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wines of the month

Powerful values

CHÂTEAU TANUNDA YEAR OF THE DRAGON GRAND BAROSSA **LIMITED RESERVE SHIRAZ 2022**

South Australia 33379 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95

This is number 4 in Tanunda's set of 12 Lunar New Year editions and a great way to start off the Year of the Dragon. It's a wine with impressively defined dark berry, sweet spice, Black Forest cake, vanilla, and wellintegrated American and French oak spice.

Full-bodied & Smooth

New at Vintages

CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE LA FORÊT ORIGINAL 2020

Sustainable, AP Fronton, Southwest, France 354134 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95

Nice pure red fruit on the nose framed with chocolate and coffee undertones. Intense, structured, and fairly serious. Lingering finish. Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

Featured in Smart Buys 2024



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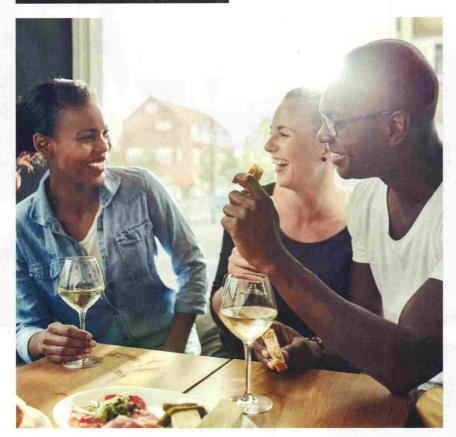
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WHAT'S ON

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

ESSENTIALS COLLECTION



BENJAMIN BRIDGE NOVA 7 SPARKLING

Nova Scotia

This aromatic sparkler suggests lime, mango and green apple. Serve lightly chilled with fresh fruit, or spicy fish tacos. 6.5% ABV.

256289 (MS) 750 mL \$25.95

KIM CRAWFORD ILLUMINATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand A fresh, aromatic Savvy with tropical fruit, citrus and herbs. Perfect for seafood. 7% ABV.

18947 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

VINELAND ESTATES ELEVATION ST. URBAN VINEYARD RIESLING ❖

VQA Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

From now-40-year-old vines brought to Ontario from the Mosel by local pioneer Hermann Weis, this is herbal and mineral, with snappy citrus. 8.4% ABV.

38117 (MS) 750 mL \$22.95

LET THERE BE LIGHT

'Tis the season for resolutions, and if yours include lightening up in one way or another, wines with less alcohol are an easy part of the solution. These three favourites from the Essentials Collection all ring in at under 8.5% alcohol by volume without sacrificing body or flavour. Cheers to that!





Throughout the year, we host fun and informative tastings where you can sample from a selection of wines or spirits and meet industry representatives. Our events offer something for everyone:

- Walk-around tastings are large, relaxed events where guests visit different stations at their own pace and sample a range of wines or spirits alongside gourmet finger food.
- Winemaker dinners are held at top restaurants and feature wines from iconic wineries and a multi-course meal. A special guest (often the winemaker) presents the wines.
- In-store tastings are held at the tasting bars in many of our larger stores. These free tastings feature wines from the bi-weekly Vintages releases.

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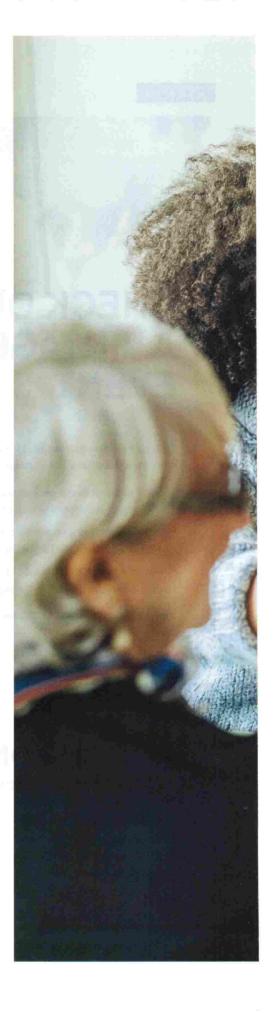
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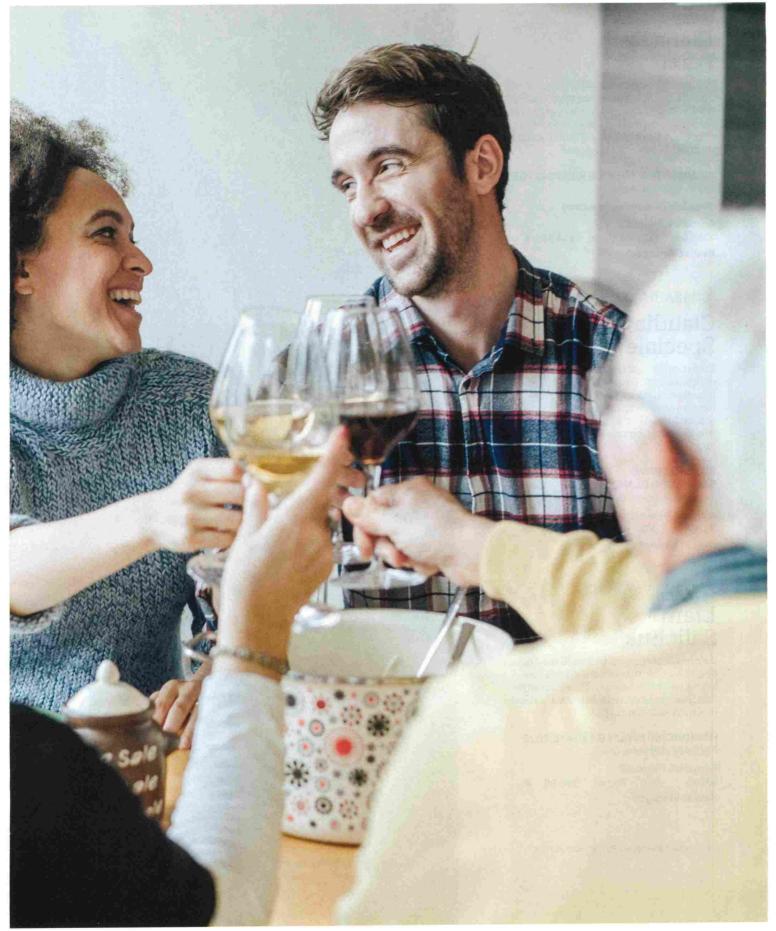
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SMART BUYS 2024

Happy new year! We know all you sensible shoppers out there have been eagerly awaiting the January edition of Smart Buys, **brought to you by our expert in-house buyers**. In these pages, you'll find a wealth of shrewd deals along with our buyers' insider insights into what makes these 25 wines so special. If you need to re-stock your pantry post-holidays or just want to try some fine wines that are light on your wallet, read on.





ICONIC STYLE

Elena Delli Pizzi 66

Yalumba's Y Series is a collection of iconic classics, and this wine is no exception. Their 2021 vintage produced Riesling grapes of balance, style, and exceptional varietal characteristics from one of South Australia's most celebrated wine regions."

YALUMBA THE Y SERIES RIESLING 2021 Vegan, South Australia

90 points (jamessuckling.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful
32555 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 **New at Vintages**

SUSTAINABLE SAVVY

Claudia Speciale 66

From Chile's Central Valley comes this delicious, crisp Sauvignon Blanc. Sutil is committed to sustainable practices, focused on delivering the best expression of their land. This wine offers citrus and tropical notes, complexity, and a smooth, long finish."

SUTIL RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Vegan, sustainable, Central Valley, Chile

Aromatic & Flavourful 35965 (XD) 75

65 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95

New at Vintages

UNIQUE VARIETIES

Liam Salichuk 66

Sourced from vineyards close to the Aegean Sea, this zesty, flavourful wine is a celebration of the indigenous Greek varieties Robola and Malagousia. Pair it with risotto or a spicy chicken curry."

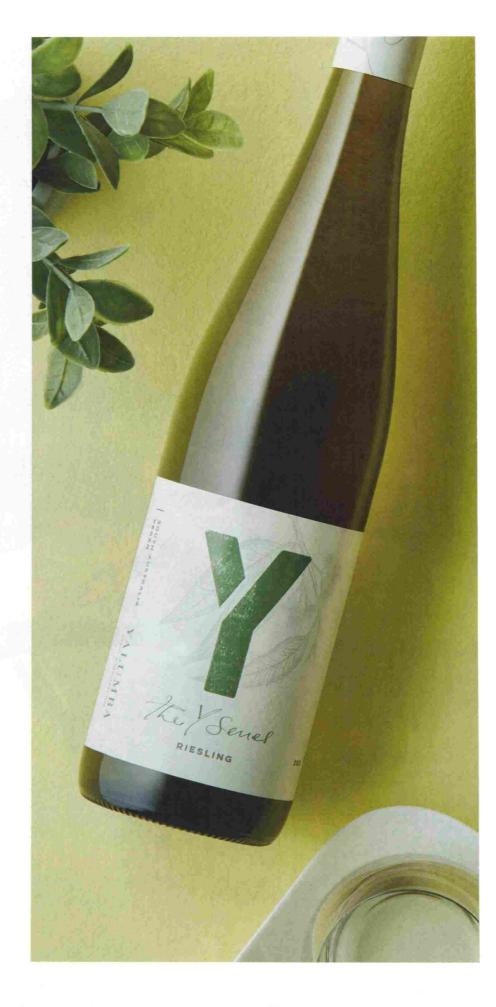
HATZIMICHALIS ALFEGA WHITE 2022

PGI Valley of Atalanti, Greece

Aromatic & Flavourful
33255 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95

New at Vintages

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SHOP SMART

In a hurry? These handy lists will guide you to the perfect wine.

