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WINE ON WHEELS Chris and Lindsey Wanner, founders of West Coast Wine • Cheese, now deliver wine to Marin and San Francisco.

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When some of us think about the combo of wine and wheels, the thought that often follows is “felony.” If a certain Mill Valley-based wine and cheese shop has their way, however, your next thought will be **West Coast Wine • Cheese**, the much-lauded Marin County wine bar, which is now also in the delivery business.

It’s the next best thing to an in-house wine tap (which surely is the next evolution of wine delivery, amirite?).

When faced with the pandemic-inspired closures most California restaurants and tasting rooms have endured, owners Chris and Lindsey Wanner immediately devised a plan to keep the wine flowing. At midnight, March 16, the Bay Area shelter-in-place order kicked in and the next afternoon, Chris and Lindsey hit send on an email to their customer list announcing their new—and free!—wine and cheese delivery service.

West Coast Wine • Cheese currently delivers throughout Marin and San Francisco and proffers the same list of California, Oregon and Washington wines that made the wine bar a local hit. With wine a mere click away, it begs the question, how do we sidestep analysis paralysis in choosing one?

“That is a good question and one I didn’t take lightly when selecting our partner as we built our new online store platform,” says Chris Wanner. “Being forced to enter the online arena due to the pandemic, I was very conscious of how much larger and more competitive the playing field was, and in order to be successful we needed to incorporate the types of things that have built our clientele over the years.”

The most popular varietals for local delivery include rosés such as Red Car, as well as the couple’s own rosé, made in collaboration with

Zotovitch Vineyards in Santa Rita Hills and called OVO (Our Very Own).

“Sauvignon blancs have led the way for whites, but a couple of more mineral- and saline-driven wines have also done extremely well too, like Gramercy Cellars Picpoul Blanc and La Marea Albariño,” says Wanner. “With ebbs and flows that happen over the course of a few months, pinot noirs and cabernet sauvignons are never far behind, and with a bottle list that currently has 65 different West Coast pinot noirs, and 55 cabernet and cabernet blends, there’s a little something for everyone.”

If you’re stumped, you can always connect with Chris, who offers himself as a virtual, on-call sommelier.

“Our site has a nice feature that sends any questions directly to me through Facebook Messenger,” says Wanner, who will happily get you from click to clink ASAP. westcoastsf.com —DH