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### wines of the month

#### A mosaic of flavours

#### FRANKLAND ROCKY GULLY SHIRAZ 2019

Frankland River, Western Australia 33371 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

This has aromas of ripe black fruit, Sichuan peppers, hot chocolate, tar and dried earth. Spicy and plush with a medium to full body and soft tannins. Leather at the end. Drink now [through 2025+]. Score: **92** (james suckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth New at Vintages

#### S. DELAFONT MOSAÏQUE 2020

AP Languedoc, Roussillon, France 31697 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

70% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre. A fine-grained yet grippy wine with a peppery leanness that evolves over time in the glass. Earthiness evolves into savoury herbs and dried spices which open into surprisingly juicy and multilayered black fruits with lovely refreshing acidity. Really intriguing and palatable. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

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A snapshot of exciting events, great wines to try, new collections, special offers and more.

#### HOLIDAY COLLECTION



#### CABECA DE TOIRO RESERVA RED AND WHITE 2019

Two bottles in gift box, Do Tejo DOC, Portugal

Gift the flavours of Portugal with an excellent red-and-white duo from one of the country's favourite wineries.

34037 2×750 mL \$42.95

#### PITARS PROSECCO MILLESIMATO EXTRA DRY DUO 2021

Two bottles in gift box with two flutes, DOC, Prosecco, Italy

Bright, floral and flexible, this duo comes with two flutes and will make a perfect gift for lovers of Prosecco, mimosas, or Aperol spritzes.

34000 2×750 mL **\$49.95** 

#### THE PRISONER 2021

Napa Valley, California

An eye-catching magnum that will lock up "gift of the year" honours for you. 373076 1500 mL **\$107.95** 

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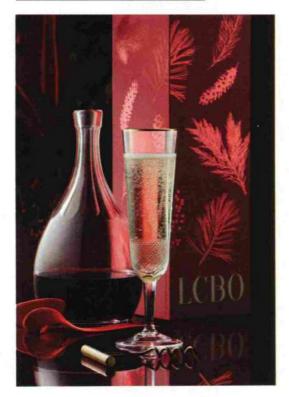


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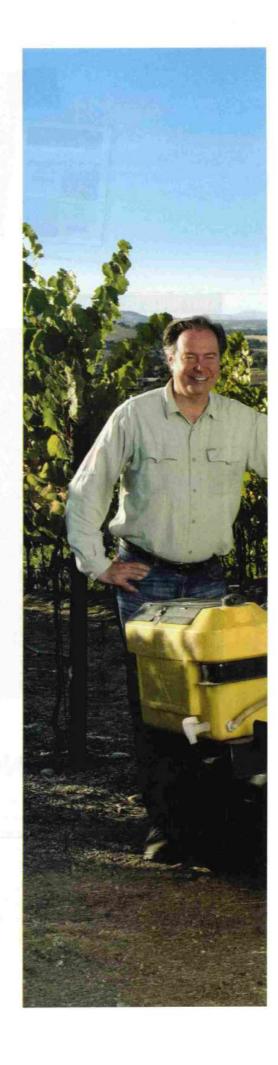
when you spend \$75 or more on any Italian wines. Visit LCBO.com/ aeroplan for details.

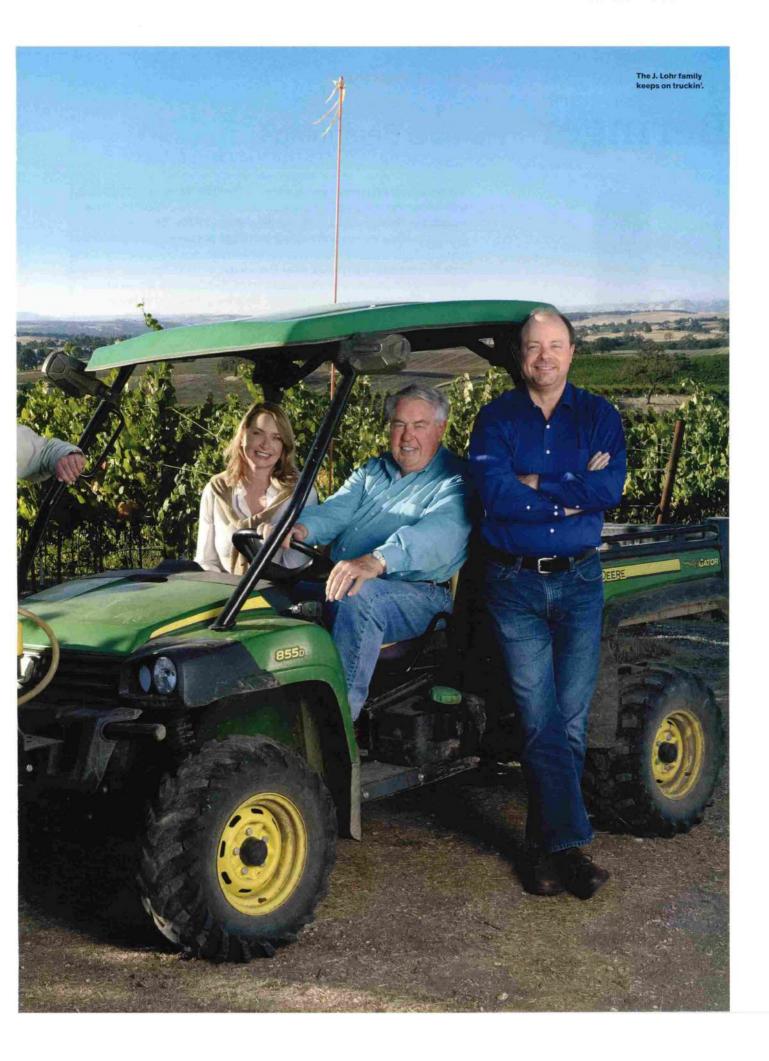
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## Bathed in Light

The crowning glory of iconic New World wine regions, sunny California is an enduring go-to for the collectible, the cult and the innovative, as this collection from some of its best producers attests.

Boundless sunshine, rolling hills, beautiful morning fog, endless beaches, a luxurious hospitality sector and of course, delicious wine. It's easy to see why California is unmatched when it comes to enjoying the finer things in life. Let us take you there with our curated list of wines from some of the Golden State's top producers. You'll find the best gifts, great pairing options and the perfect new additions to your cellar.





### Beringer / Humble Beginnings

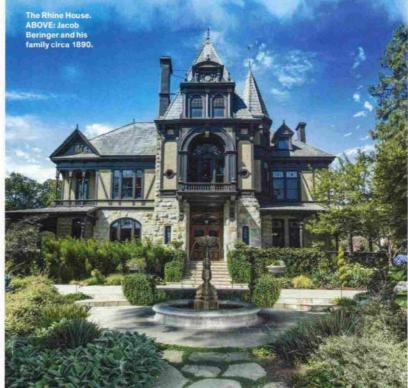


#### BERINGER Q RED WINE 2020 Napa Valley

Notes of ripe blackberries and plums with hints of baking spices, dried rosemary, cocoa and moist earth. Full-bodied with powdery tannins and a juicy, dark-fruited mid-palate. Chalky and lightly chewy on the finish. Better from 2025. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, June 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 27452 (XD) 750 mL \$89.95 - The oldest continuously running winery in the USA, Beringer Vineyards is well-known for influencing many aspects of Californian viticulture. It was founded by German-born Jacob Beringer in the 1870s. Beringer showed interest in Napa Valley upon hearing that Napa soils were like those of his home in the Rhineland. Many successful harvests would ensue from 1876 until Prohibition in the 1920s. After Prohibition, in 1934, Beringer Vineyards became the first winery to offer public tours. Visitors were drawn to its historic villas and gorgeous vineyards, beginning the trend of Napa hospitality that defines the region's legendary tourism sector.







### Kistler / Nuts and Bolts

A winery that's almost entirely devoted to Chardonnay, Kistler has long been admired for its unctuous, well-balanced wines. Founder Steve Kistler has a strict policy when it comes to growing and sourcing grapes for his wines, most notably that all grapes are the same clone of Chardonnay. This consistency ensures a pure, reliable quality reflective of Sonoma Coast. Adored for their rich, tangy, notably nutty character, Kistler's many Chardonnays are among the best whites to have on the dinner table and are snatched up by collectors every year.

Rugged beauty at Kistler.

#### KISTLER SONOMA MOUNTAIN CHARDONNAY 2021

Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma County

Amidst a swirl of toasted almonds, nougat and roasted cacao nibs, there's a bristling core of fresh lemon and lime in this succulent, profoundly creamy wine. Unabashedly opulent, its hedonism is kept in check by a firm, penetrating spine of acidity. Sculpted but quite stately. Drinking window: 2023-2035. Score: **94** (Anna Lee C. lijima, decanter.com, Feb. 19, 2023)

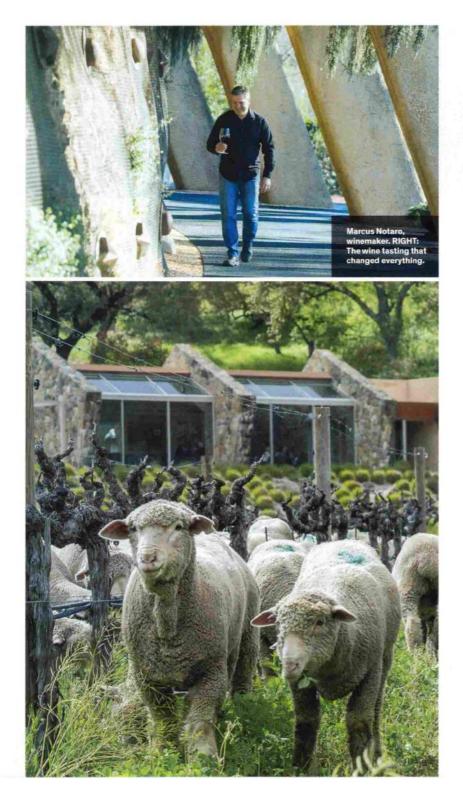
Full-bodied & Rich 183921 (XD) 750 mL \$121.95

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### Stag's Leap Wine Cellars / Goliath, Meet David.





In 1976, the USA shocked the wine world when contenders from California's finest vineyards reigned victorious over the wines of Bordeaux, which had been unquestionably considered the best of the best. Among the wines tasted at the legendary Judgment of Paris event was a red from a brand-new winery called Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. Though Stag's Leap was an unknown winery at the time, its 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon would be crowned champion of the reds, cementing its place in the annals of wine history. Since then, Stag's Leap continues to produce brash, terroirdriven wines of unbridled character that are staples among collectors of fine Napa Valley wine.

#### HANDS OF TIME CHARDONNAY 2020 Napa Valley

(Stag's Leap Wine Cellars)

"Hands of Time" refers to all the hands that go into wine production, from pruning to harvesting to bottling. Celebrate the time and effort required to make great wines with this exquisite example from one of Napa's best producers. It shows flavours of pineapple, yellow pear, lemon rind, and orange blossom, with toasted oak on the finish. It will pair nicely with grilled calamari or seared scallops.

Full-bodied & Rich 17795 (XD) 750 mL \$44.95 🗸

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HANDS of TIME 2020 Napa Valley Chardonnay

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### Belle Glos / That Lovely Morning Glow

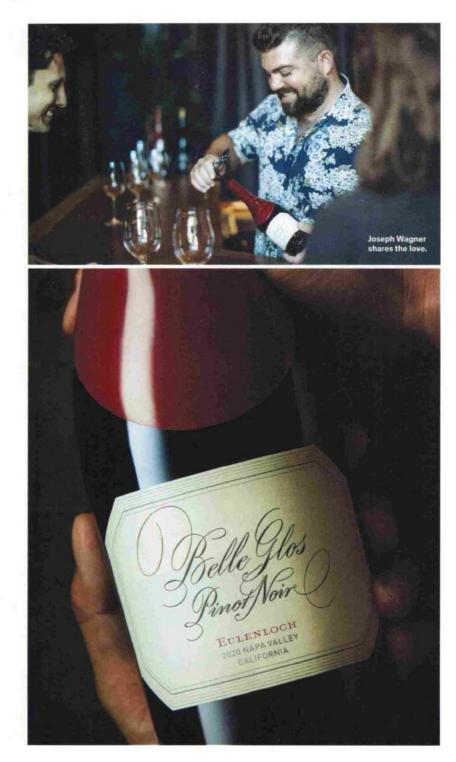
As a fifth-generation winemaker, Joseph Wagner had some intimidating shoes to fill. His grandfather Charlie Wagner Sr. aided in setting the groundwork for what would become the Caymus legacy, and his father, Chuck Wagner, brought the Caymus name to the top of California's winemaking scene. Instead of continuing the tradition of growing outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon, Joseph decided to showcase the potential Pinot Noir held in California by creating the Belle Glos label, named in honour of his grandmother Lorna Belle Glos Wagner. Lorna was an inspirational figure to Joseph and an avid lover of Pinot Noir. Belle Glos wines are big, juicy, and as extravagant as the bottles they're presented in.

