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CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST



LA PETITE GRACE PINOT NOIR BLUE CANYON

Ostate Grown CABERNET SAUVIGNON MONTEREY • CALIFORNIA

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wines of the month

Velvety and earthy

INTRINSIC RED BLEND 2020 Columbia Valley, Washington (Chateau Ste. Michelle) 17014 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95

Aromas of ripe dark and purple fruit with vanilla, licorice, mocha and pine wood. It's big and wide on the palate with plush, velvet-like tannins. Very textural, with a dusty and velvety mouth-feel and a lingering finish. Attractive fruit underneath ... Drink or hold [through 2028]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, May 24, 2023)

TRINSIC

Medium-bodied & Fruity **New at Vintages**

TORRE IL CERRETO CHIANTI **CLASSICO RISERVA 2018**

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy 33410 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

An attractively earthy red with aromas of wild mushrooms, plums, seaweed and hints of white truffle. Medium-bodied with firm, rounded tannins. Rustic flavors, yet relatively polished and delicious. [Drink or hold until 2030.] Score: 92 (jamessuckling. com, July 4, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth **New at Vintages**

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VINTAGES WHAT'S ON

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

ESSENTIALS COLLECTION



J. LOHR SEVEN OAKS CABERNET SAUVIGNON Paso Robles, California

This Cab is the most popular red in the Essentials Collection. It's equally at home with potato soup or a thick ribeye steak.

656561 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

JOSH CELLARS RESERVE PASO ROBLES CABERNET SAUVIGNON Paso Robles, California

This easy-to-enjoy Cabernet is beloved for its consistent depth and character. Great for beef or lamb burgers or a portobello mushroom stir-fry.

412320 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION CHARDONNAY Monterey County, California

This vibrant, fresh, toasty Chardonnay is a winner with barbecued chicken, Cornish hen, or creamy vegan mushroom stroganoff.

708305 (D) 750 mL \$24.95

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

If you're interested in discovering more from the Golden State's Central Coast after reading our feature story (next page), remember that in addition to the wines in this new release, our Essentials Collection also has a great selection of California wines that are available year round. Check out these options from three favourite producers, or visit LCBO.com/vintages to explore the full collection.



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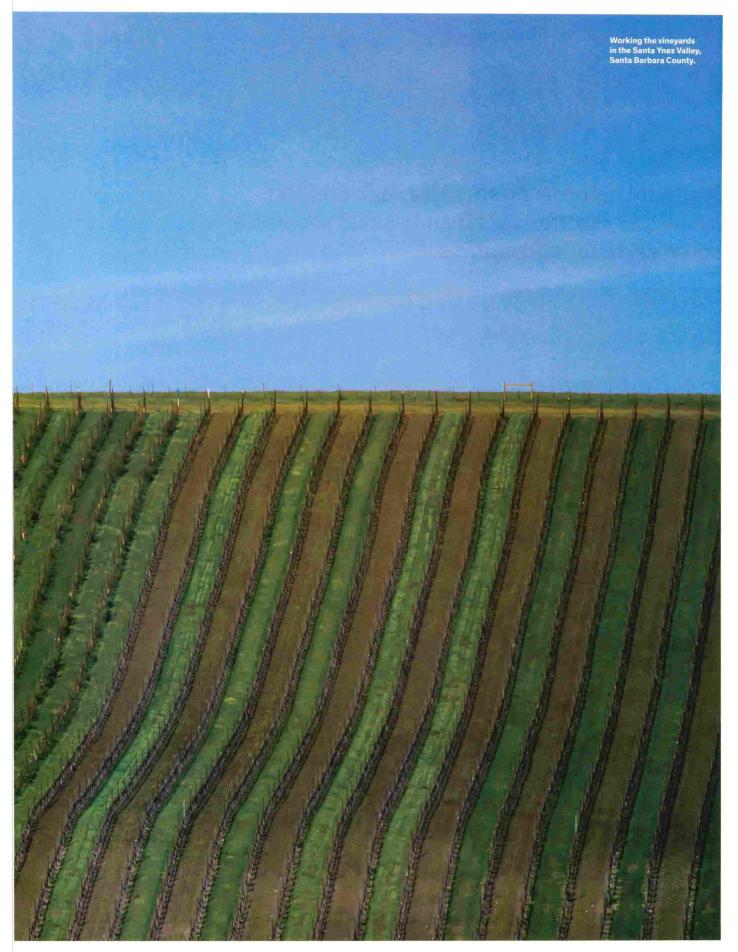
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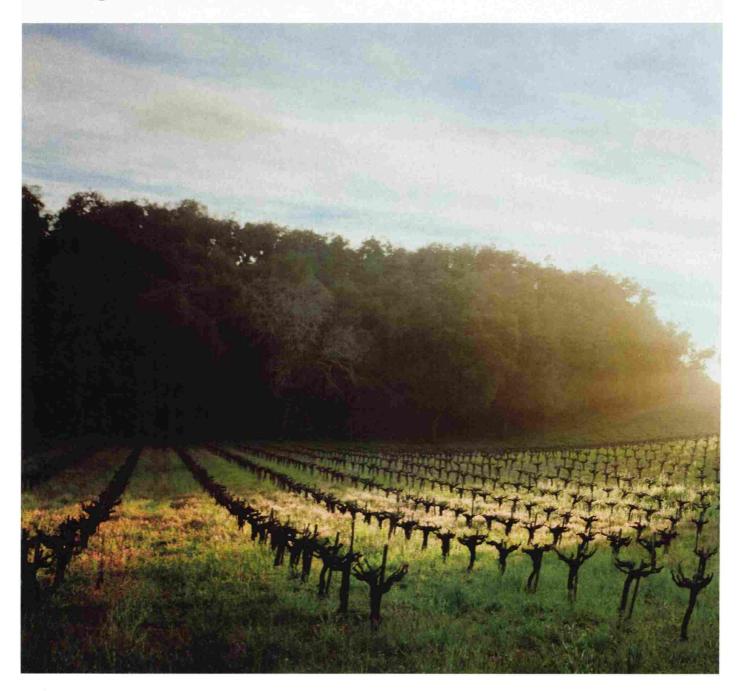
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household names when it comes to fine wine, neighbours for decades. Let us introduce you to California's dazzling hidden gems.



CENTRAL COAST

It should come as no surprise that a region known as "California's fruit basket" produces some agricultural marvels.



