



The 50 Best Wines of 2025

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REVIEW

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Freshly cracked black pepper and dark fruit



Perfect For

Chilled Red Cravings, Drinking Outside the Lines, Impressing On A Budget

Drink If You Like

Gamay, Schioppettino , Syrah / Shiraz

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Schioppettino is a rare grape typically found in northeastern Italy's hilly region of Friuli. Steve and Jill Matthiasson — the farmer-winemaker duo behind the Matthiasson brand — were so taken with the wines of this region that they worked to plant Schioppettino in their organically farmed estate vineyard in Napa Valley, along with several other Friulian varieties.

Schioppettino is known for its distinct peppery aroma, reminiscent of a Northern Rhône Syrah, and this bottling delivers. It opens with wafts of freshly cracked black peppercorn on the nose and the palate builds on this profile, adding brambly blackberry notes. If you're typically a Syrah drinker, Schioppettino is the chillable red for you.