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## wines of the month

#### Winning host gifts

#### CHÂTEAU COURAC CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2021

AP, Rhône, France (Famille Arnaud) 25109 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95

Gorgeous nose showing generous dark fruits aromas with spicy nuances and touches of minty herbs. Warm and ripe on the palate, very soft and juicy. [Drink by 2026.] Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

#### HJ FABRE RESERVA MALBEC/ CABERNET FRANC 2022

Mendoza, Argentina, vegan 122861 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 

80% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Franc. Lovely floral aromas with a smoky character, notes of blueberry and hints of spices. Really delicious, elegant and refined. Score: **93** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

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# DECEMBER 14

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## VINTAGES WHAT'S ON

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

#### HOLIDAY GIFTS



Beau crystal coupes, \$29.95/set of 2; 1-bottle wooden Vintages gift crate, \$12.95. For more glassware and gift-packaging options, visit LCBO.com.

#### INNISKILLIN ICEWINE VQA HOLIDAY DUO 2022 \*

This two-pack of a signature Ontario style makes a fittingly wintry gift. 601021 2×200 mL **\$64.95** 

#### PERE VENTURA TRESOR ANNIVERSARY GRAN RESERVA BRUT CAVA 2019

A unique vintage Cava that has been aged for 42 months, this will sparkle as a gift or on the table.

39244 750 mL **\$29.95** 

#### CANTINE LEONARDO DA VINCI LEONARDO CHIANTI 2022

This large-format favourite is a welcome guest at dinner parties, beloved for its classic Tuscan flavours. 661116 5000 mL **\$129.95** 

FESTIVE FINDS

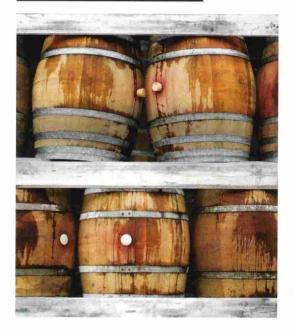
Our **special holiday-season collection** takes the guesswork out of gifting so you can focus on the festivities. From gift sets to fun packaging to unique limited editions and more, you'll find something for everyone on your list. Here are a few highlights.





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#### ONLINE COLLECTIONS



#### ORDER NOW! CELLAR COLLECTION: DECEMBER FEATURE

With names like Cliff Lede, Masseto, Rhys, Krug, Standish and Marqués de Murrieta (to name but a few), the December Cellar Collection will make selecting the perfect gift for the discerning collector on your list (or stocking your own cellar) an absolute treat. These fine wines from the world's top regions and producers will put a shiny bow on 2024 and close out your year in style.

Visit LCBO.com/vintages and click Cellar Collection.



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There's still time to shop LCBO.com and get your products by December 24. Here's how!

**Home delivery:** Place your order online by December 13. Note that New Release Collection products in this December 14 catalogue are available on LCBO.com starting December 12. **Same-day pickup:** Select your local store and shop online from the available inventory at least 2 hours before store closing. On December 24, please place all orders by noon. At checkout, choose Same-Day Pickup and your wine will be packed and waiting for you near the cash within 2 hours. Available in 500+ LCBO stores.

## BREAK OUT THE BUBBLES!

It's the most scintillating time of the year! The holidays have arrived and the calendar's preparing to turn over a new leaf, which means it's sparkling wine's time to shine. We've collected a trove of beautiful bubblies in a range of styles to make your season sparkle.

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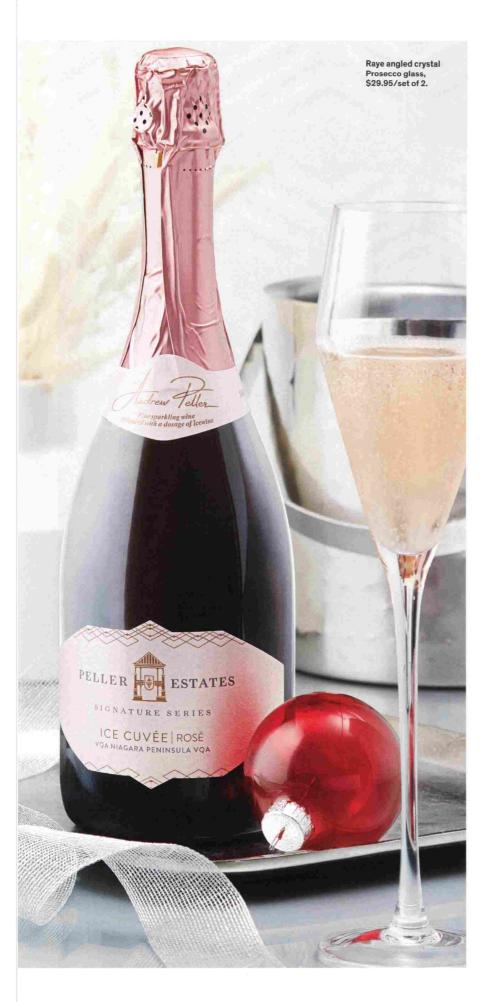
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## COCKTAIL-PARTY CHIC

Elegant wines that'll match your best finery. These sumptuous sips will bring a sense of style to your fanciest cocktail parties.



PELLER ESTATES SIGNATURE SERIES ICE CUVÉE CLASSIC VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA VQA





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#### PELLER ESTATES SIGNATURE SERIES CLASSIC ICE CUVÉE SPARKLING \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Icewine dosage, traditional method

Peller Estates makes this bubbly from Chardonnay and Pinot, then sweetens the deal with a dash of their delectable Vidal Icewine. Tangy and balanced, this is fizz with a distinctively Canadian flourish.

#### 92 points (tastings.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 284547 (M) 750 mL \$36.95 🗸

#### PELLER ESTATES SIGNATURE SERIES ICE CUVÉE ROSÉ SPARKLING \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Icewine dosage, traditional method

Like its non-pink counterpart, this wine is based on Chardonnay and Pinot, but it has Gamay in the mix, and skin contact imparts the lovely colour. In addition to Vidal, there's a dash of Cabernet Franc Icewine here.

93 points (Susan Desjardins, winecurrent.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 113035 (M) 750 mL \$36.95 <

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 34 TO 35.

#### OYSTER BAY ROSÉ SPARKLING CUVÉE New Zealand, tank method

One of the most popular producers in New Zealand, Oyster Bay makes this lovely pink fizz from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Zippy and versatile, it's a real crowd-pleaser.

90 points (International Wine Challenge)

Light & Fruity 280172 (D) \$22.95 750 mL

> Sparkling Cuvée ROSÉ

> > NEW ZEALAND

Oyster Bay

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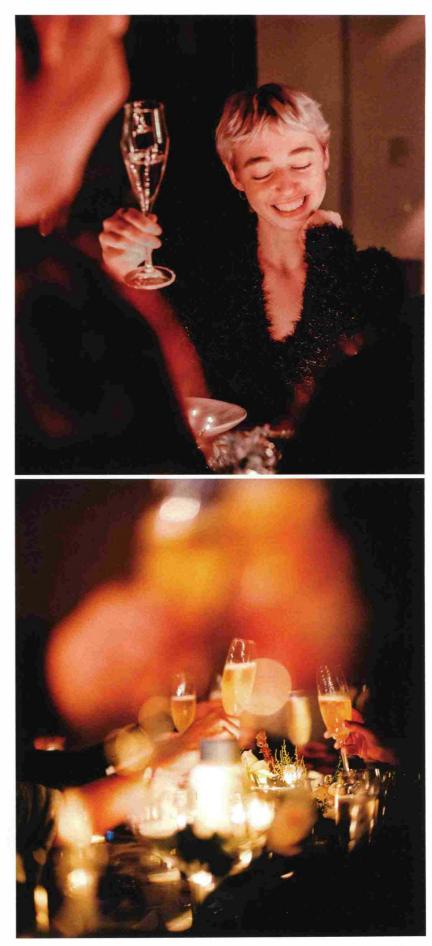
#### CASERE TERRA VIZINA MILLESIMATO EXTRA DRY PROSECCO 2023 DOC, Italy

This classic, vivacious vintage Prosecco is impressively versatile. It'll pair with hors d'oeuvres, tempura veggies, seafood arancini and more.

Light & Fruity 39675 (D)

39675 (D) 750 mL \$18.95 **New at Vintages** 

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 35 TO 36



## FIT FOR A FEAST

Few wines are as food-friendly and versatile as fizz. Whether the meal is traditional turkey dinner, pot pie, a roast, seafood, or a vegetarian culinary masterpiece, these bubblies will rise to the occasion.



#### **KEW BLANC DE BLANCS 2017 \***

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method

Made from 100% Chardonnay, this elegant local bubbly spent five years ageing on the lees in barrel, imparting beautiful richness and depth. It finishes with great length and toasty decadence.

#### 90 points (National Wine Awards of Canada)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 438994 (D) 750 mL \$32.95

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#### HOLIDAY ORDER DEADLINES

Keep these dates in mind to get your gifts in time.

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- Ship to Store. Place your order online by December 9, 2024 for store pickup by December 24, 2024.



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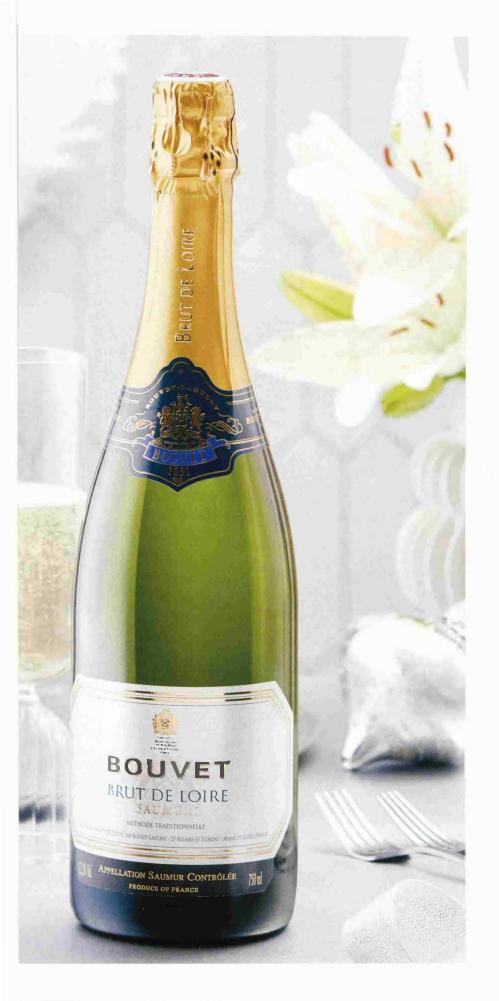


#### BOUVET LADUBAY BOUVET BRUT DE LOIRE SAUMUR BRUT SPARKLING AC, Loire, France, traditional method

Made in the traditional method of Champagne from 80% Chenin Blanc and 20% Chardonnay, this exhilaratingly fragrant wine suggests spring blossoms, honeysuckle, acacia, and crunchy green apple and pear fruit.

#### Gold (bettanedesseauve.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 40866 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 / New at Vintages





#### JUVE & CAMPS BRUT NATURE GRAN RESERVA RESERVA DE FAMILIA CAVA 2019

Cava, Spain, traditional method

Cava is made in the traditional method of Champagne, and the best examples offer exceptional quality at a pleasantly friendly price. This one delivers poached fruit, spices, nuts, honey, and a lively finish.

91 points (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 39815 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95 New at Vintages & Organic product



#### FOSS MARAI MILLESIMATO GUIA BRUT VALDOBBIADENE SUPERIORE PROSECCO 2023 DOCG, Italy

To qualify as Prosecco Superiore DOCG, the wine must be from one of a handful of historic communes (in this case, Valdobbiadene) and meet strict quality benchmarks. This prime example is classically elegant, expressive and refined.

