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# WHAT TO DRINK NOW

Some local wine guys talk late summer imbibing BY SUZI STEFFEN

**OK,** you're trying to eke out many more starry nights outside with corn and tomatoes and sweet onions on your plate. And what do you drink with the fish you bought at Newman's or that grass-fed local steak you snagged from the farmer's market?

We sauntered around to a few local wine shops to gather some recommendations. Keep in mind that Angus at the Broadway would have different and equally excellent recommendations, as would Tom at Jiffy Mart and your other favorite wine purveyors. This is merely a beginning for late summer drinking ideas.

First stop: **Tim Shimmel** at Midtown Wine Bar. Tim's been running his place and pouring wine since Midtown opened last October. One of each wasn't enough for him, so he recommends two.

First, the white:

Capitello 2006 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. \$18.

"It's a crisp one, from Ray Walsh (who used to be at King Estate). He has a guy he's trained in everything from vineyard management to winemaking in New Zealand, so this is one of the New Zealand wines. It's great for Thai food and spicy food, but it will also stand alone. It's got lots of peach; it's fresh and crisp with a zip in the front of the palate and some lemon as well."

Podium 2004 Verdicchio from the Garolioli family. \$18.

"This is one from a third generation family from the Eastern seaboard of Italy, the Marche. It's for people who like what I call ABC — anything but chardonnay. It's not as rich, but it smells like a Niagara grape with a little bit of biscuit in there."

The reds:

J. Scott Cellars 2005 Pinot Noir. \$28.

"Jonathan Oberlander, the new wine-maker for Sylvan Ridge, has this private label. It's one of those reds that's good for when you're not quite in the mood for a red — it's got great structure and tastes of cherry and tarry richness."

Ca'Na 2004 Celebration. \$15.



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