LOVE THE CLASSICS? TRY:

Château Joinin 2020 (527853)

Château de la Grange Vieilles Vignes Côtes de Grand Lieu Muscadet 2021 (637868)

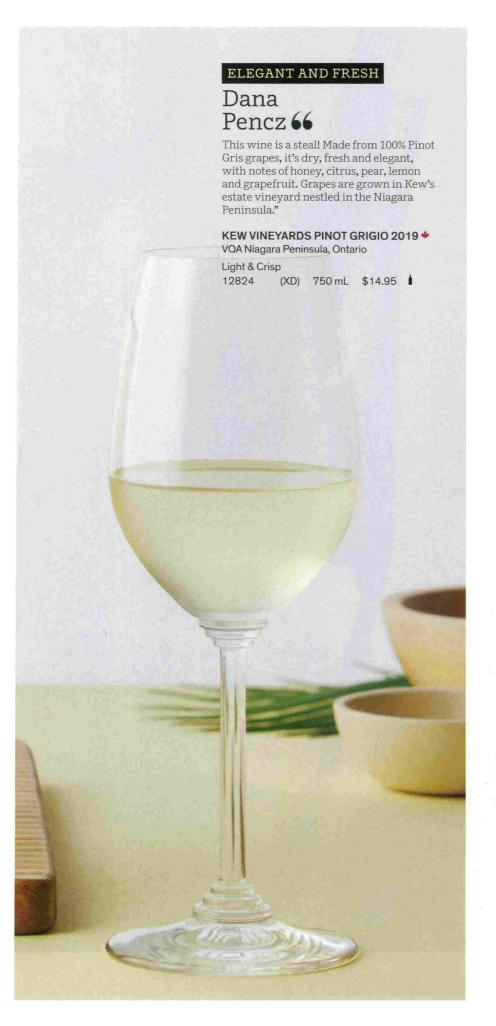
Mission Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2022 (17586)

Sister's Run Epiphany Shiraz 2020 (269464)

Nieto Senetiner Malbec 2021 (32145)

Muriel Fincas de la Villa Blanco 2022 (645127)







COOL CALI CHARD

Marc Staples 66

California's fog-blanketed coastal mornings combine with sunny afternoons and breezy evenings to provide ideal growing conditions for Chardonnay. Lightly oaked, this versatile wine is approachable and super food-friendly."

CANNONBALL CHARDONNAY 2022 California

Full-bodied & Rich

311563 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95



PIONEERING PRODUCER

Elena Delli Pizzi 66

Mission Estate is New Zealand's oldest winery; a pioneer that has been making wine since 1851. Bursting with flavour, this single-vineyard Sauvignon Blanc offers excellent value. Perfect for making everyday occasions extra special."

MISSION ESTATE MARLBOROUGH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022**

Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand

90 points (Rebecca Gibb, MW, vinous.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful

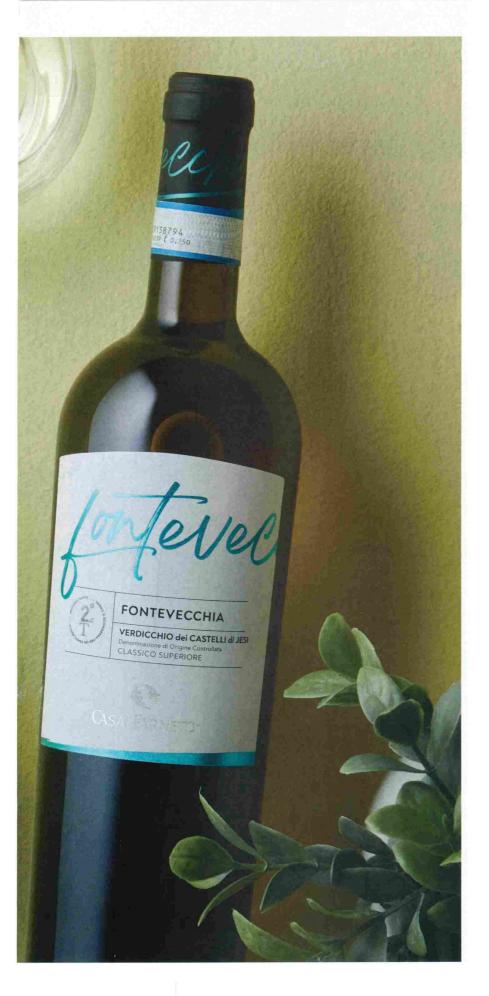
17586

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✓



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WANT TO TASTE SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT? TRY:

Château Bellevue La Forêt Original 2020 (354134)

Hatzimichalis Alfega White 2022 (33255)

Fontevecchia Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2022 (11140)

Napier 14 Homes Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2022 (33302)

Peter Zemmer Pinot Grigio 2022 (95802)



TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

Madison Pearce

Peter Zemmer combines innovation and traditional practices to create this benchmark for Alto Adige. It's a great expression of the terroir, with an elegant floral aroma balanced with fresh acidity. Perfect for shellfish."

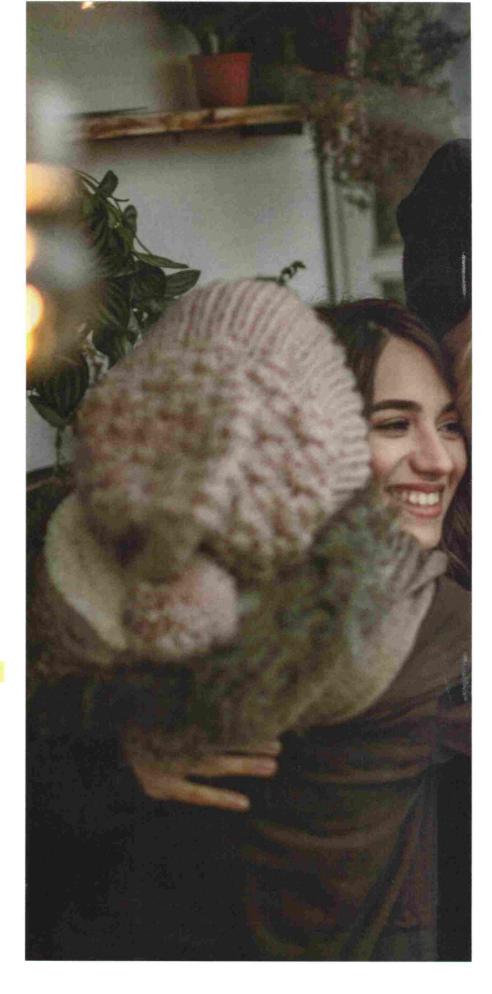
PETER ZEMMER PINOT GRIGIO 2022

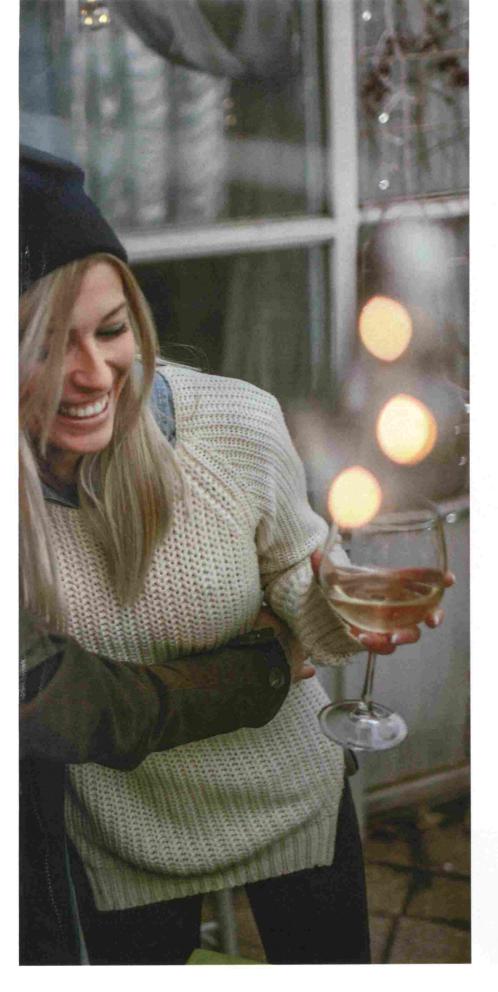
DOC Alto Adige, Italy

92 points (Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast)

Light & Crisp 95802

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95







MODERN RIOSA

Julie Hauser 66



Fantastic value for an oaked version of white Rioja. This wine is made in a modern style, with fresh juice and a round texture. Very food-friendly!"

MURIEL FINCAS DE LA VILLA **BLANCO 2022**

DOCa Rioja, Spain Full-bodied & Rich

645127 (XD)

750 mL \$13.95 🗸



STELLAR VINTAGE

Lisa Chapman 66



A Vintages customer favourite! This château was purchased in 1989 by the owners of Château Pipeau, a Saint-Émilion Grand Cru. The 2020 vintage is drinking beautifully now. A great everyday Bordeaux for any occasion."

