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Fruit flavours and creamy textures

TERRE DI TALAMO TEMPO **MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2021**

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy (Bacci Wines) 438556 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

A juicy and easy Morellino with creamy texture. Ripe and lightly fruity. Full and flavorful with light jam and rich fruit at the end. Straightforward. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, June 29, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

Featured in Eco-Conscious Italy

JOEL GOTT CALIFORNIA **PINOT NOIR 2022**

California

633701 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 /

Earthy aromas of cherry bark and wild cherry permeate the glass. Tilled soil, black cherry, and spiced sandalwood are focused and supported by a keen acidity. Mochastrawberry on the finish is tart and creamy. Score: 91 (Panel, The Tasting Panel Magazine, Nov./Dec. 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity





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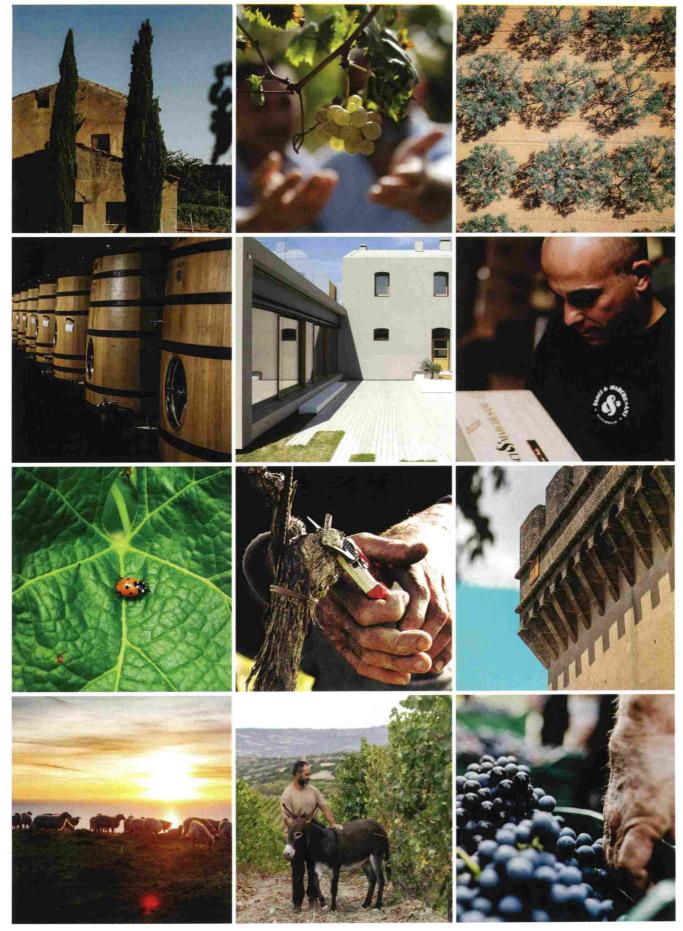
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Meet a dozen sustainably minded Italian producers and their lovingly crafted wines.

Italy has perhaps the richest and most diverse wine scene of any country on the planet, and increasingly, its vintners are making that planet a focus. In recent decades, the Italians have taken big strides in certification for organic, biodynamic and sustainable winemaking. Here's a look at 12 producers who are leading the way.



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Casal Farneto

Certified sustainable by Equalitas, Casal Farneto harvests its grapes from vineyards certified by SQNPI: a local regulating body in the Marche region that focuses on integrated pest management and vine health while minimizing chemical pesticides. The winery itself was architecturally designed to minimally impact its surrounding environment and incorporates rooftop gardens and geothermal heating. Photovoltaic panels harness clean solar energy, while specially constructed reservoirs collect rainwater for use in the winery rather than diverting water from local aquifers. The winery's social equity initiatives include policies of gender equality and antidiscrimination, socio-environmental employee training, and commitments to workplace safety and ethics.



CASAL FARNETO BEVEROCCO ROSSO PICENO 2022

DOC, Marche, sustainable

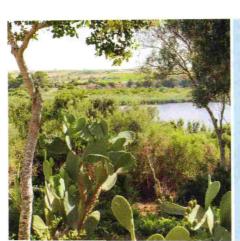
This family-owned winery is certified sustainable. The wine is a blend of 65% Montepulciano and 35% Sangiovese and offers bright red fruit with herbal shading. Perfect for pasta with tomato sauce and sausages.

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

Full-bodied & Smooth

39224 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95

New at Vintages







Casal di Serra

(Umani Ronchi)

One of Italy's most renowned family wineries, Umani Ronchi cultivates over 200 hectares of vineyards from Marche to Abruzzo. The family pride themselves on organic farming and their winery in Marche, where Casal di Serra wines are made, is certified sustainable by Equalitas. Guided by a deep respect for the environment, Umani Ronchi uses organic fertilizers in the vineyard and packages its wines in lightweight glass sealed with 100% recyclable synthetic corks made from sugar cane. The winery uses over 300 photovoltaic panels to collect solar power and conserve energy, while cellar water is reused for irrigation in the vineyards.

CASAL DI SERRA VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2023

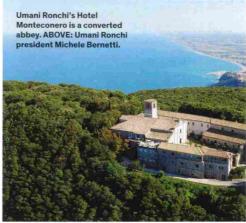
DOC, Marche, sustainable (Umani Ronchi)

Lemons, biscuits and seashells on the nose. Touch of acacia honey. It's crisp and tangy with a medium body and a tasty, waxy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, May 16, 2024)

Light & Crisp

268169 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95









Gorghi Tondi

Given that this family-owned Sicilian winery is located within a nature reserve protected by the World Wide Fund for Nature, perhaps it's no surprise that Gorghi Tondi is committed to environmental preservation and stewardship. Believing that the best and most expressive wines come from fruit grown in harmony with nature, the winery farms its vineyards organically and has banned synthetic chemicals in the interest of promoting the natural fertility of the soil. Since 2016, all 35 hectares of their estate vineyards have been certified organic.

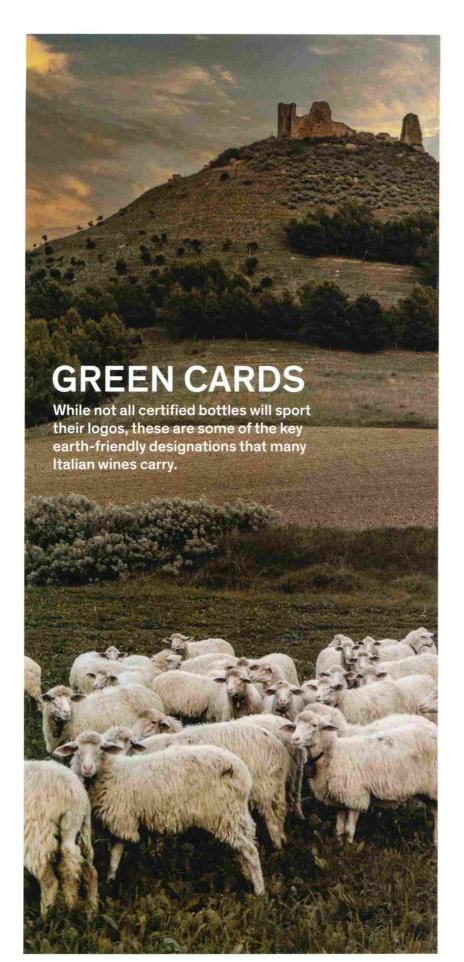
GORGHI TONDI COSTE A PREOLA NERO D'AVOLA 2022

DOC Sicilia, Sicily

Cherries, freeze-dried strawberries, tea leaves and hints of ash on the nose. It's mediumbodied and lively with a fresh, mineral backbone. Fine tannins. From organically grown grapes. Drink and enjoy. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, April 22, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39219 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

New at Vintages





ORGANIC

The **European Union organic logo** designates that a wine from within the EU has been certified by an authorized agency to have met strict conditions on how it was produced, processed, transported and stored. The logo can only be used on products when they contain at least 95% organic ingredients and respect further strict conditions for the remaining 5%.