THE REGIONS OF THE CENTRAL COAST

CALIFORNIA

Paso Robles

Santa Barbara

Los Angeles

Monterey

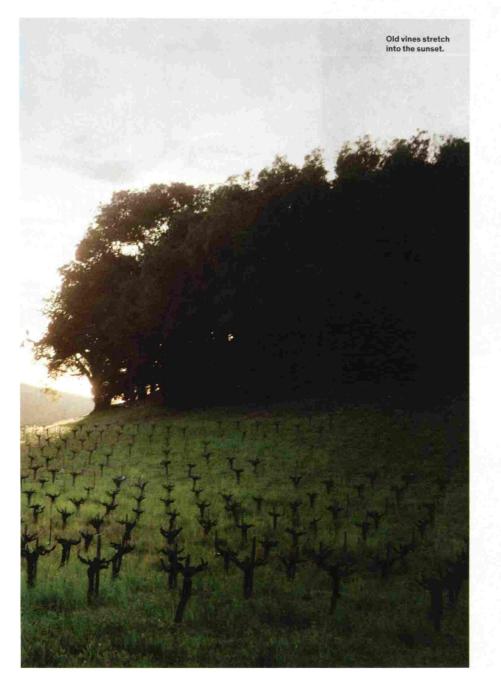
Paso Robles region -

Monterey region

San Luis Obispo region

Santa Barbara region

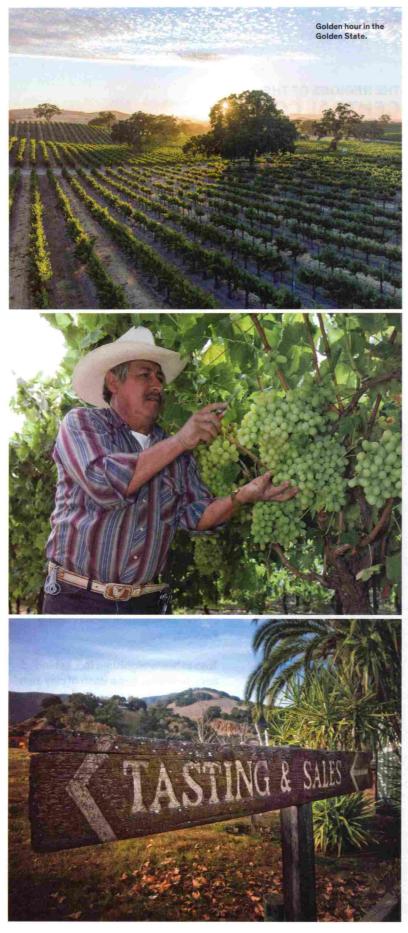
San Francisco



The Central Coast comprises many different regions, most notably Monterey County, Santa Lucia Highlands, Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. What makes regions here so special is the soil and the mountains. Most of the mountain ranges of the Central Coast run east-west and not north-south, meaning these areas are completely exposed to the cooling Pacific breeze.

Toss in heavy nighttime fog, extended daily sunshine, and a dash of clay-rich soil, and you have the perfect recipe for a region well-suited to growing cool-climate varieties like Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, and even Cabernet Franc.

Regional producers have been steadily gaining popularity in recent years for their great iterations of these varieties. Keep an eye out for wines from Calera, Bonny Doon, Blue Canyon, Rhys, Diora, Talbott, and McBride Sisters.



BELLE GLOS CLARK & TELEPHONE PINOT NOIR

Single vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (Joseph. J. Wagner)

Sourced from vines grown in the high-elevation Santa Maria Valley, fruit for this wine underwent extensive cold soaking for maximum colour and flavour extraction. The resulting wine is decadent and plump, with hints of blackberry pie, baked plums, and vanilla bean.

Full-bodied & Smooth

652883 (D) 750 mL \$59.95 **/** A Vintages Essential

SEAGLASS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Sustainable, Central Coast

Seaglass crafts lovely wines that are meant to be enjoyed on the beach with close friends and good food. Seaglass has partnered with Surfrider Foundation, who are dedicated to preserving the California coastline.

91 points (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Smooth 20763 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 🖌

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MONTEREY COUNTY

A happy habitat for the thin-skinned

LA PETITE GRACE



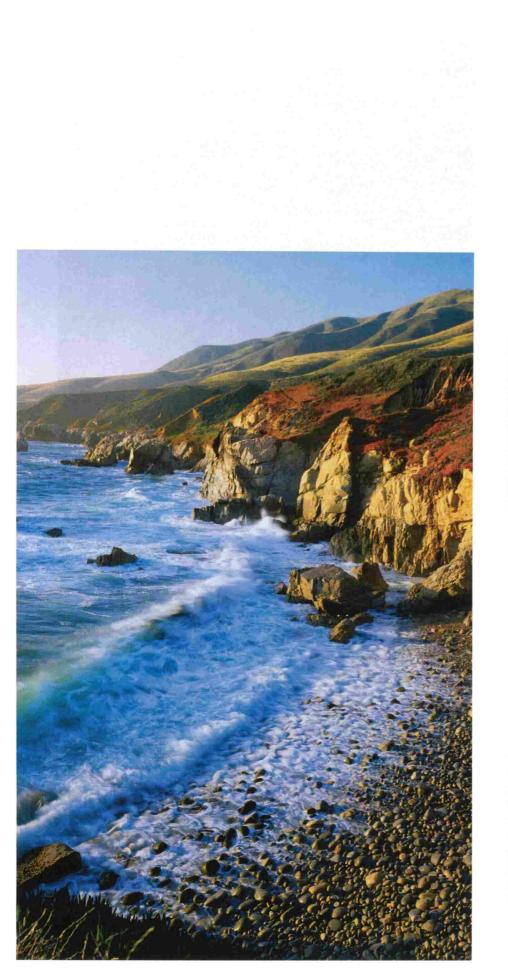
With a name like Diora, it should come as no surprise that this wine reflects the Golden State and all its glittering qualities. This lush Pinot has a velvety texture and flavours of raspberry, espresso bean and licorice. It's an excellent pairing for blackbean burgers.

Gold (Mundus Vini)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 24294 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 New at Vintages

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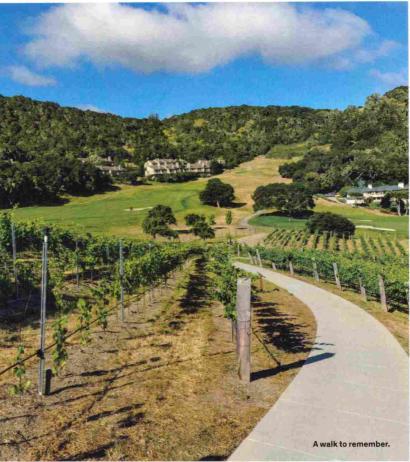
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You may be familiar with Monterey County's historic landmarks. The Monterey Bay Aquarium, the cliffs of Big Sur, and the historical village of Carmel-by-the-Sea are staples of California tourism. What you may not be familiar with is the fact that the region has been producing standout wines since the early 1970s, thanks to its unique terroir. (19년 전 1997) 일, 1997年3月 - 지 당 한 년 (1917년) 왕



The valley floor where much of Monterey's grapes are grown is bitterly cold in comparison with the rest of California (i.e., less-than-ideal surfing weather) and very windy, making it one of the few places in California that thin-skinned grape varieties can thrive. These conditions, coupled with low rainfall and the omnipresent California sunshine, lead to one of the longest growing seasons in North America, perfect for crafting cool-climate wines.

Grapes grown in Monterey County are full of personality. Pinot Noir from Monterey is concentrated, herbaceous and earthy, whereas Chardonnay will offer notes of white peach and a razor-fine acidity. These commonalities are a distinct contrast to the bold, boisterous wines the rest of California is famous for producing.



