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wines of the month

Tried-and-true customer favourites

LE GRAVILLAS SÉGURET CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2021

AC, Rhône, France 309260 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

Séguret has been the location of dedicated winemaking since the 10th century. The

wines are notably structured, with lifted lavender, concentrated red fruit and garrigue. This smooth, elegant, intense wine is a classic Séguret.

[The Concours des Vins Orange did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Concours des Vins Orange, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

TRIVENTO GOLDEN RESERVE MALBEC 2022

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina, sustainable, vegan 588731 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

100% Malbec. Sleek dark berries and violet florals with a classy balsamic lift. Textured and pure with glossy tannins and acidity and a rich cocoa, vanilla finish. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth





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WHAT'S ON

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

ESSENTIALS COLLECTION



RED ALERT

When March hits, we like to think spring is around the corner, but truly, in most parts of the province, it really isn't. Happily, that means there are still plenty of weekends left to host hearty dinners paired with sumptuous red wines. Whether you barbecue yearround, use a slow-cooker or chef up braises or roasts in the oven, you undoubtedly have a delicious favourite dish to pair with one of these rich homegrown reds from the Essentials Collection.

THE FOREIGN AFFAIR THE CONSPIRACY

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario Made using the ripasso method perfected in Italy's Veneto region, this impressive wine uses dried grapes to add richness and depth. Perfect for grilled red meats or eggplant parmigiana.

149237 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

TRIUS RED *

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario From a pioneer of premium red wines, this Bordeaux-inspired blend pairs beautifully with blackened lamb, slowcooked pork shoulder or roast beef.

303800 (XD) 750 mL **\$27.95**

HENRY OF PELHAM SPECK FAMILY RESERVE BACO NOIR *

VQA Ontario

Concentrated and generously flavoured, this Ontario specialty calls for barbecued flank steak, bison burgers or lamb kebabs.

461699 (D) 750 mL \$27.95

OSOYOOS LAROSE LE GRAND VIN *

BC VQA Okanagan Valley, British Columbia

This richly fruity Merlot blend with cult status should be decanted and served with leg of lamb, or beef ribs in red-wine jus.

626325 (XD) 750 mL \$56.95



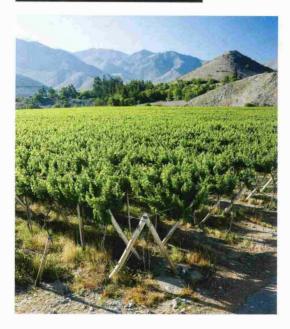
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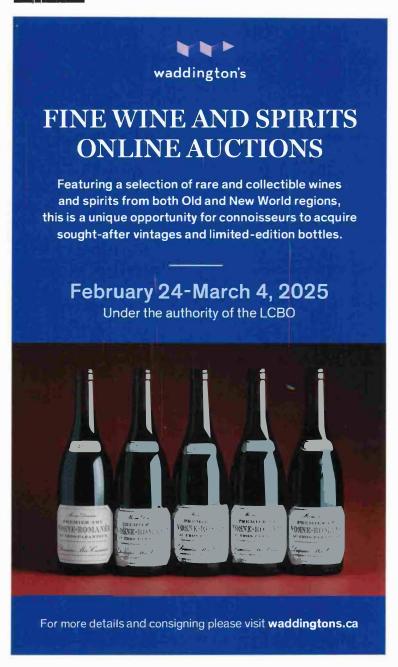


MARCH CELLAR COLLECTION

Our latest edition of the Cellar Collection is almost here, featuring a treasure trove from France, Italy and beyond, with Tuscany — and Brunello di Montalcino in particular — leading the way with a spectacular lineup. A robust selection from California makes its mark with a red that earned a perfect 100 points, while Australia contributes its own 100-point Chardonnay. Bordeaux aficionados will delight in browsing a selection of library wines dating back as far as the 2007 vintage.

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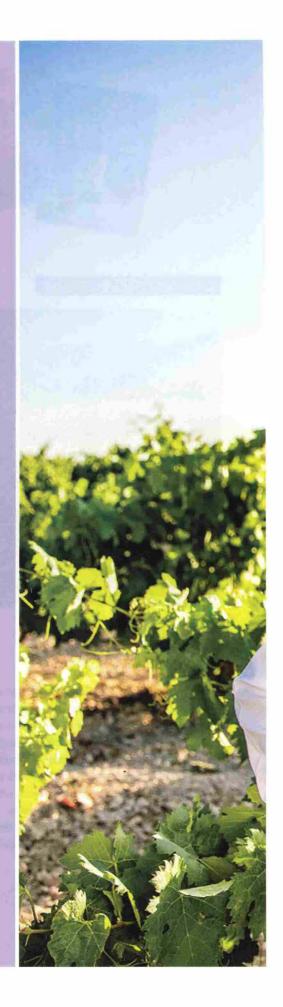
EVENTS



WOMEN in WINE

Carrying on generations-old family traditions and forging innovative new paths – while crafting beloved, acclaimed wines – is all in a day's work for these 30 winemakers and winery proprietors.

In celebration of International Women's Day on Saturday, March 8, we're proud to offer these 24 wines, produced in many of the most famous regions of the world and bearing some of wine's most prestigious names. This feature highlights some of the trailblazers who have helped redefine the role of women in winemaking, as well as up-and-comers whose skill and dedication are an essential part of the continued evolution of premium wine.





Susana Balbo & Ana Lovaglio Balbo

SUSANA BALBO WINES

Innovation and inspiration

Susana Balbo was Argentina's first female oenologist, graduating with honours (and at the top of her class) from Don Bosco University, in Mendoza, in 1981. Her storied career has been instrumental in defining the Argentine premium-wine industry, and she was recently the recipient of the 2024 Decanter Hall of Fame Award. Considered a fearless innovator, Balbo takes an approach to winemaking that combines traditional and experimental methods, and she has said, "there's no failure, only experiences." Balbo's daughter, Ana Lovaglio Balbo, began working with her mother in 2012. Lovaglio Balbo established the company's enotourism business, opening the Osadía de Crear restaurant and the Susana Balbo Unique Stays luxury hotel. In keeping with the sustainability initiatives her mother employs in the vineyards, Lovaglio Balbo's ventures are also robustly sustainable. The SB Winemaker's House & Spa Suites was awarded the coveted Silver Certification by the Hoteles Más Verdes program. Working with Flavia Amad, who is the Michelin-recommended executive chef at La Vida and Osadía de Crear, Lovaglio Balbo creates opportunities for female chefs through winery pop-up events.



SUSANA BALBO SIGNATURE BARREL FERMENTED TORRONTÉS 2024

Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina

Torrontés rarely sees barrel fermentation and ageing, as the process can utterly overwhelm the grape's subtler characteristics. But as with Sauvignon Blanc in Bordeaux, when done with care and precision, the process can bring forth wines of interest and significance. This one is skilfully accomplished, retaining its delicate floral attributes, nuanced tropical fruit, citrus and minerality along with spice and oak. Enjoy through 2030.

Aromatic & Flavourful

384339 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95





Dr. Laura Catena

CATENA ZAPATA

Renaissance woman

A fourth-generation winemaker, Dr. Laura Catena graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1988 and earned her medical doctor degree from Stanford University. She began working with her father, the iconic Nicolás Catena Zapata, at the family winery in 1995. She opened her own winery, Luca Wines, in 1999, naming the operation after her first son. The project was inspired by Catena's desire to explore the potential of old-vine Malbec in the Uco Valley. She founded the Catena Institute of Wine in 1995 to study "every meter, every rock, every insect and micro-organism in the Adrianna Vineyard." The potential of the Adrianna Vineyard was first identified by her father as part of his high-altitude wine revolution, and it may very well be the most intensely studied vineyard in the world. Author of Vino Argentino: An Insider's Guide to the Wines and Wine Country of Argentina, Catena was also a working pediatric emergency department doctor until 2019, when she became managing director of Catena Zapata. When she's at home in San Francisco, she volunteers her medical skills at a clinic for those experiencing homelessness.



CATENA PARAJE ALTAMIRA MALBEC 2022

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina, sustainable

The 2022 Malbec Catena Appellation Paraje Altamira comes from the Uco Valley. Aged for up to 13 months in French oak barrels (both new and used), this purple-hued wine reveals crystal-clear, fruit-forward aromas with hints of balsamic and lavender. On the palate, it is dry, rich and juicy, delivering intense flavors and supple textures. Drinking window: 2024-2032. Score: 92 (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com, May 30, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

492413 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 •



Margarita Koumpiou

KIR-YIANNI

Digging deep

Margarita Koumpiou holds an integrated master's degree in crop science as well as an honours M.A. in oenology and a diploma in food and beverage quality management. She is now oenologist at Kir-Yianni, where she works closely with chief oenologist Stellios Boutaris, a fifthgeneration winemaker and a leading voice in modern Greek viticulture. Koumpiou oversees Kir-Yianni's Naoussa vineyards, where she works with Xinomavro and plays a significant role in Kir-Yianni's extensive vineyard-research program; one of the largest such programs in Greece. The team has identified many intriguing microclimates and has a focus on renewing the region's ungrafted pre-phylloxera Xinomavro vines. Kir-Yianni is the only Greek winery that's a member of the International Wineries for Climate Action.



KIR-YIANNI CUVÉE VILLAGES XINOMAVRO 2021

PDO Naoussa, Greece, vegan

Intriguing notes of baked fruit and fragrant marzipan followed by cherry, strawberry and raspberry. Firm tannins balanced with soft acidity. [Drink into early 2030s.] Score: **93** (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

14151 (XD) 750 mL \$18.00 /

As seen in The \$18 Solution



Andrea Perez Castillo

FLAT ROCK CELLARS

A world of experience

Andrea Perez Castillo's first vintage for Niagara's Flat Rock was the 2023 growing season, but that was by no means her initiation into the world of winemaking. Originally from Zacatecas, Mexico, she first encountered wine while visiting Mexico's strikingly beautiful Parras Valley wine region with her family. Though small and essentially unknown outside of Mexico, the Parras Valley is home to the oldest winery in the Americas: Casa Madero, which was founded in 1597. Castillo attended the University of Zacatecas, becoming an agronomic engineer and earned a master's degree in oenology and viticulture from the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain. Castillo's career has included many notable stops around the world, including in her native Mexico, where she worked at Casa Madero and Vinos Tierra Adentro. Her resume also includes Cederberg Wines in South Africa, where she worked with the highest-elevation plantings in the Western Cape; Viña Ventisquero in Chile; and New Zealand's iconic Oyster Bay.



FLAT ROCK GOOD KHARMA CHARDONNAY 2023 VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, sustainable

Flat Rock donates proceeds of Good Kharma to Feed Ontario, which provides healthy meals to Ontarians in need. Not only a feel-good wine with a feel-good cause, this Chardonnay also tastes good, showing an abundance of green apple, pear and tropical fruit notes that will pair nicely with roast chicken, or a salad dressed with apple cider vinegar.