CHÂTEAU JOININ 2020

AC Bordeaux, France

90 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

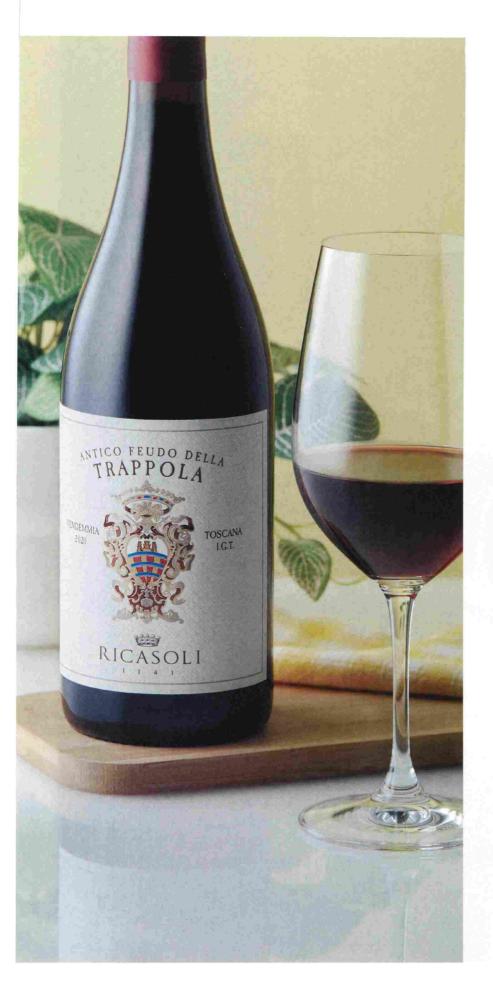
Full-bodied & Firm

527853 (XD)

750 mL \$13.95 /

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IN THE **MARKET FOR A GREAT FOODIE** WINE? TRY:

Yalumba The Y Series Riesling 2021 (32555)

Redtail Vineyards Pinot Noir 2017 (400374)

La Nerthe Les Cassagnes Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2020 (494674)

Terra d'Aligi Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2022 (981399)

Kew Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2019 (12824)



RIPE AND INTENSE

Madison Pearce 66

Known as the Prince of Abruzzo wines, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo has an intense ruby red colour, with aromas of ripe red fruit, berries and licorice complemented by sweet spice. Elegant and balanced with a long finish, it's perfect for spaghetti bolognese."

TERRA D'ALIGI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2022

DOC, Abruzzo, Italy

Medium-bodied & Fruity

981399

(D) 750 mL \$16.95 /

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 40 TO 41.



MEET OUR EXPERTS

NEW WORLD WINES



Elena Delli Pizzi

66 To me, wine means family. Many of my earliest memories are of my Italian-immigrant parents and grandparents crushing grapes in the garage, working together on their homemade wine. I've been lucky to experience a range of wines from all over the world and have completed WSET's Level 2 Award in Wines. I'm always inspired by the history of the wineries we work with, most of which are family-driven as well."



Claudia Speciale

66 I love how every wine has a story and how wine can bring people together. From dinners to casual drinks on a patio, a glass of wine helps curate intimate conversations and experiences with our favourite people. After business school, I followed my passion for wine, which led me to the LCBO in 2015 and WSET's Level 3 Award in Wines."



Marc Staples

66 Wine and food go hand in hand, and I love being able to find something new, delicious, and sometimes surprising to go with what I create in the kitchen. I achieved my WSET diploma in 2003 and have been an educator ever since, for the trade and for the wine-loving public, both formally and informally. Finding great wines at an affordable price is my passion."

ONTARIO WINES



Dana Penca

My buying career led me to the exciting world of wine. I love how wine can be a source of pride and heritage. My Hungarian father would often proudly talk about Tokaji at the dinner table. As we shared a bottle, he reminisced about growing up in Hungary. I achieved my WSET Level 2 Award in Wines and am currently studying for my Level 3 certification."

EUROPEAN WINES



Madison Pearce

66 I've always had a passion for travelling and have been to 24 countries, including Italy where I lived for a summer. I've been the buyer for Italian wines at the LCBO since 2022. I love cooking and hosting wine-and-food evenings for friends and family. Currently, I'm studying for WSET Level 3 certification and I have master's degrees in strategic marketing and marketing intelligence."



Liam Salichuk

66 A decade of experience in the beverage alcohol industry and a huge appreciation for Ontario craft beer complements my passion for our diverse wine market. I love having friends over for dinner, and there's something special about picking the perfect wine to make the meal even more enjoyable. I've always advocated for finding great-value wines to pair with every occasion."



Julie Hauser

way to connect with people and places. I love the experience of discovery and how the unique combination of aromas and flavours can create a sensory journey. I'm a certified sommelier and love finding delicious wines that can be explored and shared."



Lisa Chapman

66 I've spent over 20 years with the buying team and eight years as the French buyer. I've had the honour to work on the Bordeaux Futures campaign for the last decade, getting a first glimpse of the quality of each new vintage. My passion expands into hosting; I love serving French wine with food and sharing all the fantastic regions and varieties of this iconic wine country."

LOOKING **FOR A POPULAR** CROWD-PLEASER? TRY:

Sutil Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2023 (35965)

Ricasoli Antico Feudo della Trappola 2020 (32687)

Tarapacá Gran Reserva Red Blend 2021 (35970)

Pound Cake Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 (33816)

Cannonball Chardonnay 2022 (311563)

CLASSIC COONAWARRA

Elena Delli Pizzi 66

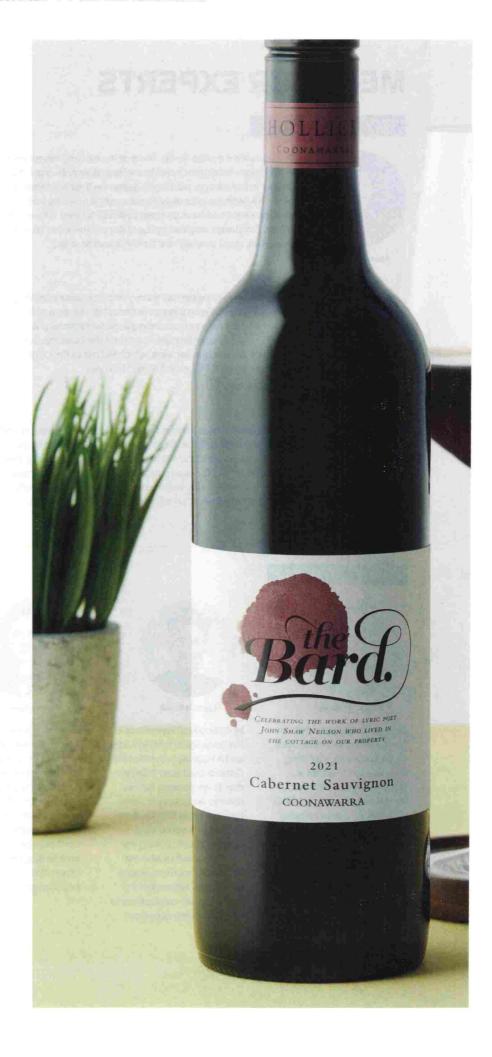
From famed producer Wendy Hollick, this is a classic Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon yielding aromas and flavours of dark berries, cherries and plums. It's an excellent accompaniment for food."

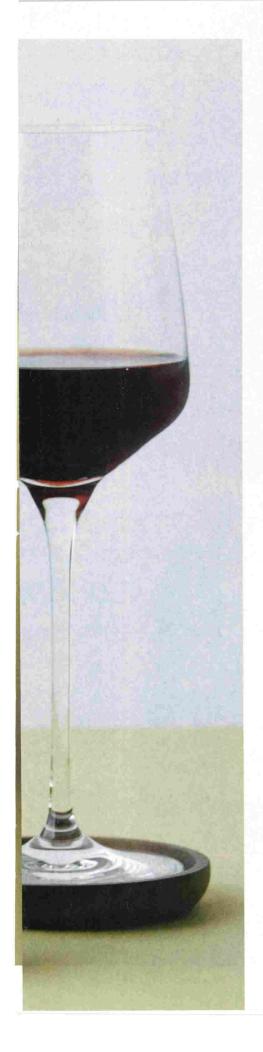
HOLLICK THE BARD **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021**

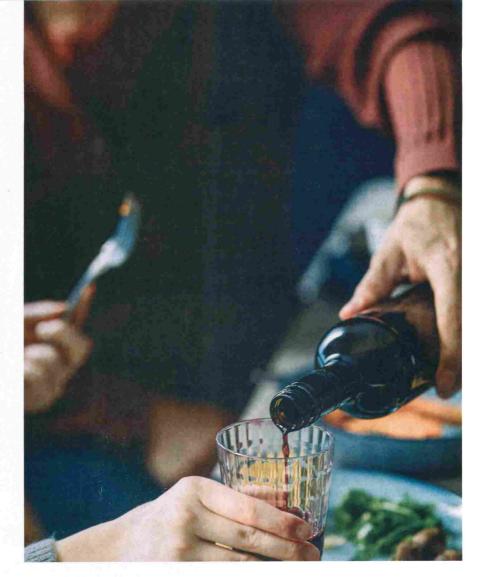
Coonawarra, South Australia

Full-bodied & Smooth

18525 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 /









COMPLEX CAB

Marc Staples 66

From the Columbia Valley in Washington, this wine showcases the value, intensity and complexity so often achieved in this pristine growing environment. Perfect for sharing anytime."

LOST PEAK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Columbia Valley, Washington

Full-bodied & Smooth

26510 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



POPULAR GAMAY

Lisa Chapman 66

This Beaujolais-Villages is a favourite of the world's leading wine critics. It's a high-quality Gamay that never fails to impress. Try it chilled and paired with French charcuterie."

DOMAINE DE LA MADONE LE PERRÉON **BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2022**

AC, Beaujolais, France (Jean Bérerd et Fils)

91 points (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 981175 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🗸

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 30 TO 37.





UNCOMPROMISING QUALITY

Claudia Speciale 66

This organic red is one you can feel good about. Made with no compromises, it delivers on taste and quality while maintaining the winery's commitments to tradition, innovation, sustainability and biodiversity. Fruit-forward with polished tannins, this wine is a crowd-pleaser."

TARAPACÁ GRAN RESERVA RED BLEND 2021

Vegan, sustainable, DO Valle del Maipo, Chile

92 points (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth

35970 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 🗸

New at Vintages



A WINE THAT GIVES BACK

Claudia Speciale 66

This wine is named after the 14 homes completed for 14 families of farm workers at Napier Winery. Providing workers with modern, safe homes for their families was a priority for Napier, who also cover educational and transportation costs for the children. A feel-good purchase with every sip!"

