

Red, White and New; Lawrason's Take on Vintages Feb 2 Release

Winter Warming Reds, Ontario Whites and New Zealand's Scintillating Syrahs



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Valentine's Day is the theme of this release, but it is a candy coated selection that doesn't seem particularly relevant or romantic. I was much more struck by some of the big reds – both expensive reds and great value reds – that will warm the winter soul and fuel romance in their own in way. I was also struck by two snappy Ontario whites to put away for a spring day. And finally I want to bring you a report on New Zealand syrahs – one of the great revelations of my current stint in the other hemisphere.

Less Expensive Reds



[Aneto 2009 Red](#) from the Douro Valley is a fine example of the youth movement underway in Portugal's famed port region. Founded only in 2001, with a mere seven hectares of vineyard, Francisco Montenegro has fashioned a rich wine with poise and structure, and delivered it for only \$19.95. It really is quite delicious, yet built to last as well.