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## This week's wine picks

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Press Democrat wine writer Peg Melnik scopes out restaurant wine lists around the North Bay, looking for good value and the occasional splurge. This week's picks (prices are retail; restaurant markup varies):

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Sonoma County Chardonnay, 13.5 percent, \$20. A lively chardonnay that's lightly toasted. Notes of citrus, melon and kiss of vanilla. Great balance.

Davis Bynum, 2012 Dijon Clone 667 Jane's Vineyard River Valley, Sonoma County Pinot Noir, 14.5 percent. This is a tasty pinot noir, with aromas and flavors of and fig. A hint of mocha. Creamy texture. Nice leng

Signorello, 2012 Hope's Cuvee Napa Valley Chardonnay, 13.5 percent, \$80. This is an irresistible, decadent chardonnay with great complexity. Notes of pear, ripe apple, brioche and Out of the park.