Full-bodied & Rich

356873 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 /





Kelly Mason

DOMAINE QUEYLUS

Living the dream

Born and raised in Montreal, Kelly Mason has a B.Sc. from Western University, an International M.B.A. from the Schulich School of Business at York University, and a viticultural degree from Brock University. Her wine career began in 2007 with an internship at Saintsbury Winery in the Carneros subregion of Napa Valley. She specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, and her work in Ontario included stints with such notables as Tawse Winery and Le Clos Jordanne before she joined Thomas Bachelder at Queylus in 2013, where she has been the principal winemaker since 2016. Some of the fruit for Domaine Queylus's wines is sourced from the 30-year-old vines of her eponymous Mason Vineyard in Twenty Mile Bench. Creating single-vineyard estate wines has always been her dream, and Mason Vineyard, which she purchased in 2012, allows her to do just that. Originally focused on creating small-batch, single-vineyard, wild-ferment expressions of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc, Mason released her first Mason Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon in 2021.

DOMAINE QUEYLUS DROITE 2020 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, vegan

Domaine Queylus focuses on producing top-flight wines that reflect the terroir of the Niagara Peninsula with absolute authenticity as expressed by Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the latter two forming the blend for Droite. The name references Bordeaux's famed Merlot-led Right Bank, but the wine is Niagara through and through. Showing red and dark fruit, spice and lifted florals, it will evolve through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

43618 (XD) 750 mL \$45.70 🗸

New at Vintages

Emma Garner

THIRTY BENCH

Small lots, big achievements

It says something about the Niagara terroir that Emma Garner, after travelling and experiencing the food and wines of Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany and British Columbia, decided to put down roots and make wines here. A graduate of Brock University's oenology and viticulture program, Garner began her work in Niagara at the tasting bar at Inniskillin Wines before moving to Trius Winery and finally to Thirty Bench in 2005, where she worked for five years learning the ins and outs of the Beamsville Bench before becoming the winemaker. Thirty Bench's small-lot approach to winemaking appealed greatly to her, as did their focus on Riesling and Bordeaux varieties. Garner has earned many accolades, including being named Ontario Wine Awards Winemaker of the Year in 2015 and earning the prestigious Best in Show honours in the 2018 Decanter World Wine Awards for her Small Lot Cabernet Franc 2015; the first time a premium Canadian wine had won this award.



THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CABERNET FRANC 2021 ♥

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

This wine is 100% Cabernet Franc, which is a variety that did exceptionally well in Niagara's 2021 vintage. With dark plum, blackcurrant, blueberry, spice, savoury herbs, and gently incorporated oak, this is not a shy wine in any respect, but it carries its power with an easy elegance and sophistication. Drink through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

30073 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95





Katie Dickieson

ANDREW PELLER

Homegrown talent

Growing up on a farm seeded Katie Dickieson's interest in agriculture at a very young age. Becoming a winemaker was not necessarily on her radar, but the excitement and energy of the harvest definitely called to her. Studying food science at the University of Guelph exposed Dickieson to winemaking, revealing a discipline that melded science, agriculture and creativity in an irresistible combination. A career in wine also made it possible to work while she travelled the world. In 2006, Dickieson began her career with Peller Estates Winery in Niagara before moving to the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia to work as a winemaker. She then spent some time learning about cool-climate Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Bordeaux varieties in New Zealand working at Omihi Hills in Waipara on the South Island and Man O'War Vineyards on Waiheke Island off the east coast of the North Island. She also held a position at Domaine du Monteillet, Vignobles Montez in France's Rhône Valley before returning to Niagara. Dickieson has been the winemaker at Peller Estates since 2012.



PELLER PRIVATE RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023 *

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

Fresh, racy, light and vibrant with citrus, green vegetal notes, fresh green herbs and chalky minerality on the long finish. Score: 91 (Rhys Pender, MW, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful

692632 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 /

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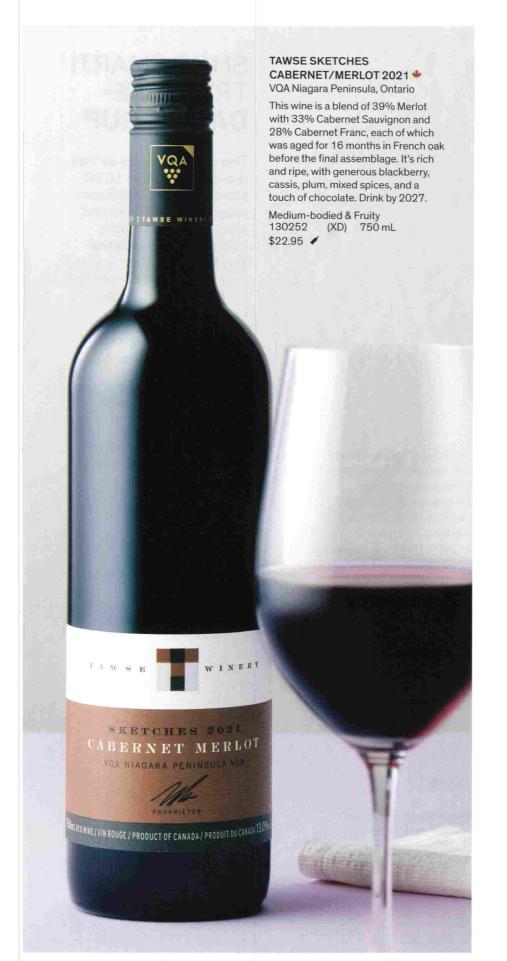
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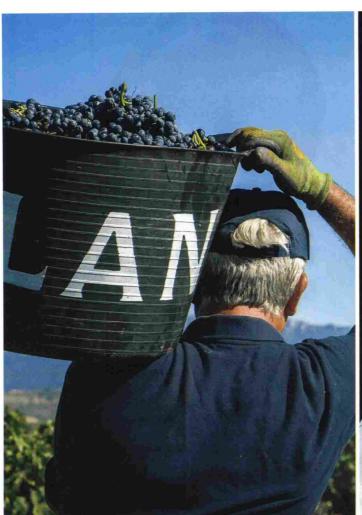


Jessica Otting

TAWSE WINERY

A lifelong passion

Though Jessica Otting didn't graduate from Niagara College's winery and viticulture program until 2011, she had already worked her first vintage as part of a high-school placement. After her college graduation, Otting worked harvests in South Australia and Tasmania before joining Tawse as a laboratory analyst. For nearly four years, she worked closely with the Tawse winemaking team to help create the top-tier cool-climate Bench wines that have made Tawse's excellent reputation. She became assistant winemaker in 2018. and shortly after, as distiller, was instrumental in the addition of spirits to the Tawse portfolio. In 2020, Otting assumed the role of winemaker for Tawse and Redstone wineries. The Tawse Sketches Cabernet/Merlot 2021 showcases her deft hand. This Bordeaux-inspired blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc carries itself with considerable elegance and refinement. Crafted in what was a challenging vintage for Bordeaux varieties in Niagara, the blend showcases each of its component parts without losing step with the overall harmony of the wine.





María Barúa

BODEGAS LAN

An eye for detail

María Barúa has a background in chemistry and oenology and has taken part in several research projects studying how the colour of Rioja's red wines change through barrel ageing. Barúa joined Rioja's famed LAN in 2002 and has been the technical director since 2007. She's renowned for her precision and detailed approach, paying close attention to the smallest factors in the vineyard and the winery that can influence a wine. In her time as technical director, many of LAN's most unique expressions have been created under her guidance. These include the several new 100% Tempranillo expressions; the LAN 7 Metros, which is aged in oak barrels made from Spanish oak with at least seven metres of trunk clear of branches and knots; the LAN D-12, which is a special tank selection; and the organic LAN Xtrème. Her goal is always to achieve a faithful reflection of the vineyards and individual parcels used to make LAN's wines.



LAN GRAN RESERVA 2017

DOCa Rioja, Spain

Elegant and aromatic, with detailed hints of star anise, dried thyme and mocha winding through the core of ripe black cherry and boysenberry fruit. Fine-grained tannins are well-meshed and lightly chalky in texture, emerging to firm the focused finish. Tempranillo and Graciano. Drink now through 2030. Smart Buys. Score: **92** (Alison Napjus, winespectator. com, Aug. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

928622 (XD) 750 mL \$36.95



Barbara Widmer

BRANCAIA

Building for the future

Barbara Widmer, daughter of Brancaia founders Brigitte and Bruno Widmer, has been the winemaker at the celebrated Chianti Classico-based Brancaia since 1998. Widmer began her studies with an eye towards becoming an architect, but her roots were in the vineyards, and she found herself drawn back to the family business and so obtained a degree in oenology. Her focus on terroir and a rigorous selection process allowed her to identify vineyard sites and parcels that provided opportunities to create new and nuanced expressions. Under her guidance, Brancaia began to craft wines from Maremma as well as Chianti, and her terroir-focused approach allowed Brancaia's portfolio to increase from two wines to nine. As of 2015, Brancaia is an organic producer. Widmer has now been joined by her daughter, Nina; and her son, Nicolas, taking this family-run operation into its third generation.



BRANCAIA RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

A pretty red, this boasts cherry, strawberry, rose, mineral and wild herb aromas and flavors. Straddles the fence between elegant and powerful, with the firm structure and vibrant acidity keeping this focused and long. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2045. Score: 94 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$50.95 / 260802



Françoise Antech

ANTECH

Extended family

Françoise Antech represents the sixth generation of the Antech family to craft wines from their vineyards in Limoux. Antech took over the reins from her father, Georges, in 1996 and raised the profile of this century-old estate, ensuring that it had a place and a future in the dynamic, challenging environment of modern French winemaking. Georges and his brother Roger had made the decision in 1965 to focus only on sparkling wines, working diligently to create ever more authentic expressions. Picking up where her father and uncle left off, Antech has moved the quality needle considerably. She infuses similar energy and effort into several social and cultural initiatives in Limoux, supporting programs that assist students and the unemployed as well as sponsoring musical programs and concerts.



ANTECH RÉSERVE M LE MAUZAC EXTRA BRUT **BLANQUETTE DE LIMOUX 2022**

AP, Languedoc, France, traditional method

Produced using the local Mauzac grape combined with dashes of Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc, this vintage Blanquette de Limoux offers spring flowers, herbs (suggesting chamomile and fresh hay), lemon, apricot, apple and pear. Well-defined toast and mineral tones on the close and a luxurious mouthfeel make it quite a delight. Pair it with seafood or sip throughout any meal.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

656470 (D)

750 mL \$21.95



Elena Brooks

SISTER'S RUN WINE COMPANY

Coming out on top down under

Elena Brooks made her first wine, a Chardonnay, at the age of 16. Shortly after, this native of Bulgaria left home to study viniculture in Australia, earning a B.Sc. in oenology from the University of Adelaide. Though Australia remains her adopted viticultural home, she has crafted wines in Spain, Italy and Bulgaria. Brooks has a long list of accolades that includes being part of the team that crafted the Geoff Merrill Reserve Shiraz 2004; a wine that was awarded Australia's highest winemaking award, the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy, in 2005. Her wines have also taken honours at The Great Australian Shiraz Challenge, the Decanter World Wine Awards, the Royal Brisbane Wine Show, and the Barossa Wine Show. In 2017, Brooks became the first winemaker to win back-to-back Best in Show trophies at the AWC Vienna. Much in demand, Brooks crafts wines for several leading Australian producers, managing the production of more than 60 wines including those she makes for Dandelion Vineyards and Heirloom Vineyards. At Sister's Run, Brooks oversees a talented all-female team, including vigneronne Anthea Pridmore, who grew the grapes used to craft the Epiphany 2022.



