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1000 STORIES PROSPECTORS' PROOF BOURBON BARREL-AGED CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

California 23649 (D) 750 mL \$21.95 🗸

The 2018 is the second vintage of this wine. It's built from Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from prime sites throughout the North Coast and Central Coast regions, including Mendocino, Monterey and Paso Robles. The blend includes Malbec and Petit Verdot and offers ripe dark fruit, tobacco leaf, herbs, vanilla, smoke and spice. Fire up the grill and pair with burgers, steak or blackened ribs.

Full-bodied & Smooth Featured in *The ABCs of CABs* New at Vintages

PAPALE LINEA ORO PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA 2017

DOP, Puglia, Italy (Varvaglione Vigne & Vini) 261784 (D) 750 mL \$23.95

Aged in French and American oak, this wine is plush and balanced, with lifted violet notes, intense blackberry, spice, and smoky grilled herbs. It will cellar for another 3+ years.

[The AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth





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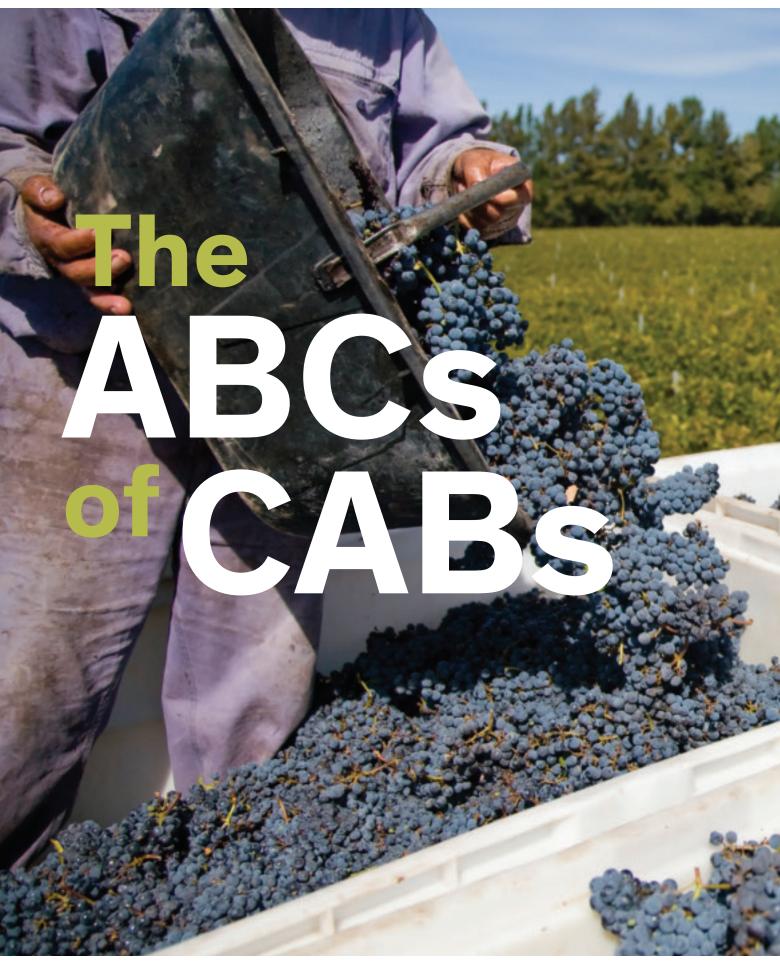
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As these 16 wines from eight regions deftly illustrate, despite delicious nuances imparted by different terroirs, Cabernet Sauvignon is ageable, bold and consistent no matter where it's grown. No wonder it's the world's most popular red wine.

Treasured as the foremost grape in the celebrated blends of Bordeaux's iconic Left Bank, Cabernet Sauvignon has an affinity for a variety of soils and climates, which has allowed this famous grape to flourish in many of the world's leading regions. Our collection highlights eight countries where Cabernet thrives, showcasing the breadth of styles in which it's made and illustrating how, no matter where it's grown or what it's blended with, the noble character of the "King of Grapes" consistently shines through.

CORE VALUES

At its core, the global success of this natural crossing of Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc is due to its ... core. The grape is small, with thick skin, a large seed and a relatively low quantity of pulp. The ratio of juice to skin and pulp means that during fermentation, exceptionally high levels of colour, flavour and tannin are extracted. This assures that the grape's distinct cassis and blackcurrant notes emerge regardless of where it's grown, what it's blended with or what an individual winemaker's style may be. The intensity of Cabernet's tannins gives it a great affinity for oak which, along with imparting notes of clove and vanilla, softens the tannins and makes the wines more approachable. The robust structure of Cabernet allows these wines to age, and many of the finest can cellar for decades.

BORDEAUX

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The Atlantic Ocean's influence over Bordeaux's climate creates conditions that encourage the development of wines defined more by refinement than power. Vintage variation is addressed through blending, and though wines can include Cabernet Franc and sometimes Malbec, Petit Verdot and Carmenère, Bordeaux's most famous combination is Cabernet Sauvingon with Merlot. Bordeaux has four main soil types: gravel, sand, iron-rich clay, and limestone. Each of these imparts specific attributes to the grapes grown in them, and though Cabernet can thrive in all of them, it has a particular affinity for gravel soils. Margaux is situated on Bordeaux's Left Bank, where the soils are predominantly gravel. Margaux wines are complex, with fresh acidity, blackcurrant fruit, and celebrated depth and character. These are wines capable of ageing for 30 years or more.









SÉGLA 2014 Second wine of Château Rauzan-Ségla, AC Margaux, Bordeaux, France

Very fresh and bright with strawberry, mineral and flower aromas that follow through to a medium body, fine and polished tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Harmonious. Beautiful second wine. Hard not to drink now. [A wine that will continue to evolve for a decade or more from vintage.] Score: **92** (jamessuckling. com, Feb. 13, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 359810 (XD) 750 mL \$67.95 <

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



HERITAGE DE BELLIARD 2016 AC Margaux, Bordeaux, France

A softly powerful nose, full of brooding red cherry, damson and plum flavours with touches of vanilla wood spice and roasted coffee beans. On the palate the texture is smooth with a rich and ripe core, generous but soft tannins, and long finish. This is approachable now but also has great ageing potential. 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot complete the blend. Grapes are hand-harvested from clay-gravel soils without the use of pesticides and vinified with a long fermentation of around six weeks in stainless steel, aged 18 months in French barrels, 30% new. Drinking window: 2020-2035. Score: 93 (Georgina Hindle, decanter.com, July 31, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 23388 (XD) 750 mL \$53.95 **/** New at Vintages

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CALIFORNIA

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As in Bordeaux, California Cabernet is often paired with Merlot, but its ability to complement other grapes sees it used in blends alongside the likes of Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Sangiovese, Malbec and many, many more. Consistent sunny and warm conditions also permit the creation of single-varietal Cabernets. California has a wide range of terroirs (Sonoma alone contains more soil types than all of France), but generally speaking, Cabernets from warmer sites are ripe and powerful, while those from cooler areas are aromatic and elegant. Californian Cabernets are always impressively structured, with ripe black fruit and, especially in Napa, a pure, unmistakable cassis tone.



KENDALL-JACKSON VINTNER'S RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Sonoma County, California

This represents solid value for the solid quality – an expressive wine in dark rich cherry, cinnamon and vanilla notes and one that is sticky in tannin and shows plenty of structure. Blended with small amounts of Cab Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot, it remains light on the palate in integrated oak. Editors' Choice. [Will drink through 2026.] Score: **90** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 331603 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

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Full-bodied & Smooth 23649 (D) 750 mL \$21.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month New at Vintages





BOURBON BARREL-AGED]











J. LOHR HILLTOP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Paso Robles, California

This widely available bottling remains a very wise choice for the price point. Dark in the glass, it begins with cassis, pie crust and baking spice on the nose, yet there's a savory black-olive touch as well. Firm yet polished tannins carry dark fruit, cocoa and light licorice through the dense palate. Editors' Choice. [Enjoy till 2026-2028.] Score: **93** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 686584 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 <

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



SILENUS TYROS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017 Napa Valley, California

This is an enjoyable and approachable Cabernet that is blended with 23% Merlot. Black cherry, cassis and mocha highlight a soft, supple palate. It has a hint of dried herb on the finish. Editors' Choice. [Drink now till 2028+.] Score: **90** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 16409 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 **/**

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



HESS SELECT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 North Coast, California

This brawny, old-school wine offers potent aromas of tobacco, black olives and wood smoke followed by black-cherry and blackcurrant flavors that are nicely concentrated. Fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity give it great structure for drinking through at least 2025. Score: **91** (Jim Gordon, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

25080 (D) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

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TRIUS DISTINCTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 * VOA Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

This wine comprises grapes sourced from Trius's estate vineyards and prime fruit from several growers with whom Trius has long-standing relationships. Aged in French oak for six months, it's ripe and rich with impressive dark fruit, leather, smoke, spice box and vanilla tones. A wine for lamb chops, this will cellar for another 5-7 years.

