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Dive into flavour

CANNONBALL **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

California 291666 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

A flinty aroma and focused black-fruit flavors give this well-balanced and medium- to full-bodied wine a nice depth. Moderate tannins and a touch of crisp acidity add to its appeal. Best Buy. [Drink by 2024.] Score: 90 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

RUFFINO MODUS 2018

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy 912956 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95

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Medium-bodied & Fruity Featured in Magnifico!



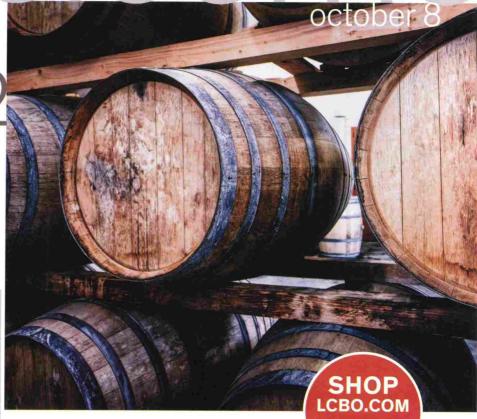
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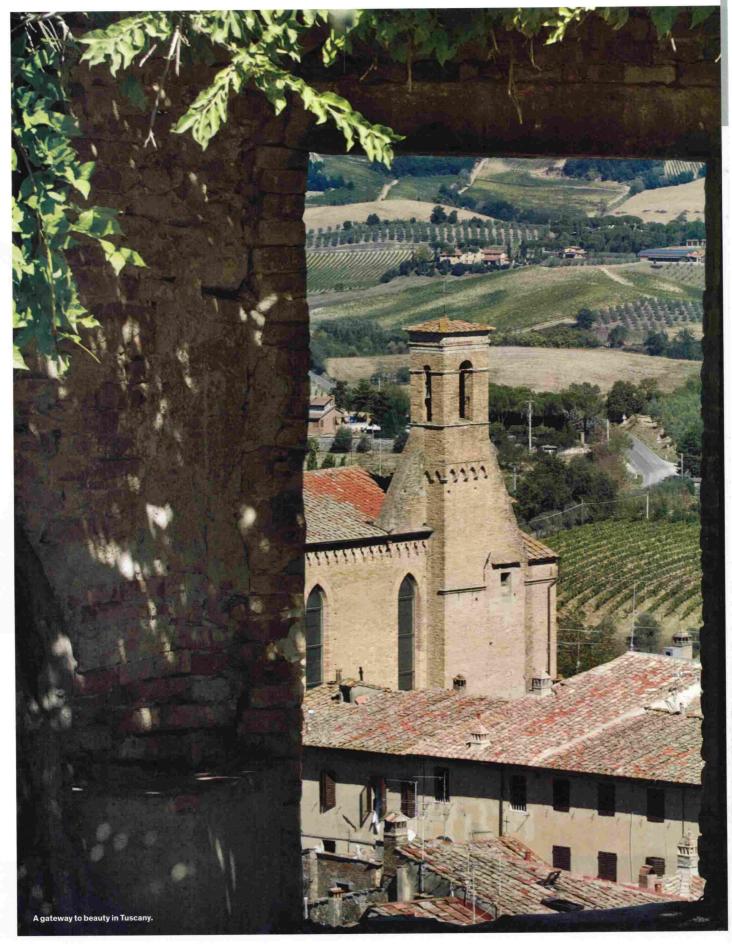


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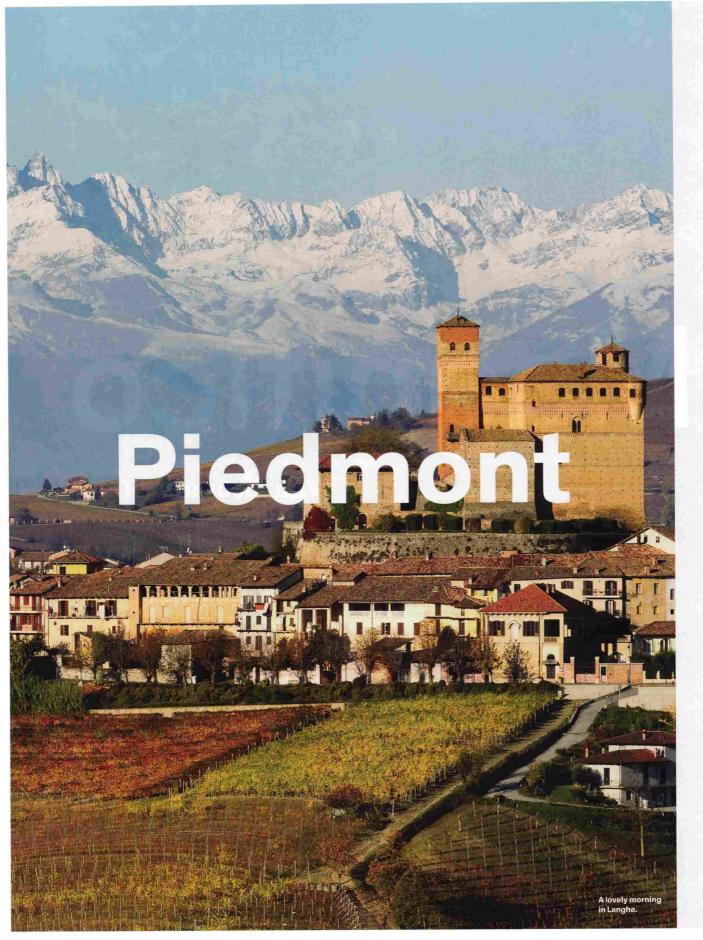
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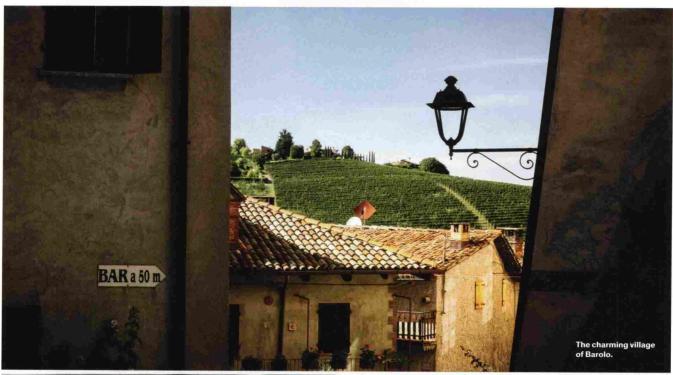
agnifico With thousands of years of winemaking history and a diverse landscape particularly conducive to now-famous native grapes, ITALY is a dream destination for lovers of fine wine. There are precious few places with reputations for wines of such quality, character and sophistication that virtually no questions need be asked. Italy holds such a distinction. So famous are many of these wines that the name of the grape and where they're made have become one. If you're looking for wines to grace your cellar, anchor an important dinner, or be that extra-special gift (it's never too early for holiday shopping where fine wines are concerned), Italy will satisfy all your needs and then some.



Barolo

Built to Last

Barolo is a famously ageable wine. Curiously, the Nebbiolo grape from which it's made develops the brick-orange colouration that typically indicates maturity for red wines while the wines are still young.





A Closer Look

Piedmont's lofty reputation as one of the world's most prized wine regions is founded on Nebbiolo, arguably Italy's most esteemed grape. The Barolo growing area has two distinct soil types that produce two different styles of wine. The Western Central Valley, where the communes of La Morra and Barolo are found, has fertile, blue-tinted Tortonian soils and produces earlier-maturing wines that are fruitier and relatively less tannic in makeup than those from eastern Serralunga Valley. Serralunga Valley includes Monforte and Serralunga and has less fertile, poorer Helvetian soils that encourage longer-lived, more structured wines. Both areas produce wines with firm tannins, very high acidity, and Barolo's characteristic rose, strawberry, spice and tar notes.



Barbaresco

A Place Like No Other

Piedmont is home to virtually all of the plantings of Nebbiolo in the world. Despite the earnest efforts of skilled, determined winemakers across Italy and the globe, the balanced power and elegance that define the grape have been impossible to replicate outside of these tiny enclaves in Piedmont.



A Closer Look

It's thought that the Nebbiolo grape took its name from the Latin word "nebula," which means fog. A likely association, as the best vineyard sites are located above the point where the morning fog settles. The Barbaresco area of Piedmont is drier and warmer than Barolo and is also a much smaller growing area. The vines are located at lower elevations than those that produce Barolo and are planted in soils similar to those in the La Morra and Barolo communes. As with Barolo, Barbaresco is crafted from 100% Nebbiolo, though the wines are more approachable young than Barolo and have less tannin (a relative consideration, as Barbaresco has plenty of tannin). They are floral, rich, elegant wines, with spice-accented fruit and mouth-watering freshness. Similar to Barolo, these wines can age upwards of 20 years.



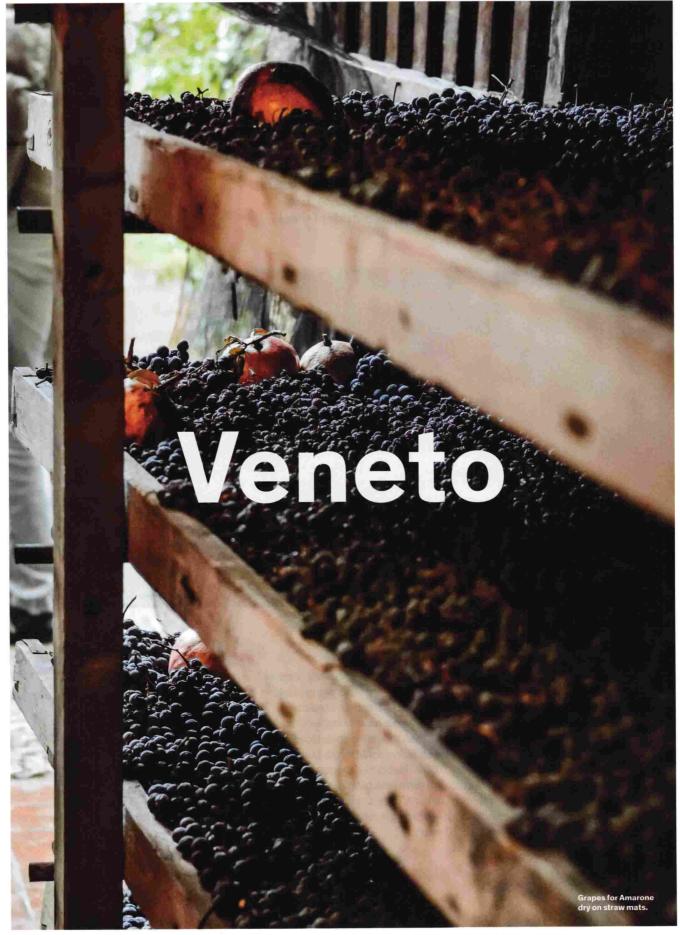
NADA GIUSEPPE CASOT BARBARESCO 2019

DOCG

The Nada family have been making wines in Piedmont since the 1960s, and Casot is one of their two cru sites. The soils are blue-and-gray tufo mixed with loose sand. According to wine critic Antonio Galloni, "The 2019s are deep, layered Barbarescos that show the heights of what is possible here" (Feb. 15, 2022). This floral wine has ripe fruit, spice and superb character. Drink into the late 2030s.

Full-bodied & Firm

456988 (XD) 750 mL \$37.95



Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

Old Soul

This legendary red wine was discovered accidentally when grapes destined to produce Veneto's iconic sweet red wine Recioto were inadvertently fermented to full dryness. Intentional Amarone production began in earnest in the 1950s, and only since the 1990s has the style become one of Italy's most recognized and beloved.