NAPIER 14 HOMES CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERLOT 2022

Sustainable, WO Coastal Region, South Africa

Full-bodied & Smooth

33302 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 🗸

New at Vintages



A GRAPE TO KNOW

Lisa Chapman 66

From Fronton in Southwest France just north of Toulouse, this wine is 55% Négrette. Négrette produces soft, silky, perfumed wines with low tannins. The blend contains Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, all of which introduce additional structure and ageability."

CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE LA FORÊT ORIGINAL 2020

Sustainable, AP Fronton, Southwest, France

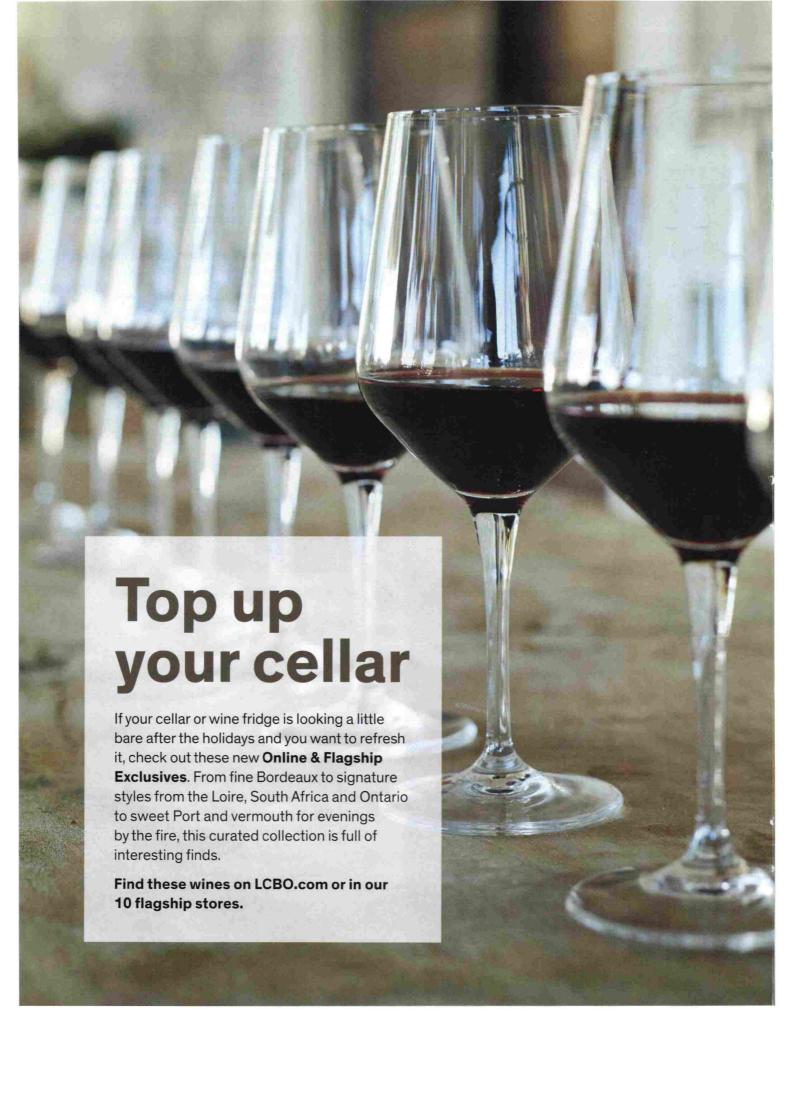
90 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

Full-bodied & Firm

354134 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95

Featured as our Wine of the Month







Shop these wines on LCBO.com or in our 10 flagship stores on Saturday, January 6.



LAKEVIEW BOURBON AGED CABERNET FRANC 2019 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

Aged in Bourbon barrels. Herbaceous and bold, with notes of plum, green bell pepper, and toasted walnut.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 37004 (XD) 750 mL \$35.00 **New at Vintages**



CHÂTEAU MARQUIS DE TERME 2018

4e cru, AC Margaux, Bordeaux, France

Balanced and rich, with refined fruit supported by vanilla bean and cigar box. Drink: 2026-2044.

94 points (Jane Anson, decanter.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 646851 (XD) 750 mL \$61.95



TILLEULS CRU VALLET MUSCADET **SÈVRE ET MAINE 2018**

Sustainable, AP, Loire, France

Impressively defined quince, melon, apple, pear and citrus, with sharply delineated minerality. Drink through 2030+.

Light & Crisp 35861 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 **New at Vintages**



CHÂTEAU VINCENS ORIGINE MALBEC 2019

AC Cahors, Southwest, France

Succulent ripe black fruit, with a densely textured palate and bold tannins. Drink till 2030.

92 points (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 / 343400



COCCHI DOPO TEATRO AMARO VERMOUTH

Piedmont, Italy

Excellent balance, with rhubarb, sarsaparilla, cherry bark, lifted mint notes, and a peppery

95 points (Michaela Morris, decanter.com)

750 mL \$37.95 /



QUINTA DO SAGRADO PORT 2017

DOP, Portugal

Dense and powerful, with a serious tannic structure. A gem for the cellar. Drink after

96 points (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast)

Sweet

33937 750 mL \$106.95 -**New at Vintages**



AVONDALE ANIMA CHENIN BLANC 2019

Sustainable, WO Paarl, South Africa

Robust and snappy, with aromas of quince, pear, dried apricot, and hints of lemon peel.

93 points (Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge)

Full-bodied & Rich

32932

(XD) 750 mL \$38.95 /

New at Vintages



AVONDALE SAMSARA SYRAH 2013

Sustainable, WO Paarl, South Africa

Energetic black fruit flavours that show restraint with balancing floral notes. Chalky minerality on the finish.

92 points (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

32935 (XD) 750 mL \$47.95

New at Vintages

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LOCAL



Show and tell

The Winemaker's Blend series shines the spotlight on Thirty Bench's award-winning winemaker, Emma Garner. Garner carefully crafts these wines to express the best of our unique Niagara terroir through the lens of each distinct grape variety and vintage. The 2020 Cabernet Franc shows characterful savoury green sage notes, sour cherry and redcurrant. You'll want to tell all your friends.



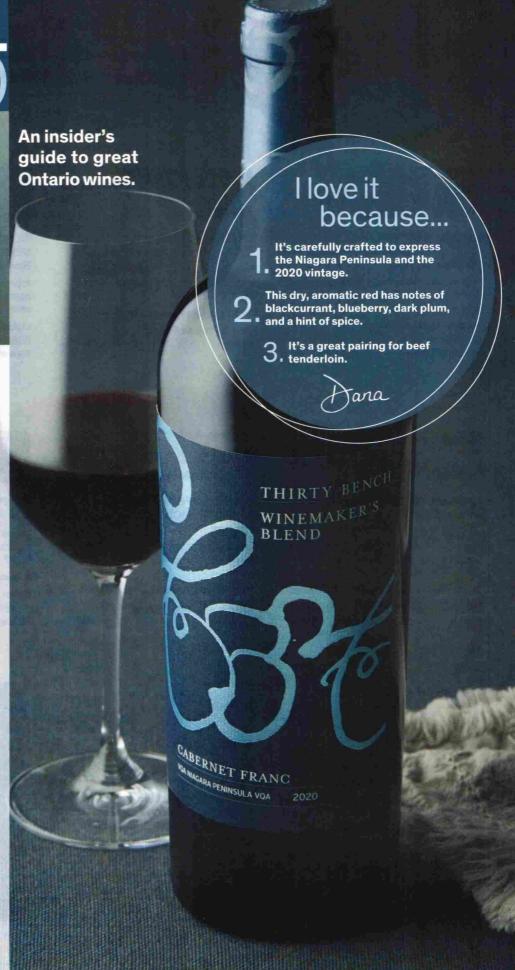
THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CABERNET FRANC 2020

VQA Niagara Peninsula

30073 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 Medium-bodied & Fruity

92 points (winealign.com)

For complete tasting note, see page 28.



PRODUCT NOTES



Look for this icon to find Ontario VQA and BC wines.

DRINKABILITY INDEX

This index is intended as a guideline and reflects the collective view of our purchasing panel.



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



DRINK OR HOLD: Can be enjoyed now, but may be matured further by cellaring.



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

SUGAR CONTENT

Residual sugar content (e.g., 5 g/L) is displayed on shelf signs and online (visit LCBO.com and search the product number). Perceived sweetness - ranging from Extra Dry to Sweet or XD, D, M, MS, S - is printed in this catalogue, on shelf signs and online. Please discuss specifics with a Product Consultant.

WINE STYLES

Every wine in this section includes a style (e.g. Full-bodied & Smooth, Aromatic & Flavourful) designed to help you quickly and easily choose products. Visit LCBO.com/winestyles.