BIODYNAMIC

The world's most widely recognized biodynamic certification body is **Demeter International**, which has related national-level organizations in some 30 countries, including Italy. Biodynamic farming views the vineyard as a living, self-sustaining entity and fosters the interaction between soil, plants, animals and humans in an environmentally friendly and regenerative way.



SUSTAINABLE

The most prevalent certification body for sustainability in Italy is **Equalitas**, whose "3E" approach includes Environmental, Ethical and Economic aims. Wineries, wines and territories are eligible for certification. Certified wineries must meet standards in each area, subject to an annual audit by an independent certification body.



Jasci & Marchesani

Recognized as an organic pioneer in the Abruzzo region, this family winery has a long history of agriculture in the Vasto Hills. A milk-cattle farm before the family dedicated themselves to organic winemaking in the 1960s, the estate was first certified organic in 1978, making it one of the first in Italy to attain certification. Since then, the family has adhered to its organic roots while broadening its ecologically conscious approach, with the winery now powered by renewable energy.

JASCI & MARCHESANI NERUBÈ MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2021

DOC, Abruzzo

The 2021 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Nerubè opens with a mentholated freshness, giving way to blackberries, ashen stone and rosemary. This is surprisingly juicy in character, with ripe red and hints of blue fruits taking on a youthful tension as tactile minerals and hints of fine tannin collect toward the close. It finishes staining and long with a resonance of sour cherry, sweet spice and dark chocolate that lingers on and on. While the oak is present, the integration is expertly done. Drinking window: 2025-2032. Score: **91** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, July 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
39225 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 ✔



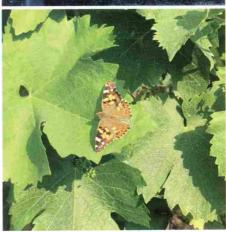
La Jara

A staunch organic pioneer in the Prosecco scene, La Jara has been farming organically since 1999. Owned and operated by the Marion family, who believe that "nature is the perfect mechanism," La Jara not only avoids all synthetic chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides in the vineyard, but also any synthetic chemical additives throughout the winemaking process. Every one of La Jara's wines is certified organic and vegan by the Environmental and Ethical Certification Institute.









LA JARA BRUT PROSECCO

DOC Prosecco di Treviso, vegan

Clear, bright straw yellow with persistent mousse. Very fragrant nose, yellow fruit, peach, vanilla pod, some mango, with a hint of hay in the aftertaste. Hearty and balanced on the palate, with harmonious dosage and a beautiful finish with fine juiciness. Score: **92** (Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, falstaff.at, April 10, 2024)

Light & Fruity

402438 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95



Olianas

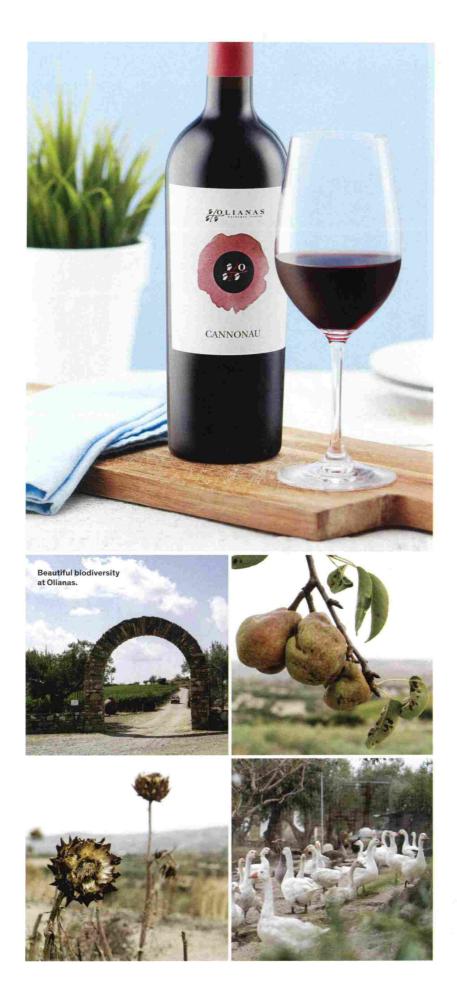
Olianas is based on the island of Sardinia and owned and operated by the Casadei family, who are renowned for making fine wines across multiple Italian regions. Guided by what they call the "Biointegrale" method, Olianas grows traditional Sardinian grape varieties and tills them using traditional horse-drawn plows. The vineyards are organically farmed and synthetic chemicals are avoided. Biodiversity is encouraged, from ancient fruit trees and aromatic herbs alongside the vine rows, to a flourishing population of pollinating insects, to geese and sheep that graze on the vine leaves and thereby minimize the need for mechanized pruning.

OLIANAS CANNONAU 2021

DOC Cannonau di Sardegna, Sardinia

This is a lively and fruity red with raspberries, currants, white pepper and lemon leaves on the nose. Medium-bodied with gently stemmy tannins and a peppery finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 39475 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



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Planeta

A long-time supporter of social responsibility projects, Planeta played a key role in the creation of Parco della Salute in Palermo with the Vivi Sano Association to promote healthy lifestyles. Planeta also contributed to the Dream project with the Sant'Egidio Community to support AIDS patients in Africa, as well as fighting poverty among women working in agriculture in collaboration with Oxfam. The entire cultivated area of Planeta's Sicilian estate - vineyards, olive groves, almond orchards and grain fields - is certified organic. In the vineyard and winery, their approach is one of applying the most modern scientific breakthroughs to centuriesold proven techniques.

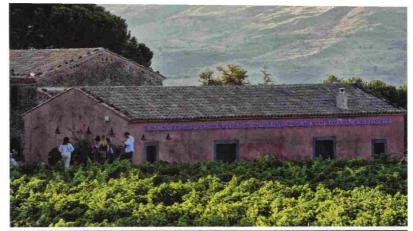


PLANETA LA SEGRETA GRILLO 2023

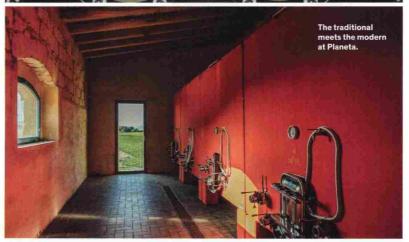
DOC Sicilia, Sicily, sustainable

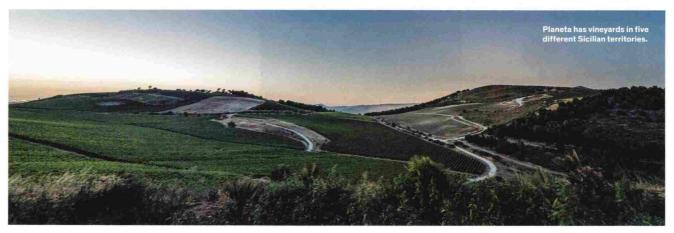
A well-rounded, juicy and attractive grillo with green apples, pears and warm herbs on the nose. It's medium-bodied, mellow and crunchy on the palate, with more apple and fresh pear character. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 3, 2024)

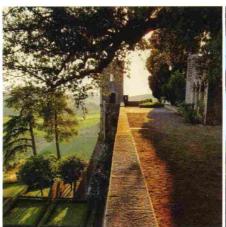
Aromatic & Flavourful 39442 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95













Ricasoli

Since 1141, the Ricasoli family has been inextricably linked to Brolio and its lands, nestled in the heart of the historic Chianti Classico region of Tuscany. Dedicated guardians of the land for future generations, the family is proud to have its estate certified for sustainability by Equalitas. Farmed without chemical herbicides or pesticides for generations, the Ricasoli estate's 1,200 hectares are richly biodiverse, encompassing woodlands, Mediterranean scrublands, and countless flora and fauna species. One of the largest local employers and tourist destinations, Ricasoli is committed to investing in the community and promoting ecologically responsible tourism.