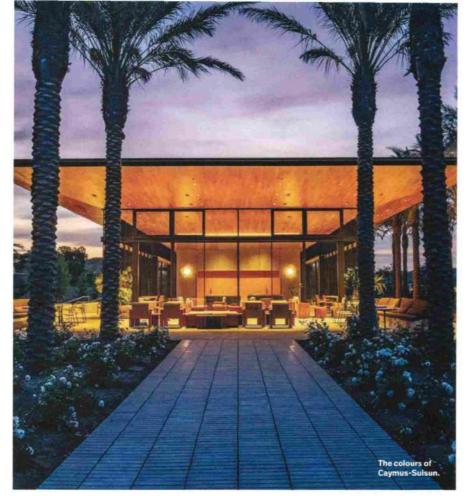
#### BELLE GLOS EULENLOCH PINOT NOIR 2020 Napa Valley

(Joseph J. Wagner)

Fruit for this wine was sourced from vines grown in the sunburnt, shallow clay soils of the Carneros region of Napa Valley. The balance between high temperatures, water retention and good drainage to the dry area results in concentrated, plump grapes leading to a dense, fruity Pinot Noir. Expect flavours of cherry pie, plum sauce, milk chocolate, cola, and a touch of cedar from barrel age.

Full-bodied & Smooth 10095 (XD) 750 mL \$59.95 🖌





### Caymus-Suisun / Petite, but Durable

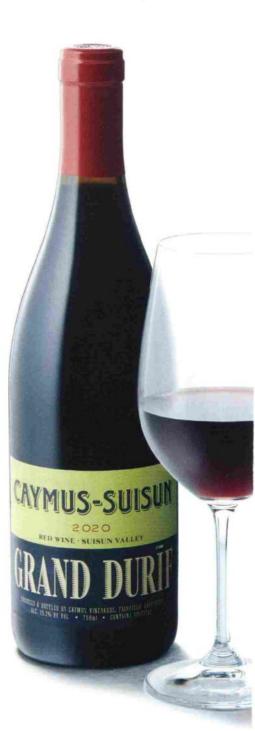
The Caymus winery name has been employed since 1972, but the Wagner family that started Caymus Vineyards has been growing fruit in California since as early as 1915. Proprietor Chuck Wagner has long been admired for crafting sumptuous, lavish wines sourced from Napa Valley and its surrounding regions, most notably the Suisun Valley. Granted AVA designation in 1982, the Suisun Valley is becoming increasingly popular for producing wines with the Durif (a.k.a. Petite Sirah) grape. Durif is often used as a blending agent for more popular varieties, but Caymus has been hard at work crafting luxurious wines capable of showcasing the quality the grape possesses as a standalone variety thanks to the Suisun Valley's alluvial clay soils, cool nights, and fog-laden mornings.

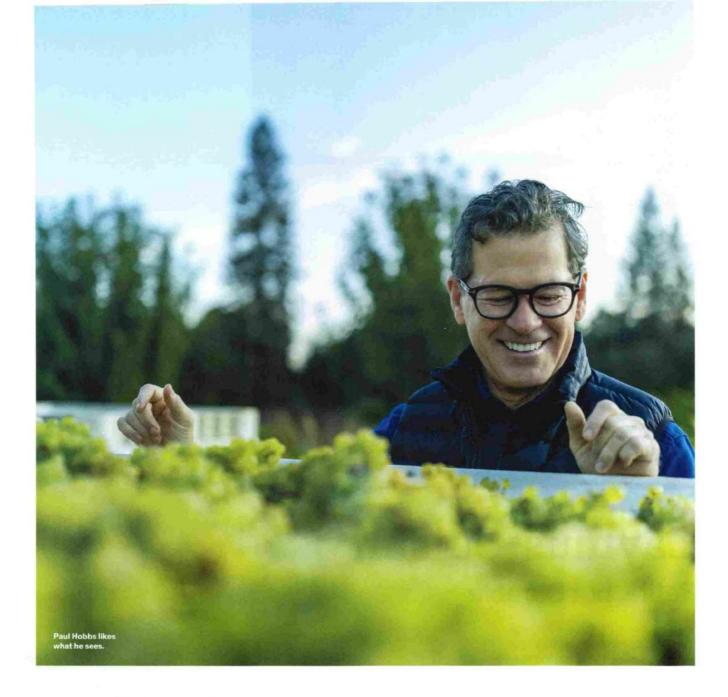
#### CAYMUS-SUISUN GRAND DURIF 2020 Suisun Valley

(Wagner Family of Wines)

The Suisun Valley is quickly gaining traction for their sumptuous wines primarily crafted from Petite Sirah. The Wagner family have been sourcing grapes from the region since as early as 1982, when the area officially became an AVA. This wine is soft, lush, and easy to enjoy, with supple tannins, softened acidity and notes of strawberry jam, dark chocolate, cola, and oak spice.

Full-bodied & Smooth 15425 (D) 750 mL \$69.95 <





### Paul Hobbs / Comparing Apples to Grapes

Paul Hobbs was born to farm. Growing up on an orchard in upstate New York, he was introduced to the concept of terroir at a young age. His father presented him two apples of the same variety but grown in two different locations. He noticed a stark difference in their taste and overall quality. The event left a lasting impression on Hobbs, who has made the concept of terroir-driven, single-vineyard winemaking a calling card of his portfolio. An international visionary in winemaking, Hobbs makes wines for many labels in many regions across the globe, including Napa Valley, Sonoma County's Crossbarn, and Hillick & Hobbs winery in New York's Finger Lakes, to name but a few.

#### PAUL HOBBS RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2020

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Medium ruby-purple, the 2020 Pinot Noir is scented of cranberries, underbrush, tobacco leaves and woodsmoke. The palate is lightbodied, silky and bright with earth-laced fruits and a long, spicy finish. Drink date: 2022-2027. Score: **93** (Erin Brooks, robertparker.com, July 14, 2022)

#### Medium-bodied & Fruity

119081 (XD) 750 mL \$95.95 🗸

(Paul Hobbs Winery) Fresh, lifted aromas of black cherry tinged with savoury black olive, liquorice and cedar. Full-bodied and plush with a dense, dark-fruited palate, sanguine minerality, bloodorange acidity and a dusting of dried herbs, all framed by muscular tannins and finishing with a sweet blueberry note. Drinking window: 2022-2036. Part of Value Napa Cabernet 2019: the Top Buys. Score: 94 (Jonathan

118695 (XD) 750 mL

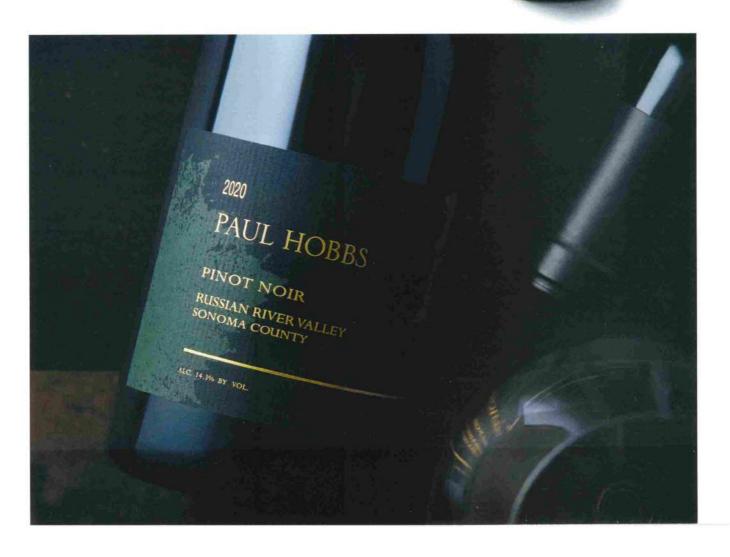
#### CROSSBARN NAPA VALLEY **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

Cristaldi, decanter.com, Sept. 17, 2022) Full-bodied & Smooth \$84.95 🖌

# Napa Valley



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APA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

### Grgich Hills / Croatia to California



"Miljenko 'Mike' Grgich" is a name that inspires quality when it comes to winemaking. The now-100-year-old Croatian native moved to California in the '50s to work on farms in Napa Valley, eventually solidifying a spot as winemaker for Chateau Montelena. He gained international critical acclaim when Montelena's 1973 Chardonnay was awarded best white wine at the Judgment of Paris in 1976. A year later, he would create his own wine label in the Rutherford district: Grgich Hills Estate. One of the few certified-organic wineries in all of Napa, Grgich Hills is beloved for its instinctive approach to crafting top-quality wine.

#### GRGICH HILLS ESTATE GROWN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Napa Valley

Plenty of blackcurrants, flowers and sandalwood on the nose, following through to a full body with tight, creamy tannins that give the wine polish and beauty. Give it a year or two to soften, but already very attractive. From organically grown grapes. Try after 2022. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, July 14, 2021)

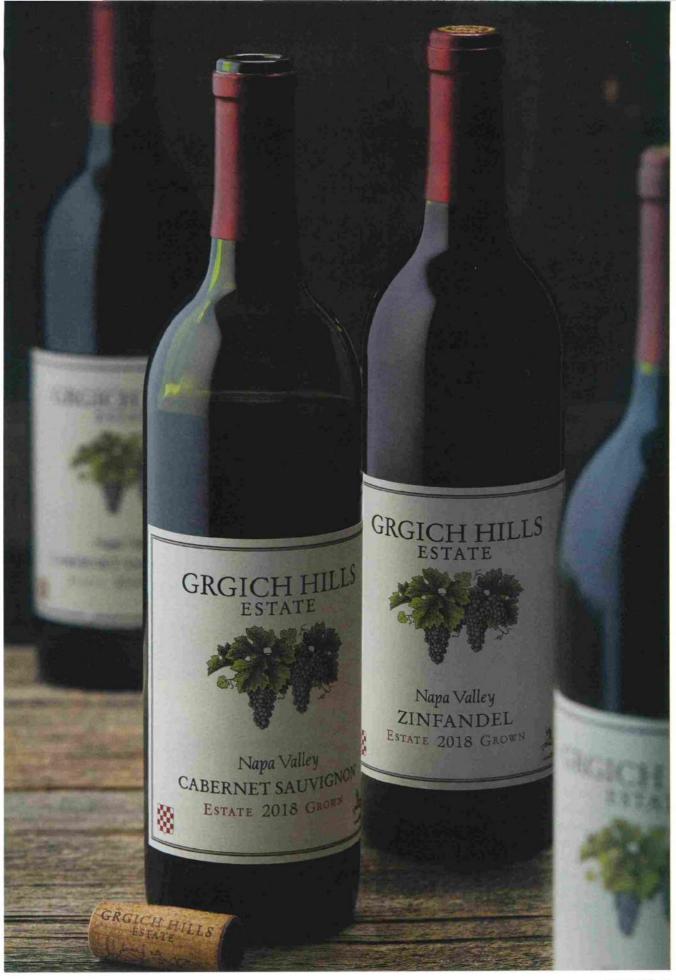
Full-bodied & Firm

71407 (XD) 750 mL \$109.95 **/ © Organic product** 

#### GRGICH HILLS ESTATE GROWN ZINFANDEL 2018 Napa Valley

Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Zinfandel charges out of the gate with notes of stewed plums, Morello cherries and raspberry pie plus suggestions of Indian spices, wild thyme and hoisin. The medium-bodied palate is laden with red and black berry layers, supported by chewy tannins and invigorating freshness, finishing long and peppery. Drink date: 2020-2026. Score: **90** (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2020)

