

His & Hers: Mine Be Wine for Valentine

by Michael Cervin

I cannot pretend to know what everyone prefers in terms of their wine choice. I can however use my own 18-year relationship with my wife to tell you what she prefers - Sauvignon Blanc, and I prefer something red; Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zin, Dolcetto and the list goes on. It is customary, and nearly a legal requirement for wine writers to compile a list of Valentine's Day wines. So this year...I think not. This year I'm choosing a wine for my wife, and one for me, and I hope you'll consider both.

Her: Sauvignon Blanc is my wife's go-to wine, at home, at restaurants, overseas, wherever and whenever. Of course she likes everything I love

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2015 Crocker & Starr Sauvignon Blanc

St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$34, www.crockerstarr.com)

Rating: 90 Points

The sheer beauty of this wine is that it's a Sauvignon Blanc I really like too, great acidity, clean and pure with notes of a summer melon bowl, guava, honeysuckle, peach and pear and even a whiff of butterscotch. It lacks the grassy elements that some Sauvignon Blancs possess and part of that is because this was fermented in barrel, stainless steel, and concrete egg, so there's a lot of cool viscosity here. Beyond that, it's just so pleasant and bright.

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