RICASOLI BROLIO BETTINO CHIANTI CLASSICO 2021

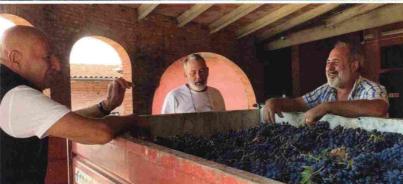
DOCG, Tuscany, sustainable

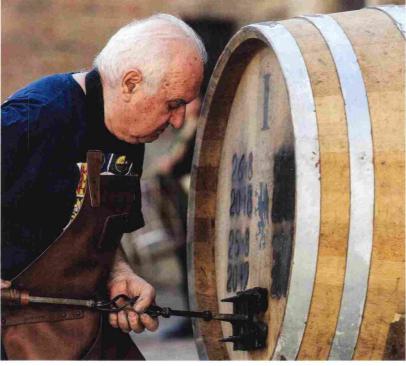
There's a beautiful expression of fruit in this well-defined red, revealing cherry, pomegranate, earth and iron notes, with a hint of Tuscan scrub. Verges on rich yet is underscored by vibrant acidity and refined tannins. Shows terrific balance and length. Best from 2026 through 2043. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 630939 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95









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Poliziano

Family-owned and -operated, Poliziano has been making wine for three generations in Tuscany. After more than a decade of converting to organic practices, the estate had its vineyards 100% certified organic in 2021. Passionate about organic agriculture, the family now use no synthetic chemicals whatsoever in the vineyard, while in the winery, they continue to seek out and embrace revolutionary techniques that offer a natural and sustainable approach.



POLIZIANO ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO 2022

DOC, Tuscany

Youthful, brambly nose with lots of cherries, strawberries, dried herbs and potpourri. Crunchy and laid-back on the palate with a pristine, firm finish. Fresh and more reductively made than most looking to emulate the "Bojo" style. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: 91 (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 7, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 22795 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



Rossetti Estates

(Fantini)

A boutique Tuscan winery, Rossetti Estates embraces the sustainability principles of its parent, Fantini Wines, whose estates are certified sustainable by Equalitas. The group's eightfold sustainability goals include health and well-being, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, innovative infrastructure, responsible production, climate action, economic growth, and reducing inequalities. In addition to its Equalitas certification, Fantini Wines is certified with BRC Global Standard for Food Safety, IFS Food, and ISO 22000.

ROSSETTI CHIANTI 2022

DOCG, Tuscany, sustainable (Fantini Wines)

Grapes for this wine come from sustainably farmed vineyards in Tuscany's famed Chianti region, and in particular, from growers in the area around the small hilltop town of Cerreto Guidi. The wine evokes tangy red fruit and touches of dried herbs and will make a lovely pairing for salumi or hearty braised meats.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39223 (XD) 750 m

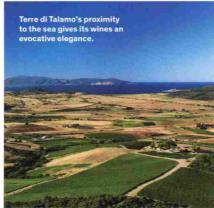
9223 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 🗸

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TERRE DI TALAMO TEMPO MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2021

DOCG, Tuscany (Bacci Wines)

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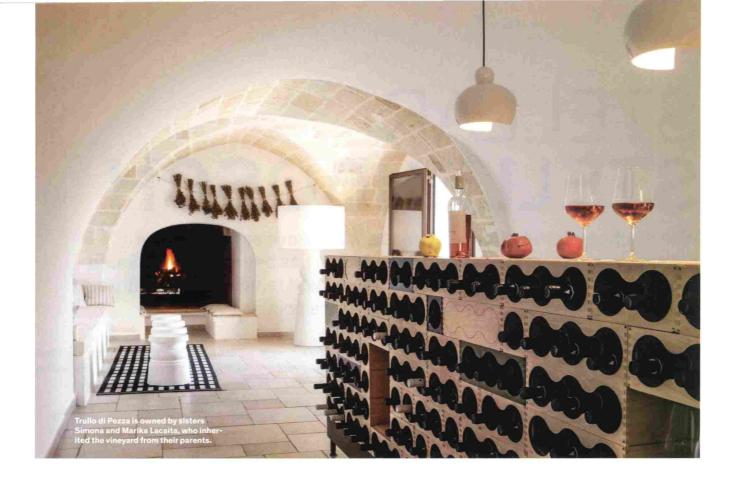
Medium-bodied & Fruity
438556 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 **i**Featured as our Wine of the Month **Ø** Organic product

Terre di Talamo

(Bacci)

Situated near the seaside south of Grosseto in the Tuscan Maremma, Terre di Talamo counts itself among the renowned Bacci Wines group's organic estates in Tuscany. Focusing exclusively on fine organic wines, the Bacci family believes in safeguarding the beauty and integrity of the land while ensuring the highest standards of quality. A fierce advocate for ecological preservation, founder Marco Bacci acquired a ranch in Zimbabwe and contributed to the creation of a reserve for the black rhinoceros.





Trullo di Pezza

Basking in the Mediterranean sunshine of Puglia, Trullo di Pezza's vineyards are nestled in-between centuries-old olive groves. The vineyards are organically farmed without the use of synthetic chemicals, relying instead on breezes from the nearby seaside to mitigate pests, and on the region's abundant sunshine and famously iron-rich red soils to obviate the need for synthetic fertilizers. The ideal growing conditions also allow the team to dry-farm the vines in most vintages, without the need for irrigation.



TRULLO DI PEZZA MEZZAPEZZA PRIMITIVO 2021 IGP Salento, Puglia

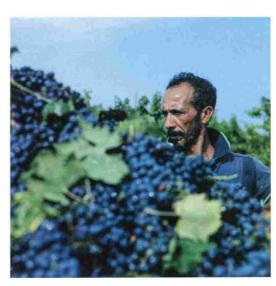
This is dark-fruited with notes of chocolate, chestnuts, lots of dried herbs and spices. Full-bodied but with juicy acidity, giving it fresh tension. Tannins are firm and lightly chewy with vivid blue fruit character in the middle. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

39220 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸

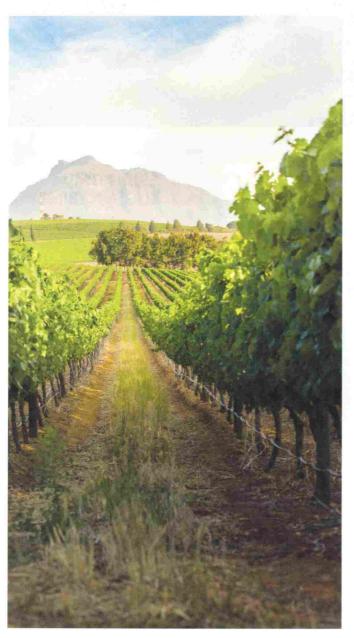
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STELLAR STELLENBOSCH

With its characterful signature wines and dynamic expressions of beloved international varieties, Stellenbosch has been central to South Africa's viticultural identity since the 1680s and remains the country's benchmark for premium wine across all price points.



Stellenbosch's vineyards lie within the thrilling, complex topography of South Africa's Western Cape. The region is a breathtaking mosaic of rolling hills and valleys surrounded on three sides by the dynamic Jonkershoek, Drakenstein and Simonsberg mountains. The unmistakable Stellenbosch Mountain, also known as Die Groteberg, overlooks the town of Stellenbosch itself and is a popular destination for tourists looking for challenging hiking experiences.

Stellenbosch's vines grow in some of the world's most ancient soils. Granite, shale, sandstone and clay are among the most common, but nearly 50 soil types are found here. The cooling ocean breezes from False Bay, the cold Antarctic Benguela Current and the famous Cape Doctor winds ensure freshness and vibrancy, permitting a wide variety of grapes and styles across Stellenbosch's seven sub-regions.