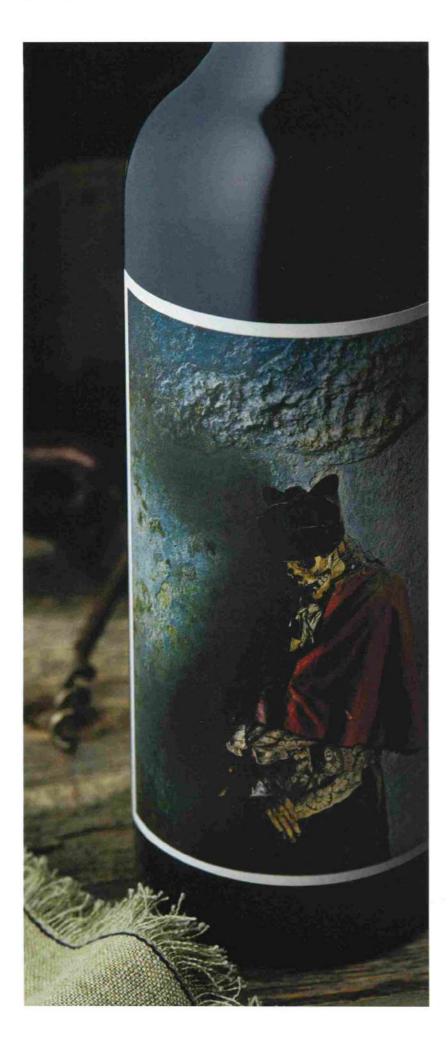
Full-bodied & Smooth 903237 (XD) 750 mL \$58.95 Source of the second se





### Orin Swift / Out of the Ordinary

Winemaker David Phinney's rise in the wine world was rather... quick. After returning from a trip to Florence in 1995, he became obsessed with winemaking, creating Orin Swift Cellars just a few years later in 1998. Phinney's original claim to fame was in the early 2000s when he debuted The Prisoner wines: an incredibly successful brand that fueled his vision for Orin Swift. Admired for his inventive wine blends that feature unconventional grapes, unusual names and memorable, unique labels, Phinney creates wines for everyone, from collectors looking to spruce up their cellar with a chic vintage to the everyday wine lover looking for the perfect eye-catching gift.



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#### ORIN SWIFT PALERMO 2020 Napa Valley

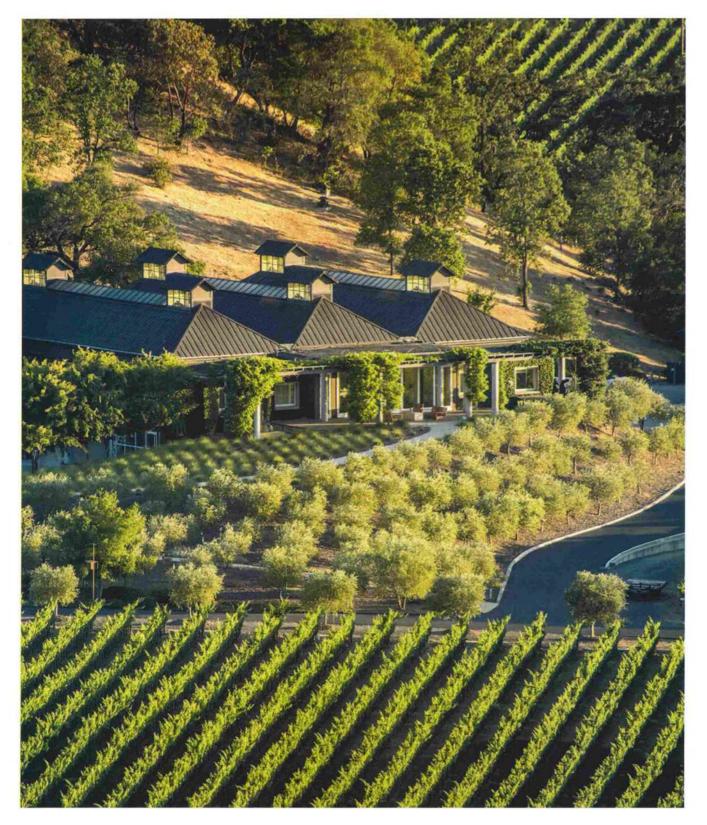
Fruit-driven, with a nice display of mulberry and blackberry fruit carried by light savory, anise and sassafras notes. Toasty finish, but the fruit pushes through nicely. Drink now through 2026. Score: **90** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, Nov. 15, 2022)

#### Full-bodied & Firm

521716 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 🗸

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### Cliff Lede / Classic Rocks



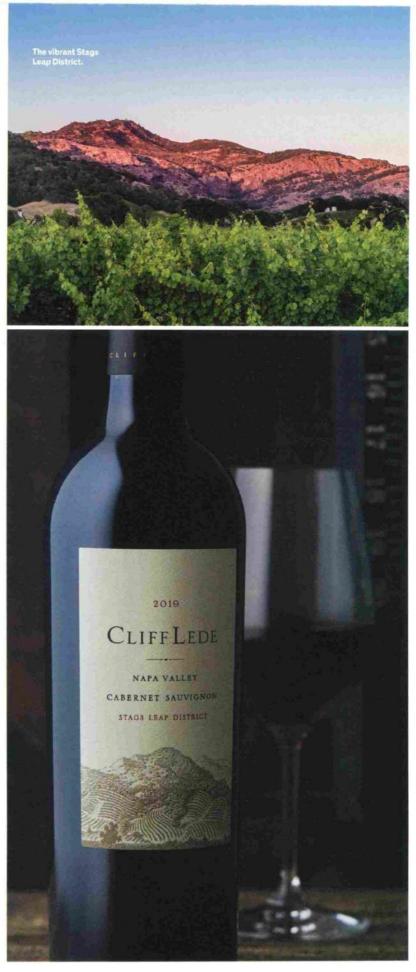
Edmonton native Cliff Lede (pronounced lay-dee) worked in his family's construction business for 25 years before ditching his suit and tie for farmer's overalls. The Canadian purchased parcels in Stags Leap and neighbouring Yountville to craft sumptuous wines that reflect the diverse terroir the regions have to offer, keeping his cornucopia of parcels organized by naming them after his favourite classic rock songs. Cliff Lede wines are adored for their depth of character and are sure to bring you Closer to the Heart (of California).

#### CLIFF LEDE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

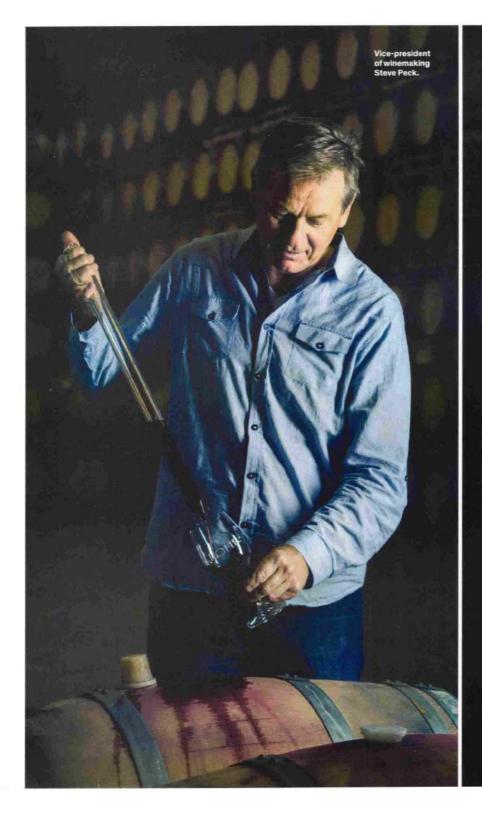
This wine substantially overdelivers on its price point, presenting a dark fruit profile, generous tannin and oak, and an expansive full-bodied style. Blended with 8% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, it is approachable while never forgetting its structured, complex roots. Editors' Choice. Score: **95** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

14217 (XD) 750 mL \$124.95 /



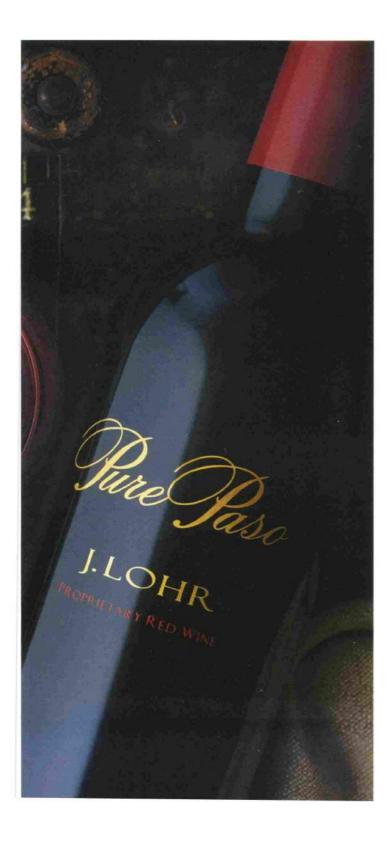
### J. Lohr / Pure Paso Passion

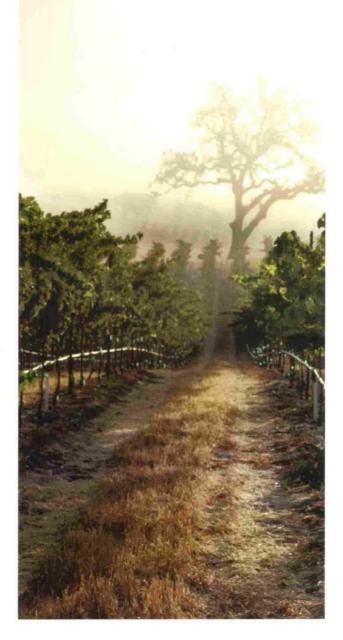


#### J. LOHR PURE PASO PROPRIETARY RED 2020 Paso Robles

This regionally respectful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah is satisfyingly rich and hedonistically attractive on all fronts. Smoke-kissed aromas of black cherry, purple flower and light cola on the nose lead into a palate that is full of ripe black cherry and cola flavors, yet with a firm structure. Editors' Choice. Score: **92** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 15652 (XD) 750 mL \$42.95 <





It should come as no surprise that the emergence of the Central Coast and Paso Robles in particular as respected California AVAs coincided with the creation of J. Lohr Vineyards. Agriculturalist Jerome "Jerry" Lohr founded the winery in the 1970s after spending a decade searching for the perfect soils to grow Cabernet Sauvignon. Lohr looked to the south of his home in Monterey County and found Paso Robles, where conditions were ideal for growing big, juicy red wines. The venture proved hugely successful; J. Lohr Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the most popular red wines on the planet, with millions of cases sold every year.

# Philanthropy is baked in

Right from the start, Dough Wines has been a catalyst for positive social change.



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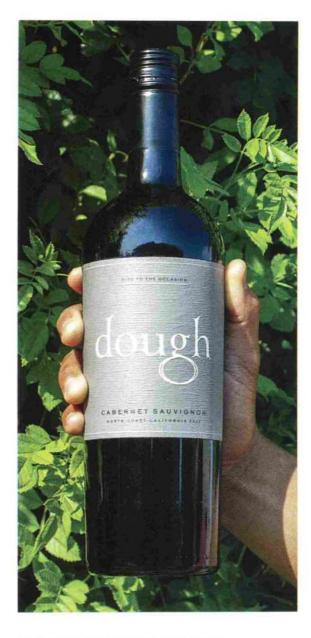
In 2020, winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen teamed up with a diverse group of chefs from non-profit culinary arts organization the James Beard Foundation to make wines "with food in mind and purpose in mind."

"Food and wine is such a way to bring people together," Bridenhagen continues. "It makes conversation flow freely and people want to talk and think about big ideas." For Dough and Bridenhagen, these big ideas include fostering equality in the kitchen and "creating a food and wine culture that will continue on and give back to the earth and give back to the people."

Unsurprisingly, Dough's 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is deliciously food-friendly. "It's really layered," says Bridenhagen, and "really compatible with lots of different foods. With a Cab, everyone thinks red meat like lamb, which it pairs great with, but it also does great with a peppered ahi tuna or a nice salad with a pungent cheese."

Dough is rising to the challenge of raising \$1 million dollars over five years for their charitable partners. This includes two annual needs-based \$2,500 scholarships to students of George Brown College's hospitality and culinary arts programs. These scholarships ensure that those like 2022 scholarship recipient Manan Dera who demonstrate leadership and passion for their studies are able to pursue their dreams.