SISTER'S RUN EPIPHANY SHIRAZ 2022 McLaren Vale/Fleurieu Peninsula,

South Australia (Elena Brooks, founder and winemaker)

Opulent and gorgeously complex, the perfumed bouquet shows dark fruit richness, cake spice, toasty oak and dark chocolate characters, leading to a concentrated palate offering excellent depth and plush texture. Tannins are polished and beautifully infused, making it velvety and deliciously appealing. At its best: now to 2037. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Sept. 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

269464 (XD) 750 mL \$18.00

✓ As seen in The \$18 Solution



Jamie Williams

NEDERBURG

The science of winemaking

A native of Cape Town, Jamie Williams was working towards a B.Sc. specializing in molecular biology and biotechnology at Stellenbosch University when her studies introduced her to wine through a module that focused on wine biotechnology. This sparked an interest that saw her travel to California following graduation, where she gained invaluable international and hands-on experience. Her work in South Africa has included stints as a laboratory analyst at Die Bergkelder and as a harvest cellar intern. She joined the Nederburg team in 2018 as the assistant winemaker for their white wine program and was named head of the program in 2024. Among her many achievements, the Winemasters Noble Late Harvest 2023, a blend of Chenin Blanc and Muscat de Frontignan, earned a score of 98 points and won the Investec Trophy for Best Dessert Wine at the 2024 Trophy Wine Show. As dynamic and energetic as the wines she makes, Williams embodies an excitement and dedication that will see the 234-year-old Nederburg continue to be a force in South Africa's wine landscape.

NEDERBURG THE WINEMASTERS CHARDONNAY 2022

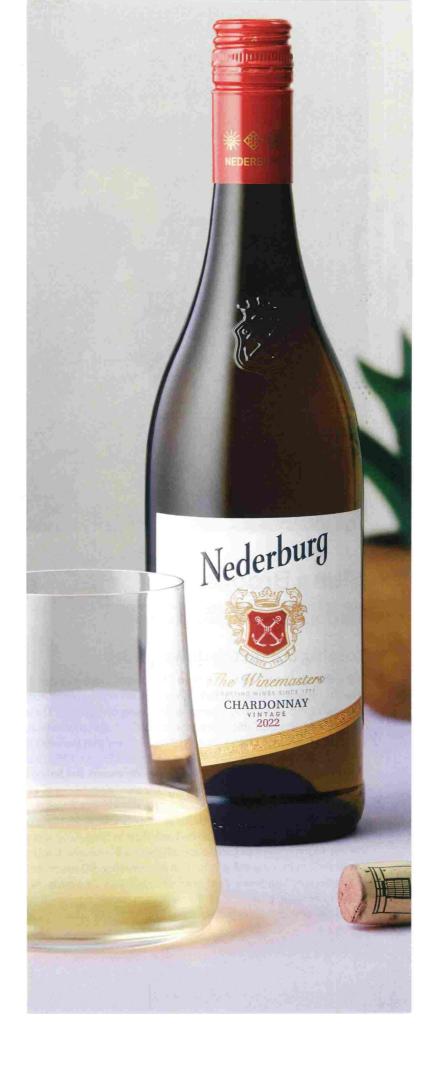
WO Western Cape, South Africa, vegan

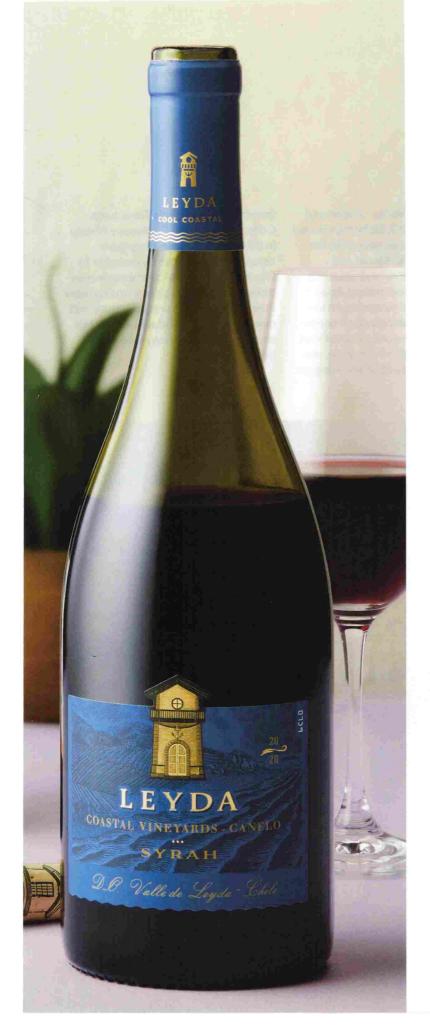
Bright and vivacious with lush honeyed apples and a clean citrus crush lifted by steely acidity, with charming creamy cashew notes at the end. Score: **95** (Olivia Mason, decanter. com, May 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

41444 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

New at Vintages







Viviana Navarrete

LEYDA WINES

Leading by example

Viviana Navarrete has been the chief winemaker at Leyda Wines since 2007 and quickly established herself as a significant player in the new wave of dynamic winemakers who redefined Chilean premium wine over the last 15-20 years. Navarrete's expertise with cool-climate grapes combines with her knowledge of and experience with the unique conditions found in the Leyda Valley. She has established Leyda as a go-to producer for complex, elegant, characterful wines of indisputable authenticity. Under her stewardship, Leyda developed and released its first traditional-method sparkling wine in 2012. Her innovative and experimental approach saw her named one of Chile's top 10 winemakers in 2013. Other international accolades include being named one of the best Pinot Noir winemakers in Chile by Wine Spectator in 2017 and being chosen as one of the 10 leading women in the wine industry by Wine Enthusiast in 2018.

LEYDA COASTAL VINEYARD CANELO SYRAH 2020 DO Valle de Leyda, Chile

A deep, meaty syrah with lots of grilled herbs and cooking spices. Dense black cherries and a hint of nicely baked plums. Intense and concentrated on the palate with very fine-grained tannins. Deep, closely knit and pretty long. A serious syrah to enjoy now or hold [into the mid-2030s]. Fantastic value. Score: **94** (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, Feb. 3, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

42109 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

New at Vintages

Kristen McMahan

GOLDENEYE WINERY

Rising star

Kristen McMahan fell in love with wine during a six-month spell in Australia while studying communications and journalism at the University of Arizona. After graduation, she worked at the Second Harvest food rescue organization and with several other non-profits, all the while developing her palate and exposing herself to as much information as possible through visits to wineries in Napa Valley, Sonoma

County, Anderson Valley, Oregon and Washington. In 2012, McMahan moved to Sonoma County, working with the winemaking team at Korbel and focusing on Pinot Noir and sparkling wines. She also spent time at Joseph Phelps's Freestone Vineyards on the Sonoma Coast, gaining critical handson experience with cool-climate Pinot. Now committed full-time to wine, she earned an associate of science degree

in oenology from Santa Rosa Junior College. She joined Goldeneye Winery in 2019, quickly advancing from oenologist to assistant winemaker to winemaker. Today, McMahan oversees three estate vineyards comprising more than 140 acres, 20 unique clones, and more than 100 individual parcels. Her small-lot approach has made her a talent to watch.

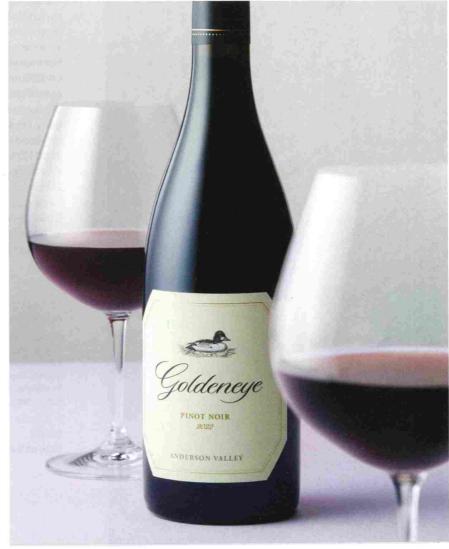


GOLDENEYE PINOT NOIR 2022 Anderson Valley, Mendocino, California (Duckhorn Portfolio)

This Pinot Noir is made in a bold, fruitforward style that offers up rich, ripe black cherry, plum and raspberry deftly supported by oak spice, white pepper, clove and earth. It has the substance and the potential to see 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

659854 (XD) 750 mL \$79.95





Renée Ary

DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

Game-changer

Renée Ary holds degrees in chemistry and art from Saint Mary's College of California and studied winemaking at UC Davis and Napa Valley College. After working in the laboratory of Robert Mondavi Winery for four years, Ary joined Duckhorn in 2003, working with winemaker Mark Beringer. Beringer was instrumental in providing Ary with a complete, rounded understanding of farming and viticulture. Over the next 11 years, she worked as a lab manager, oenologist and assistant winemaker, becoming associate winemaker in charge of Duckhorn's Sauvignon Blanc and Monitor Ledge Vineyard wines before being named Duckhorn's winemaker in 2014. Among her many accomplishments, certainly one of the most significant came in 2017 when Wine Spectator awarded Duckhorn's Three Palms Vineyard Merlot 2014 a rating of 95 points. This was an exciting achievement, as no Merlot had earned a rating like this from Wine Spectator since 1997. High praise indeed, but wait; the wine was also ranked #1 in the 2017 Wine Spectator Top 100 Wines. Not a bad debut by any measure.



DUCKHORN NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 2022

Napa Valley, California

This robustly styled Napa Merlot is sourced from prime sites in Oak Knoll, Calistoga, Yountville and St. Helena. The final blend includes 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc and showcases a rich variety of dark fruit, cherry, baking spice, herb and cedar tones. A refined, complex wine that will evolve into the early 2030s.

Full-bodied & Smooth

27274 (XD) 75

(XD) 750 mL \$79.95



Kimberlee Nicholls

MARKHAM VINEYARDS

A taste for quality

Kimberlee Nicholls was one of the Napa Valley's first female winemakers. She came to Napa in 1989, working as a laboratory technician at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, where then-winemaker John Gibson identified her exceptional aptitude for tasting. It wasn't long before Nicholls was named Stag's Leap's lab director. In 1993, she joined the historic Markham Vineyards as oenologist. While establishing Markham's laboratory program, she honed her skills working in the vineyard and in the winery, becoming associate winemaker in 1997. She was elevated to the position of winemaker in 2001. Markham has a long, storied history of producing top-flight Napa Merlot; a variety that just happens to be one that Nicholls is particularly fond of. Working with Nicholls at Markham is an all-women team made up of assistant winemaker Abigail Estrada, oenologist Patricia Sciacca, viticulturist Taylor Abudi, director of operations Adrienne Uboldi, and health, safety and sustainability manager Sara Lanning.



