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Pinot Noir



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wines of the month

Fresh and fruity

CATENA LUNLUNTA OLD VINES APPELLATION MALBEC 2018

Mendoza, Argentina
11769 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 ✂

TASTING NOTE: I was very pleasantly surprised by the 2018 Appellation Lunlunta Malbec, a red from an underestimated/forgotten zone of Mendoza, where Malbec seems to be very expressive and floral. The grapes were picked reasonably early, and they fermented with 100% full clusters. Only half of the wine matured in oak. I already liked the two previous vintages, but in 2018, they selected cooler plots for this bottling, resulting in a fresher and more ethereal wine, with a captivating personality within the classical profile. Bravo for Lunlunta! 48,000 bottles were filled in April 2019. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **93** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

WILLIAM FÈVRE CHAMPS ROYAUX CHABLIS 2018

AC, Burgundy, France
461640 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✂

TASTING NOTE: A subtle hint of tangerine on the nose dissipates to leave ripe lemon brightness. The palate is concentrated, juicy and fresh, brimming with lemon-edged Mirabelle fruitiness. Chalky depth anchors everything in coolness despite the ripe, rounded vintage. Ranked #66 in the 2020 *Wine Enthusiast* Top 100. Score: **93** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2020)

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Shopping for French wine? In a country where grape variety rarely appears on the label, understanding the importance of vineyard location can tell you much about what's in the bottle.

France is the home of modern quality wine. For centuries, it stood as the world's single greatest source of truly fine wine. French winemaking has defined not only most of the styles and varietals that we see flourishing throughout the world, but provided the template for what winemakers and consumers expect the very best wines to be, and what they should taste like. In the New World the producer is often the star, but in France it is the region. Thousands of years of experience coupled with rigorous regulation means that whether you order a Chablis or a Côtes du Rhône, you can be confident the wine will reflect the unique provenance and significance of that area. Read on and explore some of the places that have shown the world what quality truly means.

A foggy morning in
Ircy, Burgundy.





CHAMPAGNE



IN A NUTSHELL

The Champagne region has 17 grand cru and 44 premier cru villages. The three most famous growing areas are Montagne de Reims, Vallée de la Marne and the Côte des Blancs.



The Avenue de Champagne, in Épernay, boasts several famous Champagne houses.

Just under 150 kilometres from Paris, Champagne is one of the world's most northerly fine-wine regions. “Champagne” is a legal term that refers to a place and a technique, and both have been instrumental in establishing the wines made here as the global standard for excellence for sparkling wine. The soils of Champagne are distinguished by deep chalk beds established by the inland sea of the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. The majority of Champagne's grand cru (or top tier) sites sit on Belemnite deposits, which yield wines of notable concentration and distinct minerality as well as superb quality. These soils, in combination with the cool summer and cold winters here, assure that even in what may be considered warm years, the grapes – primarily Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay – will develop the high levels of acidity required for the production of top-level, ageable sparkling wine.



VOLLEREAUX BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CHAMPAGNE AC

Vollereaux controls nearly 100 acres of vineyards located on the chalky south- and east-facing slopes of Épernay in the Marne Valley. Épernay is among the most important villages in Champagne, home to such luminaries as Moët & Chandon, Pol Roger and Perrier-Jouët.

92 points (Tim Appelt, winediscovery.ca)

Rich & Complex

629469 (XD) 750 mL \$52.95 ✓

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CHABLIS



IN A NUTSHELL

Chablis is divided into four regional quality tiers, which produce only Chardonnay. In ascending order of importance, they are Petit Chablis, Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis Grand Cru.



A cross-section of Kimmeridgian soil in Chablis.

Though it's considered part of Burgundy, Chablis (in Burgundy's northern reaches) and its Chardonnays have established their own place in the world of fine wine. These wines are fresher and steelier than those from the vineyards of their southerly neighbours. Their pronounced acidity and definitive minerality are products of the region's soils and cool climate. The best sites are found on Kimmeridgian: a clay-based soil with marl and limestone that contains rich deposits of marine fossils, which are particularly significant in the expression of the famous Chablis saline minerality. Chablis Grand Cru wines come from one of seven named *climats*: Preuses, Bougros, Vaudésir, Grenouilles, Valmur, Les Clos and Blanchots. All these *climats* are found on the same small slope. These top-tier wines may be fermented or aged in oak, though only in large, used barrels, which limits the oak's impact and prevents the development of the characteristic richness found in Burgundy's other white wines.