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HESS SELECT MONTEREY COUNTY CHARDONNAY 2021

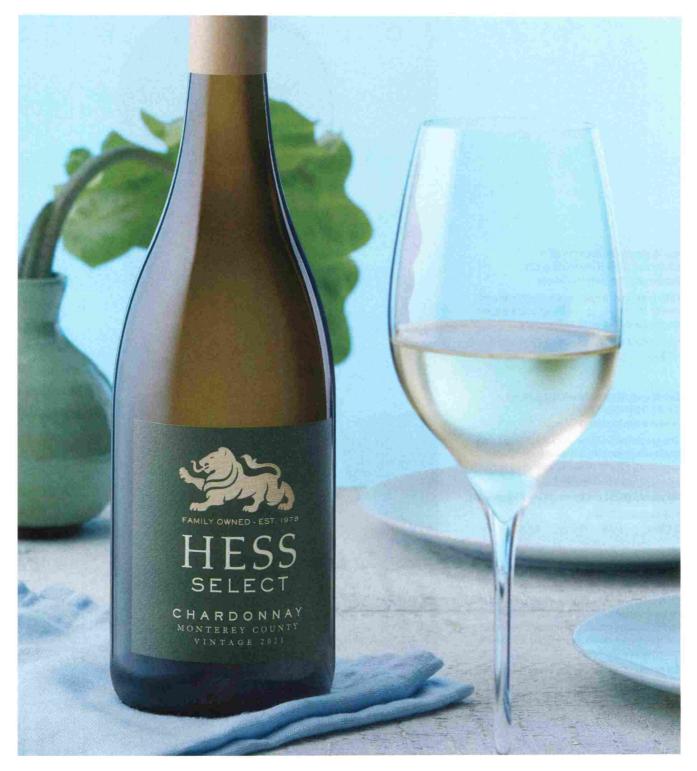
Monterey County

The valleys of Monterey County provide ideal conditions for crafting wines with unctuous texture and tropical fruit flavours. Expect this wine to have notes of pineapple and lemon peel, soft acidity, and a creamy taste.

Full-bodied & Rich

986778 (D) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTE, SEE PAGE 26.



BLUE CANYON MONTEREY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Estate grown, Monterey County

Offering notes of ripe black fruit, mocha and vanilla, this Monterey staple will make a great pairing for pulled-pork sandwiches.

Full-bodied & Smooth 17815 (D) 750 mL \$24.95

DIORA LA SPLENDEUR DU SOLEIL CHARDONNAY 2020

Sustainable, Monterey County

The golden hills of Monterey and Santa Lucia bathe the grapes for this wine in sunshine, producing a fresh, dense Chardonnay perfect for Cobb salad and seafood.

90 points (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Rich 24293 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

TALBOTT KALI HART PINOT NOIR 2021 Estate grown, Monterey County

Fruit for this wine was grown in the seasprayed mountains of the Santa Lucia Highlands and coastal Monterey. Expect deep, lush red fruit flavours, spicy tones, and a salty minerality on the finish.

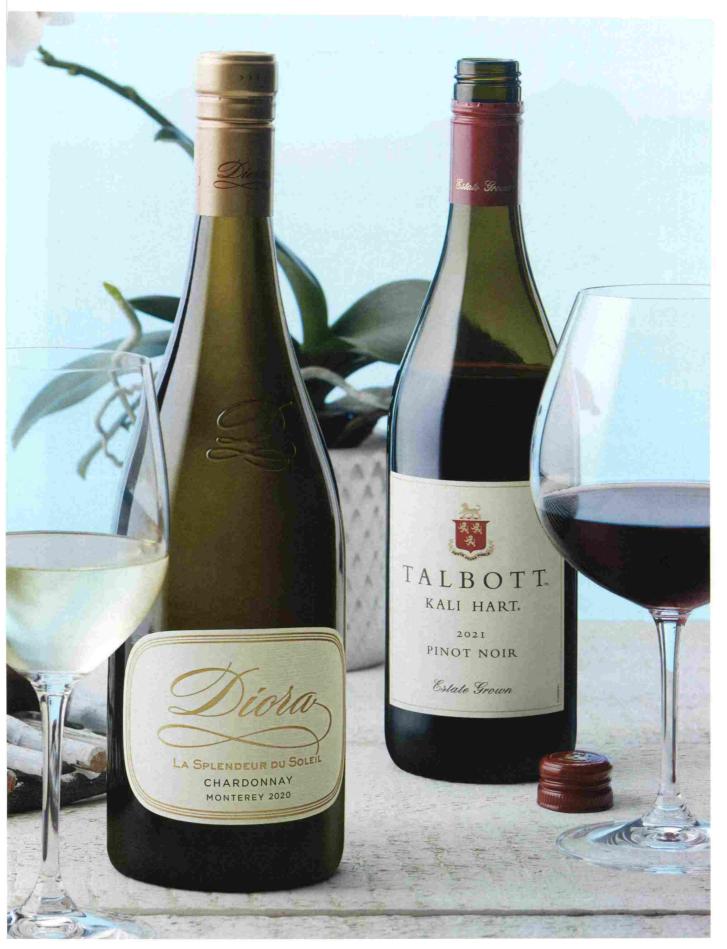
93 points (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 317693 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95

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Monterey makes wines for wine lovers; wines for people who love a drink with more character.

A vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands.

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WOMEN IN WINE

McBride Sisters: Making Monterey magic

Two sisters from two ends of the earth sharing one dream. These are the roots of the largest Blackowned wine company in the United States.

Half-sisters Andréa and Robin grew up on opposite sides of the planet. Andréa was raised in Marlborough, New Zealand, and Robin in Monterey, California; two regions known for producing great wines of similar qualities.

Destiny certainly played its hand for the sisters, who would combine their shared talents and love for wine to start their own wine distribution business in 2005. They based their business in the Central Coast, as the pair were familiar with the Coast's capability to grow the great cool-climate varieties they were both accustomed to, such as Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc.

Andréa and Robin have been heralds for change in the wine industry, with a selfless goal in mind: to bring forth much-needed change to the inequality and lack of representation of women and people of colour in the wine industry, all while keeping sustainable, inclusive practices.

This ideology is reflected in products like the SHE CAN canned wine collection. A portion of sales goes to the SHE CAN Professional Development Fund, which donates to future female entrepreneurs around the world.

The McBride sisters have proudly released the Black Girl Magic line, which is described as "a personal ode to their culture and story ... inspired by the magic and resilience of Black women, to be enjoyed by all."



McBRIDE SISTERS COLLECTION BLACK GIRL MAGIC CALIFORNIA BRUT SPARKLING

Charmat method, California

A celebratory wine that uplifts the tireless efforts and indomitable spirit of Black women. Sunshine in a glass, it'll pair wonderfully with a brunch spread or movie-night popcorn.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 36793 (D) 750 mL \$32.95 **/** New at Vintages

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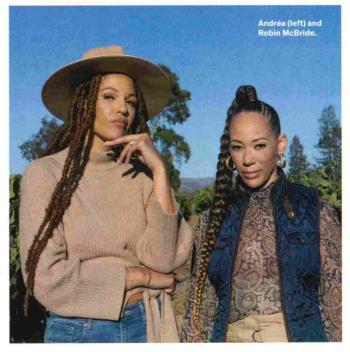
McBRIDE SISTERS COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2022 Central Coast

Sourced from plantings all along the Central Coast, this Chardonnay shines in the glass, with bright pineapple flavours alongside hints of Fuji apple and heavy cream. It'll pair beautifully with tuna steaks.

Full-bodied & Rich 36753 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 <

New at Vintages

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For the people

From uplifting Mediterranean culture to supporting local growers, Tenute Orestiadi puts its people first.



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LCBO SPIRIT OF SUSTAINABILITY

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The story of Tenute Orestiadi begins with Ludovico Corrao. He was mayor of Gibellina, Sicily, in 1968 when a powerful earthquake levelled the town. A "visionary," according to Alessandro Costantini, who is Tenute Orestiadi's brand ambassador for Canada, Corrao made it his life's work to reimagine the town as a centre of cultural exchange for the Mediterranean area. He invited Italy's most prominent artists and architects to contribute designs, installations and sculptures that would make the reborn town, named Gibellina Nuova, a living museum.

