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Doug Sloan

Campbell River, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

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See more: <http://www.courierislander.com/the-tasty-pairing-of-wine-and-oysters-1.870564#sthash.9rFlhuGe.dpuf>



Chacun Son Vin – December 2013

DJ Kearney

Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco 89/100

Fifty-old verdejo vines is just part of the reason why this little white is so very good and so full of integrity. Canadian winemaker Natalie Bonhomme invests massive energy into this bargain Spanish white that smells of blossoms, apples and quince. The flavours are savoury, like unsweet honey, apple peel and a bay leaf note. Dry and with so much more depth than you expect from a wine of this price with freshness, balance and old world charm.

**Chacun Son Vin – September 2013***MW Rhys Pender**Canada*El Petit Bonhomme Blanco 88/100

Nice lemon, citrus, green apple, stone fruit with some nutty complexity. The palate is dry and quite full with ripe golden apple, pear, honey and lime with some baking spice and candy apple with a long finish.

**Chacun Son Vin – September 2013***Anthony Gismondi**Canada*El Petit Bonhomme Blanco 86/100

Canadian Nathalie Bonhomme continues to impress from Spain this time with a summer sipper made from verdejo. The Blanco is a mix of grassy, nutty, nectarine skin aromas with a slightly softer rounder mix of melon and bruised apple flavours. A simple ready to drink patio white for the summer. Perfect for a wide assortment of appetizers/tapas.



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Mary Bailey

Edmonton, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

Arriving just in time for summer is El Petit Bonhomme Blanco (DO Rueda). Made from Verdejo, just what we want to drink all season long. Crisp enough for the patio, yet with an attractive mouth-filling texture (from barrel-aging a portion of the wine on its lees, no less) that astonishes at this price. El Petit Bonhomme Tinto (DO Jumilla) is a juicy blend of Monastrell, Garnacha and Syrah with savoury dark berry flavours and herbal notes reminiscent of the wide open spaces of Jumilla. Equally at home in fine stemware as it is in a tumbler, expect to find the stick man everywhere this summer.

See more: http://issuu.com/aleneve/docs/tomato_julaug13



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Doug Sloan

Vancouver Island, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

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Anthony Gismondi

Vancouver, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

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See more: www.vancouversun.com/news/bc-election/Anthony+Gismondi+under+wine+picks/8653777/story.html



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Jurgen Gothe

Vancouver, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

A Spanish treat, companion to a red blend that's been in our market for a couple of years already, with a fanciful cartooned label, front and back, announcing a delicious and delightful grape mix that loves to accompany food, or not—it's great all on its own, watching a sunset from the deck with good friends. Fresh and full, with a hint of flower and a whistle-clean finish. (\$14.99, *specialty*)

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James Nevison

Vancouver – Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

After making quite a splash with her fun and fine value red, Montreal sommelier Nathalie Bonhomme expands on her semi-eponymous El Petit Bonhomme line with another Spanish delight. "The Little Guy" Blanco is from Rueda and features the region's star white grape Verdejo. Almond and apricot pip aromas abound in this engaging, approachable wine. It's fresh, fruity, and possesses an easygoing demeanour that makes for both fun and tasty sipping - ideally gathered around the 'cue for some grill talk.

Bottom line: B+ "Goes with grilled chicken or fish."

See more: www.theprovince.com/life/Wineguy/8615123/story.html

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Neal McLennan

Vancouver, Canada

El Petit Bonhomme Blanco

Will someone please tell what it means when someone call a bottle perfect "patio wine"? Is the idea that, as you're in the warm outdoors, it's thirst-quenching? I hate to break it to you, but wine is a terrible thirst quencher. More often I think it means you'll be having a grand old time relaxing in the open air, so it matters much less what's in your glass—a classic backhanded compliment.

This week's wine, notwithstanding that it's a fresh white, is a perfect basement suite wine, meaning that it so pleasing that I don't have to be in some place nice in order to enjoy it. It's a new offering from Montreal Sommelier Nathalie Bonhomme, whose red version has been around for a few years and is always solid. This wine is a Verdejo from Rueda—a classic Spanish combo and one I wish they'd have put on the front label. But once it's in the glass it's great fun—vibrant, slightly peachy and floral but not cloying. And at \$15, it's good enough to drink anywhere you damn well please.

See more: www.westernlivingmagazine.com/FD/Wine_Pick/El-Petite-Bonhomme-Blanco-2012.html