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FORTIFIED WINE

QUINTA DO SAGRADO PORT 2017

DOP, Portugal



This wine has power and density. Its rich blackberry fruits are developing behind a serious tannic structure. The bite of the spirit gives a peppery edge to the ripe wine. On the dry side, the wine will develop over many years. Drink from 2030. Score: 96 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2019)

Sweet

33937

750 mL \$106.95

Online & Flagship Exclusive



GONZÁLEZ BYASS NUTTY SOLERA MEDIUM OLOROSO SHERRY

DO, Spain

The nose is all about toasted nuts, mocha, caramel, clove and allspice. The palate, while decidedly sweeter than any Fino or Manzanilla, is nicely balanced by the acidity, making it the ideal sipping sherry. It's not overly complex, but at this price point there's more than enough going on to keep you occupied. It will also, once opened, keep for a couple of weeks in your fridge. So no need to finish it all in one sitting. Score: 4 out of 5 (Jamie Drummond, goodfoodrevolution.com, Feb. 10, 2017)

Medium

35204

(MS) 750 mL \$20.95



SPECIALTY WINES

VERMOUTH

COCCHI DOPO TEATRO AMARO VERMOUTH

Piedmont, Italy

A higher proportion of bittering cinchona is offset by additional sugar for a deftly balanced vermouth. Flavours of rhubarb, sarsaparilla and cherry bark lead to a minty, peppery finish. Score: 95 (Michaela Morris, decanter.com, Dec. 27, 2018)

27849 750 mL \$37.95 • Online & Flagship Exclusive

THE NEW RELEASE COLLECTION



SPARKLING WINE

LA FLEUR DE FRANÇOIS BRUT CRÉMANT DE BORDEAUX

Traditional method, AC, Bordeaux, France This sparkling is a delight with a clean, fresh nose and a hint of white flowers. No discernable mousse but it dances on the tongue with refreshing hints of citrus. Beautiful balance and good length. Serve on its own or with seafood canapés. Excellent value. This would be a very versatile sparkling so at this price - you may want to stock up. Score: 92 (Carolyn Hetke, thewineloverskitchen.com, Aug. 11, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 648170 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



CANADA - RED WINE

ONTARIO

LAKEVIEW BOURBON AGED CABERNET FRANC 2019 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Aged in used American oak Bourbon barrels, this Cab Franc shows herbaceous, vegetal notes and inviting red fruit flavours blended with smoky tones of toasted walnuts. It will make an excellent accompaniment to maple-roasted acorn squash and an autumn apple-and-pecan garden salad.

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NEW

Medium-bodied & Fruity 37004 (XD) 750 mL \$35.00 • Online & Flagship Exclusive



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

KEW VINEYARDS PINOT GRIGIO 2019 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

This wine has bright notes of pear, citrus, honey, and tropical fruit. Refreshing, vibrant and bonedry, it's crafted in an easy-to-enjoy style with far-reaching appeal and has the versatility to pair with chicken salad, seacuterie, brie or Gruyère.

Light & Crisp (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 12824 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



REDTAIL VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2017 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

This wine was aged for 18 months in a combination of 25% new and 75% neutral French oak. This ageing imparted a fine structure to the wine without overpowering the delicate floral suggestions or dulling the bright blackberry, red cherry, plum and cassis fruit tones. A versatile food wine, it will work well with a turkey dinner with all the fixin's.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 400374 (XD) 750 mL \$17.00 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



TAWSE GROWER'S BLEND SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Lovely aromatics here: grapefruit, some elderflower, and a touch of wood and wax. Textured palate with nice sweet fruit. It falls off a bit on the sweet finish, but such lovely aromatics and texture here. Score: 90 (Jamie Goode, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 34135 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95



NEW

THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CABERNET FRANC 2020 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Savoury green sage notes with sour cherry and red currants. Very big but still fresh. Big tannins but refined. Very nice but needs time. Has nice acidity and elegant tannins with a long finish. [Drink now till 2030.] Score: 92 (Jennifer Huether, MS, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 30073 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 Featured in Local Find



USA - WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

CANNONBALL CHARDONNAY 2022 California

This Chardonnay is crafted to reflect its Burgundian origins with a buoyant Californian panache. Fruit is fermented in stainless steel (to emphasize freshness and the vibrant lemon, pear and apple notes) and French oak (to add characterful toast and pastry elements). Exotic spices, vanilla and toffee tones introduce more complexity and fun. Try this with rich seafood, grilled chicken or grilled pork.

Full-bodied & Rich 311563 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 Featured in *Smart Buys* 2024



WILLIAM HILL CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY 2021

California

A delicious chardonnay with buttered brioche and cooked apple character with hints of lemon. Medium body. Good fruit and a fresh finish. Drink now [through 2024+]. Score: **90** (jamessuckling. com, April 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich 288555 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 €



IRONSTONE CHARDONNAY 2021 Lodi

A favourite of Vintages customers for its butterysmooth palate that doesn't overwhelm the snappy acidity. Aged in French oak barrels for five months, this tried-and-true classic is full of flavours of ripe pear, vanilla bean, and creamy butter.

Full-bodied & Rich 355776 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95**



WASHINGTON

LONE BIRCH CHARDONNAY 2022

Estate grown, Yakima Valley
Washington is becoming increasingly popular for
Burgundian varieties that require a more delicate
touch than California typically offers. Admirers
of moderate-climate Chardonnay can confidently
try this wine and appreciate its notes of ripe pear,
honeysuckle, vanilla bean, and lemon zest. Serve
it tonight with roasted veggies and tahini.

Full-bodied & Rich 13311 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95**



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IRONSTONE

J. LOHR RIVERSTONE CHARDONNAY 2021

Sustainable, Arroyo Seco, Monterey County The 35th vintage of this beloved wine showcases how cool-climate Monterey – specifically Arroyo Seco – packs charm, elegance, texture, and balance into Chardonnay ... malolactic fermentation and sur lie aging have added to the wine's innate richness. Striking scents of lemon meringue, creamed corn, and yellow flowers emerge effortlessly. Acidity waves its wand on the palate, lending crystal-clear focus and casting a textural spell with mouthwatering notes of summer peach, lime, and kiwi. The finish of candied yam and mandarin orange peel is exotic. Score: 94 (Meridith May, tastingpanelmag.com, March/April 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich 10866 (XD) 375 mL \$13.95



USA - RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

GHOST PINES WINEMAKER'S BLEND CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Sonoma County/Lake County/Napa County In true California style, this wine blends fruit from Sonoma, Lake County and Napa County to effortlessly balance bold red and blue fruit flavours with notes of smoky vanilla, dark chocolate, and hints of spices. A real crowd-pleaser red that will always be a hit with tourtière or beef stew.

Full-bodied & Smooth 135376 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95**

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USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

J. LOHR LOS OSOS MERLOT 2020 Paso Robles

J. Lohr steadily produces wines that outperform much more expensive bottlings, and this cellarworthy Merlot is a classic example. Easy-to-like aromas of red-cherry compote, loam and dark caramel lead into a polished palate of cherry, rose petal and wood spice. Best Buy. Score: 91 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

10459

(XD) 375 mL \$13.95

NEW



UNDERWOOD PINOT NOIR 2021

Sustainable, Oregon (Union Wine Company)

Bright and bouncy, with aromas of dusty roadside raspberries, garrique and a wee bit of cantaloupe. The wine's crisp acidity and brisk mouthfeel pairs nicely with its smooth, mostly integrated tannins. Flavors like strawberry jam on toast, beeswax and bittersweet dark chocolate complement a shot of espresso. Great value. Best Buy. Score: 90 (Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

421198 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

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POUND CAKE **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

California

Crafted with immediate, easy enjoyment in mind, this Cabernet Sauvignon has a rather decadent character. Featuring boldly expressed dark fruit with an underlying leather note providing additional intrigue and complexity, it's perfect for casual mid-week dining but has the oomph necessary to pair with roast beef or a salty glazed ham.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

33816

(D)

750 mL \$19.95

Featured in Smart Buys 2024



WASHINGTON

LOST PEAK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Columbia Valley

The name "Lost Peak" may refer to the oftencloud-veiled peaks of the Cascade Mountain Range. within whose rain shadow this fine Cabernet is sourced, but this wine certainly doesn't have its head in the clouds. It has a bold, concentrated core that features impressive black fruit, plum, coffee, tobacco and chocolate tones. Ideal for roast beef dinners, steak, or grilled ribs.

Full-bodied & Smooth

26510

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95

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OREGON

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL NORTHWEST **WINEMAKERS PINOT NOIR 2022**

Oregon

A collaborative effort from two goliath Oregon producers: Christopher Michael Wines and Underwood. Crafted to fuel wanderlust, this earthy Pinot Noir offers aromas of ripe red cherry, coffee, freshly turned earth and hints of leather. Bring a loved one for a nice hike and open this delicious red while you admire the scenery.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

25111

(XD) 750 mL \$21.95





ARGENTINA - WHITE WINE

PIEDRA NEGRA ALTA COLECCIÓN **TORRONTÉS 2023**

Mendoza

The 2023 growing season in Mendoza saw significant rain and two episodes of heavy frost, but the weather was warm and ideal during the ripening period, allowing for perfect ripeness and early harvests. Fresh and floral with an exciting liveliness, this wine is a picture-perfect highaltitude Torrontés.

Light & Crisp

34815

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95

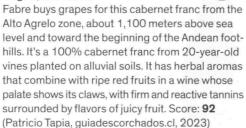


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ARGENTINA - RED WINE

H.J. FABRE RESERVA CABERNET FRANC 2021

Vegan, Mendoza



Medium-bodied & Fruity 35426 (XD) 750 n

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95

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NEW



NIETO SENETINER MALBEC 2021

Mendoza

Ripe blueberries and plums with violets, sweet vanilla and dark chocolate. Soft and creamy with medium body and fine, polished tannins. Ripe and mellow berry character and a firm finish. Drink or hold [until 2027]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

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Full-bodied & Smooth

32145 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95

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HUMBERTO CANALE INTIMO SELECTED VINEYARDS MALBEC 2022

Rio Negro, Patagonia

Intimo is made with grapes from Humberto Canale's higher-yielding blocks and is deliberately made in a lighter style. Sappy, floral and bright, it has some chalky freshness and focus, plum and red cherry fruit and subtly handled oak integration. Drink date: 2023-2027. Score: **90** (timatkin.com, *Argentina Special Report 2023*)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 144725 (XD) 750 m

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95



TAPIZ ALTA COLLECTION MALBEC 2020

Sustainable, San Pablo Vineyard, Uco Valley, Mendoza (Fincas Patagónicas)

Notes of ripe blackberries and black plums with baking spices, oyster shell minerality and some cocoa beans. Medium- to full-bodied with sleek, polished tannins and delicious cocoa-dusted dark berries. This is firm, round and delicious with nice length. Drinkable now, but better after 2023. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 450155 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** ✓



KOSKIL PINOT NOIR 2021

Patagonia

Notes of cherries, wild strawberries, pomegranate peel and light spices. Fresh and crunchy with medium body and soft tannins. It has a smooth, silky texture and a delicious fruit profile, with notes of blue flowers. Flavorful finish. Drink now [till 2029]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

34816 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



NEW

CHILE - WHITE WINE

SUTIL RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Vegan, sustainable, Central Valley
This nervy, zesty Savvy is sourced from Colchagua
Valley and Curicó Valley sites in the Central Valley
and delivers impressive tropical fruit notes atop

citrus and herbal tones. Balanced and fresh, it's perfect for shellfish.