WILLIAM FÈVRE CHAMPS ROYAUX CHABLIS 2018

AC

This Chablis is sourced from vines planted in prime fossil-rich Kimmeridgian soils. Excellent sun exposure ensures that the fresh, juicy, lifted acidity is balanced with a fine intensity of fruit flavour.

**93 points (Anne Krebiehl, MW,
Wine Enthusiast)**

Light & Crisp

461640 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✎

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BURGUNDY



IN A NUTSHELL

Almost every piece of land in Burgundy is graded and ranked in terms of wine production. The region's quality pyramid begins with AC Bourgogne at the base and moves up in quality and price through AC Villages and the two single-vineyard designations: premier cru and grand cru.



A sunny day in Beaune. LEFT: The village of Volnay is surrounded by vineyards.

As confusing as Burgundy can be to the uninitiated, it's the world's greatest example of one of wine's most basic truths: the more precise the location on the label, the better the wine. Though tiny both in terms of size and output, Burgundy contains more designated appellations than any region in France, accounting for 101 of the country's 500 legally defined growing areas. Nuanced variations between individual parcels brought about by even subtler variations in soil, slope and aspect were first identified by the monks who worked these vineyards in the Middle Ages. The best wines come from the Côte d'Or, which houses 33 grands crus and is divided into the Côte de Nuits and the Côte de Beaune. The region's small-batch, handcrafted Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs are the gold standards for definitive expressions of terroir and provenance; Chardonnay does best in calcareous limestone and clay-based soils, while Pinot shines in areas that favour marl. *A side-by-side tasting of the Chardonnays featured here from Chablis and the Mâconnais along with an AC Bourgogne such as the Louis Jadot Chardonnay (933077) from our Essentials Collection will deliciously demonstrate the impact that location has on wine styles.*



BLASON DE BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE 2018 AC

"Hautes Côtes de Beaune" describes the elevated south- and southeast-facing limestone slopes to the west of Beaune. This area reaches nearly 300 metres higher than the Côte de Beaune and is a cooler microclimate that encourages wines of freshness, lift and increased definition.

Gold (Guide Gilbert & Gaillard)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

648444 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

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**TERRES SECRÈTES LES PRÉLUDES
SAINT-VÉРАН 2018**

AC

Saint-Véran is divided into two by Pouilly-Fuissé. Saint-Véran's soils are rich in calcium, with fossiliferous limestone, flinty clay and Jurassic-era chalk. The area, along with other prominent Mâconnais sites, is being considered for promotion to premier cru status.

Gold (Guide Gilbert & Gaillard)

Full-bodied & Rich

16725 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 ✎

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BORDEAUX

IN A NUTSHELL

Famously divided by the Gironde Estuary into the Left Bank and Right Bank growing areas, Bordeaux is home to 50 appellations. The region is famous for red blends made primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.



A stately château in Lussac. OPPOSITE, TOP: The soils of Pomerol contain iron-rich clay called *crasse de fer*.





Heavily influenced by the Atlantic Ocean, Bordeaux's maritime climate favours the creation of wines defined more by refinement than power.

There are four principal soil types in Bordeaux: gravel, which produces firm and structured wines; sand, which promotes fruit-forward and approachable wines; iron-rich clay, which injects notes of prune and creates more robust wines; and limestone, which encourages lean, polished tannins and a vibrant acidity. The Left Bank, home of Margaux, features predominantly gravel soils with poor nutrient value, which forces the vines to work hard and dig deep to survive and gives rise to complex wines that can age for 30 years or more. The Right Bank, where one finds Lussac-Saint-Émilion, features mostly alluvial clay and limestone. The wines from these sites are lithe and silky with fine structure and elegance. The Côtes de Bordeaux were established in 2009. These hilly areas are found on Bordeaux's Right Bank and abut some of Bordeaux's top growing areas. Their proximity and relative similarity to legendary sites such as Saint-Émilion and Pomerol places them at the fore of the greatest-value wines in the world.