It was in this context of creativity and possibility that Tenute Orestiadi was founded in 2008, envisioned as a connection between the local wine industry and the artistic movement that Corrao had begun. In partnership with Corrao and his Orestiadi Foundation, they embarked on several social and creative projects to showcase the town and uplift the local economy.

Caring for the people means caring for the land. Tenute Orestiadi's measures to increase energy efficiency and reduce CO_2 emissions include installing solar panels, becoming a RafCycle partner to recycle label liner waste, joining the ETICO project to recycle corks, and sourcing lighter bottles made from 60 to 89% recycled glass.

After Corrao's death at age 84, Tenute Orestiadi commited themselves to keeping his vision alive. "Today, Tenute Orestiadi and Orestiadi Foundation face each other from the top of two hills and they are managed by the same people," Costantini says. They never forget that "behind the winery there are 1,200 family members of grape growers" and that "our responsibility is to improve the quality of life of our people."



TENUTE ORESTIADI IL BIANCO DI LUDOVICO RISERVA 2019 DOC Sicilia, Sicily, Italy

Named for Ludovico Corrao, this wine was created with the ambitious goal of making a white wine that can age while still maintaining a light, delicate character. Pair it with arancini, panelle, or Sicilian fish couscous.

92 points (lucamaroni.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 36478 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 New at Vintages

TENUTE ORESTIADI

MOLINO A VENTO NERELLO MASCALESE 2022 IGP Sicilian Lands, Sicily, Italy

Elegant, fresh, and easy to drink, the indigenous Nerello Mascalese truly conveys the Sicilian terroir. Lightly chill this wine and serve it as an aperitif, or pair it with the traditional Sicilian fried-eggplant dish *caponata di melanzane*.

96 points (lucamaroni.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36295 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 New at Vintages Organic product

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TO BE FRANC...

A natural fit for Ontario's cool climate, Cabernet Franc is also a cool choice for wintry dinners.

Thanks to its herbaceous, savoury character, Cabernet Franc is an incredibly versatile grape able to make delicious single-varietal wines or add a little spice to a red blend. *Vintages* writer Gabriel Corindia interviewed winemakers from four popular local wineries to find out what makes Ontario such a great place to grow Cabernet Franc and why it's the perfect wine for winter.

2020 CABERNET MERLOT

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"Wine consumers are starting to realize that bigger is not always better. Cabernet Sauvignon can be overly full-bodied, tannic and boozy, while Cabernet Franc has more intrinsic balance," say **Creekside** winemakers Yvonne Irvine and Rob Power.

When asked why Cabernet Franc is well-suited for Ontario's climate, they add, "Despite all that Mother Nature throws at us, Cabernet Franc seems to acclimatize well to this region. It survives through colder winters and ripens consistently year to year.

"Cabernet Franc is an absolute gem of a wine in the cold, dark days of winter. It pairs so well with heartier dishes like stews, long-simmered soups and sauces, or braised meats. It's also just fine by itself while you sit curled up next to a fire on a stormy night."

It's like a match made in heaven; a grape

that thrives in our challenging climate and pairs equally well with it.

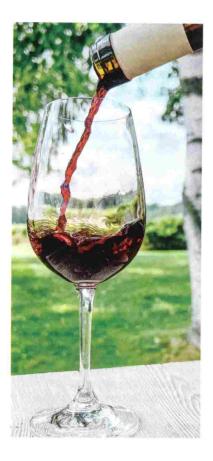
"At the turn of the century, when most of Prince Edward County grapes were being planted, Cabernet Franc was a sort of gamble," says **Casa-Dea** winemaker Kalvin Holland. As it turns out, this region is well-suited for its growth.

"We're located near the Hillier community of Prince Edward County. This area of Prince Edward County is a moderately shallow soil on limestone shale. Cabernet Franc grows best in this type of soil and is a vigorous vine that enjoys the excess of minerals limestone provides. I believe that the growth this soil generates is directly correlated to the bold tannins in a Cabernet Franc."

Bold tannins, hefty weight and robust minerality are great for making Cabernet Franc so winter-friendly. As Holland puts it, "It's like bottled warmth. Jammy fruit and baking spices make a good Cabernet Franc an excellent winter standalone wine, as well as a perfect pairing for big hearty dinners."

"Cabernet Franc was kind of the 'little brother' grape. He would hang out with his older brother Cabernet Sauvignon and his friends to get noticed," says **Kew Vineyards** winemaker Levi de Loryn. "Now, we're seeing Cabernet Franc in the spotlight. Little Brother's gotten big and strong and has overtaken his brother's spot as the big chief."

"I think finally people are realizing that they've enjoyed Cabernet Franc in blends for years, and with an improvement of quality, they're beginning to understand how Cabernet Franc can make great single-varietal wines," says **Thirty Bench** winemaker Emma Garner. "There was a



time when the Cabernet Franc produced here was weedy, unripe, and lacking colour and structure. Now, the wines are amazing!"

Well-developed fruit leads to a healthy growing season and many possibilities. De Loryn says, "What makes Cab Franc so exquisite in Niagara and beyond is its versatility. We see Cab Franc in blends, as Icewine, in sparkling wine, rosé, we've even seen it made using the appassimento method. It's so flexible, both for winemakers and consumers.

"Cabernet Franc seems to go with so many great parts of Ontarian culture." Couldn't have said it better ourselves.

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CREEKSIDE RED TRACTOR CABERNET/MERLOT 2020 VQA Niagara Peninsula

"We love this wine with a great flank steak covered with a parsley-and-garlic gremolata. It has big structure and is quite bold, so it needs something to stand up to it." Yvonne Irvine and Rob Power

89 points (nataliemaclean.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL 11851 (XD) \$17.95 🖌

CASA-DEA RESERVE CABERNET FRANC 2020 VQA Prince Edward County

"Big body and jammy fruit flavours give that warm feeling you crave when winter comes knocking. The 2020 Casa-Dea Reserve Cab Franc is an easy pair with a classic roast-beef dinner with mashed potatoes, roasted root vegetables, and cranberry sauce. Don't forget the gravy!" Kalvin Holland

90 points (Vic Harradine)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 381327 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 <

KEW SOLDIER'S GRANT 2019 VQA Niagara Peninsula

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"I would pair the 2019 Kew Soldier's Grant with steak frites, lamb shanks dressed with roasted garlic and rosemary served alongside goat-cheese mashed potatoes, or even a grilled vegetable medley (think asparagus, artichoke, pattypan squash and zucchini)." Levi de Loryn

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL 367318 \$19.95 🖌

THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S **BLEND RED 2020** VQA Niagara Peninsula

"This wine is very food-friendly and can pair with a multitude of different dishes. One I would recommend is slow-roasted beef in a tomato sauce served over couscous." Emma Garner

92 points (Rhys Pender, MW)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 320986 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 <

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PRODUCT NOTES

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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

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WINE STYLES

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ORGANIC PRODUCTS

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SPARKLING WINE

McBRIDE SISTERS COLLECTION BLACK GIRL MAGIC CALIFORNIA BRUT SPARKLING

Charmat method, California

The latest in the McBride Sisters lines is a label that celebrates the determination and tireless efforts of Black women. This lovely blend of Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay is sunshine in a glass, with ripe tree fruit flavours, tart bubbles, and hints of lemon peel. Pair with eggs Benedict, or movienight popcorn.