Aromatic & Flavourful 35965 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 ✓

Featured in Smart Buys 2024



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CHILE - RED WINE

MAYU APPASSIMENTO GRAN RESERVA **CARMENÈRE 2020**

DO Valle del Elqui

... part of the grapes are left hanging in the vineyard for two extra months; they are harvested at two times, 40% in April and the remaining 60% in June, trying to replicate the Amarone process. But here they can have the grapes hanging on the vine because they have very dry weather, and the bunches stay healthy but lose some 35% of the volume. Sixty percent of the wine matured in American oak barrels for eight to 10 months ... round palate with ripe tannins and a juicy mouthfeel. Very different. Drink date: 2023-2027. Score: 91 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, April 6, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 90035



MONTGRAS DAY ONE **NEW RANGE GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022**

Vegan, sustainable, DO Valle del Maipo This Cabernet has great intensity and plentiful juicy red fruit, plum and cherry flavours alongside the oak spice and savoury herbs. It's a perfect option for a hearty winter stew.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 35975 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



SANTA CAROLINA GRAN **RESERVA ASSEMBLAGE 2020**

Sustainable, DO Valle de Cauquenes Creamy oak with some rich strawberries and black cherries. Medium-bodied on the palate with some fresh berries and a hint of sweet-sour that gives it a fruitier and more generous character. Easy and approachable. 80% malbec and 20% cabernet sauvignon. Drink now. Score: 89 (jamessuckling. com, April 24, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 35969 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



TARAPACÁ GRAN RESERVA **RED BLEND 2021**

Vegan, sustainable. DO Valle del Maipo

... 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Carménère, 10% Syrah, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot from Fundo Tarapacá, Maipo Valley. It was aged for 12 months in oak barrels. Vivid purple in the glass. The tea-like nose offers blackberry and raspberry notes with hints of black tea, spice and balsamic aromas. Broad and juicy with fine, reactive tannins. It has a long-lasting, expansive finish. Drinking window: 2023-2033. Score: 92 (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com, June 2023)

NEW

Full-bodied & Smooth 35970 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 Featured in Smart Buys 2024 & Organic product



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VISTAMAR GRAN RESERVA CABERNET/SYRAH 2020

Sustainable, Valle del Maipo This blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon and 40% syrah, all from vineyards on alluvial soils from the Maipo River in the Maipo Valley, was barrel aged for 16 months, although the oak is by no means the main player here. What predominates, instead, is the generosity of the fruity flavors and the ripeness of a warm year like 2020. And the creamy tannins tend to accentuate that voluptuous sensation. One for aged cheeses. Score: 92 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 21466 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



AUSTRALIA - WHITE WINE

MOUNTADAM FIVE-FIFTY **CHARDONNAY 2020**

Eden Valley, South Australia A big and bold Australian chardonnay that reminds me of the better wines from the early 1990s. Almost chunky tannins, but also crunchy citric freshness that enables it to carry this generous stature. Quite robust at the finish. Drink or hold. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95



YALUMBA THE Y SERIES RIESLING 2021

Vegan, South Australia A fresh and vivid riesling that has plenty of pear and citrus fruit, as well as gently minerally notes and some lemon peel and sweet, bright perfume. The palate has succulent acidity and delivers plenty of bright lemon flavor. Good composure and

length. Drink now. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com,

April 1, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 32555

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FARMER'S LEAP RANDOM SHOT SHIRAZ 2020

Padthaway, South Australia

Floral, bright and complex, with dark berry, chocolate, spice, and lifted mint. This will drink through 2030+.

[The Limestone Coast Wine Show did not include a tasting note.] Score: 96 (Limestone Coast Wine Show, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

33368 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

CHÂTEAU TANUNDA YEAR OF THE DRAGON GRAND BAROSSA LIMITED RESERVE SHIRAZ 2022



South Australia

This is number 4 in Tanunda's set of 12 Lunar New Year editions and a great way to start off the Year of the Dragon. It's a wine with impressively defined dark berry, sweet spice, Black Forest cake, vanilla, and well-integrated American and French oak spice.

Full-bodied & Smooth

33379

(XD) 750 mL **\$27.95**

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HOLLICK THE BARD

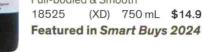


lyric poet John Shaw Neilson, who was raised in the cottage on Hollick's Neilson's Block vineyard. This Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and fresh, with cherry, dark fruit, plum, cassis, cedar, spice, tobacco,

and a lifted herbal context.

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$14.95





CLARENCE HILL McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 2020

McLaren Vale, South Australia (Nick Haselgrove Wines)

Fruit forward and immediately appealing with dark berry, roasted nut, olive and mixed spice aromas, it's juicy and smooth in the mouth displaying silky texture and fine tannins, leading to a delectably appealing finish. Score: 92 (Sam Kim, wineorbit. co.nz, Feb. 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

26929

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95



SHANAHANS THE OLD DOG SHIRAZ 2021

Barossa Valley, South Australia

Sourced from a number of northwestern Barossa Valley sites, this classic, well-structured expression offers great value, with good depth and plentiful dark fruit and spice. A perfect wine for barbecued spare ribs, it will evolve through 2030+.

[The Melbourne International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: 95 (Melbourne International Wine Competition, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

13030

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95



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AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

SIDEWOOD SHIRAZ 2020

Adelaide Hills, South Australia A lithe, lifted Shiraz from the cool Adelaide Hills, with generous dark fruit, white pepper, dried herbs and spice. Silky and elegant.

[Winestate did not include a tasting note.] Score: **96** (Winestate, May/June 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 446146 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



WAKEFIELD ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Clare Valley/Limestone Coast, South Australia

Dusty garnet color. Aromas and flavors of cherry tomato and tomato leaf, Bing cherries, fig, and garden herbs with a full body and a long finish with touches of cherry, mint, raspberry compote, and dried pecan. A delightfully restrained Cabernet that is full of flavor but remains clean and linear on the palate. Exceptional. Best Buy. Score: **93** (tastings.com, Aug. 3, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 744235 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**



SISTER'S RUN EPIPHANY SHIRAZ 2020

McLaren Vale, Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia (Elena Brooks, founder & winemaker; Anthony John Parkinson, vign.) This is gracefully rich and aromatic on the nose showing dark fruit intensity, cedar, cake spice, fle

This is gracefully rich and aromatic on the nose showing dark fruit intensity, cedar, cake spice, floral and subtle mocha notes. The palate is equally attractive with excellent weight and power, wonderfully complemented by velvety texture and finely melded tannins. A blend of grapes from McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Peninsula. At its best: now to 2032. Score: 94 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz. Oct. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 269464 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

ALLAN SCOTT KEKERENGU MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

NEW

Kekerengu Coast, Marlborough, South Island The Key lime, dried pineapple and passion fruit flavors at the core of this white show terrific purity, with a lip-smacking mix of crunchy sea salt, toasted herb and tropical notes. Reveals intense acidity on the long finish. Drink now. Smart Buys. Score: 93 (MaryAnn Worobiec, winespectator.com, June 30, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 32552 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



THORN-CLARKE BAROSSA SHIRAZ 2020

Barossa, South Australia
Great intensity here of both sweet black and red
fruit on the nose and a soft rich macerated fruit
compote of a palate with a chocolatey/licoricelike element. Score: 96 (Panel, Winestate,
Sept./Oct. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33501 (XD) 750

1 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



MISSION ESTATE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Marlborough, South Island
The 2022 Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough is clearly
from the Awatere Valley subregion, with its cool,
green, firm expression. Perhaps the most successful area in Marlborough in 2022, there's vivacity,
intensity and balance. A well-made wine that
represents value for money. Drinking window:
2023-2026. Score: 90 (Rebecca Gibb, MW,
vinous.com, April 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful
17586 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

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RIVER FARM **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022** Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island



It's intensely aromatic on the nose with passionfruit, Granny Smith apple, white floral and lemon zest aromas. The palate delivers terrific power and persistency, beautifully supported by fine texture and juicy acidity. At its best: now to 2025. Score: 93 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Aug. 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful

32547

(XD) 750 mL \$21.95



AVONDALE ANIMA CHENIN BLANC 2019

Sustainable, WO Paarl

Yellow straw. Subdued nose with dried fruit and stewed fruit notes. Palate is rich and elegant with layers of stone fruit and guince. Crisp, but wellintegrated acidity on the full finish. Drink through 2027. Score: 93 (Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich

32932 (XD) 750 mL \$38.95

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NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

HUNTER'S PINOT NOIR 2022

Vegan, Marlborough, South Island (Jane Hunter)

Marlborough's rolling hillsides, alluvial soils and ocean-influenced vineyards make it an ideal site for Pinot Noir. The cherry, vanilla and spice notes in this superbly built wine will continue to evolve for another 3-5 years.