CHÂTEAU DES LANDES CUVÉE PRESTIGE 2016

AC Lussac-Saint-Émilion

Lussac-Saint-Émilion is situated on gently rolling hills at a slightly higher elevation than neighbouring areas. The vines of Château des Landes are more than 50 years old and are planted in a mix of clay and limestone with white clay subsoil.

91+ points (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com)

Full-bodied & Firm

363101 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95 ✎



CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURÉ-LICHINE 2015

Second wine of Prieuré-Lichine, AC Margaux

This wine is sourced from 25-year-old vines grown in a 59-acre site with sandy-gravel soils. Gravel features heavily in Margaux's best sites, providing excellent drainage and forcing roots to dig deep to find water and nutrients. These soils also retain heat well, assisting in ripening the grapes.

91 points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com)

Full-bodied & Firm

18139 (XD) 750 mL \$58.95 ✎

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CHÂTEAU DE MARSAN 2016

AC Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

Château de Marsan farms 38 hectares of vines planted on southwest-facing hillsides that overlook the Garonne River. The soils feature a mixture of ancient river deposits of clay and sandstone, as well as gravel on the upper levels of the slopes.

91 points (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast)

Full-bodied & Firm

446245 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ➔

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SOUTHERN RHÔNE



IN A NUTSHELL

Vines planted in the Southern Rhône grow in hard stony soils. They suffer through hot, dry summers, facing the ever-present risk of drought, and are often battered by the powerful mistral winds. These extreme conditions produce approachable, dynamic wines.



A vineyard in the celebrated Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



**DOMAINE CLAVEL SYRIUS
SAINT-GERVAIS CÔTES DU
RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2017**
AP

Saint-Gervais is one of 22 named villages in the Côtes du Rhône and experiences long hot Mediterranean summers. The soils here feature red clay and sandstone. The clay has a cooling effect, slowing ripening and creating wines of great balance.

91 points (Anna Lee Iijima, *Wine Enthusiast*)

Full-bodied & Smooth
18144 (XD) 750 mL

\$19.95 ✓

New at Vintages

**DOMAINE DE CRISTIA
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2017**
AC

The majority of the grapes for this wine are sourced from the Cristia lieu-dit: a tiny subsection of Châteauneuf-du-Pape that features sand, clay, limestone and *galets*. Its northeasterly aspect allows the grapes to cool and develop precise balance and focus.

94 points (James Molesworth, *winespectator.com*)

Full-bodied & Smooth
67678 (XD) 750 mL

\$57.95 ➔

🌿 **Organic product**

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Grenache grapes grown in limestone near Gigondas.

“

... the first thing I think about when I taste a wine is its structure and feel. That tells me where the wine could be from ... when I taste Gigondas, I'll also taste 230 million years of geological history. And that's why wine is so cool.”

James Molesworth

winespectator.com, July 12, 2018





Église Sainte-Catherine
d'Alexandrie, in Gigondas.



The quality of Rhône wines increases as their origin tracks from the general to the more specific. Côtes du Rhône: high-quality wines sourced from sites across the Southern Rhône. Côtes du Rhône-Villages: wines sourced from a number of named villages, but with no specific village associated with them. Côtes du Rhône-Villages with a village name: 22 villages qualify for this appellation. Cru: wines from nine villages, including Gigondas, Cairanne and the iconic Châteauneuf-du-Pape, that need carry only the village name on the label. Gigondas possesses some of the oldest vineyards in the Rhône, planted in three main soil types that follow the topography of the area. The flatter terrain is mostly gravel and clay, with the lower slopes composed of gravel and sand. Rocky limestone appears on the higher hillsides. The soils of Cairanne are composed of chalk, alluvial deposits and sandstone and have a red hue from the high iron content. Châteauneuf-du-Pape owes the distinct character of its wines, in part, to the *galets roulés*: large, round rocks that cover the vineyards. These stones soak up the sun's heat during the day and release it at night, warming the vines and encouraging the development of powerful, ripe wines.

