, Roney continues the tradition of making Chardonnay and Cabernet-based wines. As it has been in the past, Girard's goal is to highlight the flavors of Napa Valley and its rich, ripe grapes. With grapes from the right locations, Girard offers a line-up that features both power and finesse. 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 8.5% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 0.5% Malbec. 14.5% abv. **Tasting Notes:** A balanced, elegant wine.

6. Rust En Vrede Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 Stellenbosch, South Africa \$27.99

For 320 years, Rust En Vrede has stood peacefully among the vineyards of Stellenbosch. It was established in 1694 by the then governor of the Cape, Willem Adrian van der Stel. It was originally made up of a larger property, but in the early 1700's it was divided into two; the original section remained Rust En Vrede. The Engelbrecht family took ownership in 1977, and in 1978, Jean Engelbrecht made the wines, and then appointed Kevin Arnold as cellar master. Jean continues work to establish the winery as one of South Africa's premier wine estates, with full bodied wines that reflect the uniqueness of the Helderberg terroir. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. 15% abv. **Winemaker's Notes:** red fruit and violet aromas lead subtle nuances of dark chocolate, liquorice, and characteristic lead pencil notes. The red berry and mocha flavors are supported by a well-structured, creamy mid-palate, with fine, grainy tannins.

7. Columbia Crest H3 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley, Washington, U.S.A. \$24.99

Columbia Crest's 2,500 acres of estate vineyards are some of the best in Washington. With plenty of sunlight and minimal annual rainfall, the vines can be precisely controlled year after year to ensure good quality fruit. Columbia Crest H3 wines were created to celebrate the winery's rich heritage in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA (American Viticultural Area), as well as its innovative spirit with regards to winemaking and viticultural practices. The Horse Heaven Hills vineyards are seated east of the Cascade Mountains, which effectively block eastward moving wet weather from the Pacific coast. 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 2% Syrah. 14% abv.

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Winemaker's Notes: this bold Cabernet opens with flavors of black cherries and blackberries with a touch of currants and vanilla, complemented by earth and mineral notes. Deep berry flavors lead to a soft tannin cocoa finish.

8. Wynn's Coonawarra Estate 53rd Vintage Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, Australia \$28.99

Coonawarra, which is an Aboriginal word meaning 'honeysuckle', is an isolated region 450 kilometers from Melbourne, and 380 kilometers from Adelaide. Coonawarra is renowned for its unique geological and climatic features, ideal for growing vine bearing grapes of the highest quality. Its fame comes mostly from a freakish natural phenomenon called the terra rossa, literally meaning 'red earth'. Coonawarra's climate is cool and marginal. It is Australia's southernmost wine region, positioned just 80 kilometers from the chilly southern ocean and cold Antarctic winds. The vines are assured a long, cool ripening period that builds intensity of flavors and balanced acidity. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. 14% abv. **Winemaker's Notes:** color: deep purple with violet hues. Nose: enticing dark and red fruit aromas with light spicy oak. Palate: rich and supple, with flavors of blackcurrant and mint. Fine grained tannins frame the ripe fruit characters, while creamy oak adds to the rich finish.

9. Concha Y Toro Terrunyo Pirque Vineyard 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Block Las Terrazas, Maipo Valley, Chile \$37.99

Concha Y Toro is the Penfold's of Chile, simultaneously producing some of Chile's greatest wines in limited quantities, as well as large volumes of high quality every-day brands. Based at Pirque in the Santiago region, it is Chile's largest vineyard owner, with over 6,000 hectares of vineyards spread throughout the country's many wine producing regions. The word 'terrunyo' is Spanish for terroir, and it indicates an exceptional piece of land in the heart of very good vineyard parcels. 98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Cabernet Franc 14.5% abv. **Winemaker's Notes:** deep red in color, with concentrated ripe black fruit aromas intertwined with leather, chocolate, and graphite in perfect balance. Dense with soft tannins and a sweet aftertaste. Persistent chocolate and dried fruit flavors on the lingering finish.

10. Pilliteri Cabernet Franc Icewine 2011, Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario \$26.99 200ml

In 1965, Gary and Lena Pilliteri purchased a small fruit farm on the Niagara Stone Road. The land was planted to fruits and vegetables, and in 1973 they opened Gary's Fruit Market. Over the years, the market grew into a bustling destination for both tourists and locals. Gary took the initiative to plant wine grapes and started the first of the family's vineyards. By 1988, Gary had won awards for his Vidal Icewine. Today, Pilliteri Estates is the largest producer of icewines in the world, with more than 13 different styles of icewine in its portfolio. 100% Cabernet Franc. **Winemaker's Notes:** aromas of peach, mango, strawberry, and chocolate, hints of caramel and nutmeg. Palate is overloaded with apricot, tangerine, peach, mango, and pineapple, with hints of black pepper. Good acid spine.