#### Light & Fruity

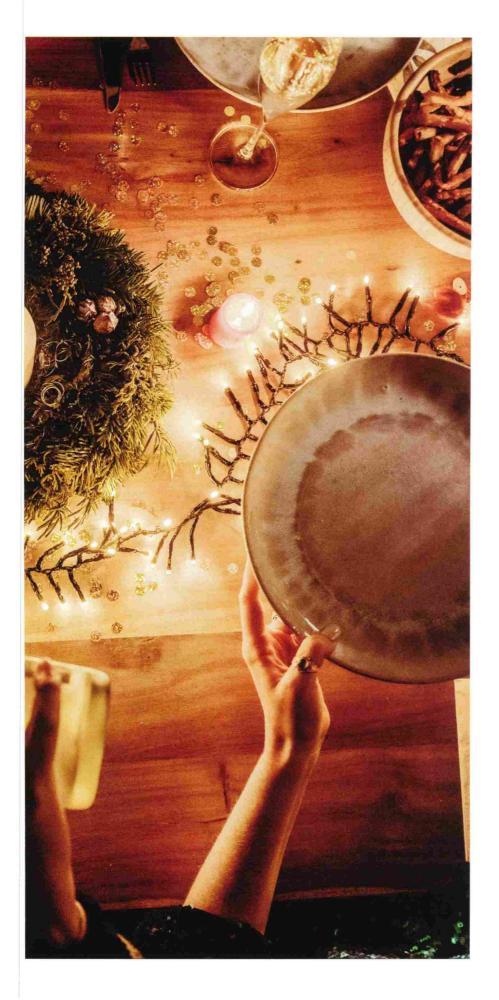
39641 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 **/** New at Vintages

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 36 TO 37.



## CHEERFUL HOST GIFTS

It's always a classy move to show up to a holiday gathering with a bottle of bubbly for the host. If the shindig isn't at your place, make their smile even wider when they open the door to welcome you.



## TASTE THESE WINES

Did you know you can sample up to four wines from this feature story at the tasting bar in more than 100 LCBO stores, on Saturdays between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.? Visit LCBO.com and scroll down to "LCBO Events" for details and store locations. Remember, Vintages New Release Collection wines are only available at the LCBO.



KEW BLANC DE NOIRS 2020 \* VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method

Ontario makes stunning sparkling wines, as this Blanc de Noirs from 100% Pinot Noir attests. Crafted in the traditional method of Champagne, it's lush and toasty, with a crisp, mineral finish.

#### 96 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

Medium-b	odied	& Flavourful		
380030	(D)	750 mL	\$32.95	1

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTE, SEE PAGE 34.

#### **DECOY BRUT ROSÉ SPARKLING**

California, traditional method (Duckhorn Portfolio)

Made in the traditional method from 75% Pinot Noir and 25% Chardonnay, this radiant Brut Rosé lures you in with tantalizing aromas of Bing cherry, wild strawberry, candied lemon rind, and graham cracker.

#### Medium-bodied & Flavourful

37311 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 New at Vintages

#### RIVAROSE BRUT PRESTIGE ROSÉ SPARKLING

IGP Méditerranée, Salon de Provence, France

Made in sunny Provence from Grenache and Syrah grapes, this gorgeous pink fizz is like a

bowl of freshly picked berries in a glass. Just the thing for toasting New Year's Eve while secretly daydreaming of summer.

#### 95 points (Carolyn Evans Hammond, thestar.com)

Light & Fruity 515288 (D) 750 mL \$19.95

#### BLEASDALE THE POTTS FAMILY SPARKLING SHIRAZ

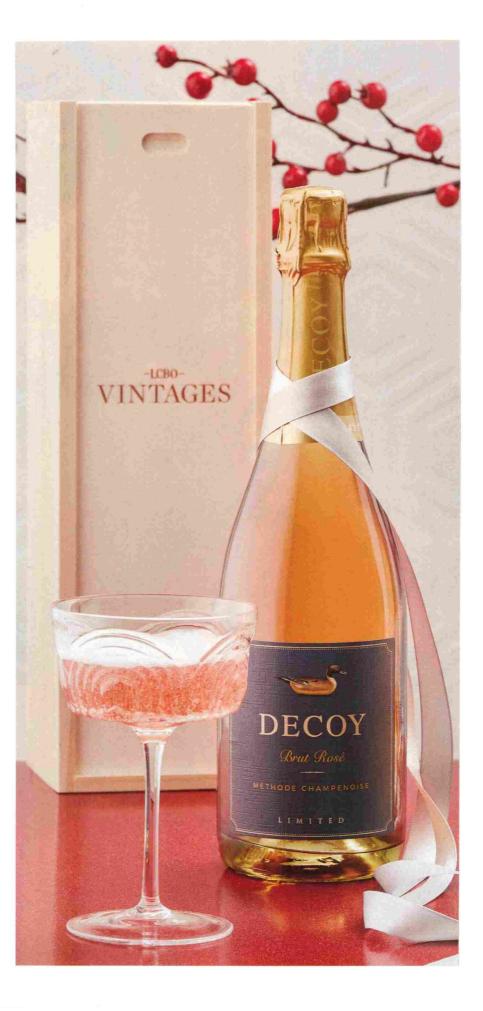
Langhorne Creek, South Australia

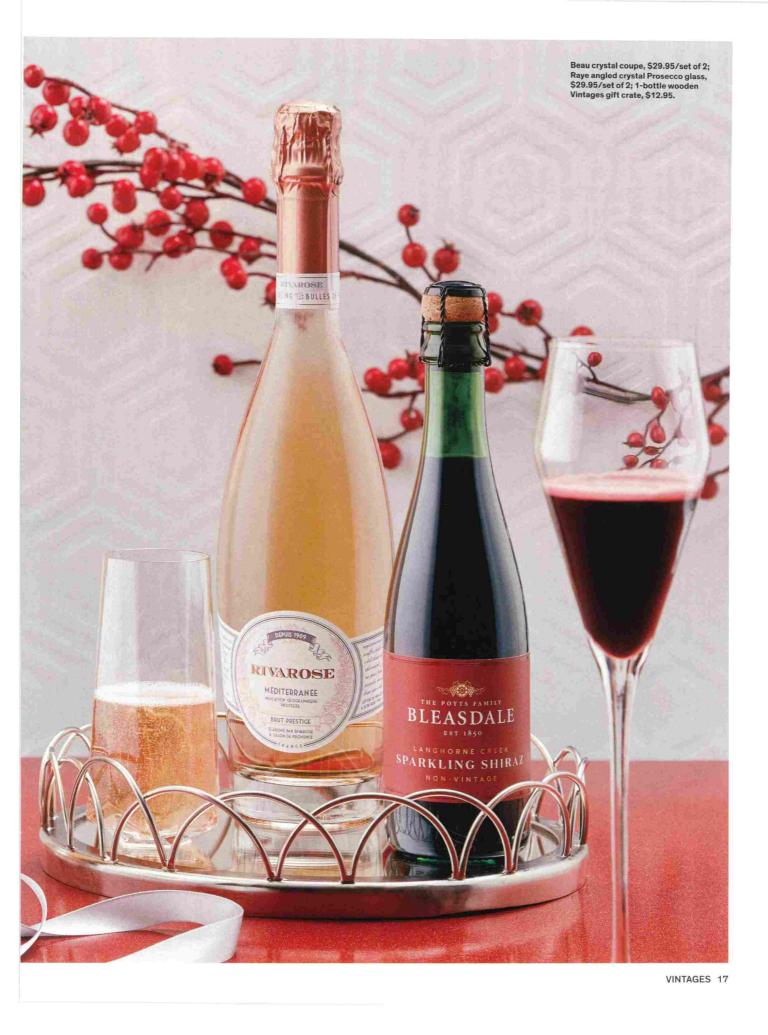
Sparkling Shiraz is already a novelty, but a semi-sweet version such as this is an even rarer treat. Presented in half-bottle size, it's perfect for sharing with a special someone while enjoying dessert.

#### 93 points (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 15694 (MS) 375 mL \$15.95

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 35 TO 36.





## **PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS**

Sometimes you want a wine so unforgettable that it becomes an enduring part of the memory of the occasion. These stunning bubblies are sure to make a lasting impression.

LOUIS ROEDERER MAISON FONDEE EN 1776 LOUIS ROEDERER M P A G

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#### LOUIS ROEDERER ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE 2017 AC, France

Louis Roederer is one of the most celebrated names in Champagne, and this vintage rosé bubbly illustrates why. Wonderfully elegant and nuanced, it evokes succulent orchard fruit, zesty citrus and a smoky, mineral finish.

93 points (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com)

> 1-bottle Vintages gift bag, \$2.95.

Rich & Complex 368415 (XD) 750 mL \$135.95 🗸

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#### GARDET TRADITION CUVÉE SAINT FLAVY BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, Chigny-les-Roses, France

This Champagne comes from Chigny-les-Roses, which is a charming village in the Montagne de Reims Regional Natural Park. Its notes of brioche and croissant will make you feel like you've just stepped out of a French café.

#### 92 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

Rich & Complex		
924654 (XD)	750 mL \$5	9.95 🧹

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTE, SEE PAGE 33.



GARDET





#### VEUVE CLICQUOT EXTRA BRUT EXTRA OLD CHAMPAGNE AC, France

This unique Champagne blends wines from various vintages, some dating back a quarter century or more, and then gives the wine additional ageing in barrel. The result is delicate, poised, and luxuriously toasty.

#### 95 points (Michael Edwards, decanter.com)

Rich & Complex 507889 (XD) 750 mL \$114.95

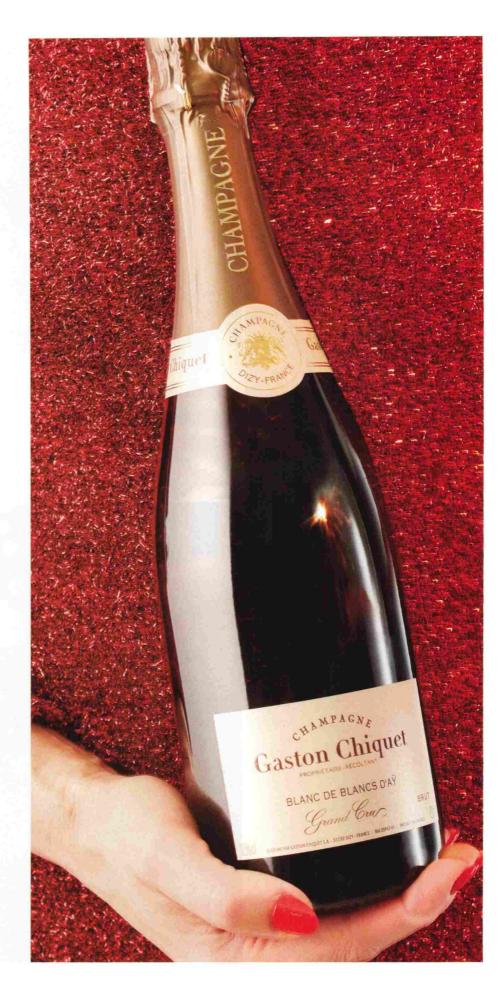


#### BELLAVISTA ALMA GRAN CUVÉE BRUT FRANCIACORTA

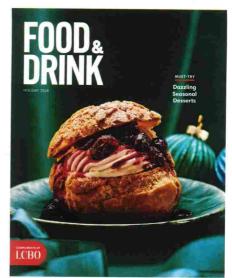
DOCG, Lombardy, Italy, traditional method Franciacorta is the Champagne of Italy – or is Champagne the Franciacorta of France? Made in the same method, both hold a place of honour as the most revered sparkling wine of their birthplace.

92 points (jamessuckling.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 514307 (XD) 750 mL \$56.95







## FOR FABULOUS FESTIVITIES

You might still find a copy of our popular Holiday-edition *Food & Drink* in your local store, or you can view the digital version on LCBO.com for more great gift ideas and endless inspiration for festive entertaining.

#### GASTON CHIQUET BLANC DE BLANCS D'AŸ GRAND CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, France, prop.-récolt.

Blanc de Blancs is made from Chardonnay and is considered by many insiders to be the most elegant expression of Champagne. Beautifully aromatic and complex, this one is brimming with character.

