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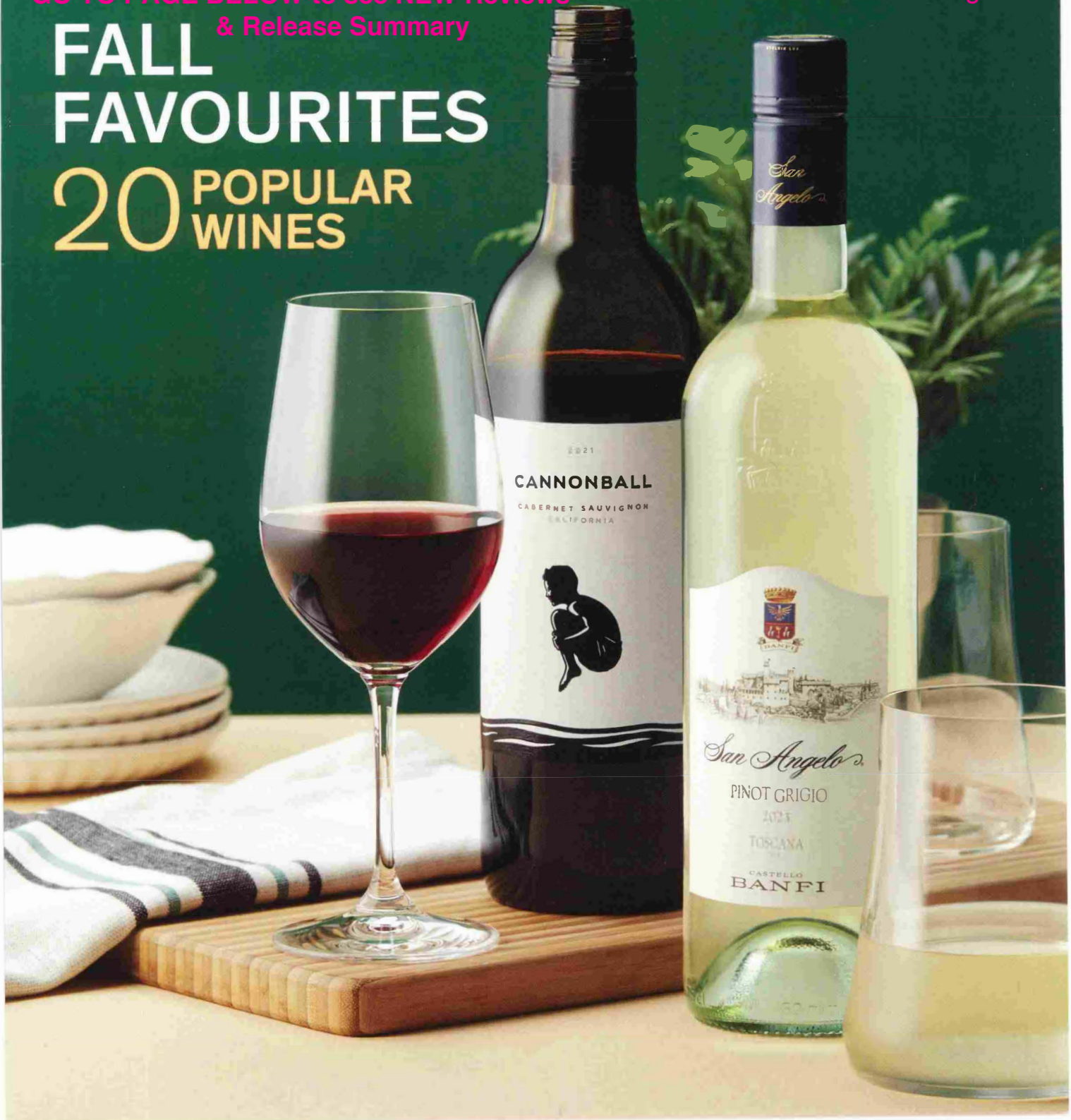
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wines of the month

Rich reds

BREAD & BUTTER PASO ROBLES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

Paso Robles, California
39253 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 ✎

A typically bold, flavourful Paso Robles with layered cherry, dark fruit, oak spice, and exotic spices alongside touches of herbs and toast. Perfect for steak with rosemary roasted potatoes.

Full-bodied & Smooth
New at Vintages

DIEVOLE PETRIGNANO CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy
39448 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 ✎

A delicious, crunchy red with very fine tannins and a pretty and delicate finish. Extremely yummy and creamy-textured. Fresh finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now [through 2035+.] Score: **93** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm
New at Vintages
🌿 **Organic product**

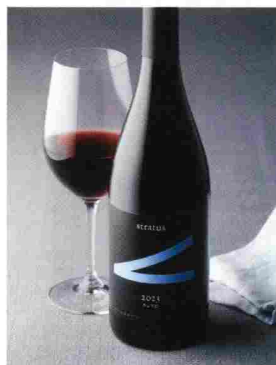


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WHAT'S ON

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

ESSENTIALS COLLECTION



FLAT ROCK RIESLING 🍷
VQA Niagara Peninsula
43281 (M) 750 mL **\$19.95**

CAVE SPRING PINOT NOIR 🍷
VQA Niagara Peninsula,
sustainable, vegan
417642 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95**

**HENRY OF PELHAM
ESTATE CHARDONNAY** 🍷
VQA Short Hills Bench,
Niagara Escarpment
268342 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95**

MALIVOIRE LADYBUG ROSÉ 🍷
VQA Niagara Peninsula,
sustainable, vegan
559088 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95**

VINTAGES x COZY COTTAGE WEEKENDS

You've escaped the city to enjoy the fall colours and celebrate Thanksgiving at the cottage. Between closing up for the season and cooking up a feast with all the fixings, it will be a busy long weekend, so we've made things easier for you by picking Ontario wines to pair with your dinner. Our cottage-country stores are still stocked with a good selection of Vintages favourites like these four options and many others from our Essentials Collection.

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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Back by popular demand, this curated collection highlights some of your all-time favourite wine styles and producers. These are wines that always fly off the shelves when we release them. Whether you're looking for an old standby or are up for something new recommended by another customer, these crowd-pleasing wines are perfect for all your fall dinners and feasts.



“ We had been storing the 2016 of this for a few years. It was lovely, with lots of wonderful cherry and strawberry. It was perfect with the steak we served.”

PIAN DELLE VIGNE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2018

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy
(Antinori)

The nose is a jungle adventure, as sanguine notes of meat and leather intertwine with a thicket of wild herbs, brambles and leaves, and a last hint of wild cherry. The palate teleports to the ice cream parlor on Main Street, serving artisanal, hand-churned mint chip, with a Luxardo cherry on top. A rare combination of extravagant and refreshing. [Drink through 2033+.] Score: **95** (Danielle Callegari, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

651141 (XD) 750 mL \$81.95 ✎



“Fruity and subtle, with a clean, fresh-fruit taste. I drink a lot of New Zealand whites, and this is now one of my favourites.”

**GRAHAM NORTON
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023**

Marlborough/Hawke's Bay, New Zealand
(Invivo & Co.)

Intensely aromatic and instantly appealing, the wine shows passionfruit, rockmelon, feijoa and lime peel aromas, leading to a brilliantly expressed palate that's filled with delicious fruit flavours. Punchy and flavoursome with a lengthy vibrant finish. At its best: now to 2026. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Nov. 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful

560284 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓



“A friend recommended this because I said I liked Cave Spring’s Riesling. This was just as good! I loved the apple flavour.”

**CAVE SPRING ESTATE GROWN
CAVE SPRING VINEYARD
CHARDONNAY 2021** 🍁

VQA Beamsville Bench,
Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

The world’s most popular wine grape, Chardonnay is grown in warm and cool regions alike, and Canada makes especially cool, expressive examples. Named for the limestone caves and mineral springs in their estate vineyard, Cave Spring is a paragon of purity, precision and elegance in premium Ontario winemaking. This intense, elegantly styled wine shows citrus, peach, pear, vanilla, and a delicate salinity.

Full-bodied & Rich

256552 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 🍷

“New vintage tastes great, lots and lots of fruit, and pairs so well with a variety of food. Great sipper too.”

CONUNDRUM WHITE 2022

California
(Charles F. Wagner, prop.)

Sourced from vines grown on prime California sites from Napa Valley to Santa Barbara County, this blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Viognier has ripe tropical fruit, peach, apple, mango, melon, honeyed lychee, and orange citrus. Pair it with Thai or southern Indian cuisine, Cajun fish, or soft, salty cheeses.

Aromatic & Flavourful

694653 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🍷

“Such a tasty wine. We don’t generally like Chardonnay, but this was amazing. Great mouthfeel and flavour to pair with BBQ chicken or Pacific coho salmon.”

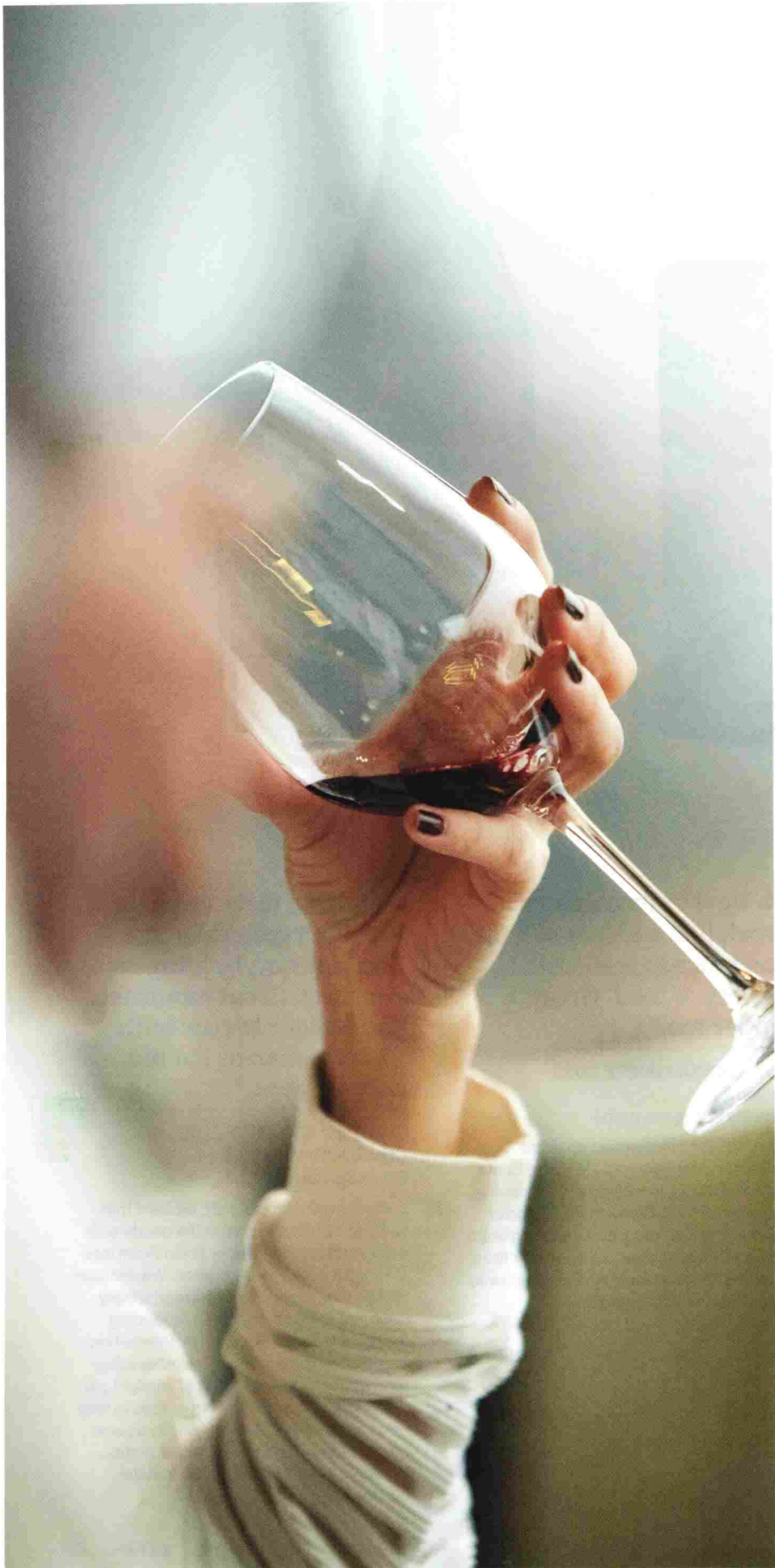
**CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE
CHARDONNAY 2022**

Columbia Valley, Washington

... vibrant with tropical fruit, orchard fruit, spicy and buttery notes on the palate with a long and luxurious leesy finish (from lees stirring), it is very nicely crafted. Washington State’s oldest and most awarded winery (founded in 1912) has been producing top-quality wines since 1934. Interesting fact: during the summer, Columbia Valley sees about two more hours of sunlight per day than California, allowing grapes to fully ripen and retain their fresh acidity as well due to this region’s cool summer nights. Drink: 2024-2028. Score: **90** (natalie maclean.com, April 27, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

232439 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 🍷



“ I tasted apricot, peach and mineral. We had it with Swedish meatballs in a creamy brown sauce. It worked well, and I think it would also be great with seafood. Recommended.”