Full-bodied & Smooth 25366 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 New at Vintages

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

Lifted aromas of black plum, dark cherry and bramble berry abound. It captures the palate on entry with red fruit – currants and passion fruit – mingling with generous acidity and plenty of pizzazz. This showcases a supple underpinning of tannin and plenty of fruit that is, for now, slightly overshadowed by the still-evolving tannin. Give this another four to five years of careful cellaring or pour now after a four-hour aeration/decant with a premium cut of well-seasoned beef ... grilled medium-rare. Drink or cellar. Score: **94** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Sept. 28, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 616433 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 🗸

CABERNET-MERLOT 2019 SPECK FAMILY RESERVE VQA SHORT HILLS BENCH VQA

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Cabernet's character and quality is unmistakable, whether it's bottled as a 100 percent varietal wine or as the dominant portion of a blend. Cabernet Sauvignon brings color, structure, refinement and complexity to the wines it makes."

Bruce Sanderson winespectator.com

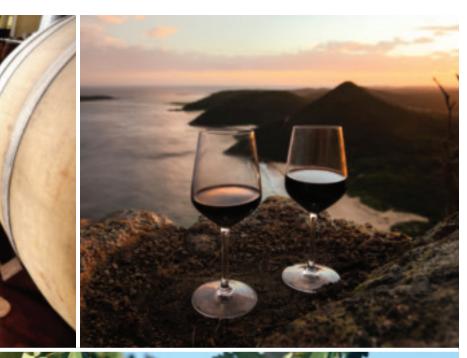
AUSTRALIA

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Cabernet has enjoyed great success in Australia, where it produces wines that are notably dark with prominent ripe black fruit and firm tannins. As with other regions, Cabernet is often paired with Merlot, but Down Under's most famous Cabernet blending partner is Shiraz. Australian Cabernet Sauvignon covers the style gamut from the famous lifted eucalyptus notes of Coonawarra's rich, intense, structured examples to the elegance of those from Margaret River. In the Barossa, Cabernet Sauvignon produces rich, lush wines and fares best in cooler sites that allow it to balance the ripe fruit with fresh acidity.











CHÂTEAU TANUNDA GRAND BAROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 Barossa Valley, South Australia

This is splendidly expressed on the nose showing cassis, sweet cherry, spicy oak and vanilla notes, followed by a succulent palate delivering excellent fruit intensity combined with fine texture and grainy tannins, leading to a lengthy delicious finish. At its best: now to 2031. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Dec. 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

357517 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 🗸

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



MITOLO JESTER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 McLaren Vale, South Australia

Like its partner, the Shiraz, the 2018 Jester Cabernet Sauvignon is a terrific value for current drinking. It's less weighty than the Shiraz, appropriately medium-bodied, with fresh, leafy notes layered over cassis and cherry fruit and ending in a wash of softly dusty tannins. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **90** (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Nov. 27, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 43224 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸

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Chile offers some of the greatest value for Cabernet anywhere in the world. In general, Chilean Cabernet Sauvignons are richer than those from Bordeaux but less overtly powerful than Californian examples and have a supple mouthfeel, generous dark fruit, savoury herbs and spice notes. Chile's unique transverse valleys bookend warm central areas between the cooling influence of the Pacific to the west and the cooler temperatures found at altitude in the Andes to the East. This allows winemakers great latitude; they can combine fruit from these areas or use grapes sourced entirely from one zone to create nuanced, distinct expressions.



Reserva Privada CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VALLE DE COLCHAGUA

PUENTE AUSTRAL RESERVA PRIVADA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

Valle de Colchagua, Chile

Pretty plum and berry character with hints of spice and cherries. It's full-bodied, tight and focused with fine tannins and a pretty, fresh finish. Drink now or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, April 17, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm 21960 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 🗸

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Chile is South America's biggest wine exporter. ABOVE: A Vicuna vineyard.







CONCHA Y TORO MARQUES DE CASA CONCHA CABERNET SAUVIGNON Puente Alto, Chile

Voted "the most admired wine brand in the world," Chile pioneer Concha y Toro marked its 130th anniversary in 2013. This robust Cab exhibits chocolate, grilled nuts, cassis, black plum and cedar notes. Savour it with a meaty lasagna, or roast leg of lamb with garlic potatoes.

Full-bodied & Firm 337238 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 **✓** A Vintages Essential



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Cabernet Sauvignon's tannic nature and boldly expressed fruit tones mean it can overpower lighter dishes, so it's best to serve it with fattier, richer meals. It's a classic option for **grilled meats** and **hard cheeses** such as aged Gouda or aged cheddar, and vegetarians and vegans can pair it with dishes like **mushroom risotto** or **grilled portobello mushroom steaks**.

ARGENTINA



Machine harvesting in Mendoza.







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Altitude is the driving force behind wine styles in Argentina, where vines are planted at elevations of up to 1,700 metres. Poor soils force vines to work hard to survive, while cool temperatures and intense sunlight provide a long, predictable ripening period, fashioning Mendoza's powerful, robust take on Cabernet. Along with well-defined tannins, fresh acidity provides a distinct lifted character that balances the brawny energy that might otherwise make these wines overwhelming. As with other major regions, Cabernet plays a significant role in blends and is often paired with its Bordelais cousin (and Argentina's signature red grape), Malbec.



CATENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON Mendoza, Argentina

Nicolás Catena utilizes fruit from four different vineyards at altitudes ranging from 945 to 1,524 metres to create this medium-bodied but concentrated wine. It shows lifted floral notes, fresh rye bread, black plum fruit and sensual tannins. Enjoy it with grilled pepper steak.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 985002 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 A Vintages Essential





Cabernet Sauvignon was introduced to Italy in the 1820s and was first planted in **Piedmont**. It's now an important grape in several regions, most significantly **Tuscany**, where its capability as a blending partner helped usher in the age of the Supertuscans in the 1970s. In the **Veneto** region, Cabernet Sauvignon can often be found alongside Amarone's Corvina, Molinara and Rondinella grapes. Italian Cabernet Sauvignon can be quite dynamic, with fresh, lifted acidity, profoundly expressed red and black fruit, and undertones of spice and herbs.





SANTA MARGHERITA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 IGT Veneto, Italy

This Cabernet from Veneto is sourced from deep clay soils with a high fossil content and offers insight into the breadth of styles in which Cabernet is produced. It displays the balance, firm tannins, dark fruit and cassis that define Cabernet the world over but is lither and more approachable than many examples from Napa or even Bordeaux. Pair with braised meat or mushroom burgers.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 13620 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸

SOUTH AFRICA









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Cabernet Sauvignon in South Africa dates to the 1600s. Today, it's the most widely planted grape in the country and is important as a blending component and a varietal wine. Cabernets from warmer sites express a robust, almost Australian character, with notable ripe cassis, plum and mulberry notes. In cooler areas, where the influence of the cold Antarctic Benguela Current and the famous Cape Doctor winds are felt most intensely, the wines possess a characterful freshness. South African Cabernet Sauvignon offers a bridge between New World fruit and Old World elegance and structure.



CATHEDRAL CELLAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON WO Western Cape, South Africa (KWV)

Offering super value, this Cabernet comes from South Africa's cool Cape. It displays blackcurrant, cedar, floral elements, chocolate, and smoky oak, all supported by fresh acidity. Pair with gourmet burgers or a steak-andkidney pie.

Full-bodied & Firm 328567 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 **/ A Vintages Essential**



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Light-bodied & Fruity 24169 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 **/** New at Vintages **^g Organic product**



THREE FINGER JACK RUM BARREL AGED RED BLEND 2019 Sustainable, Lodi, California

Full-bodied	& Smo	ooth		
23656	(D)	750 mL	\$21.95	4



PEARMUND OLD VINE CHARDONNAY 2018 Meriwether Vineyard, Fauquier County, Virginia

Gold (Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition) Full-bodied & Rich

21833 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 New at Vintages



FERRATON PÈRE & FILS LA MATINIÈRE CROZES-HERMITAGE 2018 AP, Rhône, France

92 points (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 127712 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 -



DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON PINOT NOIR 2019 Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon

94 points (jamessuckling.com) Medium-bodied & Fruity 11263 (XD) 750 mL \$42.95 —



CLAIRMONT CLASSIQUE CROZES-HERMITAGE 2020 AC, Rhône, France

Full-bodied	l & Smo	oth		
537811	(XD)	750 mL	\$24.95	1



PRIMARIUS PINOT GRIS 2020 Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon Aromatic & Flavourful

22675 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 **/** New at Vintages

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SAWTOOTH RED BLEND 2018 Idaho (Precept Wine) Medium-bodied & Fruity 21174 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 New at Vintages

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 PRUNOTTO BARBARESCO 2018

 DOCG, Piedmont, Italy

 (Antinori)

 93 points (jamessuckling.com)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 329938
 (XD)

 750 mL
 \$45.95

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LUSTAU PEDRO XIMENÉZ SAN EMILIO SOLERA RESERVA SHERRY DO, Spain

96 points (International Wine Challenge) Sweet 196766 (S) 375 mL \$24.95



PECCHENINO SIRÌ D'JERMU DOGLIANI SUPERIORE 2018 DOCG, Piedmont, Italy

93 points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com) Medium-bodied & Fruity 23037 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 New at Vintages



