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## THE GOODS

### Fowl Ball

**WINE** Shopping at this time of year entails that annual, desperate search for a special-occasion wine that goes well with turkey. Pinot noir is a given, but more fun are the surprising oddities

with a fowl-friendly light body. Here are two lovable oddballs, low in both alcohol and price, that we're sure no one else will be bringing to the table this year.—Neal McLennan



#### LA POSTA BONARDA (\$19)

Until the recent ascendancy of malbec, the lighter-bodied bonarda was the most widely planted red grape in Argentina. It's easiest to track it down in a blend, but a pure varietal really expresses this silky grape's character. La Posta's comes from 40-year-old vines that impart a light body but pack a wallop of flavour. It'll make you think of a chocolate-dipped raspberry that has spent a few days in a humidior.



#### J. LOHR WILDFLOWER VALDIGUE (\$17)

Ah, who doesn't love the valdigue grape? Actually only nine people have heard of it, but they're all converts. The grape has long been mislabelled as gamay (it was once mistakenly thought to be the same grape as Beaujolais), and California heavyweight J. Lohr is now the only major producer. This wine could pass for French Morgon or Fleurie, but has the low tannins and strawberry-banana fruit that makes it a sure bet even for relatives with palates tuned to white zinfandel.

### On the Parkside

**ESCAPE** While Victoria's historic architecture has long held appeal, the new draw is the contemporary green design popping up around the capital. Case in point: Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa (810 Humboldt St., 250-361-3302, parksidevictoria.com; avia west.com), Canada's first resort hotel to target LEED Platinum Certification. Located opposite St. Ann's Academy near Beacon Hill Park in central Victoria, the 126-suite, glass, brick and slate complex redefines West Coast elegance.

Settle into luxe-appointed suites with full kitchens, plush bedding and deep soaker tubs. A private 25-seat movie theatre, rooftop garden and lounge and 25-metre indoor pool complete the experience. Indulge at the resort's Aqua Terre Spa



at Parkside (250-940-1200, aquaterre.net)—featuring the Canadian B. Kamins Chemist skin care line—by booking the 90-minute Diamond Radiance facial, which uses actual diamond particles, for your next engagement.—Shelora Sheldan