**RADFORD DALE VINUM
CHENIN BLANC 2022**

WO Stellenbosch, South Africa, vegan

A lovely balance here between the rich pear and peach fruit, with some bright tapering citrus fruit. Nice tangerine finish. Fresh and expressive with good precision. [A wine that will drink for 5+ years from vintage.] Score: **92** (Jamie Goode, wineanorak.com, April 6, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich

13338 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✎

“ A fine balance between strawberry and forest floor, with a touch of oak. Elegant and complex. Reminds me of some of my fave Burgundy bottles. Love this local Pinot.”

**LE CLOS JORDANNE JORDAN
VILLAGE PINOT NOIR 2021** 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

This is a perfumed and poised, yet flavourful and structured example of Ontario pinot noir, made by talented and passionate winemaker, Thomas Bachelder. Oak-derived spices are seamlessly woven into a silken palate infused with fleshy red berries, dark cherries, dried herbs, and the beguiling scent of fresh magnolias. This is a wine that is already balanced and integrated, though it will benefit from a year or two in the cellar. The finish is long and intense, ending on a spice-infused note. Tasted April 2024. Score: **92** (Megha Jandhyala, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

33894 (XD) 750 mL \$30.00 ✎



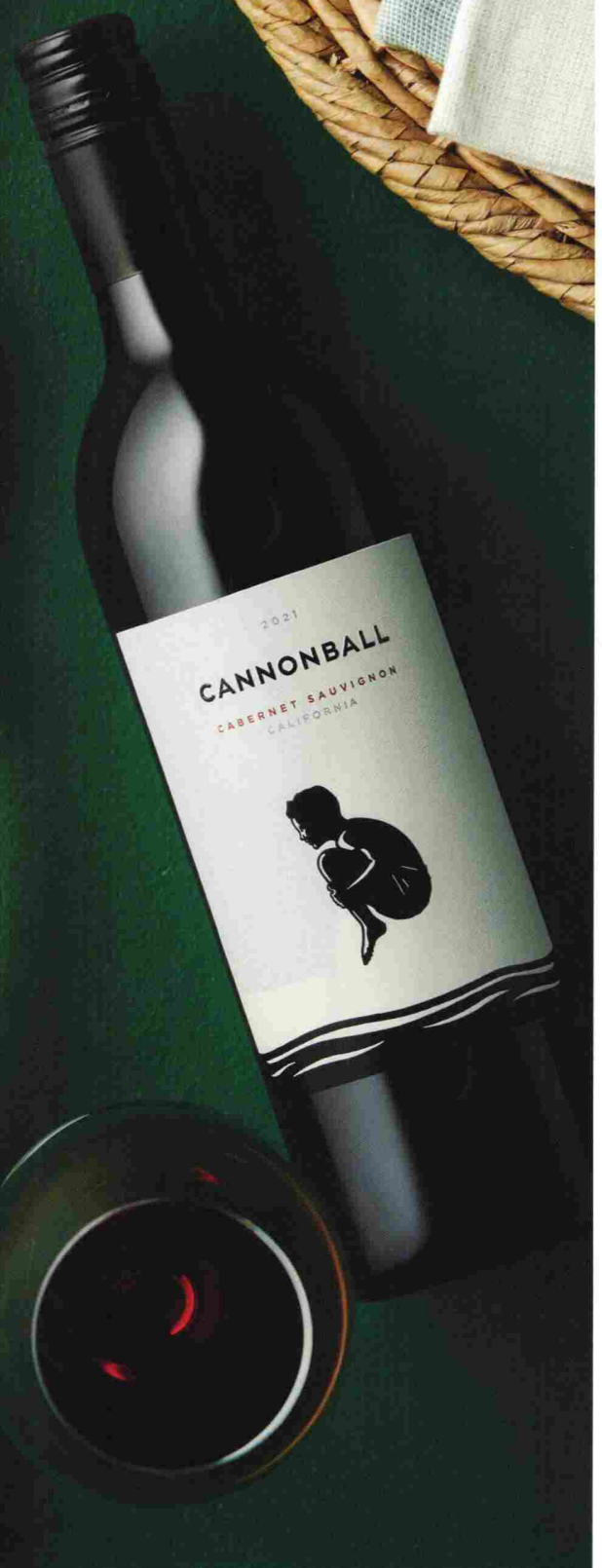
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LE CLOS JORDANNE
JORDAN VILLAGE

2021
PINOT NOIR
VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA VQA





“If you’re looking for a very dry, crisp white instead of the usual Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Grigio, this is a great choice.”

BORD ELEGANCE LAUDUN CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES BLANC 2022

AP, Rhône, France
(Brotte)

A seductive nose with white flowers, stone fruits and hints of flower honey. Medium body with a mellow character. Supple with some green apple and a clean finish. Drink now [till 2027]. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, July 3, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich

644385 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 ✂

“This is really nice, so refreshing. I liked the lemon and the banana that I tasted. We had it with a salmon ceviche, and it was so good!”

BANFI SAN ANGELO PINOT GRIGIO 2023

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, sustainable

A mouth-watering, enjoyable wine, with delicate, lifted floral tones, apple, peach, grapefruit, and tropical notes. Fresh, balanced, and weightier than is typical of the style. Great as a sipper or with seafood.

Light & Crisp

26716 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 🍷

“I’m a Cabernet girl and I’m impressed with how smooth this is. Definitely recommend. My friends and family like it as well. My uncle went to get two more bottles after I served it :)”

CANNONBALL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

California

This wine is rich, with concentrated aromas of blackberry, mulberry, clove and violet. The midpalate has flavors of dried black plum, black cherry and black pepper, intertwined with dark chocolate, sweet cigar and a supple, dry finish. Pair with grilled ribeye. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Tonya Pitts, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

291666 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 ✂





DID YOU KNOW?

The New Release Collection features new wines every two weeks, but we release many of them a few times a year. Some wines in each release are brand new (identified by a “new” button in the Product Notes section of this magazine), and some are re-releases of your favourites, like the ones in this collection.

“Tasty! We are fans of New Zealand Pinot and are always happy when we find a new one. It got better the longer the bottle was open.”

STONELEIGH LATITUDE PINOT NOIR 2020

Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand

Well worth cellaring, this sturdy red was grown in the Rapaura district of the Wairau Valley. Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling, with good concentration of plummy, spicy flavours, oak complexity, and a savoury, fairly firm finish. Best drinking 2023+. Score: **95** (Michael Cooper, *Winestate*, Nov./Dec. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

325654 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

“A pleasant surprise! This is smooth and rich, and it matches so many dishes (meat, cheese, pasta). An affordable wine that my guests always love.”

CABRIZ COLHEITA SELECCIONADA 2020

DOC Dão, Portugal

This has aromas of tea leaves, cracked pepper, black cherries and citrus zest. Medium-bodied, fresh and well balanced between fruit and spice, accompanied by creamy tannins. Touriga nacional, aragonez and alfrocheiro. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 7, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

247973 (D) 750 mL \$13.95



“A complex, zesty, well-balanced Riesling. Very fresh. Because it’s not acidic, some folks would call it sweet. Seems to go with whatever I am eating.”

TAWSE SKETCHES RIESLING 2022 🍷
VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

Clean, crisp, and classic, the Sketches riesling offers flavours of ripe peaches, apples, and apricots, alongside a faint, shower curtain-adjacent aroma. There is sweetness here for sure, but it is balanced by tart acidity. I would drink this riesling over the next couple of years, perhaps paired with sweet and spicy sauces, something along the lines of Thai, Laotian, and Indian curries. Tasted June 2024. Score: **90** (Megha Jandhyala, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful
89029 (M) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓



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“ We drink mostly reds, but needed a wine for a dinner with a friend who only drinks white. Staff at the LCBO suggested this. We all loved it!”

TASCA D'ALMERITA REGALEALI BIANCO 2023

DOC Sicilia, Sicily, Italy, sustainable

Sweetly floral, the 2023 Bianco Regaleali impresses with its lifted bouquet of chamomile, yellow apples and confectionery spice. It's soft and round with a core of zesty acidity to balance. Crisp orchard fruits cascade throughout while hints of candied lime and liquid stone resonate. The 2023 finishes remarkably fresh, potent and long. Very nice. The Bianco is a blend of 41% Inzolia, 33% Catarratto, 21% Grecanico and 5% Chardonnay. Drinking window: 2024-2028. Score: **89** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, June 20, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

531780 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✎

“ This is one of my favourite Shirazes. I've bought many bottles. So much dark fruit and chocolate. I like to give it as a gift.”

WOLF BLASS GREY LABEL SHIRAZ 2021

McLaren Vale, South Australia

If you love those generous, plush, richly flavoured McLaren Vale reds, oozing chocolate and black fruits, then you will go wild over this wine. Best of all, at this price fill the cellar, stunning value ... A vibrant opaque purple, we have aromas of chocolate, cigar boxes, fruitcake and plums. There are black fruits, aniseed and cloves, that are plush and ever-so-generous. Abundant but cashmere-like tannins, gorgeous flavours and very good length with such a seductive and alluring texture ... Drink: 2023-2031. Score: **95** (Ken Gargett, winepilot.com, July 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

390872 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 ✎



Need wine for Thanksgiving dinner? Pick a proven crowd-pleaser.

One of the things that makes these wines so popular is their versatility with food. Any one of them would be a delicious, impressive addition to your Thanksgiving feast, but here are a few pairings to consider.

CLASSIC TURKEY DINNER

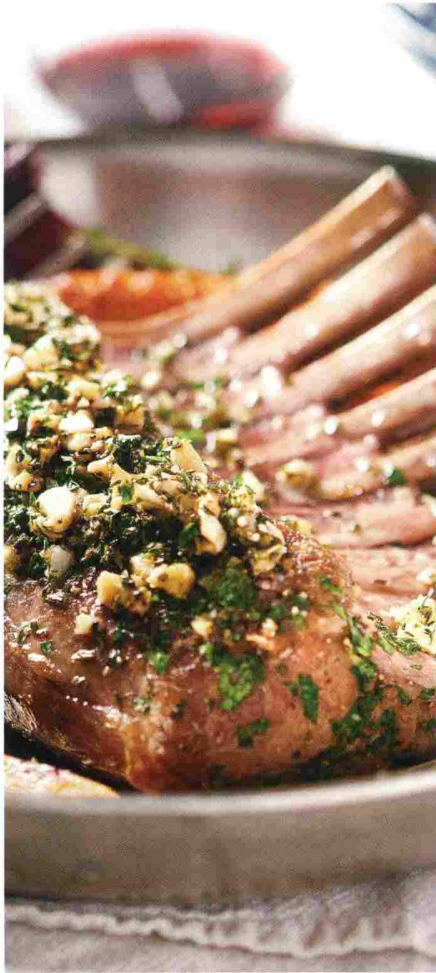
PAIR WITH / **Pinot Noir**. The fruit and earth tones in Pinots work with both white and dark turkey meat, as well as giving these wines the range to match the varied flavours of the fixins. Try the **Le Clos Jordanne Jordan Village Pinot Noir** (33894, page 8).