MASI CAMPOLONGO DI TORBE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2013

DOCG

This year the Amarone Classico Campolongo di Torbe '13 gave us the most thrills with its vibrant aromas of plum and cherry jam, then a minty hint that turns to deeper notes of chocolate and spices. The palate is dense, taut, rich, with velvety tannins, topped off by a gratifying finish. Score: ! (Gambero Rosso Italian Wines, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

548677 (D)

750 mL \$135.95 /

A Closer Look

One of the oldest winemaking regions in the world, Veneto has been home to viticulture for more than 3,000 years and the region has been associated with quality wines since the second century BCE. The practice of drying harvested grapes prior to pressing and fermentation dates back thousands of years. In antiquity, wines made in this way were highly desired for their quality. Not only did they possess greater intensity of colour, flavour and tannins than their peers, they were more robust, stable, ageable, and better able to endure the rigours of travel, allowing for a greater flexibility and range of trade. Masi is one producer who has been instrumental in championing single-vineyard Amarone, creating fascinating terroir-specific expressions. The wines are complex and rich, with leather, spice, baked cherries and smoke. Amarone from the Classico zone is notably more elegant than those from other areas, with a refined, lifted aromatic character.



Chianti Classico

Time and Place

The first official reference to Chianti as a wine was found on documents dating from 1398. The image of the black rooster, which had been associated with the Chianti region since 1384, became connected with the wines of Chianti Classico in 1924 when the newly formed Consortium (now the Consorzio Vino Chianti Classico) chose it as its logo.







CASTELLO DI AMA SAN LORENZO GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017

Cherries, dried flowers and slate on the nose with some fresh mushrooms. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a juicy, chewy finish. Lots of structure and freshness to this. Extremely serious as always. Tight and focused. Try after 2024. [This will cellar into the mid-to-late 2020s.] Score: **96** (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 11, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

12751 (XD) 750 mL \$57.95

A Closer Look

The Chianti Classico region is situated in the heart of the Chianti region and includes the towns of Castellina, Gaiole, Greve, Radda, Poggibonsi and San Casciano Val di Pesa. The area is distinguished from the surrounding lands by its altitude, which brings cooler growing conditions that translate into wines of particular elegance and refinement. These wines are also subject to a more stringent production and ageing regimen than Chianti from outside the area. Riserva wines must be aged for a minimum of two years before release, and Gran Selezione wines must be produced from estate-grown grapes and be aged for 30 months (these wines are often single-vineyard bottlings). The Consorzio of Chianti Classico has identified 11 subzones (UGAs) within the Chianti Classico region. These subzones are named for specific villages and producers and are now permitted to include them as a suffix to "Chianti Classico."

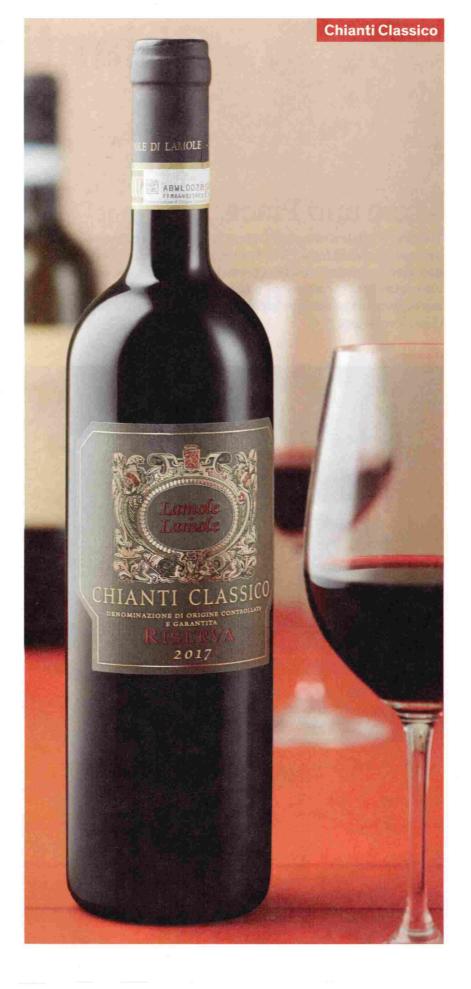
LAMOLE DI LAMOLE RISERVA **CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017**

A supple, cherry- and plum-flavored red, with hints of flowers, earth and spice. On the elegant side, showing fine balance and finesse, with a lingering finish. Drink now through 2030. Score: 93 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

280651 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95 /

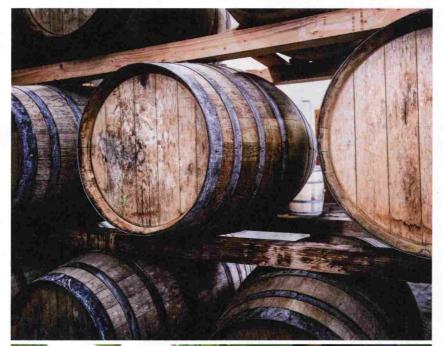




IGT Toscana

A Place for Quality

Tuscany and Sangiovese go together like Leonardo and da Vinci, but international grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Syrah have been grown here since the 18th century and have a storied track record of their own.





A Closer Look

Winemaking here dates to before the 8th century BCE, but as recently as the 1970s, Tuscany turned the wine world on its head. Premium-wine designations were restricted to indigenous grape varieties, but in the 1960s and into the 1970s many producers were creating exceptional wines from grapes such as Merlot and Cabernet. The regulations placed these at the level of table wines. but wines such as Sassicaia and Tignanello were clearly made of finer stuff. The Indicazione Geografica Tipica (IGT) designation was created in 1994 in response to these so-called Supertuscans. IGT wines bear an undeniable stamp of modernity, but they precisely embody the interplay of tradition and innovation that has always been at the heart of Tuscan winemaking.



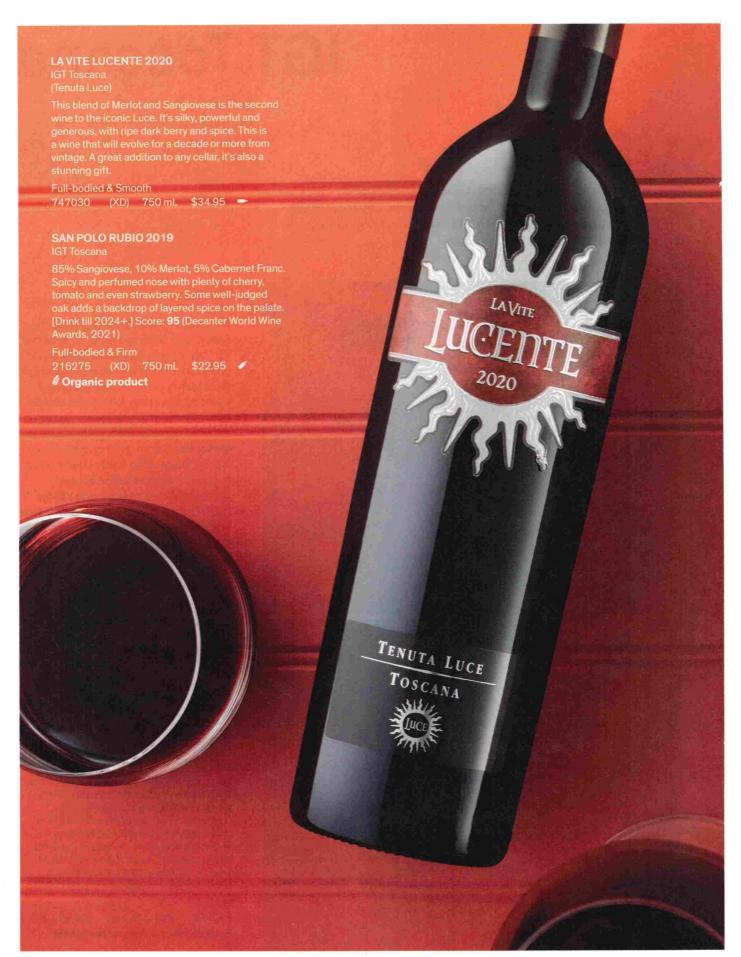
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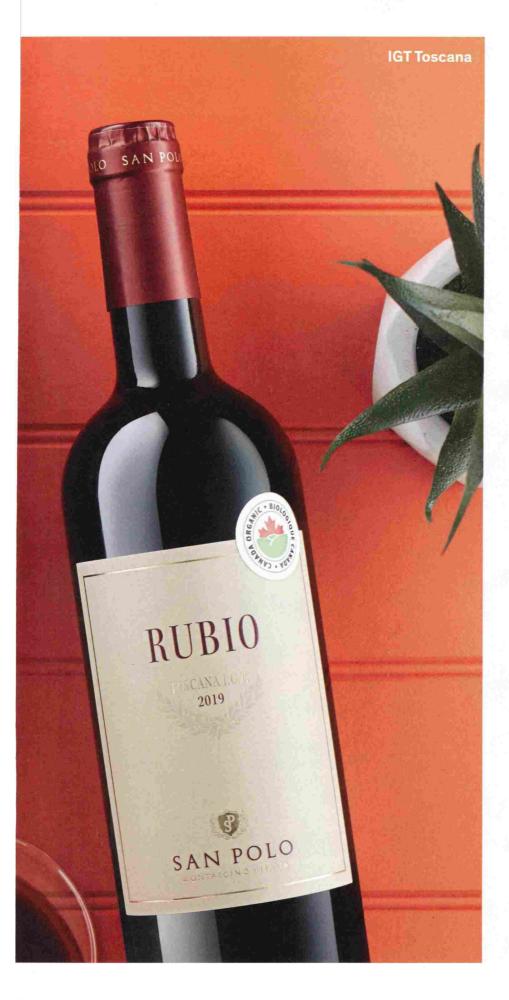
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Medium-bodied & Fruity

912956 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95 =

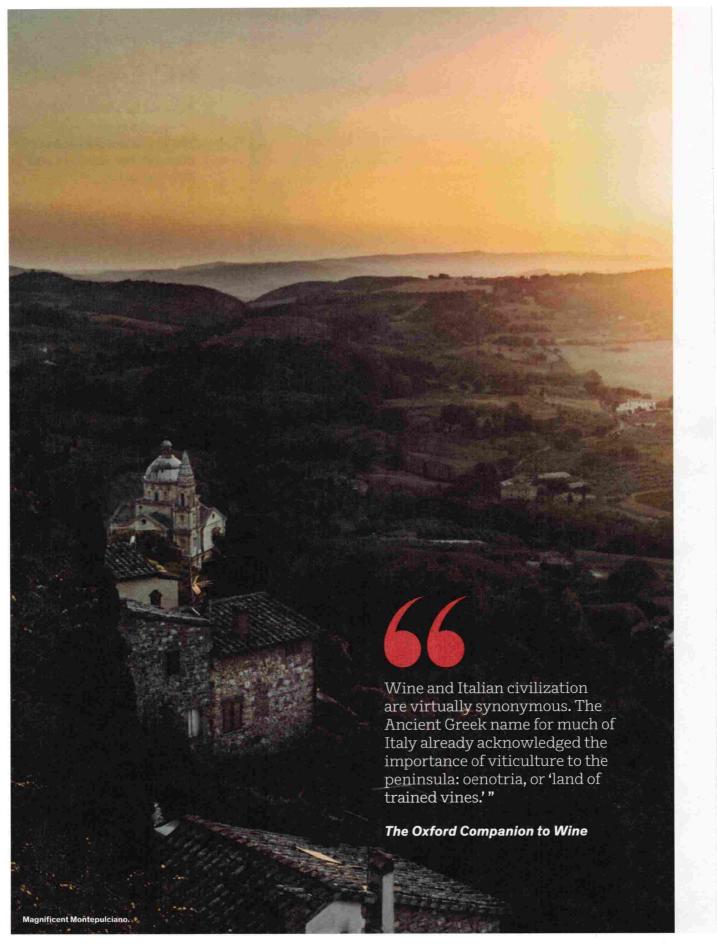




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Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

The Name Game

Historically, the name "Vino Nobile" may have referred to wines made from grapes sourced from the vineyards of local nobility who used their best grapes for their own wines. Another possibility is that the name identified wines of choice for the upper classes. In 1685, the wine was called "the king of all wines" by Francesco Redi in his poem "Bacco in Toscana."



A medieval town in Val d'Orcia.

A Closer Look

The village of Montepulciano is a breathtaking combination of gorgeous, horizon-busting vistas and centuries-old architecture. It's like a postcard from the 16th century. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is the oldest and smallest of Tuscany's three great regional expressions of Sangiovese, known locally as Prugnolo Gentile. Granted DOC status in 1966, Montepulciano was elevated to DOCG in 1980 – one of the first four regions in Italy to earn this designation. Stylistically, Vino Nobile falls between Chianti and Brunello, with some Riserva bottlings approaching the richness of Brunello if not the ageability. Vino Nobile wines offer dark cherry, strawberry, plum, and fine tannins and can cellar for 20 years or more.