#### 92 points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com)

Rich & Com	plex			
63768	(D)	750 mL	\$91.95	1

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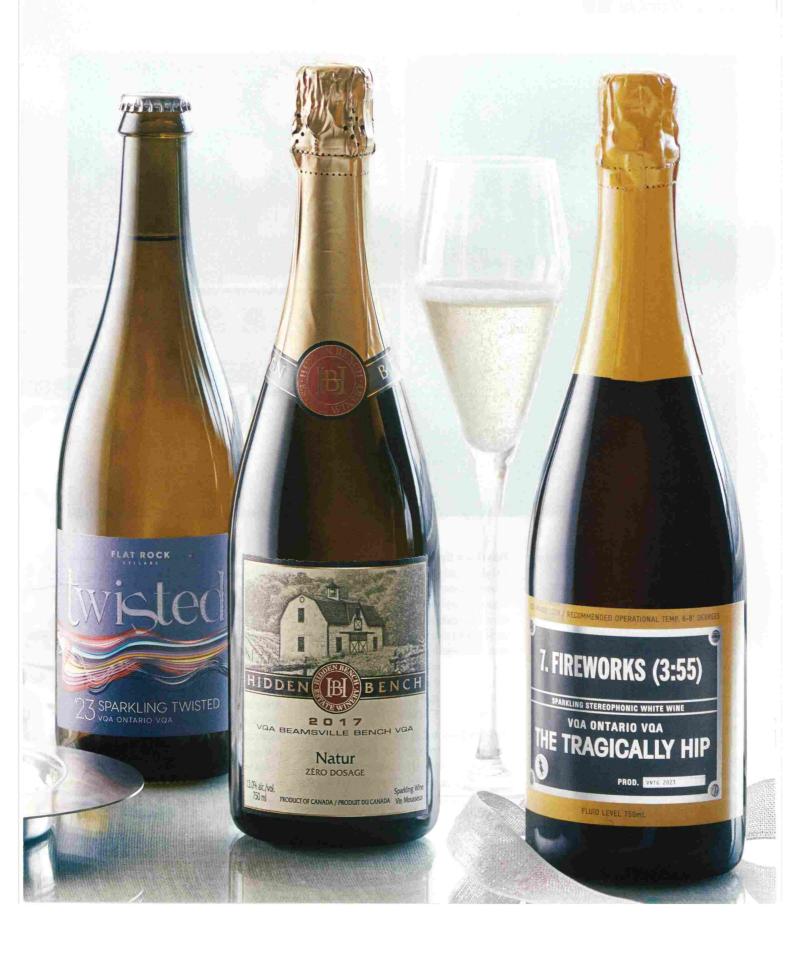


## **FESTIVE** FIZZ

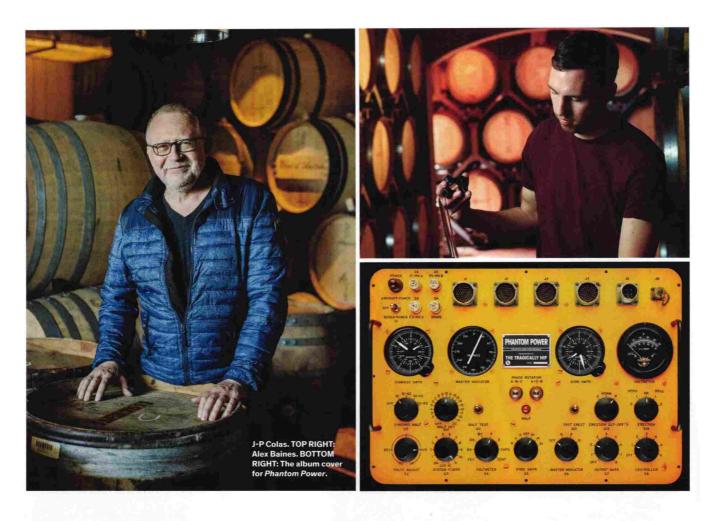
With its cool climate and skilled winemakers, Ontario makes sparkling wine that stands toe to toe with the best in the world. These four fabulous fizzes illustrate the point beautifully.



Beau crystal coupe (left, on tray), \$29.95/set of 2; Raye angled crystal Prosecco glass (right), \$29.95/set of 2. For more glassware options, visit LCBO.com.







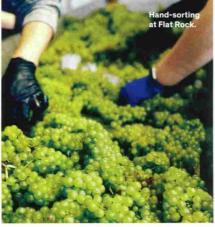
13th Street Winery makes their Premier Cuvée in the traditional method of Champagne from about two thirds Chardonnay and the rest Pinot Noir. Both varieties are sourced mainly from the winery's estate vineyards in Creek Shores, with some fruit coming from local growers in Creek Shores and nearby Niagara-on-the-Lake. After primary fermentation in stainless steel and secondary fermentation in bottle, the wine is aged on the lees for a minimum of 48 months. Following the ageing, winemaker J-P Colas felt the 2018 vintage was in perfect balance and decided to forego any sugar at the dosage stage, resulting in a classically dry style.

Flat Rock Cellars crafted their 2023 Twisted Sparkling as an adventurous blend composed of mainly Riesling with Chardonnay and a splash of Gewürztraminer. Forged in stainless steel tanks, the wine spent over a month ageing on the lees. The result is a fresh, crisp, lively wine with a sneaky complexity and just a subtle hint of sweetness. This 2023 marks the inaugural vintage for winemaker Andrea Perez Castillo.

Hidden Bench Estate Winery sourced all the fruit for their 2017 Natur from their own sustainably farmed estate vineyards. Blending just over half Pinot Noir with the rest Chardonnay, the wine is crafted in the traditional method and spent five years ageing on the lees, as well as seven months in neutral French oak barriques, creating a wine that's rich, toasty, and evocative of freshly baked brioche. Alex Baines, whose tenure at Hidden Bench began in 2017 and who became winemaker in 2022, added no dosage to the finished wine.

The Tragically Hip wines are the result of a collaboration dating back to 2014 between the band and the winemaking team at Stoney Ridge Estate Winery. This is the inaugural vintage of the Fireworks sparkling wine. "Fireworks" was a single from the band's 1998 album *Phantom Power*, which debuted at No. 1 on the Canadian Albums Chart and went on to





win Best Rock Album at the JUNO Awards in 1999. With input from guitarist Rob Baker, the wine's label concept pays homage to the award-winning album design of *Phantom Power* and the original single release of "Fireworks." Winemaker Kevin Panagapka blended Chardonnay harvested from a single vineyard in Lincoln Lakeshore with Riesling from Four Mile Creek, made the wine in stainless steel and aged it six months on the lees.

## finer points

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET PREMIER CUVÉE SPARKLING 2018 VQA Niagara Peninsula, traditional method

"Sparkling is a magical way to start any good party. I like to pair this wine with finger foods, particularly seafood dumplings with lemon aioli. Fresh oysters with a simple mignonette is another classic pairing. You can also top the oysters with breadcrumbs, herbs, and lightly torched cheese for something special."

Corinne Witusik, sommelier, 13th Street Winery

#### 91 points (Michael Godel)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 142679 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95

#### FLAT ROCK TWISTED SPARKLING 2023 VQA Ontario, tank method

"The 2023 Sparkling Twisted pairs perfectly with sushi, tempura vegetables, mildly spiced BBQ pork ribs, and the best sparkling pairing of all: salty potato chips." Ed Madronich, proprietor, Flat Rock Cellars

Light & Fruity 14421 (D) 750 mL \$19.95

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#### HIDDEN BENCH NATUR ZÉRO DOSAGE SPARKLING 2017 VOA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, traditional method

"I love this wine with cheese gougères made with Niagara Gold from Upper Canada Cheese Company. The richness of the gougères offsets the beautiful acidity in our Natur traditional-method sparkling wine when served as an aperitif. It's our local twist on a classic French pairing." Harald Thiel, proprietor, Hidden Bench Estate Winery

93 points (Rick VanSickle)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 42220 (XD) 750 mL \$47.20 **/** 

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#### THE TRAGICALLY HIP FIREWORKS SPARKLING 2023

VQA Ontario, Charmat method (Stoney Ridge Estate Winery)

"This wine makes a great sipper all on its own, and it's particularly good with oysters or sushi." Kevin Panagapka, winemaker, Stoney Ridge Estate Winery

91 points (Rick VanSickle)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 38302 (D) 750 mL \$26.95

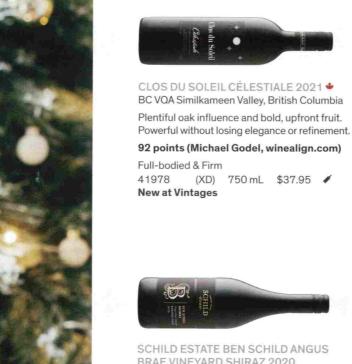
## The tastemakers

Our final **Online & Flagship Exclusives** collection this holiday season is an impressive grab-bag of sophisticated gifts for hosts, sumptuous wines for roasts, elegant bubbles for toasts and more. Think Brunello and Chianti Classico; Champagne and Cap Classique; white Châteauneuf-du-Pape; big Australian reds; plus Rivesaltes, Tokaji and Gewurztraminer to round out this sweet selection. Quantities are limited – don't miss out!

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CLOS DU SOLEIL CÉLESTIALE 2021 4 BC VQA Similkameen Valley, British Columbia Plentiful oak influence and bold, upfront fruit.

92 points (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

New at Vi	ntages			
41978	(XD)	750 mL	\$37.95	1
Full-bodie	a & Firm			



VOLCANIC HILLS LAVA RED 2020 \* BC VQA Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, vegan

Rich and jammy, with a delicate sweetness from a splash of Zweigelt Icewine. Intriguing and evocative.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41983 (M) 750 mL \$29.95 / New at Vintages



SCHILD ESTATE BEN SCHILD ANGUS **BRAE VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2020** Barossa Valley, South Australia

Opulent and silky, with concentrated blue and black fruit, clove, dark cocoa, oak spice and vanilla.

#### 95 points (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 🗸 58727



JUNIPER THREE FIELDS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022** Margaret River, Western Australia

Elegant, with mulberry, cassis, boysenberry, cocoa, and lifted herbal tones. Drink by 2036.

95 points (Jane Faulkner, winecompanion.com.au)

Full-bodie	d & Firm	1		
26903	(XD)	750 mL	\$34.95	1



**BRÜNDLMAYER TERRASSEN** RIESLING 2023\* DAC Kamptal, Austria

Lush, intense and concentrated, with white peach, spice, and a saline minerality. Will drink through 2040.

#### 92 points (Stephan Reinhardt, robertparker.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 40885 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 / **New at Vintages** & Organic product

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



PALMER BRUT RÉSERVE CHAMPAGNE AC, France

Bright, buoyant and charming. White flowers, clementine, peach, and toasted almond.

#### 91 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

**Rich & Complex** 39865 (XD) 750 mL \$85.95 🗸 New at Vintages

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WEGELER RHEINGAU RIESLING FEINHERB 2022 VDP Gutswein, Rheingau, Germany

Dry and racy, with excellent character, juicy fruit, and a classic stone-edged minerality.

92 points (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 39766 (D) 750 mL \$25.95 **/** New at Vintages



#### CANNETO RISERVA VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO 2017 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

Broad-shouldered, with plum, cherry, earth and leather. Dense and concentrated, with a long, fresh finish.

93 points (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 65854 (XD) 750 mL \$44.95 ✔ **<sup>g</sup>Organic product** 



#### CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2018 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

Roasted herbs, walnut, olive, dried cherry, and touches of leather and sage. Classy, with great depth.

95 points (jamessuckling.com) Full-bodied & Firm

740589 (XD) 750 mL \$101.95



#### BON TEMPO OLIVETO P.56 RISERVA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2016 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

Subtle, sophisticated and floral, with dark cherry and crushed stones. Will develop for 10-15 years.

#### 95 points (jamessuckling.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 37249 (XD) 750 mL \$106.95 **/** New at Vintages



GUADO AL TASSO CONT'UGO 2021 DOC Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy (Marchesi Antinori)

Plush and complex, with red apple, vanilla, chocolate, sweet tobacco and sandalwood. Drink through 2040.

#### 95 points (Audrey Frick, jebdunnuck.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 12620 (XD) 750 mL \$67.95 🗸



LA MASSA 2020 IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy

Dried cherry, cranberry, earth, and fresh wild herbs. Round and polished. Drink through 2030.

96 points (Danielle Callegari, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Firm 13688 (XD) 750 mL \$40.95



#### QUINTARELLI BIANCO SECCO 2023 IGT Veneto, Italy

Complex and tangy, with apricot, orange, honeysuckle, exotic spices and pepper. Drink through 2030.