Other choices:
Bord Elegance Laudun Côtes du Rhône-Villages Blanc (644385, page 11) / **Chateau Ste. Michelle Chardonnay** (232439, page 7) / **Henry of Pelham Lost Boys Limited Edition Bin 106 Baco Noir** (13421, page 21)

SMOKED HAM

PAIR WITH / **Aussie Shiraz**. The earth and pepper spice of a broad-shouldered Shiraz will enhance the ham's smoky notes, while the fresh, bright fruit of the Grenache will bring out its subtler flavours. Try the **Wolf Blass Grey Label Shiraz** (390872, page 15).

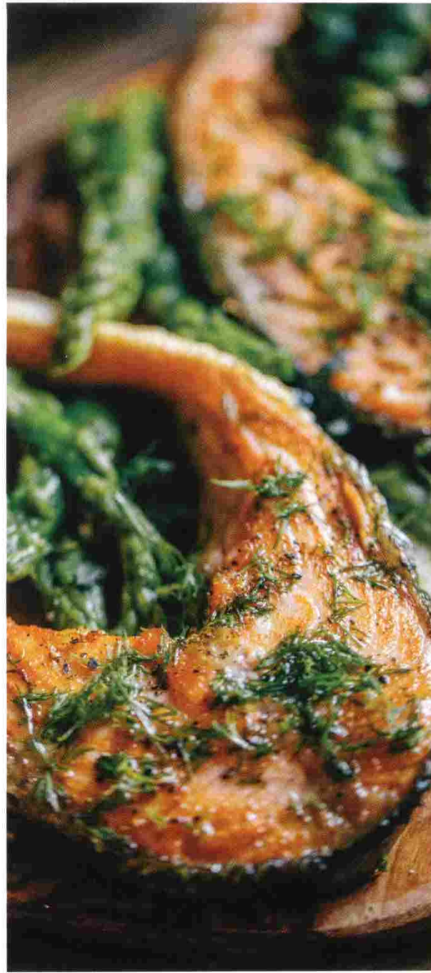
Other choices:
Henry of Pelham Lost Boys Limited Edition Bin 106 Baco Noir (13421, page 21) / **Conundrum White** (694653, page 7) / **Cabriz Colheita Seleccionada** (247973, page 12)



ROAST LAMB

PAIR WITH / **Argentine Malbec**. These wines can be big and bold with plentiful dark fruit, chocolate, and oak spice, but it's the core of zesty acidity that makes them such versatile food wines. Try the **Zuccardi Serie A Malbec** (167619, page 18).

Other choices:
Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia (606194, page 19)



GRILLED SALMON

PAIR WITH / **Rhône white**. This is a classic pairing. The oak notes in the wine work well with the smoky notes of a cedar-planked or flame-grilled salmon. Try the **Bord Elegance Laudun Côtes du Rhône-Villages Blanc** (644385, page 11).

Other choices:
Le Clos Jordanne Jordan Village Pinot Noir (33894, page 8) / **Stoneleigh Latitude Pinot Noir** (325654, page 12) / **Tasca d'Almerita Regaleali Bianco** (531780, page 15) / **Cave Spring Estate Grown Cave Spring Vineyard Chardonnay** (256552, page 7)



SWEET-POTATO TIAN

PAIR WITH / **Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc**. Concentrated fruit and intense grassy, herbaceous notes mean these wines pair well with boldly flavoured dishes. Try the **Graham Norton Sauvignon Blanc** (560284, page 6).

Other choices:
Le Clos Jordanne Jordan Village Pinot Noir (33894, page 8) / **Cave Spring Estate Grown Cave Spring Vineyard Chardonnay** (256552, page 7) / **Tawse Sketches Riesling** (89029, page 13)



“Decanted this for about 45 minutes before serving. It’s smooth and quite rich but not heavy at all. We love it with beef stew and braised beef ribs.”

SANTA SOFIA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2018
DOCG, Veneto, Italy

Intense ruby red with subtle garnet brightening. A seductive, slightly perfumed nose with lots of cherry and raspberry, vanilla and cloves and a hint of milk chocolate. Pleasant sweet fruit on the palate, full-bodied and juicy, silky tannins and lively acidity with a savoury finish. Score: **93** (Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, falstaff.com, Jan. 12, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth
713669 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 ✓

“A lovely wine bursting with cherries, blackberries, and dark chocolate. A really pleasant surprise. Really full-bodied and easy to drink. Perfect with beef, which is how I had it.”

ZUCCARDI SERIE A MALBEC 2022
Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina

The varietal Serie A range includes wines from the “Argentinean” varieties, and the star of this range is, of course, the 2022 Serie A Malbec. Here they search for typicity from Valle de Uco, with freshness and flowers, red rather than black fruit, nice tannic structure and purity; they are not looking for complexity or limestone but varietal character, at which this excels. This has juiciness and structure and is fine-boned. It is very different from the Bonarda in this range. Drink date: 2023-2026. Score: **92** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm
167619 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 ✓





“ Got the 2014 as a birthday gift from my brother a few years back. Never tasted anything like it. Fruit, spice, herbs. Every vintage I have had has been amazing.”

**LE SERRE NUOVE
DELL'ORNELLAIA 2022**

DOC Bolgheri Rosso, Tuscany, Italy,
second wine of Ornellaia

Le Serre Nuove is a creamy delight, offering exotic spice, baking chocolate, softly toasted tones from French oak, ripe fruit, savoury herbs, earthy minerality, vanilla and cinnamon. Decant to enjoy tonight, or hold to enjoy through 2034+.

Full-bodied & Firm

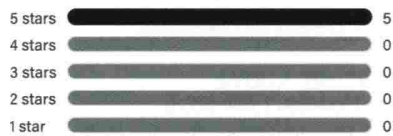
606194 (XD) 750 mL \$78.95 ✎

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

We can tell that particular wines are popular when they sell out quickly in our stores and on LCBO.com, but we – and your fellow customers – like to know *why* they're so popular. If you find a great wine (or one you're not so fond of), search it on LCBO.com, scroll down to the "ratings & reviews" section and tell us what you thought!

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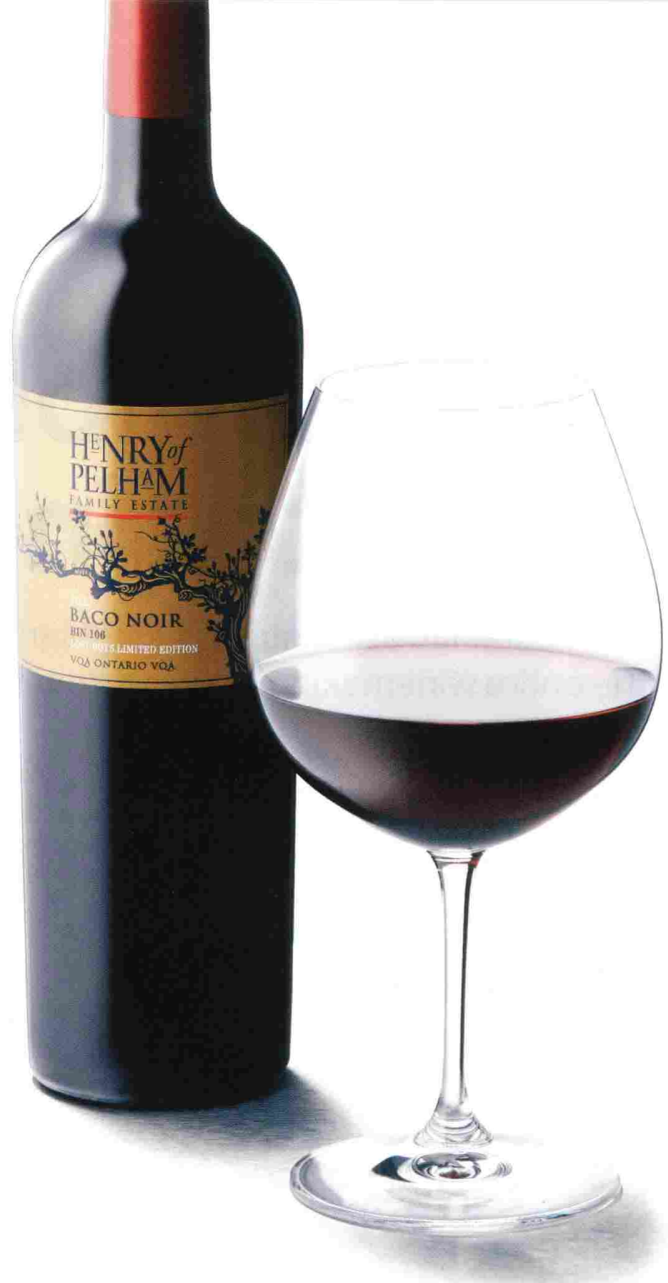


“LCBO staff recommended decanting this for an hour. It was really floral and had nice cherry and vanilla. Had it with lasagna. Yum!”

BENI DI BATASIOLO NEBBIOLO 2021
DOC Langhe, Piedmont, Italy

Piedmont's lofty reputation as one of the world's most prized wine regions is founded upon Nebbiolo. The grape is responsible for two of Italy's greatest wines (Barolo and Barbaresco) and stands alongside only Pinot Noir for its ability to express terroir. Nebbiolo wines from Langhe offer amazing value. Look for raspberry, dried herbs, apple, earth and light oak tones in this wine.

Full-bodied & Firm
908079 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓



“Local store was out of the standard version ... so I bought this old-vine one. More expensive, but it was a special occasion. It's amazing. I loved it, so smooth!”

HENRY OF PELHAM LOST BOYS LIMITED EDITION
BIN 106 BACO NOIR 2022 🍁
VQA Ontario, sustainable

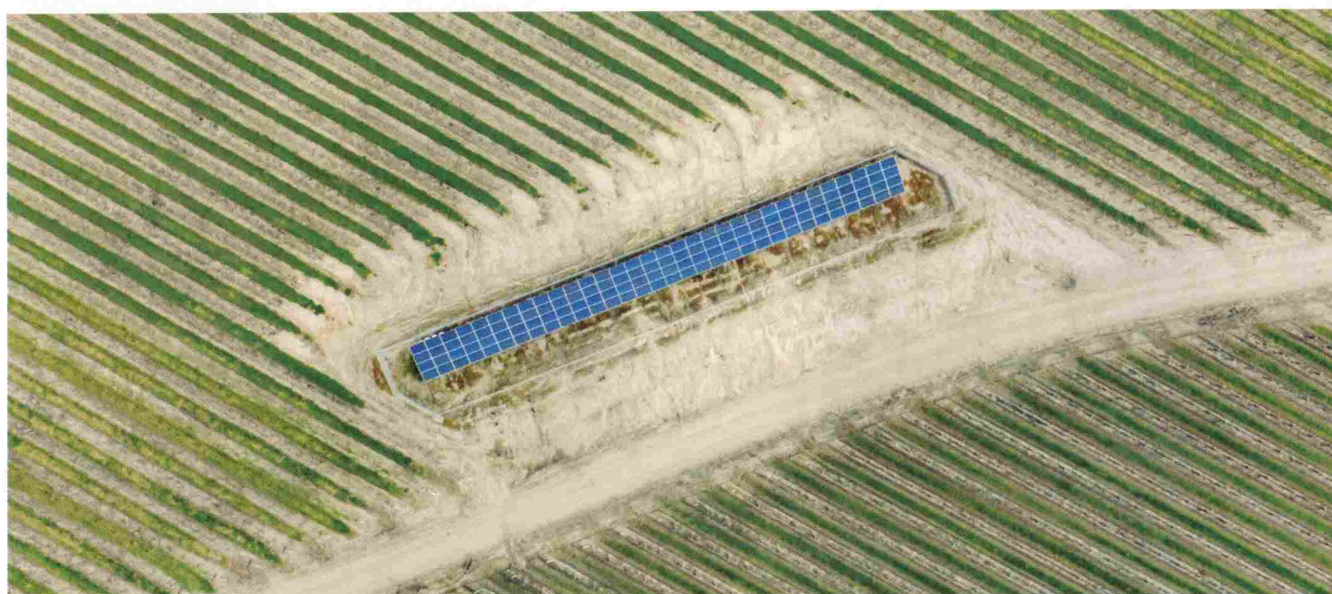
Henry of Pelham has been one of the leading lights in Ontario's emergence onto the global fine-wine stage. It's a master of the uniquely Ontarian delicacy called Baco Noir. This one, with its dark fruit, chocolate, oak and leather notes, is sourced from vines dating back to 1984.