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Medium-bodied & Flavourful 36793 (D) 750 mL **\$32.95** Featured in Central Coast

CLEEBOURG CLÉROTSTEIN AUXERROIS CRÉMANT D'ALSACE Traditional method, AC Alsace. France

100% Auxerrois. This is an exceptional wine with magnificent floral, yeasty and yellow apple aromatics. It's fresh and juicy with a fine mousse, a long and concentrated palate, and an energetic, lingering finish. The words 'delectable' and 'riveting' come to mind. Outstanding value and a terrific release. Score: **96** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 32271 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**



CAVE DE LUGNY BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE Sustainable, traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France

This is a great alternative to Champagne – at a fraction of the price. Fresh, light and dry with ripe apple and grapefruit. Lovely foaming mouthfeel with creamy notes and a tangy finish – very complex for the price. This is Burgundy's most reliable co-op, so fill-up your fridge! Score: **90** (Christelle Guibert, decanter.com, undated)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 460865 (D) 750 mL **\$22.95**



CANADA - WHITE WINE

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MARYNISSEN CHARDONNAY 2021 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula John and Adrianna Marynissen began growing their own vinifera grapes in 1975 and were among the first to plant Chardonnay vines in Niagara. Rich, fullbodied and creamy, this generous, expressive wine offers classic Niagara acidity alongside tropical fruit, apple, pear, vanilla, and an undeniable minerality.

Full-bodied & Rich

907683 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 🗸



CREEKSIDE RED TRACTOR CABERNET/MERLOT 2020 * VOA Niagara Peninsula

Creekside Red Tractor 2020 is great value at \$18. Produced from 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc ... vinified and aged in small lots prior to the final blend. The wine is dry, medium-plus-bodied and concentrated with blackberry, spiced plum, wild herbs, chocolate and well-integrated toasty oak spice flavours juicy on the palate. So good now. Drink: 2023-2025. Best Value Wine. Score: **89** (nataliemaclean.com, Sept. 2, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 11851 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** Featured in Local Talent



REDTAIL RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2017 * VQA Niagara Peninsula



This library release from Redtail was fermented in a combination of new and used French oak before being aged on the lees in stainless steel. It's round and composed, with plenty of bright acidity alongside finely described peach, pear and citrus tones. A rich, long wine that shows the complexity and poise that only time can bring.

Full-bodied & Rich 37114 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.00**

CANADA - RED WINE



ONTARIO

CASA-DEA RESERVE CABERNET FRANC 2020 * VQA Prince Edward County

This opens with an exotic Asian incense aroma joined by red and black cherry/berry fruit and notions of earthy and floral notes on the nose. It envelopes the palate with flavours of red pie cherry and black currant underpinned by still-evolving tannin and a balanced smattering of ripe black cherry and notions of blueberry and sweet vanilla intertwined with grilled savoury herbs ... Drink or cellar. Score: **90** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Nov. 23, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 381327 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95** Featured in Local Talent



KEW SOLDIER'S GRANT 2019 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

A blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Cabernet Franc, this wine is made in a partial appassimento style with some (8%) of the fruit being dried before winemaking. The wine spends 16 months in a combo of French and American oak, creating a rich, round mouthfeel. Expect stewed blackberry, cherry and clove and pair with caramelized-eggplant pizza, or seared duck with huckleberry sauce.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 367318 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** Featured in Local Talent



THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND RED 2020 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula An elegant and mineral red showing fresh notes of sage, dried herbs, plum, juicy red fruits, raspberry and some nice, complex, graphite minerality.

Score: **92** (Rhys Pender, MW, winealign.com, undated)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 320986 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95** Featured in Local Talent

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CANADA - RED WINE CONT'D

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BLACK SAGE CABERNET FRANC 2020 * BC VQA Okanagan Valley



The Cabernet Franc for the 2020 was fermented in stainless steel for 10 days before pressing and barrel ageing in French and American oak for up to 16 months. The wine shows sophisticated red fruit, mocha, vanilla and spice.

[The National Wine Awards of Canada did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (National Wine Awards of Canada, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36415 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95**



USA - WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

DIORA LA SPLENDEUR DU SOLEIL CHARDONNAY 2020

Sustainable, Monterey County Baked apple, toasted nuts and oak aromas make for a familiar nose on this bottling. The palate is creamy in texture and loaded with butter and seasalt richness, as a lemony apple fruit character holds the midpalate. Score: **90** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich 24293 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** Featured in Central Coast



HESS SELECT MONTEREY COUNTY CHARDONNAY 2021 Monterey County

A crisp, tropical Chardonnay that was sourced from vineyards in the Salinas Mountain ranges and the low valleys in Monterey County. Blending fruit from these contrasting terroirs creates a balanced wine with tropical fruit flavour, soft acidity, and a warm, lingering finish.

Full-bodied & Rich 986778 (D) 750 mL **\$24.95 ✔** Featured in Central Coast



McBRIDE SISTERS COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2022* Central Coast



For many years, McBride Sisters Wine Company has been pushing a sustainable, inclusive agenda in the wine industry. A portion of sales from this wine goes to the SHE CAN Foundation, which supports women entering the workforce with scholarships and mentorship opportunities. A feel-good story for a feel-good Chardonnay offering notes of ripe Fuji apple and heavy cream.

Full-bodied & Rich 36753 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** Featured in Central Coast

USA - RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BELLE GLOS CLARK & TELEPHONE PINOT NOIR

Single vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (Joseph J. Wagner)

The Clark & Telephone Vineyard was planted in 1972. This uniquely styled Pinot is rich and concentrated, with intense, decadent dark fruit and hints of pepper spice. It will evolve for 6-8 years from vintage and is a great option for a spicy marinated steak.

Full-bodied & Smooth 652883 (D) 750 mL **\$59.95** A Vintages Essential Featured in Central Coast



BLUE CANYON MONTEREY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Estate grown, Monterey County

This wine is named after the submarine canyon just off the coast of Monterey Bay. The bay brings morning fog and cooling breezes to the sunny California coast. Sourced from vineyards all along the Salinas Valley, this Cabernet Sauvignon offers ripe black fruit, mocha and vanilla flavours. An excellent option for pulled-pork sandwiches.

Full-bodied & Smooth 17815 (D) 750 mL **\$24.95** Featured in Central Coast

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*Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.



BONANZA LOT 6 CABERNET SAUVIGNON California

This non-vintage Cabernet celebrates the bonanza of California's vineyards. It's a juicy, refined wine crafted to be an accessible, flexible companion for roasted or grilled beef. Dark and luscious, with chocolate, smoke, and oak spice, it will drink well for 3+ years.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 20318 (D) 1500 mL **\$55.95** 🗸



LA CREMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR 2022

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County Cold-soak fermentation for five days brings out a gorgeous, neon-rimmed colour to this fruity, spicy Pinot Noir from the heart of Sonoma County. It features flavours of raspberry, boysenberry and cacao, hints of black tea, and a firm acidic backbone that asks to be paired with pork roulade and cranberry sauce.

IONOMA COAST

Medium-bodied & Fruity 732040 (XD) 375 mL \$21.95



DIORA LA PETITE GRACE PINOT NOIR 2020



Sustainable, Monterey County Fruit for this wine was sourced from the Santa Lucia Highlands and lower-elevation plantings in Monterey County. The resulting wine shows balance and poise, with brisk acidity, crunchy red fruit flavour, hints of smoke, and plush tannins for a smooth, satisfying finish.

[Mundus Vini did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Mundus Vini, Summer 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 24294 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 Featured in Central Coast



MARKHAM

VINEYARDS

ET SAUVIGN

MARKHAM CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 Napa Valley

This Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted by Kimberlee Nicholls, who is one of Napa's first women winemakers and a force in Napa Valley for more than three decades. It's complex and approachable, with nice tannic grip, a fine spine of fresh acidity, ripe dark fruit, cassis, tobacco, vanilla, clove, and a touch of spice. A wine with the character to cellar into the early 2030s.

