

BEST BUYS

PINOT BLANC / PINOT BIANCO / WEISSBURGUNDER

Pinot Blanc is grown in Oregon and Alsace; Pinot Bianco in Northern Italy; Weissburgunder in Austria and Germany. They are all mutations of Pinot Noir and grow well in the same regions as Pinot Noir. It is a worthy alternative to the standard whites, but it is not widely available. Alsace allows the blending of Pinot Blanc with up to 70% Auxerois and it can still be called Pinot Blanc.

K&L San Francisco, Redwood City and Los Angeles

“Best wine web site in the US” *The Wall Street Journal*

- 85 \$10 **Pierre Sparr Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (screw cap)**. \$10 K&L. \$14 Sh-L/wine.com. \$15 MSRP. \$14-\$16 wine-searcher. WE 86. WS 83. Cellartracker 82 (1 rating).
- 87 \$12 **Dopff & Irion Pinot Blanc Cuvee Rene Dopff Alsace France 12**. \$12 K&L. \$13 wine.com. \$16 MSRP. \$11-\$14 wine-searcher. WE 86. Cellartracker 89 (2 ratings).
- 86+ \$13 **Charles Bauer Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11**. \$13 K&L. \$14 MSRP. \$13-\$17 wine-searcher. WE 86. Wine-Pages.com 90.
- 87 \$15 **Domaine Schlumberger Pinot Blanc Les Prince Abbes Alsace France 11**. \$13 JJB. \$15 K&L/Zachys/WClub. \$14 MSRP. \$16 wine.com. \$13-\$17 wine-searcher. ST 88. W&S 85. WS 87. **WBB 87**. CrackWines.com.au 3.5 stars (5 ratings).
- 86+ \$15 **Huber & Bieger Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11**. \$15 K&L. \$16 MSRP. WE 86. Gold, Concours des Vins d'Alsace de Colmar 12.
- 90 \$17 **Bethel Heights Pinot Blanc Estate Eola-Amity Hills OR 12 (Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine)**. \$17 K&L. \$18 MSRP. Editor's Choice WE 92. RP 88. “Wonderful” OffTheBeatenTrack.com. Highly recommended by OregonWinePress.com.
- 88 \$18 **Skylark Pinot Blanc Orsi Vd Mendo Co CA 12**. \$18 K&L. \$19-\$20 wine-searcher. AG (Antonio Galloni) 90. Cellartracker 86.7 (3 ratings). Vinino.com 3.5 stars (2 ratings).
- 88 \$18 **St. Innocent Pinot Blanc Freedom Hill Vd Willamette Va OR 11**. \$18 K&L. \$20 MSRP. WS 87. Cellartracker 88 (10 ratings).
- 89 \$19 **Eyrie Pinot Blanc Estate Dundee Hills OR 12**. \$19 K&L. \$22 Astor/MSRP. “Low in alcohol but high in flavor” WE 91. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (9 ratings). [2010 vintage: RP 90]
- 87 \$19 **Domaine Pfister Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11**. \$19 K&L. \$23 MSRP. WE 87. WS 83. Cellartracker 90 (1 rating).
- 89 \$19 **Gut Hermannsberg (formerly Nahe's state domaine) Weisser Burgunder Nahe Germany 11**. \$19 K&L. \$20 Astor. \$20-\$20 wine-searcher. RP 91. Cellartracker 91 (1 rating). JR 14.5 (=82). “Exceptional value” WineMonger.com. “Ein saftiger wein mit filigraner struktur und frischer mineralitat” Gourmondo.de.
- 89 \$20 **Gut Hermannsberg (formerly Nahe's state domaine) Weisser Burgunder Nahe Germany 12**. \$20 K&L. \$20-\$23 wine-searcher. Cellartracker 89 (1 rating). “Schone zitrusnote, cremige textur, keine frage, eim gutter wein” WeinLaden.com. “Sehr Gut” Weine.de 4.83 stars (20 ratings)..
- 87 \$22 **Torii Mor Pinot Blanc Yamhill-Carlton District OR 11 (screw cap)**. \$11/375ml K&L. \$20 MSRP. WE 85. Cellartracker 89 (1 rating). Snooth.com 3.5 stars (3 reviews).
- 87 \$16 **Becker-Landgraf Weissburgunder Gau-Odenheimer Rheinhessen Germany 12 (screw cap)**. \$16 (previously \$22) K&L. Cellartracker 87 (1 rating). Gault Millau 85. Vivino.com 4 stars (4 ratings).
- 88 \$22 **Domaine Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (certified biodynamic and organic)**. \$16 Zachys. \$20 Sh-L. \$22 K&L. \$23 wine.com. \$24 MSRP. \$16-\$27.25 wine-searcher. WE 89. JR 16.5 (=90). ST 88. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (11 ratings).
- 90 \$23 **Pyramid Valley Vds Pinot Blanc Growers Collection Kerner Estate Marlborough NZ 11 (screw cap; biodynamic)**. \$23 K&L. \$29

BEVERAGES & MORE BevMo (B&M) over 130 stores in CA and NV

86 \$12+ Fleutelle (Gustave Lorentz) Pinot Blanc Vin D'Alsace France 12 (screw cap). \$25/2 btl B&M. \$11-\$16 in Alsace, wine-searcher. WW 92. Vivino.com 2.8 stars (5 ratings).

