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wines of the month

Fruity and savoury

KILLIBINBIN SCREAM SHIRAZ 2016

Langhorne Creek, South Australia 429662 (D) 750 mL \$22.95

100% Shiraz. Bouquet blends ripe raspberry and savoury bacon notes, with some leather evolution. Smart and intricate palate with supple tannin and layers of rich coffee, mocha, dark berries and plums. Will age like a charm. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

CAVE DE ROQUEBRUN ROCHES NOIRES 2019

AC Saint-Chinian-Roquebrun, Languedoc, France 251637 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

60% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre. Chocolate and bright black fruit with considerable heft and extraction. Syrah pepperiness and vibrancy with a nice combination of fruit spice and acidity. Score: **89** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth
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FRENCH CONNECTIONS

The Basilica of Saint-Michel rises up behind the Pont de Pierre in Bordeaux.

From tip to toe, France is an alluring melange of sights, sites, and wines of every stripe.

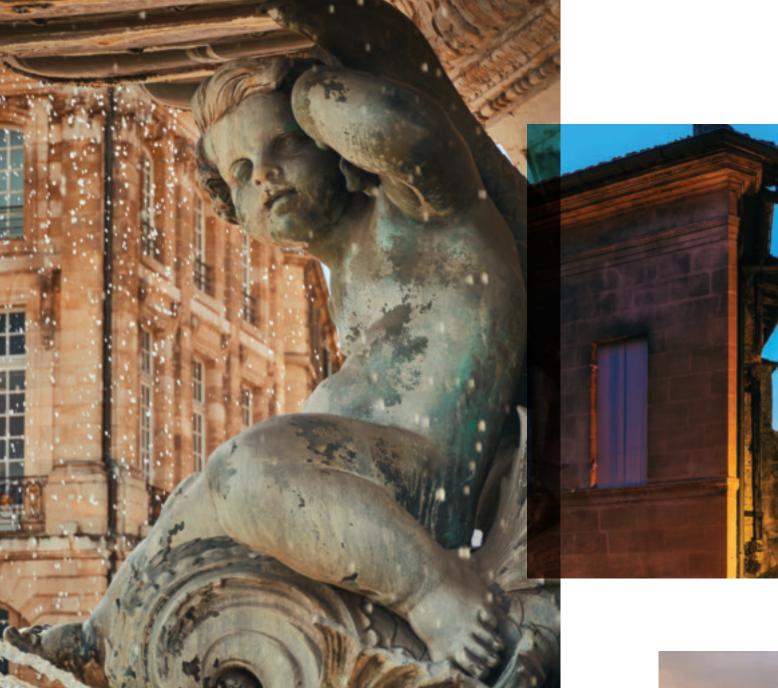
France is famous for its wines, and rightly so, but its beauty reaches far beyond the vineyards. Join us as we visit classic French wine regions – from Bordeaux to the Loire Valley, Champagne, Alsace, Burgundy and Beaujolais, the Rhône Valley, and the South of France – and discover the wonders, oenological and otherwise, that await.







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BORDEAUX

Most wine lovers recognize Bordeaux for its stately châteaux (hey, it's the epicentre of the wine world for a reason), but it also boasts scenic rivers, historic bridges, towering cathedrals, formal French gardens and more. **Place de la Bourse**, situated along the Garonne River, is a stunning example of 18th-century French architecture. Crossing the Garonne itself stands the **Pont de Pierre**: an intricate brickwork bridge built under the auspices of Napoleon. Surrounding the châteaux are vineyards of Cabernet Sauvignon (mainly in the gravelly soils of the Left Bank), Merlot (mainly the clay-rich Right Bank), Cabernet Franc and a handful of others.







CHÂTEAU DE LANDIRAS 2018 AC Graves

75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. Grand generosity, showcasing deep, vigorous dark forest fruit and an appetising blackcurrant freshness within juicy and fabulously-integrated tannins. Lovely, boisterous and rich in fruit. Bravo! Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

524199 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 🗸



CHÂTEAU TOUR DE SARRAIL 2010 AC Bordeaux

(Hubert de Boüard & Bernard Pujol)

A rich and beautiful Bordeaux with lots of blackcurrants, blueberries and vanilla character. Full body, round and soft tannins and a flavorful finish. Fruit-forward style. Delicious now but better in 2017. Serious wine from this appellation. About 80% merlot and the rest cabernets. Score: **91** (jamessuckling. com, Oct. 21, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth 448829 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 <



Château Tour de Sarrail 2010

BORDEAUX Hobert de Boiland & Bernard Pojel











MARQUIS DE MONS 2018

Second wine of Château La Tour de Mons, AC Margaux

This has a subtle nose of blackberries, cherries, hibiscus and dried leaves. It's medium-bodied with firm, sleek tannins. Linear and fine finish. Try from 2022. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, March 3, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

524553 (XD) 750 mL \$40.95 🗸

LOIRE VALLEY

Colloquially known as "the garden of France," this breathtaking valley traces the path of the country's longest river: the Loire. Set amongst the region's natural beauty are French Renaissance castles including **Château de Chambord**, commissioned by King Francis I in the early 16th century; and royal cottages, one of which, **Château du Clos Lucé**, was home to Leonardo da Vinci in his twilight years. As the Loire meanders through the countryside, the wines reflect the local landscape. Where the river meets the Atlantic, the signature wine is Muscadet, and further inland are pockets of Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc, the latter finding its finest expressions in the villages of Pouilly-Fumé and Sancerre.

> The commune of Blois on the Loire River. TOP RIGHT: Louis XII on horseback at the Château de Blois.





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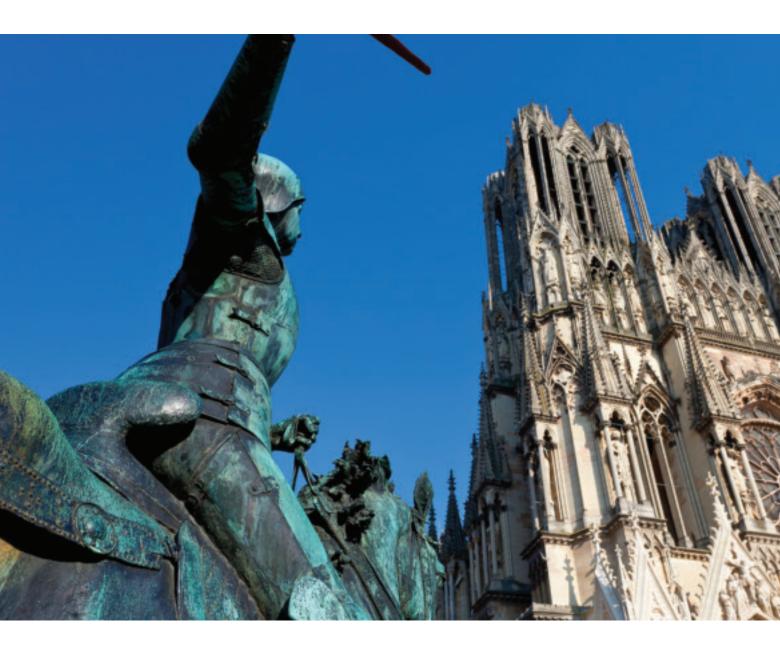


JOSEPH MELLOT LA CHATELLENIE SANCERRE 2020 Sustainable, AC

This family estate has been home to winemaking since 1513. Made from Sauvignon Blanc, this wine is always expertly balanced and poised. Expect suggestions of green apple, grapefruit and gooseberry underpinned by crisp acidity and a beautiful mineral quality, and pair with roasted chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese and herbs.

Aromatic & Flavourful

525154 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 🗸



CHAMPAGNE

In the north of France is where you'll find **Reims Cathedral**. This 13th-century Gothic marvel is the site of kingly coronations long ago. Equally impressive is the **Château de Sedan**: a seven-storey medieval castle and fortress that once housed artillery and royals alike and is now a luxury hotel and museum. The region is also, of course, home to the crown jewel of sparkling wines. Uniquely chalky limestone soils provide the perfect environment for growing the brilliantly crisp Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir used to make the world's finest bubblies.



Joan of Arc guards Reims Cathedral. BELOW: A closeup of the cathedral's stonework.







GARDET 1^{ER} CRU BLANC DE NOIRS BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC

The two Pinots are present in this tight, structured wine. With acidity right up front, supported by the crisp citrus flavors and taut, youthful texture, this wine should age further in bottle. This bottling will be ready from 2020. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2019)

Rich & Complex

385104 (D) 750 mL \$52.95 🗸

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

ALSACE

Nestled between the Vosges and Black Forest mountain ranges in the northeast of France is Alsace, with its mixture of French, Germanic and Swiss influences. The region's quaint Bavarian villages are framed by rivers and canals, while medieval castles and Gothic cathedrals rise above clay-tile rooftops. At the centre of Strasbourg's Grande Île is **Petite France**, the old quarter of the city. Along with nearby **Strasbourg Cathedral**, it's renowned for its Rayonnant Gothic architecture. Alsace is a foodie's dreamland, boasting more Michelin-starred restaurants per capita than anyplace else in the world. No less enticing are the wines, which are labelled by grape variety and made predominantly from Riesling, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Gewurztraminer.



