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THE POPPIN' BOTTLES

CELLAR GUIDE

every bottle we ever popped, friends

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THE WINE SHOW FOR ANYONE AND EVERYONE. NOW IN GUIDE FORM.

No scores. No snob vocabulary without a translation.

Every episode of Poppin' Bottles, we pop new wines, tell their stories, and put them straight on the shelf at The Fox + Bottle in downtown Edmonds. This guide collects every wine we've featured so far, with Brandon's backstory on each producer and Barry's honest tasting play-by-play.

Every bottle is picked for one thing: maximum enjoyment. Most are everyday prices, a few are worth-it splurges, and all of them earn their spot. If a bottle sounds like your kind of night, come sip it by the glass or grab it off the shelf, and tell us what you found in it.

Wine is a gateway and a passport: to places, to people, and to a very good hour on the couch. Let's get our nose in the glass.

HOW WE FILE EVERY BOTTLE

● **TUESDAY NIGHT POPCORN WINE** Zero-ceremony. Open it on a weeknight and be happy.

● **ANYTIME DRINKER** Versatile, crowd-safe, party-proof. A drinker, not a thinker.

● **SLEPT ON** The underdogs. People sleep on these, frankly. Don't.

● **SPECIAL OCCASION** A thinker. Decant it, romance it, share it with someone who gets it.

● **UPSCALE DAILY DRINKER** A weeknight wine that punches up.

ANYTIME DRINKER

CAVE B ESTATE TEMPRANILLO 2021 *

Tempranillo · Ancient Lakes, Columbia Valley WA

The founders of Cave B are the couple who founded the land the Gorge Amphitheatre sits on: Brooklyn to medicine to farming the Gorge. This is a distinctly Washington take on Spain's noble grape, not a Rioja impression.

“A muscular teddy bear.”

BARRY, ON THE PALATE

ANYTIME DRINKER

CAVE B ESTATE SYRAH 2022 *

100% Syrah · Ancient Lakes AVA, WA

An approachable, Saint-Joseph-leaning Syrah on neutral oak: the bottle that lets you understand the grape without the heavy smoke. The one to bring to the next party.

“Brighter than I thought. The aromatics feel floral in a way I was not anticipating.”

BARRY

ANYTIME DRINKER

MADRONA BAY GRENACHE 2023, KNOX ROAD VINEYARD **Grenache · Washington · Guest winemaker: James of Madrona Bay*

James thinks Grenache could become the great grape of Washington, and this rocky-vineyard bottling is his case: cherry, raspberry, strawberry, and a signature ruby-red-grapefruit aromatic, extracted warm for extra depth.

“The standout wine of the evening for me.”

BARRY

★ **PAIRS WITH:** PULLED PORK, OR EVEN A LIGHT RED CURRY. THE TEXTURE CAN CARRY A LITTLE SPICE.

ANYTIME DRINKER

SUB-\$40

TRANCHE CELLARS “PAPE RED” 2021*Grenache-forward GSM blend · Walla Walla, WA · sub-\$40*

A southern-Rhone-style blend from a Walla Walla estate built for the outdoors (and, per the running gag, a 10-out-of-10 bathroom). The perfect first glass of red after bubbles, rosé, or a couple of dirty martinis.

“Super smooth. A nice up-front into a mid palate that's smooth, then a pleasant fade off.”

BARRY

SLEPT ON

~\$42

CASTLE & CROWN CAB FRANC 2022, ROYAL SLOPE **100% Cabernet Franc · Royal Slope, WA*

Steven Lasko trained in Germany and Australia and lets the vintage speak, then signs it “elegance meets muscle.” Dark, plummy, structured new-world Cab Franc, the forgotten grape doing steak-night work.

“This is dope. A really pleasant, lingering back-palate mouthfeel.”

BARRY

CH 12

SUMMER REDS & FATHER'S DAY CABS

ANYTIME DRINKER

SUB-\$40

GIGONDAS “NOTRE DAME” 2023 **~85% Grenache GSM · Gigondas, France*

The approachable cousin of Chateauneuf-du-Pape: silky, integrated, neutral oak as a vessel only. A burger wine you can also lay down for years.

“Exceptionally smooth. Elevated, integrated, balanced.”

BARRY

SPECIAL OCCASION

~\$95

BETZ FAMILY WINERY 2016, LEFT-BANK BLEND **Cab-heavy Bordeaux-style · Washington*

One of Brandon's OG Washington wineries. Ten years in, the sharp corners have rounded into something rich and perfectly ripe. Brandon's pick to share with his dad, Harry, on Father's Day.

“The weight of the smell is luxurious. This is a treat.”

BARRY

SLEPT ON

\$25

RUSH LATTIN SAUVIGNON BLANC **Sauvignon Blanc · near Prosser, WA*

From Larry, Brandon's favorite Washington winemaker. Gooseberry, honeydew, white peach and Asian pear instead of New Zealand mint: a sleeper that sold out the night the crew almost didn't pour it.