Cool-climate varieties such as Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir flourish here, and Stellenbosch produces some of the world's finest Chenin Blanc. The region is the birthplace of South Africa's signature red, Pinotage, but it's the stunning Cabernet Sauvignon wines, falling stylistically between those of Napa and Bordeaux, that are Stellenbosch's crowning achievement. Not surprisingly, the area's Bordeaux blends are world-class, as are its elegant, spicy Syrahs.

The Stellenbosch Wine Route was established in 1971 and now encompasses more than 150 wineries. The route is one of the most important tourist initiatives in the Western Cape and has played a role in spurring investment in sustainable winemaking, wine education, and the modernization of the industry, and has driven South African wines' surge in popularity.

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THE WINERY OF GOOD HOPE BUSH VINE **CHENIN BLANC 2023**

WO Stellenbosch, sustainable

This delicious take on South Africa's signature white wine comes from bush-trained vines planted in gravel and cooled by breezes from False Bay. Aged on the lees for four months, it saw only minimal fining in order to maintain the primary apple and peach flavours. It's juicy, tight and fresh, with bold acidity and a profound minerality. Try it with seafood or a vegan quiche.

Full-bodied & Rich

18685

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95 🗸

GLENELLY GLASS COLLECTION SYRAH 2021

WO Stellenbosch

This is the best release yet of a Syrah under the Glass Collection label, offering remarkable value for money. Clove, thyme and white pepper scents segue into a palate of barbecued meat and tapenade, complemented by red cherry and blackberry fruit intensity. Drink date: 2025-2030. Score: 93 (timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

493841

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95

RUSTENBERG STELLENBOSCH **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022**

WO Stellenbosch

Fruity at first with notes of cassis, blackberries and dark plums kicking in. Some wafers and dried leaves, too. Medium body with plush tannins. Fruity and creamy with a slightly grippy texture at the edges and a generous core of berries in the finish. Drink or hold [into early 2030s]. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 19, 2023)

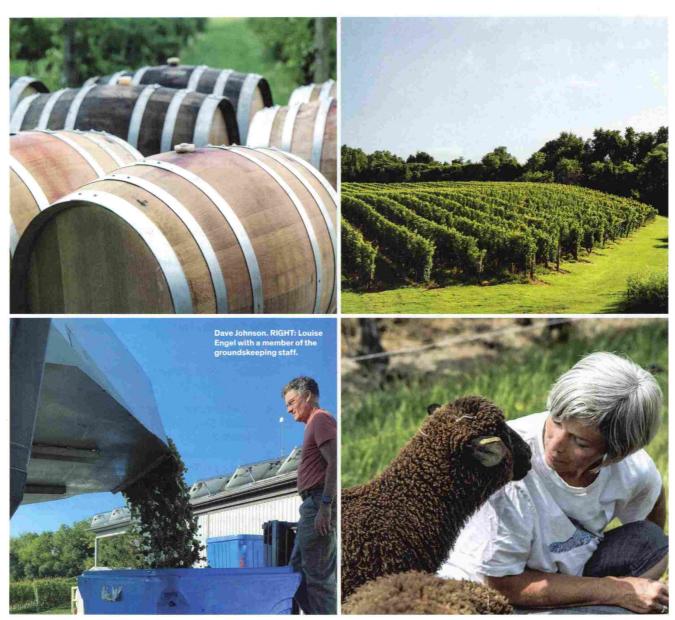
Full-bodied & Smooth

443374

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 /

Wines that sing of their origins

Whether it's supporting the arts or exploring the benefits of Canadian oak, Featherstone keeps it local.



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A star of the Niagara wine scene, Featherstone has been making award-winning, eco-friendly wines since 1999. It's also a positive force in the community through fundraising for local arts organizations like Chorus Niagara. "Chorus Niagara does all kinds of really great things with the community, such as building children's choruses and introducing new talent through performances premiering Canadian composers," says Featherstone co-founder Louise Engel. "Our winemaker [and Featherstone co-founder], Dave Johnson, sings in it, and has done for more than 10 years." Is Engel another member of the 100-voice choir? "I cannot carry a tune in a bucket. I am an enthusiastic listener, however."

When Engel and Johnson heard about two retired McMaster doctors who were dedicating themselves to making wine barrels from Canadian oak, it struck a chord. "The opportunity to put your wine in barrels from trees that grew in the region is really unique and relatively rare. They do that in France, and it obviously works very well," says Engel. "We were one of two or three wineries that were intrigued by this and got on board with it early ... The first barrels [coopered in the US] they made were from staves they lugged across the border in a hockey bag. How Canadian is that?"

Featherstone's Canadian Oak Chardonnay is made from Featherstone's own grapes, put in Canadian-oak barrels to ferment in the sun with the ambient yeast of the vineyard. The harmonious wine that results is "the ultimate local product," says Engel. Sounds good to us!

Speaking of good, the new owners of Featherstone, George and Rayla Myhal, have recently contributed \$1 million to the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation to support winterization efforts in Ukraine. It's one way Featherstone is taking their local philanthropy global.



FEATHERSTONE CANADIAN OAK CHARDONNAY 2023 ♣

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, sustainable, vegan

"Because the wine ferments in the barrel, there's a really lovely integration of flavours. There's some butterscotch notes, it's very vanillin and it's very rich, with a gorgeous mouthfeel. It's a delicious wine with moderate alcohol that's beautiful with food. It's lovely with roast chicken or a Sunday night dinner with some roast veggies." (Louise Engel)

Full-bodied & Rich 149302 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 ✓



FEATHERSTONE GAMAY NOIR 2021 ♥

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, vegan

"I love Gamay. It's a great grape for Niagara, and a great grape for folks who are looking for something versatile. I often say that Gamay is a grape with a passport. It just goes everywhere. If you like a red wine with fish and chicken, it's perfect. It's a savoury, lighterbodied red with all kinds of layers and flavour." (Louise Engel)

91 points (winesinniagara.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 39275 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 ✓

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BACHELDER LES VILLAGES BENCH CHARDONNAY 2022 *

VOA Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

Elegant and fresh, with apple, pear, lemon, flint and spice. Complex and delightful.

93 points (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com)

Full-bodied & Rich 16059 (XD)

6059 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95



BACHELDER WISMER-PARKE SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022 *

VOA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

Rich, complex forest tones, red fruit, savoury spices, and the vineyard's iron-laced minerality. Drink through 2037.

95 points (Christopher Waters, watersandwine.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 520379 (XD) 750 mL \$54.95 ✓



CARMEN DELANZ ALTO JAHUEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

DO Valle del Maipo, Chile

This energetic wine has blackberry, black cherry, spice and savoury herbs. Drink through 2030+.

94 points (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl)

Full-bodied & Firm

41879 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95

New at Vintages



DOMAINE DE LA MARINIÈRE VIEILLES VIGNES CHINON 2022

AC, Loire, France

Forward cherry and raspberry tones supported by touches of cassis and dark fruit.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

44 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95 🗸



E. GUIGAL GIGONDAS 2020

AC, Rhône, France

Ripe, elegant and rounded, with strawberry, raspberry, spice, and savoury herbs. Potential to evolve through 2039.

93 points (jebdunnuck.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth

331900 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95



BUON TEMPO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

Earth, savoury herbs, coffee, fennel and flint, with raspberry and strawberry fruit tones.

94 points (Danielle Callegari, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Firm

39294 (XD) 7

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(XD) 750 mL \$72.95

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NIEPOORT VERTENTE TINTO 2020

DOC Douro, Portugal

Ripe plum, blackberry, herbs, and oak spice, with firm tannins. This will drink through 2036.

92 points (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

695023 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95 /



LUSTAU VERMUT ROSÉ

Jerez, Spain

Floral and spicy, with black cardamom, nutmeg, sandalwood, honey, buttered brioche, strawberry, citrus, and bitter wormwood.