CAVE DU ROI DAGOBERT DÉCOUVERTE RIESLING 2019 AC Alsace

Riesling has been grown for winemaking in Alsace since at least 1477. This one comes from a vineyard of limestone, granite, gravel, marl and sandstone and conveys a suitably complex minerality along with zesty citrus and crunchy pear. Sip with choucroute garnie or fish and chips.

Aromatic & Flavourful 22704 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 New at Vintages



DAGOBERT

PIERRE SPARR BRUT ROSÉ CRÉMANT D'ALSACE Traditional method, AC

This 100% Pinot Noir is produced Méthode Traditionnelle punching well above its price and worthy of a multiple purchase. It pours fine mousse in the glass with the liquid a stunning copper-pink hue. Aromas of strawberry, spice and floral notes provide segue to a glorious gusher of palate flavours with ruby red grapefruit, blood orange and just-picked wild strawberries to the fore. It's elegant and charming, medium bodied and just off-dry, balanced and beautiful with a lengthy, lip-smacking finish and aftertaste. Drink now. Score: **92** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, July 5, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 39016 (D) 750 mL \$19.95



Defined by rolling hillsides, vineyards and farmland, this east-central French region is dotted with small towns and Romanesque abbeys. The capital, Dijon, is known for its traditional mustard, autumn gastronomic fair, and **Musée des Beaux-Arts** de Dijon: an art museum set in an ancient palace. In the heart of wine country is the walled city of Beaune, whose cobbled streets, tile-mosaic rooftops and historic **Hospices de Beaune** (a 15th-century hospital that now houses a museum and annual wine auctions) are hallowed images for wine travellers. The wines themselves, of course, are just as revered. In Burgundy proper, the terroir is expressed via Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, while in Beaujolais the medium of choice is Gamay.



olourful tile oofs in Dijon





CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY VIEILLES VIGNES MERCUREY 2018 AC

A heady hint of oak appears first on the nose of this wine but is soon joined by ripe, tart red cherry. That cherry fruit is intense on the palate and comes with concentration and pervasive freshness, all the more remarkable in the warm 2018 vintage. The intense fruit is met by fine tannins and a lovely texture. Score: 92 (Anne Krebiehl, MW, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

668202	(XD)	750 mL	\$33.95	1
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SILEX BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ 2019 AC

(Vignerons de Buxy)

Aligoté, the secondary white-wine grape of Burgundy, is the raw material for some excellent wines that fly largely under the radar. This example offers notions of fresh flowers, peach, apricot and saline mineral in a graceful, silky frame. It'll go nicely with ham braised in white wine and served with a remoulade featuring mustard, parsley and shallots.

Light & Crisp

20915 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 **New at Vintages**







MARIE-PIERRE MANCIAT BRUT CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE Traditional method, AC

This traditional-method sparkling wine from southern Burgundy entices the nose with caramel apple, lemon zest and toasty biscuit notes from time spent on its lees in the bottle. It has a generous palate of zesty citrus, ripe apple and brioche leading to a long, full and frothy finish. A good value Crémant, it's well balanced with lively acidity and a delicate effervescence. Drink or cellar. Score: **92** (Lisa Isabelle, winecurrent.com, Nov. 22, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 402362 (D) 750 mL \$24.95

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



GEORGE DUBOEUF SÉLECTION JULIÉNAS 2019 AC

This wine is fresh, with plenty of structure to give it shape. Black fruits and a core of tannins are developing well, offering spice, succulence and the ability to age further. Drink from late 2021. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 20920 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 New at Vintages





RHÔNE VALLEY

In between Burgundy and Provence, this hilly valley traces the mighty Rhône River as it flows south toward the Mediterranean. Lyon, the region's capital, sits at the junction of the Rhône and Saône, where medieval and Renaissance architecture provide the backdrop for an ancient Roman amphitheatre and, since 2014, the **Musée des Confluences**: a modern science centre and anthropology museum. Lyon also hosts one of Europe's most spectacular light festivals: the 150-year-old **Fête des Lumières**. In the vineyards, the north of the region is devoted to Syrah, while the south grows the Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and more that comprise the exalted wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and its neighbours.



"The big wheel" lights up the statue of Louis XIV during the Fête des Lumières.





CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2018 AC

Saturated ruby. Ripe, smoke- and spiceaccented cherry, dark berry, licorice and floral qualities on the highly perfumed nose. Stains the palate with sweet cherry preserve and blackberry flavors that take on baking spice, vanilla and candied lavender accents as the wine stretches out. Shows very good depth as well as energy and finishes long and chewy, with dusty tannins making a late appearance. Drinking window: 2024-2033. Score: **92** (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, Oct. 2021)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 735407
 (XD)
 750 mL
 \$55.95

🖉 Organic product

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



PRESIDENTE PATRICK GALANT VIEILLES VIGNES CAIRANNE 2018 AP

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Vibrant fresh aromas of plush ripe fruit lead to raspberry, strawberry, liquorice and supple tannins on the palate. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

20641 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 **/** New at Vintages





THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

Famous for its sandy beaches and cozy seaside cafés basking in the Mediterranean sunshine, this vast area spans historic Languedoc-Roussillon and Provence and includes a diversity of terroirs, from the Pyrenees in the west to the Alps in the east. Among the region's cultural hotspots is the port city of Marseille, founded by the Greeks in 600 BCE and today a modern cultural hub featuring some 24 museums and 42 theatres. Standing watch over the city is the **Basilique Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde**: a 19th-century basilica in the Romanesque and Neo-Byzantine styles. To the east along the Mediterranean coast is the sumptuous French Riviera, which includes such stops as Cannes with its film festival and exclusive beach clubs; Saint-Tropez with its jet-set nightlife and yacht-filled harbours; and Nice with its Matisse museum and bustling **Promenade des Anglais** waterfront. Wines of the South of France are as diverse as the region itself, with Grenache and Mourvèdre among the signature grape varieties and rosé the most internationally recognized style.



CAVE DE ROQUEBRUN ROCHES NOIRES 2019

AC Saint-Chinian-Roquebrun

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Full-bodied & Smooth

251637 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month





MACERATION .

MUST CHNIAN-ROQUEBRIN

TESSELLAE VIEILLES VIGNES CARIGNAN 2019 IGP Côtes Catalanes (Domaine Lafage)

All old vine Carignan, the 2019 Côtes Catalanes Tessellae from Jean-Marc Lafage offers a beautifully pure nose of red and blue fruits, brambly herbs, violets, and leather. This carries to a medium to full-bodied red with silky tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. It has impressive purity as well as elegance and is going to keep for 2-4 years. Maturity: 2020-2024. Score: **90-92** (jebdunnuck.com, Dec. 14, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

343509 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🗸

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EMILIO LUSTAU ALMACENISTA FINO DEL PUERTO OBREGÓN SHERRY DO, Spain

97 points (Decanter World Wine Awards) Dry 515817 (XD) 500 mL \$23.95 **▲**



DOMAINE SÉBASTIEN DAMPT CHABLIS 2019 AP, Burgundy, France

92 points (Andy Howard, MW, decanter.com) Light & Crisp 22892 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95 New at Vintages



DOMAINE DU CHALET POUILLY POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2020 Vegan, AP, Burgundy, France

Full-bodied & Rich 295717 (XD) 750 mL \$40.95 🖌



ARMAND DE BRIGNAC ACE OF SPADES GOLD BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, France

95 points (Christelle Guibert, decanter.com)

Rich & Complex 438820 (XD) 1500 mL \$739.95



DOMAINE SÉBASTIEN DAMPT LES VAILLONS CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU 2019 AC, Burgundy, France

94 points (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*) Light & Crisp

23916 (XD) 750 mL \$47.95 **/** New at Vintages



CLOUDSLEY TWENTY MILE BENCH CHARDONNAY 2018 * VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

92 points (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com)

Full-bodied & Rich 16093 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 <



GREYWACKE RIESLING 2020 Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand 95 points (Cameron Douglas, MS, decanter.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 14556 (M) 750 mL \$29.95 <



B. LEIGHTON GRATITUDE OLSEN BROTHERS VINEYARD 2018 Yakima Valley, Washington (K Vintners)

95 points (jebdunnuck.com) Full-bodied & Smooth 22629 (XD) 750 mL \$62.95 New at Vintages



GAJA SITO MORESCO 2019 DOP Langhe, Piedmont, Italy Full-bodied & Firm 976043 (XD) 750 mL \$81.95 <

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BODEGAS FAUSTINO ICON EDITION 2015 DOCa Rioja, Spain