BORGOGNO BAROLO 2016DOCG, Piedmont, Italy94 points (jamessuckling.com)Full-bodied & Firm283499(XD)750 mL\$65.95



TRUS CRIANZA 2018 DO Ribera del Duero, Spain (Vinos de Finca)

96 points (Decanter World Wine Awards) Full-bodied & Smooth 23253 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✓ New at Vintages



PRINTHIE TOPOGRAPHY SHIRAZ 2019 Single vineyard, Orange, New South Wales, Australia

92 points (Ned Goodwin, winecompanion.com.au) Full-bodied & Smooth

23784 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 **/** New at Vintages



ELEPHANT HILL MERLOT 2018 Hawke's Bay, North Island, New Zealand

94 points (Bob Campbell, MW, therealreview.com) Full-bodied & Smooth 630517 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✔



BACHELDER LES VILLAGES CHARDONNAY 2018 * VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

92 points (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com) Full-bodied & Rich 16059 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 ✔



TANTALUS MAIJA PINOT NOIR 2018 *BC VQA Okanagan Valley, British Columbia90 points (David Lawrason, winealign.com)Medium-bodied & Fruity133793 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95



VIU MANENT SINGLE VINEYARD SAN CARLOS MALBEC 2018 Valle de Colchagua, Chile

95 points (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 23425 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 **/** New at Vintages



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VQA Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula 198853 (M) 750 mL \$24.95 § Organic & biodynamic product

HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE

VQA Beamsville Bench,

Niagara Escarpment

68817 (XD) 750 mL

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\$29.95

HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE ORGANIC PINOT NOIR + VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment 274753 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95

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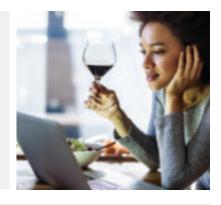
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CREW GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2019 VQA Lake Erie North Shore (Colchester Ridge Estate Winery) 25317 (M)

25317 (M) 750 mL \$18.95

For complete tasting note and to order online, see page 37.

An insider's guide to great Ontario wines.

l love it because...

Lake Erie North Shore's abundant sunshine provides excellent ripening for added body.

There's a perfect balance between natural sweetness and acidity.

3 It's a match made in heaven for my favourite Thai dishes.

Tana



GEWORZTRAMINE

product notes

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DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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FORTIFIED WINE

FONSECA LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE **PORT 2015**

Unfiltered, DOP, Portugal

Not having been filtered assists in the Late Bottle Vintage Port's ability to age and thus as a 2015 this is really just a baby. Fruity beyond belief in fact. Fresh as the day it went to bottle and not nearly in the realm of advancing anytime soon. Clearly a banner vintage for fruit with dark berries, currants, fresh figs and plum well ahead of the nuts, kernel and spice. Terrific barrel management and master blending makes this open, upright and so bloody expressive. Sweetness merges well with the rest of the constituent parts. Drink 2021-2030. Score: 92 (Michael Godel, winealign.com, May 5, 2021)





LUSTAU PEDRO XIMENÉZ SAN EMILIO SOLERA RESERVA SHERRY DO, Spain

Brown in colour with a green rim and notes of chocolate covered raisins, fresh figs and prunes. Rich unctuous and delicious brown sugar finish. Caramelised walnuts, dried fig and intense molasses with coffee, roast barley and clove. Super sweet with balance. Score: 96 (International Wine Challenge, 2021)

Sweet \$24.95 375 mL (S) 196766 **Online Exclusive**



SPARKLING WINE

STELLER'S JAY BRUT SPARKLING 2017 * Traditional method, BC VQA Okanagan Valley,

Made from Pinot Noir in the traditional method of Champagne, this crisp, clean bubbly promises citrus and green apple, with hints of biscuits and semitoasted almonds. The producer suggests pairing it with flavourful seafood dishes such as sushi, caramelized sea scallops or rich lobster risotto.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$29.95 264879

British Columbia

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SPARKLING WINE CONT'D

UNDURRAGA ROYAL BRUT SPARKLING ROSÉ

Charmat method, DO Valle del Leyda, Chile 100% Pinot Noir. Beautiful summer fruit and red apple nose. The palate is fruit-forward, juicy and elegant with refreshing acidity, a crisp mousse and a long, red cherry finish. Really well put together, expressive, joyful and cultured. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2019)





VALLDOSERA BRUT NATURE CAVA* Traditional method, DO, Spain

This is a very good, tidy, well balanced and crisp traditional method sparkler. Not among the most complex, creamy and refined ever produced but at \$20 the balance is very fine and the flavours are clean and honest. Expect dried apple, almond and hay aromas and flavours. It is light to midweight, crisp and dry but not austere, with cava's interesting damp cement finish. The length is very good to excellent. Score: **89** (David Lawrason, winealign. com, Sept. 8, 2020)

CANADA – WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

BACHELDER LES VILLAGES CHARDONNAY 2018 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

A rich and sensual version of chardonnay. The oak derived spice is stylish and not heavy. After only two years, this wine is showing remarkable harmony and drinkability although the potential for cellaring is certainly an option. Despite the breadth of flavours, restraint is still evident on the palate and a pleasant texture that contributes both grip and silk. Score: **92** (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com, June 15, 2020)



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CAVE SPRING ESTATE CHARDONNAY MUSQUÉ 2020 *

Sustainable, Cave Spring Vineyard, VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment This is a wine of refinement and class, fermented in stainless steel and unoaked so as to maintain every nuance of the delightful aromatics of the Chardonnay Musqué grape. It's floral, yes, but it also offers bright citrus, tropical fruit, peach and a hint of vanilla. Try it with green salad or shrimp pad Thai.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 246579



ALVI'S DRIFT BRUT BLANC DE BLANC 2020*

Charmat method, South Africa Crafted from 100% Chardonnay and sourced from two different Alvi's Drift vineyards, this fresh, zesty sparkler is the perfect companion for oysters, sushi or chicken. The Lumo Awards (formerly the SA Women's Wine and Spirit Awards) gave this wine Sparkling Wine of the Year honours.



FERRARI BRUT SPARKLING Traditional method, DOC Trento, Italy

An Italian classic and a terrific value, the Ferrari NV Trento Brut is all Chardonnay that opens to crystalline luminosity and brilliance. The bouquet is straightforward and confident, delivering a clear and precise message of good cheer and easydrinking appeal. There are notes of citrus, white peach, breakfast pastry and drying notes of crushed mineral. This is the quintessential Italian aperitivo wine. Drink date: 2021-2024. Score: **91** (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, Feb. 18, 2021)



CREW GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2019 *

VQA Lake Erie North Shore (Colchester Ridge Estate Winery) Winemaker Ryan Oldridge makes this off-dry Gewürz from fruit picked by hand on the CREW estate. Expect a luscious assortment of candied apricot, guava, honey and spice, and pair with Thai curry or blue cheese.

Off-dry & Fruity \$18.95 750 mL (M) 25317 **Featured in Local Find**



PROUD POUR FOR THE SEA PINOT GRIS 2019 🍁

Vegan, sustainable, VQA Ontario (Queenston Mile)

Clean, fresh, lively and fruity, this is vibrant and engaging, well-balanced, easy drinking pinot grigio for immediate consumption. Well-made, fairly priced, with 5% of top line revenue going to environmental causes (the ocean in the case of this bottle). Score: 88 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com, Sept. 18, 2020)





JACKSON-TRIGGS GRAND **RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC** 2020 🌞

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Fruit for this wine comes from the Tufford Road Vineyard in Lincoln Lakeshore, after which it's left on the skins for eight hours before pressing. The end result is a complex wine brimming with gooseberry, mango, pineapple, pear, river pebbles and freshly cut grass. The producer suggests pairings of miso-and-soy Chilean sea bass, scallops in lemon-garlic butter, salmon tataki, goat cheese, or peach-and-arugula salad.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$20.95 25368



LEANING POST THE FIFTY CHARDONNAY 2019 🍁

VOA Niagara Peninsula Clean, open, stony and transparent, Leaning Post's home vineyard chardonnay displays marvelous verve and energy, minimal handling in the winery and no oak interference, mostly juicy acids, and flinty-stony flavours on the long, acidulated finish. A superbly drinkable wine with character and sophistication. Enjoy or hold short term. All concrete aged. Score: 91 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com, Oct. 26, 2020)





BRITISH COLUMBIA

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHARDONNAY 2018 *

Estate bottled, BC VQA Okanagan Valley This is a really solid young chardonnay, and excellent value. All kinds of crunch and complexity here with a lifted nose of ripe apple, butter, lemon, toast and herbs, plus wet stone. It is medium weight, very firm and juicy, with moderate alcohol and excellent focus and length. Lemon, herbal and nutty on the finish. Very impressive. Score: 92 (David Lawrason, winealign.com, May 5, 2020)

Liaht & Crisp \$34.95 750 mL (XD) 350108

NOVA SCOTIA

BENJAMIN BRIDGE TIDAL BAY WHITE 2020

Gaspereau Valley

Benjamin Bridge has established itself as a leading light in Nova Scotia winemaking. This off-dry little number is an unconventional blend of l'Acadie, Ortega, Riesling, Seyval and Vidal. It promises lively citrus, from lime zest to pomelo to yuzu, with an energetic, saline finish. Sip with shellfish or seafood pad Thai.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (M) 15538

