

Decant This!

CADARETTA, Columbia Valley 2012 & 2013 SBS

76% Sauvignon Blanc and 24% Sémillon

WINES OF THE WEEK:

"They say wine is a living, breathing thing. Not sure who 'they' are, but there's enormous vim, verve and, yes, life in the 2012 and '13 Cadaretta Columbia Valley SBS. The acronym stands for sauvignon blanc (72 percent) and sémillon (28 percent), and what a perfect blend of Bordeaux's white grapes this Washington standout is, with the honeyed semi-thickness of the latter grape buffering the sharp citrus and stone fruit laden with jolts of acidity of the former. This wine reminds me of the fabulous Italian dish saltimbocca, which translates as "jumps in the mouth." And that classic, whether made with the traditional veal or fowl rolled with prosciutto, cheese and sage, is a great paring, but so is most any chicken preparation. Some up-with-life joyfests from Martha Reeves & the Vandellas sound just right with this."

-BILL WARD, OCTOBER 26, 2014