THE WINE CLUB, San Francisco, CA (WClub)

Largest wine merchant west of the Mississippi, per web site

87 \$13 Dopff & Irion Pinot Blanc Cuvee Rene Dopff Alsace France 12. \$12 K&L. \$13 wine.com. \$16 MSRP. \$11-\$14 wine-searcher. WE 86. Cellartracker 89 (2 ratings).

87 \$15 Domaine Schlumberger Pinot Blanc Les Prince Abbes Alsace France 11.\$13 JJB. \$15 K&L/Zachys/WClub. \$14 MSRP. \$16 wine.com. \$13-\$17 wine-searcher. ST 88. W&S 85. WS 87. CrackWines.com.au 3.5 stars (5 ratings).

J J BUCKLEY (JJB) online and pick-up in Oakland, CA

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ZACHYS, Scarsdale, NY (most prices at or near MSRP)

One of the country's largest wine selections, according to Zachys

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88 \$16 Domaine Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (certified biodynamic and organic). \$16 Zachys. \$20 Sh-L. \$22 K&L. \$23 wine.com. \$24 MSRP. \$16-\$27.25 wine-searcher. WE 89. JR 16.5 (=90). ST 88. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (11 ratings).

88 \$20 Weingut Fredrich Becker Weissburgunder Estate Palz Germany 09. \$15 K&L (sold out). \$20 Zachys. ST 90. Wein-Plus.eu 87. Cellartracker 89.5 (average of 524 ratings of all their wines)

91 \$25 Ken Wright Pinot Blanc Freedom Hill Willamette Valley OR 11. \$25 Zachys. \$24 MSRP. \$22-\$28 wine-searcher. Editor's Choice WE 91. Cellartracker 90.7 (6 ratings).

SHERRY-LEHMANN, New York City (most prices at or near MSRP)

87+ \$12 Trimbach Pinot Blanc Alsace FR 11 (70% Auxerois). \$12 Sh-L. \$13 K&L (sold out). \$17 wine.com. \$10-\$19 wine-searcher. ST 87. WS 86. Cellartracker 88.8 (5 ratings). Snooth.com 3 stars (30 reviews).

87+ \$12 Willm Pinot Blanc Reserve Alsace FR 12. \$12 Sh-L. \$9-\$13 wine-searcher. Best Buy WE 87. Cellartracker 88.5 (2 ratings). Vivino.com 3.5 stars (45 ratings).

85 \$14 Pierre Sparr Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (screw cap). \$10 K&L. \$14 Sh-L/wine.com. \$15 MSRP. \$14-\$16 wine-searcher. WE 86. WS 83.

Cellartracker 82 (1 rating).

- 87+ \$15 Hugel Pinot Blanc Cuvée les Amours Alsace France 10 (50% Auxerois).** \$15 Sh-L. \$18 wine.com (sold out). \$13-\$17 wine-searcher. ST 87. WS 88.
- 88 \$20 Domaine Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (certified biodynamic and organic).** \$16 Zachys. \$20 Sh-L. \$22 K&L. \$23 wine.com. \$24 MSRP. \$25 Ludwig's. \$16-\$27.25 wine-searcher. WE 89. JR 16.5 (=90). ST 88. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (11 ratings).

ASTOR, New York City (most prices at or near MSRP) New York City's largest wine & spirits store online, per Astor "One of the best websites for buying wine" *The Wall Street Journal*