“This goes down really, really easy. But it is delightful.”

BARRY

★ PAIRS WITH: SUMMER SIPPING, AND THE START OF SUSHI NIGHT.

ANYTIME DRINKER

SUB-\$40

LA MADURA, SAINT-CHINIAN RED BLEND*Grenache / Syrah / Carignan / Mourvedre · Languedoc, France*

Unfined, unfiltered, and it brings its homeland with it: big southern-French grapes made approachable, every varietal distinct. Brandon's easy gateway into French reds.

“Hyper smooth. This is one everyone's going to like.”

BARRY

SPECIAL OCCASION

SAINT-ÉMILION 2020, 100% MERLOT *

Right-bank Bordeaux · France · drink now, better in 10-15 years

Brandon's heart lives in Bordeaux, and this is his back-to-basics case for it: chocolate-covered-cherry Merlot whose sharp corners will keep softening for a decade. Buy several, hide one.

“Wonderful front palate into a full mouthfeel, then a nice lingering back palate.”

BARRY

SPECIAL OCCASION

~\$32

CHÂTEAU KERON 2015, RIGHT-BANK BORDEAUX *

Merlot-dominant · near Saint-Émilion, France

The roots of the whole Fox + Bottle journey in one glass: dark cherry and cocoa nib, still lively at eleven years old. Barry blind-guessed fifty dollars. It is thirty-two.

“Really elegant, smooth, delicious across the palate. It's not drying me out anywhere.”

BARRY

SLEPT ON

LA PETITE PEDIÈRE ROSÉ, 100% PINOT NOIR *

Pinot Noir rosé · Loire Valley, France

More backbone than a Provence pour: ripe strawberry, citrus, and a creamy near-melon mouthfeel. Not a porch pounder, this one holds with food.

“Starts clean, crisp, and light, then races up on you and holds on that back palate.”

BARRY

ANYTIME DRINKER

~\$26

CHÂTEAU BERTINEAU SAINT-ÉMILION 2023 **~85% Merlot, 15% Cab Franc · Bordeaux, France · sustainably farmed*

Brandon's favorite Bordeaux region at an almost unreasonable price: chocolate-covered cherry, cassis, silky tannins, drinking beautifully young.

“Cherry. Chocolate cherry, silky tannins, nice smooth texture.”

BARRY

CH 7

SPRING WINES YOUR MOM WILL LOVE

ANYTIME DRINKER

DOMAINE LINGOT-MARTIN PÉT-NAT, 100% GAMAY **Ancestral-method sparkling · Savoie, France*

The OG farmhouse ancestor of sparkling wine, crown cap and all: strawberries and cream, unusually clean for the style, straight off the boat. Brandon's standing Mother's Day bottle.

“Bright, fruit forward. Raspberry, ripe strawberry, a little creaminess.”

BARRY

CH 6

WHY CAB FRANC DESERVES A SPOT IN YOUR GLASS

SLEPT ON

ANGELIQUE LÉON CAB FRANC, CHINON + INIAT CAB FRANC, LAKE CHELAN **The side-by-side: Loire Valley, France vs Columbia Valley, WA*

The grape that first captured Brandon twenty years ago, tasted old world against new: a one-woman organic Loire domaine of 25 years versus a small Lake Chelan family winery. Fresh and herbaceous meets smoked meat, dried cranberry and candied orange. Buy both, taste them side by side at home.

“This is phenomenal, an accessible and great entry into French wine.”

BARRY, ON THE CHINON

THE HOLY GRAIL OF WASHINGTON SYRAH? RUSH LATTIN WINES

SLEPT ON

RUSH LATTIN PREMIUM SYRAH 2023 *

Syrah blended from three AVAs · Washington · Guest: winemaker Larry

The flagship: three vineyards treated like paints on a palette, aimed at elegant structure and silky (never sandpaper) tannins. The wine that started Larry's whole second life.

“One of the absolute best Syrahs I've ever had.”

FROM THE TASTING TABLE

SPECIAL OCCASION

RUSH LATTIN GSM 2023 + “TUGBOAT” CAB-SYRAH + “ILLUMINATE” CAB *

The rest of the flight · Washington · 100% new French oak on the Cabs

A Chateauneuf-inspired GSM on neutral oak; the “Tugboat,” born because an \$85 Cab let Larry down so he built his own answer, labeled with his great-uncle's painting; and “Illuminate,” a debut 100% Cab wearing his grandfather's storm-dark artwork. Serving law for the big Cabs: room temp, stand overnight, decant 2-3 hours.

“I could just sit here quietly and drink.”