Aromatic & Flavourful 34960 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 **/** New at Vintages



OUINTARELLI PRIMOFIORE 2022 IGT Veneto, Italy

Incense and spice atop wild raspberry, cherry, and forest floor. Will evolve into the early 2030s.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 20867 (XD) 750 mL \$112.95 **/** 



BLACK ELEPHANT MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE BRUT SPARKLING WO Franschhoek, South Africa, traditional method

Focused, vibrant and fresh, with grapefruit, lemon and baked apple. Spent 36 months on lees.

90 points (Platter's South African Wine Guide)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 37128 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 **/** New at Vintages

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#### ESTERHÁZY GROBE RESERVE BLANC DE NOIR BRUT NATURE SPARKLING 2019

Burgenland, Austria, traditional method 93 points (falstaff.com)

#### 95 points (raistari.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 40770 (XD) 750 mL \$59.95 **/** New at Vintages

#### HIEDLER RIED SCHENKENBICHL 1.ÖTW GRÜNER VELTLINER 2022\* DAC Kamptal, Austria, sustainable

#### 94 points (Peter Moser, falstaff.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 39761 (XD) 750 mL \$56.95 **/** New at Vintages

#### WALDSCHÜTZ NV STEINVISION Niederösterreich, Austria

#### Niederosterreich, Austria

91 points (Aleksandar Zecevic, Wine Enthusiast)

Aromatic & Flavourful 39760 (XD) 750 mL \$82.95 🗸

#### HIEDLER G-STÜCK PINOT NOIR 2021\*

Niederösterreich, Austria, sustainable Medium-bodied & Fruity 39762 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 New at Vintages

#### KORLAT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Dalmatian Coast, Croatia Full-bodied & Smooth 40875 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 New at Vintages

#### BOLLINGER BRUT ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE AC. France

94 points (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com) Rich & Complex 100503 (XD) 750 mL \$149.95

#### DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER KESSLER GEWURZTRAMINER 2021 AC Alsace Grand Cru, France

91 points (Aleksandar Zecevic, Wine Enthusiast)

Aromatic & Flavourful 307694 (MS) 750 mL \$37.95 🗸

#### DOMAINE BELLAVISTA XO VINTAGE AMBRÉ RIVESALTES 1999

AC, France Sweet 40320 (S) 750 mL \$22.95 New at Vintages

#### E. GUIGAL CHÂTEAUNEUF-

DU-PAPE BLANC 2021 AC, Rhône, France

91-93 points (Nicolas Greinacher, vinous.com)

Full-bodied & Rich 28618 (XD) 750 mL \$71.95

#### DOMAINE SABANIS PALEOMENOS RESERVE 2020\* PGI Central Greece

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41155 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 **/** New at Vintages

#### DISZNÓKO 6 PUTTONYOS TOKAJI ASZÚ 2003 Kapi Vineyard, Tokay-Hegyalja, Hungary

93 points (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 240952 (S) 500 mL \$168.95 🗸

#### ISOLE E OLENA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2021

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

95 points (Michael Godel, winealign.com) Full-bodied & Firm 39373 (XD) 1500 mL \$95.95 New at Vintages

#### LA FIORITA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

95 points (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com) Full-bodied & Firm 998195 (XD) 750 mL \$103.95 -

#### TIGNANELLO 2021

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy (Antinori)

98 points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com) Full-bodied & Firm 534511 (XD) 375 mL \$114.95

#### INAMA I PALCHI GRANDE CUVÉE FOSCARINO SOAVE CLASSICO 2021 DOC, Veneto, Italy

#### 97 points (jamessuckling.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 37410 (XD) 750 mL \$79.95 New at Vintages

#### PIEROPAN RUBERPAN VIGNA

MONTE GARZON VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2021 DOC, Veneto, Italy Medium-bodied & Fruity 22769 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 Organic product

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#### FORTIFIED WINE

evolve through 2039+.

#### EUROPEAN FORTIFIED

#### DOMAINE BELLAVISTA XO VINTAGE AMBRÉ RIVESALTES 1999





AC. France The Domaine Bellavista Extra Old Ambré Rivesaltes 1999 has characterful notes of caramel, nuts, toasted spice, orange, and dried fruits. A great option for pairing with cheese,

Sweet 40320 750 mL \$22.95 (S) **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 

#### SHERRY

#### HIDALGO LA GITANA TRIANA PEDRO XIMENEZ SHERRY DO, Spain



A viscous sweetie, with walnut, molasses and roasted sesame notes that cruise along, backed by hints of coffee, date and Boston brown bread on the finish. Delicious, though not for the uninitiated. Drink now. Score: 93 (James Molesworth, wine spectator.com, July 31, 2023)

Sweet 39467

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500 mL \$25.95 (S)

#### SPECIALTY WINES

#### MEAD

#### ROSEWOOD SPICED MEAD Ontario



This semi-sweet traditional mead was crafted from Rosewood's own wildflower honey, infused with a selection of vanilla bean, cinnamon and clove, then matured for six months. It makes a perfect fireside sipper served lightly chilled, or an equally enjoyable mulled mead served warmed and garnished with a cinnamon stick and fresh orange.

Medium 42224

(MS) 500 mL \$24.95



#### CHAMPAGNE

#### BOLLINGER BRUT ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE AC, France

Pretty hints of orchard blossoms and ripe fruit show on the nose of this statuesque rosé Champagne. Integrates a frame of vivid acidity and a rich underpinning of chalky minerality with a fine, raw silklike mousse that carries the layered flavors of wild cherry and strawberry, peach skin and Marcona almond. A touch of pleasingly bitter pink grapefruit pith cleans the finish. Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier. Drink now through 2029. Score: **94** (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com, Aug. 19, 2024)

Rich & Complex 100503 (XD) 750 mL **\$149.95 ✓** Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### GARDET TRADITION CUVÉE SAINT FLAVY BRUT CHAMPAGNE

AC, Chigny-les-Roses, France 45% Pinot Noir, 45% Pinot Meunier, 10% Chardonnay. Very complex aromas with brioche, croissant and bruised apples notes. Rich mouthfeel developing a precise style. Potential to age. Score: **92** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Rich & Complex 924654 (XD) 750 mL **\$59.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### GASTON CHIQUET BLANC DE BLANCS D'AŸ GRAND CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, France, prop.-récolt.

The NV Brut Blanc de Blancs d'Aÿ is bright, effusive and full of character. Chardonnay is so expressive in Aÿ, where the aromatics are beautifully lifted and there is plenty of depth. Lemon confit, spice, apricot, tangerine peel and light tropical notes all grace this superexpressive Blanc de Blancs. Disgorged: February, 2021. Drinking window: 2021-2028. Score: **92** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Nov. 2021)

Rich & Complex 63768 (D) 750 mL **\$91.95** 



#### LOUIS ROEDERER ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE 2017

AC, France

There's a succulent quality to the nectarine, white cherry and melon fruit flavors on display in this elegant rosé, though a firm spine of well-meshed acidity provides fine definition. Plush and creamy in texture, with a minerally underpinning of chalk and smoke, backed by pleasing hints of pink grapefruit pith, pickled ginger and toast that linger on the finish. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Drink now through 2034. Score: **93** (Alison Napjus, wine spectator.com, Sept. 25, 2024)

#### Rich & Complex

368415 (XD) 750 mL **\$135.95 Featured in Break out the Bubbles!** 



#### PALMER BRUT RÉSERVE CHAMPAGNE AC, France



51% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir, 19% Pinot Meunier. Charming nose of bright clementine and toasted almond, then to a palate of lime, greengage, white flower and fresh peach. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Rich & Complex 39865 (XD) 750 mL **\$85.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### VEUVE CLICQUOT EXTRA BRUT EXTRA OLD CHAMPAGNE AC, France

Lovely colour bright, delicate gold twinkles, superfine flowing cordon of bubbles. Poised intensity of aromas/flavours, greengage, peach and spiced lemon, a soupçon of liberating oak. Toasty finale. Drink: 2018-2025. Score: **95** (Michael Edwards, decanter.com, April 11, 2017)

Rich & Complex 507889 (XD) 750 mL \$114.95 Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 

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#### SPARKLING WINE

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET PREMIER CUVÉE SPARKLING 2018 ♥

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, traditional method Led by 63 percent chardonnay with (37) pinot noir ... Aromatic and lovely, with fresh chanterelle mushroom, inclusive of the tell-tale scent of a fresh cut apricot ... Crunchy stuff, apples everywhere, though admittedly not the most complex iteration (or vintage) of itself. If too soft and fuzzy for some there should be some love given to this demure sparkling wine all the same. Drink 2024-2026. Tasted blind at #NWACS24, June 2024. Score: **91** 

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 142679 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** 

(Michael Godel, winealign.com)



#### FLAT ROCK TWISTED SPARKLING 2023 \* VQA Ontario, tank method

The 2023 Twisted Sparkling is an adventurous blend composed of mainly Riesling (86%) with Chardonnay (13%) and a splash of Gewürztraminer (1%). Forged in stainless steel and aged on lees for over a month, it's fresh, crisp and lively, with suggestions of lemon, fruit tart, and white peach. The winemaker, Andrea Perez Castillo, suggests pairing it with sushi, tempura vegetables, or salty potato chips.

Light & Fruity 14421 (D) 750 mL **\$19.95** 

#### HIDDEN BENCH NATUR ZÉRO DOSAGE SPARKLING 2017 \* VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara

Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method ... spent five years on its lees before being disgorged in January of this year. It's a blend of 57% Pinot Noir and 43% Chardonnay from estate vineyards and spends seven months in 100% French oak, all neutral barriques ... complex nose of toasty/brioche, fresh lemon, grapefruit, pear, white flowers, a touch of flint and toasted almonds with subtle autolytic notes. It has energetic bubbles and verve on the palate with zesty citrus, green apple, lemon curd and pear in a rich and elegant style ... A fabulous sparkling wine. Score: **93** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, April 3, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 42220 (XD) 750 mL **\$47.20** Featured in Local Talent



#### KEW BLANC DE BLANCS 2017 \*

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method

Made from 100% Chardonnay, this bubbly spent five years ageing on the lees in barrel, imparting beautiful richness and depth. It evokes late-autumn apple, ripe pear, toasted macadamia nut, and a touch of citrus. It finishes with great length and toasty decadence.

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

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 438994 (D) 750 mL **\$32.95** Featured in Break out the Bubbles!



#### KEW BLANC DE NOIRS 2020 \* VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method 100% Pinot Noir. Crunchy red apples, yellow

plums and citrus bound effortlessly across the delicate mousse and melting acidity, with a lush toasty note and crisp mineral finish. Score: **96** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 380030 (D) 750 mL **\$32.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### PELLER ESTATES SIGNATURE SERIES CLASSIC ICE CUVÉE SPARKLING \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Icewine dosage, traditional method Yellow straw color. Aromas and flavors of shortbread, almond cookie, lemon and orange zest, and daisies with a round, effervescent, dry medium body and a long finish conveying accents of fresh pear, dried apricot, and spring flowers. An approachable and very solid example of Canadian sparkling wine bursting with fruit flavor while maintaining a citrus forward acidity. Exceptional. Score: **92** (tastings.com, April 7, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 284547 (M) 750 mL **\$36.95** Featured in Break out the Bubbles!

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#### PELLER ESTATES SIGNATURE SERIES ICE CUVÉE ROSÉ SPARKLING \*

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Icewine dosage, traditional method A lovely salmon pink, this versatile sparkler combines Chardonnay and Pinot Noir as the base wine with a dash of icewine. It displays sweet, almost honeyed, red berry fruit on the nose. Just off-dry due to dosage with Cabernet Franc and Vidal icewine, it has a fine, light mousse and replays the lively berry flavours on the palate – think of sun-kissed, field-ripe strawberries and juicy, ripe currant. It's refreshing with a hint of sweetness that lingers on the finish. This is bound to be a crowd-pleaser. Drink or cellar. Score: **93** (Susan Desjardins, winecurrent.com, Jan. 19, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 113035 (M) 750 mL **\$36.95** Featured in Break out the Bubbles!