- 87+ \$9 Louis Sipp Pinot Blanc Alsace France 12.** \$9 Astor. Vivino.com 3.9 stars (12 ratings). Wine of the Week 5/19/14 WinesOfAlsace.com. "Worthy of sip after sip... a steal at under \$15" sassysipsnyc.com.
- 87± \$15 Weingut Niklas Sudtiroler Weissburgunder Trentino-Alto Adige Italy 12 .** \$15 Astor. Vivino.com 3.7 stars (3 ratings). Uvinum.co.uk 3 stars.
- 87+ \$19 Jomeyer Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (60% Auxerois).** \$19 Astor. \$18 MSRP. \$16-\$19 wine-searcher. W&S 88. WE 87. ST 87.
- 89 \$20 Gut Hermansberg (formerly Nahe's state domaine) Weisser Burgunder Nahe Germany 11.** \$19 K&L. \$20 Astor. \$20-\$20 wine-searcher. RP 91. Cellartracker 91 (1 rating). JR 14.5 (=82). "Exceptional value" WineMonger.com. "Ein saftiger wein mit filigraner struktur und frischer mineralitat" Gourmondo.de.
- 90 \$20 Harper Voit Pinot Blanc Surlie Willamette Valley OR 12 (barrel fermented).** \$20 Astor/MSRP. \$17-\$20 wine-searcher. "One of the best...from Oregon" PrinceOfPinot.com 91. RP 85+. Cellartracker 90.3 (17 ratings). "Must-Try Wine of Week 5/30/14 OrangeCoast.com.
- 89 \$22 Eyrie Pinot Blanc Estate Dundee Hills OR 12.** \$19 K&L. \$22 Astor/MSRP. "Low in alcohol but high in flavor" WE 91. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (9 ratings) .[2010 vintage: RP 90]

WINE.COM Online and retail outlet in Berkeley, CA (most prices at MSRP)

- 87+ \$17 Trimbach Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (70% Auxerois).** \$12 Sh-L. \$13 K&L (sold out). \$17 wine.com. \$10-\$19 wine-searcher. ST 87. WS 86. Cellartracker 88.8 (5 ratings). Snooth.com 3 stars (30 reviews).
- 88 \$23 Domaine Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (certified biodynamic and organic).** \$16 Zachys. \$20 Sh-L. \$22 K&L. \$23 wine.com. \$24 MSRP. \$16-\$27.25 wine-searcher. WE 89. JR 16.5 (=90). ST 88. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (11 ratings).

LUDWIG'S, San Anselmo, CA – a model for local retailers

- 88 \$25 Domaine Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc Alsace France 11 (certified biodynamic and organic).** \$16 Zachys. \$20 Sh-L. \$22 K&L. \$23 wine.com. \$24 MSRP. \$25 Ludwig's. \$16-\$27.25 wine-searcher. WE 89. JR 16.5 (=90). ST 88. WS 88. Cellartracker 87.9 (11 ratings).

Legend and Abbreviations

ADB=Anthony Dias Blue, The Tasting Panel; AG=Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver, Canada; AWS=American Wine Society Wine Competition; BCLS=British Columbia Liquor Stores, Canada; B&M=BevMo Beverages & More; BTI=Beverage Testing Institute, Chicago, IL; CA=California State Fair Wine Competition; CG=Connoisseurs Guide; CGV=California Grapevine; Critics=Critics Challenge Wine Competition; DA=Dallas Int'l Wine Competition; East=Int'l Eastern Wine Competition; FLakes=Finger Lakes Wine Competition; FTLOP=ForTheLoveOfPort.com; HH=Hilton Head Int'l Wine Competition; Indy=Indiana Int'l Wine Competition; IWC=Int'l Wine Challenge, UK (world's largest wine competition); IWR=Int'l Wine Review; JG=Jamie Goode, WineAnorak.com (UK); JH=James Halliday; JJB=JJ Buckley (online and retail in Oakland, CA); JS=James Suckling (former Senior Editor, Wine Spectator); LB=Long Beach Wine Competition; LCBO=Liquor Control Board of Ontario, Canada; Lodi=Lodi Wine Competition; Ludwig's=Ludwig's, San Anselmo, CA; MRSP=Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (price at the winery); NM=Natalie MacLean, Ontario, Canada; NW=New World Int'l Wine Competition; NY=New York Int'l Wine Competition; Orange=Orange Co Wine Competition; PR=Pacific Rim Int'l Wine Competition; RP=Robert Parker

(Wine Advocate); RS=Riverside Wine Competition; SD=San Diego Wine Competition; SFC=San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. SFI=San Francisco Int'l Wine Competition; Sh-L=Sherry-Lehmann Wines & Spirits, NY, NY; SN=Sonoma Harvest Fair Wine Competition; ST=Stephen Tanzer; SWJ=Sonoma Wine Journal; TA=TonyAspler.com (Toronto, Canada); TG=Tasters Guild Wine Competition; TOR=Toronto Int'l Wine Competition; TP=The Tasting Panel; TW&M=Total Wines & More (WA,CA, AZ, NV, TX, MN, NJ, DL, ML, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL); TrJ=Trader Joes; WBB=WineBestBuys rating; WBLB=Wine Blue Book; WClub=The Wine Club, San Francisco; WCC=Wine Currents, Canada; WE=Wine Enthusiast; WG=WineGenius.com, Australia; WN=Wine News; WS=Wine Spectator; W&S=Wine & Spirits; WW=Wilfred Wong (BevMo); Wy=Winery; Zachys=Zachys Wine & Liquor, Scarsdale, NY.

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