MARKHAM THE ALTRUIST 2018

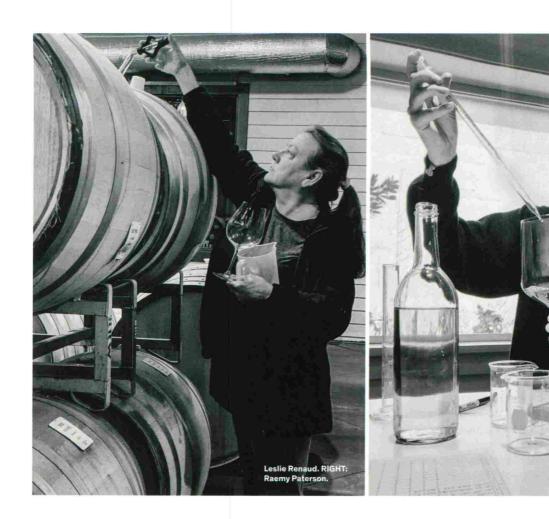
Napa Valley, California, sustainable

This Right Bank-style blend of 61% Merlot and 24% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller portions of Cab Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot aged in French and American oak for over 16 months. Bright coffee, cherry, and dark chocolate illuminate the well-built frame. Dynamic and luscious, with finely grained tannins and a toasty finish of plum and cedar. Score: 93 (Meridith May, tastingpanelmag.com, Nov./Dec. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

39662 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 /

New at Vintages



Leslie Renaud & Raemy Paterson

MARTIN RAY VINEYARDS & WINERY

Dynamic duo

Director of winemaking Leslie Renaud began her wine career as a lab technician at Ironstone Vineyards, and her resume includes stops at Clos du Bois, Sonoma Creek Wines, Hans Fahden Vineyards, Bonny Doon Vineyard, and Talley Vineyards. In 2010, she joined the Foley Wine Group and served as winemaker for Lincourt Vineyards and Foley Estates. In 2014, Renaud assumed the position of director of winemaking at Roth Estate Winery, and then worked as winemaker for Purple Brands before joining Martin Ray. Winemaker Raemy Paterson holds a B.Sc. in viticulture and oenology with a minor in French from UC Davis. The daughter of a flight attendant and a wine connoisseur, Paterson had a childhood filled with trips to Italy, where she often got lost amid the vineyards. This early exposure to wine travel continued following her graduation. She has worked in Bordeaux, Provence and the Barossa Valley, with stops at California wineries Mumm Napa, Ridge Vineyards, Lytton Springs and Jordan Vineyard & Winery. As winemaker at Martin Ray, she crafts wines that allow the vineyards to shine through.



MARTIN RAY PINOT NOIR 2022

Sonoma County/Monterey County, California

A tensioned and pretty pinot noir for the money with dried strawberry and hints of chocolate. Medium body. Firm and tensioned palate with complex fruit and a delicious finish. Drink now [through 2027+]. Score: **92** (jamessuckling. com, Feb. 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

8209 (XD) 750 mL \$35.95 /

Elisabetta Gnudi Angelini

ALTESINO

Tuscan visionary

Elisabetta Gnudi Angelini is one of the most influential people in Italian wine. She owns four Tuscan wine estates: Borgo Scopeto in Chianti Classico, Doga delle Clavule in Maremma, and neighbouring Montalcino estates Altesino and Caparzo. Angelini grew up in Rome and studied finance at university before beginning a career in film. She married Paolo Angelini of Italy's leading pharmaceutical family, returning to university to study oenology and agriculture following his death. Angelini acquired Altesino in 2002, outbidding France's Château Margaux. Altesino is thought to be first (and perhaps only) Montalcino estate to age its wines in French barriques, and they now also use Slavonian oak. Though the influence of both types of oak gives the wines an unmistakable and unique character, they retain their definitive minerality. Angelini's wines are a formidable combination of innovation and modernity crafted without sacrificing the traditional tenets that have defined the wines of Tuscany and made it one of the most beloved wine regions in the world.









Albiera, Alessia & Allegra Antinori

ANTINORI

Unrivalled siblings

There are precious few family businesses that can trace their origins back five generations, let alone 26. Antinori dates its involvement in wine to 1385, and the strength of Antinori today is, as it has always been, family. President Albiera Antinori's interest in architecture was instrumental in guiding the design of Antinori's new Chianti Classico winery, headquarters and museum, all of which opened in 2012. Vice-President Alessia Antinori is the driving force behind the sparkling wine brand Montenisa, in Franciacorta. She also oversees the extensive collection of paintings, ceramics, photographs, and antique manuscripts of the Antinori Art Project, which is housed in the family's Antinori nel Chianti Classico museum. Vice-president Allegra Antinori is responsible for the family's restaurants in New York, Moscow, Vienna, Zurich and Chianti. All three sisters travel extensively, serving as global ambassadors for the family's wines.



VILLA ANTINORI BIANCO 2023

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy

The Villa Antinori Bianco was first produced in 1931 by Niccolò Antinori, and the approach to the wine has remained virtually unchanged. A blend that includes Trebbiano, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Bianco and Riesling, it offers apple, orange and pineapple flavours with banana flourishes and a distinct mineral finish. A bright, zesty wine perfect for seafood or crudités.

Light & Crisp

620948 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

New at Vintages

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



Cristina Mariani-May

BANFI

Fearless commitment

After earning degrees from Georgetown University and Columbia University's graduate school of business, Cristina Mariani-May joined Banfi in 1993. In her time at Banfi, she has spearheaded many initiatives, including being a driving force behind the research Banfi had begun in the 1980s to identify the finest clones of Sangiovese, and overseeing a seven-year trial to develop hybrid fermentation vessels. These patented 4,600-gallon tanks are one-third steel and two-thirds wood, balancing the flavour influence and aeration of oak with the temperature control, ease of use and hygiene of stainless steel. Introduced in 2007, they're now used for the estate's Brunellos and single-vineyard Cabernets, Merlots and Syrahs. Mariani-May assumed the role of CEO and president of Banfi in 2018, the same year she was named Woman of the Year by The Drinks Business. The third generation of her family to oversee Banfi, Mariani-May streamlined Banfi's portfolio, reducing production from two-million cases to 300,000. While many in the industry believed her radical moves were a mistake, her bold strategy has already proven effective and infused this iconic producer with exciting new energy.

BANFI MAGNA CUM LAUDE 2021

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, sustainable

Tightly knit and supple, delivering black currant, blackberry, violet and graphite aromas and flavors. This harmonious red shows a well-integrated structure, with terrific energy and length. Though approachable now, this should really hit its stride in a year or two. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese and Syrah. Drink now through 2040. Highly Recommended. Score: 95 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

28469

(XD) 750 mL \$32.95 /



Angela Velenosi

VELENOSI

Unstoppable

Though not from a wine background, Angela Velenosi was determined to see the Piceno region, and the wines that she loved, become celebrated and introduced to a broader audience. Undaunted by her lack of experience, she dove in, founding her company in 1984, learning and improving as she went, making mistakes, adapting and evolving all the time, relying on hard work and determination to win through. And win through she has, establishing both her own reputation and that of the Sangiovese and Montepulciano wines from the region she loves. Velenosi is one of only a handful of women to be named president of a wine consortium; namely the Consortium of Piceno Wines, a group of more than 40 producers. Velenosi's daughter, Marianna, was born in 1993. Raised in the winery, she officially joined the family business in 2019.

VELENOSI PECORINO 2023 DOCG Offida, Marche, Italy

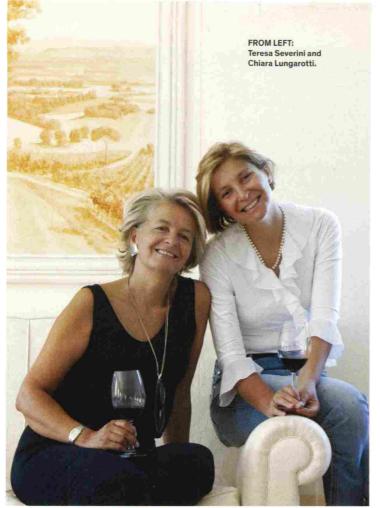
The 2023 Pecorino Offida Villa Angela is sharply focused with a pungent whiff of grapefruit and lemon zest, further complicated by wild herbs and crushed stone. This is round and soothing, with a balanced inner sweetness offset by sour lime and crisp green apple. It finishes short yet clean and refreshing, leaving a hint of tart citrus rind concentration. If tasting blind, I could mistake this for a rich and powerful New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. That said, it's opulent, balanced and thoroughly satisfying. Drinking window: 2024-2026. Score: 89 (Eric Guido, vinous.com, May 2, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

173252

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95







Chiara Lungarotti & Teresa Severini

LUNGAROTTI

Sister act

Chiara Lungarotti first joined the family business in the 1990s, working closely with her father, Giorgio, who founded the winery in the early 1960s. Lungarotti became CEO following Giorgio's passing in 1999. She has proven to be a dynamic, entrepreneurial proprietor. Through a keen application of innovative techniques and technologies, she has been instrumental in continuing the reputation of Umbria's most famous wine estate, establishing new benchmarks for quality within the Lungarotti portfolio. Director of marketing and communication, Teresa Severini holds a degree in oenology from the Agricolture University of Perugia and a specialization from the Institute d'Oenologie de l'Université de Bordeaux. She was one of Italy's first female winemakers. In 1988, she founded Le Donne del Vino with 20 other female wine professionals. This association works to raise awareness of the leading role many women play in the Italian wine industry and now has more than 750 members. Today, she is Lungarotti's marketing and communications manager.

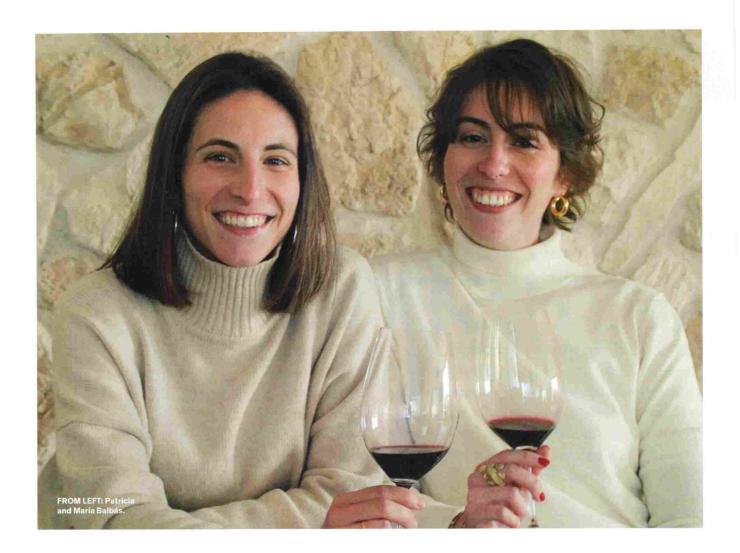
LUNGAROTTI L'UM UMBRIA SANGIOVESE/ MERLOT 2022

IGT Umbria Rosso, Umbria, Italy

Roses, violets, incense and spice introduce the 2022 Rosso L'Um. It is pleasantly sweet inside, with crisp wild berry fruits and zesty acidity to balance. The 2022 finishes fresh with a wild berry resonance and chalky minerality that adds a lovely inner tension. The L'Um Rosso is a remarkably fresh blending of Sangiovese and Merlot. Drinking window: 2024-2028. Score: 90 (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Oct. 10, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

476002 (D) 750 mL \$17.95 **✓ Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts**



Patricia & María Balbás

BODEGAS BALBÁS

The legend continues

In 2024, Juan José Balbás and Clara de la Fuente turned over control of one of Spain's oldest wineries, the historic Bodegas Balbás, to their daughters, Patricia and María. The sisters represent the seventh generation of the family to run the winery, which has been passed down from generation to generation since Abundio Balbás first began making wines from his own vineyards in 1777. This transition comes at a time when the Ribera del Duero region is experiencing a renewed focus on quality and terroir expression, particularly within the area known as the Golden Diamond, which shows the potential to become a major region in Spain. Patricia and María Balbás have set their sights on ensuring that Bodegas Balbás is at the forefront of this exciting time. They now oversee 140 hectares of vineyards, many planted with vines up to 100 years old, and their commitment to using only their own grapes and keeping every aspect of the winemaking in-house will ensure the continued authenticity of Bodegas Balbás's wines.