Full-bodied & Firm (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 🗸 67181



DUCKHORN NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 2020 Napa Valley

A juicy and fruity merlot blend with plum, chocolate and hazeInut aromas and flavors. Full and layered with fleshy tannins and a flavorful finish. Velvety texture. Lovely approachability. 80% merlot, 17% cabernet sauvignon, 2% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. Drink now [through 2030+]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, March 6, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$79.95 🗸 27274



SEAGLASS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Sustainable, Central Coast

This widely available, affordably priced wine begins with focused, intense aromas of blackberry and black cherry on the nose, where hints of thyme, oregano and graphite add depth. The palate is hefty and ripe, with rounded blackberry, pepper and oregano flavors wrapped in a chalky texture. Best Buy. Score: 91 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🗸 20763 Featured in Central Coast



USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

TALBOTT KALI HART PINOT NOIR 2021

Estate grown, Monterey County This is one of the most reliably delicious-whileaffordable Pinot Noirs in California. Bright but concentrated aromas of strawberry cream, singed sage and crushed rock kick off the nose. The palate is satisfyingly rich with baked cherry and pecan pie flavors, yet tense in texture and zippy in acidity. Editors' Choice. Score: 93 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 317693 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 🗸 Featured in Central Coast



VINATARDS

Whole Cluster

FINOT NOIR

WILLIAM HILL **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019** North Coast

Blueberries, raspberry leaf, orange peel and vanilla on the nose. It's medium- to full-bodied with silky tannins and tangy acidity. Some sweet and sour character. Medium, fruity finish. Drink now [till 2029+]. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 4, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 453647 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95





CHARLES & CHARLES BOLT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 Sustainable, Columbia Valley



The Bolt is made predominantly with fruit from own-rooted vines growing at approximately 1,200 feet above sea level in the Goose Mountain block of Goose Ridge Ranch. It is graceful and balanced, with juicy acidity, sturdy tannic structure and restrained alcohol. With its aromas and flavors of Bing cherries, salted black licorice, orange blossoms, freshly cut grass and a savory note of pan-seared steak with fresh rosemary, this is a stunning value. Best Buy. [Enjoy through 2026+.] Score: 92 (Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 36760

INTRINSIC RED BLEND 2020 Columbia Vallev



(Chateau Ste. Michelle) Aromas of ripe dark and purple fruit with vanilla, licorice, mocha and pine wood. It's big and wide on the palate with plush, velvet-like tannins. Very textural, with a dusty and velvety mouth-feel and a lingering finish. Attractive fruit underneath ... Drink or hold [through 2028]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling. com, May 24, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 🗸 17014 Featured as our Wine of the Month

ARGENTINA - RED WINE

MOSQUITA MUERTA PISPI **RED BLEND 2018** Mendoza



The elegant and balanced 2018 Pispi is a blend of 40% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Bonarda, 10% Petit Verdot and 10% Cabernet Franc sourced from different parts of Mendoza and produced in a very harmonious way. It combines ripeness with freshness, power with subtleness. It has terrific balance and integration of all the components, coming through as subtle and clean, focused and tasty. Excellent! Drink date: 2021-2025. Score: 92+ (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, March 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 31973 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95



WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS WHOLE CLUSTER PINOT NOIR 2022 Willamette Valley

Whole cluster pressed and fermented in stainless steel, this nimble Pinot Noir does pack some sturdy tannic structure to accompany its bright acidity. Aromas of blueberries and balsa lead to flavors like boysenberry sorbet, orange peel and a touch of earthy oregano. Score: 90 (Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 17687 (D) 750 mL \$31.95 /





AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

ALKOOMI GRAZING COLLECTION SHIRAZ 2021 Frankland River, Western Australia



["Grazing Collection" is the new name of Alkoomi's popular "White Label" wines.] The 2021 Shiraz is co-fermented with Viognier, and it matured in French oak (20% new) ... with this lick of Viognier, the tannins that define Shiraz in this region are both tamed and amplified. It offers violet, apricot blossom, white tea, red apple skins, black cherry ... rhubarb, black pepper, raspberry, blackberry and blood plum. An excellent wine here – lithe, elegant, structural and vibrant. I love this! Drink date: 2023-2033. Score: **94** (Erin Larkin, robertparker.com, Aug. 24, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33369 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95**



HANDPICKED REGIONAL SELECTIONS SHIRAZ 2018 Barossa Valley, South Australia



Beautifully ripe and fragrant with blackberry, sweet cherry, vanilla, mixed spice and roasted nut characters, it's supple and juicy in the mouth delivering fleshy texture and silky flow. Flavoursome and delightfully appealing. At its best: now to 2028. Score: **92** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, May 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33593 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🗸



KARL'S SCEPTER COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Coonawarra, South Australia

Beautifully ripe and inviting on the nose with blackcurrant, cherry, vanillin oak and mixed spice aromas, it's succulent and generously expressed on the palate displaying excellent fruit intensity backed by fine chalky tannins. Upfront and delectably appealing. At its best: now to 2030. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Nov. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33732 (XD) 750 mL **\$15.95**



McPHERSON MWC SHIRAZ/MOURVÈDRE 2021 Victoria

Sweetly fruited and immediately appealing, showing Black Doris plum, rich floral, mixed spice and roasted hazelnut aromas. The palate delivers silky-smooth mouthfeel combined with supple texture and mellow tannins, making it tasty and delightfully drinkable. At its best: now to 2030. Score: **92** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, June 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 16032 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🗸



SISTER'S RUN BETHLEHEM BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Gomersal, Barossa, South Australia This wine comes from a single vineyard block in the heart of the Barossa and is loaded for (koala) bear, with juicy cassis, dark fruit, cedar, dried herbs, chocolate, a lifted minty character, and luxurious, structured tannins. Try it with beef stew or your favourite cut of steak. This will drink into the early 2030s.

[The New World Wine Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: **95** (New World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 360636 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🗸



NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

SHEILD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 Vegan, sustainable, Nelson, South Island



It's wonderfully fruited and fragrant on the nose showing feijoa, kiwifruit, crunchy apple and lemon peel aromas, leading to a flavoursome palate that's succulent and lingering. Pristine and vibrant, offering excellent drinking. At its best: now to 2025. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Oct. 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 32553 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🗸

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NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE CONT'D

SPY VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island This bright, lifted, tangy, tropical wine has generous suggestions of kiwi, lime, pear, grapefruit and passion fruit alongside a saline minerality. Very fine and focused. Drink now.

[Winestate did not include a tasting note.] Score: 91 (Winestate, Nov./Dec. 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 686675



NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

SPY VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2020 Sustainable, Southern Valleys, Marlborough, South Island The 2020 vintage is an elegant, finely poised, ageworthy red, estate-grown in the Southern Valleys and matured for 11 months in French oak barrels. Full, bright ruby, it is fragrant, mouthfilling and supple, with very good complexity and depth of cherry, plum, spice and nutty oak flavours. Best drinking 2024+. Score: ***** (michael cooper.co.nz, Aug. 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95** 734681



SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

THE FLEDGE & CO VAGABOND WHITE BLEND 2021 Total 12 Barrels,

unfined and unfiltered, WO Western Cape It would take me most of the note just to list the ten varieties that make up the blend of Vagabond, so let's say it's Chenin Blanc based with a medley of French, Portuguese and Spanish grapes from 16 vineyards. Fresh, zippy and understated, it has negligible oak, pear, aniseed, lemon and lime flavours and a steely, low-alcohol finish. Drink date: 2023-2027. Score: 91 (timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 33305

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FRANCE - WHITE WINE

ALSACE

JOSEPH CATTIN RIESLING 2022 Sustainable, AC Alsace

The Cattin family has been crafting food-friendly Alsatian wines for hundreds of years. This inviting white shows flavours of lime zest and orange blossom. Pair it with arugula-and-apple salad topped with goat cheese.