\$23.95





CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO

HENRY OF PELHAM SPECK FAMILY RESERVE CABERNET/MERLOT 2019 *

VQA Short Hills Bench, Niagara Escarpment Lifted aromas of black plum, dark cherry and bramble berry abound. It captures the palate on entry with red fruit - currants and passion fruit - mingling with generous acidity and plenty of pizzazz ... plenty of fruit that is, for now, slightly overshadowed by the still-evolving tannin. Give this another four to five years of careful cellaring or pour now after a fourhour aeration/decant with a premium cut of wellseasoned beef ... Score: 94 (Vic Harradine, wine current.com, Sept. 28, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$39.95 616433 Featured in The ABCs of CABs



JACKSON-TRIGGS GRAND RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2019 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

Harvested predominantly from the Montague Vineyard in Four Mile Creek, this effortlessly elegant wine spent 18 months in French oak. Look for vibrant cherry, cranberry, currant and strawberry with touches of leather and dried herbs, and pair with baked brie, roast turkey or planked salmon.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) 25316



KEW SOLDIER'S GRANT 2018 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

This blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah and 22% Cabernet Franc is made in the appassimento style, employing a portion of dried grapes to add oomph and depth before the wine is aged 18 months in a combo of French and American oak. Expect layers of dark fruit and spice, and pour with hearty meat dishes and stews.

[The National Wine Awards of Canada did not include a tasting note.] Score: 90 (National Wine Awards of Canada, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 367318



THE FOREIGN AFFAIR DREAM 2018 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

This dreamy red blend uses a portion of dried grapes and spent over a year in a combo of French, American and Hungarian oak barrels. Tuck the wine in the cellar and let it slumber for 2-3 years, or decant it tonight and expect rich dark fruit, smoke and chocolaty notes that'll nicely complement steaks, ribs or smoked cheeses.

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$29.95 364380

TRIUS DISTINCTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 * VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake

This wine comprises grapes sourced from Trius's estate vineyards and prime fruit from several growers with whom Trius has long-standing relationships. Aged in French oak for six months, it's ripe and rich with impressive dark fruit, leather, smoke, spice box and vanilla tones. A wine for lamb chops, this will cellar for another 5-7 years.

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 🗸 25366 Featured in The ABCs of CABs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

TANTALUS MAIJA PINOT NOIR 2018 * BC VQA Okanagan Valley

From younger blocks on the estate in East Kelowna this was wild fermented and aged 12 months in neutral oak. It doesn't have the depth of more expensive examples but it is quite complex and surprisingly elegant. The nose [is] quite fragrant with well meshed red cherry fruit, florals, spice and forest floor complexity. It is mid-weight, quite gentled finely textured with shrubby, dusty tannin. Could perhaps use one more year of bottle age, but fine [to] drink now as well. Very good length. Score: 90 (David Lawrason, winealign.com, May 8, 2020)



Medium-bodied & Fruity \$34.95 750 mL (XD) 133793 **Online Exclusive**

\$25.95 🗸

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CANADA – ROSÉ WINE

ONTARIO

FROGPOND FARM ORGANIC ROSÉ 2018 🔶

Vegan, VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake Certified organic by Pro-Cert, this vegan-friendly pink wine promises melon, grapefruit and strawberries accented by a hint of lemongrass. It'll make a great sipper or pair well with sushi, seafood, pasta primavera, grilled veggies or salads.

Easygoing & Fruity \$16.95 750 mL (XD) 25463 & Organic product



USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

BERINGER LUMINUS CHARDONNAY 2020 Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Beringer Luminus 2020 Chardonnay is a supple, medium-bodied 100% Chardonnay lithe with fresh orchard fruit, lemon meringue pie and toasty spice flavours creamy on the palate. Winemaker Mark Beringer named this bright and crisp Chard, Luminus because it is "radiant". Chill and enjoy with a roast of pork and all the trimmings. Drink: 2021-2024. Score: 93 (nataliemaclean.com, Dec. 18, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich \$49.95 750 mL (XD) 395699



CLINE VIOGNIER 2020 Sustainable, North Coast

Lightly floral and attractively fruity, this deceptively full-bodied wine tastes refreshing, almost delicate, and will be a great choice for lunches, picnics and and cocktail hour. Best Buy. Score: 88 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, Oct. 1, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$17.95 750 mL (D) 128421



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OREGON

PRIMARIUS PINOT GRIS 2020* Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley



Award-winning winemaker Sarah Cabot crafts this Pinot Gris to highlight vibrant aromatics and flavours up front, showcasing honeysuckle, papaya, pineapple, cantaloupe, and lemon meringue. Pair this beauty with pork chops or honey-lemon chicken.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$23.95 22675 **Online Exclusive**

VIRGINIA

PEARMUND OLD VINE **CHARDONNAY 2018**



Meriwether Vineyard, Fauguier County Although Virginia's wine production is relatively small (about a quarter of what Oregon produces), its wines are garnering acclaim. This one was grown in the oldest Chardonnay vineyard in the state and was aged sur lie for eight months before bottling. Expect green apple, lemon zest and vanilla on a creamy texture, and pair with roast pork.

[The FLIWSC did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) \$29.95 21833

Online Exclusive

USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

1000 STORIES PROSPECTORS' PROOF BOURBON BARREL-AGED **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018** California



This wine is built from Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from prime sites throughout the North Coast and Central Coast regions. The blend includes Malbec and Petit Verdot and offers ripe dark fruit, tobacco leaf, herbs, vanilla, smoke and spice. Fire up the grill!

Full-bodied & Smooth \$21.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 23649 Featured as our Wine of the Month and in The ABCs of CABs



USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

BELLE GLOS CLARK & TELEPHONE PINOT NOIR 2018

Single vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (Joseph J. Wagner) Plush aromas of black cherry, baked strawberry, caramel and vanilla make for a rich, inviting nose. There's a hearty texture to the palate, yet freshness remains intact, with a ripe boysenberry flavor that's accented by licorice and fennel pollen. Score: **94** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, Oct. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) \$59.95 652883



HESS SELECT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018* North Coast

This brawny, old-school wine offers potent aromas of tobacco, black olives and wood smoke followed by black-cherry and black-currant flavors that are nicely concentrated. Fine-grained tannins and balanced acidity give it great structure for drinking through at least 2025. Score: **91** (Jim Gordon, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2021)



IRONSTONE MERLOT 2020* Lodi

The Kautz family, owners and operators of Ironstone, began farming in Lodi in 1926 and have been making wine there for four generations. This fruit-forward Merlot spends two months in new French oak, adding a subtle vanilla layer to spicy dark fruit. Always a favourite with Vintages customers, it'll pair nicely with short ribs or a hearty lasagna.





J. LOHR HILLTOP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018* Paso Robles

This widely available bottling remains a very wise choice for the price point. Dark in the glass, it begins with cassis, pie crust and baking spice on the nose, yet there's a savory black-olive touch as well. Firm yet polished tannins carry dark fruit, cocoa and light licorice through the dense palate. Editors' Choice. [Enjoy till 2026-2028.] Score: **93** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2021)



KENDALL-JACKSON VINTNER'S RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Sonoma County

This represents solid value for the solid quality – an expressive wine in dark rich cherry, cinnamon and vanilla notes and one that is sticky in tannin and shows plenty of structure. Blended with small amounts of Cab Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot, it remains light on the palate in integrated oak. Editors' Choice. [Will drink through 2026.] Score: **90** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2021)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 750 mL (XD)

 \$29.95

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SILENUS TYROS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017* Napa Valley

This is an enjoyable and approachable Cabernet that is blended with 23% Merlot. Black cherry, cassis and mocha highlight a soft, supple palate. It has a hint of dried herb on the finish. Editors' Choice. [Drink now till 2028+.] Score: **90** (Virginie Boone, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$49.95 16409 Featured in *The ABCs of CABs*



THREE FINGER JACK RUM **BARREL AGED RED BLEND 2019** Sustainable, Lodi

The blend here is two-thirds Merlot along with Syrah, Petite Sirah and splashes of other varieties, but the real story is that the wine is partially aged in rum barrels along with a mix of French and American oak. It's a big, bold wine brimming with ripe red fruit, peppery spice and just a hint of rum. Pair with flank steak.

Full-bodied & Smooth \$21.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 23656 **Online Exclusive**



DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON **PINOT NOIR 2019**

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley A very pretty combination of dried berries, smoke and cedar with some dried flowers, following through to a medium body, a solid core of fruit and a round yet firm, tannic finish. Young, but so attractive. Give it two or three years to open. Try after 2023. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 9, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity





IDAHO

SAWTOOTH RED BLEND 2018* Idaho

(Precept Wine)

Move over Ralph Wiggum, because now we've got a new favourite representative of Idaho: this toothsome blend of Merlot, Syrah, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah, Tempranillo and Malbec. Expect a sleek, complex wine showcasing ripe cherry and plum with hints of toasty oak and chocolate from 14 months in French oak, and pair it with lasagna or wood-fired pizza.