[The National Wine Awards of Canada did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (National Wine Awards of Canada, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
13421 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 ✓

Sustainable from start to finish

The sustainability ventures at McManis Family Vineyards encompass the entire winemaking process from the vineyard to the bottle.



Dirk Heuvel. ABOVE: Since 2010, McManis has installed over 1,300 solar panels in their vineyards.

LCBO SPIRIT OF SUSTAINABILITY

At LCBO, we're focused on building a more sustainable future through our Spirit of Sustainability initiative, which celebrates trade partners who work to promote diversity and inclusion, community investment and sound environmental practices. Learn more at LCBO.com/sustainability.

"We are a complete vertically integrated operation," says Dirk Heuvel, VP of vineyard management at McManis. "From the time that grapevine gets planted in the ground until that bottle rolls off the bottling line, we control 100% of that process. We are 100% estate-grown, so we source all our own grapes ... We're family-owned and -operated, and we're doing it all 100% certified sustainable."

All McManis's vineyards are certified sustainable through the Lodi Rules Sustainable Winegrowing Program since 2011, and their winery became Certified California Sustainable in 2018.



Unsurprisingly for a California grower, water conservation is top of mind. McManis uses drip irrigation, soil moisture sensors, and aerial imagery to ensure maximum efficiency. A state-of-the-art processing system recycles wastewater, and "we capture every drop of rainwater that falls onto the winery property," says Heuvel. As a result, "we utilize about 0.75 gallons of water to make a gallon of wine. The typical use is about 3-6 gallons ... We conserve enough water in a year to supply over 200 houses."

McManis has bottled their wines onsite since 2015 and has recently converted to lightweight glass. "A big push for us to switch over was the LCBO," says Heuvel. "We knew that that was the future, so rather than just sending lightweight glass to Ontario, we converted our entire operation ... When you look at the scale of our operation, it becomes a significant impact of greenhouse gas reduction just by switching over to lightweight glass."

It takes a lot of work to get here, but for McManis, the effort is worth it. "Being a fifth-generation farming operation," says Heuvel, "it's important to us to be able to pass this down to our kids also ... That's one thing that sustainability is; that we can continue farming in the fashion that we're farming in for generations to come."



McMANIS PETITE SIRAH 2022

Lodi, California, estate grown, sustainable

Opulent dark berries, baking spices and orange marmalade show on the nose. Full-bodied, saturated boysenberry, olallieberry, dried potpourri and malted chocolate glide across the palate, finishing with silky tannins. Aerate and enjoy with barbecue. Best Buy. [This has the potential to drink until end of decade.] Score: **91** (Tonya Pitts, Wine Enthusiast, July 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
15101 (D) 750 mL
\$22.95



McMANIS CHARDONNAY

River Junction, California, estate grown, sustainable

The River Junction AVA is located in the driest part of the delta created by the confluence of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers and is 2-5 degrees cooler than nearby areas. This ripe Chardonnay shows peach, pear, apple and butter and is ideal for pairing with grilled lobster.

Full-bodied & Rich
265983 (XD) 750 mL
\$21.95

A Vintages Essential

LOCAL FIND



Sean Adams
Ontario Wine Buyer

An insider's
guide to great
Ontario wines.

Altogether delicious

Since they were founded at the turn of the millennium, Stratus Vineyards has done Ontario proud. Their LEED-certified, gravity-flow winery has set the bar for sustainability, and their French-trained founding wine-maker J-L (Jean-Laurent) Groux is a celebrated master of the blend. This fun yet serious wine, with its notes of blue and red fruit, earth, and pepper spice, is totally unique and totally Niagara.

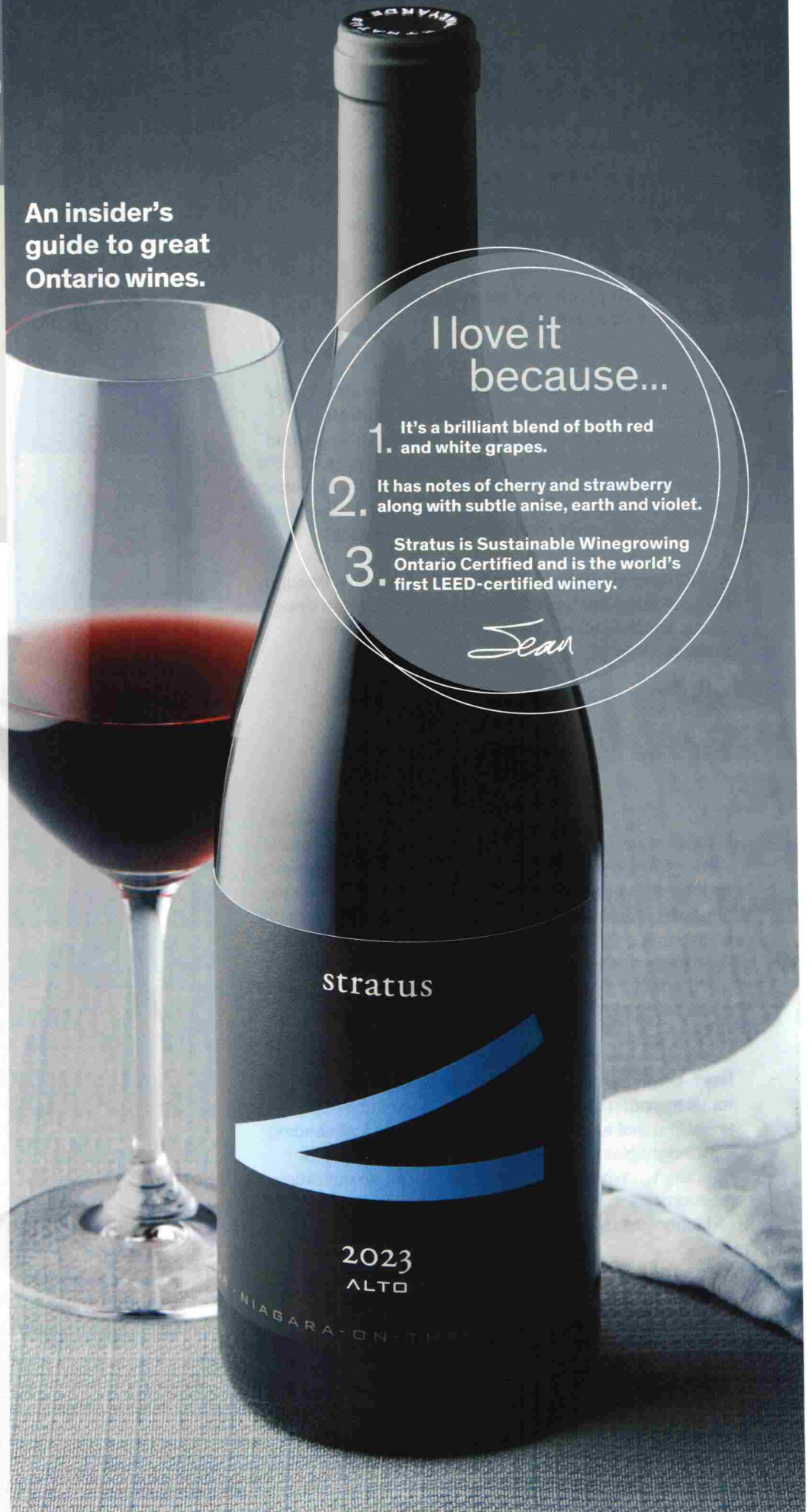


STRATUS ALTO 2023
VOA Niagara-on-the-Lake,
sustainable, vegan

40108 (XD)
750 mL \$28.95

Medium-bodied & Fruity

For complete tasting note,
see page 28.



I love it
because...

1. It's a brilliant blend of both red and white grapes.
2. It has notes of cherry and strawberry along with subtle anise, earth and violet.
3. Stratus is Sustainable Winegrowing Ontario Certified and is the world's first LEED-certified winery.


Sean


PRODUCT NOTES


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DRINKABILITY INDEX

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

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

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

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


SUGAR CONTENT

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

WINE STYLES

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

ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Wines designated as organic  contain 30 mg/L or less of free sulphur for dry wines (<50 g/L sugar); 35 mg/L or less for sweeter wines (50-99 g/L sugar); 45 mg/L or less for sweet wines (>99 g/L sugar).

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FORTIFIED WINE

BARBEITO 5-YEAR-OLD MALVASIA RESERVA

DOP Madeira, Portugal

NEW

Barbeito runs on the drier and sharper end of the spectrum for all of the various sweetness categories of Madeira, and this malvasia, the sweetest of Madeiras, is rendered here in its leanest and freshest form, still sweet, but anchored on a seam of electric acidity, and with some firm tannins to further tighten the ensemble. Complexity and depth are exceptional ... Candied orange, lime and lemon, kumquat, barley, honey, mint and more linger. Serve this chilled with hard or blue cheeses, or game (venison, hung game birds) for a real treat. Tasted January 2019. Score: **95** (John Szabo, MS, [winealign.com](https://www.winealign.com))

Sweet
39480 (S) 500 mL \$17.95 



SPECIALTY WINES

MONIACK MEAD

United Kingdom
(Lyme Bay Winery)

A traditional British mead based on the original secret recipe developed in Moniack Castle, Scotland. This richly sweet treat shows flavours of dried mango, apricot, honey and marmalade, with a hint of exotic spice from ageing in old oak barrels. Serve it with your finest fresh fruit pie or blue cheese.

Sweet
987263 (S) 750 mL \$22.95 



CHAMPAGNE

CHARLES MIGNON PREMIUM RÉSERVE BRUT CHAMPAGNE

AC, France

Fresh, rose petal perfume on the nose. The palate carries a smooth foaminess with spice and hint of raisin, more resonance than depth with a lovely sense of mellow, ripe apple flesh. Drinking window: 2020-2025. Score: **91** (Panel, [decanter.com](https://www.decanter.com), Oct. 8, 2020)

Rich & Complex
421032 (XD) 750 mL \$55.95 

SPARKLING WINE



BLEASDALE SPARKLING SHIRAZ

NEW

Langhorne Creek, South Australia
Includes 'a little splash of malbec'; gold medal winner National Wine Show of Australia '21. The base wines came from the 1997-2022 vintages. Has threaded the needle with lower dosages than usual (hence the gold medal), investing the wine with freshness and finely wrought tannins. Is there nothing outside the skills of Paul Hotker? Not to mention, value for money across the board. Drink from: 2023. Drink by: 2025. Special Value. Score: **95** (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 6, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
37512 (MS) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🍷



OYSTER BAY BRUT SPARKLING CUVÉE

New Zealand, Charmat method
Generous aromas offering cream and ripe stone fruits. The palate is fully rounded, allowing subtle toasted oak hints to open delicately. The mousse is creamy and adds an appreciated weight to the mouthfeel. There is a delicate energy throughout, bringing us to an intense, lengthy finish. Score: **96** (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2024)

Light & Fruity
163634 (D) 750 mL **\$23.95** 🍷



JOSEPH CATTIN BRUT CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

AC, Alsace, France, traditional method (Cattin Frères)
Subtle notes of ripe apple combine with hints of shortbread on the nose of this wine. The palate adds notions of juicy, ripe, yellow plum. All is fruity but subtle. The fine mousse adds freshness and roundness to this lovely dry sparkler. Score: **91** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
281329 (D) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🍷



ROTARI BRUT
DOC Trento, Italy, metodo classico, sustainable (Nosio S.P.A.)