95 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

Full-bodied & Smooth 16102 (XD) 750 mL \$55.95 🗸



ERASMO SELECCIÓN DE BARRICAS CABERNET FRANC 2015 DO Valle del Maule, Chile

95 points (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl)

Full-bodied & Firm 21961 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✔ **[€] Organic product**



LEGÓN PREMIUM CRIANZA 2017 DO Ribera del Duero, Spain (Viña Vilano) Full-bodied & Firm 270645 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 <



THE CREATOR 2018 Powerline Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley, Washington (K Vintners)

96 points (jebdunnuck.com) Full-bodied & Smooth 276717 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 -



NIEPOORT VERTENTE TINTO 2017 DOC Douro, Portugal 92 points (Mark Squires, robertparker.com) Medium-bodied & Fruity 695023 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 New at Vintages



GIRARD PETITE SIRAH 2018 Napa Valley, California Full-bodied & Firm 521542 (XD) 750 mL \$44.95



ADELSHEIM PINOT NOIR 2019 Sustainable, Willamette Valley, Oregon Medium-bodied & Fruity 683821 (XD) 750 mL \$57.95



HARTFORD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2019 Unfined and unfiltered, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California

94 points (jebdunnuck.com) Full-bodied & Smooth 403113 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 ✔



DONATO D'ANGELO CALICE AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE 2018 DOC, Basilicata, Italy

¶¶(Gambero Rosso Italian Wines)Medium-bodied & Fruity22208(XD)750 mL\$21.95 ✔New at Vintages



COOPER & THIEF BRANDY BARREL AGED PINOT NOIR 2018 California

Medium-bodied & Fruity 23652 (D) 750 mL \$29.95 **/** New at Vintages



BUCK SHACK BOURBON BARREL ZINFANDEL 2019 Sustainable, estate grown, Lake County, California Full-bodied & Smooth 23659 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 New at Vintages



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CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES BRUT SPARKLING ↔ Traditional method, VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake 224766 (D) 750 mL **\$25.95**

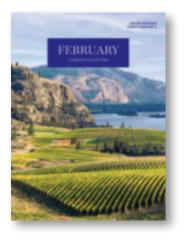
DILLON'S VERMOUTH Niagara, Ontario 571133 (S) 750 mL **\$19.95**

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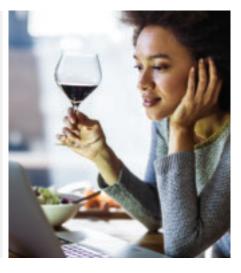
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NOMAD

WANDERLUST 2017 VOA Niagara Lakeshore, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Hinterbrook) 451328 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 ✓ Medium-bodied & Fruity

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It delivers notes of cherry, Redcurrant and a touch of spice.

It's a perfect pairing for filet mignon with a red-wine reduction.

Jana

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FORTIFIED WINE

SANDEMAN 10-YEAR-OLD TAWNY PORT* DOP, Portugal



Stylish cherry, plum and dried anise notes have a racy feel, ending with a late echo of dried orange peel on the finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, Feb. 28, 2021)

\$25.95

Sweet 500 mL (S) 21810

Dry



EMILIO LUSTAU ALMACENISTA FINO DEL PUERTO OBREGÓN SHERRY DO, Spain

100% Palomino. Exactly what a Fino should be; delicate camomile, almond and fresh lemon aromatics with a lovely rounded, plump texture and a herbaceous, apple peel minerality. Crisp and tangy with a gorgeous toasted long savoury finish. Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2019)

500 mL (XD) \$23.95

CHAMPAGNE

ARMAND DE BRIGNAC ACE OF SPADES GOLD BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, France

... equal percentage of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay with 20% of Pinot Meunier – and a blend of 3 vintages, 2009, 2010 and 2012. The nose is full of flavours and rich with notes of white flowers and crème patissière. However, the palate is crisp, fresh and delicate with a lovely creamy texture. It is elegant, refined and very stylish ... a pleasant combination of power and concentration blended with finesse and elegance. While the dosage is 9g/L, it feels much drier, more like a 5g/L and this [is] probably due to the spinal cord of acidity. Score: **95** (Christelle Guibert, decanter.com, Feb. 22, 2021)

 Rich & Complex

 1500 mL (XD)

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CHAMPAGNE CONT'D

GARDET 1^{ER} CRU BLANC DE NOIRS BRUT CHAMPAGNE*

AC, France The two Pinots are present in this tight, structured wine. With acidity right up front, supported by the crisp citrus flavors and taut, youthful texture, this wine should age further in bottle. This bottling will be ready from 2020. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine*

Rich & Complex 750 mL (D) **\$52.95** 385104 Featured in French Connections

SPARKLING WINE

Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2019)



ANGELS GATE SNOWANGEL ICEWINE DOSAGE SPARKLING RIESLING *

Traditional method, Mountainview Vineyard, VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario Angels Gate is one of Ontario's most renowned producers of sparkling wines, and this is a new addition to their stable. It's made from Riesling harvested from a single vineyard and finished with a dose of Riesling Icewine. Expect a sweet-andtangy interplay of citrus preserves, poached pear and applesauce, and pair with seafood tempura,

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (M) **\$29.95**

spicy pork entrees or fruit desserts.



FRANCIS COPPOLA SOFIA BLANC DE BLANCS SPARKLING 2018* Monterey County, California

This intriguing blend of Pinot Blanc, Muscat and Riesling is zesty and fresh, with lifted floral aromatics and suggestions of apple, pear, citrus and honeysuckle. A great sipper, it would be an ideal companion for a special brunch.

Light & F	ruity		
750 mL	(D)	\$37.95	
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PIERRE SPARR BRUT ROSÉ CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

Traditional method, AC, Alsace, France This 100% Pinot Noir is produced Méthode Traditionnelle punching well above its price and worthy of a multiple purchase. It pours fine mousse in the glass with the liquid a stunning copper-pink hue. Aromas of strawberry, spice and floral notes provide segue to a glorious gusher of palate flavours with ruby red grapefruit, blood orange and justpicked wild strawberries to the fore. It's elegant and charming, medium bodied and just off-dry, balanced and beautiful with a lengthy, lip-smacking finish and aftertaste. Drink now. Score: **92** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, July 5, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$19.95 39016 Featured in French Connections

MARIE-PIERRE MANCIAT BRUT CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE*

Traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France This traditional-method sparkling wine from southern Burgundy entices the nose with caramel apple, lemon zest and toasty biscuit notes from time spent on its lees in the bottle. It has a generous palate of zesty citrus, ripe apple and brioche leading to a long, full and frothy finish. A good value Crémant, it's well balanced with lively acidity and a delicate effervescence. Drink or cellar. Score: **92** (Lisa Isabelle, winecurrent.com, Nov. 22, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$24.95 402362 Featured in French Connections



PITARS MILLESIMATO EXTRA DRY PROSECCO 2019 DOC, Italy

A fruity sparkling wine with a creamy texture and fine bubbles. Delicious cooked-lemon and apple character. Some white peach, too. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 14, 2020)

Light & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$15.95



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

BRICKLAYER'S REWARD 20 BARRELS CHARDONNAY 2019 *

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake (Colio Estate Wines)

... a well-priced beaut ... fragrance of baked pears drizzled with honey, and beams in with bright, mouth-watering fruit cloaked in buttery-nutty flavours that call to mind pralines and cream. The wine is dry and smooth with impeccable balance and pristine purity. And it's gorgeous with all sorts of foods – even grilled cheese, but hold the ketchup. Score: **92** (Carolyn Evans Hammond, thestar.com, Feb. 4, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) **\$18.95**

CLOUDSLEY TWENTY MILE BENCH CHARDONNAY 2018 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment ... the best of the best grapes and barrels ... wild fermented and aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 28% of which is new. This really does feel like a lot of wine for the money with an inviting, aromatic and perfumed nose of sweet pear, golden apple, stony minerality, some citrus zest and light oak spice. It's rich and creamy on the palate but retains freshness with pear/quince, lemon zest, integrated oak spices and length through a finessed finish. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara. com, Aug. 9, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) \$34.95 16093 Online Exclusive

JACKSON-TRIGGS NIAGARA ESTATE GRAND RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2019 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

Aged for 18 months in French oak, this is a generous, flavourful, approachable Chardonnay with apple and melon fruit embroidered by vanilla, cinnamon and toast notes. Pour with roast chicken or pork, or baked brie and candied walnuts.