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$24.95 750 mL (XD) 21174 **Online Exclusive**



ORFGON

CLOUDLINE PINOT NOIR 2020 Willamette Valley (Drouhin Family)

The Drouhin family honed their skill with Pinot Noir for generations before branching out into Oregon, where they produce this popular Pinot under the eye of consulting winemaker Véronique Drouhin-Boss. Expect an elegant glassful of tangy berry fruit, smoke and earthy beetroot and serve with roast duck or coq au vin.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$26.95 159970



WASHINGTON

COLUMBIA CREST H3 MERLOT 2018

Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley Black plums, orange zest, tar, toffee and dried flowers on the nose. It's full-bodied with creamy tannins and a rounded, plummy palate. Sweet spices on the finish. Drink now. Score: 90 (james suckling.com, July 12, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 209874

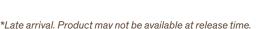
ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

SUSANA BALBO SIGNATURE BARREL FERMENTED TORRONTÉS 2020

Valle de Uco, Mendoza

This is Susana Balbo's most ambitious torrontés ... This year it has a very pronounced accent on herbal notes. It was aged for four months in barrels, which provides spices amid white fruit and a very mountain acidity. From the beginning, this torrontés has come from Altamira, and the height of that area in the Uco Valley lends it a much more ethereal, more acidic, and more herbal character. [Drink through 2024+.] Score: 94 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$21.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 384339





ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE CONT'D

ZUCCARDI SERIE A TORRONTÉS 2020* IP Salta

They have a parral vineyard rented in Cafayate to produce the 2020 Torrontés Serie A, a wine that aims to show the typical style of Torrontés. It was fermented and bottled early with short maceration to look for finesse and subtler aromas, pressing the clusters directly. The result is citrus and floral and without the bitterness the grape can deliver. It has a dry and fresh finish without rusticity. 2020 was a year of sun, and the wine doesn't feel the alcohol it has ... Drink date: 2021-2023. Score: 91 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, March 31, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$17.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 389262



ARGENTINA – RED WINE

CATENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON Mendoza

Nicolás Catena utilizes fruit from four different vineyards at altitudes ranging from 945 to 1,524 metres to create this medium-bodied but concentrated wine. It shows lifted floral notes, fresh rye bread, black plum fruit and sensual tannins. Enjoy it with grilled pepper steak.

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 985002 Featured in The ABCs of CABs **A Vintages Essential**



CHAYEE BOURRAS ENCANTO **BONARDA 2016**

Sustainable, Mendoza Sourced from vines over 50 years of age, this 100% Bonarda is "Amarone-inspired"; the grapes were harvested late after first drying on the vine for nearly four months. Aged for one year in a 70/30 combination of French and American oak, it's aromatic and intense, with black fruit, chocolate, brown sugar and a delicious hint of cinnamon. Pair with grilled fare.





HUENTALA SOMBRERO MALBEC 2019

Gualtallary, Valle de Uco, Mendoza Lots of blue-fruit, red-licorice and walnut aromas and flavors here. Medium to full body. Flavorful finish. Shows drive and seriousness. Drink after 2022. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, April 2, 2020)

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Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$16.95 17449



JOFFRÉ E HIJAS GRAN MALBEC 2019 Valle de Uco, Mendoza (RJ Viñedos)

For their Gran Malbec, RJ Viñedos selects grapes from the departments of Tupungato and Tunuyán in the Uco Valley. Following the house style, this is succulent and ripe with tame, round, and juicy tannins and a bit of herbs. With nine months of aging in barrels (half the volume only), there are also spicy touches. A fluid and voluminous wine with no rough edges. Score: 92 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🥑 750 mL (D) 183889



LA MARCHIGIANA VINO NATURAL **ANCESTRAL BONARDA 2020*** Mendoza

(Catena Zapata)

Lots of crushed berries and hints of walnuts and mahogany. Some thyme. It's soft and round with pleasing tannins and a fruity, creamy-textured finish. No sulfur added. Fermented and aged in amphora. So delicious now. Score: 93 (james suckling.com, April 8, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$26.95 🗸 24217





LA POSTA FAZZIO MALBEC 2019 Tupungato, Mendoza

This has such interesting, sweet and fragrant, violet-like florals with rich purple fruit and a faint, stony edge. The palate is very plush and rich and the velvety tannins carry so long and even. Blackcherry and cocoa-powder finish. A more serious vintage for this wine. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, April 2, 2020)

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





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ZUCCARDI Q MALBEC 2019* Valle de Uco, Mendoza

A blend of vineyards from Altamira (70%) and Los Chacayes (30%), this is a pure fruit juice, clear in its expression of variety, and in the notes of flowers and herbs. The palate is tense with lots of texture and fine, sharp tannins. 30% of the wine was aged in barrels, and the rest in concrete, which seems to back the fruit, the exuberance of the flavors, the intensity, and the acidity. A malbec that is like a photograph of the variety in modern times, now far from being over-ripe and excessively oaky. Score: 94 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)



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CORRALILLO

Full-bodied & Firm \$20.95 750 mL (XD) 723478

CHILE – WHITE WINE

MATETIC CORRALILLO **CHARDONNAY 2019**

Estate bottled, DO Valle de San Antonio Excellent value for money in this wine, a coastal chardonnay from the vineyard in El Rosario, in the northern part of the San Antonio Valley. It's focused on fruity flavors, on ripe fruits, and is enveloping in its tropical flavors. There are certain touches of spice here from aging in barrels (70% of the wine spent a year in used barrels) but most of all, it has exuberant fruit in a white that would go perfectly with grilled salmon. Score: 92 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 544270 & Organic product



VISTAMAR CORTE DE CAMPO COASTAL BLEND 2018

Sustainable, single estate, DO Valle de Casablanca Costa Made with 85% chardonnay from the Belén Vineyard and 15% viognier from El Principal, both in the Lo Ovalle zone of Bajo Casablanca, the chardonnay flavors and aromas clearly predominate in this wine - obviously, based on the percentages. But note the influence of the viognier, which intrudes with its floral and tropical flavors and adds bones to this ripe, succulent wine. Score: 92 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich \$16.95 750 mL (XD) 541003

CHILE – RED WINE

CONCHAY TORO MARQUES DE CASA **CONCHA CABERNET SAUVIGNON** Puente Alto

Voted "the most admired wine brand in the world," Chile pioneer Concha y Toro marked its 130th anniversary in 2013. This robust Cab exhibits chocolate, grilled nuts, cassis, black plum and cedar notes. Savour it with a meaty lasagna, or roast leg of lamb with garlic potatoes.

Full-bodied & Firm \$22.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 337238 Featured in The ABCs of CABs A Vintages Essential



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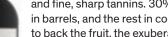
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CREMASCHI FURLOTTI SINGLE VINEYARD CARMENÈRE 2015

Peñasco Vineyard, Valle del Loncomilla, Valle del Maule

An enticing nose of rich, dark fruit expanded by medicinal and wild herb aromas, leading to a juicy, grippy palate with an engaging wild edge. Dares to be different - really like this! Score: 96 (Peter Richards, MW, Decanter, Oct. 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$22.95 750 mL (XD) 549741





CHILE - RED WINE CONT'D

MONTGRAS AMARAL SYRAH 2019 Sustainable, DO Valle de Leyda



A classic cold-climate syrah, this red comes from a spot on the banks of the Maipo River very close to the sea in the Leyda Valley. Aged in foudres for a year, there are crunchy red fruits here, but it also has meaty – almost bacony – notes, which may sound odd, but is common in the variety, especially in cold climates. The texture is round and the acidity, juicy. Score: **93** (Patricio Tapia, guiad escorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 21958



PUENTE AUSTRAL RESERVA PRIVADA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

Valle de Colchagua

Pretty plum and berry character with hints of spice and cherries. It's full-bodied, tight and focused with fine tannins and a pretty, fresh finish. Drink now or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, April 17, 2020)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 750 mL (XD)

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 Featured in The ABCs of CABs



SANTA EMA GRAN RESERVA CARMENÈRE 2018 Valle de Cachapoal

Some of Chile's finest carménères come from the Peumo zone in the Cachapoal Valley. The clay soils and the breezes that blow over the river are important factors for making the variety shine. The other is the change toward much fresher fruit and herbal notes due to earlier harvests that has lent the grape new life and greater tension for lighter, juicier wines. Score: **92** (Patricio Tapia, guiad escorchados.cl, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$18.95 21981



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VERAMONTE RESERVA PINOT NOIR 2019 Valle de Casablanca

A medium-bodied red with aromas of dried cherries, mushrooms, spice and burnt orange. Tight and flavorful with powdery tannins and a savory, mineral finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now or hold. Score: **92** (james suckling.com, July 14, 2021)

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

VIU MANENT SINGLE VINEYARD SAN CARLOS MALBEC 2018 Valle de Colchagua



... fruits that are juicy and deep atop tannins that are firm but friendly. The acidity is moderate, although it has enough intensity to achieve freshness in the middle of all those ripe red fruits. An excellent approach to the variety in a style that could well be equivalent to those made in the wines of Mendoza's "first zone" north of the Mendoza River in areas such as Agrelo or Vistalba. Score: **95** (Patricio Tapia, guiadescor chados.cl, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) **\$29.95**