#### THE TRAGICALLY HIP FIREWORKS SPARKLING 2023 \* VQA Ontario, Charmat method

(Stoney Ridge Estate Winery) ... 82% Chardonnay from Lincoln Lakeshore and 18% Riesling from Four Mile Creek. The wine spent six months on its lees. The nose starts with a toasty/brioche note followed by bright apple, pear and citrus with a gentle bead in the glass. The bubble is more robust on the palate followed by apple, quince and bergamot with subtle stony minerality and baked bread that all leads to a bright, clean finish with a just a touch of sweetness. Score: **91** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, June 18, 2024)

#### Medium-bodied & Flavourful 38302 (D) 750 mL **\$26.95**



FIREWORKS (3:55)

#### DECOY BRUT ROSÉ SPARKLING California, traditional method

(Duckhorn Portfolio) Made in the traditional method from 75% Pinot Noir and 25% Chardonnay, this radiant Brut Rosé lures you in with tantalizing aromas of Bing cherry, wild strawberry, candied lemon rind, and graham cracker. On the palate, generous fruit flavours are framed by a lively balance between luxurious mousse and vibrant acidity, which carries the wine to a bright, sophisticated finish.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 37311 (XD) 750 mL **\$39.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### BLEASDALE THE POTTS FAMILY SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Langhorne Creek, South Australia [Though not the same release reviewed by Vic Harradine, this wine will offer similar character and quality.] Lifted appealing aromas of dark berry fruit – raspberry, currant and plum compote ... lively, fresh wash of off-dry flavours – black plum, bramble berry and dark cherry adorned with piquant spice, mocha and hints of dark chocolate ... Pour on its own to welcome guests or with roast duck. Remove from the fridge twenty minutes before service. Drink now. [A style that will drink for 2+ years from release.] Score: **93** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Dec. 7, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 15694 (MS) 375 mL **\$15.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### OYSTER BAY ROSÉ SPARKLING CUVÉE

New Zealand, tank method Salmon pink. Gentle red berries with a refreshing acidity. Some lovely crushed hazelnuts on the palate. Long refreshing finish. Score: **90** (International Wine Challenge, 2023)

Light & Fruity 280172 (D) 750 mL **\$22.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### BLACK ELEPHANT MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE BRUT SPARKLING WO Franschhoek, South Africa



Wonderfully elegant (12% alc), fresh & vibrant 75/25 blend, 36 months on lees, up on last. Mostly citrus in NV, intense & focused, lemon & grapefuit, palate showing richness, a honeyed baked apple flavour. Score: **90** (*Platter's South African Wine Guide*, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 37128 (XD) 750 mL **\$49.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### SPARKLING WINE CONT'D

#### ESTERHÁZY GROBE RESERVE BLANC DE NOIR BRUT NATURE SPARKLING 2019

Burgenland, Austria, traditional method The base wine for this refined, taut sparkler is sourced from 20-year-old vines and was fermented in stainless steel before spending three years resting on the lees. There's good weight and structure alongside the citrus, sour cherry, bread and nuts, with a rich saline character to the pure mineral tone. This will evolve through 2028+.

[Falstaff.com did not include a tasting note.] Score: **93** (falstaff.com, April 10, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 40770 (XD) 750 mL \$59.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### BOUVET LADUBAY BOUVET BRUT DE LOIRE SAUMUR BRUT SPARKLING

AC, Loire, France, traditional method Made in the traditional method from 80% Chenin Blanc and 20% Chardonnay, this exhilaratingly fragrant wine suggests spring blossoms, honeysuckle, acacia, and crunchy green apple and pear fruit. Pair with lobster, ceviche, or smoked fish.

[Bettane+Desseauve did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (bettanedesseauve.com, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 40866 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95 /** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### RIVAROSE BRUT PRESTIGE ROSÉ SPARKLING IGP Méditerranée.

Salon de Provence, France On the nose, it exudes soft, subtle aromas of freshly sliced apricot, ripe raspberry and almond nougat. The palate is restrained. Sheer. With dry, airy flavours of raspberry and struck steel, toasted meringue and grapefruit zest that linger on the finish. There are bubbles too, but they're small. Delicate. A steady stream of tiny beads that add a mousse-like mouthfeel. The aromas, flavours and texture coax you back sip after sip much the same way a great fragrance draws you in again and again – like a quiet secret. Score: **95** (Carolyn Evans Hammond, thestar.com, July 3, 2024)

Light & Fruity 515288 (D) 750 mL **\$19.95** 

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#### CASERE TERRA VIZINA MILLESIMATO EXTRA DRY PROSECCO 2023



This classic, vivacious vintage Prosecco is made from 100% Glera harvested from the winery's own estate vineyard. It's lively and elegant on the palate, with crisp acidity, fine balance and a persistent finish. Impressively versatile, it'll pair with hors d'œuvres, tempura veggies, seafood arancini and more.

#### Light & Fruity 39675 (D) 750 mL \$18.95 Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!*

#### FOSS MARAI MILLESIMATO GUIA BRUT VALDOBBIADENE SUPERIORE PROSECCO 2023 DOCG, Italy



To qualify as Prosecco Superiore DOCG, the wine must be from one of a handful of historic communes (in this case, Valdobbiadene) and meet strict quality benchmarks. This wine is Foss Marai's flagship fizz and it's classically elegant, expressive and refined. A good choice for shellfish, calamari, or antipasti misti.

Light & Fruity 39641 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* 



#### BELLAVISTA ALMA GRAN CUVÉE BRUT FRANCIACORTA

DOCG, Lombardy, Italy, traditional method Aromas of acacia honey, white pepper, green apples and lemon pulp with fresh dough. Firm acidity with a lean body, yet a fine, creamy mousse. Good finish. Disgorged 2024. Drink now. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, July 8, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 514307 (XD) 750 mL **\$56.95** 



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#### JUVE & CAMPS BRUT NATURE GRAN RESERVA RESERVA DE FAMILIA CAVA 2019

Cava, Spain, traditional method A rich hint of grilled nuts is well-meshed with flavors of poached apricot and white cherry in this elegant sparkler, backed by lively acidity. The creamy mousse carries notes of tangerine peel, grated ginger and honey on the finish. Macabeo, Xarel-lo and Parellada. Drink now. Score: **91** (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com, Sept. 26, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 39815 (XD) 750 mL **\$27.95** Featured in *Break out the Bubbles!* Ørganic product

**CANADA** – WHITE WINE

ROSE HILL PRIVATE RESERVE

This crisp, elegant Chardonnay opens with subtle

of apple, pear, white peach and citrus on the way to

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 <

floral and spice notes that are joined by notions

a long, balanced finish. Pair with pan-fried fish.

CHARDONNAY 2023 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Full-bodied & Rich

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#### TRINITY BY HINTERBROOK 2018 \* VQA Niagara Lakeshore



This wine is a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot with a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, all of which were sourced from a single estate vineyard in Niagara Lakeshore. The wine spent 36 months in oak barrels. Poised and polished, it will deliver stately dark fruit and impressive structure.

#### Full-bodied & Firm

42222 (XD) 750 mL **\$42.95** 

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### CLOS DU SOLEIL CÉLESTIALE 2021 \* BC VQA Similkameen Valley



A merlot led blend at 55 percent with (19) cabernet franc, (12) cabernet sauvignon and (7 each) malbec plus petit verdot. So many red blends exist in this heavy oak fuelled vacuum and herein lies the rambling gait and rumbling thunder of another. There is plenty of fruit substance to back it up this time and the blend actually comes away with some grace and even elegance. This should last a very long time. Drink 2025-2030. Tasted blind at #NWACS24, June 2024. Score: **92** (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 41978 (XD) 750 mL \$37.95 **/** Online & Flagship Exclusive

#### VOLCANIC HILLS LAVA RED 2020 \*



BC VQA Okanagan Valley, vegan Volcanic Hills Winery is so named because the Okanagan Valley was home to volcanic peaks during the Jurassic period, 180- to 60-million years ago. This wine is a quirky blend of Zweigelt, Merlot, Maréchal Foch and Pinot Noir that spent 12 months ageing in oak. A splash of Zweigelt Icewine is added just before bottling, lending delicate sweetness to the rich, jammy fruit.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41983 (M) 750 mL **\$29.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive

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#### CANADA - RED WINE

#### ONTARIO

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#### ROSEWOOD PINOT NOIR 2020 🍁 VQA Twenty Mile Bench,

Niagara Escarpment The 2020 vintage in Ontario was dry with consistently moderate temperatures, which is ideal for most wine varieties, Pinot Noir included. Rosewood fermented this Pinot using ambient yeast, matured the wine for 18 months in French oak barrels and bottled it without fining or filtration. The result is an expressive, balanced wine that will evolve and impress through 2035.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 42223 (XD) 750 mL **\$49.95** 



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#### **USA** – WHITE WINE

#### CALIFORNIA

#### ANGELINE CALIFORNIA **CHARDONNAY 2022** California

Dry and fresh with a matchstick and dried apple character. Medium body and steely at the end. Dried pears come through in the finish. Drink now. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 1, 2024)

Light & Crisp 10849





#### CHATEAU BUENA VISTA NAPA VALLEY **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020**

Napa Valley (Boisset Collection)

Expressive and lush nose of creamy berries, dark cherries, vanilla, cassis and sweet oak spices. Full body with fine, creamy tannins. Rich and full of generous creamy berries and an equally demonstrative and dense finish with excellent length. Better from 2025. Score: 94 (jamessuckling.com, Jan. 4, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL **\$64.95** 539106 (D)



#### **USA** - RED WINE

#### CALIFORNIA

#### **BREAD & BUTTER RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020** Napa Valley

Bold aromas of toasted oak, cedar and cloves are echoed on the palate where smoky, tobacco-like flavors meet tangy black cherries. The texture is packed with firm tannins for a grippy mouthfeel. Best from 2026. Score: 91 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2023)

#### Full-bodied & Firm

27400 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95



CANNONBALL

#### **CANNONBALL MERLOT 2021** California

Cannonball 2021 Merlot is a consistent crowd pleaser and is still great value ... So ready to enjoy now, this Merlot is dry, medium-plus-bodied and lush with aromas of blackberry jam, dark plum, dried herbs, cocoa powder with a mineral kiss on the palate. Tannins are rounded and well-integrated. About 80% of the grapes for this wine were harvested from Mendocino County with the balance from multiple parcels along the California coast. Drink: 2024-2028. Score: 91 (nataliemaclean.com, June 8, 2024)



Full-bodied & Smooth 342824 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95



FLOWERS

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#### Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County Ripe ruby/red in color, the 2022 Pinot Noir Sonoma

FLOWERS PINOT NOIR 2022

Coast is ripe and spicy, with aromas of cherries, cinnamon, beet root, and incense. Medium-bodied, it has a weightless feel, a chalky, fine-grained texture, and a spicy finish with notes of gravelly earth. It floats away on the palate and will have a wide drinking window over the next 7-8 years. Maturity: 2024-2032. Score: 93 (Audrey Frick. jebdunnuck.com, June 27, 2024)





Produced by Chris & Jay Indelicato, Irony 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from sustainably grown grapes from the Red Hills, Lake County wine region, as well as from select sites in the Potter Valley, Alexander Valley and Mendocino County wine regions. Dry, full-bodied and rich with cassis, dark plum, chocolate and toasty oak spice flavours on the palate. Easy to love and very approachable now. Drink: 2024-2028. Score: 90 (nataliemaclean. com, June 8, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 25106 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

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J. LOHR FOG'S REACH PINOT NOIR 2022

Arroyo Seco, Monterey County, sustainable This widely available bottling should satisfy most people's desires in a domestic Pinot Noir. Boisterous aromas of pomegranate, cherry compote, toasted sage and bay leaf combine the fruit with the earth. The palate is joyous in black cherry-cola flavors, as a bright acidity and peppery spice fires up the finish. Editors' Choice. Score: **93** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 186148 (XD) 750 mL **\$49.95** 



#### WASHINGTON

#### CATACLYSM COLUMBIA VALLEY RED BLEND 2020 Columbia Valley



This has toasty notes of grilled plums, sage and burnt oranges. It's ripe, fleshy and juicy with a full body. 29% merlot, 28% syrah, 26% malbec, 11% petite sirah and 6% cabernet sauvignon. Drink now or hold. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, March 4, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39159 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 🗸



#### SILVER OAK NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 Napa Valley

... a beautifully compact wine that delivers complex and nuanced aromas of Bing cherry and black raspberry with tobacco, currant leaf, and cedarwood laced with dried sage. Focused and linear on the medium to full-bodied palate, showing expressive dark berry character and exotic oak spices with a firm backbone of fine-grained structured tannins. Cool raspberry, cherry, and blackberry fruit are perfectly represented, and the lengthy finish is crisp, lively, and energetic. No doubt, this is one to cellar ... Drinking window: 2024-2038. Score: **96** (Jonathan Cristaldi, decanter.com, Dec. 20, 2023) Full-bodied & Firm