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) **\$20.95**



KEW OLD VINE RIESLING 2016 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment A classic Ontario expression, with lifted florals, citrus, and a hint of mineral oil. This 2016 will have bright acidity and fruit and will be starting to show signs of development with its emerging petrol note. Try it with pork chops or grilled sausages.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$15.95 392126



CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO

13TH STREET WHITTY VINEYARD GAMAY 2020 ♥

Vegan, VQA Creek Shores, Niagara Peninsula Medium intense nose of red berries and spice notes. Medium bodied with juicy acidity and tangy red cherry and cranberry notes. Silky tannins with very good length. Score: **90** (Janet Dorozynski, DipWSET, Ph.D., winealign.com, Oct. 27, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) **\$24.95 17180**



NOMAD WANDERLUST 2017 *

VQA Niagara Lakeshore, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Hinterbrook)

This complex, elegant red blend is reminiscent of Left Bank Bordeaux or Tuscan Bolgheri; not bad places for a vinous Nomad to wander, after all. Beautiful layers of dried berries and currants, cedar and sandalwood evoke a wintry forest scene and call out for hearty prime-rib roast with root veggies.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$22.95 451328 Featured in Local Find







CANADA - RED WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

PENINSULA RIDGE RESERVE MERITAGE 2019 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment This blend of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Malbec and 18% Merlot was aged 15 months in a mix of French and American oak barrels. Crafted in an elegant, supple style, it promises ripe plum, blackberry and tobacco notes. Pour with stew featuring rabbit, lamb or beef.





RIDGEPOINT DOLCETTO APPASSIMENTO 2019 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment

This wine was made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling grapes, which were harvested by hand and naturally dried for 45 days prior to barrel fermentation. Expect a cornucopia of jammy raspberry, cranberry and cherry, and sip with spicy roast duck or rich, soft cheeses.

Medium-bodied & Fruity			
375 mL	(S)	\$24.95	
24847			



THE TRAGICALLY HIP FULLY COMPLETELY RESERVE RED 2019 * VQA Niagara Peninsula (Stoney Ridge)

This Bordeaux-inspired blend has become a popular wine with Vintages customers. Expect impressive ripe mixed fruit, with woodsmoke and baking spice undertones and structured tannins. This collaboration between Stoney Ridge and The Hip is the wine for grilled ribs or steak. It will also offer 5-7+ years of evolution in your cellar.

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



VINEDRESSERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 *

VQA South Islands, Lake Erie North Shore (Pelee Island Winery)

This Cabernet Sauvignon was tempered in French oak barrels for 12 months, bringing touches of cinnamon and smoke to a voluptuous wine brimming with ripe currants, mincemeat and blackberry jelly. Pour with tourtière, braised duck legs or herbcrusted rack of lamb.

Medium-	oodie	d & Fruity	
750 mL	(D)	\$19.95	
530576			



VINEDRESSERS RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2017 🍁

VQA South Islands, Lake Erie North Shore (Pelee Island Winery)

A lifted nose of gamy notes and wood smoke mingle with aromas of dark berry fruit and black cherry. A rarin' to go, robust surge of palate flavours capture the senses with passionfruit, cranberry and red currant to the fore. The dry finish and aftertaste is lip-smacking good and lingers nicely with oodles of pizzazz. Give this a go with tourtière, porchetta pork roast or grilled mediumrare striploin. The price-quality balance tips well in your favour here. Drink or cellar. Score: 92 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Feb. 14, 2021)

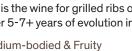
Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 325282

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BURROWING OWL ESTATE BOTTLED CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 * BC VQA Okanagan Valley

Burrowing Owl gives a hoot about eco-conscious winemaking. Photovoltaic solar panels on their property provide sustainable energy, and their solar water-heating project is so successful they've got enough left over to heat a swimming pool for lucky visitors. Their Cabernet is consistently big and impressively structured, with layers of red fruit, dark fruit and oak spice. Pair with eggplant lasagna or slow-cooked lamb shanks.







USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

CALERA CHARDONNAY 2018 Central Coast

Aromas of baked peach, nectarine and butternut squash in lemon-butter sauce make for a warm and approachable nose in this bottling. There's a firm, lemony grip when the wine hits the palate, and then it broadens to pome fruit, with zesty citrus flavors popping into the finish. Score: 92 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich \$32.95 750 mL (XD) 713313



FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND **COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2019** California

Love the fragrant white and orange blossom florals on this dry, full-bodied and lush California Chardonnay with tropical fruit, ripe red apple, ripe melon, smoky vanilla and stony mineral flavours on the palate. Finishes with bright acidity for grilled seafood and chicken dishes. Drink: 2020-2024. Score: 90 (nataliemaclean.com, May 6, 2019)

Full-bodi	ed &
750 mL	(D)
708305	





WILLIAM HILL NORTH COAST **CHARDONNAY 2020** North Coast

Founded in 1976 by visionary vineyard developer William Hill, this winery is located on a 200-acre parcel at the foot of Atlas Peak on the Silverado Bench. Ripe and expansive with bright, balancing acidity, this Chardonnay will pair well with roast chicken or lobster rolls.

Full-bodied & Rich \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 288555



WASHINGTON

AIRFIELD YAKIMA VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2020 Yakima Valley

This wine was fermented 58% in stainless steel (with this portion eschewing malolactic conversion) and 42% in French oak, wherein it spent eight months before harmonizing for an additional month in concrete. The result is a round, velvety Chard brimming with crunchy orchard fruit and applesauce that'll go beautifully with pork chops or butterbraised scallops.

Full-bodied & Rich \$22.95 750 mL (XD) 479295

USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BELLE GLOS LAS ALTURAS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2018

Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County (Joseph J. Wagner)

This powerful Pinot Noir offers intense aromas of black plum, purple flowers and toasty melted caramel. The palate is loaded with herbs and spice, from tarragon, sage and bay leaf to cardamom and anise, as well as a rich boysenberry-jam core. Score: 94 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$59.95 🖌 750 mL (D) 212076

BUCK SHACK BOURBON **BARREL ZINFANDEL 2019** Sustainable, estate grown,

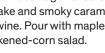
Lake County



This big, rich Zinfandel takes fruit grown in highaltitude vineyards in Lake County and ages the resulting wine in emptied Bourbon barrels for three months. It promises huge flavours of berry preserves, spice cake and smoky caramel, all in a velvety, balanced wine. Pour with maple-glazed pork ribs and blackened-corn salad.

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$32.95 23659 **Online Exclusive**

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USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

BUENA VISTA NORTH COAST CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 North Coast

(Boisset Collection) Founded in 1857, Buena Vista holds the title of California's first premium winery. Sourced from select vineyards in the Golden State's North Coast region, this easygoing Cabernet shows cassis, redcurrant, herbs, mint and vanilla in a silky frame. Pair with beef tenderloin or pulled-pork sliders.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 254458



BUENA VISTA THE SHERIFF 2019 Sonoma County

(Boisset Collection)

This wine's name is a nod to Buena Vista's founder, Sheriff Agoston Haraszthy. The 2019 vintage is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah and Petit Verdot with splashes of Mourvèdre, Grenache and Mission and spent 15 months in French oak. Look for ripe, dark fruit decorated with sweet and savoury spices and pour alongside prime rib or steaks with garlic-rosemary butter.

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (D) \$49.95 539114



CANNONBALL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Juicy cassis, mulberry, mocha, and smoke aromas. Fresh ripe fruit with firm and fine tannins on the palate defining the classic style. Score: **90** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)



COOPER & THIEF BRANDY BARREL AGED PINOT NOIR 2018 California



This unique creation sees Pinot Noir grapes from across California matured in ex-brandy barrels for 75 days. The end product promises bright red fruit, jammy cherry and baking spices, with a toasty, oak-driven finish. Sip with smoked duck breast, or ratatouille tart with caramelized onion-tomato jam.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$29.95 23652 Online Exclusive



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From a family with a legendary knack for montage, this Cabernet Sauvignon features cameos by Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah and the relatively obscure Ségalin variety. It's crafted in a supple, food-friendly style and delivers bright cherry and strawberry, black pepper, toasted oak and sweet spices. Savour with steak Florentine or spaghetti and meatballs.



GIRARD PETITE SIRAH 2018 Napa Valley

The 2018 growing season was near-perfect, with ideal conditions throughout the final ripening period for the grapes. This robust, silky wine shows complex, concentrated dark fruit, vanilla, and savoury herbal notes, with oak spice and toast. It will continue to evolve beyond 2030.



GNARLED VINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 California

(Oak Ridge Winery) This wine is sourced from old Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel vines, with the splash of Zin adding jammy berry notes to the Cab's savoury blackcurrant and cedar. Pair with dry-rub chicken wings or ribs.