94 points (Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com)

Sweet

21830

750 mL \$34.95 •



VALDESPINO INOCENTE SINGLE VINEYARD FINO DRY SHERRY

DO. Spain

Retains a spirited, youthful character, carrying its maturity with refinement and sophistication. A thrilling wine.

94 points (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

378919

(XD) 750 mL \$37.95 ✓

STELLAR SOUTH AFRICA

Be sure to check out our exciting wines from Stellenbosch (page 20) and these two from another acclaimed South African region. Hemel-en-Aarde (which means "heaven and earth" in Afrikaans) is known for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir; in fact, this wine haven is considered the Pinot capital of South Africa.

TESSELAARSDAL CHARDONNAY 2023

WO Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, South Africa, vegan

Precise and layered, with pear and citrus framed by a gunflint mineral focus. Enjoy through 2029.

93 points (timatkin.com)

Full-bodied & Rich

32933

(XD) 750 mL \$49.95 /

TESSELAARSDAL PINOT NOIR 2023

WO Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, South Africa, vegan

Appealing ginger spice, rose petal, vanilla and strawberry. Succulent and savoury. Drink through 2028+.

93 points (timatkin.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$64.95



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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

BENCH IMPRESSED

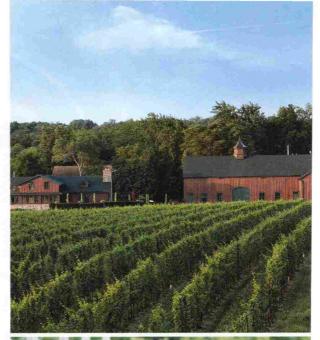
Alive with activity, the Beamsville Bench is a rich blend of fine wine, great food, and natural beauty.

Stunning scenery, boutique wineries, delicious food and a welcoming atmosphere make the Beamsville Bench a must-visit destination for locals and visitors to southwest Ontario alike. From Toronto, this renowned wine region is less than an hour along the QEW – the closest major wine region to the GTA, in fact – so while there are plenty of charming hotels, inns and B&Bs around, if your timing's tight, there's no need to stay overnight.

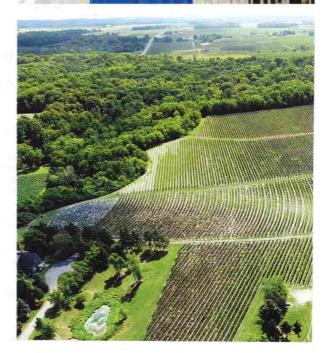
A sub-appellation of the Niagara Escarpment, Beamsville Bench is known for its award-winning, owner-operated artisanal wineries. Stop in to a tasting room to sample the local bounty and you're likely to be greeted by a winemaker or winery owner sharing their stories. You can try wines by the glass or a flight accompanied by gourmet nibbles, or opt for more in-depth experiences, from guided tastings to vineyard tours to hands-on exploration of vines and soil.

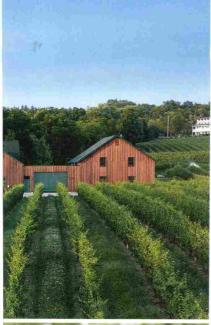
Speaking of soil, that's one of the things that makes the Bench so special. The area is renowned for its glacier-forged soils dotted with limestone, which lend a mineral character to the wines. In addition, thanks to the Bench's elevation, breezes that blow in off Lake Ontario bounce back off the Escarpment, keeping vineyards at just the right temperatures for the grapes to ripen fully and slowly, making the wines beautifully complex and food-friendly. Just one reason you might want to check out one of the many winery restaurants for a delicious meal paired with their own wines.

Whether you're cozying up inside or lounging on a patio outside, don't miss the Bench's amazing scenery (how could you?): beautiful vistas of rolling vineyards framed by Lake Ontario in the distance. On a clear day you can even see the Toronto skyline.













A TASTE OF THE BENCH

Try these fine wines from seven favourite Beamsville Bench producers. For complete tasting notes, see pages 32 to 34.



ROSEWOOD SÉMILLON 2022 * VQA Niagara Lakeshore Aromatic & Flavourful 177758 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95



LE CLOS JORDANNE JORDAN VILLAGE CHARDONNAY 2021 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

Full-bodied & Rich

20455 (XD) 750 mL \$30.00



HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE ORGANIC RIESLING 2020 * VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment Aromatic & Flavourful 183491 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95



FIELDING CABERNET FRANC 2022 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL **\$26.15** 36194



PENINSULA RIDGE RESERVE MERITAGE 2022 * VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Medium-bodied & Fruity

299180 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95



THIRTY BENCH SMALL LOT PINOT NOIR 2021 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$40.00 44041



THE ORGANIZED CRIME BREAK-IN PINOT NOIR 2021 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Medium-bodied & Fruity

396267 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

PRODUCT NOTES



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

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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WINE STYLES

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

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FORTIFIED WINE

VENÂNCIO COSTA LIMA MOSCATEL DE SETÚBAL 2021 DOC, Portugal



This wine is sourced from clay and limestone soils and macerated for six months before being transferred to barrel to be aged for two years. It has an engaging nose with pleasing orange-blossom tones and an elegant, honeyed palate. A great aperitif, it will also be a lovely treat with crème brûlée or drizzled on ice cream.



Sweet 42991

(S)

750 mL \$18.95



VALDESPINO INOCENTE SINGLE VINEYARD FINO DRY SHERRY

DO, Spain

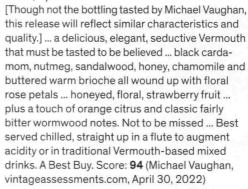


[Though not the bottling tasted by John Szabo, MS, this release will reflect similar characteristics and quality.] ... spontaneously fermented in cask, the last Sherry Bodega to do so, and brandy of palomino is used for fortification – also unique ... strong flor influence and just the beginnings of more oxidative maturation, even if the nose is still exceptionally fresh considering the average age, beautifully refined, sophisticated and elegant ... You'd be hard pressed to find a wine of more intense personality and character for less money anywhere in the world ... A unique style, polarizing perhaps, but delicious. Last tasted May 2021. Score: **94** (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com)

Dry 378919 (XD) 750 mL **\$37.95 ✔ Online & Flagship Exclusive**

LUSTAU VERMUT ROSÉ

Jerez, Spain





Sweet 21830

(S) 750

750 mL \$34.95



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SPARKLING WINE

KUTJEVO MAXIMO BRUT SPARKLING 2020

Croatia, traditional method This classic, elegant sparkling wine is made from Grasevina grapes, with late-harvest Grasevina used for the dosage. It's fresh, vibrant and rich, with a considerable mineral note.

[Glass of Bubbly Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (glassofbubbly.com, 2023)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

42015

750 mL **\$29.95** (D)

NEW



VILARNAU BARCELONA RESERVA BRUT ORGANIC CAVA

DO, Penedès, Spain, traditional method, vegan Vilarnau uses native yeasts to ferment the Viura. Xarel-lo and Parellada grapes in this stylish Cava. There are many layers to unravel in this lovely wine; look for notes of yellow apple, biscuits, and hints of jasmine.

[The Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Double Gold** (Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards, 2022)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

750 mL \$16.95 515254 (D)



PITARS MILLESIMATO EXTRA DRY PROSECCO 2022

DOC, Italy

Pleasant and engaging, with high-toned floral notes. Bright and lively in the mouth, with lemon, apple, peach and pear notes. Good weight and mouthfeel with a vibrant mousse.