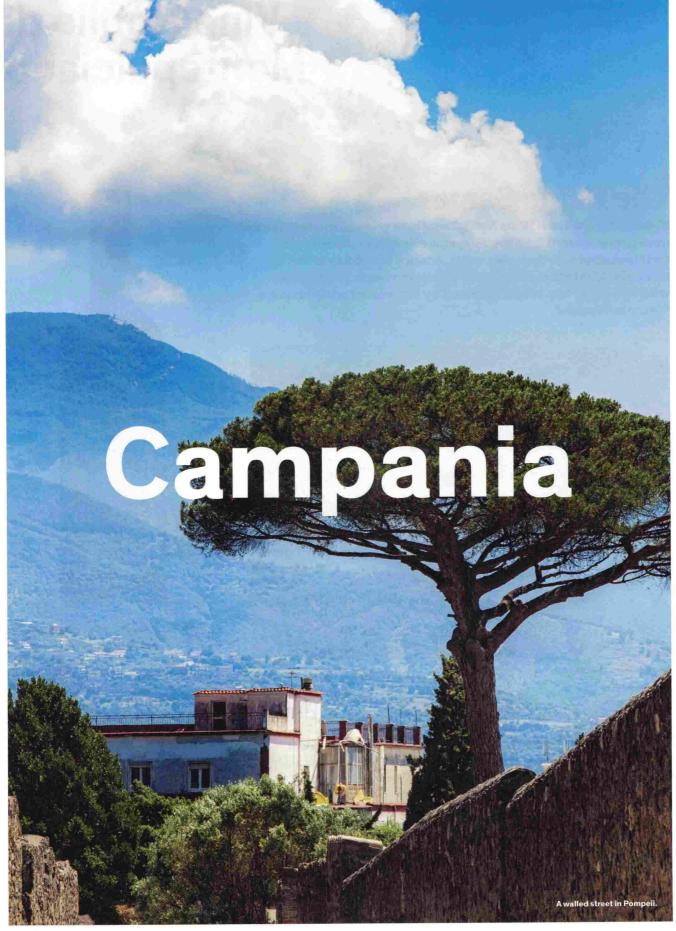
CARPINETO RISERVA VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO 2017

DOCG

90% sangiovese, aged two years in 55hl Slavonian oak casks and a small part in French barriques. The nose is quite deep and powerful, ripe within the sangiovese spectrum with the spice of cannaiolo alongside ripe-tart red berry fruit, dried herbs, old wood. Tannins are very fine and light, refined, while acids are comfortable and nicely balanced, especially for the challenging (hot) 2017 vintage. Length and depth are excellent. This is drinking very well at the moment though be sure to carafe, but there's no rush either – hold into the early '30s. Solid vintage.14.5% alc. Tasted February 2022. Score: 92 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth

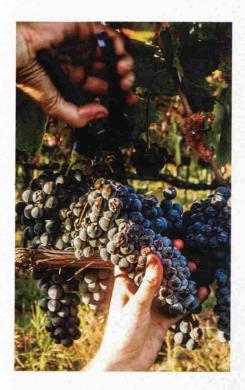
368910 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95



Campania

Southern Belle

Mountainous and rugged, Campania has a reputation for fine wine-making that dates back centuries. Falernum, the wine reserved for Roman emperors, was made here and is thought to have been crafted from Falanghina: Campania's signature white grape.



A Closer Look

Campania forms the "shin" of Italy's boot and is home to the infamous Mount Vesuvius. The range and quality of the wines produced in Campania owe much to the diversity of terroirs and mesoclimates found throughout the region. The hilly landscape creates pockets of warmer or cooler growing areas that allow a broad spectrum of powerful red wines and elegant, crisp white wines to be produced. Winemakers in the Sannio region make use of cutting-edge practices and technology but work with ancient grapes such as Aglianico, which is the most important red grape here. In terms of reputation and quality, Aglianico is southern Italy's answer to Sangiovese and Nebbiolo, and wines that carry the DOC Taurasi designation are considered by many to be "the Barolo of the south." Vintages typically releases these Taurasi wines as part of our Classics program or through special online offers. Aglianico offers savoury herb, black fruit, dried fruit, white pepper, smoked meat and leather notes. Robust and drought-resistant, this ancient grape has little to fear from climate change.



JANARE CANTARI RISERVA AGLIANICO 2014

DOP Sannio (La Guardiense)

Blackberry, dried-leaf, black-tea and tobacco aromas. Dried spices and dark chocolate, too. It's full-bodied with firm, chalky tannins. Concentrated and flavorful. Drink now or hold [till 2025+]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, March 5, 2021)

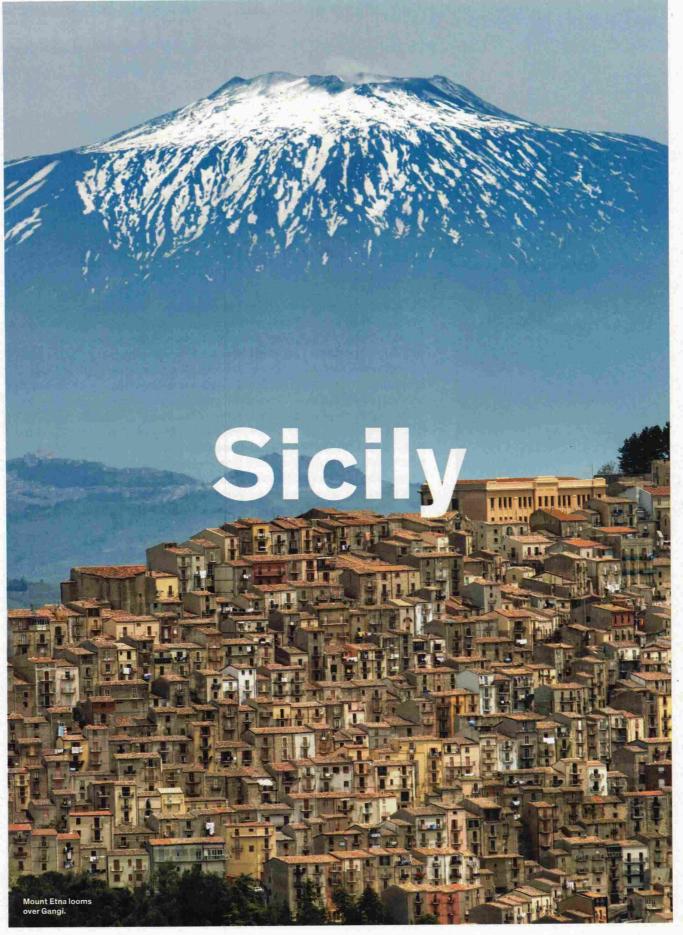
Full-bodied & Firm

26249 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

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Explosively Good Wines

Sicily's winemaking heritage dates back over 30 centuries. Many of the most distinct, sensational wines are sourced from the mineralrich volcanic soils that surround Mount Etna, which is the highest and most active volcano in Europe.

A Closer Look

The towering visage of Mount Etna dominates a diverse, ruggedly beautiful landscape that can have an Eden-esque lushness in the summer and a Mordorlike desolation in winter. The wines are equally varied and offer a distinct, appealing take on Sicilian winemaking. International grapes such as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon are grown on the island, but modern Sicily is best represented by the success of indigenous grapes. The Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio in the example in this feature are rarely found outside of the slopes of Mount Etna. Nerello Mascalese has a dark, brooding volcanic character underling bold, forward red fruit notes. It's commonly blended with its cousin Nerello Cappuccio, which brings softness, colour and aromatic lift.

ANTICHI VINAI PETRALAVA ROSSO 2016

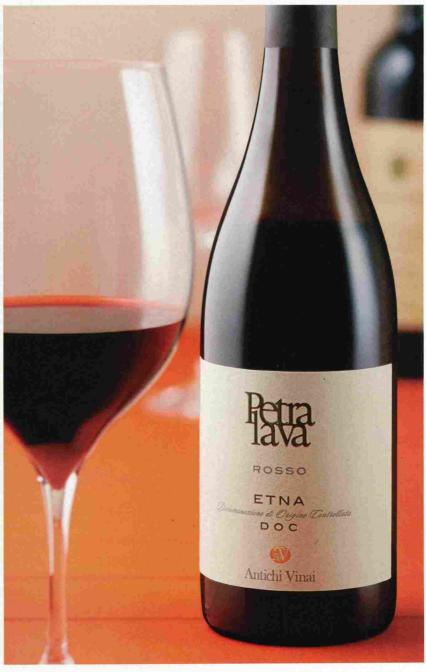
DOC Etna

85% Nerello Mascalese, 15% Nerello Cappuccio. Interesting dimensions of mushroom, smoke and light berry fruit. Moving to a smoky dense palate with soft wood notes. Beautiful. Score: **94** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

26257 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95

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LOCAL

An insider's guide to great Ontario wines.

I love it because...

- This craftsman-style winery in the Beamsville Bench produces small volumes of quality wines.
- 2 Its 18 months in French oak impart lovely notes of barrel spices.
 - 3. It would pair beautifully with a grilled veggie pizza.



Smooth criminal

This winery is named for a mid-1900s feud between two Mennonite congregations over the acquisition of a pipe organ. But there's no hint of discord in this elegant, appealing Cabernet Franc, with its notes of raspberry, oak spice, savoury herbs and black pepper. It'll be a steadfast partner in crime for a steak aided and abetted by blueberry sauce.



ORGANIZED CRIME
CABERNET FRANC 2018
VOA Beamsville Bench,
Niagara Escarpment
29048 (XD)
750 mL \$24.95

Medium-bodied & Fruity

For complete tasting note and to order online, see page 26.



product notes



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

DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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



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



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

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FORTIFIED WINE

PORT

OFFLEY 10-YEAR-OLD TAWNY PORT DOP, Portugal

[Though not the same bottling tasted by the decanter.com panel, this will reflect a similar and consistent quality and flavour profile.]

A ripe, open-knit style with fig, date and raisin in abundance, ferrying onto a rich, caramel-toned finish. Not especially complex, but pleasurable and uniform. Score: 90 (decanter.com, Jan. 2018)

297788

(5)

750 mL **\$26.95**



SPARKLING WINE

KEW VINEYARDS CUVÉE SPARKLING CHARDONNAY 2016 *



Traditional method, VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario This wine was aged for five years on the lees, imparting richness and the biscuit/bready note so prized in traditional-method sparklers. Crafted in an approachable, easy-to-enjoy style, it offers lime, ripe tropical fruit and honey notes. Finessed and elegant, it's versatile enough for casual and formal dining and will be great with oysters, salmon, aged cheeses, grilled chicken, risottos, or creamy soups.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

(D)

750 mL \$23.95 •





SOFIA BRUT SPARKLING ROSÉ

Monterey County (Francis Coppola)

Styled after the sparkling rosés of France, this pink fizz offers light effervescence, crisp natural acidity, and a light, creamy texture. Look for notions of citrus, strawberry and ginger, with a soft, easy finish.

Light & Fruity

520817

(XD) 750 mL \$39.95



SPARKLING WINE CONT'D

BLEASDALE VINEYARDS THE POTTS FAMILY SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Langhorne Creek, South Australia
Lifted appealing aromas of dark berry fruit – raspberry, currant and plum compote – abound on the nose of this gem. A frothy mousse when poured, it captures the palate with a lively, fresh wash of off-dry flavours – black plum, bramble berry and dark cherry adorned with piquant spice, mocha and hints of dark chocolate. It finishes lengthy with persistent purity of fruit from palate replays. Pour on its own to welcome guests or with roast duck ... Score: 93 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Dec. 7, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 15694 (M) 375 mL \$14.95



DOMAINE ALLIMANT-LAUGNER BRUT CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

Traditional method, AC, Alsace, France Lovely and fresh notes of red apple are joined by a livelier tangier citrus note on the nose. The dry palate is very light, almost weightless and fizzes away with a very fine mousse. There is real depth of fruit and a knowingly light touch. It is lovely as an elegant apéritif but sophisticated enough to be served alongside food. The finish is tart, lasting and grown-up. Score: **91** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 30593 (D) 750 mL \$23.95



CELENE BORDEAUX AMÉTHYSTE BRUT CRÉMANT DE BORDEAUX

Traditional method, AP, France [Though not the same bottling tasted by Roger Voss, this wine will reflect consistent quality and character.]