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$17.00 🗸 750 mL (D) 19568 As seen in Food & Drink magazine



HARTFORD OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2019 Unfined and unfiltered, Russian River Valley,

Sonoma County The 2019 Zinfandel Russian River Valley is a gem and certainly a great candidate for those looking

for a great Zinfandel, or those interested in the style and quality of this great estate. Classic red and blue fruits, sandalwood, cigar wrapper, and candied violets dominate the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, with considerable structure, good purity, and a great finish. It will have 8-10 years of prime drinking. Maturity: 2021-2031. Score: 94 (jebdunnuck.com, July 22, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$49.95 750 mL (XD) 403113 **Online Exclusive**



J. LOHR LOS OSOS MERLOT 2019 Paso Robles

The Merlot came from the Creston Vineyard in Paso's prestigious El Pomar District, while the 14% Malbec blended in is from the Shotwell Vineyard. Blue-floral aromas are dotted with mocha, and on the palate, ripe boysenberry and candied violets meet up with supple, cocoapowdered tannins. The blue fruit weaves through nutmeg and cinnamon as more floral tones progress across the finish. Score: 92 (Meridith May, tastingpanelmag.com, Sept./Oct. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$13.95 375 mL (XD) 10459



JOEL GOTT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Napa Valley

This might not be the ultimate Napa Valley red, but it has a ton of fresh blackberries and a very satisfying balance of supple tannins and lively acidity that lift the full body and give it a clean, rather food-friendly finish. Drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2019)







JOSH CELLARS PASO ROBLES RESERVE **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018** Paso Robles

(Joseph Carr)

Josh Cellars sources fruit from several of the top appellations across the state. This Cabernet comes from the warm, dry climate of Paso Robles and offers rich fruit, dark chocolate, coffee and sweet spices wrapped in soft, velvety tannins. Pour with Moroccan spiced meatloaf or barbacoa burritos.

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$24.95 🗸 412320



MÉNAGE À TROIS BOURBON **BARRELS CABERNET** SAUVIGNON 2018 California



This limited-release wine is inspired by the very best of California winemaking and traditional Kentucky craft distilling. It's made from Cabernet Sauvignon with splashes of Merlot and Petit Verdot and is aged for three months in barrels previously used to make six-year-old Kentucky Bourbon. Expect ripe currant, blueberry and blackberry fruit with touches of sweet spices and caramel, and pair with brisket.

Full-bodied & Smooth \$24.95 750 mL (D) 23645





USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

SCHUG PINOT NOIR 2019*

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County Aromas of mulberries, dried cranberries, dried flowers, vanilla and chocolate orange. It's mediumto full-bodied with tight-grained tannins. Sleek and focused with a more mineral, chalky finish. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 2, 2021)



SEBASTIANI ALEXANDER VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County This Cabernet includes dollops of Syrah, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Petite Sirah and spent 16 months in a mix of French and Hungarian oak. It's made in a plush, elegant style and offers cherry liqueur, ripe plum, strawberry compote and fresh leather, with a toasty, oak-spiced finish. Pair with veal parmigiana and pasta bolognese.

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$39.95 470872



THREE FINGER JACK OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2018 Sustainable. Lodi

Named for a legendary outlaw of the California gold rush, this wine is sourced from Zinfandel vines over 40 years of age. Fermented in stainless steel to keep the fruit fresh and lively, it's then aged in a mix of American and French oak. Lodi is known for premium-quality Zinfandel, creating intensely fruity offerings with red and black fruit and a rich, sleek texture.





OREGON

ADELSHEIM PINOT NOIR 2019

Sustainable, Willamette Valley This wine is certified LIVE Sustainable and Salmon-Safe. It's made from a mix of destemmed and whole-cluster fruit and aged 10 months in French oak barrels. Expect an elegant wine with notions of earthy berry fruit and rose garden, and pair with beef bourguignon or prime rib.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) **\$57.95** 683821 Online Exclusive



UNDERWOOD PINOT NOIR 2020 Oregon

(Union Wine Company) Union Wine Company founder Ryan Harms makes wines intended for everyday enjoyment by everyday people. This friendly-priced Pinot Noir delivers notions of cherry, currants and forest floor and will make a lovely partner for herb-crusted salmon any day of the week.

Medium-I	odied	& Fruity	
750 mL	(XD)	\$22.95	l
421198			

WASHINGTON

(K Vintners)

B. LEIGHTON GRATITUDE OLSEN BROTHERS VINEYARD 2018 Yakima Valley

Checking in as 70% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache,

and the balance Syrah ... beautiful, incredibly

perfumed nose of ripe red fruits (strawberries,

framboise, currants) as well as loads of spice,

sandalwood, herbes de Provence, and white pepper

... plenty of richness yet is a more elegant, ethereal

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expression of Mourvèdre offering polished tannins, terrific overall balance, and outstanding length ... Maturity: 2021-2033. Score: **95** (jebdunnuck.com, May 6, 2021) Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) **\$62.95**

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THE CREATOR 2018

Powerline Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley (K Vintners)

Red and black currants, blueberries, green tobacco, cedarwood, and new saddle leather notes ... 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Syrah ... layered, elegant texture, sweet tannins, and a great finish. A wine that builds nicely with time in the glass, picking up more density and length, it has the fruit and balance to offer pleasure today yet the concentration and structure to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for 15-20 years, if you're so inclined. Maturity: 2023-2038. Score: 96 (jebdunnuck.com, May 6, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$74.95 276717 **Online Exclusive**

ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

CRIOS CHARDONNAY 2020 Mendoza

(Susana Balbo) Slightly effervescent, with a pure, refreshing and spritzy style. A youthful, aromatic and light-bodied Chardonnay with attractive hints of green apple, white peach and minerals. Drinking window: 2021-2024. Score: 90 (Amanda Barnes, decanter.com,





May 13, 2021)



VIÑA COBOS FELINO CHARDONNAY 2019 Mendoza

(Paul Hobbs) This is a steely white with sliced-lemon and cooked-apple aromas and flavors. Some oyster shell. Medium to full body, creamy acidity and a delicious finish. Drink now. Score: 93 (james suckling.com, April 2, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 119099







ARGENTINA – RED WINE

BELASCO DE BAQUEDANO LLAMA OLD VINE MALBEC 2019

Estate bottled, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza



This young malbec shows tannin tension that gives it form. It's medium-bodied with blackberry and brambleberry flavors and hints of hazelnuts. Some tar. Fresh finish. Enjoy the creamy texture. Drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, April 2, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 21993

CARO AMANCAYA RESERVE MALBEC/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018*

Mendoza The grapes for Amancaya primarily come from vineyards in Altamira (95%) in the Uco Valley, while the remaining 5% come from an old vineyard in Agrelo ... 70% malbec and 30% cabernet sauvignon, this is a juicy red with tremendous fruit expression. It has the character of ripe red fruits from a warm year, but it also has a well-formed and resistant network of tannins that can easily bear the weight of the fruit in a very well-balanced wine. Score: 94

(Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

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750 mL	(XD)	\$23.95	
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EL ENEMIGO SINGLE VINEYARD LA ESPERANZA BONARDA 2017 Mendoza

Aromas of spiced blue fruit with a gently floral edge, as well as light, earthy and stony aromas. This has such intriguing structure with fine, dense tannins, carrying ripe blue-fruit flavors in a fresh, succulent mode. Drinks like a good Morgon! Try now and for five years. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 4, 2020)

\$21.95 🧹

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) 629782



ARGENTINA - RED WINE CONT'D

HUMBERTO CANALE PATAGONIA INTIMO MALBEC 2019

Rio Negro, Patagonia A rather cool sense to this malbec with plum, crushed-stone and floral aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, tight and focused. Fresh finish. Lovely glass for drinking now. Enjoy. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, April 2, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$14.95 144725 Ørganic product



LOS HAROLDOS RESERVA MALBEC 2017 Estate bottled, Valle de Uco, Mendoza There's a wealth of ripe dark cherries and blackberries on offer here with a suave array of fresh, juicy tannins that carry an upbeat feel in the mouth. Drink or hold. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, March 27, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$17.95 646612



SALENTEIN RESERVE MALBEC 2019 Valle de Uco, Mendoza

Aromas of ripe blackcurrants, cherries, dried herbs and licorice. It's medium-bodied with smooth, fine-grained tannins. Succulent and savory with a flavorful finish. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuck ling.com, April 8, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$17.95 750 mL (XD) 640854



CHILE – RED WINE

BISQUERTT LA JOYA SINGLE VINEYARD CARMENÈRE 2018 Valle de Colchagua



This is from a selection of vineyards with deeper soils with more clay and gravel ... The vines are about 20 years old, and the fruit they bear gives wines with the herbal notes associated with the variety as well as lots of red fruits amid tannins with great grip, which is not necessarily related to carmenere, although it is common in this area of Colchagua. A red for aged cheeses. Score: 92 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm \$29.95 750 mL (XD) 21471



ERASMO

EL PRINCIPAL CALICANTO 2018 Pirque, Valle del Maipo

An undeniably Maipo Alto wine, from the notes of black fruits, herbs, and menthol to the smooth and elegant texture. A blend with great sense of place and that this year is 49% cabernet sauvignon, 35% carménère, and the rest is syrah, cabernet franc, and malbec. Aged for a year in used barrels, this red focuses on fruity flavors, but without overlooking a strong sense of its origin ... [Drink till 2023+.] Score: 93 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$24.95 234963