[The China Wine & Spirits Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (China Wine & Spirits Awards, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 586115



CATHEDRAL CELLAR CHARDONNAY 2021

WO Western Cape

(KWV)

One of a number of great-value wines under the Cathedral Cellar umbrella, this large-volume blend is made with grapes from Stellenbosch, the Swartland and Wellington. Fresh tangy and stylishly oaked, with citrus and peach flavours and supporting acidity. The Cape's answer to a Mâcon Villages. Drink date: 2022-2026. Score: 91 (timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich

328559 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95





SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

CHARDONNAY 2021



WO Western Cape

100% Chardonnay. Pronounced baked citrus flavours with waxy notes, lime jelly, roasted nuts, brioche, vanilla custard, and a limestone minerality on a textured palate. Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich

33300

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95



SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE

AVONDALE SAMSARA **SYRAH 2013**



Sustainable, WO Paarl

Varietal syrah, 20 per cent whole bunch ... Chalky, rich, black fruit, from vineyards ranging from 22-30 years, in that precocious sweet spot. Violets, earthy and also supple tannins. Lots of uniqueness and intensity but also energy in this wine. Just now ready to drink with the potential for another 10 years ahead. Drink 2022-2030. Tasted October 2022. Score: 92 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 32935

(XD) 750 mL \$47.95

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SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE CONT'D

NAPIER 14 HOMES CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERLOT 2022

Sustainable, WO Coastal Region This 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot is ripe and bold, with cherry, blackcurrant and vanilla alongside spicy aromas and excellent structure. The Merlot gives it a soft, luxurious mouthfeel. A grill

master's delight, this will be great with grilled ribs or steak. Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$14.95 • 33302 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



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LOIRE

CHÂTEAU DE LA GRANGE VIEILLES VIGNES CÔTES DE GRAND LIEU MUSCADET 2021

Sur lie, AP

Knowable marine airy and salty melon de bourgogne here with an extra layer of insulation thanks to older vines and their ability to concentrate fruit. Adds some flesh and more intently a waxiness to bring some complexity into what is so often the simplest and most straightforward of Loire white wines. This carries some weight and does well to hold attention with a not off feeling of Muscadet grip, Drink 2023-2026, Tasted April 2023. Score: 89 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Light & Crisp 637868 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



BULGARIA - RED WINE

ROUGH DAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

Thracian Valley

A garnet color in the glass, this Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of vanilla, black plum and lavender. Flavors of black cherry and black raspberry unfold in the glass. The tannins are soft and well structured, with a pleasant astringency on the finish. Best Buy. Ranked #23 in Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 Best Buys of 2021. Score: 90 (Jeff Jenssen, Wine Enthusiast, July 1, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36246 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95



TILLEULS CRU VALLET MUSCADET **SEVRE ET MAINE 2018**

Sustainable, AP

This wine spent 36 months resting on the lees in underground cellars. It has wonderful richness and complexity, with impressively defined quince, melon, apple, pear and citrus notes and a sharply delineated minerality on the close. This will be delicious tonight with seafood in a creamy sauce and has the potential to evolve through 2030+.

NEW

(XD) 750 mL \$28.95 35861 Online & Flagship Exclusive



BURGUNDY

CHARTRON ET TREBUCHET CHABLIS 2022

AC

(François Martenot)

The 2022 Chablis vintage was warm, creating wines with an undeniable tropical character. But the 2022s are not big, blowsy expressions without provenance. Careful canopy management and early picking produced wines that show the vintage's tropical nature without sacrificing the region's essential grace born of the "... immutable [Kimmeridgian soils that] give Chablis the counterbalancing acidic spine that maintains freshness." (Neal Martin, vinous.com, Sept. 2023)

Light & Crisp

32955

CHABLIS

(XD) 750 mL \$30.95

FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DE MARSAN 2019

AC Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux With its bold structure and ripe tannic core, this is a wine for aging. Powerful black fruits dominate, giving the potential for a rounded, spicy wine as it ages. Drink from 2023 [or hold until 2030+]. Score: 91 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 446245 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



CHÂTEAU DES PLACES 2020

Sustainable, AC Graves
(Vignobles Reynaud)
A ripe wine balancing tannins an

A ripe wine balancing tannins and black fruits, this has great potential. It is richly textured, with concentration and power. This wine will age well. Drink from 2025 [until 2032+]. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 35343 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95**



NEW

BEAUJOLAIS

DOMAINE DE LA MADONE LE PERRÉON BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2022

AC

(Jean Bérerd et Fils)

An excellent Beaujolais-village with so much black cherry fruit, but also the brightness and liveliness we look for in these wines. Soft tannins give it warmth and length. Nice zesty touch at the finish pulls you back for more. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com, March 20, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
981175 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

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CHÂTEAU JOININ 2020

AC Bordeaux

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc. Subtle nose of dark plum fruits and hints of red berries. Fresh and appetising, with plenty of well-integrated oak. [Drink or hold until 2026.] Score: **90** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 527853 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95 • Featured in Smart Buys 2024



LANGUEDOC

LA BAUME LA GRANDE OLIVETTE MERLOT 2022

IGP Pays d'Oc

Careful selection is key to the success of this exceptional-value 100% Merlot. The palate is round and bountiful, with big, bold plum, black-currant, black fruit, spice, and savoury herbs. A wine that will work with grilled ribs, lamb stew, or mature hard cheeses.

Full-bodied & Smooth 35946 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95



CHÂTEAU MARQUIS DE TERME 2018

4e cru, AC Margaux

Here the balance of the alcohol-fruit-tannin register really shows how well handled this wine is. Waves of flavour with cigar box right off the first nose, vanilla bean, aromatically rich with a gourmet twist, you get the richness and exoticism of the vintage but it has Margaux class and freshness. Lovely. Drinking window: 2026-2044. Score: **94** (Jane Anson, decanter.com, July 1, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
646851 (XD) 750 mL \$61.95

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RHÔNE

CHÂTEAU GRAND ESCALION 2020

Sustainable, AP Costières de Nîmes (Gabriel Meffre)

Château Grand Escalion was built in 1884, and today the property is farmed using Terra Vitis sustainable agricultural practices. This rich, spicy wine has boldly outlined black fruit and a generous, food-friendly character. Try it with grilled veggies or mushroom burgers.

Full-bodied & Smooth 18141 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95

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FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

RHÔNE

DOMAINE CHANTE-PERDRIX CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2021

... 65% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre and 5% Muscardin. Pale ruby-colored, swirling the glass unveils aromas of cooked red and black fruits, crème de cassis, cloves, meat and tobacco. Showcasing ripe tannins, this full-bodied red is abundantly concentrated and polished, but its lively acidity maintains a good level of freshness. The 2021 holds a narrow lead over the 2020. Drinking window: 2024-2036. Score: 92 (Nicolas Greinacher, vinous.com, June 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 121723 (XD) 750 mL \$46.95



LA NERTHE LES CASSAGNES CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2020 AP

(Domaine de la Renjarde)

Deep plum, cassis and amarena-cherry nose that isn't a jot loud. I love the delicate bitter-chocolate and licorice overtones that add complexity. Rich, mellow and surprisingly elegant, this is a superior Côtes-du-Rhône with beautiful integration of fruit, tannin and body at the long, velvety finish. A classic GSM (Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre) Rhône blend. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, March 21, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth
494674 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95

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PESQUIÉ ÉDITION 1912M VENTOUX 2021 Vegan, AP

(Famille Chaudière)

This gorgeous red sees no time in oak, allowing all of the delicate floral and fruit tones to shine through. It's a delight of balance, elegance and charm, showing bright raspberry and cherry fruit with complex herbal undertones of thyme, laurel and well-defined garrigue. Though it's unoaked, there's a subtle spiciness that adds the perfect final touch of Southern Rhône magic.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 636159 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✓



SOUTHWEST

CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE LA FORÊT ORIGINAL 2020

Sustainable, AP Fronton
Nice pure red fruit on the nose framed with
chocolate and coffee undertones. Intense,
structured, and fairly serious. Lingering finish.
Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 354134 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95
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CHÂTEAU PINERAIE CAHORS MALBEC 2021

AC

This Malbec is sourced from vines planted mostly in the chalky subsoil of ancient alluvial deposits, with about 15% coming from sites featuring clay and marl-enriched limestone. Aged for one year in French oak, it's ripe and fruity, with savoury herbs and earthy tones alongside plenty of Cahors structure.

Full-bodied & Firm 78725 (XD) 750 mL \$20.95



CHÂTEAU VINCENS ORIGINE MALBEC 2019

AC Cahors

This rich, wood-aged wine is densely textured and packed with ripe black fruits. Bold tannins combine with succulent blackberry flavors in a concentrated wine that will be ready from 2024 [and will hold until 2030]. Cellar Selection. Score: **92** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm
343400 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

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GERMANY - WHITE WINE

MOSEL

DR. L RIESLING 2022

Qualitätswein

Juicy, fresh and a great price, this popular, classically styled Mosel Riesling always delivers. It's bright and zesty, with apple, peach, lemon, and gentle hints of tropical fruit that come powering across the palate on a polished mineral framework. Balanced sweetness and a very modest alcohol level make it a great option for mid-week spicy Thai takeout.

Aromatic & Flavourful

599274 (MS) 750 mL \$16.95



MARCHE

DE ANGELIS CAMPO DI MARTE **OFFIDA PECORINO 2022**

DOCG

Pretty and complex on the nose with jasmine. acacia and lifted herbs on show, this wine has a joyous vibrancy and energy on the palate. Look for lemon citrus, peach, tropical fruit and mineral, with a hint of almond and that precise Pecorino acidity that makes it so versatile with food. Perfect for seacuterie or lentil dhal.

Light & Crisp

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95 577734

& Organic product



GREECE - WHITE WINE

HATZIMICHALIS ALFEGA **WHITE 2022**

PGI Valley of Atalanti

This wine is a blend of equal parts Malagousia and Sauvignon Blanc with 20% Robola. It's crisp, bright and fruity, with well-defined apple, pear, apricot, and ripe tropical notes. Balanced, with a creamy texture, this is a super value and will work well with spicy chicken kebabs.

