

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Quilt 2023 Threadcount Cabernet Sauvignon

I know we have several fans out there of the Quilt Threadcount Red Blend, which we had on our wine list last summer. Well, they just released their newest wine, the Quilt 2023 Threadcount Cabernet Sauvignon. Quilt is of course of Caymus lineage, with Joe Wagner at the helm. It's fully Napa Valley fruit, big and smooth and juicy. "Dark ruby red swirls in the glass with lush aromas of mesquite, muddled cherry, sweet tobacco and hints of salty caramel. The palate is rich and satisfying with flavors of sweet cranberry, malty chocolate, subtle thyme and notes of vanilla. Beautifully rounded with an elegantly smooth finish accompanied by velvety tannins." That sounds like a clear winner for many of you. The Quilt name brand Cab, which we've had in the store for quite a while, sells for \$50 a bottle, but their Threadcount line is created to be their more everyday wine, and the price reflects that at \$29.99. Not even Quilt Wine Club members are able to get this bottle yet, but don't worry... we've got you covered.

WINE PICK

Villota 2020 Selvanevada Rioja

Villota 2020 Selvanevada Rioja is this pick of the week. This is a nice, easy drinking Spanish Tempranillo for \$23.99. Riojas are known for being big and intense Spanish reds that pair incredibly well with roasted meats. That's because the Tempranillo grape has a high level of tannins, which requires a long period of aging to tame and smooth out. That leads to wines that have a savoriness to them... leather, meat, tobacco, herbs, etc. This bottle with 90 points from James Suckling has "baked black cherries, olives, baking spices and herbs, following through to a tactile, medium-to full-bodied palate with juicy black cherries and dusty tannins." And Villota is a nice winery too, located right on the river dividing La Rioja from Basque Country, growing traditional Spanish varietals with no pesticides and "a tenacious plough." If you're breaking that grill out anytime soon, this would be the perfect accompaniment. Better grab one before those 200% tariffs take hold...