ERASMO SELECCIÓN DE BARRICAS CABERNET FRANC 2015

DO Valle del Maule

As would be expected in a warm climate like Caliboro's, this cabernet franc from 21-year-old vineyards beside the Perquilauquén River has strong herbal aromas, but mostly it smells of ripe black fruits in the midst of a very firm tannic structure that's as solid as concrete. The wine even seems austere and monkish in its expression. Yes, it can be very tannic, but the truth is that we like that type of architecture here. Score: 95 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2020)

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





LAURA HARTWIG SELECCIÓN DEL VITICULTOR **BLOCK NOGALES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018**

DO Santa Cruz, Valle de Colchagua ... spent a year in barrels and then another nine months in cement eggs. This cabernet has the hallmark of the house wines - the softness and balance, along with the sweet ripe fruits characteristic of a warm area like Colchagua. In an excellent year with moderate temperatures, this cabernet also seems to have more nerve and sharper, more piercing tannins that maintain tension in a faithful representative of the valley's cabernets. Score: 93 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) \$20.95 21951



MARTY MARIPOSA ALEGRE **GRAN RESERVA CARMENÈRE** 2019

Valle de Cachapoal

From the heart of the Cachapoal Valley, in the Millahue and Almahue zones, places recognized for their warm-climate carmenere rich in ripe fruits, this Mariposa is a wine that's generous in fruity flavors with a bit of spices and herbs and a body with tannins that are firm but not aggressive. A balanced and fruity wine. Score: 91 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$16.95 21957



MONTES PURPLE ANGEL 2018 DO Valle de Colchagua

The lighter touch that has been apparent on this wine since 2016 has turned it from a red I admired into one that I actively want to drink. Made from Carmenère with 8% Petit Verdot, using fruit from Apalta and Marchigüe, this is a fine, detailed, focused Purple Angel with subtle 80% new wood, engaging freshness, lots of leafy perfume and thrilling palate length. Drink date: 2023-2032. Score: 97 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, Chile Special Report 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$74.95 62364



MONTGRAS ANTU CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019* Sustainable, DO Valle de Maipo

From the Linderos zone in Maipo Alto, and planted on alluvial soils, this is a clear expression of place. The mentholated notes and herbal touches emerge forcefully from the glass, while the palate has those sharp-but-fine Alto Maipo tannins that gently prickle the tongue. The fruits are ripe and a bit sweet - a kind of concession to the house style - although that smooth, round, commercial Montgras style has not managed to take the sense of place away from this cabernet. It's still a very good example of Alto Maipo cabernet. Score: 94 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 444703



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RITUAL PINOT NOIR 2018* Valle de Casablanca

Nuanced fragrance, full of racy raspberries, mossy berries, forest floor and spices. Elegant, but deep. Smooth, round and subtle on the palate. So much poise, showcasing fine, pinot character. From organically grown grapes. Drink now or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, April 17, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$23.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 514182 Ørganic product



VERTIENTE PAGNEL LUNORIA **GRAN RESERVA RED BLEND 2015** DO Sagrada Familia



50% Carmenère, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. Rich and intense, dark fruit driven wine. Engaging and complex with hints of rustic charm. Expressive and juicy on the finish. Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

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









URUGUAY - RED WINE

GARZÓN CABERNET FRANC/TANNAT 2018

Uruguay

This wine combines 80% Cab Franc and 20% Tannat to create a blend with evocative aromatics and depth. The Tannat brings structure and grip without becoming overpowering or rigid, making for a drinkable, enjoyable wine that offers a tasty mix of ripe dark fruit with a refined suggestion of herbs. Drink this tonight with grilled steak or follow for another 5+ years.

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



GARZÓN RESERVA TANNAT 2019 Maldonado

A full-bodied red with aromas of black cherries, blackcurrants, violets and black licorice. Tannic and chewy with a firm core of dark fruit. Try from 2023. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, June 23, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) **\$24.95** 558916



AUSTRALIA – WHITE WINE

SIDEWOOD CHARDONNAY 2018

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Parcels of clones 95 and 76, free-run juice direct to barrel, wild yeast fermentation, matured for 10 months in French oak. An elegant, tightly focused wine built on grapefruit and white peach fruit flavours. The length and balance are very good. Drink by: 2030. Special Value. Score: **96** (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) **\$18.95**



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

ELDERTON COMMAND SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2017 Barossa Valley, South Australia

... spent 30 months in new American and French oak. From a parcel of the estate vineyard in Nuriootpa planted in 1894, it's broad and generous on the full-bodied palate, practically oozing generosity and richness. Plums, blackberries, vanilla and cedar all come together in a sexy whirl of velvety-textured hedonism that may prove too much for some tasters while completely turning others on ... Drink date: 2021-2035. Score: **95** (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Aug. 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$99.95 716142



ELDERTON ODE TO LORRAINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON/SHIRAZ/ MERLOT 2017

Barossa Valley, South Australia A glorious, superbly blended trio of 58% cabernet sauvignon, 37% shiraz and 5% merlot. It is heady with violets, cassis and woodsy spices. The full-bodied palate impresses with its gloss, its detail, neat acidity and firm tannins informing of its ageing potential. Harmony in a glass. Drink by: 2037. Special Value. Score: **96** (Jane Faulkner, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$39.95 976423



KILLIBINBIN SCREAM SHIRAZ 2016

Langhorne Creek, South Australia 100% Shiraz. Bouquet blends ripe raspberry and savoury bacon notes, with some leather evolution. Smart and intricate palate with supple tannin and layers of rich coffee, mocha, dark berries and plums. Will age like a charm. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)



PETER LEHMANN THE BAROSSAN **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018** Barossa Valley, South Australia

(Casella) A delectably styled cabernet; the fragrant bouquet shows blackcurrant, dark cherry, violet, vanilla and cedar characters with a touch of tobacco complexity. It is succulent, supple and lingering on the palate with excellent weight and intensity, finishing long and very tasty. At its best: now to 2028. Score: 93 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Sept. 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm \$21.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 12331



SIDEWOOD SHIRAZ 2018

Adelaide Hills, South Australia This is the complete package. Cold soak, wild yeast ferment with partial whole bunch, partial whole berry, matured in French oak (25% new) for 18 months. The result is a wine of great complexity to both texture and flavour, savoury black cherry, blackberry and forest notes. Skilled winemaking with 5-star success. Drink by: 2038. Score: 96 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2020)

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



NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

GREYWACKE RIESLING 2020

Marlborough, South Island Seductive bouquet of wild flowers and minerals, a fine leesy complexity and fresh aromas and flavours of citrus, peach tea and sweet hay. Crisp, refreshing, fruity and dry with fine texture. Just enough concentration of flavour to contrast the fresh herb notes and salivating acidity. Well made and long. Drinking window: 2021-2028. Score: 95 (Cameron Douglas, MS, decanter.com, Jan. 11, 2021)



Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (M) \$29.95 14556 **Online Exclusive**



NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

THREE PADDLES **PINOT NOIR 2017** Martinborough, North Island (Nga Waka)



This winery's name is taken from Nga Waka a Kupe (the canoes of Kupe): the three hills that sit side by side like upturned canoes and form the backdrop for the town of Martinborough and its surrounds. Expect this fully mature Pinot Noir to deliver juicy raspberry, blackberry and beetroot character and pair nicely with roast chicken thighs and root veggies.

[The New World Wine Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (New World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$24.95 750 mL (XD) 19617

CROATIA – WHITE WINE

KUTJEVO GRASEVINA 2020

Danube-Kutjevo Vineyard, Slavonia ... fresh and floral with lemon zest, bright apple, yellow cherry, lemongrass and citrus zest flavours on the palate ... Grasevina is a grape indigenous to Croatia. Grapes are grown between 200 and 450 metres above sea level. Drink: 2021-2022. Score: 90 (nataliemaclean.com, Aug. 6, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$16.95 750 mL (XD) 519074

FRANCE – WHITE WINE

ALSACE

CAVE DU ROI DAGOBERT **DÉCOUVERTE RIESLING 2019** AC Alsace



Riesling has been grown for winemaking in Alsace since at least 1477. This one comes from a vineyard of limestone, granite, gravel, marl and sandstone and conveys a suitably complex minerality along with zesty citrus and crunchy pear. Sip with choucroute garnie or fish and chips.





FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

BURGUNDY

DOMAINE DU CHALET POUILLY POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2020 Vegan, AP

The Chardonnays of Pouilly-Fuissé are known for their precision, focus, intensity and richness. This one is fresh, floral and fruity, with sweet apple, citrus and a sharp mineral note. Try it with salmon, honey-orange-glazed ham, or even grilled lobster.