BARRY, ON THE TUGBOAT

ANYTIME DRINKER

\$24-26

MAS DE BRESSADES BLANC **Grenache Blanc / Roussanne / Marsanne / Viognier · Southern Rhone, France*

A red drinker's white: the Viognier brings creaminess and lift with zero buttery-Chardonnay baggage. Pear, stone fruit, citrus, a light floral note.

"I could start the evening with this. I can stay here for half the day."

BARRY

★ **PAIRS WITH:** TRIPLE-CREAM BRIE ON A TOASTED CRACKER, PROSCIUTTO, EVEN SHRIMP SCAMPI.

ANYTIME DRINKER

EL GURO "THE MAD HAIRY FELLA" **~80% Monastrell + Syrah + Cab · Spain · 12-14 months in mixed oak*

Picked half for the wild caveman label, kept because it over-delivers: dark cherry, dark plum, savory backbone that never punches you in the teeth. The step-down wine for big-Cab people not ready for Pinot.

"You get the dark fruit, you get some lusciousness."

BARRY

★ **PAIRS WITH:** BARBECUE, SPECIFICALLY KOREAN BBQ. SOMETHING A LITTLE STICKY.

UPSCALE DAILY DRINKER

LOW \$30s

LOBO HILLS SYRAH 2020

Syrah · Washington · low intervention

Terroir-first, low-intervention winemaking that lets you taste the actual vintage. Inky, velvety, a touch of Syrah smoke, and safe to bring absolutely anywhere.

“Rich and lush and meaty, a little bit of that Syrah smokiness.”

BARRY

SPECIAL OCCASION

DOMAINE DE L'ESCARELLE CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2021 *

Grenache-led GSM · Southern Rhone, France

The special-occasion pick, from a producer that's been at it for centuries and lets the blend shift with each vintage. Romance the wine: decant it, give it an hour, have a date night with it.

“So delicious. Silky, smooth, rich.”

BARRY

TUESDAY NIGHT POPCORN WINE

ERICA'S RED BLEND (WINE CLUB FLAGSHIP) *

Cab Sauv / Sangiovese / Merlot · Eastern Washington

From one of Washington's premier winemakers, who consulted for the state's best houses before launching her own tiny 116-case label. Richness and subtlety with a little old-world funk, and the flagship of a women-led-winemakers club release.

“Smells incredible.”

BARRY, NOSE IN THE GLASS

ANYTIME DRINKER

VALDEMAR ESTATES CABERNET SAUVIGNON *

Cabernet Sauvignon · Walla Walla, WA · fifth-generation Spanish family

The first bottle ever popped on the show: a classic Washington Cab with old-world easygoingness, from a family running wineries on two continents. Brandon says it embodies exactly what The Fox + Bottle is about.

“Damn, that is good.”

BARRY, EPISODE ONE, GLASS ONE

• THE SHORTCUT

FILE UNDER.

Know your night, pick your bottle.

TUESDAY NIGHT POPCORN WINE

CH 2 & 1 Erica's Red Blend (Wine Club Flagship)

ANYTIME DRINKER

CH 15 Cave B Estate Tempranillo 2021

CH 15 Cave B Estate Syrah 2022

CH 14 Madrona Bay Grenache 2023

CH 13 Tranche Cellars "Pape Red" 2021

CH 12 Gigondas "Notre Dame" 2023

CH 11 La Madura

CH 8 Château Bertineau Saint-Émilion 2023

CH 7 Domaine Lingot-Martin Pét-Nat

CH 4 Mas de Bressades Blanc

CH 4 El Guro "The Mad Hairy Fella"

CH 2 & 1 Valdemar Estates Cabernet Sauvignon

SLEPT ON

CH 13 Castle & Crown Cab Franc 2022

CH 11 Rush Lattin Sauvignon Blanc

CH 8 La Petite Pèdière Rosé

CH 6 Angelique Léon Cab Franc

CH 5 Rush Lattin Premium Syrah 2023

SPECIAL OCCASION

CH 12 Betz Family Winery 2016

CH 10 & 9 Saint-Émilion 2020

CH 10 & 9 Château Keron 2015

CH 5 Rush Lattin GSM 2023

CH 3 Domaine de l'Escarelle Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape 2021

UPSCALE DAILY DRINKER

CH 3 Lobo Hills Syrah 2020

THE FINAL POUR

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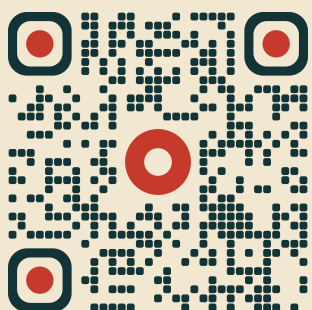
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Cheers. We'll see you on the next one, and we'll see you in the store.

* = wine name reconstructed from the episode audio. Verify spellings with Brandon at the shop.