BALBÁS PAGOS DE BALBÁS 2022 DO Ribera del Duero, Spain

This 100% Tempranillo comes from Balbás's single-vineyard line and is sourced from their Torrosillo estate. The wine is bold and fruity, with blackcurrant, blueberry, red cherry, vanilla, and oak spice. Its good balance and grippy tannins make it a fine choice for roasted meat dishes, and its earthy undertones make it a good match for a chickpea-and-mushroom stew.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

40520 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

New at Vintages





Riesling fans, mark your calendars! International Riesling Day, March 13, is just around the corner. One of the most expressive and versatile grape varieties, Riesling thrives in Ontario's wine scene with its ideal combination of cool climate, mineral-rich soils and skilled winemakers. These local wines illustrate four stylistic facets of Riesling, just in time to celebrate the big day.



28 VINTAGES



LOCAL







Thirty Bench crafted their Sparkling Riesling in the traditional method of Champagne, using fruit harvested by hand in the autumns of 2019 and 2020. After the base wine was fermented, it aged on the lees for just over a year, which brought subtle touches of the brioche character prized in bottle-fermented sparkling wines while retaining the Riesling's bright natural acidity and expressiveness. Dosage was added using still wine aged in similar conditions alongside the sparkling wine, ultimately creating a seamlessly elegant fizz.

Cave Spring Vineyard has been specializing in top-tier Riesling for decades, and their CSV is consistently one of the finest local examples of dry Riesling. Made from fruit grown from a single estate vineyard consisting of complex, stony clay till composed primarily of limestone and dolostone mixed with sandstone, shale and traces of granite and gneiss, the wine beautifully conveys the minerality of its origins. The 2022 vintage was fermented exclusively with indigenous yeast, half in oak casks and half in stainless steel, and spent 12 months resting on the lees.

Inniskillin was the winery that originally put Icewine — and in the process, Canada — on the international wine map, so it's no surprise that their Riesling Icewine is a stunner. The 2022 vintage was harvested in the third week of December that year, when ideally frigid temperatures of -10°C signalled the perfect time to collect the frozen grapes. After the Iusciously sweet, concentrated juice was pressed from the fruit, temperature-controlled fermentation occurred in stainless steel over a span of 23 days to retain the Riesling's beautiful, balancing natural acidity.



finer points



VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, traditional method

Bright and zesty, with nectarine, citrus and a touch of brioche. Pair with sushi, steamed mussels, roast chicken or rich, creamy cheeses.

92 points (Michael Godel)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 469478 (XD) 750 mL \$40.00 ✔

CAVE SPRING CSV CAVE SPRING VINEYARD ESTATE GROWNRIESLING 2022

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, sustainable

Dry and mineral-etched, with notions of apricot, honeysuckle and beeswax. Pair with grilled fish, curried prawns, or onion tarts.

94 points (Magdalena Kaiser)

Aromatic & Flavourful 566026 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 ✓

INNISKILLIN NIAGARA ESTATE RIESLING ICEWINE 2022 ★

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Lusciously sweet, sleek and balanced, with lemon curd, candied melon and praline. Pair with key lime pie, lemon tart, or classic New York cheesecake.

92 points (International Wine Challenge)

Lusciously Sweet 558288 (S) 375 mL \$89.95 ✓

MEGALOMANIAC NARCISSIST RIESLING 2023 ♥

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Off-dry, aromatic and graceful, with notes of peach, spring blossoms, lemon and mineral. Pair with spicy Thai or Indian food, chicken in a cream sauce, or semi-sweet cheesecake.

92 points (Magdalena Kaiser)

Off-dry & Fruity 67587 (M) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓

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with their 2023 vintage of Narcissist. This style is accomplished by allowing the Riesling to retain some of its natural sugars during the vinification process. Riesling's brilliant natural acidity means the wine stays perfectly in balance, with the acidity providing a lovely counterpoint to the residual sweetness and resulting in a crisp, bright finish. The kiss

of sweetness means the wine pairs nicely

with spicier foods.

example of off-dry (partly sweet) Riesling

Megalomaniac boasts a beautiful

PRODUCT NOTES



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DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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



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

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SAKE

HOMARE LYCHEE NIGORI SAKE

Fukushima Prefecture, Japan

Nigori sakes are coarsely filtered and "cloudy." They should be given a quick shake before serving and are best enjoyed chilled. This balanced, refreshing example combines the sweetness and subtle rice tones of the Nigori style with ripe lychee notes. The sweetness makes it a nice option for spicy chicken wings, chocolate desserts, and cocktails.

30275

300 mL \$14.95





OKUNOMATSU SAKURA DAIGINJO SAKE

Fukushima Prefecture, Japan This sake shows complex flavours of vanilla nut brittle, coconut water, papaya custard, and pineapple sorbet, with a salted, radish-tinged finish. Savour it with fresh spring rolls, pork belly, or salmon steaks.

422600

(XD) 300 mL \$18.95







SHERRY

GONZÁLEZ BYASS NUTTY SOLERA MEDIUM OLOROSO SHERRY

DO, Spain

Another arch-classic bottling from González-Byass. medium-sweet as advertised, balanced by the pleasantly bitter-nutty-caramelized flavours of such long, oxidative barrel ageing. The finish lingers on and on, and complexity is excellent in the category. Enjoy lightly chilled with cured ham and hard cheeses, or slow-braised game dishes with lots of matching umami. Tasted January 2024. Score: 91 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Medium

35204

(MS) 750 mL \$21.95

ICEWINE

INNISKILLIN NIAGARA ESTATE RIESLING ICEWINE 2022 *

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario Nose of creamy sugared melon and lemon curd, palate silky and sweet with a praline edge. Sleek and beautifully balanced. Score: 92 (Panel, International Wine Challenge, 2024)

Lusciously Sweet 558288 (S)

375 mL \$89.95

Featured in Local Talent



ALBINO ARMANI EXTRA DRY **CONEGLIANO VALDOBBIADENE** PROSECCO SUPERIORE

DOCG, Friuli, Italy

Interesting perfume, offering papaya, white flowers and light nougat-like notes that are present also on the palate. Nice, creamy fizz and lots of persistent flavor. The aftertaste is salty. Lots going on here. Fun to drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com,

750 mL \$21.95

May 29, 2023) Medium-bodied & Flavourful 16602 (D)

SPARKLING WINE



THIRTY BENCH SPARKLING RIESLING *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario, traditional method

Been some time since last tasting the cracker of cracker sparkling rieslings and sometimes a higher yearning, learning and ripeness of fruit will make hav with its scintillant host. As is the case with this most recent Thirty Bench aged on lees for 12 months. No loss of zest or appetite for the crunchy one and yet get a mouthful from a bite into a dripping August nectarine. Drink 2024-2027. Last tasted August 2024. Gold Medal winner at the 2024 National Wine Awards of Canada. Score: 92 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 469478 (XD) 750 mL \$40.00 • **Featured in Local Talent**



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO



CAVE SPRING CSV CAVE SPRING VINEYARD ESTATE GROWN RIESLING 2022 *

VOA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment, sustainable

... intensely complex, with notes of apricot, honeysuckle and beeswax. The palate is weighty, with layers of texture from time on lees and several hours of skin contact at pressing. The textural components are dancing in harmony with the dazzling acidity. Almost fully dry, this wine is pushing boundaries and expressing the greatness of Niagara's Riesling terroir. Drinking window: 2024-2032. Score: 94 (Magdalena Kaiser, decanter.com, Nov. 16, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 566026 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 Featured in Local Talent



ANTECH RÉSERVE M LE MAUZAC EXTRA **BRUT BLANQUETTE DE LIMOUX 2022**

AP, Languedoc, France, traditional method Produced using the local Mauzac grape combined with dashes of Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc, this vintage Blanquette de Limoux offers spring flowers, herbs (suggesting chamomile and fresh hay), lemon, apricot, apple and pear, Well-defined toast and mineral tones on the close and a luxurious mouthfeel make it quite a delight. Pair it with seafood or sip throughout any meal.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 656470 (D) 750 mL **\$21.95** Featured in Women in Wine



FLAT ROCK GOOD KHARMA CHARDONNAY 2023 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, sustainable Flat Rock donates proceeds of Good Kharma to Feed Ontario, which provides healthy meals to Ontarians in need. Not only a feel-good wine with a feel-good cause, this Chardonnay also tastes good, showing an abundance of green apple, pear and tropical fruit notes that will pair nicely with roast chicken, or a salad dressed with apple cider vinegar.

Full-bodied & Rich 356873 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 Featured in Women in Wine

THE NEW RELEASE COLLECTION



CANADA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

MEGALOMANIAC NARCISSIST RIESLING 2023 ❖

VQA Niagara Peninsula

The 2023 Narcissist Riesling is a graceful off-dry style with aromas of stone fruit, lemons and petrol. Flavours are consistent with lovely notes of peaches, spring blossoms and savoury herbs. Well-integrated brisk acidity carries the wine and creates a juicy character. Outstanding concentration with minerality and a lingering finish – deliciousness comes to mind. Drinking window: 2024-2028. Score: **92** (Magdalena Kaiser, decanter.com, Nov. 16, 2024)

Off-dry & Fruity

67587 (M) 750 mL **\$19.95**

Featured in Local Talent



PELLER PRIVATE RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023 *

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake, sustainable Fresh, racy, light and vibrant with citrus, green vegetal notes, fresh green herbs and chalky minerality on the long finish. Score: **91** (Rhys Pender, MW, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 692632 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95** ✓

Featured in Women in Wine

CANADA - RED WINE



ONTARIO

180 GAMAY NOIR 2021 *

VQA Creek Shores,
Niagara Peninsula, estate grown
Gamay from Niagara is something we definitely do
well – It's also exciting because I don't think we
have firmly established a style for the grape in the
region. What we have here is a medium bodied,
dense, rich cherry bomb that needs some time and
patience. Dark cherry, blackberry, and whispers of
baking spice are what you will find here. The tannin
is round and broad – but with 2 or 3 years in the
cellar should begin to relax ... come 2025 it should
be drinking gloriously. Score: ***** (André
Proulx, andrewinereview.ca, June 10, 2023)

Light-bodied & Fruity 43849 (XD) 750 mL **\$24.00**



DOMAINE QUEYLUS DROITE 2020 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, vegan
Domaine Queylus focuses on producing topflight wines that reflect the terroir of the Niagara
Peninsula with absolute authenticity as expressed
by Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the
latter two forming the blend for Droite. The name
references Bordeaux's famed Merlot-led Right
Bank, but the wine is Niagara through and through.
Showing red and dark fruit, spice and lifted florals,
it will evolve through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
43618 (XD) 750 mL \$45.70