Trento is one of the few northern Italian DOCs that doesn't use strictly indigenous grapes. Chardonnay was brought to the region in the early 1900s, when most local winemakers were focusing on French traditional-method sparklers. Expect a round, intense bubbly, with grapefruit, cut white flowers, and a hint of sourdough.

[Mundus Vini did not include a tasting note. Ranked Best of Show Trento DOC.] Score: **Gold** (Mundus Vini, Spring Tasting 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
708495 (D) 750 mL **\$24.95** 🍷



FAUSTINO BRUT CAVA

DO, Spain, traditional method
Produced from macabeo and chardonnay, and done up in a highly oxidative, yeasty-leesy style, Faustino's Cava smells like a warm brioche with lemon custard, complex in the price category. The palate is more aggressive, with plenty of froth and aggressive bubbles, so don't expect the finesse and refinement of higher end traditional method bubbly. But for the money, again, there's a good deal on offer. Tasted July 2023. Score: **88** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
29948 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 🍷

CANADA – WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

BACHELDER L'ARDOISE NIAGARA CHARDONNAY 2022 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula
From one of Ontario's most renowned winemakers, this delicious, crisp, tangy, balanced Chardonnay exemplifies elegance and complexity. "Ardoise" means "slate," which is apt, since L'Ardoise is sourced from several prime sites rich in Niagara's ancient limestone. It shows apple, pear, orchard blossoms, vanilla, cinnamon and smoke and would pair beautifully with smoked salmon.

Full-bodied & Rich
302083 (XD) 750 mL **\$25.95** 🍷





CAVE SPRING ESTATE GROWN CAVE SPRING VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2021 🍁

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment
The world's most popular wine grape, Chardonnay is grown in warm and cool regions alike, and Canada makes especially cool, expressive examples. Named for the limestone caves and mineral springs in their estate vineyard, Cave Spring is a paragon of purity, precision and elegance in premium Ontario wine-making. This intense, elegantly styled wine shows citrus, peach, pear, vanilla, and a delicate salinity.

Full-bodied & Rich
256552 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 ✂

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TAWSE SKETCHES RIESLING 2022 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula
Clean, crisp, and classic, the Sketches riesling offers flavours of ripe peaches, apples, and apricots, alongside a faint, shower curtain-adjacent aroma. There is sweetness here for sure, but it is balanced by tart acidity. I would drink this riesling over the next couple of years, perhaps paired with sweet and spicy sauces, something along the lines of Thai, Laotian, and Indian curries. Tasted June 2024. Score: **90** (Megha Jandhyala, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful
89029 (M) 750 mL \$19.95 ✂

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FEATHERSTONE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula, vegan, sustainable
This is a sauvignon for those who find NZ SB too aggressive and white Bordeaux too reserved. It holds to Featherstone's lighter, lower alc style (12.5%) while presenting fairly generous pear/melon fruit, light minty herbality and lemon-lime. Acidity is very good, and there is a touch of bitterness on the finish. The length is very good to excellent as well. Tasted June 2024. Score: **90** (David Lawrason, winealign.com)

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



TRIUS SHOWCASE WILD FERMENT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020 🍁



VQA Niagara Lakeshore
Quality wine here. Reductive character, good volume, long finish. A sophisticated, complete example. Tasted blind at the NWAC awards June 2022. Gold Medal winner at the National Wine Awards of Canada. Score: **92** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful
39763 (XD) 750 mL \$32.00 ✂



FOGOLAR GRIMSBY HILLSIDE VINEYARD RIESLING 2021 🍁



VQA Lincoln Lakeshore, Niagara Peninsula
Winemakers are increasingly gravitating to this unique vineyard on the western frontier of Niagara, technically in the Lincoln Lakeshore sub-appellation but proving worthy of its own distinct status. It's made ... with arrested fermentation resulting in 8.5 abv and 30 g/l of RS. It's more perfumed and floral on the nose ... with ethereal notes of lime cordial, apricot, peach pulp, fresh apple, wet stones and saline, with a pinch of ginger. It's rich, layered, textured, and honeyed on the palate with deep notes of peach tart, ripe apple, lime, ginger and stony minerality with racy acidity and a long, echoing finish. Can cellar 10+ years. Score: **93** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, Jan. 31, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful
39764 (MS) 750 mL \$27.95 ✂



CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO

HENRY OF PELHAM LOST BOYS LIMITED EDITION BIN 106 BACO NOIR 2022 🍁

VQA Ontario, sustainable
Henry of Pelham has been one of the leading lights in Ontario's emergence onto the global fine-wine stage. It's a master of the uniquely Ontarian delicacy called Baco Noir. This one, with its dark fruit, chocolate, oak and leather notes, is sourced from vines dating back to 1984.

[The National Wine Awards of Canada did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (National Wine Awards of Canada, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
13421 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 ✂

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CANADA – RED WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO



HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE ORGANIC GAMAY 2022 🍁

VQA Lincoln Lakeshore, Niagara Peninsula
A bold, fruity Gamay, with cherry, raspberry, garden herbs and toast. A great option for lamb, or roast turkey and sautéed mushrooms.

Light-bodied & Fruity
20422 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🍷

🌿 **Organic product**



NORTH 43° CABERNET/MERLOT 2020 🍁
VQA Niagara Lakeshore

This wine blends Merlot with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc to create a full-bodied, engaging red. It has bold red and dark fruit, savoury herbs, and a food-friendly character. A wine for hearty fall stews.

Full-bodied & Firm
522714 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🍷



LE CLOS JORDANNE JORDAN VILLAGE PINOT NOIR 2021 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula
This is a perfumed and poised, yet flavourful and structured example of Ontario pinot noir, made by talented and passionate winemaker, Thomas Bachelder. Oak-derived spices are seamlessly woven into a silken palate infused with fleshy red berries, dark cherries, dried herbs, and the beguiling scent of fresh magnolias. This is a wine that is already balanced and integrated, though it will benefit from a year or two in the cellar. The finish is long and intense, ending on a spice-infused note. Tasted April 2024. Score: **92** (Megha Jandhyala, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
33894 (XD) 750 mL **\$30.00** 🍷

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STRATUS ALTO 2023 🍁

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake, sustainable, vegan

This label features the meteorological symbol for the altostratus cloud; an image that captures the idea of a "... brighter and airier red with a clear view to the future." The wine is a complex, exciting blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with splashes of Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Semillon, Syrah and Sangiovese. Look for blue and red fruit, cherry, earth, and pepper spice.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
40108 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** 🍷

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MEGALOMANIAC TO BE FRANK CABERNET FRANC 2022 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula
This ripe, engaging Cabernet Franc is Megalomaniac's signature red. It boasts considerable power, achieved without sacrificing refinement or elegance. Look for notes of dark fruit, black cherry, smoked meat, tobacco, savoury herbs and spice and pair with stuffed bell peppers or grilled meats.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
205021 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🍷

USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

CONUNDRUM WHITE 2022

California
(Charles F. Wagner, prop.)
Sourced from vines grown on prime California sites from Napa Valley to Santa Barbara County, this blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Viognier has ripe tropical fruit, peach, apple, mango, melon, honeyed lychee, and orange citrus. Pair it with Thai or southern Indian cuisine, Cajun fish, or soft, salty cheeses.

Aromatic & Flavourful
694653 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🍷

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LA CREMA PINOT GRIS 2022

Monterey County

La Crema Pinot Gris 2022 is nicely complex and balanced, with an easy-to-enjoy character alongside notes of peach, lemon, nectarine, Asian pear and mineral. Great with grilled seafood appetizers.

Aromatic & Flavourful

18625 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✂



ROBERT MONDAVI NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Napa Valley

This iconic Napa expression is full-bodied and intense, with roasted herbs, toast, vanillin, and hints of tropical fruit. There's a toasty, vanilla-infused character, plus ripe, bright apple, melon, lemon zest and tropical notes. A versatile wine that will work equally well with turkey dinner or grilled fish.

Aromatic & Flavourful

221887 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 ✂

WASHINGTON

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE CHARDONNAY 2022

Columbia Valley

... amazing value Columbia Valley Chard at \$22. Dry, medium-bodied and vibrant with tropical fruit, orchard fruit, spicy and buttery notes on the palate with a long and luxurious leesy finish ... Washington State's oldest and most awarded winery (founded in 1912) has been producing top-quality wines since 1934. Interesting fact: during the summer, Columbia Valley sees about two more hours of sunlight per day than California, allowing grapes to fully ripen and retain their fresh acidity as well due to this region's cool summer nights. Drink: 2024-2028. Score: **90** (nataliemaclean.com, April 27, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

232439 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 ✂

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USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BLACK OAK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NEW

California

A well-made, versatile non-vintage California Cabernet that offers generous cassis, blackberry, herbs, coconut, mocha, and toasty oak. Perfect for grilled meats, hearty stews, and grilled veggies.

Full-bodied & Firm

38030 (XD) 750 mL \$20.95 ✂



BREAD & BUTTER PASO ROBLES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

NEW

Paso Robles

A typically bold, flavourful Paso Robles with layered cherry, dark fruit, oak spice, and exotic spices alongside touches of herbs and toast. Perfect for steak with rosemary roasted potatoes.

Full-bodied & Smooth

39253 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 ✂

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CANNONBALL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

California

This wine is rich, with concentrated aromas of blackberry, mulberry, clove and violet. The mid-palate has flavors of dried black plum, black cherry and black pepper, intertwined with dark chocolate, sweet cigar and a supple, dry finish. Pair with grilled ribeye. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Tonya Pitts, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

291666 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 ✂

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USA – RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA



EMMOLO MERLOT 2021

Napa Valley

Lithe and sleek up front, revealing black cherry, spiced cinnamon and tomato leaf flavors, underlined by an increasingly tense structure as this approaches broad-shouldered tannins. Drink now through 2029. Score: **90** (Tim Fish, *winespectator.com*, Nov. 15, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

96024 (D) 750 mL **\$69.95** ✎



McMANIS PETITE SIRAH 2022

Lodi, estate grown, sustainable

Opulent dark berries, baking spices and orange marmalade show on the nose. Full-bodied, saturated boysenberry, olallieberry, dried potpourri and malted chocolate glide across the palate, finishing with silky tannins. Aerate and enjoy with barbecue. Best Buy. [This has the potential to drink until the end of the decade.] Score: **91** (Tonya Pitts, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

15101 (D) 750 mL **\$22.95** ✎

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**LANDMARK VINEYARDS
OVERLOOK PINOT NOIR 2019**

California

This Pinot Noir from across the state, led by 53% Monterey County fruit, is light in the glass and starts with aromas of strawberry, incense and wet earth. The palate's red cherry core is decorated by dustings of nutmeg and allspice. [Enjoy through 2026+.] Score: **90** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

457820 (XD) 750 mL **\$32.95** ✎



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

Napa Valley

(Joseph J. Wagner)

Quilt combines grapes from prime Napa sites, stitching them together to create a wine that reflects an authentic patchwork blanket of flavour. This plush, elegant, complex wine has Petite Sirah, Merlot and Zinfandel, with rich, ripe dark fruit, spice, and a soft mouthfeel. Perfect for grilled lamb, ribs, or family holiday dinners.