This wine is ripe and fruity, with a creamy character. The acidity and the fruits are maturing well, giving the wine richness and depth of flavor. Drink now. Editors' Choice. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
19031 (D) 750 mL \$16.95



LE CONTESSE BRUT PROSECCO* DOC, Italy

This is a sleeper, over-delivering in flavour, tang and value – it's all in your favour. A sweet wash – nectarine, pear and apple – and racy tang – lemon, lime and pineapple – wash over the palate enhanced by tiny bubbles. Delightful when poured as a welcoming wine, it can be served right through stand-up or sit-down appetizers. Drink now. Exceptional Value! Score: **90** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Sept. 11, 2021)

Light & Fruity 516583 (D) 750 mL \$16.95



MAUSBERG BRUT CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

Traditional method, AC, Alsace, France (Cave de Hoen)

Fresh, clean and appealing. A good value with some yeasty, autolytic notes, sweet tender flower petal, creamy lemon curd, lemon drop, grapefruit, green apple and peppery spice. Nicely balanced and appealing. Tasted April 2015. Score: 88 (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 416578 (D) 750 mL \$18.95



LABRUSCA LINI 910 REGGIANO LAMBRUSCO ROSSO SECCO

DOP, Emilia-Romagna, Italy
This once unfashionable red fizz is making a
comeback. Your preconceptions may be that it's
a sweet, simple wine, but this is a dry, complex
style packed with black cherries and redcurrants.
Refreshing on the palate with vibrant crunchy
black fruit acidity, it will go well with rich Italian
food. Score: 90 (Christelle Guibert, decanter.com,
undated)

Light & Fruity 632208 (D) 750 mL \$19.95



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

FEATHERSTONE CANADIAN OAK CHARDONNAY 2020 ◆

VQA Niagara Peninsula

... ripe yellow apple and peach enveloped in aromas of crushed fennel seed, coconut and freshly cut lumber. It coats the palate with a creamy textured flow of ripe orchard fruit and zesty flavours, complemented with a piquant, almost peppery trait and a beautiful persistent buttery-vanilla note developing at the very end. This is a serious, well-crafted, full-bodied chardonnay ... Drink or cellar. Score: 93 (Louise Boutin, winecurrent.com, May 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich 149302 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 Product no longer available.



FEATHERSTONE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021 ❖

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Ontario might not be as well-known for its Sauvignon Blanc as its Riesling or even its Chardonnay, but [this wine] is excellent ... breezy cut grass and lime as well as a touch of sea spray somewhere. Then it slips in cool, bright and bracing. Vivid flavours of white peach and yellow plum, crisp green apple and lime taste arresting and pure, dry and dignified, then taper to grapefruit finish with a touch of chalky texture that adds sophistication and grip. Brilliant bottle for the money. Score: 92 (Carolyn Evans Hammond, thestar.com, May 26, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 89011 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



ROSEWOOD AF RIESLING 2020 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment The "AF" (arrested fermentation) Riesling is fermented with 100% wild yeast. Some of the wine is fermented completely dry, while for the rest, the fermentation is interrupted partway through to preserve some residual sugar. Both parts are blended together and the wine is aged on the lees for 11 months. Zesty, bright and juicy with citrus, pear and apple, it's a gorgeous Ontario expression.

Off-dry & Fruity 11947 (D) 750 mL **\$19.95**



WILDASS RIESLING 2019 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula (Stratus Vineyards)

Wildass 2019 Riesling is great value under \$20 and is produced from grapes sourced from the Stratus Vineyards. Always lovely and expressive, the 2019 Riesling is floral, citrusy, spicy on the nose with fresh pear, ripe white-fleshed stone-fruit, mandarin and flinty mineral flavours mouth-watering on the palate. Pour with juicy pork chops from the grill. Drink: 2021-2024. Best Value Wine. Score: 90 (natalie maclean.com, Sept. 3, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful

129700 (M) 750 mL \$18.95 /



CANADA - RED WINE

ONTARIO

CREEKSIDE ICONOCLAST SYRAH 2020 *

VQA St. David's Bench, Niagara-on-the-Lake A classic example of cool-climate Ontario Syrah, this has generous suggestions of cassis, raspberry, black cherry and oak spice, with touches of smoke. Notes of earth and savoury herbs create additional complexity and depth in this lithe, impressive wine. Pair with grilled lamb or grilled egaplant.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 471797 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.00 ✔**



HENRY OF PELHAM ESTATE CABERNET/MERLOT 2019 ★

Sustainable, VQA Short Hills Bench,

Niagara Escarpment

This is a nicely polished, fairly rich and well balanced cab-merlot. Oak is sitting a bit heavy on the nose emitting resin and vanillin, but the raspberry/currant fruit is plentiful as well, along with some typical Niagara greenness. It is medium-full bodied, well balanced with 13% alcohol, firm acid and moderate tannin. As a result it is drinking quite well now, but like many Ontario Bordeaux blends it should also age well. The length is excellent. Score: **90** (David Lawrason, winealign.com, Dec. 15, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 395855 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95 ✓



CANADA - RED WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

NORMAN HARDIE COUNTY UNFILTERED PINOT NOIR 2018 *

Vegan, VQA Prince Edward County Always a refined, expressive reflection of Prince Edward County. Look for this to offer complex, layered mixed fruit with oak spice and superb freshness. Let it evolve in your cellar for 5+ years or try it tonight with duck.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

125310 (XD) 750 mL \$49.00



WILDASS MERLOT 2019 *

Sustainable, VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake (Stratus Vineyards)

Feels like a cool, long drawn out and mellow year for merlot, fruit stretched to the limit by an autumn that allowed for maximum development resulting in a wine of solid purpose and poise. No danger of exceeding any varietal speed limits nor would this be considered in a lush context but there is some quality concentration and presence in here. Blind I mighty have guessed Austrian blaufränkisch because of the sour-edged berry quality but as a merlot that's a good thing, with the fleshiness up front and the drying tannic presence a mere passenger in the vehicle. Equitable and giving for right and proper results. Drink 2021-2024. Tasted May 2021. Score: 89 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

376822 (D) 750 mL \$19.95



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NORMAN HARDIE UNFILTERED PINOT NOIR 2017 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula Norman Hardie is one of the masters of Ontario Pinot Noir. His Niagara Pinot is made in a bright and flavourful style with vivid fruit and tremendous structure provided by grippy tannins. A Pinot suited to roast beef or meatier fish such as salmon or

Medium-bodied & Fruity

marlin steaks.

208702 (XD) 750 mL \$49.00



BRITISH COLUMBIA

SEE YA LATER RANCH PING MERITAGE 2019 *

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

Dark cocoa, perfumed florals wrap around a juicy core, harnessed by youthful gritty/grippy tannins. Lots of filling in this structual wine, though young still. Give this big red some time. [Tasted blind at the 2022 National Wine Awards of Canada, this wine was awarded an average score of 94 points by the judges.] Score: 92 (Treve Ring, winealign.com, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$29.95



ORGANIZED CRIME CABERNET FRANC 2018 *

VQA Beamsville Bench,

Niagara Escarpment

This elegant, appealing Cabernet Franc spent 18 months in French oak. Approximately one third of the wine underwent the appassimento process, introducing additional aroma, flavour and textural complexity and depth. It features notes of raspberry, oak spice, savoury herbs and black pepper. Try it alongside steak with a blueberry sauce.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 29048

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USA - WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

DECOY CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021

California

(Duckhorn Portfolio)

This multi-regional blend contains fruit from Sonoma County, Central Coast, San Joaquin County, Napa Valley, Yolo County, Alameda County and Lake County. It's ripe, fresh, bright, zesty and fun, with notes of apple, melon, peach, pear, passion fruit and snappy citrus. Try this with seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$29.95 515122



DOUGH CHARDONNAY 2019

NEW

North Coast

From prime Napa and Mendocino sites cooled by fogs and ocean breezes, this complex, ripe wine shows apple, pear, tropical fruit, citrus, vanilla and spice. Pair with grilled chicken or grilled salmon. Dough is providing an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to be awarded to Black, Indigenous and other People of Colour (BIPOC) students of the hospitality and culinary arts programs at George Brown College.

Full-bodied & Rich

25598

(XD) 750 mL **\$25.95**



WASHINGTON

BORNE OF FIRE **CHARDONNAY 2019**

NEu

The Burn, Columbia Valley This is a delicate and rather pretty chardonnay on the nose with a rich juicy palate that's velvety smooth and pure with little evidence of barrel maturation. Expect aromas of apple and melon fruit with hints of lemon and mild oak spice. It is elegant and focused with excellent length. Tasted September 2021. Score: 91 (Steve Thurlow,

winealign.com) Full-bodied & Rich

26511

(XD) 750 mL \$24.95



LA CREMA RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY **CHARDONNAY 2019**

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County Russian River Valley has a long growing season and experiences some of the coolest, foggiest conditions in California. This allows grapes to ripen fully, developing complex, rich flavours without sacrificing freshness and vibrancy. This wine is crafted in a rich, round style that offers ripe tropical fruit, apple, pear, citrus, spice and toast, with lively acidity. Pair with pork, chicken or cheese. Drink till 2024+.

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$40.95





KUNG FU GIRL RIESLING 2021

Washington

(Charles Smith)

Extra-dry (yet still very good with spicy Asian cuisine), this wine is juicy and sleek, with smoky, citrus, petrol, herbal and spicy tones. It's fresh and vibrant, with a pure seam of cleansing acidity that keeps it perfectly balanced. Enjoy with spicy curries, ribs, or grilled shrimp appetizers dipped in a spicy sauce.

Aromatic & Flavourful

394759

(D)

750 mL \$16.95



MEIOMI CHARDONNAY 2020

Monterey, Sonoma and Santa Barbara counties What's that they say: three's company? That's certainly the case for this classy Chardonnay sourced from sites in Monterey, Sonoma and Santa Barbara. It was fermented and aged entirely in stainless steel, gaining its opulence from lees stirring. A juicy, ripe wine, with tropical fruit, apple, citrus, baking spices, a touch of honey, and a fine minerality.

Full-bodied & Rich

410712 (D)

750 mL **\$22.95**

CANNONBALL

USA - RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

CANNONBALL CABERNET **SAUVIGNON 2019**

California

A flinty aroma and focused black-fruit flavors give this well-balanced and medium- to full-bodied wine a nice depth. Moderate tannins and a touch of crisp acidity add to its appeal. Best Buy. [Drink by 2024.] Score: 90 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

291666 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

Featured as our Wine of the Month



USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

DECOY MERLOT 2019

California

(Duckhorn Portfolio)

Decoy 2019 Merlot has a splash or two of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc added to the mix. Floral and spicy on the nose, the wine is dry, fullbodied, lushly layered and vibrant with dark plum, black cherry, raspberry, vanilla and toasty oak spice. Pour with a roast pork. Drink or hold. Drink: 2022-2025. Score: 91 (nataliemaclean.com, June 3, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

460642 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95



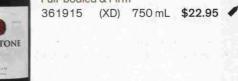


IRONSTONE PETITE SIRAH 2020

Sustainable, Lodi

This big, burly wine is generous and layered, with notes of black fruit, plum, savoury herbs, cloves and smoke. Despite the intensity, the balance keeps it from feeling overpowering, and the tannins, though drying, have a velvety, appealing character. This has the stuffing to age through 2025+. Pair with grilled ribs or roast beef.

Full-bodied & Firm





DOUGH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

North Coast

Dough is providing an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to be awarded to Black, Indigenous and other People of Colour (BIPOC) students of the hospitality and culinary arts programs at George Brown College. Expect this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon to be overflowing with black cherry, blackberry, blueberry and licorice spice along with subtle smoky notes, and pair with grilled meats.