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AUSTRALIA – WHITE WINE

TYRRELL'S HUNTER VALLEY SERIES SEMILLON 2019

Hunter Valley, New South Wales Intriguing and complex, this bottling shows a honeyed apple aroma with citrus, a bit of tarragon, and that diesel fuel note that, with aeration, morphs into nut-like aromas. Bone dry and only 10% alcohol. The texture is quite unique. Medium weight with a lanolin foundation that reveals subtle grit and sand as it moves across the palate, the wine has a lemon keynote that rides on crisp, acid-driven top notes. A pure, transparent mineral water quality dominates the midpalate ... Score: **92**

(Dwight Furrow, foodandwineaesthetics.com, Nov. 10, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) \$24.95 632034





AUSTRALIA – RED WINE

BAROSSA VALLEY ESTATE SHIRAZ 2019* Barossa Valley, South Australia Pepper spice and red liquorice, rich and concentrated, nicely crafted. Score: 90 (International Wine Challenge, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 402701





PRINTHIE MOUNTAIN RANGE

Orange, New South Wales



A vibrant, stylish cool climate shiraz plying violet scents along a thread of anise, olive, blue fruits and clove, all drawn gently across a bow of peppery acidity and pliant tannins, properly extracted. The flavours are thrust dutifully long for interest and soft enough, too, for earlier drinking. Drink by: 2024. Special Value. Score: 92 (Ned Goodwin, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2019)

750 mL (XD) 20887

SHIRAZ 2018



CHÂTEAU TANUNDA GRAND BAROSSA **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019***

Barossa Valley, South Australia This is splendidly expressed on the nose showing cassis, sweet cherry, spicy oak and vanilla notes, followed by a succulent palate delivering excellent fruit intensity combined with fine texture and grainy tannins, leading to a lengthy delicious finish. At its best: now to 2031. Score: 93 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Dec. 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm \$22.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 357517 Featured in The ABCs of CABs



MITOLO JESTER **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018***

McLaren Vale, South Australia Like its partner, the Shiraz, the 2018 Jester Cabernet Sauvignon is a terrific value for current drinking. It's less weighty than the Shiraz, appropriately mediumbodied, with fresh, leafy notes layered over cassis and cherry fruit and ending in a wash of softly dusty tannins. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: 90 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Nov. 27, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 43224 Featured in The ABCs of CABs



IN TRACE

PRINTHIE TOPOGRAPHY SHIRAZ 2019

Single vineyard, Orange, New South Wales



From a single vineyard elevated at 620m, all estate owned. A smidgeon of whole bunch was thrown into the fermentation following hand and machine harvesting ... with some batches seeing a respectable 28 days on skins. Blood plum, boysenberry, iodine, sarsaparilla, violet and a smoky reductive riffs meld into a nourishing whole. The finish is long and gently peppery. Nothing heavy or over-extracted, but rather pulpy and juicy. A good drink. Drink by: 2024. Score: 92 (Ned Goodwin, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$31.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 23784 **Online Exclusive**



NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

INVIVO GRAHAM NORTON'S OWN **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021**

Marlborough, South Island Superbly fruited and beautifully lifted with passionfruit, kiwifruit, jalapeno and lime peel aromas, it's powerful and delectable with pristine fruit intensity backed by bright acidity, finishing impressively long and satisfying. At its best: now to 2024. Score: 94 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, July 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 560284



NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

ELEPHANT HILL MERLOT 2018 Hawke's Bay, North Island

From the Gimblett and Triangle vineyards. Dense and quite concentrated merlot with dark berry, cassis and smoky oak flavours. An impressive wine that offers value at this price. Delicious now. Drink date: 2021-2024. Score: 94 (Bob Campbell, MW, therealreview.com, March 9, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$29.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 630517 **Online Exclusive**



SOUTH AFRICA – WHITE WINE

RUST EN VREDE STELLENBOSCH RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2019 WO Stellenbosch

This Chardonnay is creamy and intense, with good balance. The acidity is lifted and fresh and the palate a complex mix of citrus, apple and pear, with deftly incorporated vanilla and butterscotch. Enjoy this tonight with grilled fish steaks.

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Full-bodied & Rich					
750 mL	(XD)	\$19.95			
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RUSTENBERG STELLENBOSCH CHENIN BLANC 2019 WO Stellenbosch

100% Chenin Blanc. Tight and tangy nose with apple, lemon and lime sherbet aromas. Cool and green on the palate with a mineral touch. [Drink till 2024+.] Score: 91 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$14.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 698274

CATHEDRAL CELLAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON WO Western Cape (KWV) Offering super value, this Cabernet comes from South Africa's cool Cape. It displays blackcurrant, THEDRAL cedar, floral elements, chocolate, and smoky oak, all supported by fresh acidity. Pair with gourmet



Full-bodied & Firm \$18.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 328567 Featured in The ABCs of CABs **A Vintages Essential**

burgers or a steak-and-kidney pie.

SOUTH AFRICA – RED WINE

MEERLUST RUBICON 2017 WO Stellenbosch

... a classical blend of 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot ... very focused, slightly introverted bouquet of complex, tightly interwoven notes of violets, black currant preserve, black plum, Black Forest gateaux and hoisin sauce with backing notes of dried fennel, salty black liquorice, spicy cedar and an exotic Asian 5 spice nuance ... dazzles with gentle waves of blackberry crumble, crème de cassis, macerated black cherries, freshly tilled earth, unsmoked cigars ... another exquisite vintage with charm and poise ... Drink from 2022 to 2040+. Score: 96+ (gregsherwoodmw.com, June 27, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$49.95 64329

EERLUST





SUTHERLAND PINOT NOIR 2019 WO Elgin

(Thelema Mountain Vineyards) From vines planted in 2006, this friendly-priced Pinot was aged in French oak for nine months and promises juicy strawberry, exotic spices and earthy notes. A versatile food wine, it'll pair with beef stew, blackened salmon or mushroom risotto.

[Tim Atkin, MW, did not include a tasting note.] Score: 89 (timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 🗸 624924



FRANCE – WHITE WINE

BURGUNDY

WILLIAM FÈVRE CHAMPS ROYAUX CHABLIS 2019 AC

Green-pear peel and notions of lemon, bergamot and tangerine make for a tantalizingly aromatic and fresh but subtle nose. The palate is bright but smooth, soothed by a chalky texture that carries cooling zestiness to the long finish. Score: 92 (Anne Krebiehl, MW, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2020)





BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU LE CAP 2018

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

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Sustainable, AC Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux (Carreau)

This perfumed, richly structured wine is almost entirely Merlot. Layers of opulent, ripe black fruits are just beginning to mitigate solid tannins. It needs to soften. [Decant for one hour tonight or] Drink from 2023. Score: 91 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$16.95 11838



CHÂTEAU PEY LA TOUR **RÉSERVE DU CHÂTEAU 2017*** AC Bordeaux Supérieur

(Vignobles Dourthe) A tight and very fine-tannined red here with currants, dark chocolate and subtle, hazelnut undertones. Medium body. Pretty. A blend of 87% merlot and 13% cabernet sauvignon. Drink after 2021 [or decant for one hour and enjoy tonight]. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Jan. 10, 2020)

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

349308 Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts

HERITAGE DE BELLIARD 2016* AC Margaux



A softly powerful nose, full of brooding red cherry, damson and plum flavours with touches of vanilla wood spice and roasted coffee beans. On the palate the texture is smooth with a rich and ripe core, generous but soft tannins, and long finish. This is approachable now but also has great ageing potential. 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot complete the blend. Grapes are hand-harvested from claygravel soils without the use of pesticides and vinified with a long fermentation of around six weeks in stainless steel, aged 18 months in French barrels, 30% new. Drinking window: 2020-2035. Score: 93 (Georgina Hindle, decanter.com, July 31, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$53.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 23388 Featured in The ABCs of CABs



SÉGLA 2014*

Second wine of Château Rauzan-Ségla, AC Margaux

Very fresh and bright with strawberry, mineral and flower aromas that follow through to a medium body, fine and polished tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Harmonious. Beautiful second wine. Hard not to drink now. [A wine that will continue to evolve for a decade or more from vintage.] Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 13, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$67.95 750 mL (XD) 359810 Featured in The ABCs of CABs

750 mL (XD)

FRANCE – RED WINE

Vin de France

XAVIER ARCANE XV LE DIABLE 2015

There are two slightly eccentric wines from this

estate that merit serious attention. Almost 100%

Mourvèdre from a parcel close to Vinsobres, the

Diable had a three-week maceration (Xavier prefers

sensational 2015 Vin de France Arcane XV Le

to get as much extraction as possible before

alcoholic fermentation), and was aged mostly in

layered, full-bodied beauty that has awesome

purity, integrated acidity and plenty of structure. Give bottles 2-3 years and drink over the following

10-15 years. Drink date: 2018-2033. Score: 94

(Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, Oct. 28, 2016)

\$29.95

small oak tanks and concrete. Blueberries, black-

berries, peppery herbs and spice all flow from this

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FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

BEAUJOLAIS

TERRE DES LYS CÔTE DE BROUILLY 2019 AP

(Vinescence Belleville en Beaujolais) Côte de Brouilly is unique among Beaujolais crus in that it has vineyards that face each point of the compass. Wines from here have vibrant acidity, silky tannins and cranberry tones atop a distinct mineral note and can cellar well. Drink now to 2026+.

