



LODI WINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Between the San Francisco Bay and the Sierra Nevada Mountains lies Lodi, a wine country region quickly emerging as one of California's most exciting wine destinations. Lodi is home to over 100 leading varietals and offers a vast portfolio of diverse wines. With the holiday season at hand, we're offering a few top selections of those varietals from the region to inspire your gift-giving purchases and help make your celebrations extra special.

METTLER FAMILY VINEYARDS

The Mettler family honors 100 years of farming in Lodi with this elegant and poised Cabernet Sauvignon. The size of the vine and the time spent on the vine and the French oak aging all reflect the care our family takes to fully express the potential of our sustainably farmed estate vineyards.

mettlerwine.com



MICHAEL DAVID WINERY

Brothers Michael and David Phelps of Michael David Winery are fifth generation vintners with the fifth generation now leading the win. The family continues to emphasize the importance of quality wines with each budding season such as their 2016 French Oak Rich, ripe and full bodied Pinot Noir with sweet oakiness and black cherry flavors.

michaeldavidwinery.com



KLINKERBRICK WINERY

With over a century of farming experience and 100-year-old vineyards, the Klinker family is dedicated to the pursuit of exceptional Zinfandel and the production of world-class wine. Klinker Brick highlights the diversity of Lodi, producing Chardonnay, French Oak Pinot, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Merlot, Langraie, Mourvèdre and more.

klinkerbrickwinery.com



LANGETWINNS FAMILY WINERY AND VINEYARDS

Centralist Zinfandel is LangeTwinns Family Winery's vintage icon wine. The wine is fermented down for two years in Mission white oak. The strength, power and flavor of this wine showcase concentrated berry notes and tones of warm spice and vanilla. It is crafted from one of the few vineyards over 100 years old that exist in California today.

langetwinns.com/centralist



WEIBEL FAMILY

Rudolph Weibel and son Fred Weibel Sr. learned traditional Swiss wine-making techniques in their native land of Switzerland. Today Fred Weibel Jr. and family continue the goal of creating quality, "hearty" wine. Weibel is known for its Almond Sparkling, with aromas of marzipan and vanilla, followed by toasted almonds.

weibel.com/about-us



GNARLY HEAD Go for Bold

Legendary ground vines produce wines with rich, full-bodied character—the ultimate complement to life's bold moments. Our award-winning Old Vine Zinfandel is crafted from grapes grown on some of the oldest vines in California, making an exceptional big and bold wine that pairs perfectly with the holidays.

gnarlyhead.com



Rich Whites

From its home in France's Burgundy region to its New World California, Chile and Argentina, Chardonnay anchors this category, flavorful whites. The grape's popularity has led producers to up while keeping prices low. The same instinct toward value is at other regions around the world, yielding an array of rich, juicy white wine varieties such as Gavi's Cortese grape and Austria's Grüner

- 117 **KUNDE ESTATE** Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma Valley Magnolia Lane 2015. California. Perfectly ripe peach, mango and melon flavors are elegant and feisty, with bright acidity and floral and honeydew notes. (94)
- 120 **VIN AERAZUBIZ** Chardonnay, Acropolis Coast Pinot Reserve 2016. Chile. Heavily and rich-tasting, with lively undertones of apple, citrus, pear and spice that are supported by fresh acidity. (94)
- 122 **HESS SELECT** Chardonnay, Monterey County 2015. California. Exuberantly spicy, with juicy notes of cream and tropical notes to the ripe pear, apple compote and dried apricot flavors. (94)
- 125 **A.A. BADENHORST FAMILY** Chenin Blanc, Swartland Secateurs 2016. South Africa. Brightly defined, with quince, zesty citrus and granulated notes for using the core, finished with quinine and white ginger details. (93)
- 126 **COLLEASSARI** Vermentino, Montecarlo Pinocce 2016. Italy. A ripe, round style, this white boasts peach, melon and mineral flavors, with fine intensity and balance, finishing long and satisfying. (93)
- 128 **LA CREMA** Chardonnay, 2016. California. This balanced wine shows juicy apricot, pear and light hints of spice. Creamy notes begin to fade from the finish. (93)
- 130 **YALLUMA** Viognier, 2016. Australia. Peach, rose and floral notes, draped with honey and tanginess on the finish. (92)
- 132 **FORSTREITER** Grüner Veltliner, 2015. Austria. A juicy peach, thyme and white pepper and balanced in an appealing way. (92)
- 133 **LOSHAROLDOS** Chardonnay, 2015. Argentina. This wine with white peach and pear flavors, lush-tasting, with a distinctive intensity on the lively finish. (92)
- 134 **SALVON & FILS** Pinot Noir, France. Enticing, with astringent acidity, pear and quince flavors, a note adds charm on the finish. (92)

A GUIDE TO WINE-AND-FOOD PAIRINGS

Light Whites	Rich Whites	Elegant Reds	Big Reds
Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Albariño, dry Riesling	Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Viognier, white Riesling	Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Sangiovese, Tempranillo	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Grenache, Zinfandel, Douro reds
Goat Cheese, Ricotta, Queso Fresco, Mozzarella	Feta, Camembert, Brie, Pecorino, Taleggio	Manchego, Comté, Morbier, Ossau-Iraty	Aged Gouda, Dry Jack, Parmesan, Cheddar
—Keith Newman and Henry Sims			

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100 TOP VALUES

THE TOP 100 PLUS: WINE OF THE YEAR

THE CLASSICS
425 Wines Rated 95+
AMERICAN SPARKLERS
STE. MICHELLE
50 Years Leading Washington Wine