Full-bodied & Firm

20802

(XD) 750 m,L \$27.95





QUILT THE FABRIC OF THE LAND **RED BLEND 2020**

Napa Valley

(Copper Cane by Joseph J. Wagner) Sourced from Napa sites ranging from Calistoga to Oak Knoll, this wine has spice, depth and complexity from Petite Sirah, while the smooth tannins are courtesy of Merlot. Zinfandel's intense, lively dark fruit and Petit Verdot's colour and structure complete the blend. An expressive, complex, balanced, foodfriendly wine, with dark fruit, chocolate, spice and vanilla tones. Great for Thanksgiving or other holiday meals.

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$39.95



GIRARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

Napa Valley

A sleek, savoury Cabernet Sauvignon, with red berry, cassis, earth, dried herbs, leather, vanilla and chocolate. Perfect for steak, this will continue to evolve through 2028+.

[The Sunset International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: 94 (Sunset International Wine Competition, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

231712 (XD) 750 mL \$45.95



SCOTTO HEAVYWEIGHT **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

California

Winemaker Paul Scotto calls himself a "blendologist," referencing his love for what he considers "the most creative and enjoyable part of winemaking." Balancing the varied characteristics of fruit sourced from different blocks or regions allows a great flexibility in fine-tuning the finished wine. Here, Scotto marries California Cabernet's robust, richly flavoured dark fruit, vanilla, and oak spice with an atypical softness.

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL \$23.95 26796 (D)



NEW



UNSHACKLED CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

California

(Prisoner Wine Company)

The inaugural 2018 vintage of this wine was so popular, we snapped up the 2019 vintage when it became available. It comprises Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petite Sirah, Syrah and Merlot sourced from sites across California and was aged for 14 months in a combination of French and American oak, Look for notions of dark fruit, black olive and dried herbs and pair with roasted meats.

Full-bodied & Firm

17812 (D)

750 mL **\$29.95**



WASHINGTON

DRUMHELLER CABERNET **SAUVIGNON 2018**

Columbia Valley

From the Columbia Valley wine region, Drumheller 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is great value at [under] \$20. A full-bodied Cab with vibrant acidity ... ripe dark currant, raspberry, mocha, fine herbs, smoky and spicy on the finish. Enjoy with grilled meats. Grapes for this vintage were sourced from the Wahluke Slopes where grapes enjoy warm sunny days and cool nights giving vibrancy and concentration of flavours in this wine. Pour with a beef brisket. Drink: 2022-2025. Score: 91 (natalie maclean.com, June 3, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

551473

(D)

750 mL \$18.95



WENTE WETMORE VINEYARD **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

Sustainable, estate grown, Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay There's a lot to like here in this lush, characterful Cabernet. It was aged for 18 months in a combination of new, second- and third-use French oak and shows ripe dark fruit, spice, leather and coffee. There's great balance and a refined rather than taut tannic presence. Enjoy tonight with grilled steak or a hearty beef-and-vegetable stew. This will continue to evolve through 2026+.

Full-bodied & Smooth

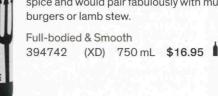
963397 (XD) 750 mL \$35.95



THE VELVET DEVIL MERLOT 2019

Washington

This wine is made in a crowd-pleasing style that celebrates Merlot's plush, versatile character. It shows dark fruit, savoury herbs, cedar, and oak spice and would pair fabulously with mushroom





OREGON

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL NORTHWEST WINEMAKERS PINOT NOIR 2019

Oregon

A ripe, soft wine with an earthy undertone, notes of ripe strawberry, raspberry, cherry and currant, and some dried-orange character. Try it with grilled salmon or grilled duck breast.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

25111

(XD) 750 mL \$20.95

NEW



ARGENTINA - WHITE WINE

ALTA VISTA ESTATE PREMIUM **TORRONTÉS 2020**

Cafavate, Salta

This fragrant, zesty, crisp, fruity white is sourced from vineyards in the Cafayate area. These are some of the most elevated wine-growing sites in the world, with some reaching two and even three kilometres above sea level. The altitude keeps these vineyards cool despite their proximity to the tropics. This aromatic, high-toned, flavourful Torrontés comes from vines planted at 2,300 metres elevation.

Aromatic & Flavourful

37127

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95



ARGENTINA - RED WINE

ALTA-YARÍ GRAN CORTE 2019 Gualtallary, Valle de Uco, Mendoza (Fabre)



One of the highlights of my tastings this year, the Alta Yari Gran Corte is a leafy, scented, savoury assemblage of Cabernet Franc with 35% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Floral and intense, with remarkable freshness, focus and palate length, fine oak and notes of white pepper, tobacco leaf and red berry fruit. Drink date: 2023-2030. Score: 97 (timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$29.95 24894



KAIKEN ULTRA MALBEC 2019

Vegan, Valle de Uco, Mendoza Blueberries, violets, crushed stones, dark chocolate and sandalwood on the nose. It's medium- to fullbodied with firm, powdery tannins. Creamy and intense with a solid core of blue fruit. From organically grown grapes. So gorgeous. Drink or hold [through 2025+]. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, July 14, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 50849



CATENA APPELLATION SAN CARLOS **CABERNET FRANC 2019**

San Carlos, Valle de Uco, Mendoza The incredible 2019 Appellation San Carlos Cabernet Franc is super elegant, fresh, varietal, nuanced and complex. A wine like this often costs more money than the price point of the appellation range, but it feels like a bargain anyway. This is an updated version of the 2018, with precision and symmetry. It's vibrant and lively, velvety and focused. Drink date: 2021-2026. Score: 93 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, March 31, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

450106 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95



CHILE - WHITE WINE

SIEGEL SPECIAL RESERVE VIOGNIER 2021

Sustainable, DO Valle de Colchagua This has aromas of chamomile, baked apricots, oranges and roasted nuts. Salted butter and hints of seaweed, too. It's medium- to full-bodied with a round, oily texture. Juicy and spicy. Fresh. Hard to believe it's 15% alcohol. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, June 17, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95 13429



EL ENEMIGO LA ESPERANZA SINGLE VINEYARD BONARDA 2018

Mendoza

La Esperanza is part of winemaker Alejandro Vigil's attempt to restore importance to the old bonarda vines that are planted in eastern Mendoza. Under the shadow of Uco or Luján de Cuyo, this is a warm area with generous soils that yield large quantities of grapes. But by managing the vineyard, restricting volumes, and harvesting earlier, they can obtain bonarda like this one, with a firm tannic structure and tense acidity as well as the variety's classic lush and generous black fruit flavors. This is blackberry juice. [Drink through 2024.] Score: 94 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$23.95 629782

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CHILE - RED WINE

CASAS DEL TOQUI TERROIR SELECTION ALTO TOTIHUE GRAN RESERVA **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

DO Valle del Cachapoal

Blackcurrants, dark olives, white pepper and black chocolate on the nose. This is a juicy and bright cabernet sauvignon with firm, fine-grained tannins. Invites you to drink a second glass. Agile and delicious now. [Drink till 2026+.] Score: 93 (james suckling.com, Aug. 9, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 25278





MIGUEL TORRES CORDILLERA DE LOS **ANDES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

Valle del Maipo

When it comes to cabernet sauvignon from the Cordillera line, Torres selects vineyards from the Pirque zone near the foot of the Andes in Alto Maipo. And this one is a very precise example of the wines from this place - the herbal aromas, the slightly mentholated notes, and the red fruits that spread across the palate accompanied by a texture that is also very "Pirquean," with those fine, sharp, needle-like tannins that give a sense of verticality. Make room in the cellar for this wine - time in the bottle will only add complexity. Score: 94 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

541169 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95



AUSTRALIA - WHITE WINE

D'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB VIOGNIER/MARSANNE 2021

McLaren Vale, South Australia

There's a little marsanne in the mix here. This has attractive apricot viognier fruit on the nose with some sweet florals. Fleshy feel on the palate with a riot of stone-fruit, fresh-citrus and green-mango flavors. Such good value and so much flavor on offer. I like the textural qualities, too. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, April 7, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful

662775 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



PRIMUS THE BLEND 2019

Vegan, sustainable, Apalta, Valle de Colchagua (Alto de Casablanca)

Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Syrah from Apalta are blended with 10% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc here, with the focus on freshness and what Sofia Araya calls "verticality". Violet and wild herb aromas segue into a lively, tangy, refreshing palate with subtle oak integration. Drink date: 2023-27. Score: 90 (timatkin.com, Chile Special Report 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

712463 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

BLEASDALE BROAD-SIDE SHIRAZ/ CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MALBEC 2018

Langhorne Creek, South Australia It's attractively fruited and beautifully fragrant on the nose showing Black Doris plum, sweet cherry, thyme and cedar characters. The palate is equally appealing with excellent weight and fruit intensity, leading to a lengthy silky finish. At its best: now to 2028. Score: 92 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Aug. 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

632091 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**



TARAPACÁ GRAN RESERVA CARMENÈRE 2020

DO Valle del Maipo

Big, bold, dense and firm: there is something about the terroir at Tarapacá that seems to lend itself to reds with structure and concentration. Aged in older wood and stainless steel, this has layers of damson and black fig, a hint of chocolate and green herbs and a focused finish. Drink date: 2024-2030. Score: 90 (timatkin.com, Chile Special Report 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

57513 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 •



D'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT **SHIRAZ 2019**

McLaren Vale, South Australia Raspberries, blackberries, blackcurrants, grilled peppers, tomato leaves and spice box on the nose. Medium-bodied with firm tannins. Clean and firm with a leafy edge. Sustainable. Better in 2023 [and will drink for 6-8 years from vintage]. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 9, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

984021 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95





AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

HASELGROVE FIRST CUT **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

McLaren Vale, South Australia Honest wine. Varietally expressive: blackcurrant, hedgerow, olive, greengage and a long timbre of herbal tannin, punctuated by the sense of chewing into a bayleaf. Full-ish by virtue of alcohol, but taut, savoury and lean of feel. Hard to beat at the price. Drink by: 2027. Score: 91 (Ned Goodwin, MW, winecompanion.com.au, July 26, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$24.95 18008



MISSION MARLBOROUGH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021**

Marlborough, South Island Green-pepper, smoke and lemon-rind aromas follow through to a medium body with slate and stone character to the lemon and lime flavors. Herbal and typical. Drink now [to 2023]. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 9, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 17586





SIDEWOOD SHIRAZ 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Fruit from 3 estate vineyards and 12 clonal variations. Quintessential Adelaide Hills shiraz. Dark berries and aromatic garden herbs, swirling fruit with a classy Amaro bitters edge and fine tannins providing a gently chewiness. A terrific expression of region and variety. Drink by: 2028. Score: 95 (Tony Love, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 13, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

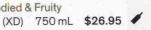
(XD) 750 mL \$21.95 446146

NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

RAPAURA SPRINGS ROHE AWATERE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2018

Single vineyard, Marlborough, South Island It's spicy and savoury with sweet fruit notes, showing dried cherry, smoky bacon, forest floor and roasted nut characters. The palate offers expansive mouthfeel and soothing texture with seductive complexity, finishing long and velvety. At its best: now to 2026. Score: 94 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Aug. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity



NEW



NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

JACKSON ESTATE STICH **SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021**

Marlborough, South Island 96% Sauvignon Blanc, 4% Riesling. Very fresh and youthful aromas, showing very fruity notes with saline hints. Ripe and plump on the palate, quite refreshing. [Drink through 2024.] Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful

963124 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



NEW ZEALAND - ROSÉ WINE

STONELEIGH WILD VALLEY ROSÉ 2021

Marlborough, South Island

The Stoneleigh Wild Valley Rosé is wild-fermented (using the natural vineyard yeast that's collected on the fruit at harvest) in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine is bright and lifted, with tangy raspberry, strawberry and spice tones. The vibrant acidity makes it a great option for tomato-based dishes and grilled salmon or chicken, Drink through 2023.