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 93 (lucamaroni.com, Aug. 29, 2023)

Light & Fruity

16611

(D)

750 mL \$18.95



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

BACHELDER LES VILLAGES BENCH CHARDONNAY 2022 *

VQA Niagara Escarpment

The Wismer and Saunders sourced fruit from the Bench is the most elegant of the three Chards in this trilogy. The nose is wispy, flinty, and laced with saline freshness follow by lemon zest, pear, apple skin and elegant spice notes. It's such a mineral bomb on the palate with a complex array of stone fruits, bergamot, citrus zest, lemon cream and a lifted, long finish. A delight. Score: 93 (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, April 5, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL \$34.95 🗸 16059

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LA JARA BRUT PROSECCO

DOC Prosecco di Treviso, Italy, vegan Clear, bright straw yellow with persistent mousse. Very fragrant nose, yellow fruit, peach, vanilla pod, some mango, with a hint of hay in the aftertaste. Hearty and balanced on the palate, with harmonious dosage and a beautiful finish with fine juiciness. Score: 92 (Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, falstaff.at, April 10, 2024)

Light & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95 402438

Featured in Eco-Conscious Italy



FEATHERSTONE CANADIAN OAK CHARDONNAY 2023 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, sustainable, vegan The Canadian oak used to craft this fan favourite is sourced from trees grown along the Grand River in Ontario, and the grapes are hand-picked and fermented using native wild yeasts. Expect complex suggestions of campfire smoke, pine cone, golden russet apple and yellow plum, and savour the wine alongside pork chops and baked beans, or carnitas with smoky cheddar and apple slaw.

Full-bodied & Rich

(XD) 750 mL **\$24.95** 149302 **Featured in Good Partners**



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CANADA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

HARE SERIES DRY RIESLING 2022 *

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake

Classically styled and based on a foundation of lively acidity, this Riesling has bright, sharply defined fruit with fine underlying mineral tones. Though the wine is dry, it will still pair well with a mildly spiced Indian curry.

Aromatic & Flavourful 32266

(D) 750 mL **\$24.95**



LIEBLING ANDREWS VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 *

VQA Four Mile Creek, Niagara-on-the-Lake

The grapes for this Sauvignon Blanc are from the Andrews Vineyard in the Four Mile Creek subappellation planted in 2012 to the 530 clone. It's fresh and floral on the nose with juicy citrus, kiwi, tropical notes, and an interesting grassy/herb note. It's perfectly dry, refreshing, and crisp on the palate with notes of pear, herbs, zesty grapefruit, passion fruit and a bright, clean finish. Score: 89 (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, June 5, 2023)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$22.00 🗸 43889



NEW



HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE RIESLING 2020 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment This NWAC 2023 gold medalist sports wonderful lift, purity and precision. Riesling's aromatic prowess is front and centre with lifted, ripe pear/melon fruit, subtle petrol and a lovely spice I often get from older vine Niagara rieslings. It's mid-weight, just off-dry with fine and lime acidity and a typical Beamsville Bench mineral finish. Excellent length. A bit riper and richer than the lean, powerful intense [2019], but not the least flabbly. Tasted July 2023. Score: 92 (David Lawrason, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful

183491 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

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ROSEWOOD SÉMILLON 2022 *

VQA Niagara Lakeshore, art by Ian Thomson 9 months in stainless steel, full malolactic, with sulfites added only prior to bottling. Lovely weight of apple and pear fruit with some peach and spice. Nicely textured with a lemony finish. Score: 92 (Jamie Goode, wineanorak.com, June 21, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

177758 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

Featured in Bench Impressed



LE CLOS JORDANNE JORDAN VILLAGE CHARDONNAY 2021 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

100% Chardonnay. Alluring white flowers, lemons and stone fruit enhanced by sweet vanilla pod oak. Flowing with mineral exuberance, flinty and crisp, with a lovely tension and charming finish. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2024)

Full-bodied & Rich

20455 (XD) 750 mL \$30.00 •

Featured in Bench Impressed



TRIUS DISTINCTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Consistently excellent, this Savvy is forged mainly in stainless steel for optimum freshness and vibrancy, with a smaller portion seeing time in French oak for added complexity and depth. Look for expressive citrus, green apple, passion fruit and peach notes. with lemon and herbs on the finish.

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95





CANADA - RED WINE

ONTARIO

BACHELDER WISMER-PARKE SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022 ★

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment Shot through with Vineland character: call it what you will – bloody, iron shavings, ferrous, sanguine, savoury, mineral/metallic – it's real and it's spectacular. Richness, depth clearly on display. Darker fruit with hard packed acidity to balance. Chewy, complex and complete. Drink now-2037. One to watch. Score: 95 (Christopher Waters, watersandwine.com, Nov. 1, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
520379 (XD) 750 mL \$54.95

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LIGHTHALL CABERNET FRANC 2021 ❖ VQA Prince Edward County, unfiltered

Just a lovely and sparked cabernet franc sitting right there on the most pointed parts of the fence, risk-reward style with no danger of going over. This pertains to acetone and Brettanomyces, both at low-levels, indiscernible to many, eyebrow raising to some. The natural world is announced through this wine and while it could not be designated as 100 percent squeaky clean it really matters little. Flavour and structure are the point, both of which are developed and right. Drink 2023-2026. Tasted April

2023. Score: 89 (Michael Godel, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 42082 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95



FEATHERSTONE GAMAY NOIR 2021 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula, vegan
This Gamay is aged in American oak barrels for
10 months. The aromas of black cherries, plums,
red currants, anise, smoke and pepper leap from
the glass. It's juicy and bold with light tannins, bright
red berries, pomegranate, a touch of spice and a
tangy, lifted finish. Score: 91 (Rick VanSickle,
winesinniagara.com, July 15, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
39275 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95

Featured in Good Partners



PELLER PRIVATE RESERVE MERITAGE 2021 *

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake
A blend of Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon with
Merlot, this wine offers lovely blackcurrant, blackberry, plum and oak along with touches of tobacco,
black tea, and baking spice. Another outstanding
wine from a leading light of the Niagara scene.

Full-bodied & Firm 325118 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** ✓



FIELDING CABERNET FRANC 2022 *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

A fresh, elegant, medium bodied, medium tannin Cab Franc with flavours of red plum, red currant and savoury tobacco and leather notes with a long finish. Score: **91** (Rhys Pender, MW, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 36194 (XD) 750 mL \$26.15 **✓ Featured in** *Bench Impressed*



PENINSULA RIDGE RESERVE MERITAGE 2022 *

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment This blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 14% Malbec was aged for 14 months in a mix of French and American oak barrels. Crafted in an elegant, supple style, it promises ripe plum, blackberry and tobacco notes. Pour with stew featuring rabbit, lamb or beef.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 299180 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✓ Featured in Bench Impressed

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FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU JOININ 2022

AC Bordeaux

A Vintages customer favourite! This château was purchased in 1989 by the owners of Château Pipeau, which is a Saint-Émilion Grand Cru. This is a Merlot-based wine, with 5% Cabernet Franc adding a gentle savoury herbal note.

[Concours Général Paris did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Concours Général Paris, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth

527853 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95



BURGUNDY

ANDRÉ GOICHOT & FILS PERNAND-VERGELESSES 2023

AC

When young, Pernand-Vergelesses Pinots tend to be quite floral, with flavours of strawberry and raspberry. Tones of forest floor, oak and spice emerge as they age. This one shows good concentration and ageing potential. Enjoy it through 2030+.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

559732 (XD) 750 mL \$42.95





CHÂTEAU MONTLISSE 2016

AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

This has attractive, ripe dark plum and berry aromas and flavors with earthy, nuanced spices and graphite, as well as truffle. The palate has silky, plush and velvety tannins and delivers a long, plush finish. Excellent St.-Emilion. Try from 2022 [and enjoy into early 2030s]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Jan. 15, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

42129

(XD) 750 mL \$54.95



LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU DES HOSPICES **NOVA ONA ROUGE 2023**

IGP Côtes Catalanes, sustainable A succulent, fresh and juicy 100% marselan. Aromas of cassis, cherries, fresh herbs and flowers on the nose. It's medium-bodied with silky tannins. Elegant texture with beautiful crunchy purple fruit and freshness. Subtle finish. Drink now. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, June 21, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