936039 (XD) 750 mL \$325.95 🗸



#### THE PRISONER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 Napa Valley

Consistently bold, The Prisoner cabernet sauvignon is enhanced with small amounts of merlot, syrah, malbec, petite sirah, and charbono grapes which have been aged for 15 months in both old and new French and American barrels. Blousy but not sweet with very good concentration and nice bit of graphite and bitterness to lend dimension to the palate. A reasonably balanced vintage for this wine. Chill slightly to quell the heat. Best 2025-2030. Tasted July 2024. Score: **90** (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 20723 (XD) 750 mL **\$69.95** 



#### ARGENTINA - RED WINE

#### CAFAYATE TERROIR DE ALTURA MALBEC 2022

Salta (Etchart)

Another of Etchart's very good and fruity malbecs, this includes 10% bonarda to give it even more fruit. Made with 10% stems in the fermentation, it has a good network of tannins that pierce the palate and call for meat. Aging lasted 10 months, but all in used oak to help shape those tannins. A very good value for money here, in a typical malbec from Cafayate, an area where the sun abounds. Score: **91** (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 38502 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** 



#### EL ESTECO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2023 Valle de Cafayate

Dark olives, ashtray, blackberries and tobacco leaves. Sleek and medium- to full-bodied on the palate with sweet berries and lightly chewy tannins in the finish. Tight and pretty long. Better in one or two years. Drink from 2025. Score: **92** (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, May 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 568907 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** 

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#### PÉREZ CRUZ LIMITED EDITION CABERNET FRANC 2022 DO Valle del Maipo

Pérez Cruz has a good reputation for cabernet sauvignon from the Huelquén zone in the Andean Alto Maipo, but check out its cabernet francs, which have also given good results. This has deliciously sweet fruit, herbs, and light touches of tobacco. The palate is silky and friendly. One for meaty stews. Score: **91** (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2024)

#### Full-bodied & Firm

10591 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸



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#### AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

JUNIPER THREE FIELDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022 Margaret River, Western Australia An elegant, refined and lovely wine. Brimming with all the good regional cabernet flavours of mulberries and cassis, spiced boysenberries, a dusting of cocoa and just the right amount of leafy/herbal freshness. Sure, there's cedary oak in the mix (the wine's aged 14 months in French barriques, 30% new), but the fruit has sucked it up. Fuller bodied, the tannins are textural, almost grainy and ripe, and the finish lingers. Impressive. Drink from: 2024. Drink by: 2036. Special Value. Score: **95** (Jane Faulkner, winecompanion.com.au, June 14, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 26903 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### LEEUWIN SIBLINGS SHIRAZ 2022

Margaret River, Western Australia A neatly crafted medium bodied shiraz that has a tiny percentage of malbec. It's bright as a button with lifted berry fruits displaying a light dusting of spices and a little savoury influence. The palate is smooth and seamlessly brought together with the fruit pretty and delicious. Nice earlier drinking wine. Score: **91** (Ray Jordan, rayjordanwine.com. au, undated)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 15993 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95 🗸



#### SCHILD ESTATE BEN SCHILD ANGUS BRAE VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2020

Barossa Valley, South Australia A splendidly opulent offering with black/blueberry, vanillin oak, clove and dark cocoa notes, it's concentrated and silky in the mouth displaying excellent fruit richness with silky flow and fine tannins. Long, delicious and fabulously drinkable. At its best: now to 2034. Score: **95** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, May 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 58727 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive

THE HEDONIST CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 McLaren Vale, South Australia, sustainable, vegan

Reconciling organic/biodynamic certification in the vineyard with responsible winemaking practises is a cultural challenge in Australia. It is getting better. Here is an example. A lovely scent of mulch, bark, currants of both hues and black olive tapenade. Sage and bay leaf give a savoriness to the tannins, rolled just tight enough for tension, but loose enough for imminent pleasure. Excellent drinking for the money. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (Ned Goodwin, MW, jamessuckling.com, July 18, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 462523 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts



#### TORBRECK OLD VINES GRENACHE/ MOURVEDRE/SHIRAZ 2022

Barossa Valley, South Australia Australia is home to some of the oldest ungrafted Grenache, Mataro (a.k.a. Mourvèdre) and Shiraz (a.k.a. Syrah) in the world, and Torbreck has plots that range up to 160 years. Made from fruit picked by hand, this wine is aged for 24 months in old French oak. Rich and plush, it delivers ripe red and dark fruit, spice, and delicate smoke and earth tones.

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#### AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

#### ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP LAKE DOCTOR SHIRAZ 2021

Langhorne Creek, South Australia, vegan Delightfully ripe and immediately appealing, the wine shows dark berry, violet, game and pepper spice aromas on the nose, followed by a succulent palate displaying fleshy texture with fine-grained tannins, offering terrific drinking. At its best: now to 2033. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Feb. 2023)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 72975
 (XD)
 750 mL
 \$18.95
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#### **NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE**

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#### BABICH SINGLE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 Wairau Valley, Marlborough,

South Island, sustainable, vegan Fragrant, fresh, varietal and floral with a classic and gently pungent bouquet of flowers and pears, apples and citrus with some lifted tropical fruit qualities and wet stone mineral scent. A silky, plush and elegant touch with contrasting acidity and core fruit flavours that reflect the bouquet. Pure, fresh, ripe and delicious. Best drinking from 2022 through 2026+. Excellent. Score: **94** (Cameron Douglas, MS, camdouglasms.com, Dec. 6, 2022)

Aromatic & Flavourful 36903 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95 Organic product** 

#### STAETE LANDT DUCHESS WILD BARREL FERMENT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022



Marlborough, South Island, sustainable This wine has been been made using a wild fermentation in a oak barrel technique. The aromas and flavours from this approach have delivered a bouquet palate of richness, texture and power without compromising on the core scents of Sauvignon Blanc – these are fresh green herbs and bell-pepper, a mix of passionfruit and mango, pink grapefruit and apple. The barrel ferment also delivers flavours of spice and fine grained tannins. A satin texture, medium+ acid line and even lengthy finish. Well made, just dry and delicious. Best drinking from 2023 through end of summer 2027. Excellent. Score: **93** (Cameron Douglas, MS, camdouglasms. com, Sept. 10, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 19762 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95

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#### STONELEIGH ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024 Wairau Valley, Marlborough,

South Island, sustainable, vegan





Aromatic & Flavourful 36894 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95 Organic product** 



#### THORNBURY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Marlborough, South Island Beautifully fruited and inviting, the bouquet shows grapefruit, green rockmelon, feijoa and jasmine aromas, followed by a fruit-forward palate offering terrific fruit purity and intensity. Upfront and highly enjoyable. At its best: now to 2026. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Sept. 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 734798 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95** 



#### VILLA MARIA CELLAR SELECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Marlborough, South Island, sustainable This is instantly appealing on the nose with kiwifruit, grapefruit, apricot and lime zest aromas. The palate delivers terrific fruit power and persistency, combined with juicy acidity, finishing wonderfully long and delicious. At its best: now to 2026. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, March 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 974527 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 





WITHER HILLS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023 Marlborough, South Island, sustainable This almost clear Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand opens with an appealing lime zest and mild yellow grapefruit bouquet with hints of faint celery. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied with medium plus acidity. The mouthfeel is round, bright, zesty, and mouthwatering. The flavor profile is a lime and grapefruit blend with notes of kiwi and ginger. I also detected hints of saline and kumquat. The finish is dry and refreshing. This Sauvignon Blanc would pair well with a grilled swordfish sandwich and the beach. Enjoy. Score: **90** (Ken Gargett, kenswineguide.com, July 7, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 919514 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



#### NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

LAWSON'S DRY HILLS INVINITI PINOT NOIR 2022 Marlborough, South Island, sustainable, vegan

Made from 100% Pinot Noir sustainably grown on the winery's Wairau Valley vineyard, this 2022 evokes juicy cherry and berry with hints of spice in an elegant, supple frame. Pair it with roast ham, seared tuna, or pasta in a pink sauce with bell peppers and mushrooms.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 37401 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95** 



#### SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

#### DE WETSHOF BON VALLON CHARDONNAY 2023 WO Robertson

WO Robertson Opening with a citrus and mineral-driven nose, the 2023 Bon Vallon Chardonnay displays notions of wet concrete and petrichor before aromas of lemon oil sway out of the glass. Medium-bodied, the palate displays fresh notions of citrus blossom with spiced white tea while delivering vibrant acidity with a balanced structure possessing freshness and finesse ... the wine rested on the lees for between 80 and 120 days. Drink date: 2023-2030. Score: **92** (Anthony Mueller, robertparker.com,



Light & Crisp 403675 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 🗸

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

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#### REYNEKE ORGANIC SHIRAZ/

**SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE** 





Made from 98% Shiraz with just a splash of Cabernet, this wine spent 12 months in seasoned oak barrels. It delivers notes of red cherry, violets, baking spices and black pepper, with a wonderfully smoky undertone and a dry, structured finish.

Full-bodied & Firm 37534 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95 ✓ ✓ Organic product** 

#### **ARMENIA** - RED WINE

#### YEREVAN 782 BC DRY RED 2023\* Armavir, Aragatsotn



This wine is a blend of the traditional Armenian grapes Areni and Karmrahyut, both of which are known for producing elegant wines with excellent structure. It's quite juicy and fresh, with ripe, sweet red fruit, brooding dark fruit, spice, and touches of dried fruit. Pair it with beef stews.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41365 (XD) 750 mL **\$21.95** 

#### AUSTRIA - WHITE WINE

#### BRÜNDLMAYER TERRASSEN RIESLING 2023\* DAC Kamptal



Bründlmayer's 2023 Riesling Terrassen is super clear and remarkably intense on the bright, elegant, beautifully aromatic and saline nose that is reminiscent of white peach and crushed rock. It is lush, round and savory on the palate, with spicy aromatics, concentrated white peach fruit, sur lie texture and ripe yet tension-giving acidity and mineral tension. This is a remarkably hedonistic Riesling in a lighter, XS style. 13% stated alcohol. Tasted in March 2024. Drink date: 2024-2040. Score: **92** (Stephan Reinhardt, robertparker.com, May 23, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 40885 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive

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#### AUSTRIA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

#### HIEDLER RIED SCHENKENBICHL **1.ÖTW GRÜNER VELTLINER** 2022\*

DAC Kamptal, sustainable

Medium yellow green, silver reflections. Delicate orange zest, meadow herbs, yellow apple fruit, some mango and papaya, tangerines in the background. Juicy, subtle fruit, dark minerality, a certain opulence, a touch of blossom honey in the finish. Good ageing potential. [Has what it takes to evolve for another 20 years.] Score: 94 (Peter Moser, falstaff.com, March 11, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful (XD) 750 mL \$56.95 39761 **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 



#### WALDSCHÜTZ NV STEINVISION Niederösterreich

Bracing acidity highlights the pure notes of white raspberry, ginger, quinine and heather in this intriguing white. Its velvety texture adds to the character, as this stays focused through the long, mouthwatering finish. Score: 91 (Aleksandar Zecevic, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 39760 (XD) 750 mL \$82.95 **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 



#### **BULGARIA** - RED WINE

#### BLACK SEA GOLD PENTAGRAM CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 PGI Thracian Valley



Black Sea Gold Winery began producing wines in 1924. Beginning in 2007, they invested heavily in technologies to support a micro-winemaking approach focused on producing high-quality smallbatch wines. This Cabernet is rich and ripe, with bountiful black cherry, berry, dark chocolate, oak spice and toast. A wine for burgers, or hearty beef or veggie stews.

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 41378



**KABILE RESERVE SYRAH 2016** PGI Thracian Valley (Yambol)



100% Syrah. A savoury and meaty wine with soft tannins, ripe black fruit, smoked ham and spices; good fruit expression and balance. Puts on an impeccable performance. Beautiful wine - and such stunning value! Enjoy now [through 2028+]. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 41369 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 <



#### AUSTRIA - RED WINE

#### **HIEDLER G-STÜCK** PINOT NOIR 2021\*

Niederösterreich, sustainable

The "G" stands for the German word ganz (whole) and is a reference to ganzes stück: the tradition of using handpicked, whole-bunch (stem included) grapes for fermentation. Quite complex, this wine offers lifted rose notes on the nose, with raspberry, cherry, cranberry, earth, herbs and spice on the palate. It has the potential to develop through 2036.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39762 (XD) 750 mL \$74.95 **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 



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#### **CROATIA** - RED WINE

#### KORLAT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020 **Dalmatian** Coast



This is a dark, brooding Cabernet Sauvignon that offers wonderful concentration and depth of flavour. Look for richly defined blackberry, cassis, plum and spice. Pair with lamb, roasted mushrooms, or mature cheeses.