[The CGVB did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Concours des Grands Vins du Beaujolais, 2020)

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



BURGUNDY

DOMAINE GUILLOT-BROUX MÂCON-CRUZILLE 2019 AC

This wine is sourced from a selection of old-vine plantings across the Mâconnais. It's elegant and finessed, with dark fruit, spice, sharply delineated minerality and bright acidity. It will be delightful this evening with grilled salmon.

\$28.95

Light-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD)



NUITON-BEAUNOY BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2018 AC

(Union des Vignerons Associés des Monts de Bourgogne)

Crimson red colour, violet hues. Peony aromas, lightly perfumed with red fruits, quite restrained. In the mouth, there is crunchy red fruits, raspberry and cherry, with a gamey, savoury note. Impressive structure for the style, good medium tannins, with plenty of freshness and bite on the finish. Excellent for what it is. Score: **90** (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$17.95 556456

RHÔNE

CHÂTEAU DE MONTFAUCON BARON LOUIS LIRAC 2015 AP

The rich, tannic 2015 Lirac Baron Louis spent a year in barrel, a year in tank and a year in bottle prior to release. It offers up scents of leather, cedar and vanilla, but it balances out the oak with dark fruit notes of cola, plum and spice. It's full-bodied and velvety on the palate, while hints of licorice emerge on the lengthy finish. This wine has clearly emerged as one of the top Liracs. Drink date: 2019-2025. Score: **93** (Joe Czerwinski, robert parker.com, Nov. 30, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$32.95 **/** 13438

CHÂTEAU MAUCOIL 2019

AC Côtes du Rhône-Villages A vein of graphite extends from nose to finish in this plump, blueberry-scented blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Fresh black-plum and cherry flavors are ripe but pure, lifted by hints of blossomy perfume and a lingering crush of minerality on the finish. Although at its best young, the wine should hold through 2025. Editors' Choice. Score: **91** (Anna Lee C. lijima, *Wine Enthusiast*, Oct. 1, 2021)

TEAU MAUCO





CLAIRMONT CLASSIQUE CROZES-HERMITAGE 2020 AC

A robust and intense but approachable and balanced Syrah, with dark fruit and spice notes. This juicy, stylish wine has a track record of rewarding up to eight years in the cellar. Enjoy it tonight with grilled ribs or a meaty stew.



DOMAINE DU VIEUX TÉLÉGRAPHE TÉLÉGRAMME CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2019 AC

(Famille Brunier)

Deep violet. Ripe, spice-accented dark berry and cherry preserve scents show strong garrigue and floral accents. Pliant in texture and broad in the mouth, offering sappy boysenberry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors and a peppery topnote. Finishes long and gently chewy, with the floral and spice notes repeating. Drinking window: 2023-2032. Score: **93** (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, Oct. 2021)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 750 mL
 (XD)

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FERRATON PÈRE & FILS LA MATINIÈRE CROZES-HERMITAGE 2018 AP

Deep, shimmering ruby. Lively aromas of ripe red and dark berries and candied flowers, with a suggestion of allspice emerging as the wine opens up. Juicy and energetic in style, offering intense raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a suave touch of baking spices. Finishes sweet, supple and very long, leaving a note of violet pastille behind ... 85% of this wine was aged in concrete tanks and the rest in new and used oak barrels. Drinking window: 2023-2030. Score: **92** (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, April 2020)

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

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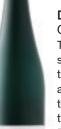
SOUTHWEST

CHÂTEAU PEYROS VIEILLES VIGNES MADIRAN 2017 AC

This rich, wood-aged wine comes from 40- to 50-year-old vines on an estate at the southern limit of the Madiran appellation. It brings together dense tannins and old-vine concentration. The acidity, black-plum flavors and tannins will keep this wine developing for many years. Drink from 2023. Ranked #81 in *Wine Enthusiast*'s Top 100 Cellar Selections of 2021. Score: **93** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$22.95 -234997





GERMANY - WHITE WINE

MOSEL

DR. L RIESLING 2020 Qualitätswein

This popular, classic Mosel Riesling is always a superb value. It's made with a gentle sweetness that's kept in balance by Riesling's firm natural acidity. A juicy wine, with lemon, apple, peach and touches of tropical fruit alongside the pure minerality that's such a defining characteristic of the Mosel. Pair with a spicy Thai pork dish or breaded calamari and jalapenos.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (MS) \$15.95

ITALY - WHITE WINE

ABRUZZO

FERZO ABRUZZO PECORINO SUPERIORE 2020 DOP

(Citra)

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Sourced from hillside vineyards, this bright, balanced delight has quite generous suggestions of apple, lemon and grapefruit, with some tropical touches. Pecorino's naturally high acidity makes it an ideal choice for seacuterie plates (and yes, it will double down and pair with the cheese of the same name).

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) \$18.95 573683

FRIULI

ATTEMS PINOT GRIGIO 2020 DOC Friuli

... Dry with fresh white florals, pear, apple, citrus zest and dried fine herb flavours with balanced food-friendly acidity. Chill and enjoy with Caesar salads topped with grilled chicken or freshly steamed and chilled shrimp. The Attems family have been in the Friuli region since 1106. Drink: 2021-2022. Best Value Wine. Score: **90** (natalie maclean.com, Nov. 26, 2021)

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) \$19.95





ITALY - RED WINE

CAMPANIA

NARSES AGLIANICO 2018 IGT Campania



Campania's 2018 vintage allowed for accessible reds with an easy, attractive appeal. This one is aromatic and balanced, with deftly articulated blue fruit, black cherry, and wood spice. Enjoy through 2024.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **98** (lucamaroni.com, 2021)

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



RGOGNO

MARCHE

FILODIVINO DIANA LACRIMA DI MORRO D'ALBA 2018 DOC

When describing Lacrima di Morro d'Alba for consumers who have never tried it, Eric Guido wrote: "Imagine a wine with the jovial and juicy character of Beaujolais, except violet-toned in both fruit and florals, and a bit richer, with a sweet, dusty minerality" (vinous.com, Oct. 5, 2021). Try this one with rabbit or a meaty pasta.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **93** (lucamaroni.com, Feb. 7, 2020)

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

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PIEDMONT

BORGOGNO BAROLO 2016 DOCG

Aromas of ripe strawberries with bark, cedar and hazelnuts. Some meaty undertones, too. Full-bodied with a tight palate, but opulent fruit oozes through at the end. Shows lots of promise for the straight-up Barolo. Try after 2023 [or cellar and follow through 2030+]. Score: **94** (jamessuckling. com, July 5, 2021)







The 2018 Dogliani Superiore Sirì d'Jermu is quite elegant and poised. Blue/purplish fruit lavender, spice, mocha, licorice and dried herbs all grace this super-expressive mid-weight Dogliani. A vibrant Dolcetto. Drinking window: 2021-2026. Score: **93** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Sept. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$28.95 23037

Online Exclusive



PRUNOTTO BARBARESCO 2018 DOCG

(Antinori)

Red-berry and cherry aromas here with a light musky note, following through to a silky, mediumbodied palate with fine, spice and mineral-coated tannins and a tight, tasty finish. Really compact and focused. Give this a year or two to open up. Drink from 2023 [and follow through 2030]. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, June 2, 2021)



750 mL (XD) **\$45.95**

Online Exclusive

Full-bodied & Firm

PUGLIA

DUCA DI SARAGNANO NERO DI TROIA 2020 IGT Puglia (Barbanera)

Luca Maroni awarded this wine **97** points (luca maroni.com, Dec. 21, 2020). Made from the Puglian grape variety Nero di Troia, it serves up rich notions of blackberry and sweet spices wrapped in velvety texture. Pour with roast meats, game or aged cheeses.



POGLIA





PAPALE LINEA ORO PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA 2017 DOP

(Varvaglione Vigne & Vini) Aged in French and American oak, this wine is plush and balanced, with lifted violet notes, intense blackberry, spice, and smoky grilled herbs. It will cellar for another 3+ years.