Easygoing & Fruity

750 mL \$19.95 (D)



THELEMA Jaconipania Alan

SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

THELEMA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020*

Estate grown, WO Stellenbosch

Consistent quality over many years. Different style to Sutherland, though both grow in cool conditions. Citrus with a mineral core to polished, racy 2020, tangy acidity giving it focus & startling length. Score: **92** (*Platter's South African Wine Guide*, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful 24245 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



NEW

NEW

BURGUNDY

BLASON DE BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ 2020 AC Bourgogne

Bright light golden colour. Aromas of citrus fruits (mandarin, pomelo) with mineral undertones. The palate shows vibrant acidity right out of the gate. The finish is drier, firmer and slightly bitter, with a tart fruity vibe running through it. Perfect for shellfish. Score: **Silver** (gilbertgaillard.com, 2020)

Light & Crisp 648436 (D) 750 mL \$18.95



FRANCE - WHITE WINE

ALSACE

PFAFF CUVÉE JUPITER RIESLING 2020

AP

(La Cave des Vignerons de Pfaffenheim)
Only subtle notes of yellow and red apple appear
on the nose of this wine. The palate, still vivid with
some residual carbon dioxide, sounds a note of
slenderness and supple apple freshness. A lithe
wine, this has lemon highlights and is very fruity
with a clean, dry finish. Score: **90** (Anne Krebiehl,
MW, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 1, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful 25384 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 €



LOIRE

LACHETEAU LES CIMES HAUT POITOU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

AP

From a family-owned winery celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2022, this is a fresh, well-balanced Sauvignon Blanc with lifted floral notes supported by impressive mandarin orange, gooseberry and guava. It will be zesty, bright and long with a characterful herbaceous note, and a fine mineral tone on the close. Pair with green salads or seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful 10632 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



PIERRE SPARR GRANDE RÉSERVE GEWURZTRAMINER 2020

AC Alsace

A perennial classic ... You can literally feel 90 days of bottled 26 degree weather, sunshine and wind, all tolled and toiled inside a varietal wine that just acts exactly as it should. The honeyed litchi notes mixed with candied rose petals and sweet botanicals make this a cocktail of its own accord. No it's not a dessert wine and sushi is the obvious other pairing but a glass with a bowl of fresh local strawberries would be so nice. Or foie gras. Whatever floats your boat. Drink date: 2022-2025. Tasted April 2022. Score: **90** (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful
747600 (D) 750 mL \$20.95 ✔



RHÔNE

GABRIEL MEFFRE LAURUS CÔTES DU RHÔNE BLANC 2020

AP

Rich, ripe pineapple and mango notes lend tropical exuberance to this lusciously textured blend of Viognier, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc and Marsanne. Superfresh and fruity, the ample, weighty white is freshened by a mineral lift and sunny tangerine acidity on the finish. Lovely young, the wine should hold through 2025. Score: **90** (Anna Lee C. lijima, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2022)

Full-bodied & Rich 376574 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95**



FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

SOUTHWEST

DOMAINE TARIQUET CLASSIC BLANC 2021

Vegan, sustainable, IGP Côtes de Gascogne Colombard (35 %), Ugni Blanc (45 %), Sauvignon Blanc (10 %), Gros Manseng (10%). Brilliant light yellow with pale green tints. Fresh, aromatic nose of white fruits and citrus with subtle herbal touches. Lively, tangy palate, mirroring the nose and developing delicate sourness through to the finish. Drink with oysters. Score: **Gold** (gilbertgaillard. com, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 175240 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95



CHÂTEAU HERVÉ-LAROQUE 2018

AP Fronsac

Very fresh, with perfumed lilac and rose petal notes giving way to racy red currant and bitter cherry coulis flavors. A mouthwatering mineral edge cuts through on the finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2030. Score: **91** (James Molesworth, winespec tator.com, 2021)

NEW

NEW

Medium-bodied & Fruity 26306 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✔



SOUTH OF FRANCE

GÉRARD BERTRAND RÉSERVE SPÉCIALE VIOGNIER 2021*

IGP Pays d'Oc

This bright, concentrated Viognier has great poise and balance, with white floral tones, peach, citrus, tropical fruit, herbs, and a taut acidity. Give it a go with roast chicken and honey-glazed peaches.

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

& Organic product



CHÂTEAU PEY DE PONT 2015

Cru Bourgeois, AC Médoc
Evenly balanced between Cabernet Sauvignon
and Merlot, this wine, with its eucalyptus perfumes,
is structured and shows its wood aging as well as
fruit. With firm tannins and still young, it needs to
age. Drink this wine from 2022. Score: 92 (Roger

Medium-bodied & Fruity 26656 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95**

Voss, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2018)



FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DES DEMOISELLES 2018

AC Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux (Famille Ducourt)

Plum, currant, black-olive, dried-herb and oystershell aromas. It's medium-bodied with silky tannins and a succulent, savory finish. Drink or hold. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, March 3, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 348755 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 ✔



CHÂTEAU SAINT-ANTOINE RÉSERVE DU CHÂTEAU 2018

AC Bordeaux Supérieur (Aubert Vignobles)

From one of the properties owned by the Aubert family of La Couspaude in Saint-Emilion, this is a balanced blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. With its lightly perfumed character and blueberry flavors, the wine is young, fruity and will be better from late 2020. Score: 88 (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 434464 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✔



BEAUJOLAIS

CHÂTEAU DES CAPITANS JULIÉNAS 2019

Estate bottled, AP (Georges Duboeuf)

Aromas of crushed cherries, pomegranate, red tea and some dried orange zest. Some vanilla, too. It's medium-bodied with tight, fine-grained tannins. Layered and flavorful. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, May 21, 2021)

Light-bodied & Fruity 11359 (XD) 75

(XD) 750 mL \$23.95



RHÔNE

CHÂTEAU DE NAGES JT 2019

AP Costières de Nîmes (Famille Gassier)

One of the flagship releases, the 2019 Costières De Nîmes JT is a Syrah-dominated cuvée that incorporates 5% Mourvèdre. It too saw one-third stems and was raised in 50% used barrels and 50% concrete tanks. Silky, finesse-driven, elegant, and medium-bodied, it has a floral bouquet of black raspberries, blueberries, smoked game, and orange blossom, with more pepper notes emerging with time in the glass. It's one classy Syrah to enjoy over the coming 10-12 years. Maturity: 2022-2034. Score: 93 (jebdunnuck.com, Jan. 25, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 736876 (XD) 750 mL **\$27.95**



LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU DE TRÉVIAC CORBIÈRES 2019*

Arnaud Sié took over his family's domaine in 2000, establishing an estate winery. This is a selection from his 49 acres in Talairan; it's a deeply earthy wine, with notes of cumin, coriander and Mexican chocolate wrapped into the fruit. The savor gives the wine a feeling of restraint, even as it saturates the palate with black cherry and raspberry flavor. Best Buy. Score: **93** (wineandspiritsmagazine.com, June 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 670505 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



CHÂTEAU FORTIA CUVÉE DU BARON CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2019

Sustainable, AC

... 50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 15% Mourvedre ... black cherry and red currant-like fruits as well as classic peppery garrigue, leather, spice-box, licorice, and lavender aromatics ... wonderful sense of purity and elegance, terrific balance, and enough tannins to warrant 2-4 years of bottle age. This classic, old-school beauty matches what the estate was able to achieve in 2003, 2009, 2010, and 2016. It will drink well over the coming 15+ years. Maturity: 2024-2039. Score: 93 (jebdunnuck.com, Feb. 16, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 959999 (XD) 750 mL **\$49.95**



CHÂTEAU DU GRAND CAUMONT CUVÉE TRADITION CORBIÈRES 2020

Sourced from vines grown in gravelly claylimestone soils in the South of France, this wine blends Carignan with Grenache and Syrah. It's lithe and expressive, with suggestions of earth, black cherry, fresh herbs and spice and a generous, food-friendly texture. Pair with beef, pork or mushroom burgers topped with your favourite funky cheese.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 540831 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95



CHÂTEAU LE GRAND RETOUR PLAN DE DIEU CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2019*

Deeply-coloured, and deeply fruity Rhône red here from the village of Plan de Dieu, with plush, velvety, full-bodied palate and generous proportions. I find this highly satisfying for the money, and regionally representative. Tannins are supple and offer light resistance, acids round and creamy, and alcohol high (15% declared), so I'd suggest enjoying with a light chill, around 14-16°C, no more, for maximum enjoyment and drinkability. Enjoy now or hold a year or three. Tasted March 2022. Score: **89** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

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



FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

RHÔNE

E. GUIGAL GIGONDAS 2018

AC

The 2018 Gigondas is incredibly Provençal, with lots of garrigue, herbes de Provence, cherry, and sandalwood aromatics. These all carry to a medium to full-bodied, silky, elegant Gigondas that has fine tannins and a great finish. It's a shockingly good 2018 I'd be happy to drink any time over the coming decade. Maturity: 2022-2032. Score: 93 (jebdunnuck.com, Feb. 16, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 331900 (XD) 750 mL **\$44.95**



LOUIS BERNARD LOUIS CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2020*

AP

A ripe and juicy style, with a good blast of cherry paste and plum puree flavors lined with black licorice and backed by roasted apple wood. A solid, crowd-pleasing wine for BBQ. Drink now through 2022. Score: **90** (James Molesworth, winespec tator.com, Sept. 30, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 561290 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



IAMILE PERSON

ACQUEYRA!

FAMILLE PERRIN LES CHRISTINS VACQUEYRAS 2019*

AC

The Perrin family is one of the most renowned winemaking families in the world, and Les Christins is always a stunning wine. Perennially perfumed, concentrated and rich with lifted floral tones, it exhibits a great depth of layered dark fruit, with flavours that can include a mix of pepper, garrigue, licorice and chocolate. Ideal for grilled or stewed meats.

Full-bodied & Smooth 973453 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95**



MAS DES BRESSADES CUVÉE TRADITION 2019*

AP Costières de Nîmes (Cyril Marès, vign.)

This blend of Grenache and Syrah creates a supple wine with a ripeness that gives the fruit a pleasing richness. It's plush and rich, with generous dark fruit, spice and smoke alongside a characterful garrigue note. A wine for grilled or spiced meats, and one that will drink well through 2025.

[Concours des Vins de Nîmes did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Silver** (Concours des Vins de Nîmes, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 143099 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



LA FERME DU MONT LE PONNANT CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2020

Unfiltered, AP

Sourced from La Ferme du Mont's oldest Côtes du Rhône vineyard, this wine offers considerable depth and a broad, rich palate. It's quite lush and generous, with nicely detailed black and red fruit and herbal undertones. Silky and elegant on the finish, this will cellar for another 5+ years or will be a great option for rosemary braised lamb.

Full-bodied & Smooth 171371 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95**



XAVIER VIGNON VENTOUX 2019

AP

Aromas of spiced cherries, thyme, lemon zest and olives. It's medium-bodied with sleek, fine-grained tannins. Juicy and flavorful with a spiced, savory finish. Drink or hold [for another 3+ years]. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, March 5, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 413211 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 ✔



ROUSSILLON

GÉRARD BERTRAND HERITAGE 560 TAUTAVEL 2020

AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages
This classic blend of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan
is sourced from pebbly soils with plentiful limestone deposits. Expect a rich, complex wine, with
ripe black fruit, smoke, herbs and a characterful
garrigue note. A wine that will continue to evolve
well into the mid-'20s and will be great tonight with
rare steak or grilled rabbit.

Full-bodied & Smooth 272575 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



PRIEURÉ DE CÉNAC MALBEC 2019

AC Cahors

(Saint-Didier Parnac)

From the highest plateau of Cahors vineyards, this wine is rich. Dense tannins and rich black-chocolate flavors are intertwined with the wine's solid texture. Power is everywhere, along with the potential for smooth richness. Drink from 2025. Cellar Selection. Score: **93** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

12985 (XD)

(XD) 750 mL \$21.95



SAINT-ROCH VIEILLES VIGNES SYRAH/GRENACHE 2019

AP Côtes du Roussillon

Blackcurrants, smoked herbs, licorice, and some bloody meatiness all emerge from the 2019 Cotes Du Roussillon Villages Old Vine. It's medium to full-bodied, plush, and sexy on the palate, with a wonderful sense of seamlessness. Score: **92** (jebdunnuck.com, March 22, 2021)

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



FRANCE - ROSÉ WINE

KYLIE MINOGUE SIGNATURE ROSÉ 2021

Vegan, Vin de France

To preserve freshness and the most delicate aromas and flavours, the Carignan, Grenache and Cinsault here are night-harvested, cool-fermented, and matured on the lees in stainless steel. The result is a fruity, elegant wine with a bright, cheery character. From international superstar Kylie Minogue, it's new to Canada and available only at the LCBO. Ideal for sipping, it will be superb with brunch fare.