[The Tasting Panel Magazine did not include a tasting note.] Score: **93** (*The Tasting Panel Magazine*, Jan./Feb. 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

20777 (D) 750 mL **\$39.95** ✎



**M PASO ROBLES
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021**

Paso Robles

(McPrice Myers)

I love this easy-to-drink 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon from McPrice Myers that well overdelivers for its price. Deep ruby-purple, it has alluring aromas of cassis, pencil shavings, dried herbs, leather and lavender, plus classy touches of oak spice. The full-bodied palate is concentrated and powerful without going over the top. It has abundant, grainy tannins, flinty streaks and plenty of refreshing acidity to carry the long finish. It's not your average chocolate bomb California Cabernet, despite its modest price tag. Drink date: 2023-2028. Score: **95** (Erin Brooks, *robertparker.com*, Dec. 30, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm

38032 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** ✎

NEW



**ROOTS RUN DEEP EDUCATED
GUESS CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2020**

North Coast

Rich and deep nose with sweet spices, dark chocolate, dried meat and jammy blackberries. Chewy and vertical on the palate with a full body and some jagged tannins in the finish. Try in 2025 to see if the dry tannins have started to round out. [Decant for one hour to drink tonight.] Score: **89** (Zekun Shuai, *jamessuckling.com*, Nov. 7, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

38029 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** ✎

NEW



**TASSAJARA
PINOT NOIR 2021**

NEW

Monterey County, sustainable
A light hue in the glass, this affordable Pinot Noir hits the required marks, offering soft aromas of cranberry, pomegranate, herb and mocha on the nose. It tightens up on the palate, where cranberry and orange-rind flavors are boosted by a bouquet garni character. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
38028 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** 🍷



MEXICO – RED WINE

L.A. CETTO PETITE SIRAH 2022

Guadalupe Valley, Baja California
This long-standing Vintages customer favourite continues to impress with its approachable flavours, texture, and price tag. Expect to discover ripe dark fruit, black pepper and leather, with a wisp of smoke from six months in oak. Pour with black-bean dip or steak-and-cheese enchiladas.

Full-bodied & Firm
983742 (XD) 750 mL **\$14.95** 🍷



OREGON

**BATTLE CREEK UNCONDITIONAL
PINOT NOIR 2021**

NEW

Oregon
This wine is sourced from prime sites in Battle Creek, Waldo Hills, Howell Prairie, Windhorse, and Sunshine Mountain. It's a lively, bright Pinot with lifted floral aromatics and intensely focused cherry, raspberry and earth. Drink it through 2026.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
38842 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🍷



ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

**CATENA HIGH MOUNTAIN VINES
CHARDONNAY 2022**

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, sustainable
A pretty mineral nose with a creamy layer to the roasted pineapples, lemon and marzipan. Fresh and really textured on the palate with a medium to full body. It has a lightly phenolic, viscous texture and a bright acidity. Very good value. Drink now [through 2025+]. Score: **93** (Zekun Shuai, *james suckling.com*, April 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich
918805 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95** 🍷



WASHINGTON

**SKYFALL WASHINGTON STATE
MERLOT 2019**

NEW

Washington
This 100% Merlot packs a big fruit punch. Massive amounts of blackberries and blackcurrants are surrounded by aromas and flavors of anise, saddle leather, clove and creamy dark chocolate mousse. Fortunately, the wine's muscular tannins are up to the task. Best Buy. Score: **89** (Michael Alberty, *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth
39252 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🍷



ARGENTINA – RED WINE

**ATAMISQUE SERBAL
CABERNET FRANC 2023**

NEW

Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza
There aren't many cabernet francs in Argentina that dare to freely show their herbal side like this one does. Generous in herbs and peppers with notes of spices and tobacco as well as ripe red fruit. It's smooth and juicy on the palate and ready to drink now with deli meats. This comes from young vineyards planted about 10 years ago at Atamisque's property in the San José zone of Tupungato in the north of the Uco Valley. Score: **90** (*guiadescorchados.cl*, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
38468 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 🍷

ARGENTINA – RED WINE CONT'D



CAMELEON SIGNATURE ORGANIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

NEW

Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza, vegan (Domaine Bousquet)

A juicy and firm cabernet sauvignon here with plenty of strawberries, currants and a hint of fresh herbs. Chalky tannins envelop the medium-bodied palate with a good load of plums and cherry fruit. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamesuckling.com, April 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm
41306 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 🍷
🌿 **Organic product**



ZUCCARDI SERIE A MALBEC 2022

Valle de Uco, Mendoza

The varietal Serie A range includes wines from the “Argentinean” varieties, and the star of this range is, of course, the 2022 Serie A Malbec. Here they search for typicity from Valle de Uco, with freshness and flowers, red rather than black fruit, nice tannic structure and purity; they are not looking for complexity or limestone but varietal character, at which this excels. This has juiciness and structure and is fine-boned. It is very different from the Bonarda in this range. Drink date: 2023-2026. Score: **92** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm
167619 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🍷
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TRAPICHE TESORO MALBEC 2022

NEW

Valle de Uco, Mendoza

A juicy malbec full of red and blue berries, allspice, wet earth, cocoa powder and white pepper. The tight, medium-bodied palate has firm, chalky tannins that drive it to a linear and expressive finish. Drink now. Score: **92** (Zekun Shuai, jamesuckling.com, March 27, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
36316 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 🍷



CHILE – WHITE WINE

EMILIANA NOVAS GRAN RESERVA CHARDONNAY 2022

NEW

DO Valle de Casablanca, vegan

Fresh and mineral yet creamy with a hint of lemon pastry. The bright, medium-bodied palate unfurls fresh acidity that cuts through the creamy mouthfeel. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink now [through 2025]. Score: **92** (Zekun Shuai, jamesuckling.com, April 24, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful
37755 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 🍷
🌿 **Organic product**



VERSADO MALBEC 2018

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza (Ann Sperling and Peter Gamble)

Versado estate malbec from Canadians Peter Gamble and Ann Sperling happens with a local team ... This may just be the most concentrated and yet graceful of all their “entry-level” malbecs to date. There is a whole lot of barrel involved but my how smooth and silken the whole package turns out to be. Remarkably perfumed in spite of all that wood, acids high, spirited and fine, tannins at peak performance. Needs time to unwind, unravel and fully integrate. I would personally not touch this wine for three years at least. Drink 2024-2029. Tasted November 2021. Score: **91** (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Firm
317008 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 🍷



ERRÁZURIZ ACONCAGUA COSTA CHARDONNAY 2023

DO Aconcagua Costa, sustainable

The Aconcagua Costa area was officially recognized in 2012 following a lengthy effort by Errázuriz. This wine is sourced from vines planted in 2005 and 2009 in volcanic soils and has a distinct, fine flinty mineral character. Look for ripe pear, tangerine, lemon, and a vibrant, energetic core born of the influence of the nearby ocean. Sip or pair with seafood.

Full-bodied & Rich
556118 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 🍷



CHILE – RED WINE

CALCU TINY BLOCKS GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

NEW

Valle de Colchagua, sustainable, vegan
The granitic soils of Marchigüe in western Colchagua usually provide firm tannins that can often only be tamed with a few years in the bottle. And those palate-prickling tannins are strongly felt here in this cabernet from vineyards planted in 2007, although fortunately, there's more to it than that. Ripe red fruits and herbal touches unfurl gracefully in a wine that would go very well with game meat. This red was aged for 12 months in barrels. [A wine with the potential to see 2030+.] Score: **92** (Patricio Tapia, *guiadescorchados.cl*, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm
37867 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 🍷



MONTES WINGS CARMENÈRE 2020

DO Apalta, Valle de Colchagua
Much more successful than the maiden 2019 release, largely because the 70% new wood is better integrated, Wings is an Apalta Valley assemblage of Carmenère and 15% Cabernet Franc. Plush, floral and well balanced, it has fine, sculpted tannins, black cherry, graphite and red plum flavours and a fresh, harmonious finish. Drink date: 2025-2035. [Decant for one hour to enjoy tonight.] Score: **96** (timatkin.com, *Chile Special Report 2024*)

Full-bodied & Smooth
33354 (XD) 750 mL **\$67.95** 🍷



TABALÍ PEDREGOSO CARMENÈRE 2022

NEW

DO Valle de Cachapoal, vegan
The 2022 Pedregoso Carmenere was produced with grapes purchased from Peumo and Almahue in Cachapoal, the classical zone for the grape, transported and fermented in Limarí. This entry-level range is primary and fruit-driven, has marked varietal character and is clean and easy to drink – very good value for money. The Carmenere has to be peppery and spicy but not heavy. It has 14% alcohol and good freshness. This is one of their top-selling wines. It was bottled a couple of weeks before I tasted it, and the wine felt harmonious. Drink date: 2023-2026. Score: **91** (Luis Gutiérrez, *robertparker.com*, April 6, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
37798 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🍷



AUSTRALIA – WHITE WINE

D'ARENBERG THE HERMIT CRAB VIOGNIER/MARSANNE 2023

McLaren Vale, South Australia
d'Arenberg are among the very best when it comes to working with Australia's Rhône varieties. This intriguing blend of Viognier and Marsanne shows off this producer's characteristic skill and vision. "The Hermit Crab" is a nod to both the fossils that make up the limestone-laden McLaren Vale vineyards and the French appellation of Hermitage. A tropical, crisp wine, with peach, melon and citrus.

Aromatic & Flavourful
662775 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 🍷



AUSTRALIA – RED WINE

SISTER'S RUN COW'S CORNER GRENACHE/SHIRAZ/MATARO 2022

Barossa, South Australia
This wine has a lifted floral note and captures all the intensity and big-shouldered glory of Barossa, with generous dark berry, peppery spice, earth and oak. Long, silky-smooth and balanced, it will drink through 2027+.

Full-bodied & Smooth
346510 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🍷



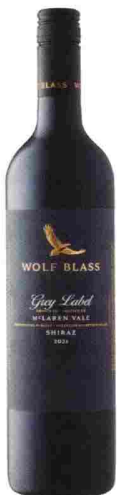
TENACITY OLD VINE SHIRAZ 2022

McLaren Vale/Barossa Valley, South Australia (Two Hands)

Founded in 1999, Two Hands has risen to become one of Australia's best producers of Shiraz. This wine shows dark and red fruit, toast and spice notes. Enjoy it through 2030.

Full-bodied & Smooth
12998 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🍷

AUSTRALIA – RED WINE CONT'D



WOLF BLASS GREY LABEL SHIRAZ 2021

McLaren Vale, South Australia
If you love those generous, plush, richly flavoured McLaren Vale reds, oozing chocolate and black fruits, then you will go wild over this wine. Best of all, at this price fill the cellar, stunning value ... aromas of chocolate, cigar boxes, fruitcake and plums. There are black fruits, aniseed and cloves, that are plush and ever-so-generous. Abundant but cashmere-like tannins, gorgeous flavours and very good length with such a seductive and alluring texture. ... Drink: 2023-2031. Score: **95** (Ken Gargett, winepilot.com, July 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth
390872 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** 🍷

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NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

GRAHAM NORTON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Marlborough/Hawke's Bay (Invivo & Co.)
Intensely aromatic and instantly appealing, the wine shows passionfruit, rockmelon, feijoa and lime peel aromas, leading to a brilliantly expressed palate that's filled with delicious fruit flavours. Punchy and flavoursome with a lengthy vibrant finish. At its best: now to 2026. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Nov. 2023)

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

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KIM CRAWFORD PINOT GRIGIO 2023

New Zealand
A soft Pinot Grigio from cool-climate plantings. Sporting lovely tree fruit flavours and a distinctly oily texture, this medium-bodied white from a trusted name for Vintages customers is a surefire way to get a dinner party started.