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 40875 **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 

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





#### **FRANCE - WHITE WINE**

#### ALSACE

#### DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER **KESSLER GEWURZTRAMINER 2021** AC Alsace Grand Cru

Full bodied, with an open and appealing profile, offering honey, mango and spice flavors, picking up white pepper on the finish. It shows a bit of creaminess but with nice balance, and a touch of bittersweetness reining in the finish. Score: 91 (Aleksandar Zecevic, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2024)

#### Aromatic & Flavourful (MS) 750 mL \$37.95 🗸 307694 **Online & Flagship Exclusive**



TRIMBACH

#### **TRIMBACH RIESLING 2022** AC Alsace

The wide spectrum of citrus, crisp pear and stone fruit aromas announces a remarkable achievement for an entry-level wine. Excellent depth on the racy, medium-bodied palate where the chalky minerality beautifully counterpoints the cool fruit. Crisp, long finish with so much vitality. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold [into the early 2030s]. Score: 92 (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com, May 30, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 734517 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95



#### BURGUNDY

#### DENIS RACE MONTMAINS CHABLIS 1ER CRU 2022 AC, sustainable

Sourced from a five-hectare vineyard that has vines ranging from 10 to 65 years of age, this refined, pure wine has snappy apple, grapefruit and pear, with some tropical fruit character and an undeniable minerality. Enjoy it tonight with grilled chicken or give it another 3-5 years in your cellar.

Light & Crisp (XD) 750 mL \$45.95 🗸 557710



#### THIERRY DROUIN PLAISANCE POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2022 AC



This wine is sourced from Pouilly-Fuissé's southern reaches, where grapes can achieve excellent ripeness. It's charming and floral on the nose, with a palate that suggests tangy orchard fruit, tropical fruit, vanilla, hazelnut, and saline minerality. Try it with Asian spiced chicken dishes or a seafood platter. It has the potential to drink into the early 2030s.

#### Full-bodied & Rich (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 38092



#### LAURENT MIQUEL NORD SUD **VIOGNIER 2023** IGP Pays d'Oc

The eighth in a line of winemakers, Laurent Miquel joined the family tradition by transforming their Viognier plantings into an accessible, high-quality product. You can feel the passion for the grape variety in this wine, with its lovely flavours of yellow apple and tangerine accented by hints of sunflower seeds and honeysuckle.

Aromatic & Flavourful 673236 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



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#### LOIRE

#### **SERGE DAGUENEAU & FILLES TRADITION POUILLY-FUMÉ 2023** AC.



This wine is sourced from vines grown in calcareous clay soils that encourage complexity, balance, and a grippy, chalky texture. It's ripe and expressive, with green apple, passion fruit, green pea, lemon and mineral. It will be best before 2028, but could evolve beyond that.

Aromatic & Flavourful 323634 (XD) 750 mL \$38.95







#### FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

#### RHÔNE

#### E. GUIGAL CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE **BLANC 2021** AC

Coming in a notch above the 2020, the 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is laced with lemon flesh, yellow apple, cedar, white peach and pear. Showing brighter acidity than the 2020, the 2021 packs lovely energy and classic expression. I look forward to tasting the finished wine once bottled. Drinking window: 2024-2027. Score: 91-93 (Nicolas Greinacher, vinous.com, June 13, 2024)

#### Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$71.95 28618 **Online & Flagship Exclusive** 



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#### FRANCE - RED WINE

#### BORDEAUX

#### CHÂTEAU HAUCHAT 2020 AC Fronsac

(Famille Saby)

This excellent introduction to Left Bank Bordelais style is crafted by ninth-generation winemaking duo Jean-Phillippe and Jean-Christophe Saby. It's 100% Merlot and shows a bouquet of ripe red fruit accented by hints of dried herbs and cloves.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 123489 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



#### CHÂTEAU HYOT 2020

#### AC Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux (Alain Aubert, prop.)

While the wine is currently dry and dominated by tannins, it has just the right weight of fruit in the background. It needs time for fruit and wood aging to come together in the wine's potential richness. Drink from 2025. Score: 92 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2022)



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



#### **CHÂTEAU SIAURAC 2014**

AC Lalande-de-Pomerol The ample fruitiness of this 80% Merlot wine is right up front. It comes from a large 116-acre estate on the extension of the Pomerol plateau. Firm tannins as well as generous black plum and berry fruits are well balanced, just needing time to soften and fill out. Drink this full, rich wine from 2018 [through 2026]. Score: 91 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Feb. 1, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 39300



#### CHÂTEAU HAUT-SIMARD 2018 AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

(Famille Vauthier) A creamy and beautiful red with black berry, tobacco, ash and bark. It's medium to full-bodied with a lovely ripe tannin and a tight finish. Try after 2024 [and through mid-to-late 2030s]. Score: 93 (james suckling.com, March 3, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 31706 (XD) 750 mL \$56.95



#### BEAUJOLAIS

#### DOMAINE DU CRÊT D'OEILLAT **VIEILLES VIGNES RÉGNIÉ 2020** AP, sustainable



Attractive and aromatic, with red cherry and spice leading to a palate of elegant tannins and aromatic oak. [Drink through 2028+.] Score: 92 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Light-bodied & Fruity 38088 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

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#### BURGUNDY

#### DOMAINE JOANNET **BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES** DE NUITS 2022 AP

This wine shows good concentration and focus, with generous dark fruit, earth, oak spice and savoury herbs. It's drinking beautifully now and will continue to do so through 2027+. Pair it with grilled salmon, roast turkey, or mushroom stroganoff.

(XD) 750 mL \$42.95 🗸

#### Medium-bodied & Fruity

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#### RHÔNE

#### CHÂTEAU COURAC CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2021 AP

#### (Famille Arnaud)

Gorgeous nose showing generous dark fruits aromas with spicy nuances and touches of minty herbs. Warm and ripe on the palate, very soft and juicy. [Drink by 2026.] Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied and Smooth 25109 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month



#### MARCHAND-TAWSE CÔTE D'OR **BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2021** AC

From Moray Tawse, founder and owner of Ontario's Tawse Winery; and Canadian-born winemaker Pascal Marchand, this wine is sourced from mixed clay, marl, and stony limestone soils. It offers plentiful dark cherry, forest tones, vanilla and earth and is an authentic expression crafted in an approachable style that will make it very popular at any dinner. This has the potential to drink through 2029.

#### Medium-bodied & Fruity

285601 (XD) 750 mL \$46.95



#### LANGUEDOC

#### **GÉRARD BERTRAND AN 806** CORBIÈRES 2018 AP

Smooth and rich, this wine has a generous nose, with floral and jammy fruit aromas. The palate is full of spice and ripe black fruits. A juicy wine, it offers a toasty edge and long finish. Best Buy. Score: 92 (Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 394288



#### CHÂTEAU JAS DE BRESSY CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2019 AP



#### (Mousset Barrot)

... largely dominated by Grenache with some Syrah and a little Mourvèdre, from vines aged up to 80 years grown in the La Petite Bastide vineyard on pebbly sand and red clay soils. Matt Walls: Huge wine, so powerful. Great texture, long, with freshness, acidity and drive. Somehow retains balance and freshness. Very attractive, with its pure blackberry and herb aromatic display ... David Round, MW: Ripe, intense raspberry fruit on the nose. Very fleshy and soft on the palate, beautifully elegant, with seamless texture. High quality and approachable. Drinking window: 2023-2046. Score: 96 (decanter.com, May 20, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$66.95 < 38944



#### FERRATON PÈRE & FILS PLAN DE DIEU CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2023 AP

This blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan is crafted in the fruit-forward style typical of Michel Chapoutier. It's quite floral, with raspberry, dark chocolate, incense, herbs, spice, and black fruit on the palate. Drink now till 2026.

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Full-bodied & Smooth 74229 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



#### FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

#### RHÔNE

#### HALOS DE JUPITER CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2022 AC

(Philippe Cambie & Michel Gassier) A direct and racy version, with steeped cherry and red tea augmented by floral perfume and a subtle kiss of vanilla and smoked sandalwood. Fresh, with graphite-laced tannins that drive energy. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. Drink now [through 2028+]. Score: **89** (Kristen Bieler, winespectator.com, March 31, 2024)

#### Full-bodied & Smooth

276956 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



#### SOUTHWEST

#### CHÂTEAU VINCENS CUVÉE PRESTIGE MALBEC/MERLOT 2021 AC Cahors

80% Malbec, 20% Merlot. Inviting nose showing scents of cool blackcurrant, petrichor, blackberry, toast and vanilla. Very juicy fruit and creamy palate. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 272427 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95** 



#### **GREECE** - RED WINE

#### DOMAINE SABANIS LIMNIONA 2021\* Evia, PGI Central Greece

Medium-bodied & Fruity

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Limniona is gaining popularity as one of Greece's leading red grapes. This rich wine has expressive red fruit, mixed spices, savoury herbs and a distinct minerality. Firm tannins give it great definition and speak to the ageability of the grape. It's drinking well now and will continue to evolve into the early 2030s. Serve it with braised meats, or try it with a fruit-and-nut-based dessert.

(XD) 750 mL \$21.95



#### DOMAINE SABANIS PALEOMENOS RESERVE 2020<sup>4</sup> PGI Central Greece



This wine is mostly Syrah blended with a considerable percentage of Agiorgitiko. It has a serious, ripe, rich character, with layered sweet black cherry, plum, toast, and oak spice. A great match for roast meats or fall veggie stews. This will develop through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41155 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### **GERMANY** - WHITE WINE

#### RHEINGAU

#### WEGELER RHEINGAU RIESLING FEINHERB 2022 VDP Gutswein

Juicy, but dry and structured enough that it really needs the dining table to show its best, this has a racy acidity and stony core. So much character for this humble category. A cuvee based on wine from the excellent Holle site of Johannisberg. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 13, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful 39766 (D) 750 mL **\$25.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



NEV

#### HUNGARY - WHITE WINE

#### DISZNÓKO 6 PUTTONYOS TOKAJI ASZÚ 2003

Kapi Vineyard, Tokay-Hegyalja Very racy, with orange peel, lemon candy and mineral flavors laminated to the sleek structure. Relaxes a little midpalate, before leaving a tightly wound, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2022. [Though Sanderson predicted a drinking window extending through 2022, 6 Puttonyos Tokaji Aszú from the 2003 vintage continue to show well, and this one will drink through 2030, if not beyond.] Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, wine spectator.com, Dec. 31, 2008)

Aromatic & Flavourful 240952 (S) 500 mL **\$168.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive

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

VENETO

2021

DOC

37410

INAMA I PALCHI GRANDE CUVÉE

Wow. This is fantastic with mangoes, lemons, pears

with bright fruit and a vivid finish. Lots of minerals.

grand cru Foscarino. Much less use of barrels than

in the past with large casks and stainless. Superb.

(XD) 750 mL \$79.95

and hints of vanilla. Mineral, too. It's full-bodied

A selection of the best grapes of Inama in the

Drink or hold [into the early 2030s]. Score: 97

(jamessuckling.com, Nov. 28, 2023)

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FOSCARINO SOAVE CLASSICO



#### **ITALY** – WHITE WINE

#### LUGANA

#### MONTE DEL FRÀ LUGANA 2023 DOC

The Monte del Frà Lugana 2023 has lifted floral notes, with peach, apple, melon, orange, lemon, and tropical fruit. It's juicy and fresh, with a hint of nuts on the close. Try it with seafood antipasti.