✓
Featured in Women in Wine



TAWSE SKETCHES CABERNET/MERLOT 2021 ❖

VQA Niagara Peninsula

This wine is a blend of 39% Merlot with 33% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Cabernet Franc, each of which was aged for 16 months in French oak before the final assemblage. It's rich and ripe, with generous blackberry, cassis, plum, mixed spices, and a touch of chocolate. Drink by 2027.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
130252 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

Featured in Women in Wine



THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CABERNET FRANC 2021 ◆

VQA Niagara Peninsula

This wine is 100% Cabernet Franc, which is a variety that did exceptionally well in Niagara's 2021 vintage. With dark plum, blackcurrant, blueberry, spice, savoury herbs, and gently incorporated oak, this is not a shy wine in any respect, but it carries its power with an easy elegance and sophistication. Drink through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 30073 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 ✓ Featured in Women in Wine



BRITISH COLUMBIA

MISSION HILL RESERVE MERLOT 2021 *

BC VQA Okanagan Valley

A 2021 vintage Okanagan merlot of considerable ripeness (14.5% alcohol declared) and black fruit flavours, smoke and abundant oak influence. Tannins are yet grainy and firm, and acids also prominent, indicating that another couple of years in the cellar will do positive things for the texture and flavour development. Substantial, concentrated wine all in all, fairly priced in the category. Tasted September 2023. [Received an average final score of 92 points from judges at the 2023 National Wine Awards of Canada.] Score: 90 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 553313 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 FORGANIC Product



CANADA - ROSÉWINE

ONTARIO

DREA'S ROSATO 2023 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, sustainable
This wine is made by Andrea Kaiser, daughter
of Inniskillin co-founder and Ontario winemaking
pioneer Karl J. Kaiser. Dornfelder was one of his
favourite grapes; he was familiar with it from his
native Austria, and Andrea's rosé version is believed
to be the only one produced in Canada. It's bone-dry,
with bright acidity and impressive plum, raspberry,
and soft herbs, notably mint. A unique rosé that
will drink through 2028.

Easygoing & Fruity 43624 (XD) 750 mL **\$26.50**



USA - WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

HESS SELECT MONTEREY COUNTY CHARDONNAY 2022

Monterey County

[Though not certified sustainable, this wine is produced using sustainable practices.] Crème brûlée and caramel aromas meet with a lemon-peel twist on the nose of this bottling. Lime-like energy extends across the candied yellow apple and pineapple flavors of the palate. Best Buy. Score: **89** (Matt Kettman, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich 986778 (D) 750 mL **\$24.95**

USA - RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BELLE GLOS DAIRYMAN PINOT NOIR 2022

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (Joseph J. Wagner)

Beautiful, pure and focused fruit flavors distinguish this elegant, well-balanced wine. Tart cherries, black cherries, blueberries and black tea nuances seem primed for further complexity over time. A lithe structure of fruit acidity and medium tannins will carry it far. Best from 2026-2032. Editors' Choice. Score: 94 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 366013 (D) 750 mL \$59.95



VEL

DUCKHORN NAPA VALLEY MERLOT 2022

Napa Valley

This robustly styled Napa Merlot is sourced from prime sites in Oak Knoll, Calistoga, Yountville and St. Helena. The final blend includes 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc and showcases a rich variety of dark fruit, cherry, baking spice, herb and cedar tones. A refined, complex wine that will evolve into the early 2030s.

Full-bodied & Smooth
27274 (XD) 750 mL \$79.95



DUCKHORN RUTHERFORD NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

Rutherford, Napa Valley

This beautifully polished and subtly spicy wine is irresistible from the first whiff of cocoa and spiced blueberries to the luxurious palate of dark chocolate and dusky black plums on fine-grained tannins. Best from 2025-2035. Score: **95** (Jim Gordon, *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 1, 2023)

VEV

Full-bodied & Firm 39190 (XD) 750 mL **\$148.95**



USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

GOLDENEYE PINOT NOIR 2022

Anderson Valley, Mendocino (Duckhorn Portfolio)

This Pinot Noir is made in a bold, fruit-forward style that offers up rich, ripe black cherry, plum and raspberry deftly supported by oak spice, white pepper, clove and earth. It has the substance and the potential to see 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

659854 (XD) 750 mL \$79.95

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MARTIN RAY PINOT NOIR 2022

Sonoma County/Monterey County A tensioned and pretty pinot noir for the money with dried strawberry and hints of chocolate. Medium body. Firm and tensioned palate with complex fruit and a delicious finish. Drink now [through 2027+]. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

518209 (XD) 750 mL \$35.95

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HAHN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2023

California

This graceful, enjoyably complex Cabernet offers generous black cherry, cassis, spice and forest tones. Sourced from prime sites in Paso Robles and Lodi, it balances its heft with freshness and will be a great option for steak or hearty veggie stews.

Full-bodied & Firm

57877

(D)

750 mL **\$23.95**





OREGON

FORIS ROGUE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2023*

Rogue Valley, estate grown

This wine's estate fruit is sourced from Foris's Cedar Ranch and Maple Ranch vineyards, which are both situated in the southernmost reaches of the Rogue Valley. It shows complex aromas of plum, cherry, spice, and dried flowers. On the palate it's structured, balanced and earthy, with finely detailed raspberry, cherry and cranberry. Enjoy through 2028+ alongside braised beef or hearty vegetable stews.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 937128 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95



MARKHAM THE ALTRUIST 2018

Napa Valley, sustainable

This Right Bank-style blend of 61% Merlot and 24% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller portions of Cab Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot aged in French and American oak for over 16 months. Bright coffee, cherry, and dark chocolate illuminate the well-built frame. Dynamic and luscious, with finely grained tannins and a toasty finish of plum and cedar. Score: 93 (Meridith May, tastingpanelmag. com, Nov./Dec. 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$39.95

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WASHINGTON

HEARKWELL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

Columbia Valley

This wine is a great value and packs quite a punch at this price. Named for one of George Washington's dogs, the Hearkwell Cabernet delivers rich, ripe blackberry, cherry and plum and will be quite fetching when paired with burgers or a smoked-tofu-andlentil salad.

Full-bodied & Smooth

39188

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95



IEV



ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

SUSANA BALBO SIGNATURE BARREL FERMENTED TORRONTÉS 2024

Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco, Mendoza Torrontés rarely sees barrel fermentation and ageing, as the process can utterly overwhelm the grape's subtler characteristics. But as with Sauvignon Blanc in Bordeaux, when done with care and precision, the process can bring forth wines of interest and significance. This one is skilfully accomplished, retaining its delicate floral attributes, nuanced tropical fruit, citrus and minerality along with spice and oak. Enjoy through 2030.

Aromatic & Flavourful
384339 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

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TRIVENTO GOLDEN RESERVE MALBEC 2022

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, sustainable, vegan 100% Malbec. Sleek dark berries and violet florals with a classy balsamic lift. Textured and pure with glossy tannins and acidity and a rich cocoa, vanilla finish. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth
588731 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

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ARGENTINA - RED WINE

CATENA PARAJE ALTAMIRA MALBEC 2022

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, sustainable
The 2022 Malbec Catena Appellation Paraje
Altamira comes from the Uco Valley. Aged for up to
13 months in French oak barrels (both new and
used), this purple-hued wine reveals crystal-clear,
fruit-forward aromas with hints of balsamic and
lavender. On the palate, it is dry, rich and juicy,
delivering intense flavors and supple textures.
Drinking window: 2024-2032. Score: 92 (Joaquín
Hidalgo, vinous.com, May 30, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
492413 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

✓
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CHILE - WHITE WINE

CASA FÈVRE ESPINO RESERVA ESPECIAL CHARDONNAY 2023

DO Valle del Maipo

This Chardonnay is crafted using a clone imported more than 25 years ago from Fèvre's holdings in Chablis. Grown at an altitude of 700 meters, these grapes receive excellent sun exposure, allowing for complete ripeness. The wine is fermented in stainless steel and offers plentiful apricot, orange and almond notes accented by a honeyed tone on the close. Pair with salmon.

Light & Crisp 350058 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 ✓



JI JI JI GEN FUERZA TRANQUILA MALBEC/PINOT NOIR 2022

Gualtallary, Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza (Finca Don Emilio)

The pale and aromatic red 2022 JI JI JI was produced with low intervention as a co-fermentation of 50/50 Malbec and Pinot Noir with 12.5% alcohol. It has a light to medium-bodied palate and fine tannins, aromatic and floral through a carbonic maceration of the 100% full clusters and bottled unoaked to preserve the fruit and freshness. It's tasty, fresh and refreshing, very pleasant! Drink date: 2023-2027. Score: 92 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 38494 (XD) 750 mL **\$20.95 ✓**



CHILE - RED WINE

LEYDA COASTAL VINEYARD CANELO SYRAH 2020

DO Valle de Leyda

A deep, meaty syrah with lots of grilled herbs and cooking spices. Dense black cherries and a hint of nicely baked plums. Intense and concentrated on the palate with very fine-grained tannins. Deep, closely knit and pretty long. A serious syrah to enjoy now or hold [into the mid-2030s]. Fantastic value. Score: **94** (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, Feb. 3, 2023)

VF

Full-bodied & Smooth 42109 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 Featured in Women in Wine



AUSTRALIA - WHITE WINE

BIRD IN HAND TWO IN THE BUSH **CHARDONNAY 2024**

Australia

Established in 1997, Bird in Hand is family-owned and based in the Adelaide Hills. This crisp, elegant Chardonnay was crafted from fruit grown in the Nugent family's cool-climate vineyards in Adelaide Hills and elsewhere in South Australia and was given a subtle touch of French oak. It delivers juicy peach, citrus blossom, and a zesty finish.

Light & Crisp

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95 41876



WAKEFIELD JARAMAN **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022**

Clare Valley/Coonawarra, South Australia Garnet color. Aromas and flavors of black cherry, mint, cocoa nibs, and brisket burnt ends with a velvety, lively, dry medium-to-full body and a tingling, delightful, medium-long finish imparting notes of cherry, blackberry, eucalyptus, and black tea with chewy, well-integrated tannins and light oak flavor. Lovely, absolutely lovely; a BTG or stocked up at home, this is a wonderful everyday drinker. Exceptional. Score: 93 (tastings.com,





AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

SISTER'S RUN EPIPHANY SHIRAZ 2022

McLaren Vale/Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia

(Elena Brooks, founder and winemaker) Opulent and gorgeously complex, the perfumed bouquet shows dark fruit richness, cake spice, toasty oak and dark chocolate characters, leading to a concentrated palate offering excellent depth and plush texture. Tannins are polished and beautifully infused, making it velvety and deliciously appealing. At its best: now to 2037. Score: 94 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Sept. 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

269464 (XD) 750 mL \$18.00

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AUSTRALIA - ROSÉ WINF

SIDEWOOD THE MAD CAT ROSÉ 2024

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Made from 100% Shiraz grown in sustainably farmed cool-climate vineyards in Adelaide Hills, this pink wine was forged in stainless steel, keeping the emphasis on fresh fruit, aromatics and vibrancy. Look for notes of rose petal, strawberry, Pink Lady apple, watermelon, and orange blossom.