Aromatic & Flavourful
369850 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🍷



HEAPHY PINOT GRIS 2023

Nelson, South Island, sustainable
It's elegantly fragrant and inviting on the nose, showing white flesh stone fruit, Asian pear, subtle spice and jasmine aromas, leading to a beautifully rounded palate offering succulent fruit flavours with supple texture and well-pitched acidity. Refreshing and tasty with a lingering comforting finish. At its best: now to 2026. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Oct. 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful
36901 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🍷



MATAHIWI ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Wairarapa, North Island, sustainable
Fleshy, ripe, fruity and loaded with fresh herbs and tropical fruit scents. Aromas and flavours of fresh red apple and grapefruit, some white peach and white florals laced with a wet stone mineral quality. Fresh herbs of basil and sage then passion-fruit and pineapple. Crisp and dry on the finish with a core of fruit and salivating textures. Best drinking from late 2023 through 2026. Excellent. Score: **93** (camdouglasms.com, Sept. 22, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful
402677 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 🍷



TOHU AWATERE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

Marlborough, South Island, sustainable
Wonderfully ripe and gorgeously aromatic, the wine shows passionfruit, sweet basil, kiwifruit and lime zest aromas, leading to an intensely flavour-some palate that's succulent and lively. Beautifully structured by bright acidity, finishing long and delectable. At its best: now to 2025. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Dec. 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful
536177 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🍷



NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

STONELEIGH LATITUDE PINOT NOIR 2020

Marlborough, South Island
Well worth cellaring, this sturdy red was grown in the Rapaura district of the Wairau Valley. Full, bright ruby, it is mouthfilling, with good concentration of plummy, spicy flavours, oak complexity, and a savoury, fairly firm finish. Best drinking 2023+. Score: **95** (Michael Cooper, *Winestate*, Nov./Dec. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
325654 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** ✂
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SOUTH AFRICA – WHITE WINE

**RADFORD DALE VINUM
CHENIN BLANC 2022**

WO Stellenbosch, vegan
A lovely balance here between the rich pear and peach fruit, with some bright tapering citrus fruit. Nice tangerine finish. Fresh and expressive with good precision. [A wine that will drink for 5+ years from vintage.] Score: **92** (Jamie Goode, wine anorak.com, April 6, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich
13338 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** ✂
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SOUTH AFRICA – RED WINE

**BRUCE JACK LIFESTYLE
SHIRAZ 2021**

WO Western Cape
This rich, balanced Shiraz sits stylistically between the power of Barossa and finesse of the Rhône. It has ripe, plummy fruit, raspberry, exotic spices, pepper, smoke, and dark chocolate. Enjoy it with veggie burgers or grilled steaks. Drink through 2026.

Full-bodied & Smooth
37533 (D) 750 mL **\$14.95** ✂



AUSTRIA – WHITE WINE

**LENZ MOSER PRESTIGE
GRÜNER VELTLINER 2023**

Qualitätswein
This wine is an excellent introduction to the spicy, herbaceous quality of a Niederösterreich Grüner Veltliner. It's crisp, refreshing and enlivening, with notes of white pepper, lemongrass and lemon zest complemented by an electrifying acidity. Serve it with grilled asparagus rolled in roasted garlic and Parmesan seasoning.

Aromatic & Flavourful
71233 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🍷



FRANCE – WHITE WINE

BORDEAUX

**BARON PHILIPPE DE
ROTHSCHILD MOUTON CADET
X NATHAN 2023**



AC
100% Sauvignon Blanc. Lovely nose with aromas of almond blossom, linden tree, fresh cut red apple and pure lemon. Attractive richness, well-defined finish. Score: **90** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful
38021 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** ✂

🌿 **Organic product**



BURGUNDY

**JEAN-MARC BROCARD
SAINTE CLAIRE CHABLIS 2022**

AC
An aromatic Chablis with aromas of grapefruit, pineapple and lemons. Hint of sage. Medium-bodied, ripe yet fresh and saline, with a creamy and tasty finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamesuckling.com, July 24, 2024)

Light & Crisp
356634 (XD) 750 mL **\$32.95** 🍷

FRANCE – WHITE WINE CONT'D



RHÔNE

BORD ELEGANCE LAUDUN CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES BLANC 2022
AP

(Brotte)
A seductive nose with white flowers, stone fruits and hints of flower honey. Medium body with a mellow character. Supple with some green apple and a clean finish. Drink now [till 2027]. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, July 3, 2023)

Full-bodied & Rich
644385 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** 🍷

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CHÂTEAU PEY LA TOUR
RÉSERVE DU CHÂTEAU 2019
AC Bordeaux Supérieur, sustainable (Vignobles Dourthe)

The 2019 Pey La Tour Réserve du Château is classy, elegant and polished, just as it was in barrel. This mid-weight Bordeaux Supérieur opens beautifully in the glass, showing lots of red berry fruit intermingled with scents of forest floor, dried rose petal, herbs, cedar and pipe tobacco. All the elements are very nicely balanced. Drinking window: 2024-2034. Score: **92** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb. 24, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
349308 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** 🍷

FRANCE – RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU COUFRAH
HAUT-MÉDOC 2009
AC



The quality of the fruit and tannins are very pretty here. It's full-bodied, with round velvety texture and a delicious finish. Very impressive. Drink or hold [until 2026]. Score: **92** (jamesuckling.com, July 13, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
38194 (XD) 750 mL **\$43.95** 🍷



CHÂTEAU SUAU CADILLAC-
CÔTES DE BORDEAUX 2009
AC



(Translated from the French) With slightly more Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), the 2009 shows a beautiful ruby colour with purple highlights. It offers intense and harmonious aromas of black berries, spices and sour cherry on the nose. Still quite tannic, the palate presents a powerful and flavourful body with a beautiful aromatic expression (fruits, spices and leather). A superb wine, to be aged for five years in the cellar [and will hold until 2025]. Score: ★★☆☆ (Guide Hachette, 2012)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
38198 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 🍷



CHÂTEAU LES TOURELLES 2019
AC Bordeaux

(Jean Darriet, prop.-vitic.)
Rich Merlot gives a cushioned, black-fruit-flavored wine. Soft tannins and juicy acidity hint at further aging. This wine comes from a 24-acre property in Loupiac, close to Cadillac. [Drink through 2025+.] Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
426247 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 🍷

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BEAUJOLAIS

PARDON & FILS CUVÉE P
BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2023
AP



An expressive, tasty Beaujolais that saw six days of semi-carbonic maceration and four full months of ageing before bottling. Concentrated flavours of red berry mingle with hints of violets and a touch of potting soil for an earthy character. Pair with charcuterie.

Light-bodied & Fruity
38054 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95** 🍷





LANGUEDOC

**FONJOYA HEMA GRAND VELOURS
GRANDE RÉSERVE 2020**



IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert

Fonjoya is the collaborative project of two wineries, one in Saint-Félix-de-Lodez and one in Saint-Saturnin-de-Lucian. It began in 2018, about 100 years after the neighbours each began making wines in the region. The two synergize quite well in this lovely red that shows flavours of sweet blackberry and vanilla, with a hint of bitter herbs.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
37240 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



LA CHEVALIÈRE RASTEAU 2022
AC

(Les Grandes Serres)

Wines sourced from the red marl and sandstone soils of the small village of Rasteau gain a plush, red-fruit-driven flavour, with a touch of garrigue and dried herbs on the finish. This example will be delicious tonight with a roasted lamb shoulder in rosemary, garlic and thyme.

[Concours des Vins Avignon did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Concours des Vins Avignon, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
18502 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95



RHÔNE

**CHÂTEAU LESTOURS CLOCHER
LES PÉNITENTS VACQUEYRAS
2019**



AP

This wine presents juicy plums, pomegranate juice, fresh apples and green pears complemented by white flowers, violets, wild mint and freshly turned earth on the nose. The palate reflects these aromas with added intensity of thyme, leading to a stone and saline finish. Well balanced by acidity, it's ready to enjoy. Score: **91** (Anna-Christina Cabrales, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
38771 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95



XAVIER VIGNON VENTOUX 2021
AP

Dark cherries, blackberries, dried lavender and some wet stones on the nose following through to a medium body with fine tannins. Round and velvety with a caressing texture and fruity finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, Sept. 2, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
413211 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



**DOMAINE BRUNELY TRÉSOR
GIGONDAS 2022**

AC, sustainable

The 2022 Gigondas Trésor is a head-turner. It blends 80% Grenache with 20% Mourvèdre from vines that are up to 80 years old. Alluring jammy red fruits, black cherry shadings and spicy subtleties nicely frame this refined 2022 red. Supple and forward, this medium-bodied and delicious Gigondas delivers a well-rounded mouthfeel with good drive on the savory finish. Drinking window: 2025-2034. Score: **92-94** (Nicolas Greinacher, *vinous.com*, Jan. 9, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
15905 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95



SOUTHWEST

**CHÂTEAU VINCENS ORIGINE
MALBEC 2022**

AC Cahors

100% Malbec. Nice intensity of blackcurrant fruit and savoury spice, with very sweet oak. Deep dark and concentrated, lovely mouthfeel. Score: **92** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm
343400 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

FRANCE – ROSÉ WINE

LANGUEDOC

GÉRARD BERTRAND CÔTES DES ROSES ART EDITION ROSÉ 2023
AP Languedoc

NEW

The legendary Languedoc-Roussillon winemaking family is eager to introduce the fourth generation. Gérard's daughter, Emma Bertrand, collaborated with Australian artist Morgan Jamieson to add artistic pizzazz to this celebration of southern French joie de vivre. The result is a flowery, refreshing rosé with notes of strawberry cream and rosehip.

Easygoing & Fruity
39144 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🍷



TUSCANY

BANFI SAN ANGELO PINOT GRIGIO 2023
IGT Toscana, sustainable

A mouth-watering, enjoyable wine, with delicate, lifted floral tones, apple, peach, grapefruit, and tropical notes. Fresh, balanced, and weightier than is typical of the style. Great as a sipper or with seafood.

Light & Crisp
26716 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 🍷

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ITALY – WHITE WINE

ALTO ADIGE

PETER ZEMMER PINOT GRIGIO 2023
DOC Alto Adige

Sliced pears, apples and blanched almonds on the nose, followed by a fresh, mineral and medium-bodied palate. Very clean and pretty. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamesuckling.com, July 8, 2024)

Light & Crisp
95802 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🍷



ITALY – RED WINE

TOMMASI GRATICCIO APPASSIONATO 2021

Italy

"Graticcio" are the bamboo racks that winemakers use to dry grapes for appassimento wines. Popular producer Tommasi laid the Corvina, Rondinella and Merlot grapes for this wine on the graticcio for one month before vinifying and ageing the wine for six months in mature Slavonian oak casks. This medium-bodied red shows plush dark fruit flavours melding with aromas of spices and tar.

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



SICILY

TASCA D'ALMERITA REGALEALI BIANCO 2023

DOC Sicilia, sustainable

Sweetly floral, the 2023 Bianco Regaleali impresses with its lifted bouquet of chamomile, yellow apples and confectionery spice. It's soft and round with a core of zesty acidity to balance. Crisp orchard fruits cascade throughout while hints of candied lime and liquid stone resonate. The 2023 finishes remarkably fresh, potent and long. Very nice. The Bianco is a blend of 41% Inzolia, 33% Catarratto, 21% Grecanico and 5% Chardonnay. Drinking window: 2024-2028. Score: **89** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, June 20, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful
531780 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 🍷

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ABRUZZO

CASTORANI AMORINO MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2018
DOC

Savory black-fruit aromas and flavors here, with a nutty edge and some dried herbs. Medium- to full-bodied with bright, lightly grippy tannins and a clean fruit and mineral finish. Nicely structured. Drinkable now, but will easily hold for another few years. [Drink until 2028.] Score: **92** (jamesuckling.com, Sept. 6, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth
366732 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 🍷





CALABRIA

IPPOLITO 1845 CALABRISE ROSSO 2021
IGT Calabria

This wine is made from Calabrese di Montenuovo, which was discovered in the early 2000s and proven to be one of the parent grapes of the great Italian Sangiovese, along with Ciliegiolo. Much like its offspring, this wine will show strong notes of sour cherry and rosemary on the palate, with a hint of leather.

[*Gambero Rosso Italian Wines* did not include a tasting note.] Score: **93** (Gambero Rosso Italian Wines, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
338970 (D) 750 mL \$24.95



ROCCA BAROLO 2019
DOCG

Aromas of black cherry, sweet and savory spices and dried herbs lift from the glass as the wine opens. The firm, solid palate has heft, showing the darker fruit notes in league with oak spices and bold tannins that need time. Drink 2028-2045. Score: **92** (Jeff Porter, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm
395103 (XD) 750 mL \$48.95



FRIULI

BORGO CONVENTI REFOSCO DAL PEDUNCOLO ROSSO 2023
DOC Friuli Isonzo



Vines for this wine grow on the left bank of the Isonzo River in clay-rich soils layered with red gravel. These soils are full of mineral nutrients and offer excellent water retention. Expect a red with brambly fruit flavours and a hint of earthiness on the finish that'll complement mushroom risotto.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **93** (lucamaroni.com, July 10, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
39125 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95



TRAVAGLINI GATTINARA 2020
DOCG

This classic Gattinara opens with aromas of dried sour cherries, rosebud, sweet and savory spices and a hint of dried herbs. Well-balanced between savory and fruity elements, the wine's mouth-watering acidity and fine tannins build the framework for the wine to be enjoyable today and into the future. Drink now-2040. Cellar Selection. Score: **91** (Jeff Porter, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
713354 (XD) 750 mL \$38.95



PIEDMONT

BENI DI BATASIOLO NEBBIOLO 2021
DOC Langhe

Piedmont's lofty reputation as one of the world's most prized wine regions is founded upon Nebbiolo. The grape is responsible for two of Italy's greatest wines (Barolo and Barbaresco) and stands alongside only Pinot Noir for its ability to express terroir. Nebbiolo wines from Langhe offer amazing value. Look for raspberry, dried herbs, apple, earth and light oak tones in this wine.