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DOMAINE SAINT-ANDÉOL EXCELLENCE CAIRANNE 2016 AP

The grapes for this wine grow on hillside plots with ideal sun exposure, surrounded by scrubland and pines. The soils are clay-rich limestone, covered in many places by large, round pebbles that retain daytime heat and release it slowly over the course of the night.

93 points (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth

464735 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 ✎

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



DOMAINE LE CLOS DES CAZAUX LA TOUR SARRASINE GIGONDAS 2018 AC

This wine is sourced from chalky and granitic terraces planted on slopes in the foothills of the Dentelles de Montmirail. These small rugged mountains are over 200 million years old and create a multitude of unique, varied mesoclimates.

92 points (Matt Walls, decanter.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth

18388 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 ✎

New at Vintages

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LOIRE VALLEY



IN A NUTSHELL

Renowned for its Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc, the Loire is divided into five sub-regions, running from east to west: Central Vineyards, Touraine, Saumur, Anjou and Pays Nantais. Each area features a unique mix of soils and climate that favour particular grapes and styles.



A view of the Loire River from Saumur.



Sancerre lies in the Loire Valley, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The Loire Valley wine region follows the course of the Loire River and stretches nearly 1,000 kilometres; it offers a diverse collection of styles.

Sauvignon Blanc has spread around the world, but it's in the vineyards of the Loire that it finds its most treasured expressions. Sancerre is one of the Loire's most stylish and celebrated iterations of Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are grown in Kimmeridgian marl and silex-rich soils and are racy and aromatically intense, with impressive ageing potential and a pure stony minerality. Wines made from vines planted in sites featuring white limestone *terres blanches* famously articulate a suggestion of gun smoke that reflects the soil's high concentrations of silex. Touraine, the "garden of France," is almost as famous for its picturesque castles as its wines. The soils here are composed of flinty clays, limestone, chalk, sand and gravel and produce wines with vibrant fruit, balance and lift. Though both Sancerre and Touraine are crafted from Sauvignon Blanc, their regional specificity produces entirely different wines.

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Our Classics collections and our online offers are perfect places to find premium wines that show off the specificity and precision France is known for.



CHÂTEAU DE THAUVENAY SANCERRE 2019

Sustainable, AP
(Langlois-Château)

The Sauvignon Blanc for this wine is sourced from the chalky clay of a 33-hectare site that prominently features Sancerre's famous silex soils. This finely textured wine deftly reveals the renowned flinty character wrought by this soil type.

Aromatic & Flavourful

18156 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95

New at Vintages



THIERRY DELAUNAY TOURAINE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

AP
(Joël Delaunay)

Situated on the left bank of the Cher River, which is a tributary of the Loire, Thierry Delaunay's vines are planted in a unique clay topsoil over oyster-flecked limestone known locally as *tuffeau blanc*. These soils encourage notable finesse in the area's Sauvignon Blancs.

90 points (David Lawrason, winealign.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful

391847 (D) 750 mL \$16.95

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LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON



IN A NUTSHELL

This vast landscape contains 36 appellations and a diverse assortment of soils and microclimates that provide sophisticated specificity to expressive red blends based on five key grapes: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Carignan.



The climate of La Clape is heavily influenced by the sea.

The Languedoc-Roussillon growing region follows France's Mediterranean coastline from Spain to the Rhône. The area is huge, with a wide range of soil and climate types playing out across its span, not to mention the myriad wines produced. Situated in the arid foothills of the Pyrenees, the vineyards of Fitou, for example, are planted on rocky, schist and garrigue-covered hills and have excellent sun exposure. The area has many of France's oldest vines; in particular, many ancient gnarled Carignan vines that bring an even more concentrated and often tannic character to the region's blends. La Clape wine region was once an island, and the landscape is dominated by the rugged limestone outcropping of the Massif de La Clape. One of the sunniest regions in France, it sees 13 different winds sweep across it. It's a harsh and rugged place that puts great stresses on the vines, resulting in wines of an elevated quality.



CHÂTEAU CAPITOUL ROCAILLE LA CLAPE 2017

AC

This wine is sourced from soils comprising Urgonian limestone (which includes many Cretaceous-period fossils), clay and stones. These soils impart elegance and complexity to the wine, reflecting the characteristics that saw La Clape become a cru of the Languedoc.