41116

(XD) 750 mL \$17.95

NEW



GAÏA DE CHÂTEAU PUYBARBE 2019

AC Côtes de Bourg, vegan, sustainable 76% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc. Slight savoury note along with some good red plummy fruit. Youthful but full tight and opulent on the palate. Score: 91 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2022)

Full-bodied & Smooth

22945

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95 •



LOIRE

DOMAINE DE LA MARINIÈRE VIEILLES VIGNES CHINON 2022

The Desbourdes family has farmed this site since 1965, and this old-vine Cabernet Franc comes from grapes averaging 60 years of age. Fermented in stainless steel using wild yeast, it's a fresh, lively wine, with bright, forward cherry and raspberry tones supported by touches of cassis and dark fruit. It has the structure to pair with steak or chipotle portobello tacos.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

42744

(XD) 750 mL \$28.95

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DOMAINE GOURON CHINON 2023

AC

One of my favourite entry level cabernet franc, very consistent throughout vintages. Cherry pie filling and red bell pepper jelly aromas mingle with laurel and a dash of pepper. Softly textured on the palate with ripe cherry and tangy pomegranate flavours, it shows a gentle grip of polished tannins before ending on a crunchy red fruit and slightly peppery note. This is your go to bottle for stuffed bell pepper or cabbage rolls. Drink now. Exceptional Value! Score: 91 (Louise Boutin, winecurrent.com, March 13, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 470963 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🗸



FAMILLE PERRIN LA GILLE GIGONDAS 2021

A well-crafted Gigondas with wild strawberries, currants, raspberries, herbs and baking spices on the nose. Medium to full body with fine tannins. Harmonious and well-composed with a lively, peppery and developing finish. Drink or hold [into early 2030s]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 20, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 906073 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 •



MIDI

CHÂTEAU SAINT-ROCH CHIMÈRES GRENACHE/CARIGNAN/SYRAH **CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON-VILLAGES 2022**

(Jean-Marc Lafage)

Such a dense, packed and generous red blend of grenache, carignan and syrah. The nose shows notes of blackberries, cassis, roasted meat, dark chocolate, dried thyme, bay leaves and baking spices. Full-bodied with creamy tannins. Compact with generous berry character and plenty of spices toward the long and focused finish. Drink or hold. Score: 92 (jamessuckling.com, May 30, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 119354 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



GERMANY - WHITE WINE

MOSEL

DR. HEIDEMANNS-BERGWEILER BERNKASTELER BADSTUBE RIESLING KABINETT 2022

Prädikatswein

This ripe, spicy wine has plentiful pear, nectarine, apricot, nutmeg, and white pepper tones. There's good intensity and balance, plus a fine, distinct minerality. A good choice for grilled sausages or roasted mushrooms. Drinking well now, it has the potential to see the end of the decade.

Aromatic & Flavourful 331850 (S) 750 mL **\$22.95**



RHÔNE

E. GUIGAL GIGONDAS 2020

AC

The 2020 Gigondas is beautiful, with a ripe, rounded, elegant, and medium to full-bodied style. Wild strawberries, raspberries, spice, and peppery herbs all define the aromatics, and it's balanced and already impossible to resist. It will evolve for 10-15 years if well stored and is well worth seeking out. Maturity: 2024-2039. Score: 93 (jebdunnuck. com, March 28, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 331900 (XD) 750 mL \$49.95 Online & Flagship Exclusive



GREECE - WHITE WINE

KOURTAKI RETSINA OF ATTIKI

Retsina's famous evergreen aromas and flavours are achieved by fermenting the wine with fresh pine resin, which is removed later in the winemaking process. This one is made with the Savatiano grape and will pair well with grilled seafood or lamb souvlaki.

[The Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful (XD) 750 mL \$12.95 46888

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GREECE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

MICHALAKIS ASSYRTIKO 2023

PGI Crete

Made from 100% Assyrtiko grapes, this wine was matured on the lees for two months. It offers crunchy apple, pear, grapefruit, ginger and mint, with a lovely mineral undercurrent. Perfect for fried seafood or ripe cheeses.

Aromatic & Flavourful

40441

(XD) 750 mL \$15.95



NEW



MARCHE

CASAL DI SERRA VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO **SUPERIORE 2023**

DOC, sustainable (Umani Ronchi)

Lemons, biscuits and seashells on the nose. Touch of acacia honey. It's crisp and tangy with a medium body and a tasty, waxy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, May 16, 2024)

Light & Crisp

(XD) 750 mL \$18.95 268169

Featured in Eco-Conscious Italy



GREECE - RED WINE

BOUTARI NAOUSSA XINOMAVRO 2021

PDO Naoussa, Macedonia (Jean Boutaris et Fils)

This wine is one of the first reds to be sold internationally under a PDO designation. Boutari have been exposing the world to high-class Greek wine for five generations. Their flagship Xinomavro is dry, tart and richly detailed, with notes of sour raspberry, sun-dried tomato, black olive, and a hint of cinnamon. Serve it tonight after a half-hour decant or cellar into the early 2030s.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

23218

(XD) 750 mL \$20.95



SICILY

PLANETA LA SEGRETA **GRILLO 2023**

DOC Sicilia, sustainable

A well-rounded, juicy and attractive grillo with green apples, pears and warm herbs on the nose. It's medium-bodied, mellow and crunchy on the palate, with more apple and fresh pear character. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: 91 (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 3, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

(XD) 750 mL \$19.95 39442

Featured in Eco-Conscious Italy **Ø** Organic product



FRIULI

AGANIS DI FLABE RIBOLLA GIALLA 2023

DOC Colli Orientali del Friuli

"Di flabe" in Friulian means "like a fairy tale," which is appropriate given the quality and character of this wine for the price. Made from 100% Ribolla grapes and aged four months in oak barriques, it offers complex notions of citrus, green apple, apricot, wisteria and evergreen. Pair it with boreto alla Graisana (Friulian fish stew with polenta) or lake fish.

Aromatic & Flavourful

39744

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95



NEW

ITALY - RED WINE

ABRUZZO

JASCI & MARCHESANI NERUBÈ MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2021

DOC



NEW

NEW

... opens with a mentholated freshness, giving way to blackberries, ashen stone and rosemary ... ripe red and hints of blue fruits taking on a youthful tension as tactile minerals and hints of fine tannin collect toward the close. It finishes staining and long with a resonance of sour cherry, sweet spice and dark chocolate ... While the oak is present, the integration is expertly done. Drinking window: 2025-2032. Score: 91 (Eric Guido, vinous.com, July 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

(XD) 750 mL \$22.95 39225

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MARCHE

CASAL FARNETO BEVEROCCO ROSSO PICENO 2022

DOC, sustainable



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This family-owned winery is certified sustainable. The wine is a blend of 65% Montepulciano and 35% Sangiovese and offers bright red fruit with herbal shading. Perfect for pasta with tomato sauce and sausages.