"It is very difficult for an international student to support themselves in the beginning of their journey. The financial support helped me a lot to keep my foot on the ground in Canada," says Dera. "My vision in my career has never been more clear."

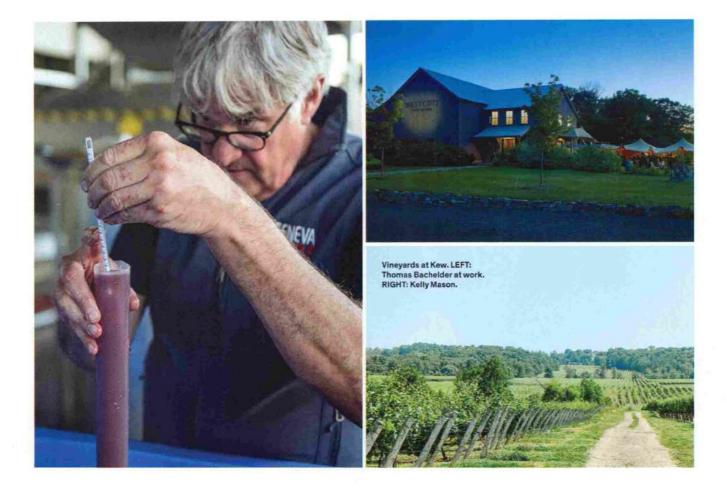


#### DOUGH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 North Coast, California

Fermented in stainless steel and then aged in a combination of French and American oak, this wine offers superb freshness, drive and depth. There's plenty of Cabernet character, with cassis, ripe black cherry and plum notes atop oak, tobacco and coffee. Pair with grilled steak, mushroom burgers, or a tri-tip sandwich.

Full-bodied & Firm 20802 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95





"Is it happenstance, vintage or terroir?" asks **Bachelder** winemaker and selfdescribed mad scientist Thomas Bachelder. "I frequently have this debate with other wine aficionados, and we have our answer vintage after vintage. We in Niagara consistently produce exquisite Pinot with rich fruit, tight minerality and an iron-tinged oxidative character."

"Consistency is necessary when growing Pinot Noir," says **Kew Vineyards** winemaker Levi de Loryn. "Pinot is the heartbreak grape, it can turn on you in an instant. You must listen to the vines; they'll tell you what they need. It's a challenge, but it's what makes for better wines and winemakers." When asked about recent years and the challenges of climate change, **Westcott** winemaker Casey Kulczyk comments that "2019 was one of my favourite vintages to work. Balanced crops allowed us the liberty to pick when we wanted and our position in Niagara avoided the extreme effects of climate change, making it a quintessentially good year."

This comes as a relief to many, as **Domaine Queylus** winemaker Kelly Mason reminds us that "Niagara never has the same vintage twice. The consistency of estate vineyards becomes essential for growing quality Pinot because each year has its own challenges." Embracing challenge and hope for the future is ingrained in the Niagara psyche. When asked about the future, Mason says, "Having someone like our award-winning assistant winemaker Brooke Husband [recipient of the Paul Pender Rising Star Award] on the team is essential. Someone who brings new ideas to the table affirms my confidence in the future of Niagara wines."

Being a young winemaker himself, Kulczyk remarks, "I always say 'a rising tide floats all boats.' We have a tight-knit community of passionate young winemakers in Niagara. We go to each other's wine tastings, share ideas and techniques, constantly offering opportunity for improvement. We're seeing a lot of



domestic talent ready to carry the torch for the future of Niagara."

The promise young winemakers show at such a young age is astonishing veterans of Niagara viticulture. Bachelder explains, "When working with younger winemakers, I ask 'What do you think?' Not to test them, but because they teach me as much as I teach them. It's a symbiotic relationship."

"I'm so excited for what the next generation is going to bring for Ontario. It's amazing the young talent we have here," says de Loryn.

# finer points

#### BACHELDER LES VILLAGES BENCH PINOT NOIR 2021 VOA Niagara Escarpment

"This wine pairs well with a variety of dishes, but I especially like it with a charcoal-roasted organic-farm chicken. Failing that, as a starter with chicken liver pâté mousse, or even with a good lightly spiced steak, due to the wilder, ferrous, gamey side to the Pinot Noir on the Niagara Bench." Thomas Bachelder.

#### 91 points (Rick VanSickle)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 11582 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 🗸

#### KEW VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2019

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

"Our Pinot is magically flexible. Its full flavour and elegant qualities allow it to pair well with multiple dishes, from BBQ pork loin to mushroom gnocchi to hard cheese. Don't constrict yourself to what will go well; be willing to experiment!" Levi de Loryn.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 520080 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 <

#### WESTCOTT ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019 VQA Niagara Escarpment

"This Pinot is fairly elegant and dainty. The light character pairs really well with classic French dishes; try it with steak tartare or a strong smoked white fish. Nothing too heavy or creamy, lest you completely overpower the nuance of the wine." Casey Kulczyk.

#### 92 points (Rick VanSickle)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 427500 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 <

#### DOMAINE QUEYLUS TRADITION PINOT NOIR 2021 VQA Niagara Peninsula

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"My favourite pairings for this are a pan-seared duck breast, or roasted pork tenderloin with a mushroom risotto, or grilled salmon with rosemary mashed potatoes. Hello fall weather and comfy eating!" Kelly Mason.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 392738 (XD) 750 mL \$35.70 🗸

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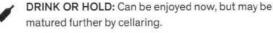


#### DRINKABILITY INDEX

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DRINK NOW: Enjoy tonight. There is no benefit to cellaring.



HOLD: This wine may be enjoyed now, but it will develop favourably under ideal cellaring conditions.

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#### FORTIFIED WINE

#### GUERRA ROJO VERMOUTH Spain



... It's blended from local grapes, red Mencia and white Godello, and shows a profile that sits stylistically between classic vermouth and amaro (bitters), with a strong artichoke-like flavour on the palate, mixed with more vermouth-like cinnamon and other Christmas cake spices. Despite the sugar clearly in the mix, the finish comes across as rather dry and tonic thanks to that strong (and pleasant) bitter stream of flavour running from start to finish. Great complexity overall. I can see this starring in both pre-dinner cocktails, as well as solo on ice, or even after after dinner neat as a gentle, low-alcohol digestif. Score: **91** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com, May 2021)

Sweet 542852 (S) 750 mL **\$22.95** 



#### DESSERT WINE

#### DONNAFUGATA BEN RYÉ PASSITO DI PANTELLERIA 2021 Sustainable, DOC, Sicily, Italy

100% Zibibbo. Complex aromas of raisins, caramel, honey, ice tea, peaches and vanilla. Creamy on the palate, with a zesty acidity. Score: **93** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Lusciously Sweet 324723 (S) 375 mL **\$50.95** 

#### FRUIT WINE



#### PUDDICOMBE ICED APPLE FRUIT WINE \*

(S)



VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario Using 12 different varieties of apples grown in Ontario, this luscious dessert wine is made in a similar fashion to our beloved Icewine. The juice is cryo-extracted after spending two weeks frozen and left to ferment for over two months, resulting in a heavyweight, opulent wine with flavours of mango, burnt brown sugar, cinnamon, caramel, and apple pie. Enjoy with lemon meringue pie or chocolate lava cake.

Sweet 33616

375 mL \$18.95 🗸





#### BELLA TERRA BLANC DE BLANC 2017 & Traditional method,

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

This is the second vintage for the traditionally made 100% Chardonnay. It sits on the lees for three and a half years and receives a modest dosage of 4 g/l. "I'm just trying to make a well-balanced, well-made wine," says DiProfio. There's an intriguing autolytic/ biscuit note to start on the nose followed by green apple, lemon zest, fuzzy peach, and pear with a subtle note of brioche. It's full of life on the palate with an elegant bead in the glass and rich, biscuity notes mingling with orchard fruits, citrus zest and a fresh, vibrant finish. Top-notch bubbles here. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, July 4, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 33628 (D) 750 mL **\$39.95** 

#### GRAHAM BECK ULTRA BRUT CAP CLASSIQUE CHARDONNAY 2016

Sustainable, zero dosage, traditional method, WO Robertson, South Africa

If the 2015 release was a blend, this is an all-Chardonnay Blanc de Blancs, showing Pierre de Klerk and Pieter Ferreira's ability to mix things up. Rich, creamy and intense, with some stone fruit flavours, nutty complexity, fresh acidity and a hint of barrel influence. Drink date: 2022-2025. Score: **93** (timatkin.com, *South Africa Special Report 2022*)

Rich & Complex 435453 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 



GRAHAM BECK

#### EMILE BEYER EXTRA BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

Traditional method, AC, Alsace, France Subtle but pure lemon is propelled to the nose by the bursting bubbles of this wine. The lithe palate shines with lemon freshness against slight chalkiness. This wine is understated, bright, elegant and bone dry. Score: **91** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, Nov. 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 16605 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** 

# Organic product



Rustice

#### NINO FRANCO RUSTICO BRUT PROSECCO DI VALDOBBIADENE SUPERIORE DOCG, Italy

This lovely sparkler never disappoints. It's fragrant, with delicate scents of white spring flowers and white stone fruits while the dry, refreshing palate offers ripe pear, apple and white peach alongside a hint of fennel seed. An elegant perlage and fresh acidity provide the backdrop. Editors' Choice. Score: **94** (Kerin O'Keefe, *Wine Enthusiast*, Nov. 1, 2021)

Light & Fruity 277574 (D) 750 mL **\$27.95** 



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FOGOLAR

#### NEGRONI ASOLO BRUT PROSECCO SUPERIORE DOCG, Italy



Lots of initial froth here, which takes a while to subside and allow the lovely lemon and lemon blossom aromas to rise out of the glass. There are hints of licoricy chalk here, too. On the rather dense palate, the chalk turns to fresh cream and the lemon is absorbed into the creamy mineral texture with enough fizz to keep the sparkle up. Lovely, enduring and creamy yet biting finish. This is very fine Prosecco. Drink now. Score: **92** (james suckling.com, Nov. 4, 2021)

Light & Fruity 32261 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 

#### CANADA - WHITE WINE

#### ONTARIO

#### FOGOLAR CHARDONNAY 2018 \* VQA Niagara Peninsula

This Chardonnay is sourced from select vineyards, with each lot fermented separately in French oak. It was then aged for two years in neutral French oak. It has a complex character that shows plenty of ripe pear, apple, peach, and oak spice. Drink this through 2026 with grilled chicken or grilled white fish.

Full-bodied & Rich 11679 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 

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#### CANADA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

#### ONTARIO

#### HENRY OF PELHAM SPECK FAMILY RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2022 \* Sustainable, VQA Short Hills Bench,

Niagara Escarpment

Sourced from Henry of Pelham's oldest vineyards, which were planted by hand in 1988, this bright, balanced, elegant, fresh, luxurious wine has notes of grilled pineapple, lemon zest, and crème brûlée. The Speck Family Reserve wines are some of the finest expressions in Ontario.

Full-bodied & Rich 616466 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** 

KEW VINEYARDS MARSANNE 2019 \*



VOA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment This is the seventh vintage of marsanne from Kew Vineyards on the Beamsville Bench in Ontario, one of the few producers of this Rhône grape in Ontario. A small addition (7 per cent) of viognier was added to enhance the fragrance and flavour, while eight months aging in French oak puncheons (larger 500-litre barrels) contributes to the creamy texture.

