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## Recycle Bin, Week of April 22

A terrific Chilean red, a surprisingly wonderful rosé, and a pair of energetic Italians are the highlights of this week's round up of samples. You'll see a trio from Lodi, whose winegrowers association never disappoints with their unique samples (note that there isn't a single zin in the lot!) But don't overlook the Italy and Chile here - these international players continue to over deliver dollar for dollar.

### PRIMUS

#### **2015 Primus The Blend Colchagua \$19**

It's been close to a decade since I've seen this wine on shelves, so I was pretty excited to get reacquainted. In years past it has been a solid, reliable red guaranteed to please crowds, yet provide enough character and complexity to satisfy the wine nerds among us. Slightly more expensive and more honestly Chilean than the last time I had it, this blend has otherwise remained consistent: black extracted fruit with blue green highlights is framed by a lithe structure that exudes purity and offers good tannic grip. Though the green vegetable aspect is not something I normally gravitate to, in this wine it complements many other desirable qualities. Enjoyable and very well made. Grilled steak lovers rejoice!