#### Aromatic & Flavourful

631051 (D) 750 mL \$24.95



#### FRIULI

#### PITARS BRAIDA SANTA CECILIA SAUVIGNON 2022 DOC Friuli

Notes of gooseberries, salted lemons and orchid blossom with hints of chalky minerality. Mediumbodied with vivid acidity and a fresh, citrusy mid-palate. Flavorful finish. Drink now [to 2025]. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 9, 2023)

#### Aromatic & Flavourful

30119 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 



#### OUINTARELLI BIANCO SECCO 2023 IGT Veneto

Aromatic & Flavourful



This wine is a blend of Garganega, Trebbiano Toscano, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and the rare indigenous Saorin. Highly aromatic with a depth of flavour to match, it's complex and layered, with tangy apricot, orange citrus, honeysuckle, exotic spices and pepper. This has the potential to drink through 2030.

Aromatic & Flavourful 34960 (XD) 750 mL **\$74.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



OLLI

#### SICILY

#### FEUDO MACCARI OLLI GRILLO 2023 DOP Sicilia

This wine is sourced from bush vines averaging 25 years of age planted in a south-facing vineyard in Noto, southern Sicily. It has lifted lilac tones, honey, lemon, and a saline-infused minerality. Zesty and fresh, it will be ideal for grilled fish.

Aromatic & Flavourful 477877 (XD) 750 mL **\$16.95** 



#### ITALY - RED WINE

ABRUZZO

#### ZACCAGNINI TRALCETTO MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2021

Cardamom, black fruit and olive tapenade on the nose. It's savory and medium- to full-bodied with medium-firm tannins. Wet earth undertones. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 396382 (D) 750 mL \$17.95



#### ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

#### PIEDMONT

#### FONTANAFREDDA EBBIO NEBBIOLO 2022 DOC Langhe

Aromas of fresh raspberries, rose bud, rooibus tea and wild herbs open the nose of this Nebbiolo. Fresh and forward, with balance between fruits and savory elements giving nuance and complexity. Score: **90** (Jeff Porter, *Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2024)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 397448
 (XD)
 750 mL
 \$24.95
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#### RENATO RATTI MARCENASCO BAROLO 2020 DOCG

This is linear and so racy with a structure and length and focused energy that takes you long and deep. It's medium-bodied with dried strawberry, citrus and spice. Tight at the end. Classicism with transparency. Drink after 2029. Score: **96** (james suckling.com, Sept. 16, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 713479 (XD) 750 mL **\$78.95** 



#### PUGLIA

#### WINEMAKERS COLLECTION GRAN MAESTOSO PRIMITIVO 2021 IGP Puglia

(Cantina Museo Albea)

This fragrant, quite lively wine has considerable power and breadth. It's sleek, seamless and silky, with plentiful ripe dark fruit, vanilla, oak spice and herbs.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **98** (lucamaroni.com, Sept. 13, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 10612 (D) 750 mL \$16.95



#### TASCA D'ALMERITA REGALEALI LAMÙRI 2020 DOC Sicily

A very solid and beautiful red with blackberries, asphalt and violets. Stewed berries underneath it all. Medium to full body, chewy tannins and a juicy finish. Drink or hold [through 2026+]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 17, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36750 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** 



#### VILLADORIA ARGO NEBBIOLO 2021 DOC Langhe

From 15-year-old vines, this savoury, rich wine has lifted violet and rose aromatics followed by youthful sour cherry, raspberry, earth, and oak spice. Pair it with mushroom risotto or braised meats. Drink now through 2025.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **92** (lucamaroni.com, Dec. 19, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 32914 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 



#### TORRE MORA CAURU ETNA ROSSO 2022 DOC



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The Torre Mora Cauru Etna Rosso 2022 is bright, vivid red and shows fresh raspberry, wild berry, cherry, and sweet spices. It's medium-bodied, sleek and creamy on the palate, with dusty tannins and a flavourful finish. Drink through 2027+.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **96** (lucamaroni.com, Feb. 28, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39153 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

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#### TUSCANY

#### CANNETO RISERVA VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO 2017 DOCG

A broad, meaty style, this is beginning to mellow, indicating plum, macerated cherry, leather, earth and iron flavors. Dense and solidly built, with a long, fresh finish. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2036. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2023)

#### Full-bodied & Firm

65854 (XD) 750 mL \$44.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive Organic product



#### CASISANO ROSSO DI MONTALCINO 2022 DOCG

(Tommasi)

The 2022 Rosso di Montalcino is dark and with herbal intensity. Balsamic spices, menthol and crushed blackberries form its bouquet. This sweeps across the palate with soft yet lifted textures displaying ripe cherry-berry fruits and mineral tones throughout. The 2022 finishes with admirable length and poise, firming up nicely as licorice resonates. Drinking window: 2025-2030. Score: **90** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Sept. 12, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 551267 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.95** 



#### CARPINETO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2019 DOCG

This red starts out supple, revealing cherry, blackberry, violet and spice flavors. There's a line of dusty tannins underneath, yet this is balanced and long in the end. Best from 2025 through 2039. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 47118 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95



#### CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2018

Roasted herbs, walnuts, olives, dried cherries and balsamic on the nose with a touch of leather and sage. It's full-bodied with firm, finely-knit tannins. Creamy and so well integrated with depth and class. Try after 2024 [through mid-2030s]. Score: **95** (jamessuckling.com, Dec. 11, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 740589 (XD) 750 mL **\$101.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### CARPINETO RISERVA VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO 2019 DOCG

90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo. Bustling red berries and fragrant herbs ally with plump red liquorice; fresh and zesty with a bold yet refined tannic core and a long polished finish. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 368910 (XD) 750 mL **\$34.95** 



#### BON TEMPO OLIVETO P.56 RISERVA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2016 DOCG



Intense aromas of crushed stones and flowers with dark cherries and berries, following through to a full body with fine yet solid tannins that add length and energy to the wine. Beautiful fruit at the end, in a subtle and sophisticated way. Better after 2024, but already a gem. [Has the potential to develop for another 10-15 years.] Score: **95** (jamessuckling. com, Nov. 4, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 37249 (XD) 750 mL **\$106.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



#### ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

#### TUSCANY

#### GUADO AL TASSO CONT'UGO 2021 DOC Bolgheri

(Marchesi Antinori) ... pure, ripe aromas of red apple skin, vanilla bean, mocha, sweet tobacco, and sandalwood ... very nice mouthwatering acidity and mineral undercurrents despite having such plushness of fruit. Delicate notes of dark chocolate on the finish balance this out nicely and add lift to this pillowy wine. It's approachable now but will benefit from time to show off its more Mediterranean notes ... Maturity: 2024-2040. Score: **95** (Audrey Frick, jebdunnuck.com, Jan. 16, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 12620 (XD) 750 mL \$67.95

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#### ISOLE E OLENA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2021 DOCG



The last blended Annata of Paolo de Marchi's four and a half decade tenure at Isole e Olena is this 2021, lower in sangiovese and conversely higher in canaiolo, because he knew the blend needed to up its sapidity game. The canaiolo raises pH and works with the other splashes (including syrah but also vials of mystery) to elaborate and elevate sangiovese's salted-elemental game. De Marchi has hit the vintage nail on the head with a 2021 that shows its cards but refuses to lay them on the table ... Drink: 2024-2028. Tasted February 2024. Score: **95** (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Firm

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 (XD)
 750 mL
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#### LA FIORITA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019 DOCG

Strawberry, raspberry and cherry aromas and flavors are beautifully displayed in this charming version, with loam, tobacco and herbs adding detail while the aftertaste goes on and on. Shows balance and formidable length. Best from 2026 through 2042. Score: **95** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, June 30, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 998195 (XD) 750 mL **\$103.95** • Online & Flagship Exclusive

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#### LA MASSA 2020 IGT Toscana

The nose is an astringent blend of dried cherries, cranberries, bricks, soil and hibiscus, with a mix of fresh wild herbs providing some warmth. The sanguine fruitiness and earthy notes continue onto the palate, but polished tannins and lithe acid create a round texture. [This will drink through 2030.] Score: **96** (Danielle Callegari, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 13688 (XD) 750 mL **\$40.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive

#### TIGNANELLO 2021 IGT Toscana (Antinori)

... Silky and polished, with exceptional finesse, the 2021 has all the pedigree to become a modern benchmark for Tignanello and Italian wine more broadly. Bright dark red fruit, blood orange, spice, cedar and sweet pipe tobacco all soar out of the [glass], framed by a discreet touch of French oak that adds raciness. In some vintages, the elements are discernible. In 2021, it is the total harmony of the wine that makes the strongest and deepest impression. The 2021 spent 17 months in wood, three months in neutral oak during the malolactic fermentation and then 14 months (50% new) for the rest of its aging. Superb. Drinking window: 2027-2051. Score: **98** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, July 11, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 534511 (XD) 375 mL **\$114.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive 750 mL bottle shown



#### VALLEPICCIOLA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2021 DOCG



The subtle influence of new oak accents this red's cherry, blackberry, iron and tar flavors. Vibrant and dense, with a fresh, energetic finish, showing excellent balance. Best from 2026 through 2038. [To enjoy the wine this evening, decant for 60 minutes.] Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, wine spectator.com, Oct. 15, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 39690 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 





#### VENETO

#### MASI COSTASERA RISERVA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2018 DOCG

An Amarone that nudges Port, such is the density and liqueur-like notes of cocoa nibs, mocha, root spices and dried cherries. The tannins restrain the flavors into a sense of composure on one hand, while drying out the finish on the other. Very drying. Presumably, this simply needs time, or at least it is best to hope so. Drinkable now, but best from 2030 [through late 2030s]. Score: **93** (Ned Goodwin, MW, jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 324137 (D) 750 mL **\$84.95** ✔



#### PIEROPAN RUBERPAN VIGNA MONTE GARZON VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2021

Sourced from vines grown in pink limestone soils rich in clay and chalk, this wine is aged for two years in French oak. It shows bold dark fruit, black pepper, cloves, spice box, dark chocolate and vanilla, with a dash of balsamic adding character. It will pour beautifully with a meaty lasagna, mushroom ragù or mature cheeses and will drink till the end of the decade.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 22769 (XD) 750 mL \$31.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive & Organic product



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#### QUINTARELLI PRIMOFIORE 2022

The Primofiore is all about pedigree. It's sourced from vines over 30 years old and is the first wine from any vintage released by Quintarelli. It's a blend of Corvina, Corvinone, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, with partially dried fruit providing additional depth and character. This wine will be complex and layered, with impressive fruit and spice notes. It will evolve into the early 2030s.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 20867 (XD) 750 mL **\$112.95** Online & Flagship Exclusive



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**LEBANON** - RED WINE

#### CHÂTEAU KSARA 2020

Bekaa Vallev



60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot. Very ripe aromas of fruitcake and ripe grapes. Graphite nuances on the palate, ripe tannins and peppery texture. Score: **90** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 37727 (XD) 750 mL **\$28.95** 



#### CHÂTEAU KSARA RÉSERVE DU COUVENT 2022 Bekaa Valley

Established in 1857, Ksara is Lebanon's oldest continuously operating winery. This blend of Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon has notes of roasted black cherry, earth, dried herbs, and oak spice. There's ample concentration and freshness, with the structure to cellar through 2028+. An ideal match for grilled lamb.

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



#### DOMAINE WARDY MERLOT 2019 Bekaa Valley



Fairly deep red with garnet tints. Interesting nose of vanilla wood, slightly smoky, with touches of cooked forest fruit. This is a stylish Merlot dressed in classy oak, with powdery tannin and juicy, elegant fruit. Has lovely, flowing flavours. Score: **90** (gilbertgaillard.com, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 37745 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 

USA - CALIFORNIA

27400

0 BREAD & BUTTER RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

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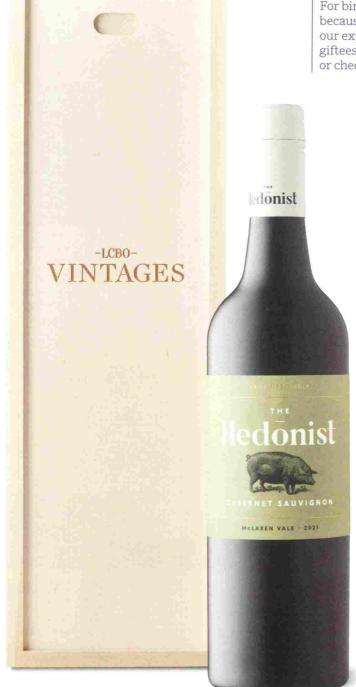
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\$22.95 Medium-bodied & Fruity

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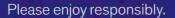
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