This is a dry white wine with a rich and ripe character that's marked by toasty and spicy notes that add to the citrus and apricot flavours. Drink now to 2025. Score: **90** (Christopher Waters, theglobeandmail. com, May 25, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 485334 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🗸

#### ORGANIZED CRIME THE MISCHIEF 2021 \*



VOA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment The Mischief commands riesling (68 per cent) to lead pinot gris (18) and sauvignon blanc (14) in a white wine that falls in the middle ground between dry and off-dry, though truth is that space is not the most important factor involved. That would be the balance between texture and expression, or better still the interaction whereby a little bit of tension in grapes that thrive on being expressive will work the palate the best way they know how. This mischief is well coordinated and is surely a maker of its own beliefs. Or the system within through which the maker shifts as needed to encourage freshness by way of energy and spirit. Drink 2022-2025. Tasted September 2022. Score: 90 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 434472 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** *《* 

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#### CANADA - RED WINE

#### ONTARIO

#### BACHELDER LES VILLAGES BENCH PINOT NOIR 2021 \*

VQA Niagara Escarpment The Bench Pinot is sourced from the Wismer-Parke, Wismer Wild West End, Saunders, and McNally vineyards ... nose lights up with bright cherries, fresh-picked raspberries, and integrated spice notes. It's riper and denser on the palate with a melange of red berries, a touch of anise, smooth tannins, and lip-smacking freshness on the vibrant finish. Score: **91** (Rick VanSickle, wines inniagara.com, May 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 11582 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** Featured in Local Talent



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#### DOMAINE QUEYLUS TRADITION PINOT NOIR 2021 \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Minimal intervention in the winery and earth-friendly practices lead to an elegant, supple, fine Pinot Noir whose qualities reflect the Niagara terroir. Look for notes of strawberry, orange blossom, baking spices, and black tea. Pair a wine of this calibre with pan-seared duck breast.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 392738 (XD) 750 mL \$35.70 Featured in Local Talent



#### HENRY OF PELHAM SPECK FAMILY RESERVE CABERNET/MERLOT 2019 \* Sustainable, VQA Short Hills Bench, Niagara Escarpment

There is plenty of time for this blooming red blend to settle down and make its way to the top of the ladder – careful cellaring for another two years should take [care] of that. It has intriguing aromas of rose petals, dark cherry/berry fruit and on the palate there's plenty of tang and juicy red fruit flavour and a pleasing share of ripe, juicy black raspberry and an underpinning of firm, but ripe tannin on the palate and aftertaste. Patience should be rewarded, especially if carefully cellared. Cellar. Score: **93** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Feb. 20, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 616433 (XD) 750 mL **\$47.95** 

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#### KEW VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2019 \*

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment A youthful, savoury Pinot Noir from Kew Vineyard's gorgeous, historical estate vineyard. Expect a fresh, fruity Pinot Noir with a lithe texture, supple tannins and a long, mineral-focused finish, with hints of raspberry, white cherry, cassis, and freshly picked nettle.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 520080 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 Featured in Local Talent



#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

#### FRIND BIG RED 2020 \* BC VOA British Columbia

This 2020 is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Foch, Pinot Noir and Syrah that was aged for 10 months in a combination of French and American oak. It's vibrant, rich and balanced, with lifted floral tones, black cherry, plum, vanilla, and a spicy underbelly.





#### THE TRAGICALLY HIP FULLY COMPLETELY RESERVE RED 2021 \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula (Stoney Ridge)

This elegant, complex, fruity Bordeaux blend is brought to you by Stoney Ridge in concert with The Tragically Hip. It was aged in American and French oak and has generous, forward cherry, blue fruit, plum, woodsmoke, chocolate, and baking spices. Enjoy tonight with barbecued ribs or steak or cellar through 2026+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 411595 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 



#### WESTCOTT ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019 \* VQA Niagara Escarpment

... 30% whole cluster fermented with wild malolactic fermentation. It was fermented in 100% French oak, of which 20% was new, and aged for 22 months. Such a gorgeous nose of pretty red berries, black raspberries, seductive Pinot perfume notes and perfectly integrated spice notes. It's nicely integrated and balanced with bright red berries, anise, fine tannins, some structure, a pinch of spice, subtle earthy/savoury notes, and a bright, finessed finish. Very nice Pinot that represents the house style. Can still cellar 5+ years. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, March 15, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 427500 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 Featured in Local Talent



#### **USA** – WHITE WINE

#### CALIFORNIA

#### CONUNDRUM WHITE 2021 California

(Charles F. Wagner, prop.)

This super-popular white blend first appeared in 1989, and though the specifics of each iteration are never revealed, this one contains a combination of (at least) Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Viognier. It's floral and pretty on the nose, with tropical fruit, peach, melon and citrus flavours. A dry, fun expression that will delight as a sipper or when paired with seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful 694653 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



#### KISTLER SONOMA MOUNTAIN CHARDONNAY 2021

Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma County Amidst a swirl of toasted almonds, nougat and roasted cacao nibs, there's a bristling core of fresh lemon and lime in this succulent, profoundly creamy wine. Unabashedly opulent, its hedonism is kept in check by a firm, penetrating spine of acidity. Sculpted but quite stately. Drinking window: 2023-2035. Score: **94** (Anna Lee C. lijima, decanter.com, Feb. 19, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich 183921 (XD) 750 mL \$121.95 Featured in Bathed in Light



#### USA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

#### CALIFORNIA

#### NIELSON SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHARDONNAY 2021

Sustainable, Santa Barbara County Cool Pacific Ocean breezes help Santa Barbara winemakers produce fine, lifted, zesty Chardonnay. This one is silky, focused, energetic and elegant, with notes of ripe citrus, pineapple, honey, and an ocean-born saline minerality. Enjoy it through 2030+.

#### Full-bodied & Rich 32822 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🗸



#### HANDS OF TIME CHARDONNAY 2020\* Napa Valley

(Stag's Leap Wine Cellars)

"Hands of Time" refers to all the hands that go into wine production, from pruning to harvesting to bottling. Celebrate the time and effort required to make great wines with this exquisite example from one of Napa's best producers. It shows flavours of pineapple, yellow pear, lemon rind, and orange blossom, with toasted oak on the finish. It will pair nicely with grilled calamari or seared scallops.

#### Full-bodied & Rich

17795 (XD) 750 mL **\$44.95 Featured in** *Bathed in Light* 



#### USA - RED WINE

#### CALIFORNIA

#### BELLE GLOS EULENLOCH PINOT NOIR 2020 Napa Valley

(Joseph J. Wagner)

Fruit for this wine was sourced from vines grown in the sunburnt, shallow clay soils of the Carneros region of Napa Valley. The balance between high temperatures, water retention and good drainage to the dry area results in concentrated, plump grapes leading to a dense, fruity Pinot Noir. Expect flavours of cherry pie, plum sauce, milk chocolate, cola, and a touch of cedar from barrel age.

Full-bodied & Smooth 10095 (XD) 750 mL \$59.95 **/** Featured in Bathed in Light



#### BERINGER Q RED WINE 2020 Napa Valley

Notes of ripe blackberries and plums with hints of baking spices, dried rosemary, cocoa and moist earth. Full-bodied with powdery tannins and a juicy, dark-fruited mid-palate. Chalky and lightly chewy on the finish. Better from 2025. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, June 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 27452 (XD) 750 mL **\$89.95** -Featured in *Bathed in Light* 



#### WASHINGTON

#### CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE CHARDONNAY 2021 Columbia Valley

During the peak growing season, Columbia Valley sees approximately two more hours of sunlight daily than California does. This translates into excellent ripe fruit, especially in a warm season such as 2021. Cool nights kept this wine balanced and fresh, giving notable polish to its vibrant pear, tropical fruit, vanilla, and well-handled oak. A crowd pleaser, yes, but also poised and characterful.

Full-bodied & Rich 232439 (D) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



#### CAYMUS-SUISUN GRAND DURIF 2020 Suisun Valley

(Wagner Family of Wines)

The Suisun Valley is quickly gaining traction for its sumptuous wines primarily crafted from Petite Sirah. The Wagner family have been sourcing grapes from the region since as early as 1982, when the area officially became an AVA. This wine is soft, lush, and easy to enjoy, with supple tannins, softened acidity and notes of strawberry jam, dark chocolate, cola, and oak spice.



Full-bodied & Smooth 15425 (D) 750 mL **\$69.95** Featured in Bathed in Light

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#### CLIFF LEDE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley This wine substantially overdelivers on its price point, presenting a dark fruit profile, generous tannin and oak, and an expansive full-bodied style. Blended with 8% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, it is approachable while never forgetting its structured, complex roots. Editors' Choice. Score: **95** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 14217 (XD) 750 mL **\$124.95** Featured in *Bathed in Light* 



#### CROSSBARN NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 Napa Valley

(Paul Hobbs Winery) Fresh, lifted aromas of black cherry tinged with savoury black olive, liquorice and cedar. Full-bodied and plush with a dense, dark-fruited palate, sanguine minerality, blood-orange acidity and a dusting of dried herbs, all framed by muscular tannins and finishing with a sweet blueberry note. Drinking window: 2022-2036. Part of Value Napa Cabernet 2019: the Top Buys. Score: **94** (Jonathan Cristaldi, decanter.com, Sept. 17, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 118695 (XD) 750 mL **\$84.95** Featured in Bathed in Light



#### DOUGH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 North Coast

Fermented in stainless steel and then aged in a combination of French and American oak, this wine offers superb freshness, drive and depth. There's plenty of Cabernet character, with cassis, ripe black cherry and plum notes atop oak, tobacco and coffee. Pair with grilled steak, mushroom burgers, or a tri-tip sandwich. Dough provides two annual needs-based scholarships to students of George Brown's hospitality and culinary arts programs.

Full-bodied & Firm 20802 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95** Featured in Good Partners







Plenty of blackcurrants, flowers and sandalwood on the nose, following through to a full body with tight, creamy tannins that give the wine polish and beauty. Give it a year or two to soften, but already very attractive. From organically grown grapes. Try after 2022. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, July 14, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 71407 (XD) 750 mL **\$109.95** Featured in Bathed in Light & Organic product



#### GRGICH HILLS ESTATE GROWN ZINFANDEL 2018

Napa Valley Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Zinfandel charges out of the gate with notes of stewed plums, Morello cherries and raspberry pie plus suggestions of Indian spices, wild thyme and hoisin. The medium-bodied palate is laden with red and black berry layers, supported by chewy tannins and invigorating freshness, finishing long and peppery. Drink date: 2020-2026. Score: **90** (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 903237 (XD) 750 mL \$58.95 Featured in Bathed in Light & Organic product



#### HESS COLLECTION ALLOMI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Sustainable, Napa Valley (Donald Hess)

The 2021 vintage of the Allomi Cabernet Sauvignon is made from 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petite Sirah with the remainder Petit Verdot, Merlot and Malbec. It's plush and round with integrated tannins, generous red and black fruit, oak spice, cocoa and earth. This has the potential to evolve through 2030.

Full-bodied & Firm 906420 (XD) 750 mL \$54.95 🗸



#### USA - RED WINE CONT'D

#### CALIFORNIA

#### J. LOHR PURE PASO PROPRIETARY RED 2020 Paso Robles

This regionally respectful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah is satisfyingly rich and hedonistically attractive on all fronts. Smokekissed aromas of black cherry, purple flower and light cola on the nose lead into a palate that is full of ripe black cherry and cola flavors, yet with a firm structure. Editors' Choice. Score: **92** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 15652 (XD) 750 mL \$42.95 Featured in Bathed in Light



#### McMANIS PETITE SIRAH 2021

Sustainable, estate grown, Lodi This Petite Sirah includes a small percentage of Tannat and Teroldego in the mix, resulting in a deeppurple hue and full tannic structure that is well met by the voluptuousness of the fruits. Find notes of blackberry bush, bramble, fennel, capsicum, black cherry, smoke, toast and leather. Best Buy. Score: **90** (*Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2023)

#### Full-bodied & Smooth

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(D) 750 mL \$22.95



#### ORIN SWIFT PALERMO 2020\* Napa Valley

Fruit-driven, with a nice display of mulberry and blackberry fruit carried by light savory, anise and sassafras notes. Toasty finish, but the fruit pushes through nicely. Drink now through 2026. Score: **90** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, Nov. 15, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 521716 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 Featured in Bathed in Light



#### PAUL HOBBS RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2020

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County Medium ruby-purple, the 2020 Pinot Noir is scented of cranberries, underbrush, tobacco leaves and woodsmoke. The palate is light-bodied, silky and bright with earth-laced fruits and a long, spicy finish. Drink date: 2022-2027. Score: **93** (Erin Brooks, robertparker.com, July 14, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 119081 (XD) 750 mL \$95.95 Featured in Bathed in Light

#### OREGON

#### MAISON NOIR O.P.P. PINOT NOIR 2022 Willamette Valley

Founded by sommelier André Hueston Mack in 2007, Maison Noir crafts boutique garage-style wines. This one is ripe and complex, with juicy fruit and oak spice atop an herbal, earthy foundation. Enjoy through 2028+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 487900 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95 



#### WASHINGTON

#### DRUMHELLER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 Columbia Valley

This wine is crafted to be an approachable, fruity, easy-drinking Cabernet with wide appeal. It's sourced from sandy soils in the Wahluke Slope area, where the warmth of the day is offset by cooler evening temperatures, imparting vibrancy and lift to the ripe, concentrated fruit, mocha and herbal notes. An authentic expression to enhance mid-week casual dining or a roast beef dinner. Drink through 2028.