NEU

Easygoing & Fruity 26325 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



SOUTHWEST

CHÂTEAU VINCENS PRESTIGE MALBEC/MERLOT 2018

AC Cahors

80% Malbec, 20% Merlot. Bright, intense raspberry and blackberry fruit with lovely creamy vanilla. Polished and seamless on the palate with ripe tannin and fruity finish. Score: **94** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm 272427 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95**



PROVENCE

DOMAINES OTT CHÂTEAU DE SELLE ROSÉ 2021

AP Côtes de Provence

Seamlessly stitches together jasmine, pink grape-fruit, tangerine, rose water and a savory accent, with a subtle twinge of fleur de sel adding a counterpoint to the lengthy finish. Graceful, but with nice underlying tension throughout. Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2023. Score: **91** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, Aug. 31, 2022)

Easygoing & Fruity 74617 (XD) 750 mL \$55.95



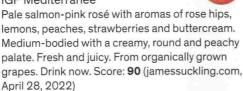
FRANCE - ROSÉ WINE CONT'D

PROVENCE



L'ESCARELLE PALM ROSÉ 2021

IGP Méditerranée



Easygoing & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$14.95 25793

& Organic product



NEW

RHÔNE

E. GUIGAL CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROSÉ 2021

Crisp, mouthwatering notes of wild strawberry and black currant extend from nose to finish in this full-bodied yet briskly balanced Grenache-based blend of Cinsault and Syrah. A deep salmon pink in hue, it's a penetrating, intensely fruity rosé that's concentrated enough to drink well past the summer and into the autumn and winter months. Score: 91 (Anna Lee C. lijima, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 1, 2022)

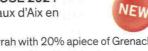
Easygoing & Fruity

225003 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



MIRABEAU X ROSÉ 2021

Vegan, AP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence



A blend of 60% Syrah with 20% apiece of Grenache and Cinsault, this vegan-friendly pink wine is grown at high altitudes in clay and limestone. Look for vibrant strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate notes with a zesty ribbon of acidity running through. Pair with bacon-wrapped scallops.

[The Berliner Wein Trophy did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Berliner Wein Trophy, 2022)

Easygoing & Fruity (XD) 750 mL, \$21.95 25792



ROUSSILLON

TESSELLAE ROSÉ 2021

IGP Côtes Catalanes (Domaine Lafage)

From a family who've made wine since 1798 that's seven generations - comes this pink wine from France's sunny southeast. Consistently ripe and flavourful with abundant red berry fruit and a dash of savoury spice, it's a nice wine for stuffed peppers or grilled seafood.

Easygoing & Fruity 450817 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



OTT BY.OTT ROSÉ 2021

AP Côtes de Provence

This blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah and Mourvèdre has earned a fine reputation for refinement, purity and tangy ripe fruit. Expect the 2021 to offer plenty of strawberry and cherry fruit, with apple, white peach and tropical accents all undercut by a fine mineral character. A wine for grilled salmon, grilled chicken or pork ribs. -

Medium-bodied & Dry 490896 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95



GEORGIA - RED WINE

GURJAANI OLD MARANI KINDZMARAULI RED 2019*

Kakheti

This is mid-weight, semi-sweet well balanced saperavi with a generous, floral nose of red plum, red rose and gentle spice. Simple but attractive. It is mellow, smooth and off-dry with decent acid and soft tannin. The length is very good to excellent. Score: 89 (David Lawrason, winealign.com, undated)

Full-bodied & Smooth

21273 (M)

750 mL \$17.95





TBILVINO SAPERAVI 2020

Kakheti

Tbilvino has been a leading producer of highquality Georgian wines since its establishment in 1962. This easygoing Saperavi reveals notions of cherry, berry, and table grape. It's an approachable, supple wine that'll be versatile with autumn barbecue or gently spiced beef or lamb curries.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

706671 (D) 750 mL **\$17.95**



ITALY - WHITE WINE

ABRUZZO

FEUDO ANTICO ORGANIC PECORINO 2021

Vegan, IGP Terre di Chieti

Vegan-friendly and certified organic, this wine is bright, lifted and zesty, with lip-smacking lemon and lime citrus, succulent melon, and sharply defined pear and apple. Vibrant enough to work as a sipper, it will also be great with seafood or stir-fried veggies.

Light & Crisp

750 mL \$16.95 644930 (D)

& Organic product



GERMANY - WHITE WINE

MOSEL

DR. LRIESLING 2021

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

599274 (MS) 750 mL \$16.95



NOVARIPA MONATIC AMBER PINOT GRIGIO 2020

IGP Terre di Chieti

This 100% Pinot Grigio is a great introduction to orange wines. Grown within a stone's throw of the Adriatic Coast, it was harvested by hand and forged in stainless steel with substantial skin contact, hence the amber colour. Look for hints of marine spray along with delicate orchard fruits and melon, and pair with sushi or noodle soups.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 91 (lucamaroni.com, July 19, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95 19302



GERMANY - RED WINE

BADEN

KÖNIGSCHAFFHAUSER STEINGRÜBLE **TROCKEN PINOT NOIR 2019**

Qualitätswein

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

Medium-bodied & Fruity

460410

(D)

750 mL **\$18.95**



ALTO ADIGE

SCHRECKBICHL COLTERENZIO **PINOT GRIGIO 2020**

DOC Alto Adige

... the 2020 Alto Adige Pinot Grigio offers fresh layers of lemon, green apple, kiwi and a hint of summer grass or dried straw. This is an easy-drinking wine with a cheerful and immediate personality that would pair with an epic platter of fried shrimp. However, you also get that touch of extra complexity and tonic freshness that comes easily to the high-altitude wines of the Italian Dolomites. Drink date: 2021-2023. Score: 90 (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, Sept. 16, 2021)

Light & Crisp

293399

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95



ITALY - WHITE WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

FALCHINI VIGNA A SOLATIO VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO 2020

DOCG

Tuscany's most famous white wine style is made from the Vernaccia grape grown around the ancient village of San Gimignano. This stunning example comes from an estate founded in 1964 and shows aromas of green apple and citrus, with a sleek, mineral-laced palate and a touch of bitter nuttiness on the finish. Perfect for grilled seafood or pork belly.

Light & Crisp 994012 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**



PIFDMONT

BORGOGNO PININ 2019

DOC Langhe

Established in 1761, Borgogno is the most historical winery in Barolo and is still family owned. This wine is an elegant blend of Barbera, Nebbiolo and Dolcetto that spent two months harmonizing in Slavonian oak barrels. Expect plenty of vibrancy and verve, with structure and approachability in equal measure.

NEW

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 26258



ITALY - RED WINE

TOMMASI GRATICCIO **APPASSIONATO 2020**

Italy

"Graticcio" is the term for the traditional bamboo racks used for air-drying grapes after the harvest; a technique that concentrates the flavours in the grapes and allows for the creation of more concentrated, robust wines. Tommasi partially dries the grapes for this wine and partially ages the wine itself in oak casks, creating a lovely balance of intensity and casual elegance. Sip with salumi.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL \$17.95 338939 (D)



CASCINA CHICCO ROCCHE DI CASTELLETTO BAROLO 2015

DOCG

Lots of dried fruit on this one, as well as menthol, peppermint tea and roasted chestnuts. Full-bodied and stocky on the palate with medium-chewy tannins and a sturdy, powerful finish. Drink from 2023 [through 2035+]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling. com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 17697 Featured in Magnifico!



CAMPANIA

JANARE CANTARI RISERVA AGLIANICO 2014*

DOP Sannio

(La Guardiense)

Blackberry, dried-leaf, black-tea and tobacco aromas. Dried spices and dark chocolate, too. It's full-bodied with firm, chalky tannins. Concentrated and flavorful. Drink now or hold [till 2025+]. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, March 5, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 26249 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

Featured in Magnifico!



NEW

NADA GIUSEPPE CASOT BARBARESCO 2019

DOCG

The Nada family have been making wines in Piedmont since the 1960s, and Casot is one of their two cru sites. The soils are blue-and-gray tufo mixed with loose sand. According to wine critic Antonio Galloni, "The 2019s are deep, layered Barbarescos that show the heights of what is possible here" (Feb. 15, 2022). This floral wine has ripe fruit, spice and superb character. Drink into the late 2030s.

Full-bodied & Firm 456988 (XD) 750 mL \$37.95 Featured in Magnifico!



PUGLIA

MATANÉ PRIMITIVO 2020

IGP Puglia

Matané wines are estate grown in warm, sunny Puglian vineyards ideal for ripening Primitivo and bottled in the facilities of Cantine Paradiso. Expect a glassful of jammy berry fruit with a wild, brambly side. Pair with eggplant marinara.

Full-bodied & Smooth

434290 (D) 750 mL \$15.95



TUSCANY

CARPINETO RISERVA VINO **NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO 2017** DOCG

90% sangiovese, aged two years in 55hl Slavonian oak casks and a small part in French barriques. The nose is quite deep and powerful, ripe within the sangiovese spectrum with the spice of cannaiolo alongside ripe-tart red berry fruit, dried herbs, old wood. Tannins are very fine and light, refined, while acids are comfortable and nicely balanced, especially for the challenging (hot) 2017 vintage. Length and depth are excellent. This is drinking very well at the moment though be sure to carafe, but there's no rush either - hold into the early '30s. Solid vintage.14.5% alc. Tasted February 2022. Score: 92 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 368910 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 Featured in Magnifico!



SARDINIA

ANTICHI PODERI JERZU CHUÈRRA RISERVA CANNONAU DI SARDEGNA 2019

An appealing nose of dark fruit, dried roses and cedar. Full-bodied with grainy tannin. A lovely, deep palate of ripe black fruit with vanilla and cooking spice. Drink now or hold. Score: 91 (jamessuckling. com, Oct. 5, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 270272 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



CASTELLO DI AMA SAN LORENZO GRAN **SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017** DOCG

Cherries, dried flowers and slate on the nose with some fresh mushrooms. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a juicy, chewy finish. Lots of structure and freshness to this. Extremely serious as always. Tight and focused. Try after 2024. [This will cellar into the mid-to-late 2020s.] Score: 96 (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 11, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm (XD) 750 mL \$57.95 12751 Featured in Magnifico!



SICILY

ANTICHI VINAI PETRALAVA **ROSSO 2016**

DOC Etna

85% Nerello Mascalese, 15% Nerello Cappuccio. Interesting dimensions of mushroom, smoke and light berry fruit. Moving to a smoky dense palate with soft wood notes. Beautiful. Score: 94 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

26257

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

Featured in Magnifico!



NEW

DUCA DI SARAGNANO SIR PASSO 2019

IGT Toscano

A portion of the grapes for this wine were left on the vine for four weeks before being harvested, and the must (i.e., freshly crushed juice that includes the skins, pips and stems) added to the wine after fermentation. This creates an intense, approachable wine, with raspberry, cherry, red plum, sweet spices, and great length. Pour with spiced meats or autumn stews.

Full-bodied & Smooth

10121

(D) 750 mL \$17.95



ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

LA VITE LUCENTE 2020

IGT Toscana (Tenuta Luce)

This blend of Merlot and Sangiovese is the second wine to the iconic Luce. It's silky, powerful and generous, with ripe dark berry and spice. This is a wine that will evolve for a decade or more from vintage. A great addition to any cellar, it's also a stunning gift.

Full-bodied & Smooth
747030 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95

Featured in *Magnifico!*



RUFFINO MODUS 2018

IGT Toscana

A ripe, opulent style, this red is saturated with black cherry, plum, cedar and spice flavors, yet remains fluid and lithe on the palate. Quickly gives way to tannins with the feel of bitter chocolate, with the fruit and floral notes enduring. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2024 through 2038. Smart Buys. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, April 30, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
912956 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month
and in Magnifico!



LAMOLE DI LAMOLE RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017

DOCG

A supple, cherry- and plum-flavored red, with hints of flowers, earth and spice. On the elegant side, showing fine balance and finesse, with a lingering finish. Drink now through 2030. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 280651 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95 Featured in Magnifico!