Medium-bodied & Dry (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 41347



SONS OF EDEN KENNEDY GRENACHE/ SHIRAZ/MOURVÈDRE 2022

Barossa Valley, South Australia A beautifully bright, spacey and detailed blend of 56/25/19% grenache/shiraz/mourvédre with a snappy minerally line, chewy, powdered granite tannins and loads of bright red berry raspberry and red plummy fruit. Spicy, too, with a gentle floral facet, gingerbread notes and a really easy-drinking vibe. I like it a lot. Drink from: 2024. Drink by: 2032. Special Value. Score: 93 (Dave Brookes, winecompanion.com.au, Oct. 22, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

558692 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 •



NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

ASTROLABE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Marlborough, South Island, sustainable Bright, fresh sauvignon with lime, grapefruit, capsicum and lemon curd supported by fine, mouth-watering acidity. Crisp, dry wine with an ethereal texture and lingering finish. High energy wine that is hard to fault. Drink date: 2023-2027. Score: 94 (Bob Campbell, MW, therealreview.com, Dec. 6, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$24.95





SHEILD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Nelson, South Island, sustainable, vegan This is immediately appealing on the nose with Granny Smith apple, nectarine, feijoa and green tea aromas, leading to a delightfully flavoursome palate that's juicy and lively. Varietally expressive and delectably appealing. At its best: now to 2026. Score: 93 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Nov. 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95 32553



AUSTRIA – WHITE WINE

STADT KREMS GRÜNER VELTLINER 2023

DAC Kremstal, sustainable

Grüner Veltliner is Austria's signature wine variety, and this outstanding example illustrates why. Elegant and finessed, it evokes delicate hints of tangerine zest, spring blossoms, honey and apple along with a beautiful mineral undertone. Pair with fried seafood, pork or noodle dishes.

Aromatic & Flavourful

295626 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95





NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

DASHWOOD PINOT NOIR 2022

Marlborough, South Island, sustainable (Vavasour)

Bright and aromatic, it's sweetly fruited on the nose with ripe cherry, floral, clove and warm mushroom nuances, leading to a beautifully rounded palate offering supple texture and silky tannins. Harmonious and well balanced with a lingering smooth finish. At its best: now to 2026, Score: 90 (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz. Nov. 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 296202





CROATIA - RED WINE

MEDITERANO PLAVAC MALI 2019

Hvar Island, South Dalmatia (Badel 1862)

VEI

Badel 1862 is one of the largest, most important producers of wine and spirits in Croatia. This is a characterful, authentic Plavac Mali variety grown on terraced sites on the island of Hvar off the Dalmatian coast. It has red fruit, savoury herbs, pepper and earth, with a lithe, lifted feel. Drink it by 2026.

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 24657



SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

NEDERBURG THE WINEMASTERS **CHARDONNAY 2022**

WO Western Cape, vegan

Bright and vivacious with lush honeyed apples and a clean citrus crush lifted by steely acidity, with charming creamy cashew notes at the end. Score: 95 (Olivia Mason, decanter.com, May 1, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95

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FRANCE - WHITE WINE

BEAUJOLAIS

VIGNERONS DES PIERRES DORÉES LA ROSE BLANCHE **BEAUJOLAIS 2022**

AP

Attractive nose of white flowers and white peaches with a hint of moss. Medium-bodied, elegant and creamy. The lively appley finish has a delicate chalky minerality that lingers. Drink or hold. Score: 90 (Stuart Pigott, jamessuckling.com, March 9, 2024)

Light & Crisp

42794

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95





FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

BURGUNDY

DOMAINE DU COLOMBIER CHABLIS 2023

AC

(Guy Mothe et ses fils, prop.-récolt.)
Since 1887, Domaine du Colombier has been home to the Mothe family, who have been making wine there since 1957. This crisp, vibrant Chablis is superbly balanced and offers lifted floral tones atop bright apple and distinctive, flinty minerality. Pair with lemon sole or herbed chicken breast.

Light & Crisp 366419 (XD) 750 mL **\$32.95**



FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU GUILLOU 2022

AC Montagne-Saint-Émilion (Jean-Bernard Saby & Fils)

Located just north of Saint-Emilion, this vineyard has produced a wine with a dark cocoa and violet aroma. It is a succulent wine, juicy with black fruits and integrated tannins. It is a fine wine, ready from 2027. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 140483 (XD) 750 mL **\$23.95**



PASCAL BOUCHARD RÉSERVE SAINT-PIERRE BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ 2022



AC.

Although most white Burgundy is made from Chardonnay, white wines crafted from Aligoté can be exceptionally sleek and dynamic while offering great value. This one was grown in calcareous clay and vinified in stainless steel, where it was then aged for eight months. It delivers crisp apple along with tender white peach and pear notes. Excellent with seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful 38094 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95**



NEV

CHÂTEAU VIEUX CHEVROL 2020

AC Lalande de Pomerol (Famille Champseix)

A new wine for me, the 2020 Vieux Chevrol is fabulous. Readers will find a classically built, midweight Lalande de Pomerol that emphasizes energy and focus more than volume, as is often the case in this appellation. Inky fruit, gravel, rose petal, spice, mint and mocha are all finely cut. This is a gorgeous wine. Drinking window: 2025-2035. Score: 90-92 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, June 1, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 525931 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 ✓ **Organic product**



LOIRE

DOMAINE DE LA ROCHETTE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

AP Touraine, sustainable (Famille Leclair, vign.)

This traditional-styled Loire Sauvignon Blanc sings. The wine opens with a nose of crabapple, kumquat zest, orange and white blossom. Round in texture, hints of dried field herbs and pear emerge on the palate and dive into a lemon citrus finish. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Reggie Solomon, *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 30, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful 42741 (XD) 750 mL **\$14.95** ✔



BEAUJOLAIS

STÉPHANE AVIRON VIEILLES VIGNES JULIENAS 2022

AC

Made from Gamay grapes harvested from vines aged 40+ years, this wine was given 12 months in neutral oak. Elegant, complex and poised, it offers red cherry, wild strawberry, and an herbal character. A nice choice for duck, braised mushrooms or roasted root vegetables.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 41424 (XD) 750 mL **\$22.95** ✓



FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

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Light & Crisp

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Full-bodied & Firm

140483 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

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Aromatic & Flavourful

42741

ROCHETTE

(XD) 750 mL **\$14.95**





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Medium-bodied & Fruity

41424

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95 🗸





BURGUNDY

VIGNERONS DE BUXY BUISSONNIER MERCUREY 2022

This wine is sourced from some of the oldest soils in Burgundy. The soils of the Côte Chalonnaise were formed between 160 and 220 million years ago and play a significant role in giving Pinots from Mercurey their telltale firm acidity, chalky tannins, and broad red cherry and strawberry tones. Savour this with duck breast or beef bourguignon.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

474841 (XD) 750 mL \$33.95



GEORGIA – RED WINE

CORPORATION GEORGIAN WINE **AKIDO RED 2021**

Mukuzani, Kakheti

An attractive nose of wild red flowers, violet and dark black fruit notes. The bold style has excellent concentration and silky black cherry character. The tannins are ripe and polished with a lovely silky feel. Score: 95 (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

41289

(D)

750 mL \$21.95





RHÔNE

LE GRAVILLAS SÉGURET **CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2021**

Séguret has been the location of dedicated winemaking since the 10th century. The wines are notably structured, with lifted lavender, concentrated red fruit and garrique. This smooth, elegant, intense wine is a classic Séguret.

[The Concours des Vins Orange did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Concours des Vins Orange, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

309260 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

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GURJAANI OLD MARANI ALAZANI VALLEY RED 2020

Kakheti

This is a boldly flavoured, medium-sweet red that shows good depth and balance. It's bright and floral on the nose, with plentiful candied red fruit on the palate. Chill it before serving and you will find a really enjoyable beverage to pair with dessert or simply sip on its own.

Full-hodied & Smooth

41290

(M) 750 mL \$17.95



SOUTHWEST

PLAIMONT GÉOGLYPHE **GRAND VIN 2018**

AC Madiran

Produced from old vines, this wine is rich in juicy black fruits and acidity that lie against firm tannins and ripe, spicy berry flavors. The wine is worth aging. Drink from 2025. Editors' Choice. Score: 93 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, July 1, 2022)

Full-hodied & Firm

38859

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95



EV



GERMANY - WHITE WINE

RHEINGAU

DOMDECHANT WERNER HOCHHEIM **ORTSWEIN RIESLING TROCKEN 2022**

From one of Germany's leading producers, this dry Riesling offers rich guava, pineapple, mango and citrus, with a crisp, lip-smacking finish. Pair with almost any entree and drink through 2027.

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

Aromatic & Flavourful

25710

(D)

750 mL \$19.95



GREECE - RED WINE

APOSTOLOS THYMIOPOULOS ATMA 2021

PGI Macedonia

Apostolos Thymiopoulos received Decanter's Rising Star Award in 2022 ... His Atma red is a great introduction to the Xinomavro red grape, a must-try for lovers of Nebbiolo or Pinot Noir. This unoaked, fairly straight-forward expression isn't too intense, but displays the typical elegant red fruits of Xinomavro, plus a hint of tomato leaf and thyme. Fresh, chewy and with great acidity. It may just become your new go-to summer red grape. Drinking window: 2023-2025. Score: **91** (Amy Wislocki, decanter.com, May 23, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 40440 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95



KIR-YIANNI CUVÉE VILLAGES XINOMAVRO 2021

PDO Naoussa, vegan

Intriguing notes of baked fruit and fragrant marzipan followed by cherry, strawberry and raspberry. Firm tannins balanced with soft acidity. [Drink into early 2030s.] Score: **93** (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 14151 (XD) 7

151 (XD) 750 mL \$18.00

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MARCHE

VELENOSI PECORINO 2023

DOCG Offida

... sharply focused with a pungent whiff of grape-fruit and lemon zest, further complicated by wild herbs and crushed stone. This is round and soothing, with a balanced inner sweetness offset by sour lime and crisp apple ... If tasting blind, I could mistake this for a rich and powerful New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. That said, it's opulent, balanced and thoroughly satisfying. Drinking window: 2024-2026. Score: **89** (Eric Guido, vinous. com, May 2, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

173252 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95**

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TUSCANY

VILLA ANTINORI BIANCO 2023*

IGT Toscana

The Villa Antinori Bianco was first produced in 1931 by Niccolò Antinori, and the approach to the wine has remained virtually unchanged. A blend that includes Trebbiano, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Bianco and Riesling, it offers apple, orange and pineapple flavours with banana flourishes and a distinct mineral finish. A bright, zesty wine perfect for seafood or crudités.