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) \$40.95 295717 **Online Exclusive**



DOMAINE SÉBASTIEN DAMPT CHABLIS 2019 AP

Another resounding success from Sébastien Dampt. Rich, full and loaded with subtly ripe fruit, this is still classic Chablis with some lovely acidity and a mineral edge to finish. Great purity and drive here. Although the acidity is noticeable, it acts as an essential complement to the concentration of the fruit. Drinking window: 2021-2025. Score: 92 (Andy Howard, MW, decanter.com, Nov. 25, 2020)

\$33.95

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) 22892 **Online Exclusive**

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DOMAINE SÉBASTIEN DAMPT LES VAILLONS CHABLIS 1^{ER} CRU 2019 AC

Scented florality hovers above green pear and ripe lemon-zest notes on this wine's inviting nose. The palate puts its bundled force towards that lemon zestiness that pervades the wine with purity and freshness. A yeasty texture on the body counters the lemon and buffers the crispness. The wine is intense and bright. [Drink till 2028.] Score: 94 (Anne Krebiehl, MW, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2020)





SILEX BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ 2019 AC

(Vignerons de Buxy)

Aligoté, the secondary white-wine grape of Burgundy, is the raw material for some excellent wines that fly largely under the radar. This example offers notions of fresh flowers, peach, apricot and saline mineral in a graceful, silky frame. It'll go nicely with ham braised in white wine and served with a remoulade featuring mustard, parsley and shallots.



LOIRE

JOSEPH MELLOT LA CHATELLENIE SANCERRE 2020

Sustainable, AC

This family estate has been home to winemaking since 1513. Made from Sauvignon Blanc, this wine is always expertly balanced and poised. Expect suggestions of green apple, grapefruit and gooseberry underpinned by crisp acidity and a beautiful mineral quality, and pair with roasted chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese and herbs.

Aromatic & Flavourful \$28.95 750 mL (XD) 525154 Featured in French Connections

MIDI

BEAUVIGNAC PICPOUL DE PINET 2020 AP

(Les Costières de Pomerols)

The name Picpoul, or Piquepoul, means "lip-stinger" and is a direct reference to the vibrant natural acidity of this grape. This wine offers intriguing, guite generous notes of lime, elderflower, green apple and pear. Fresh and ripe with a saline minerality, this will be a wonderful sipper or a great pairing for seafood.



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SOUTH OF FRANCE

GÉRARD BERTRAND RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE VIOGNIER 2020 IGP Pays d'Oc

This Viognier comes from a number of top sites across Roussillon. It's floral, with peach, orange citrus, herb and apricot tones in a rich package, and delivers concentration without sacrificing vibrancy or lift. A classic pairing is pollastre amb gambes (chicken and prawns), but you can also try it with grilled salmon.

Aromatic & Flavourful \$14.95 750 mL (XD) 147975 & Organic product



FRANCE – RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DE LANDIRAS 2018 AC Graves

75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. Grand generosity, showcasing deep, vigorous dark forest fruit and an appetising blackcurrant freshness within juicy and fabulously-integrated tannins. Lovely, boisterous and rich in fruit. Bravo! Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$25.95 524199

Featured in French Connections



CHÂTEAU DE RIBEBON 2018

AC Bordeaux Supérieur (Alain Aubert, prop.) Sweet berry and floral aromas follow through to a medium body with nicely integrated tannins and a deliciously juicy finish. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, June 3, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$16.95 750 mL (XD) 12281



CHÂTEAU GÉMEILLAN 2014*

AC Médoc

45% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc. There is a lovely depth of fruit on the nose, the palate has beautiful density of dark cherries and smokey hints, with freshness and very silky tannins, lively refreshing and very satisfying. Score: 94 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$24.95 21085



CHÂTEAU MAUCAMPS 2008 Sustainable, AC Haut-Médoc



Chateau Maucamps Cru Bourgeois status of 2008 was justifiably awarded as indicated by this well preserved vintage. A sustainably produced Haut-Medoc from the Macau en Médoc area close [to] the appellation of Margaux and near the banks of the Garonne. Pouring a notably garnet hue, rich and enticing with notes of iron and salinity. Evolves slowly but surely in the glass so no need to decant. The tannins are quite velvety at this point and the fruits is still well concentrated. Complex and harmonious with memorable length. [Will continue to drink till 2023-2025.] Score: 92 (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com, March 29, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$36.95 22950



Titras Manara

WIT-MIDOC

CHÂTEAU TOUR DE SARRAIL 2010 AC Bordeaux

(Hubert de Boüard & Bernard Pujol) A rich and beautiful Bordeaux with lots of blackcurrants, blueberries and vanilla character. Full body, round and soft tannins and a flavorful finish. Fruit-forward style. Delicious now but better in 2017. Serious wine from this appellation. About 80% merlot and the rest cabernets. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 21, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 448829 Featured in French Connections



FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

BORDEAUX

MARQUIS DE MONS 2018

Second wine of Château La Tour de Mons, AC Margaux

This has a subtle nose of blackberries, cherries, hibiscus and dried leaves. It's medium-bodied with firm, sleek tannins, Linear and fine finish. Try from 2022. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, March 3, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$40.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 524553 Featured in French Connections



BEAUJOLAIS

GEORGE DUBOEUF SÉLECTION JULIÉNAS 2019 AC

This wine is fresh, with plenty of structure to give it shape. Black fruits and a core of tannins are developing well, offering spice, succulence and the ability to age further. Drink from late 2021. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2021)



Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 20920

Featured in French Connections



BURGUNDY

CHÂTEAU DE SANTENAY **VIEILLES VIGNES MERCUREY 2018** AC

A heady hint of oak appears first on the nose of this wine but is soon joined by ripe, tart red cherry. That cherry fruit is intense on the palate and comes with concentration and pervasive freshness, all the more remarkable in the warm 2018 vintage. The intense fruit is met by fine tannins and a lovely texture. Score: 92 (Anne Krebiehl, MW, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$33.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 668202 Featured in French Connections



LANGUEDOC

CAVE DE ROQUEBRUN ROCHES **NOIRES 2019**

AC Saint-Chinian-Roquebrun 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre. Chocolate and bright black fruit with considerable heft and extraction. Syrah pepperiness and vibrancy with a nice combination of fruit spice and acidity. Score: 89 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$24.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 251637

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GÉRARD BERTRAND AN 806 CORBIÈRES 2018 AP

Gérard Bertrand 2018 Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre is a full-bodied and silky GSM from the Corbières, Languedoc wine region. Supple and smooth on the palate with ripe dark fruit, blueberry, plum, cedar brush and smoky pepper spice flavours vibrant on the palate. Drinking beautiful now, but could easily cellar for two-three years. Enjoy with a sausage and bean casserole. Drink date: 2021-2025. Score: 91 (nataliemaclean.com, May 8, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$17.95 🥑 750 mL (XD) 394288

RHÔNE

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2018* AC

Saturated ruby. Ripe, smoke- and spice-accented cherry, dark berry, licorice and floral qualities on the highly perfumed nose. Stains the palate with sweet cherry preserve and blackberry flavors that take on baking spice, vanilla and candied lavender accents as the wine stretches out. Shows very good depth as well as energy and finishes long and chewy, with dusty tannins making a late appearance. Drinking window: 2024-2033. Score: 92 (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, Oct. 2021)



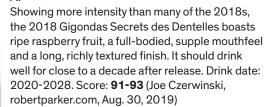
750 mL (XD) \$55.95 735407 Featured in French Connections & Organic product





FRANCOIS-XAVIER NICOLAS PÈRE & FILS LE SECRET DES **DENTELLES GIGONDAS 2018** AP





Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$35.95 🗸 20639



PRESIDENTE PATRICK GALANT VIEILLES VIGNES CAIRANNE 2018 AP

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Vibrant fresh aromas of plush ripe fruit lead to raspberry, strawberry, liquorice and supple tannins on the palate. Score: 91 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$18.95 750 mL (XD) 20641 Featured in French Connections

ROUSSILLON



TESSELLAE VIEILLES VIGNES CARIGNAN 2019* IGP Côtes Catalanes (Domaine Lafage) All old vine Carignan, the 2019 Côtes Catalanes Tessellae from Jean-Marc Lafage offers a beautifully pure nose of red and blue fruits, brambly herbs, violets, and leather. This carries to a medium to full-bodied red with silky tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. It has impressive purity as well as elegance and is going to keep for 2-4 years. Maturity: 2020-2024. Score: 90-92 (jebdunnuck. com, Dec. 14, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$18.95 750 mL (XD) 343509 Featured in French Connections











ITALY – RED WINE

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DONATO D'ANGELO CALICE **AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE 2018** DOC



Sourced from vines planted in volcanic soils at an elevation of 500 metres, this wine has blackberry, plum, savoury herbs, tobacco, earth, and white pepper spice. Characterful, food-friendly acidity along with tight, bracing tannins suggest a drinking window extending through 2025.

[Gambero Rosso Italian Wines did not include a tasting note.] Score: 👥 (Gambero Rosso Italian Wines, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$21.95 22208

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PIEDMONT

GAJA SITO MORESCO 2019 DOP Langhe

Angelo Gaja is widely credited with introducing the use of barriques to Piedmont. His aim was to moderate the tannins in Nebbiolo and deliver fruitier, richer expressions, like the complex redcurrant, cassis, spice, savoury herbs and smoke in this poised blend of Nebbiolo, Cabernet and Merlot. This will cellar for 10 years or more, or enjoy it tonight with roast pork or beef stew.