Full-bodied & Firm 551473 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

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#### **ARGENTINA** – WHITE WINE

SANTA JULIA ORGANIC TORRONTÉS 2022 Vegan, sustainable, Mendoza, Argentina A fresh, relatively simple but zingy torrontes with perfumed aromas of white pears, peach and orange blossoms. Quite crisp and bright on the palate with refreshingly high acidity and a light, tangy finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink now. Score: 89 (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, March 27, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 232694 & Organic product



#### NORTON D.O.C. MALBEC 2020

DOC Luján de Cuvo, Mendoza Deep morello cherries with a lift of violet, tree bark and bramble fruit. Bright and juicy fruit, wrapped in smooth and silky tannins with a spicy and cherryflavored finish. Drink now. Score: 91 (james suckling.com, May 3, 2022)





#### ARGENTINA - RED WINE

LAS INVERNADAS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021** DO San Juan



Blackcurrant, tar and spice aromas follow through to a medium body with integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Some tar and spice in the aftertaste. Shows plenty of cabernet character. Drink or hold [through 2026+]. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 31976 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95



#### LUIS CORREAS GRAN RESERVA MALBEC 2017 Estate bottled, Mendoza

Deep blueberries and haw fruit, together with attractive peppermint, licorice and coke character. Juicy and plump with good mid-palate tension, even transparency. Full-bodied and filled with juicy blue-fruit flavors, but not heavy. Smooth tannins and a long finish. Real drinkability here. Why wait? Drink now [through 2025]. Score: 92 (james suckling.com, April 2, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🖉 31965



RUCA MALEN CAPÍTULO DOS **ORGÁNICO MALBEC 2021** Sustainable, Los Chacayes, Valle de Uco, Mendoza



An array of ripe wild berries, sweet spices and dark chocolate. Medium- to full-bodied with a firm tannin structure and luscious character. Delicious fruit with a spicy edge. Firm, chocolatey finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 🗸 31974 & Organic product



#### SANTA JULIA LA VAQUITA NATURAL CLARETE 2023 Vegan, sustainable, estate grown and bottled, Valle del Maipú

Not to be confused with the English term for red Bordeaux (Claret) or the grape Clairette, "Clarete" describes a blend of co-fermented red and white grapes. It resembles a light-red wine or a darktoned rosé, but is neither. This Argentine version comprises Malbec and Torrontés and is fresh and boldly flavoured. This intriguing, floral wine will develop through 2026+.

Light-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 / 32141 & Organic product



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#### ARGENTINA - RED WINE CONT'D

#### TEHO ZAHA TOKO VINEYARD MALBEC 2019

Vegan, Paraje Altamira, Mendoza ... co-fermented with 12% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot ... aged for 12 months in 1/3 new French barrels. Purplish red in the glass. The expressive nose begins with fresh plum alongside cherry and violets accompanied by an undercurrent of country herbs. In the mouth where a terse texture is joined by a prominent chalky feel, juicy freshness and a nimble flow. The result is a subtle, thirstquenching palate. The 2019 is a textbook Malbec for the region, anchored in purity. Drinking window: 2021-2034. Score: **94** (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous. com. Nov. 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 441691 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.95** 🗸

#### CHILE - RED WINE

MORANDE GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 Sustainable, single vineyard, DO Valle del Maipo The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Gran

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva, from San Bernardo, Maipo, was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. The nose ranges from plum to black currant, accompanied by hints of black pepper. Gentle with a dry entry, and fruit-forward, this is a bit light and yet flavorful. Drinking window: 2022-2030. Score: **91** (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com,

Full-bodied & Firm 668707 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 



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#### SANTA CAROLINA CAROLINA GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Sustainable, DO Valle de Cauquenes This wine opens with inviting aromas of bell pepper, bay leaf, and berries. A flavorful palate features good acidity balancing out notes of bell pepper, red plum, and dried herbs that linger in a medium finish. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Jesica Vargas, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 31001 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



#### JUNIPER CROSSING ORIGINAL WHITE 2021 Vegan, Margaret River, Western Australia



Oh my, you get tonnes of lively crunchy fruit in this blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Crunchy passionfruit, guava and a splash of citrus tang make an engaging frontline. It's largely tank fermented, hence the crunchy vibrancy, but around 9% was barrel fermented with a further five months in oak. That oak contribution is an important part of the wine, lifting it to another level of complex interest. Drink: 2022-2024. Score: **91** (Ray Jordan, wine pilot.com, March 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 30556 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🗸

#### AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

#### ELDERTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Barossa, South Australia

It's splendidly ripe and inviting on the nose with blackcurrant, subtle tobacco and spicy oak characters with an elegant herbal infusion. The palate displays excellent focus and drive, beautifully complemented by succulent fruit intensity and fine texture. Layers of chalky tannins provide structure and frame, finishing long and delectable. At its best: now to 2036. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Jan. 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 9175 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** 



#### FRANKLAND ROCKY GULLY SHIRAZ 2019



Frankland River, Western Australia This has aromas of ripe black fruit, Sichuan peppers, hot chocolate, tar and dried earth. Spicy and plush with a medium to full body and soft tannins. Leather at the end. Drink now [through 2025+]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33371 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month

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#### MONTERRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Vegan, McLaren Vale, South Australia The 2021 vintage in McLaren Vale was one that offered an ideal balance of warm days and cool nights combined with predominantly dry conditions leading up to and through the harvest. This wine is ripe and inviting, with dark berry fruit, vanilla, oak spice, and dark flowers. Complex and firm on the finish. Drink through early 2030s.

[Australian Wine Showcase did not include a tasting note.] Score: **95** (Australian Wine Showcase, March 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 12835 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 



#### RIPOSTE THE DAGGER PINOT NOIR 2022 Adelaide Hills, South Australia

Finely composed and charming, the wine shows ripe cherry, floral, olive and warm spice nuances on the nose, leading to a silky-smooth palate that's juicy and beautifully rounded. Tannins are fine and just right, offering elegant frame and length to this delightfully appealing pinot. At its best: now to 2030. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Feb. 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 508226 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.95** 



Penfolds

#### PENFOLDS MAX'S SHIRAZ/CABERNET 2021 South Australia

This wine is a tribute to the legendary Max Schubert, who was winemaker at Penfolds from 1948 to 1975 and created the iconic Grange. It's 64% Shiraz with the rest Cabernet and shows dark fruit, ripe cherry, plum, cassis, chocolate, and a lifted touch of minty herbs. Crafted to be immediately accessible, it has the structure and depth to cellar through 2030+. Very fine.

Full-bodied & Smooth 629238 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🗸



#### SONS OF EDEN KENNEDY GRENACHE/ SHIRAZ/MOURVÈDRE 2020

Barossa Valley, South Australia A very savory red with berry, orange-peel and walnut aromas and flavors. Medium body, round and creamy tannins and a spicy finish. Lots going on! Yet, it's subtle and very drinkable. Drink or hold [till 2030]. Score: **94** (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 558692 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95 ✓** 



#### PETER LEHMANN THE BAROSSAN SHIRAZ 2020

Barossa, South Australia

From the Barossa wine region, Peter Lehmann The Barossan 2020 is a great value Shiraz at \$22. Full-bodied and plushy with lots to love; a classic with ripe blackberry, plum, cherry, black pepper and toasty oak spice flavours big and bold with a deliciously long mocha finish. Pour with a prime rib roast. Drink or hold. Drink: 2023-2029. Score: **92** (nataliemaclean.com, May 27, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 522235 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 



#### ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP NATURE'S CRUX SHIRAZ 2020



Vegan, Fleurieu, South Australia Amazing colour – bordering on black! A big style – well made with lovely rich dark varietal fruit characters, some decent oak and an abundance of attractive grainy tannins. [Drink for a decade or more from vintage.] Score: **98** (*Winestate Annual*, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33367 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🗸



#### NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

#### ANTHONY JOSEPH VIDAL RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island Pungent, aromatic, herbaceous, fresh and packed with aromas of fresh mango and pineapple, basil, cape gooseberry and fresh grapefruit. Crisp and dry on the palate with a punchy acid line and flavours of citrus then tropical fruits. The fresh herbs and red bell-pepper flavours layer in diversity and complexity, contrast and spice. Well made with best drinking from day of purchase through end of summer 2025. Excellent. Score: **93** (Cameron Douglas, MS, camdouglasms.com, June 2, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 17562 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 🗸



#### SACRED HILL HAWKE'S BAY CHARDONNAY 2022

Sustainable, Hawke's Bay, North Island "I'm just going to say it: New Zealand and Hawke's Bay in particular make some of the best chardonnay in the world ..." (Cameron Douglas, MS, quoted in realreview.com, July 10, 2023). This wine shows the texture, concentration and balance that define Hawke's Bay Chards, along with generous ripe fruit and oak spice. Pair it with roasted chicken or allow it to evolve through 2026+.

Full-bodied & Rich 17563 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95**



#### SUGAR LOAF SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island Wonderfully ripe and inviting, the bouquet shows ripe peach, feijoa, crunchy apple and lime/lemon peel aromas, followed by a flavoursome palate offering terrific fruit power and vibrancy. Gorgeously expressed for fabulous drinking. At its best: now to 2025. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, July 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 410001 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 



#### THE CRATER RIM SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Single vineyard, Waipara, South Island Generously styled and complex, the bouquet shows golden peach, lime zest, flint and dried herb aromas, followed by a succulent palate displaying excellent weight and vibrancy. It's fleshy and juicy with a lengthy mouth-watering finish. At its best: now to 2027. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, June 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 26359 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🗸



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#### WHITEHAVEN GREG SINGLE VINEYARD RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Awatere Valley, Marlborough, South Island A powerful and pungent bouquet bursting with aromas of fresh peach and gooseberry, lime-flower, lemon and apple. The herbaceous layer releases aromas of fresh and dried basil then some elderflower and lemon peel. All these scents turn into flavours reflecting the bouquet ... enhanced with a back bone of acidity, there's a whisper of savoury spice and a youthful fresh energy. Well made and drinking well from 2023 through 2030. Excellent. Score: **94** (Cameron Douglas, MS, camdouglasms. com, April 12, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 325944 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.95** 🗸

#### NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

#### CLOS HENRI PETIT CLOS PINOT NOIR 2019

Marlborough, South Island

This quality-focused biodynamic producer's Petit Clos range is always great value. This vintage, an excellent one in Marlborough, gives particular bang for buck. The wine is the color of freshly squeezed cherry juice, and the vibrant nose offers oodles of plump summer berries just off the bush, along with stalky, floral undertones. The palate is equally exuberant, the juicy fruit wound by firm, textural tannins. A charmer of a wine for knocking back at a barbecue. Editors' Choice. [A wine that will delight for 8+ years from vintage.] Score: **94** (Christina Pickard, *Wine Enthusiast*, Nov. 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 19621 (XD) 750 mL **\$27.95** 



#### RAPAURA SPRINGS RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2020 Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island



This is a classic Otago Pinot bouquet filled with scents of freshly crushed dark cherries, then plums and a touch of black currant. A mineral and dried herb quality add depth and complexity to a youthful and ripe aroma package. Dry, fresh, fruity and varietal with flavours that mirror the bouquet alongside finer tannins, low wood impact with a medium+ acid line. Classic, balanced, refreshing, varietal, and well made. Great value with best drinking from 2023 through 2028. Score: **92** (Cameron Douglas, MS, camdouglasms.com, July 6, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 32407 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95**



#### SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

#### RADFORD DALE VINUM CHENIN BLANC 2022 Vegan, WO Stellenbosch

A lovely balance here between the rich pear and peach fruit, with some bright tapering citrus fruit. Nice tangerine finish. Fresh and expressive with good precision. [A wine that will drink for 5+ years from vintage.] Score: **92** (Jamie Goode, wine anorak.com, April 6, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich 13338 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



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#### SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE

#### THE FLEDGE & CO. KATVIS PINOT NOIR 2021

Unfined and unfiltered, WO Elgin

The Katvis Pinot comprises fruit from two different sites; fitting for a wine made by the dynamic pairing of Margaux Nel and Leon Coetzee, who are two upand-coming young winemakers playing an exciting role in shaping modern South African wine. It's taut and precise, with a range of fruit including cherry, raspberry and cranberry alongside lifted florals, earth and spice.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 33306 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** *I* 





#### ALSACE PFAFF TRADITION GEWURZTRAMINER 2020 AC Alsace



This wine is sourced from vines grown in the limestone and chalky-clay soils of Alsace. It shows a lovely bouquet of sweet, tropical and floral aromas. Soft on the palate with a notable spicy zing, it offers flavours of pineapple, lychee, ginger, and rose petal. It's drinking favourably now but can be held for another five years in the cellar.