Light & Crisp 620948 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 Featured in Women in Wine



ITALY - RED WINE

ABRUZZO

NIRO DI CITRA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2021

DOP

(Citra)

Produced from 100% Montepulciano from the Abruzzo region, this wine offers bright red cherry, plum jam, anise, and sweet tobacco notes. Lifted, fresh and graceful.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: **96** (lucamaroni.com, May 22, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 278150 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



PIEDMONT

BENI DI BATASIOLO RISERVA BAROLO 2015

DOCG

Very rich nose with red berries and a dense bead of savory elements, such as fresh earth, mild spice and dried flowers. Full- to medium-bodied with rather sweet and spicy fruit flavors and tannins that are just starting to submerge. Drinkable now, but will continue to improve [through 2030]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, April 27, 2021)

Full-bodied & Firm 330704 (XD) 750 mL \$45.95





PUGLIA

MASSERIA ALTEMURA SASSEO PRIMITIVO 2021

IGT Salento

Worth holding your nose to the glass for a while, to eke out the plummy, slightly chocolaty fruit character, together with an interesting, sweaty mineral note that turns to a more herbal trait. Medium-bodied with good intensity and balance and more straightforward fruit flavors. The tannins are sunk into the wine, allowing for a racy, fresh and almost tangy fruit finish. Lots going on here. Drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 16, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

366955 (D) 750 mL \$17.95



BRANCAIA RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2020

DOCG

A pretty red, this boasts cherry, strawberry, rose, mineral and wild herb aromas and flavors. Straddles the fence between elegant and powerful, with the firm structure and vibrant acidity keeping this focused and long. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2045. Score: 94 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 260802 (XD) 750 mL \$50.95

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TUSCANY

ALTESINO BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO 2019**

DOCG

The Altesino 2019 Brunello di Montalcino boasts a rich and savory side that this wine wears very well. There is a beautiful level of dark fruit that folds into the wine's velvety texture. Blackberry and plum envelop the palate, adding elegant full-bodied volume and fine tannins along the way. The wine is aged in traditional Slavonian casks ... Drink date: 2025-2042. Score: 95 (Monica Larner, robert parker.com, Dec. 14, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$68.95 • 994095

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TENUTA SAN GUIDO LE DIFESE 2022

IGT Toscana, Castagneto Carducci The 2022 Le Difese is plump, juicy and expressive, all of which make it a fine choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Crushed flowers, succulent red cherry fruit, mint, spice and blood orange all race across the palate. This exuberant yet mid-weight coastal Tuscan red is a total pleasure bomb. The 2022 is an especially fine edition. It benefits from a warm year - which can be a positive for entry-level wines - earlier bottling and selection. Le Difese is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (both estate and non-estate sites) and Sangiovese, all purchased. Drinking window: 2024-2032. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb. 13, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

147876 (XD) 750 mL \$46.95



BANFI MAGNA CUM LAUDE 2021

IGT Toscana, sustainable Tightly knit and supple, delivering black currant, blackberry, violet and graphite aromas and flavors. This harmonious red shows a well-integrated structure, with terrific energy and length. Though approachable now, this should really hit its stride in a year or two. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese and Syrah. Drink now through 2040. Highly Recommended. Score: 95 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm

(XD) 750 mL \$32.95 28469

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VILLA POGGIO SALVI BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019

DOCG

A very fine-tannined red with dark-berry, rose-hip, bark and cedar character. It's medium-bodied with firm tannins that are polished and juicy. Hints of ash and spice to it all. Shows class and structure. Best after 2026. Score: 95 (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 13, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 363028 (XD) 750 mL **\$56.95**



ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

UMBRIA

LUNGAROTTI L'UM UMBRIA SANGIOVESE/MERLOT 2022

IGT Umbria Rosso

Roses, violets, incense and spice introduce the 2022 Rosso L'Um. It is pleasantly sweet inside, with crisp wild berry fruits and zesty acidity to balance. The 2022 finishes fresh with a wild berry resonance and chalky minerality that adds a lovely inner tension. The L'Um Rosso is a remarkably fresh blending of Sangiovese and Merlot. Drinking window: 2024-2028. Score: 90 (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Oct. 10, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 476002 (D) 750 mL \$17.95 **Featured in Hand-Picked Gifts** and Women in Wine



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VENETO

MICHELE CASTELLANI COLLE CRISTI AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2019

DOCG

The 2019 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Colle Cristi is dark and understated in the glass, mixing plum sauce and grilled herbs with a dusting of cocoa and dried roses. This sweeps across the palate, opening with a pretty inner sweetness that's quickly offset by a saturation of tart red and blue berry fruits. A flourish of salted licorice and clove lingers as the 2019 tapers off, closing with primary concentration and grippy tannins. Drinking window: 2027-2040. Score: 93+ (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Feb. 29, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 222109 (D) 750 mL \$49.95



EVEL TINTO 2021

DOC Douro, sustainable

A stunning value, this classically styled blend of indigenous Portuguese varieties Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional spent eight months maturing in French oak. It delivers ripe blackberry, fig, plum, dried herbs and vanilla, with a touch of mineral on the finish. Pair with meaty stews or rich pasta dishes.

Full-bodied & Firm 190694 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 |



PEDRA CANCELA VINHA DA FIDALGA ALFROCHEIRO/ **TOURIGA NACIONAL 2018**

DOC Dão (Lusovini)

This single-vineyard wine aged in wood is rich and impressive. The Alfrocheiro and Touriga Nacional blend has weight and layers of black fruits, underlined by tannins, and is full-bodied and solid. Drink this fine wine from 2025. Editors' Choice. Score: 93 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 26759

(XD) 750 mL \$27.95



SPAIN - RED WINE

BALBÁS PAGOS DE BALBÁS 2022

DO Ribera del Duero

This 100% Tempranillo comes from Balbás's single-vineyard line and is sourced from their Torrosillo estate. The wine is bold and fruity, with blackcurrant, blueberry, red cherry, vanilla, and oak spice. Its good balance and grippy tannins make it a fine choice for roasted meat dishes, and its earthy undertones make it a good match for a chickpeaand-mushroom stew.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

40520

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95

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DERA DEL DUERE

BARÓN DE LEY RESERVA 2019

DOCa Rioja, vegan

Vanilla and chocolate to the fresh black plums and blackberries. Juicy and tight on the palate with firm, lightly grippy tannins and lots of sappy fruit. Bright acidity. From organically grown grapes. Drink now or hold. Score: 91 (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, June 14, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 958868 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸





CUNE CRIANZA 2020

DOCa Rioja, vegan (Compañía Vinícola del Norte de España) A fruity and plummy nose with lots of cherries, strawberries and some spices. Ripe, crunchy and fruit-expressive on the medium-bodied palate rounded by firm and nicely chewy tannins. Not complex, but has good length in the finish. Drink now. Score: **91** (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, July 10, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39925 (XD) 750 mL **\$17.95**



LAN GRAN RESERVA 2017

DOCa Rioja

Elegant and aromatic, with detailed hints of star anise, dried thyme and mocha winding through the core of ripe black cherry and boysenberry fruit. Fine-grained tannins are well-meshed and lightly chalky in texture, emerging to firm the focused finish. Tempranillo and Graciano. Drink now through 2030. Smart Buys. Score: **92** (Alison Napjus, wine spectator.com, Aug. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm
928622 (XD) 750 mL \$36.95

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EL GORU GOLD MAD HAIRY FELLA MONASTRELL/SYRAH/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

DOP Jumilla, vegan (Ego Bodegas)

Dark and luscious character here, with aromas of spiced plums, black cherries, vanilla, licorice and dark chocolate. Full-bodied and fruit-forward with mellow character, creamy tannins and a long finish. Monastrell and syrah. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth 13621 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA 2020

DOCa Rioja, vegan

This dark ruby-colored wine has a nose of ripe cherry and caramel. It is bright at first sip, offering velvety tannins and pomegranate, red-plum, milk-chocolate and aniseed flavors. The finish is marked with a note of candied orange peel. Score: **91** (Mike DeSimone, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 471854 (XD) 750 mL **\$15.95 ✓**





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(Elena Brooks, founder and winemaker)

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Full-bodied & Smooth

94 points (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz)

Fragrant marzipan, cherry, strawberry and raspberry. Savour with roast lamb, or grilled eggplant sandwiches.

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Full-bodied & Firm

93 points (International Wine & Spirit Competition 2024)

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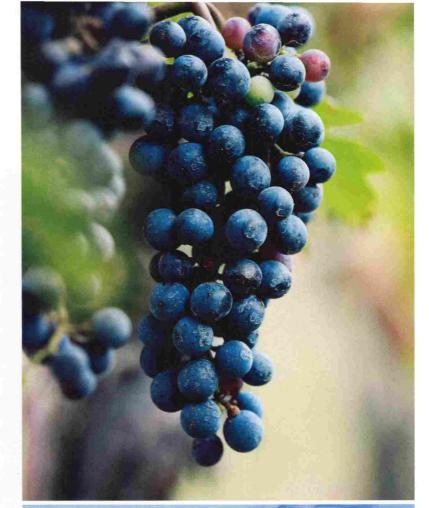
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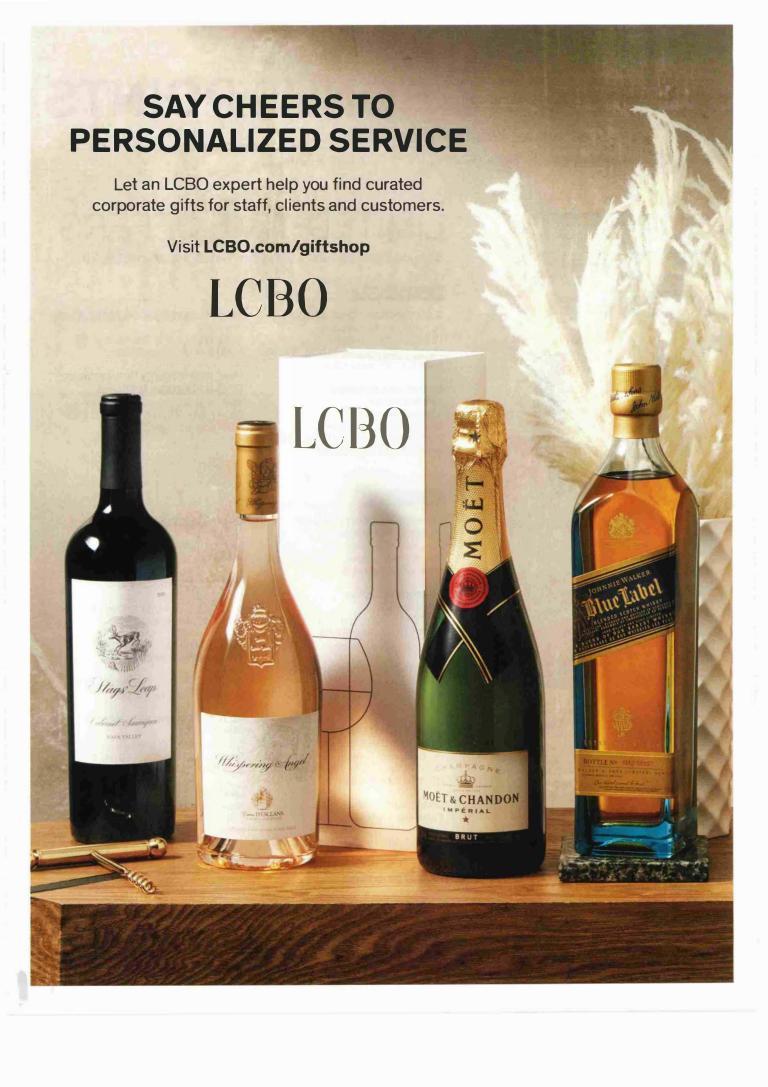
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IGT Umbria Rosso, Umbria, Italy

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476002 (D)

750 mL

\$17.95

Medium-bodied & Fruity

90 points (vinous.com) Featured in Women in Wine

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