Aromatic & Flavourful

33255 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95

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NEW

FONTEVECCHIA VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO **SUPERIORE 2022**

DOC

(Casal Farneto)

Lemon curd, sliced pears and white grapefruit on the nose with some white flower and chalk aromas, too. It's both crisp and creamy, medium-bodied, with a pretty interplay of fruit and minerals. Drink now or hold. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 9, 2023)

Light & Crisp

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95 11140

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ITALY - WHITE WINE

ALTO ADIGE

PETER ZEMMER PINOT GRIGIO 2022

DOC Alto Adige

Roasted apples, lemon peel and yeasty aromas lift from the glass of this classic mountain Pinot Grigio. Flavors of green pears and flint define the creamy palate that pops with tangy acidity on the finish. Best Buy. Score: 92 (Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2023)

Light & Crisp

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95 95802

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VENETO

ZENATO COLOMBARA SOAVE CLASSICO 2022

A single-vineyard Soave Classico that blends 70% Garganega with 30% Chardonnay. It shows sliced pear, apple, citrus, and wet stone and will pair well with seafood. Drink through 2026.

Full-bodied & Rich

36274

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95



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ITALY - RED WINE

ABRUZZO

TERRA D'ALIGI MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2022

DOC

This wine just hits all the marks. It's ripe and finely balanced, with black fruit, spice, and a perfectly judged tannic grip. It has the composure to age for another 3+ years but will be perfectly poised and ready tonight with grilled meats or a meaty pasta dish.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

981399 (D) 750 mL **\$16.95**

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SAN SILVESTRO PATRES BAROLO 2018 DOCG

100% Nebbiolo. Reticent red fruits, cherry, raspberry, violet, leather, allspice and crushed tobacco. Well integrated tannins follow through on a lovely finish. Score: 91 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

377986 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95





CAMPANIA

LA FORTEZZA AGLIANICO **DEL TABURNO 2018**

DOC

Blackberries with figs, flowers and hints of chocolate. Full-bodied with polished and focused tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 5, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

396952 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95





PUGLIA

SAN MARZANO TALÒ PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA 2022

Vivid black fruit with underlying balsamic and spice notes. Rich and lively with a fine structure.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 95 (lucamaroni.com, June 21, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

455220 (D)

750 mL **\$19.95**





PIEDMONT

RENATO RATTI OCHETTI NEBBIOLO 2021

DOC Langhe

This red exhibits pure black cherry, with blackberry, violet, iron, earth and wild herb aromas and flavors. Dense, yet remains balanced and complex through the long aftertaste. Drink now through 2028. Score: 91 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

475913 (XD) 750 mL **\$31.95**





SARDINIA

FERRUCCIO DEIANA SÍLENO RISERVA **CANNONAU DI SARDEGNA 2018** DOC

Dark garnet-red with some bricking. Expressive nose of jammy dark fruits with mushroom and undergrowth touches. Racy, powerful, complex attack leading into an endless finish driven by the freshness of the tannins. Drink with a game stew. Score: 93 (gilbertgaillard.com, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

455600

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95





TUSCANY

RICASOLI ANTICO FEUDO DELLA TRAPPOLA 2020

Sustainable, IGT Toscana

This wine is mostly Sangiovese, with some Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The 2020 vintage saw little precipitation, and careful vineyard management combined with perfect harvest conditions allowed winemakers to take great advantage of the stress the vines were placed under, resulting in wines of excellent concentration and intensity. This one is big and bold, with ripe fruit, tobacco, spice, and a refined savoury character.

Full-bodied & Smooth 32687 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 Featured in Smart Buys 2024



POGGIO CIVETTA GOVERNO **ALL'USO 2020**

IGT Toscana

(Tenute Rossetti)

Following harvest, a portion of the grapes for this wine were left to dry on racks for four weeks. Once the dried grapes were pressed, the must was added to the fermented wine, triggering a second fermentation and imparting greater colour, texture and flavour. The wine was aged in French oak for five months.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 98 (lucamaroni.com, Sept. 21, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL **\$21.95** (D)

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BELLINI COMEDIA 2018

IGT Toscana

Aromas of berries and vanilla with hints of chocolate and spice. Medium- to full-bodied with medium, round tannins and a reserved but fruity finish. Drink after 2021. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 4, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95



VILLA POGGIO SALVI CASPAGNOLO CHIANTI COLLI SENESI 2021 DOCG

This wine is mostly Sangiovese with 10% Merlot, sourced from vines averaging between 10 and 20 years of age. Following some rain during the 2021 growing season, the lead up to harvest was dry and warm, producing wines with great intensity and depth, good balance and graceful structure. This example has plenty of dark fruit, spice and vanilla and has the potential to see 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

568022

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95



COL D'ORCIA BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO 2018**

DOCG

This promising Brunello is hallmarked by pretty cherry, strawberry, currant and floral aromas and flavors. Starts out elegant and lacy, then the dense matrix of tannins emerges, giving different character to the long finish. Reveals wild herb and mineral notes that add depth. Best from 2025 through 2043. Score: 94 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, June 30, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 306852 (XD) 750 mL \$59.95 1



VENETO

BERTANI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA VALPANTENA 2020 DOCG

Bertani has been crafting fine wines in Venice for more than 150 years. They have long been admired for their innovative approach to winemaking. This 80% Corvina Veronese and 20% Rondinella was aged in a combination of 30-, 54- and 75-hectolitre barrels for 24 months. It's silky, rich and fine, with dark fruit, spice, savoury herbs, and a touch of tobacco leaf.

Full-bodied & Smooth 568741 (XD) 750 mL \$57.95

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ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

VENETO

ZENATO VALPOLICELLA **SUPERIORE 2020**

DOC

Super-clean aromas of spicy red fruit and perfumed oak follow through to a medium-bodied palate with well-integrated tannins and a well-ordered finish. All nicely in place. Drink now. Score: 91 (james suckling.com, May 5, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

995704 (D) 750 mL \$18.95



SPAIN - WHITE WINE

MURIEL FINCAS DE LA VILLA BLANCO 2022

DOCa Rioja

This 80% Viura and 20% Tempranillo Blanco is all about balance, length and structure. Everything works in tantalizing, delicious concert. Look for welldefined tree fruit, with lime citrus underpinning a notable minerality. Just really nice. Enjoy this super value with seafood.

Full-bodied & Rich

645127 (XD) 750 mL \$13.95

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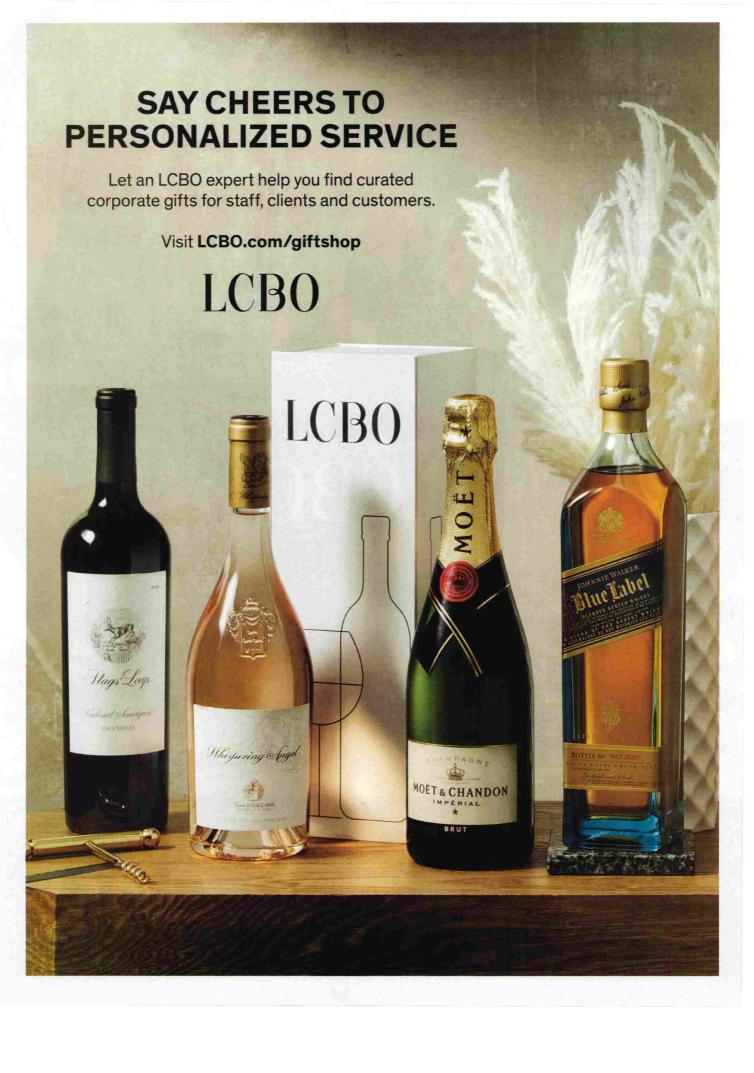
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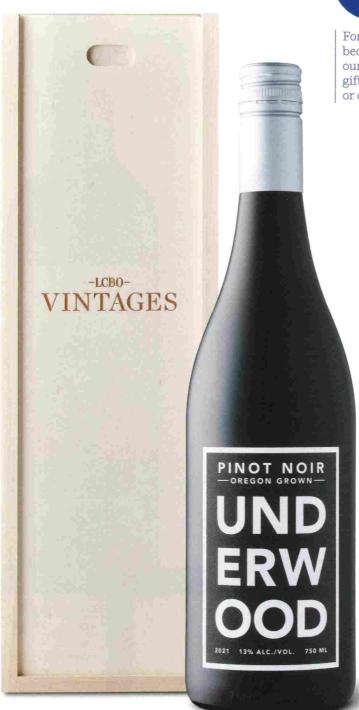


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