Aromatic & Flavourful 29822 (D) 750 mL **\$16.95** 🗸

FRANCE - WHITE WINE

#### BURGUNDY

#### COLLOVRAY & TERRIER DEUX ROCHES RIVES DE LONGSAULT SAINT-VÉRAN 2021

The wines of the Saint-Véran appellation are garnering interest for their affordability without sacrificing the legendary Burgundian quality. Sourced from vines planted in sandy red limestone soils, this wine is supple and well-balanced, with yellow apple and apricot on the mid-palate dissolving into a flinty, crisp finish. Try this increasingly popular white with grilled chicken breast and a side of baked Brussels sprouts.

Light & Crisp 488858 (XD) 750 mL \$38.95 🗸



DEUX ROCHE

SAINT-VERAN

#### JEAN-MARC BROCARD SAINTE CLAIRE CHABLIS 2021

Unsurprisingly similar to the organic Sainte-Claire AP Chablis, this is a fine and classy Chablis with much to enjoy. Great acidity, mineral notes on the finish all keeping the palate fresh and focussed. Just not quite as dense or mineral as the organic bottling but still high quality. Drinking window: 2023-2027. Score: **91** (Andy Howard, MW, decanter.com, Oct. 16, 2022)

Light & Crisp 356634 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 🗸





#### FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

#### BURGUNDY

#### VIGNERONS DE BUXY BUISSONNIER BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY 2022 AC

A light, crisp style of Chardonnay primarily sourced from vineyards along the Côte Chalonnaise. Aged in stainless steel vats, this pale-yellow-gold Chardonnay offers flavours of Granny Smith apple and yellow pear with notable floral aromas of hawthorn. Serve with turkey breast or fish pie.

Light & Crisp 10349 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 



#### FRANCE - RED WINE

#### BORDEAUX

#### CHÂTEAU LA GORCE 2018 Cru Bourgeois, AC Médoc

Aromas of black cherry, coffee, walnut and black olive. It's full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins. Nice flavors and good length with hints of bitter spice and dark wood on the finish. Try from 2024. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, March 3, 2021)

#### Full-bodied & Firm

91397 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 



#### CHÂTEAU LE BOURDIEU 2016 AC Médoc

(G. Bailly, prop.)

Half-and-half Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, this rich wine is impressive. With ripe tannins to balance the rich blackberry fruits and a firm structure lifted by acidity, it has good balance and potential. Drink from 2022. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 85084 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**

#### BEAUJOLAIS

#### DOMAINE D'ARGENSON LES PIERREUX BROUILLY 2018 Sustainable, AC



A fragrant and joyful Brouilly that has wonderful vivacity and light-footedness for this exceptionally warm vintage. Such a crisp and youthful finish with so much stony minerality! Drink or hold. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, April 12, 2022)

Light-bodied & Fruity 29970 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🗸



#### CHÂTEAU LANGLAIS 2018

AC Puisseguin-Saint-Émilion (G. Dupuy, prop.) A tight, linear red with blackberry, walnut and bark

undertones. It's medium-bodied with firm, lightly chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink in 2023. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, March 3, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 463273 (XD) 750 mL \$38.95

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#### BURGUNDY

#### CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY VIEILLES VIGNES MERCUREY 2020 Sustainable, AC

(Domaine du Château Philippe le Hardi) This wine is from an historical estate once owned by Duke Philippe le Hardi, who in 1395 signed into law that Pinot Noir be the primary red grape grown in Burgundy. It has excellent character and balance, with a strong backbone of dark fruit and supple tannins behind a delicate, inviting floral aroma. Enjoy it tonight after a good decant or cellar for at least a decade.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 668202 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** 

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#### LANGUEDOC

#### JEFF CARREL LES DARONS 2021 AP Languedoc

A delicious blend of grenache topped with some carignan and syrah. It delivers aromas of redcurrants, blueberries, strawberries and mild spices. Medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins. Simple but silky with a fruity, succulent finish. Very drinkable now [and will hold until 2028+]. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 448464 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 



#### RHÔNE

#### CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2020 AC

A perfumed nose of spiced cherries, forest berries, dried thyme, cloves and a touch of leather, too. It's full-bodied with creamy tannins and texture. Round with a velvety touch and a rich core of raspberries on the center palate. Some spicy character to the juicy finish. Drink or hold [until 2030+]. Score: **94** (jamessuckling.com, May 22, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 735407 (XD) 750 mL **\$64.95** ✔ **<sup>€</sup> Organic product** 



#### CHÂTEAU LE GRAND RETOUR PLAN DE DIEU CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2020 AC

This is a pleasant and broad, fruity and spicy CdR, with plenty of palate warming alcohol (15% declared), and solid fruit integrity. Tannins are a touch chewy, pumped up by the heat, but overall this is quite satisfying for the money. Drink or hold 2-3 years. Tasted April 2023. Score: **88** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 224592 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95**



#### LA ROSELIÈRE CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES LAUDUN 2020

#### (Frédéric Arnaud)

40% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre. Explosive nose, bright and vibrant with savoury black olive, thyme, tea leaf and ripe black fruit notes. There's a good sense of ripeness and power under control. An opulent, full-bodied, generous style with warming alcohol and a very long finish. Fantastic release! Seamless, irresistible drinking. Value. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 31694 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** *《* 

#### ROUSSILLON

#### S. DELAFONT MOSAÏQUE 2020 AP Languedoc

70% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre. A fine-grained yet grippy wine with a peppery leanness that evolves over time in the glass. Earthiness evolves into savoury herbs and dried spices which open into surprisingly juicy and multilayered black fruits with lovely refreshing acidity. Really intriguing and palatable. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 31697 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month

#### SOUTHWEST

#### SAINT MONT LES VIEILLES VIGNES 2017

#### (Plaimont)

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SAINT MONT

Tannat, Pinenc and Cabernet Sauvignon from old vines have been blended in this rich wine. Bold tannins still shows the wine's structure and strength while blackberry fruits give weight and add ripeness. Drink the wine from late 2020 [or cellar until 2026]. Editors' Choice. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Aug. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 10316 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 🗸



#### **GERMANY** - RED WINE

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#### NEISS SHEPHERD RED PINOT NOIR 2018 Qualitätswein, Pfalz

Sourced from vines grown in the high-elevation limestone soils of the Palatinate, this Pinot is bright and floral with just a touch of oak from ageing in large casks and offers a chalk-laced minerality on the finish. A great representation of a cool-climate German red, it will pair beautifully with bierock (a traditional German meat-and-sauerkraut pastry sandwich).

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 / 33286



#### **GREECE** - RED WINE

#### **CAVINO NEMEA GRANDE RESERVE 2014** PDO Neméa

This plush, inviting 100% Agiorgitiko comes from one of Greece's highest mountain ranges. The elevation and the cooling winds allow grapes to retain acidity and balance amidst the sweltering heat the region frequently experiences. Spicy on the palate with black fruit and firm tannins, this wine will pair well with moussaka or rack of lamb.

Full-bodied & Smooth 295618 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95



#### COSTA LAZARIDI AMETHYSTOS RED 2020 Vegan, PGI Drama

(Translated from the French) The nose of this deeply garnet-colored Greek wine delivers multiple aromas of fruit (blackcurrant, blackberry, blueberry) and sweet spices (cinnamon). The mouth feel is beautifully balanced. Combining power and finesse with mellow tannins, it ends on a chocolaty finish. At the table, this 2020 Drama will be the ideal companion to veal kidneys with port or a low-temperature lamb shoulder with garlic cream. Score: Gold (Vinalies Internationales, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 724831 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

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#### HUNGARY - RED WINE

#### SZÁSZI BIRTOK BALATON-FELVIDÉKI CABERNET FRANC 2019



Hungary Sourced from vines grown along the shores of Lake Balaton in western Hungary, this 100% Cabernet Franc shows a robust, broad-shouldered character not commonly found in the grape. Heavy on the palate with bold tannins, it has powerful flavours of dark cherry, Asian five-spice and cured meats. Pair with Magyar beef paprikash.

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸 34070 & Organic product



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#### **ITALY - WHITE WINE**

ABRUZZO

#### UMANI RONCHI VELLODORO PECORINO 2022

IGT Terre di Chieti

A nice combination of bright, citrusy fruit and savory mineral character here, which is typical for pecorino. Floral notes add further interest. Mediumbodied with a tight and tasty palate and an enduring lemon and lime finish. Super standard bearer for this local grape. Drink now. Score: 92 (james suckling.com, June 4, 2023)

Light & Crisp 289553 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

#### **ITALY - RED WINE**

#### ABRUZZO

#### NIRO DI CITRA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2018 DOP

(Citra)

A structured, balanced wine, with bright red fruit and juicy dark fruit framed by coffee and vanilla notes. Quite lifted and food-friendly, with notable drive. Pair with grilled sausages.

[Mundus Vini did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Mundus Vini, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 278150 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95









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#### PIETRAME EDIZIONE LIMITATA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2020 DOP



#### (Cantina Tollo)

This 100% Montepulciano is aged exclusively in steel vats for one year before bottling. It's a lovely, textured wine with plenty of juicy fruit flavours and floral aromas. Expect notes of red plum, black olive and violets, with hints of thyme on the finish.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 94 (lucamaroni.com, Jan. 21, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 32534 (D) 750 mL **\$17.95** *4* 



#### PIEDMONT

#### BROCCARDO IL GIÒ PI NEBBIOLO 2020 DOC Langhe

A light, clean-cut nebbiolo with intense, almost tangy cherries, strawberries and some citrus freshness. Medium to light body with loads of fresh flavor and some firm tannin support. Drink now [or hold until 2026]. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 4, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 496786 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.95** 



#### MARCHESI DI BAROLO BARBARESCO 2019 DOCG

Bright ruby garnet. On the nose there are notes of lush raspberry, ripe cherry, mint, also slight hints of gentian root and fine earthy tones, a beautiful fragrance. On the palate it is gripping and with rich drive, also juicy, but slows down in the back. Score: **89** (Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, falstaff. com, July 10, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 155408 (XD) 750 mL **\$42.95**



#### PUGLIA

#### ACTARUS PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA 2021 DOP

The abundant sunshine and rapid growing season in Puglia make for dense, velvety wines that are weighty on the palate. After 18 months in mature French oak barrels, this wine will be broad-shouldered and bold, with notes of blueberry, tobacco, black pepper and cocoa. Pair with aged cheeses or lamb chops.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **98** (lucamaroni.com, May 17, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 569921 (D) 750 mL **\$28.95** 🗸



#### LA PIEVE BAROLO 2019 DOCG

This hefty, dense Barolo overdelivers year after year. A favourite among Vintages Barolo connoisseurs, it's an excellent representation of the Nebbiolo variety, showing plush tannins, bracing acidity, and notes of sour cherry, rosehip, iris, and Italian leather, with a chalky minerality on the finish.