Full-bodied & Firm \$81.95 🧹 750 mL (XD) 976043 **Online Exclusive**



MICHELE CHIARLO LE ORME 16 MONTHS BARBERA D'ASTI 2019 DOCG

Piedmont is famous for its legendary Barolo, but the region's lesser-known wines are exceptional too, offering great value. Michele Chiarlo has long been a champion of the superbly food-friendly Barbera d'Asti. This ripe, floral example shows dark raspberry, cherry, coffee, forest floor, leather, mineral and wood spice. It'll be great with lamb.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$15.95 265413





ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

SICILY

COMPAGNIA SICILIANA 1921 REAL ACADEMIA NERO D'AVOLA 2017 DOC Sicilia (Montedidio)

Sourced from sites predominantly composed of calcareous clay, this wine is fresh and fruity, with red berry, licorice and lifted floral notes. Smooth, balanced and intense, it's ideal for aged cheeses or roasted meats. Drink now till 2025+.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **97** (lucamaroni.com, April 6, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) **\$18.**



TUSCANY

BELLINI CHIANTI CLASSICO 2018

Lots of vivid blackberry and black-cherry character to this red with some bark and mushroom undertones. It's a solid, medium-bodied palate with medium tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 27, 2020)

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



CAPARZO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2016 DOCG

Ripe, sweet cherry and raspberry fruit are accented by floral, mineral and wild herbs in this alluring red. A backbone of dense, dusty tannins provides support, and the ripe fruit returns on the savory finish. Excellent length. Best from 2023 through 2043. Score: **96** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, June 30, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$49.95 = 579094



ARDUINI LUCIANO BUTEL 2018 IGT Veronese Rosso

NEW

This wine is a blend of Corvina, Corvinone and Rebo, the latter of which is a spicy cross of Merlot and Teroldego. Luca Maroni awarded it **97** points (lucamaroni.com, April 10, 2020), describing it as soft, concentrated and balanced, with a great purity of dark fruit and spice tones.

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750 mL	(D)	\$15.95
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GRAN PASSIONE ROSSO 2020 IGT Veneto

(Botter) This wine is crafted to reflect an approachable New World style with broad appeal. It's ripe and rich, with juicy dark fruit, earth, oak spice, leather, and tobacco leaf.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **97** (lucamaroni.com, April 12, 2021)



LUCIANO ARDUINI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2017 DOCG

An aromatic, soft, balanced wine, with blackberry, black cherry and vivid acidity. This will be a great pairing for braised beef or grilled ribs and will cellar for a decade or more.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **98** (lucamaroni.com, June 10, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) \$48.95 438507



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RONCOLATO AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2015* DOCG

This is a statuesque wine defined by a stream of juicy plum and red cherry fruits. It is graceful and seamless, with depth and length of flavour perfectly integrated, and tannin equally so. Long and moreish finish. Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) **\$48.9**







VALPANTENA TORRE DEL FALASCO VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO 2019 DOC

Ripasso offers fans of Amarone a lighter take on Veneto's signature style, and Torre del Falasco emphasizes approachability in their modern take on this classic. A solid value from a trusted producer, this wine offers generously articulated dark fruit, vanilla, cocoa and spice, with layered smoke and leather tones. Enjoy it tonight with grilled beef or cellar through 2028.



PORTUGAL – RED WINE

JOSÉ MARIA DA FONSECA DOMINI 2018 DOP Douro

Portugal is home to over 250 indigenous grape varieties, offering near-limitless potential that makes the country's blends an exciting revelation. This one is composed of Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Francesa and offers juicy cherry, earth, herbs and spice in an elegant, finessed, fresh frame. Enjoy with grilled meats or cellar till 2024.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$16.95 452730 Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts







... a field blend of grapes like Tinta Roriz and Touriga Franca aged for 20 months in 80% used French barriques ... Elegant, refined, solid in the mid-palate and still filled with flavor, this is fresh and yet still very serious. It has fine structure and grip on the finish. This refined and impeccably balanced tinto is super and easily the best value point in the lineup. It can be drunk now, but it will be better this time next year, and it will hold gracefully for a reasonable time. Drink date: 2020-2033. Score: **92** (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, Aug. 30, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$28.95 695023 Online Exclusive



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VISA MAYOR

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PORTAS DA HERDADE RESERVA 2019

Vinho Regional Alentejano (Companhia das Quintas) A ripe wine, this has dense tannins that exude richness and black fruits. Licorice flavors add power and bite. The wine is still young, with impressive richness that needs to develop fully. Drink from 2023 [till 2029+]. Score: **92** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Oct. 1, 2021)

SPAIN - WHITE WINE

VIÑA MAYOR VERDEJO 2020* DO Rueda



Sliced pear, green apple, lime pith and lemon grass on the nose. Some sea shell, too. Medium-bodied with bright acidity. Textured and focused with a mineral finish. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamessuckling. com, Oct. 14, 2021)

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

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SPAIN – RED WINE

ASÚA RESERVA 2016 DOCa Rioja (CVNE)



This is very powerful and rich with amazing depth of fruit and ripe tannins. Full body. Round and chewy tannins. Super depth and beauty in this pure tempranillo. Needs time in the cellar. Better after 2021 [till 2036+]. Score: 97 (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 8, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$37.95 🥒 23807



BODEGAS FAUSTINO ICON EDITION 2015 DOCa Rioja

95% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano. Refined and elegant nose of quality oak. The acidity bursts through but is quenched by mulberry and damson fruit. Silky, persistent palate; ripe and round, intricately woven with tannin. Classy wine with a protracted finish. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$55.95 750 mL (XD) 16102 **Online Exclusive**



LUIS CAÑAS CRIANZA 2017 DOCa Rioja

A medium fruity red with cherry, berry and hints of cedar, firm tannins and a fresh finish. Light austerity at the end makes this interesting. Tempranillo and garnacha. Drink now [through 2026+]. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 14, 2021)





MURUVE ROBLE 2018* DO Toro

(Bodegas Frutos Villar)

100% Tinta de Toro. Intense vanilla, liquorice and allspice scents. Rich and inviting dark fruit on entry, dark chocolate on the finish. Very drinkable with rounded tannins. Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$14.95 750 mL (D) 280404

LEGÓN PREMIUM CRIANZA 2017 DO Ribera del Duero

(Viña Vilano) This 100% Tempranillo was sourced from old vines, many over 100 years of age. It's intense and expressive, with richly articulated, plush black fruit, clove, cinnamon and vanilla tones. A wine that will cellar for 25 years or more.

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$32.95 270645 **Online Exclusive**



SAN ALEJANDRO EVODIA 2019 DO Calatayud



Based on 100% Garnacha, the 2019 Evodia is a killer value that delivers incredible Garnacha flair at a crazy good price. Kirsch, blackberry, acacia flower, violet, and sandalwood notes give way to a medium to full-bodied, seamless, beautifully layered wine with fabulous tannins, no hard edges, and a great, great finish. This is the finest wine at this price point in the world. Maturity: 2021-2025. Score: 93 (jebdunnuck.com, March 22, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$14.95 🗸 23914





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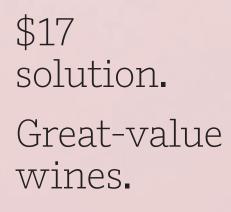
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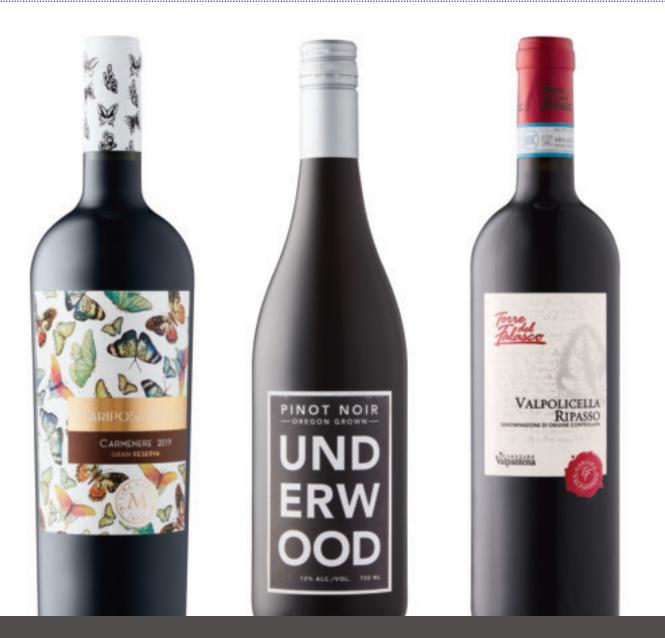
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