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Wine Reviews: Weekly Mini Round-Up For September 14, 2020

I taste a bunch-o-wine (technical term for more than most people). So each week, I share some of my wine reviews (mostly from samples) and tasting notes in a “mini-review” format.

They are meant to be quirky, fun, and (mostly) easily-digestible reviews of (mostly) currently available wines (click here for the skinny on how to read them), and are presented links to help you find them, so that you can try them out for yourself. Cheers!

2017 Cortes de Cima Sauvignon Blanc (Alentejo): Just the thing to cool you off after cutting the grass, & to remind your nose that you just, well, cut the grass! \$20 B+

2018 Cortes de Cima Chamine Tinto (Alentejo): Full of spice, bramble, berries, violets, & a strong penchant for over-achieving. \$11 B+

2018 Jose Maria da Fonseca Montado Tinto (Alentejo): Plumm-ily pleasing, and engagingly easy-going. \$NA B

2016 **Mandarossa** ‘Terre del Sommaco’ Rosso (Sicilia): Gets over its initial reticent phase quickly, in spicy, vibrant red-and-black fruited fashion. \$50 A-

2018 Vintage Longbottom H Chardonnay (Adelaide Hills): Rich & fresh, generous & lithe, well-priced & unfortunately elusive on the shelf. \$30 A-

2017 Mettler Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (Lodi): Well... hello there, you sexy thing, you. \$25 B+

2019 Bokisch Vineyards Terra Alta Vineyard Clements Hills Albarino (Lodi): A lot of name to say, & a lot of vivacious purity to sip. \$22 B+

2019 Markus Wine Co. ‘Nativo’ White (Lodi): You’ll forgive the kitchen-sink-blend feel in exchange for all of the zestiness and fun. \$22 B+

2019 Oak Farm Vineyards Fiano (Lodi): Delightfully charismatic things happened when the Italians went to Lodi... \$26 B+

2014 Clos de la Tech Santa Cruz Mountains Estates Pinot Noir (Santa Cruz Mountains): Big-boned, and still in its youthful, earthy formative years. \$50 A-