[The AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$23.95 750 mL (D) 261784 Featured as our Wine of the Month



RODOLFO COSIMI TERRA ROSSA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2016 DOCG

This is a refined, full-bodied red with dried leaves, tobacco and smoked-meat notes. Intense, fine tannins. Concentrated flavor of dried cherries and citrus peel accompany the earthy character. Drink after 2024. [This will cellar through 2028, but can be enjoyed tonight, decanted for 1-2 hours and served with a lamb stew or braised beef.] Score: 95 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 11, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm \$54.95 -750 mL (XD) 17861



TUSCANY

CECCHI STORIA DI FAMIGLIA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2019 DOCG

This is a really delicious Chianti Classico with cherry, light chocolate and some floral and citrus undertones. Medium-bodied. It shows lovely depth and a layered texture with ripe, round tannins. Drink or hold [for 7+ years]. Score: 93 (james suckling.com, Aug. 11, 2021)

\$17.95 🥒

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) 540922



ORENO 2018

IGT Toscana (Tenuta Sette Ponti) Currant, flower and orange-blossom aromas follow through to a full body with fine, creamy tannins and a long, persistent finish. Shows finesse and precision. Cherry and orange-peel notes at the end. The flavors go on and on. Better after 2022. Score: 97 (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 21, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$89.95 -735597



AMICONE

RUFFINO RISERVA DUCALE ORO GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017 DOCG

The 2017 vintage in Chianti was hot, with drought conditions that gave rise to ripe, robust wines. The higher elevations of the Chianti Classico area are responsible for the characteristic freshness of its wines, allowing the 2017s to possess the intensity of the vintage while retaining their distinctive balance. This one shows lifted violets, dark fruit, clove and spice. Pair with grilled lamb.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$49.95 353201

VENETO

CANTINE DI ORA AMICONE 2018 IGT Rosso Veneto

Deep ruby colour opened with dense forest berries and dark kirsch, elevated by pronounced vanilla oak spice. Pleasant, with rounded tannins and plush fruit with a red fruit finish. Score: 90 (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) \$18.95 631093





ASSIMAGO

MINOLICELLA.

ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

VENETO

MASI RISERVA COSTASERA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2015 DOCG

This is a stellar amarone from a fine year ... 70% corvina, 5% molinara, 15% rondinella and 10% oseleta (a local variety Masi has regenerated) ... red plum/black cherry, lifted florals, nougat, forest and mushroom, vanilla and fine spice ... Flavours seep through every pore ... Great structure and poise for such a big wine. The length is excellent to outstanding. Will age decades in my estimation, but balanced enough to enjoy now. Score: **95** (David Lawrason, winealign.com, March 23, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm



MASSIMAGO VALPOLICELLA 2018 DOC

This winery has been in the Cracco family (winemaker Camilla Rossi Chauvenet's maternal side) since 1883. The blend for this Valpolicella is 60% Corvina, 30% Corvinone and splashes of other varieties. It was forged in stainless steel and offers bright cherry fruit and evergreen, with a mineral undertone. Pair with stuffed mushrooms and sautéed radicchio.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (lucamaroni.com, Aug. 7, 2019)

Light-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$24.95 22670 Sorganic product



MONTE DEL FRÁ LENA DI MEZZO AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2016 DOCG

Aromas of ripe red plum, new leather, blue flower and pipe tobacco mingle together in this bold red. The full-bodied palate features steeped prune, raisin, licorice and sandalwood alongside tightly woven, velvety tannins. Drink through 2028. Editors' Choice. Score: **94** (Kerin O'Keefe, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) **\$52.95**



REMO FARINA RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2019 DOC

Remo Farina Superiore 2019 Ripasso Valpolicella is a crowd-pleaser Classico and great value under \$20. Rich, juicy and smooth on the palate, this medium-plus-bodied Veneto red is produced from 50% Corvina, 15% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella, 5% Molinara and 10% Oseleta. Look for dark cherry, sweet dried tobacco leaf, cracked pepper and baking spice flavours on the palate. Pour with grilled eggplant, roasted red pepper and buffalo mozzarella paninis. Drink: 2021-2027. Score: **91** (nataliemaclean.com, Dec. 19, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$18.95 999946



SANTA MARGHERITA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 IGT Veneto

This Cabernet from Veneto is sourced from deep clay soils with a high fossil content and offers insight into the breadth of styles in which Cabernet is produced. It displays the balance, firm tannins, dark fruit and cassis that define Cabernet the world over but is lither and more approachable than many examples from Napa or even Bordeaux. Pair with braised meat or mushroom burgers.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 13620 Featured in *The ABCs of CABs*



TENUTE FALEZZA VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO SUPERIORE 2017 DOC

60% Corvina, 20% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella. Youthful vitality, with a sweet nose of butterscotch and cacao, and a palate which introduces deeper coffee tones, plum and prune, run through with lively acidity and grip. Score: **95** (Decanter Asia Wine Awards, 2019)



PORTUGAL - RED WINE

CASA DE CAMBRES RESERVA RED 2016 DOC Douro

Partially aged in wood, this reserva has great richness. Its textured tannins, while firm, allow plenty of space for the ripe black fruits and generous juiciness that is present. The wine could age further, although it is delicious to drink now. Ranked #20 in *Wine Enthusiast*'s Top 100 Best Buys of 2020. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Aug. 1, 2020)

CRASTO 2019 DOC Douro



The 2019 Tinto is a roughly equal blend of Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Franca, with 10% Tinta Barroca, unoaked (but for about 15% aged in used French oak for six months). It comes in at 14.1% alcohol. Simply gorgeous and another fine value this year, this expresses its fruit beautifully, seeming surprisingly concentrated, while maintaining its elegance. It is tightly wound and precise. The finish is mouthwatering and filled with flavor. Yet, the elegance and freshness here always support the fruit ... This understated and impeccably balanced Tinto is irresistible. What will 2027 bring? Que será, será. Drink date: 2021-2030. Score: **90** (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, June 30, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$18.95 81588



PORTUGAL - ROSÉ WINE

MEDEIROS ROSÉ 2021

Vinho Regional Alentejano This versatile rosé is a blend of the indigenous grapes Touriga Nacional and Aragonez (Tempranillo), along with Syrah. It's consistently tangy and lively, showcasing strawberry, peach and raspberry notes with a zesty orange citrus undertone. Look to pair this mouth-watering, generous wine with grilled tuna steaks, or pasta with anchovies and olives.



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SPAIN – WHITE WINE

PAZO DAS BRUXAS ALBARIÑO 2019 DO Rías Baixas

(Familia Torres) 100% Albariño. This is intense with exceptionally concentrated fruit, mouthwatering acidity and a

fine texture to the palate. Then there is the mineral finish that goes on and on. Could not be more different from the everyday Albarinos. [Drink through 2024.] Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) **\$21.95** 417667



SPAIN - RED WINE

BORSAO BEROLA 2017 DO Campo de Borja

Deep ruby. Ripe red and blue fruits, baking spices and candied flowers on the highly perfumed nose. Smooth, expansive and appealingly sweet, offering cherry-vanilla and boysenberry flavors and a well-judged oak spice flourish. Closes supple and long, with polished tannins, building spiciness and a lingering blue fruit note. Drinking window: 2021-2025. Score: **91** (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, Feb. 2021)



CAMPO ARRIBA OLD VINES MONASTRELL/ SYRAH/TINTORERA 2018 Vegan, DO Yecla

(Señorío de Barahonda) Very attractive dark-berry and dried-flower character with some cedar and walnut. It's mediumto full-bodied with firm tannins and a fresh finish. Plenty of fruit. Drink or hold [through 2024]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 2, 2020)



SPAIN - RED WINE CONT'D

HONORO VERA MONASTRELL 2020 Vegan, DOP Jumilla

(Juan Gil)

Cooked plums, strawberries, mushrooms, dried roses and sweet licorice on the nose. Mediumbodied with fine tannins and bright acidity. Succulent, fruity finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink now [till 2023]. Score: 89 (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 22, 2021)

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(Vinos de Finca) 100% Tempranillo. A plush and fabulous expression of variety and provenance with well-integrated alcohol, tannin and acidity. Will continue for several years and mellow. Be warned - one glass will be quickly followed by the next. [Drink now or cellar through 2036.] Score: 96 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)





VALDELACIERVA CRIANZA 2016 DOCa Rioja

A firm backbone focuses ripe flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, licorice and mineral in this exuberant red. Juicy acidity keeps this fresh. A bold, modern style. Best from 2020 through 2030. Score: 91 (Thomas Matthews, winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2019)

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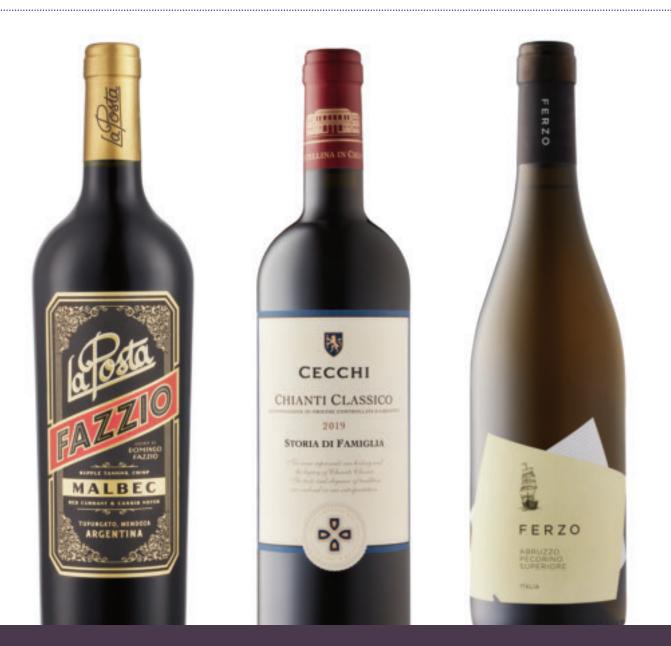
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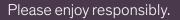
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