[The Concours Général Paris did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Concours Général Paris, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 259788 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU HAUT-GARRIGA ENTRE-DEUX-MERS 2022 Sustainable, AC



This 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Sémillon and 10% Muscadelle hails from Entre-Deux-Mers (between two seas), which is a lesser-known area in the sprawling region of Bordeaux. Entre-Deux-Mers focuses primarily on seafood-friendly white wines like this one, with its notes of peach skin, chamomile tea and jasmine.

Aromatic & Flavourful 35340 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95



BURGUNDY

BLASON DE BOURGOGNE SAINT-VÉRAN 2021 Sustainable, AC

(Translated from the French) Bright, pale gold color. Pleasant nose with accents of white flowers and mineral notes. The palate is very invigorating, with clean aromas and a creamy, almost pastrylike finish. Perfect with snails. Score: Gold (gilbertgaillard.com, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich 621581 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



VEV





DOMAINE LE VERGER CHABLIS 2021 AP

(Alain Geoffroy)

This steely, floral wine comes from one of the most trusted names in Chablis winemaking: Alain Geoffroy. Sourced from south-facing vineyards that soak in maximum sunshine, this wine offers notes of Granny Smith apple and freshly cut white flowers, with aromas of gun smoke. It will pair nicely with shellfish or soft cheese.

Light & Crisp 181289 (XD) 750 mL **\$31.95** 🗸



CHÂTEAU TERRASSON CUVÉE PRÉVENCHE 2016



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Layers of wood in this old-vines wine from Christophe Lavau are balanced by ripe black-plum and berry fruits. Concentrated and dense, this 90% Merlot has a rich texture. Drink this ripe wine from 2022. Score: **92** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Feb. 1, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 35341 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts



LOIRE

DOMAINE DU MARGALLEAU VOUVRAY SEC 2022 Sustainable, AC

This wine is sourced from the Vaux Valley of Calvados, which is a region better known for its warming tree-fruit brandy. It's a lively, fresh Vouvray that shows green reflections in the glass matching its notes of lime, green apple, ripe grapefruit, and flecks of dill.

[The Concours des Vins du Val de Loire did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Concours des Vins du Val de Loire, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 12113 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95**



FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU CASTAGNAC 2020 Sustainable, AC Fronsac

Black fruit, iodine, herbs and Mexican chocolate on the nose. Savory and spicy, with a medium body and firm, tight tannins. Excellent freshness. Drink after 2024. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, May 14, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 35621 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95**



GAÏA DE CHÂTEAU PUYBARBE 2019

Vegan, sustainable, AC Côtes de Bourg 76% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc. Slight savoury note along with some good red plummy fruit. Youthful but full tight and opulent on the palate. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 22945 (XD) 750 mL **\$15.95** 🗸



NEV

BURGUNDY

MOILLARD GAMAY 2022 AP Bourgogne



This wine was aged in stainless steel and neutral oak vessels to retain its crunchy red fruit flavours and delicate floral aromas. A lively, light-bodied red that will make an excellent accompaniment to any salad, seafood or poultry dish and can be cellared for another two years.

Light-bodied & Fruity 34253 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🗸

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FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

LANGUEDOC

ABBOTTS & DELAUNAY LES FLEURS SAUVAGES VIEILLES NEW **VIGNES CARIGNAN 2021** IGP Pays d'Oc

Opaque ruby-red. Nose of stone fruits (prune and black olive) with spices (pepper and cloves). Supple palate that continues to embrace the same southern aromatics, with inviting tannins. A wine for wholesome family meals. Score: Gold (gilbertgaillard.com, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 32949



CHÂTEAU DE VAUGELAS LE PRIEURÉ CORBIÈRES 2021 AC

Grown in the rain shadow of Montagne Noire and Mont Alaric, the grapes for this wine benefit from the wind tunnel that funnels air across the valley floor, helping create wines with plush red fruit flavour and razor-sharp acidity.

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 154617



RHÔNE

BROTTE CRÉATION GROSSET CAIRANNE 2020 AC

Offers a stream of juicy cassis, fresh red currant and dried herbs that race alongside smoked sandalwood and pencil lead shavings, with incense and floral notes adding lift. Well-built, with a firming frame of tannins bringing shape and a salty mesquite note at the close. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan. Drink now through 2025. Smart Buys. Score: 90 (Kristen Bieler, winespectator.com, Feb. 28, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 33852 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

ROUSSILLON

CHÂTEAU ROMBEAU ELISE **VIEILLES VIGNES 2019**



AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 70% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre. Nose is complex, full of cooked dark berries and fruit, pencil, graphite, dark olive, swift of Mediterranean herbs. Palate is complex, well balanced between good acidity and full fine tannins, cacao, blackcurrant cordial, flowers and sweet charred barrels. Finishes with well-judged texture and length. Delicious. Score: 96 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 35947





CHÂTEAU PAUL MAS **CLOS DES MÛRES 2021**

Sustainable, AP Languedoc Complex and intense with a spicy nose. Blackberries, cumin, dried thyme, black chocolate, tobacco leaves and blackcurrants. Full-bodied yet well-balanced with a creamy texture to the smoothly honed tannins. Vibrant strawberries and cherries before a long, spicy finish. Syrah and grenache. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 286393 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



SAINT-ROCH CORBAROL SYRAH/GRENACHE 2021 AP Côtes du Roussillon

Named after the small river Corbarola, this wine is sourced from vines grown along the river's edge where they're exposed to extra sunshine from the water's reflection. This helps balance the high acidity in the grapes by concentrating the fruity flavours. Offering notes of blackberry and baking spices, this red will pair nicely with a leg of lamb dressed with Mediterranean herbs and spices.

Full-bodied & Smooth 195107 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95

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GERMANY - RED WINE

BADEN

KÖNIGSCHAFFHAUSER STEINGRÜBLE TROCKEN PINOT NOIR 2019 Oualitätswein

This wine is sourced from a single steep vineyard on the side of an extinct volcano in Baden, which is Germany's leading region for Pinot Noir. Expect attractive aromas of red cherry, raspberry, pomegranate and sandalwood and pair the wine with grilled sausages, lamb, or mushroom burgers.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

460410 (D) 750 mL **\$18.95**



GREECE - WHITE WINE

PAPAGIANNIS RETSINA OF ATTIKI DRY WHITE WINE Old vines, PGI

Retsina has been enjoyed for as long as Greece has been making wine. Millennia ago, the Greeks would mix pine sap with Savatiano wines aged in clay amphora to make a salty-and-sweet, herbaceous dessert wine. With intriguing aromas of lemon, lilac, pine sap and tar wafting from the glass, this wine will pair well with salted anchovies and feta salad.

Aromatic & Flavourful 33327 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95**



ITALY - WHITE WINE

MARCHE

FAZI BATTAGLIA PASSERINA 2022 IGT Marche



Passerina is an ancient grape variety indigenous to the Adriatic Coast. It's well-known for its high yields, which is why it's endearingly called "scacciadebito" (chasing the debts). This mineraldriven, saline wine offers notes of lemon peel and seashell that would pair wonderfully with clam linguine.