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

Full-bodied & Smooth

(XD) 750 mL \$14.95

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SARDINIA

OLIANAS CANNONAU 2021

DOC Cannonau di Sardegna

This is a lively and fruity red with raspberries, currants, white pepper and lemon leaves on the nose. Medium-bodied with gently stemmy tannins and a peppery finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Oct. 4, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

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

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PIEDMONT

ARESCA LA ROSSA BARBERA D'ASTI SUPERIORE 2021

DOCG

Notes of chocolate cherries, dried strawberries, spices and bark on the nose. Medium- to full-bodied with firm tannins. Creamy and smooth with a racy, spiced finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling. com, Oct. 5, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

39284

(XD) 750 mL \$16.95



SICILY

39475

GORGHI TONDI COSTE A PREOLA NERO D'AVOLA 2022

DOC Sicilia

Cherries, freeze-dried strawberries, tea leaves and hints of ash on the nose. It's medium-bodied and lively with a fresh, mineral backbone. Fine tannins. From organically grown grapes. Drink and enjoy. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, April 22, 2024)

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Medium-bodied & Fruity

39219 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

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PUGLIA

TRULLO DI PEZZA MEZZAPEZZA PRIMITIVO 2021

IGP Salento

This is dark-fruited with notes of chocolate, chestnuts, lots of dried herbs and spices. Full-bodied but with juicy acidity, giving it fresh tension. Tannins are firm and lightly chewy with vivid blue fruit character in the middle. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Aug. 8, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth

39220 (XD) 750 mL **\$19.95** 🗸

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TUSCANY

BUON TEMPO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019

DOCG

The medicinal, earthy nose is layered with aromas of flint, roots, fennel and coffee grinds, while an undertone of Luxardo cherries brings a sweet, playful element. On the palate, raspberries and strawberries strengthen the fruit, before more dirt and coffee tumble over the finish. Beams of acid shine through rows of firm tannins. [This will evolve into the early 2030s+.] Score: **94** (Danielle Callegari, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm 39294 (XD) 750 mL **\$72.95**

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ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

GENTILI MATERO 2022

IGT Toscana

This wine is 50% Sangiovese with equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, with Colorino rounding out the blend. It shows bold raspberry, cherry, and wild fruit. Easy-drinking, approachable, and perfect for charcuterie or roasted vegetables.

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

Full-bodied & Smooth 39729 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95



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RICASOLI BROLIO BETTINO CHIANTI CLASSICO 2021

DOCG, sustainable

There's a beautiful expression of fruit in this well-defined red, revealing cherry, pomegranate, earth and iron notes, with a hint of Tuscan scrub. Verges on rich yet is underscored by vibrant acidity and refined tannins. Shows terrific balance and length. Best from 2026 through 2043. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2024)

Full-bodied & Firm
630939 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95 Featured in *Eco-Conscious Italy*



IL POGGIONE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2019 DOCG

... dark and earthy blend of crushed ashen stones, giving way to rosemary, cedar, exotic spice and a core of raspberry preserves. Enveloping and serene, this flows across the palate like pure silk, steadily building in tension as tart wild berries and orange hints give way to a sweet herbal thrust. The 2019 finishes with tremendous length and is classically structured, as crunchy tannins resonate and violet inner florals slowly fade over a tactile coating of minerality. Il Poggione has captured the radiance of the vintage, yet this is just a baby today. Drinking window: 2026-2040. Score: **96** (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Dec. 7, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm 551176 (XD) 750 mL **\$76.95**



ROSSETTI CHIANTI 2022

DOCG, sustainable (Fantini Wines)

Grapes for this wine come from sustainably farmed vineyards in Tuscany's famed Chianti region, and in particular, from growers in the area around the small hilltop town of Cerreto Guidi. The wine evokes tangy red fruit and touches of dried herbs and will make a lovely pairing for salumi or hearty braised meats.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
39223 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 ✓
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POLIZIANO ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO 2022

DOC

Youthful, brambly nose with lots of cherries, strawberries, dried herbs and potpourri. Crunchy and laid-back on the palate with a pristine, firm finish. Fresh and more reductively made than most looking to emulate the "Bojo" style. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **91** (Zekun Shuai, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 7, 2023)



TERRE DI TALAMO TEMPO MORELLINO DI SCANSANO 2021

DOCG

(Bacci Wines)

A juicy and easy Morellino with creamy texture. Ripe and lightly fruity. Full and flavorful with light jam and rich fruit at the end. Straightforward. From organically grown grapes. Drink now. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, June 29, 2023)



VENETO

CASTELFORTE VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO 2021

DOC, sustainable

Valpolicella Ripasso wines are re-passed (i.e., undergo a second fermentation) on Amarone skins, adding richness and complexity. This one sees longer skin contact than most and is both elegant and charming, with layers of ripe red berries, cherry, spice and oak.

Full-bodied & Smooth

13448

(D) 750 mL \$19.95 •



NIEPOORT VERTENTE TINTO 2020

DOC Douro

The 2020 Tinto Vertente combines Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and others from the DOC Douro and was aged 18 months in French oak barrels. Garnet in color, it offers aromas of ripe plum and blackberry fruit, along with wild herbs and an oaky layer. Dry, rich and juicy, it offers firm tannins as the palate lingers on its dark fruit tones. Drinking window: 2024-2036. Score: 92 (Joaquín Hidalgo, vinous.com, Feb. 8, 2024)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

695023 (XD) 750 mL \$30.95

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PORTUGAL – WHITE WINE

AVELEDA SOLOS DE GRANITO ALVARINHO 2022

DOC Vinho Verde, vegan

While there is a strongly mineral texture, the wine also has a ripe, rounded edge that gives it weight. Creamy Alvarinho shines strongly, illuminating the wine's power. Drink from 2025 [and into early 2030s]. Score: 94 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, March 2, 2024)

Aromatic & Flavourful

17514

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



QUINTA DO MONDEGO 2015

DOC Dão

A seriously wood-aged wine, this is polished and dense. It is now mature, rich and full-bodied. The wine has a fine aromatic character, typical of Touriga Nacional. The spicy aftertaste is lifted in this wine that is ready to drink. [Drink through 2027.] Score: 92 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2023)

Full-bodied & Firm

399766 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



PORTUGAL - RED WINE

FLOR DE MAIO MAYFLOWER 2021

Vinho Regional Alentejano, vegan (Magnum - Carlos Lucas Vinhos) Lush and succulent, this red-fruited, floral blend from Alentejo is a notable value. Savoury and salty, mid-weight with silky tannins, and a peppery palate with a finish of memorable length. Best 2024-2026. Tasted May 2024. Score: 89 (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

427195 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95



SPAIN - RED WINE

ALEJANDRO FERNÁNDEZ DEHESA LA GRANJA 2018

Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León Sweet plums and red and black berries with a savory edge of dried meat, licorice and iron. This is quite approachable now, with its medium body and chalky tannins that melt away with the savory fruit on the palate. Excellent length. Already drinkable, but give it another year to allow it to develop more complexity. [This will drink through 2028.] Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, May 6, 2022)

Full-bodied & Firm 192476 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

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SPAIN - RED WINE CONT'D

DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS PÉTALOS 2022

DO Bierzo

The 2022 Pétalos was produced with 85% Mencía, 10% white grapes and 5% other reds from over 90 hectares, 20% owned by them and the rest from 180 families. It fermented with some full clusters in oak and stainless steel vats and matured in barrels of different sizes for 10 months. It's clearly more Mediterranean, with notes of rockrose and other aromatic herbs, juicy and round, more fruit-driven, aromatic, velvety and very pleasant and easy to drink. Drink date: 2024-2029. Score: 93 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, June 20, 2024)

Full-bodied & Smooth 446484 (XD) 750 mL **\$29.95** 🗸



VALDELACIERVA CRIANZA 2019 DOCa Rioja

This deep garnet-colored wine has a bouquet of black currant, caramel and clove. Silky tannins play backup to fruit of the wood flavors joined by notes of dark chocolate, truffle paste, butterscotch and anisette that wend their way towards a satisfying finish. [Drink by 2026.] Score: **92** (Mike DeSimone, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2023)

Full-bodied & Smooth 438713 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

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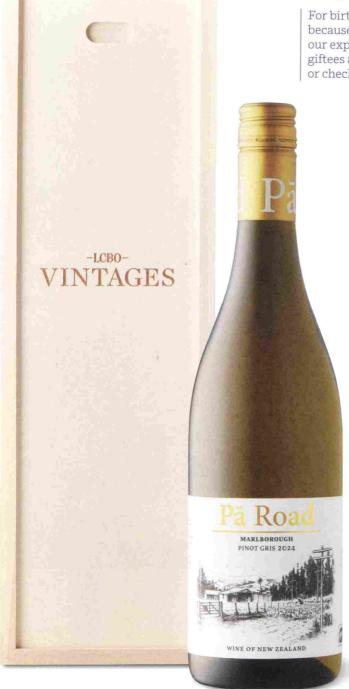


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