Full-bodied & Firm 213132 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** 



#### SICILY

#### TENUTE ORESTIADI IL ROSSO DI LUDOVICO RISERVA 2017 Gibellina, DOC Sicilia

Ripe yet still perfumed, this Sicilian red blend that often features nero d'avola and cabernet sauvignon, is delightfully peppery and floral with pleasant botanical notes. The palate is rich with well-ripened, velvety tannins and a heaviness to match the substantial weight of the bottle. Excellent length. Best now to 2029. Tasted April 2022. Score: **90** (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 388645 (D) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🗸



#### ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

#### TUSCANY

#### CASTELLO DI AMA SAN LORENZO GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2018 DOCG

A tight, polished red with a very beautiful texture of firm, polished yet integrated tannins. Full-bodied with plenty of subtle dark-berry and chocolate character. Hints of walnuts, too. Flavorful finish. A little tight at the end, but already really delicious. Serious young Gran Selezione. Drink or hold [until 2035+]. Score: 96 (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 3, 2022)

#### Full-bodied & Firm





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#### CASTELLO DI RADDA CHIANTI **CLASSICO RISERVA 2016** DOCG



Rich, with a vibrant backbone of acidity and tannins uplifting black cherry, blackberry and violet flavors. Dense and a bit restrained on the finish, this nevertheless lingers on the aftertaste, revealing floral, dark berry fruit and a streak of iron. Drink now through 2032. Score: 93 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Dec. 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 31409 (XD) 750 mL \$43.95 🗸



#### MAZZEI PHILIP 2020 **IGT** Toscana

This is aromatic with blueberries and black cherries, as well as hints of blue flowers, spices, dark chocolate and crushed stones. Full-bodied with layers of firm, fine-grained tannins and deep blue fruit. Structured and focused with a lingering finish that continues to build. Well crafted. Better after 2025 [and will hold until 2038]. Score: 95 (jamessuckling.com, Jan. 5, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$44.95 32121



#### **RUFFINO MODUS 2019 IGT** Toscana

Aromas of crushed stones, dark berries and blueberries follow through to a medium to full body with creamy tannins and a medium-chewy finish. Chocolate at the end. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Two or three years of bottle age will bring this around nicely. Drink after 2024. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 912956 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 -



#### CAVALIERE D'ORO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2018 DOCG

(Castello di Gabbiano) A firm yet fresh red, with cherry and berry fruit framed by leather and loamy earth. Gains support from well-integrated tannins, ending with harmony and length. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2032. Score: 93 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 216309 (D) 750 mL \$24.95

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#### **TENUTA PERANO RIALZI CHIANTI** CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE 2018 DOCG

(Frescobaldi)

Lots of ripe, dense and deep fruit character here with a full body, juicy intensity of fruit and a long and flavorful finish. [Drink till 2033.] Score: 95-96 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth 17682 (XD) 750 mL \$52.95



#### TIGNANELLO 2020

IGT Toscana (Antinori) The 2020 Tignanello is so primary, so intensely fruit-driven, that it almost tastes like a barrel sample. A burst of red Sangiovese fruit opens first, followed by hints of blood orange, cinnamon, spice, dried flowers and mocha develop later. Time in the glass brings out striking dimensions. In 2020, Tignanello is wonderfully sleek and racy, with fine tannins that lie below a core of bright, sculpted fruit. The balance here is just sublime. I can't wait to revisit the 2020 with age. Drinking window: 2028-2045. Score: **96** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb. 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 986786 (XD) 750 mL **\$183.95** 



#### VENETO

ALLEGRINI LA GROLA 2019 Sustainable, IGT Veronese

The 2019 La Grola keeps me returning to the glass to take in its darkly alluring blend of steeped cherries and plums complemented by sage and clove nuances. This is silky-smooth and potent, with a wave of ripe red fruits and spices that drench the palate in youthful concentration. Grippy tannins are left to linger as tart wild berries and a subtle hint of citrus add contrast. La Grola is primarily Corvina with a 10% dollop of Oseleta and doesn't go through any appassimento. Drinking window: 2024-2029. Score: **93** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Dec. 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 476598 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** 



#### LUCIANO ARDUINI FONTANA DEL FONGO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2021

This 50% Corvina, 30% Corvinone and 20% Rondinella is soft, easygoing and lithe. The brisk acidity, floral aromas, and red fruit flavours will make a fine accompaniment to fried polenta with tomato sauce.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **95** (lucamaroni.com, March 18, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 121731 (D) 750 mL **\$17.95** 🗸



#### TEDESCHI ANSARI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2017 Sustainable, DOCG

The 2017 Amarone della Valpolicella Ansari is dark and rich in the glass with a heady bouquet of crushed cherries, rosemary, mocha and sweet tobacco. This enters the palate with a pretty inner sweetness up front contrasted by a wave of tart red fruits and exotic spice, taking on a bitter hint of sour citrus toward the close. The 2017 finishes incredibly long, leaving a staining of primary concentration along edgy tannins that promise many years of further development. Drinking window: 2025-2030. Score: **94** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Dec. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 16103 (D) 750 mL **\$59.95** 



#### TENUTE FALEZZA VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO SUPERIORE 2019

This wine is a blend of 50% Corvina, 20% Corvinone, 25% Rondinella and 5% Oseleta. It's spicy and dense thanks to its second fermentation with Amarone pomace. Look for notes of black cherry, cinnamon, toasted almond, and green peppercorns and serve with a hearty beef stew.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 92 (lucamaroni.com, April 4, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 14999 (D) 750 mL **\$22.95** 



#### TEZZA VALPANTENA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2016 DOCG



80% Corvina, 20% Rondinella. A well-integrated wine with lovely notes of dried fruits and spices. Classic in style, it shows a lovely savouriness backed up by a soft, sweet fruity character. Wellproportioned and lively, the wine offers a juicy and savoury finish with great use of oak. Score: **96** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 32536 (XD) 750 mL **\$52.95** Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts



#### PORTUGAL - WHITE WINE

AVELEDA LOUREIRO 2021

Vegan, DOC Vinho Verde Sliced green apples, grapefruit pith, citrus rind and stony minerality on offer. It's supple and soft, almost off-dry. Yet it is fresh and toned with a polished texture and medium finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 6, 2023)

Light & Crisp 646067 (D)

(D) 750 mL **\$14.95** 





GUARDA RIOS RED 2020 Vinho Regional Alentejano (Monte da Ravasqueira) 40% Aragonez, 25% Syrah, 25% Trincadeira. Ripe vine fruits, blackberry, chocolate and vanilla on the nose followed by juicy acidity in the mouth with ripe, supple tannins and notes of black olive, tobacco and garrigue on the palate. Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 25257 (D) 750 mL **\$10.95** 🗸



FIUZA VERDELHO 2019 Estate bottled, Vinho Regional Tejo A new release from this producer, the wine has a distinctive perfumed character that shows richly against the melon and fresh citrus flavors. The wine is deliciously attractive and ready to drink now. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 1, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful 31189 (XD) 750 mL **\$14.95** 



# SPAIN - RED WINE

BOHÓRQUEZ RESERVA 2009 DO Ribera del Duero



Javier Bohórquez makes his ageworthy cuvée with Tempranillo, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Merlot. Surprisingly, given the heat of the 2009 vintage, this is slightly fresher than the equally impressive 2010, reviewed below. Mature, savoury and leafy with classic Ribera acidity and a winning combination of French and American oak. Drink date: 2019-2025. Score: **93** (timatkin.com, Ribera del Duero 2019 Top 100)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 30323 (XD) 750 mL **\$42.95** Product no longer available.



#### PORTUGAL - RED WINE

#### EVEL TINTO 2019 DOC Douro

Ripe, soft and juicy, this wine is full of berry fruits with just a touch of wood aging. The wine has an attractive finish of acidity. Best buy. Drink now. Score: **88** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 190694 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95



CIMAL TEMPRANILLO 2019 DO La Mancha (Bodegas Bastida)

Plums and blackberries with some chocolate and sandalwood undertones. It's medium-bodied with round, creamy tannins and a delicious finish. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 14, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 26329 (XD) 750 mL **\$14.95** 🗸

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#### CLOS DE TAFALL 2020

DOQ Priorat (Clos Berenguer)

A minerally red, with smoke, stone and iron on the nose, transitioning to underscore generous flavors of strawberry preserves, red licorice, violet and a savory boost of cured tobacco. Bright and juicy, but with a core of well-knit, chalky tannins that provide weight and focus. Drink now through 2030. Score: **92** (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com, July 31, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 574616 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 



#### MONTEABELLÓN 5 MESES EN BARRICA TEMPRANILLO 2020 DO Ribera del Duero

As the name implies, this 100% Tempranillo spent a short five months in American and French oak barrels. The oak ageing is well-integrated and unobtrusive, resulting in a balanced wine with supple tannins and good acidity. Expect notes of black cherry, blueberry, sweet tobacco, and toasted cedar.

[Tim Atkin, MW, did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (timatkin.com, Ribera del Duero 2020/21 Top 100)

Full-bodied & Firm 338871 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🗸



DEMUERTE 2020

Vegan, DO Yecla

(Winery On) Just in time for Halloween, this beautifully labelled bottle is a spicy, aromatic blend of Monastrell and Syrah. Deep red with a neon purple rim in the glass, it's a fruity, herbaceous wine with notes of black cherry, tarragon, cinnamon, and oak spice.

Full-bodied & Smooth 574780 (D) 750 mL \$19.95



#### DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS PÉTALOS 2020 DO Bierzo

... 92% Mencia with 5% other red grapes (Alicante Bouschet, Gran Negro, Pan y Carne and Negreda) and 3% whites (Valenciana, Jerez and Godello) ... jovial and juicy, approachable and round with very fine, slightly powdery tannins ... I tasted it again in mid-December, and the wine is showing better and better; time in bottle has done it some good, and the wine has settled and is getting more balanced. I don't feel the sun now; it's harmonious and more serious, juicy and tasty. A little better than anticipated. It was bottled in May 2021. Drink date: 2022-2027. Score: **93+** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker. com, June 30, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 446484 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** 



#### OGV OLD GARNACHA VINES 2019 DO Calatayud (Virgen de la Sierra)

The young, grapey and heady 2019 OGV Old Garnacha Vine is ripe at 14.7% alcohol, but it has good freshness and moderate acidity that make it soft and balanced and give it a velvety mouthfeel with fine tannins and a long, dry finish. It's varietal, ripe and juicy, not terribly complex. Drink date: 2021-2025. Score: **90** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Nov. 11, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 13633 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 🗸

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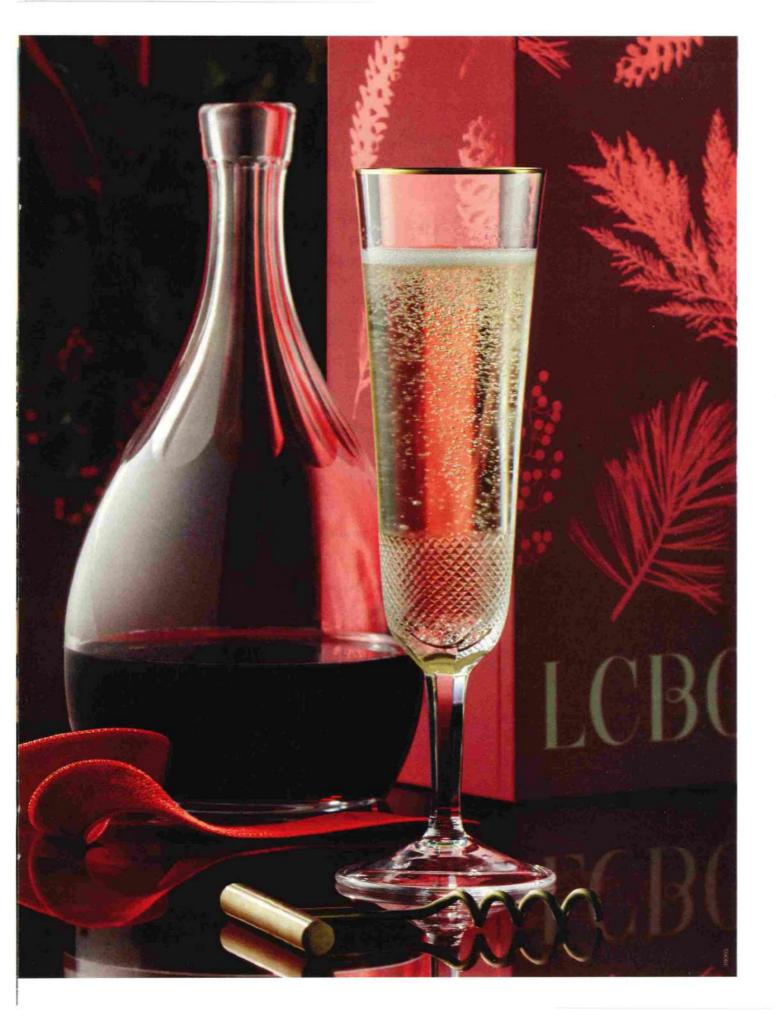
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