Full-bodied & Firm
908079 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

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SARDINIA

DOLIANOVA DOLIA CANNONAU DI SARDEGNA 2022
DOC



Sardinia is a small island off the western coast of mainland Italy, and its DOC is dedicated to the Cannonau grape (a.k.a. Grenache). Cantine di Dolianova sits at the southern tip of the island, about 500 metres above sea level. The elevation helps balance the hot, arid conditions, allowing the grapes longer hang time, which yields wines of greater concentration.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
39097 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY



**DIEVOLE PETRIGNANO
CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020**
DOCG



A delicious, crunchy red with very fine tannins and a pretty and delicate finish. Extremely yummy and creamy-textured. Fresh finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now [through 2035+.]
Score: **93** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm
39448 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** ✎

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🌿 **Organic product**



**FATTORIA SVETONI VINO NOBILE
DI MONTEPULCIANO 2019**
DOCG



Fresh cherry and orange-peel aromas and flavors with a medium-bodied, crunchy palate and a crisp finish. Drink now [or cellar until 2028]. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
36916 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** ✎

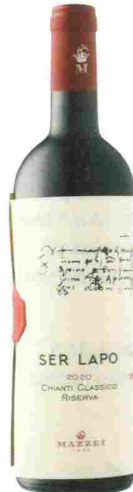


LE SERRE NUOVE DELL'ORNELLAIA 2022
DOC Bolgheri Rosso,
second wine of Ornellaia

Le Serre Nuove is a creamy delight, offering exotic spice, baking chocolate, softly toasted tones from French oak, ripe fruit, savoury herbs, earthy minerality, vanilla and cinnamon. Decant to enjoy tonight, or hold to enjoy through 2034+.

Full-bodied & Firm
606194 (XD) 750 mL **\$78.95** ✎

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**MAZZEI SER LAPO RISERVA
CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020**
DOCG

Notes of glazed cherries and ripe raspberries with candied orange peel, red licorice and hints of violets. Medium- to full-bodied with chocolaty texture and firm, but polished tannins. Shows depth and richness to its fruit. Compact and lengthy. Chalky finish. Drink or hold [until 2030]. Score: **94** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 7, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
288530 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** ✎



**PIAN DELLE VIGNE BRUNELLO
DI MONTALCINO 2018**
DOCG

(Antinori)

The nose is a jungle adventure, as sanguine notes of meat and leather intertwine with a thicket of wild herbs, brambles and leaves, and a last hint of wild cherry. The palate teleports to the ice cream parlor on Main Street, serving artisanal, hand-churned mint chip, with a Luxardo cherry on top. A rare combination of extravagant and refreshing. [Drink through 2033+.] Score: **95** (Danielle Callegari, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm
651141 (XD) 750 mL **\$81.95** ✎

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**PODERE MONTALE MONTECUCCO
SANGIOVESE 2017**
DOCG

Aromas of ripe plums, dark chocolate, coffee and black olives. Some wet earth, too. Firm and textured with a medium to full body and fine-grained tannins. Crunchy dark fruit character and hints of spices to close. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (jamesuckling.com, Dec. 11, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
25591 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** ✎



**TENUTA DI RENIERI
CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020**
DOCG

Crushed-blackberry, orange-peel and stone aromas follow through to a medium body with bright acidity and a flavorful finish. Needs time to open. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (jamesuckling.com, July 4, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
540849 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** ✎
🌿 **Organic product**



UMBRIA
**ARNALDO-CAPRAI ANIMA
UMBRA ROSSO 2019**
IGT Umbria

Since 1987, Arnaldo-Caprai has collaborated with the Institute of Arboreal Cultivation at the University of Milan's faculty of agriculture to develop eco-friendly, sustainable practices to protect the region of Umbria. This blend of Sangiovese and Canaiolo is a feel-good wine that also tastes good, with notes of cherry and blackcurrant, plus a hint of smoke from oak ageing.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
434266 (XD) 750 mL **\$18.95** ✎



VENETO
**SANTA SOFIA AMARONE DELLA
VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2018**
DOCG

Intense ruby red with subtle garnet brightening. A seductive, slightly perfumed nose with lots of cherry and raspberry, vanilla and cloves and a hint of milk chocolate. Pleasant sweet fruit on the palate, full-bodied and juicy, silky tannins and lively acidity with a savoury finish. Score: **93** (Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, falstaff.com, Jan. 12, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth
713669 (XD) 750 mL **\$49.95** ✎
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PORTUGAL – WHITE WINE

**ADEGAS PONTE DA BARCA
LOUREIRO/ALVARINHO 2023**
DOC Vinho Verde



This 2023 is a straight fifty-fifty split of the two most popular grapes in Vinho Verde, both selected for their clean taste and refreshing qualities. Expect flavours of ripe tropical fruit, good minerality, and a touch of mint sprigs that will make this wine a lovely accompaniment to grilled white fish.

Aromatic & Flavourful
37785 (XD) 750 mL **\$12.95** ✎



PORTUGAL – RED WINE

CABRIZ COLHEITA SELECIONADA 2020
DOC Dão

This has aromas of tea leaves, cracked pepper, black cherries and citrus zest. Medium-bodied, fresh and well balanced between fruit and spice, accompanied by creamy tannins. Touriga nacional, aragonez and alfocheiro. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 7, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
247973 (D) 750 mL **\$13.95** ✎
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QUADRUS RESERVA 2016
DOC Douro

The Quadrus Reserva is grown and crafted in Portugal by Toronto-born brothers Tony and Mario Amaro of the famed Opus Restaurant. Vines for this wine are grown 650 metres above sea level in a terraced vineyard rich in schist. This lovely red is already mature and ready to enjoy, showing notes of red plum, beetroot, and dried herbs, with a touch of vanillin.

Full-bodied & Smooth
534271 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** ✎



PORTUGAL – RED WINE CONT'D

SÃO MIGUEL ESCOLHA DOS ENÓLOGOS 2021

Vinho Regional Alentejano
(Nuno Franco & Alexandre Relvas)

This reliably good wine offers a richly detailed palate that will develop well with age, moving from ripe red fruit and wildflowers to preserved fruit with hints of smoke and cloves. For the best experience, give this a year-long rest in the cellar and decant for an hour before serving.

[Mundus Vini did not include a tasting note.]
Score: **Gold** (Mundus Vini, Spring Tasting 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm
445122 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** ➔



ROMANIA – WHITE WINE

COTNARI GRASA DE COTNARI 2021
DOC Cotnari

This semi-sweet white is made from the Grasa grape, which is susceptible to the effects of noble rot thanks to Romania's humid and sometimes foggy weather. If you want to experience botrytized-style wine without breaking the bank, this is a great entry point. Look for flavours of white peach and pineapple accented by hints of apricot and honey.

Aromatic & Flavourful
73205 (MS) 750 mL **\$13.95** 🍷



SPAIN – WHITE WINE

LANZADO ORGANIC ORANGE WINE 2022
Vinos de la Tierra de Castilla

“Lanzado” is the Spanish term for a maverick; someone bold, audacious and daring. This winery lives up to its name with a catalogue full of niche, interesting products, such as pet-nats and this lovely orange wine, which shows flavours of pineapple, marzipan, and Brazil nut.

Aromatic & Flavourful
30344 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95** 🍷



SPAIN – RED WINE

MATILDA NIEVES MENCIA 2020

DO Ribeira Sacra, Galicia
(Bodegas Rectoral de Amandi)
85% Mencia, 8% Garnacha, 7% Sousón ... the emphasis is on its sloe, bramble and damson fruits in all their primary glory, almost as if it had been run from the vats just a week or two earlier. The palate is soft-textured, mouth-filling, exuberant and comely, structured more prominently by acidity than tannin, though that acidity is sweet and juicy in its own right. Platinum. Best in Show. Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
26322 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 🍷



R. LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA
VIÑA TONDONIA RESERVA 2012
DOCa Rioja

The 2012 Viña Tondonia Reserva comes from a very dry year, with 25% less rain than the average (at the time), resulting in lower yields of very healthy grapes that delivered wines with nice balance between alcohol and polyphenols, making it very apt for the aging in barrel. It had a slightly longer élevage in barrel, six years. The wine is aromatic with a developed profile, spicy and tertiary (forest floor, a touch of brick dust and iodine), complex and nuanced. The palate is full and round, with polished tannins and a long, dry finish. It has a textbook Tondonia nose and profile. Drink date: 2025-2035. Score: **95** (Luis Gutiérrez, robert parker.com, Feb. 29, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
19022 (XD) 375 mL **\$41.95** ➔
356337 (XD) 750 mL **\$73.95** ➔



SERNA IMPERIAL RESERVA 2010
DOCa Rioja
(Escudero)

The 2010 vintage is considered an outstanding one for Rioja, with consistent weather patterns and optimal ripening. The older these wines get, the more you can appreciate the quality of this vintage. This example shows lovely flavours of dried fig, chili powder, tobacco, aged leather, cigar and coffee. This well-aged beauty will pair wonderfully with roast pig or black-bean chili.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
19047 (XD) 750 mL **\$33.95** 🍷



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
- RED WINE

SALCUTA EPIZOD FETEASCA
NEAGRA 2022

Republic of Moldova

The Feteasca Neagra (black maiden) grape is a contender for top variety of the Black Sea region. Its great flavour profile and tannin structure lead to impressive reds, with flavours of dark cherry and plum that can age gracefully into hints of baking spice and vanilla.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

37881 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95

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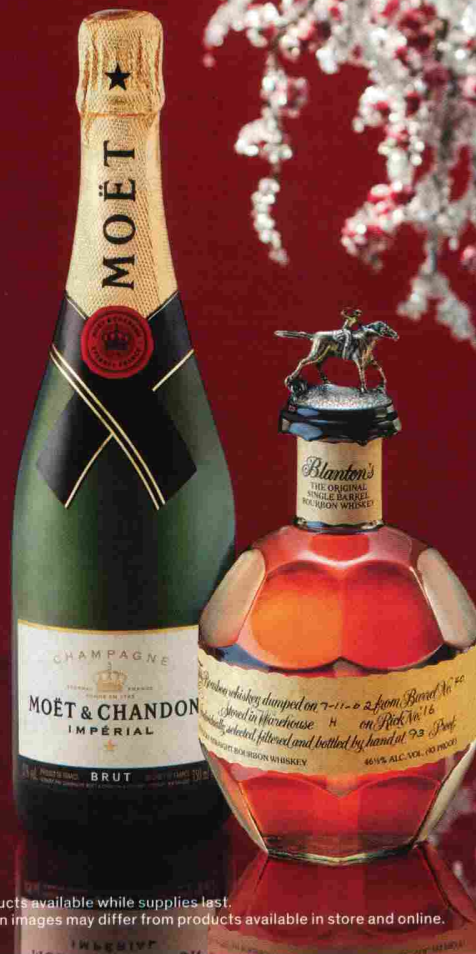
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AC Bordeaux, France
(Jean Darriet, prop.-vitic.)

The Darriet family has been building classics with Merlot for 200 years. This showstopper is from a lot parked next to the Cadillac appellation on Bordeaux's Right Bank. Combining style with substance, it's got vivacious dark fruit under the hood to rev up your next dinner party

426247 (XD) 750 mL

\$17.95

Medium-bodied & Fruity

90 points (Wine Enthusiast)

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