Light & Crisp 36275 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95**



VITESE



TENUTE ORESTIADI IL BIANCO DI LUDOVICO RISERVA 2019 DOC Sicilia



A blend of 10% Chardonnay and 90% Catarratto, which is a rare indigenous variety. As Sicilian wine grows in popularity, so do its unique grape varieties, offering something interesting for adventurous palates. This aromatic, bold white shows notes of pineapple, lemon peel, oregano oil, and freshly cut white flowers.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **92** (lucamaroni.com, Aug. 31, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 36478 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95 /** Featured in Good Partners

COLOMBA BIANCA VITESE CHARDONNAY 2022 DOC Sicilia



This 100% Chardonnay is sourced from vines grown in the mineral-rich, chalky soils between Trapani and Segesta. It's a floral, herbaceous wine, with notes of citrus, acacia oil and sage, plus a lingering minerality on the finish. This will fare nicely with a lemon fish piccata.

Full-bodied & Rich 35952 (XD) 750 mL **\$14.95 ∉ ∲ Organic product**

ITALY - RED WINE

PIEDMONT

ENRICO SERAFINO SANAVENTO BARBARESCO 2020 DOCG

There's a smooth, velveteen palate on this 100% Nebbiolo. Its round mouthfeel and soft tannins are accentuated by flavours of sour cherry, tobacco, black licorice and rosehip that coat the palate with a smooth texture, leading into an extended, satisfying finish.

Full-bodied & Firm 157347 (XD) 750 mL **\$36.95**



REERA D'ASTI

ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

PIEDMONT

VITE COLTE ROSSOFUOCO **BARBERA D'ASTI 2021** Vegan, DOCG



This Barbera is loaded with aromas of ripe plums, juicy cherries, violets and a touch of white pepper. The palate is juicy and plump with flavors of plum and cherry just like the nose taking center stage. The wine has the trademark pop of vibrant acidity on the finish balancing out the wine. Best Buy. Score: 92 (Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 36296 & Organic product



PUGLIA

MASSERIA BORGO DEI TRULLI PRIMITIVO 2022 **IGP** Salento

Dark ruby red with blue-purple tints, very viscous. Fine nose of stewed black fruit, touches of pepper and graphite. Generous and ample in the mouth, reiterating the same aromatics, then signs off with a long mineral finish. Delicious with grilled beef. Score: 91 (gilbertgaillard.com, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (D) 750 mL \$15.95 569988

SICILY

TENUTE ORESTIADI MOLINO A VENTO NERELLO MASCALESE 2022

IGP Sicilian Lands

Nerello Mascalese has quickly gained prominence for its similarities to Pinot Noir. Qualities of this Sicilian staple are on full display in this wine, with its fine acidity, floral aromas, bright cherry flavour, hints of roasted almonds, and lingering minerality on the finish.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 96 (lucamaroni.com, Oct. 3, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36295 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 **Featured in Good Partners** & Organic product

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TUSCANY

CASTELVECCHIO IL BRECCIOLINO 2016 IGT Toscana

The 2016 II Brecciolino is an unusual blend of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Sangiovese. All the signatures of the house style come through so well. I especially admire the interplay of richness and energy. Grilled herbs, dried flowers, menthol, licorice, cedar, sweet tobacco and red cherry all build as this wonderfully complex and intense Tuscan red shows all it's got to offer. Drinking window: 2021-2030. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, March 27, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 205922 (D) 750 mL \$43.95 <



LAZZERETTI BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO 2018**

Spicy and alluring notes of cumin, black raspberries, orange zest and cloves. It's medium-bodied with tight-knit tannins and bright acidity. Excellent structure and freshness. Drink after 2023. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 11, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 318352 (XD) 750 mL \$52.95



VEV

ROCCA DELLE MACIE SASYR SANGIOVESE/SYRAH 2020 **IGT** Toscana

A bright and easygoing red with plenty of fresh berry character. Medium body, light tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now. Score: 90 (jamessuckling. com, April 4, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 68510



DOCG

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TORRE IL CERRETO CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2018 DOCG

An attractively earthy red with aromas of wild mushrooms, plums, seaweed and hints of white truffle. Medium-bodied with firm, rounded tannins. Rustic flavors, yet relatively polished and delicious... [Drink or hold until 2030.] Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, July 4, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 33410 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month



TOMMASI I PIANETI RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2019 DOC



Notes of ripe berries, walnuts, light spices, dried orange rind and dark chocolate. Medium-bodied with firm tannins and lively, crunchy fruit character. Ripe and concentrated, yet clean and fresh at the same time. Lingering finish. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 6, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 32696 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🗸



VITICCIO BOLGHERI 2019 DOC Bolgheri



ΕV

Blackcurrant and blackberry with some crushed stone on the nose. Medium-bodied with firm, chewy tannins that are velvety and plush. This needs time to come together. Try after 2024. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, July 4, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 32691 (XD) 750 mL **\$38.95**



SPAIN - WHITE WINE

NAT 1917 XAREL-LO 2021 Vegan, DO Penedès (Dominio Wines)



Xarel-lo (char-ell-oh) is an uncommon Spanish grape that's better known as a blending wine with other indigenous varieties to produce Cava. In recent years, modern tastes have amplified the desire for new styles of wine and Xarel-lo has delivered, mixing flavours of tree fruit with floral aromas and hints of raw almonds.

Aromatic & Flavourful 33825 (XD) 750 mL **\$15.95 / & Organic product**



VENETO

CASALFORTE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2019 Sustainable, DOCG

(Cantine Riondo) Tarry berries, asphalt and ash with some dark chocolates. Medium to full body on the palate with dried oranges and dark raspberries. Fresh and subtle for an Amarone with well-judged balance and some fine-grained tannins. Sustainable. Drink now or hold. Score: **91** (Zekun Shuai, james suckling.com, May 5, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 496414 (XD) 750 mL **\$43.95**



SPAIN - RED WINE

R. LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA VIÑA TONDONIA RESERVA 2011 DOCa Rioja

Aged for nearly six years in very old barrels, Tondonia is one of Rioja's most proudly traditional wines. Tempranillo dominated, with 20% Garnacha and 5% of both Graciano and Mazuelo, this is complex, mature and well-structured, with plenty of acidity, sinewy tannins, some balsamic sweetness and a taut, focused, age-worthy finish. Drink date: 2023-2035. Score: **95** (timatkin.com, *Rioja Special Report 2023*)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 19022 (XD) 375 mL **\$35.95** / 356337 (XD) 750 mL **\$70.95** /

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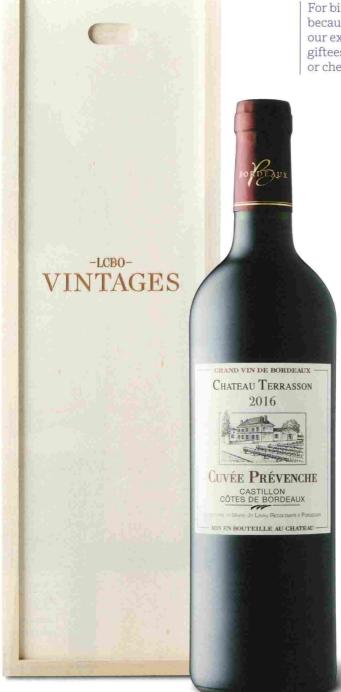
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