SAN POLO RUBIO 2019

IGT Toscana

85% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc. Spicy and perfumed nose with plenty of cherry, tomato and even strawberry. Some well-judged oak adds a backdrop of layered spice on the palate. [Drink till 2024+.] Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm
216275 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95
Featured in Magnifico!

Organic product



MAZZEI SER LAPO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2019

DOCG

The Mazzei 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva Ser Lapo shows a soft and nicely textured approach to Sangiovese with plenty of dark fruit ripeness, blackcurrant and wild plum. This balanced vintage tends to show a little more richness and concentration than you normally get with Sangiovese, and the wine spreads evenly and smoothly over the palate as a result. There are no rough edges here, and this classic bottle would pair with a simple steak and fries. Score: **92** (Monica Larner, robert parker.com, April 21, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 288530 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95**



VILLA CERNA PRIMOCOLLE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2017

DOCG

(Famiglia Cecchi)

A rich, layered red with cherry, plum and light chocolate character. Some tile, too. Medium-bodied, creamy and beautiful. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 27, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 573501 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✔



VENETO

MASI CAMPOLONGO DI TORBE AMARONE **DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2013**

This year the Amarone Classico Campolongo di Torbe '13 gave us the most thrills with its vibrant aromas of plum and cherry jam, then a minty hint that turns to deeper notes of chocolate and spices. The palate is dense, taut, rich, with velvety tannins, topped off by a gratifying finish. Score: " (Gambero Rosso Italian Wines, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL \$135.95 🗸 548677 (D)

Featured in Magnifico!



TEDESCHI CAPITEL NICALÒ **VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2019**

Sustainable, DOC

Not everyone will appreciate the intensity of this wine, made partially with raisined grapes. Those who dare, will be surprised by the freshness underpinning the fruit concentration and the acidity that offsets the sturdy tannins. Intense blackberry, black cherry on the broad palate followed by finish of prunes and hedgerow. Drinking window: 2022-2026. Score: 92 (Ines Salpico, decanter.com, April 22, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 984997 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



SARTORI VALDIMEZZO RIPASSO **VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2019**

Unfiltered, DOC

This wine shows generous, complex notes of dark and red fruit, oak spice, leather, cloves and coffee. It has good richness and weight, with the acidity to keep things balanced and lively. This will be great with charcuterie, aged cheeses, mushroom burgers or roast chicken.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

160374 (D)

750 mL \$18.95 •



TENUTE FALEZZA VALPOLICELLA **RIPASSO SUPERIORE 2018**

DOC

Deep garnet. Expressive, saline, mineral nose offering up red fruits and cherries. Well-balanced palate with an ample, fresh, easy-drinking profile and still youthful flavours displaying noteworthy purity and precision. Everything is in place in this promising wine. Score: 90 (gilbertgaillard.com, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

14999

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



TEZZA VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO **VALPANTENA SUPERIORE 2017**

NEW

Dark ruby. Sumptuous nose of spicy plum with a dried fruit nuance. Full in the mouth with beautiful, fine firm tannins, excellent acidity, and vibrant flavors that mirror the bouquet. Lovely, long finish. Delicious. 80% Corvina and 20% Rondinella matured 18 months in barriques. [Drink through 2024+.] Score: 91 (Don Winkler, i-winereview.com, Oct. 26, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

25823

(XD) 750 mL **\$22.95**





SPERI PIGARO RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA **CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2019**

Speri has been family-owned for seven generations; an impressive accomplishment in any industry. The Pigaro has a pretty nose that suggests pure fruit, spice, earth and a hint of smoke. The palate is silky, balanced and structured. Enjoy with braised meats and root vegetables.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

205286

(D)

750 mL **\$22.95**



ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

VENETO

TOMMASI RAFAÈL VALPOLICELLA **CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2019** DOC

Pleasant nose of thick raspberry and cherry jam with savory notes of black olives and light herbs. Relaxed feel to the medium-bodied but layered palate with very fine tannins that are coated with creamy fruit. Surprisingly good length, pushed along by the more savory elements. Delicious. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 22, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

23259

(D) 750 mL \$19.95



HOWARD'S FOLLY SONHADOR 2016

Vinho Regional Alentejo (Hill Valley Ltd.)

From vineyards in the hilly northeast of the Alentejo, the wine is generous, smoothly textured and with some further potential. Its ripe tannins and vibrant black fruits are immediately appealing, offering richness and style. Drink now. Score: 91 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$27.95 18471



LEBANON - RED WINE

CHÂTEAU KSARA RÉSERVE DU COUVENT 2019

Bekaa Valley

This blend of Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon was made from hand-picked fruit and the Cab Sauv spent six months in French oak before blending. Expect a spectrum of blackcurrant, strawberry, cherry and roasted bell peppers, and savour through 2024 with stuffed peppers or grilled meats.

The Mundus Vini Spring Tasting did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Mundus Vini, Spring 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 443721 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



SPAIN - WHITE WINE

MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES ANTEA **BLANCO 2018**

Vegan, DOCa Rioja

A racy white with apple-puree, lemon-rind and some white-peach aromas and flavors. Mediumbodied with a delicious, creamy texture. Drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 2, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich 518985 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



PORTUGAL - RED WINE

CABEÇA DE TOIRO GRANDE **RESERVA RED 2017**

DO Tejo

A blend of 40% Touriga Nacional with 30% apiece of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, this wine spent 12 months in French barrels and strikes a fine balance between oak and fruit. Look for berry, currant, evergreen and hints of pressed flowers and pair with herbed meat stews.

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$29.95



SPAIN - RED WINE

ARDAL SELECCIÓN ESPECIAL RESERVA TEMPRANILLO/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012

DO Ribera del Duero

Aromas of barrel spice and vanilla lead the charge on this Tinto Fino that also contains 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. A tough, tannin-driven palate deals toasty flavors of black fruits, char and chocolate, which carry over to the finish. Call this an oak bomb, but at the very least the oak is of high quality and well integrated. Drink through 2025. Score: 93 (Michael Schachner, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2017)

Full-bodied & Firm

167700 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



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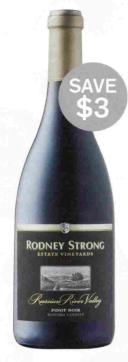
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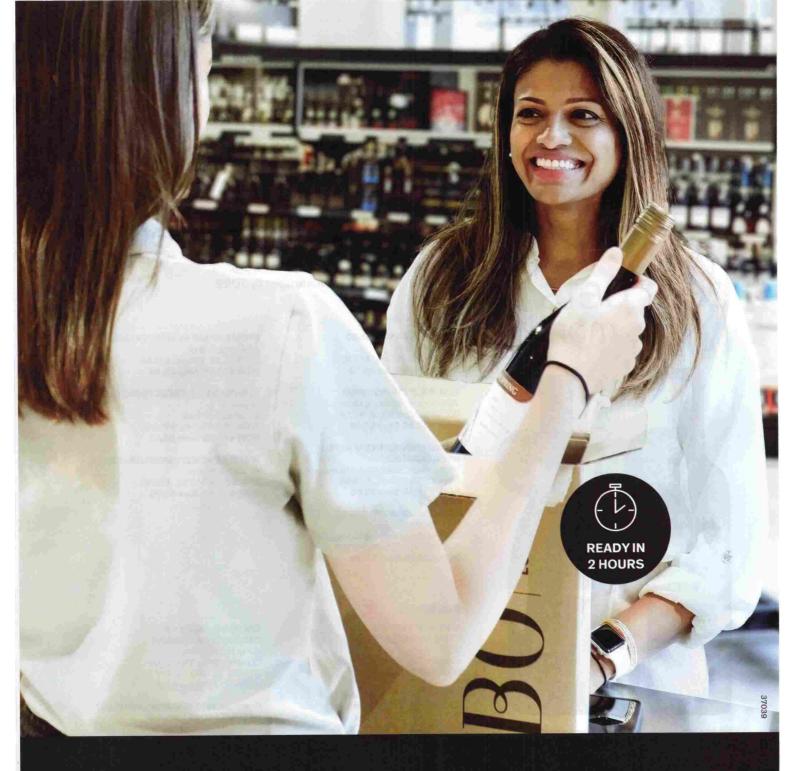
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EL PEDROSAL CRIANZA 2016

DO Ribera del Duero (Hermanos Pérez Pascuas)

Dark violet. Vibrant red and dark berry and floral aromas are complemented by suggestions of licorice, cola and pipe tobacco. Sweet and lively on the palate, offering juicy black raspberry and cherry flavors sharpened by a snap of zesty minerality. Seamless and approachable, delivering solid closing thrust and smooth tannins that lend shape and gentle grip to the persistent finish. Drinking window: 2022-2028. Score: 92 (Josh Raynolds, vinous.com, Feb. 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 540070 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



PANTOCRATOR 2010

Reserva, Rioja Alta, DOCa Rioja (Bodegas Tarón)

90% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo. This has a lot of age in barrique and bottle, but it still wears it lightly. The palate has notes of ripe baked fruit and red berry fruit compote, polished tannins and developed tertiary notes. Long, savoury and classy. Score: 97 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth 12181 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95



CIMAL TEMPRANILLO 2018

DO La Mancha (Bodegas Bastida)

A fruity red with cherry and chocolate character and dusty tannins that give the wine form and attraction. Medium body. Fruity finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 7, 2021)

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



NEW

PEIQUE RAMON VALLE 2018

DO Bierzo

100% Mencia. The astonishing slates and granites of Bierzo, and the region's unique position both exposed to yet protected from the Atlantic, makes for some sensationally exciting wines based on the Mencia variety (the same as Dão's Jaen). Our judges loved the brooding aromatic asperities of this jet-black wine, and its plunging wild-plumand-mountain-herb flavours, improbably allied to a texture of pure velvet. Few wines, too, in our Best in Show selection this year have a longer finish than this eerie, haunting beauty. Best in Show. Score: 97 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 236943 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95 ✓**



MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES EXCELLENS CUVÉE ESPECIAL COLECCIÓN PRIVADA CRIANZA 2017

Vegan, DOCa Rioja

(Translated from the Spanish) Crianza red. 100% Tempranillo. 14 months in barrels. High intensity garnet cherry. Aromatic, memories of cassis, blueberries, blackberries, cedar, cacao, graphite, Indian ink, mycological notes, cinnamon, cedar, incense, clove, etc. Flavourful, lively, broad, structured, fleshy and persistent in the retronasal passages, with notes of currants, sandalwood, coffee and toast. Drink or cellar. Score: 94 (Guía de Vinos Gourmets, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm

10684 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



RIO MADRE GRACIANO 2020

DOCa Rioja

(Bodegas y Viñedos Ilurce)

Blackberries, blueberries and black cherries with some dried-fruit undertones. Full-bodied with slightly chewy tannins and a fresh finish. Better in a year or two. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 14, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 354753 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

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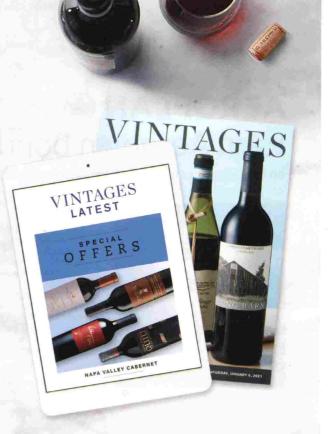
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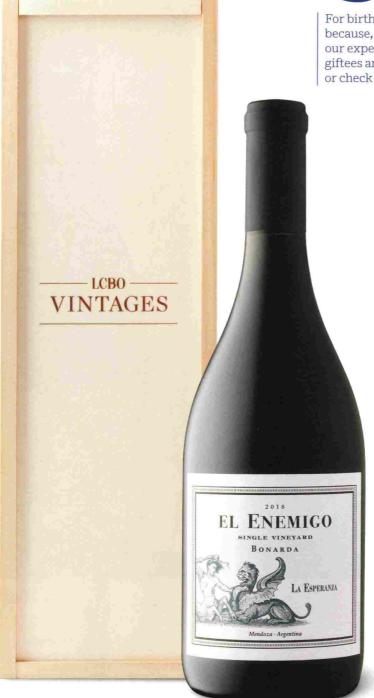
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