90 points (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

18152 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓

New at Vintages

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



**CHÂTEAU DE SÉGURE VIEILLES
VIGNES FITOU 2018**

AP

The rugged hillside terrain of Fitou is covered with herbs such as thyme, juniper, rosemary and lavender. Along with the 22 different soil types, this flora has a distinct, unforgettable impact on the wines.

Full-bodied & Smooth


370254 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✂

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The Pursuit of
PINOT

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two wine glasses filled with red wine, sitting on a balcony railing. The glasses are in the foreground, and the background shows a sunset over the ocean with waves crashing against rocks. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid on a dark purple rectangular box in the upper right quadrant.

Born in Burgundy
but now an elegant star
in **cool-climate New
World regions** too,
Pinot Noir is a favourite
of intrepid winemakers
and discerning wine
lovers alike.

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Quite possibly the most evocative and expressive of all red wine varieties, the “heartbreak grape” wears its terroir on its sleeve. Like any proper diva, its demands are non-negotiable – definitely cool climate, meticulous vineyard care, precisely sufficient airflow, just-so water levels and drainage in very particular soil types – but when they’re met, the results can be transcendent. In fact, its allure is such that for many vintners, the quest to grow quality Pinot in all its pristine perfection is the Holy Grail of winemaking. Here are wines from eight producers, across six New World regions, who’ve found success with Pinot Noir.

ONTARIO

Pinot *in*




HENRY OF PELHAM ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019

Sustainable, VQA Short Hills Bench,
Niagara Escarpment

From the Speck brothers' estate vineyards in Short Hills Bench, this wine grows in two silty clay-based soil types. Look for bright raspberry, cherry, and clove spice, and pour with grilled salmon, roasted chicken, or duck or mushroom risotto.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

268391 (D) 750 mL \$24.95 



PELEE ISLAND VINEDRESSERS RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2017

VQA South Islands, Lake Erie North Shore

TASTING NOTE: 100% Pinot Noir. Ripe red plum and raspberry nose with complex hints of game and spice. Fine tannins, fresh acidity, good length; will develop further. **Score: 91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

325282 (D) 750 mL \$19.95 

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Our cool climate is just right for Pinot Noir. Besides this rule of cool, many local vineyards have much more to recommend Pinot. Breezes coming off the Great Lakes help keep vines healthy and pest-free along the shores and islands, as does the wind exposure afforded to vineyards on or atop the Niagara Escarpment and its Benches. Moreover, the limestone prevalent in the Canadian Shield (as in Burgundy) defines some of Pinot's favourite soil types in which to grow, and often contributes distinctive mineral character to the wines.



Barrels and vines at
Pelee Island Winery.



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The remarkable geographical and topographical diversity of Chile affords many little havens in which Pinot Noir can thrive. Coastal vineyards closest to the Pacific Ocean enjoy a cool climate and brisk maritime breezes, while those in the foothills of the Andes often feature rocky, well-drained soils along with the altitude to provide cool temperatures. The absence of phylloxera in Chilean vineyards also means Pinot there can grow on its original rootstocks, providing perhaps an even clearer expression of place.

Pinot *in* CHILE




MONTES LIMITED SELECTION PINOT NOIR 2018

DO Casablanca Valley

TASTING NOTE: This has a very fresh, red-cherry nose with a streak of spicy oak that suits the vibrant and fragrant pinot berries. The palate has a very pure core of bright, energetic cherries. Smooth-honed tannins to close. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, April 17, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

37937 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 

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NEW ZEALAND

Pinot *in*



DELTA PINOT NOIR 2017

Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island
(Heather Stewart, winemaker)

Juicy plum and dark cherry, spice tucked in, and a bit of that regional tamarillo tang to go with it, gentle pencil oak. It's lively, sappy and bursting with cherry/plum and dried herbs, soft fine grained tannin, the finish pretty satisfying, and tweaked on exit with some stalky bitterness. Very enjoyable. Drink: 2019-2024. Score: **91** (Gary Walsh, winefront.com.au, June 12, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

14577 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95 ✂

New at Vintages



MATAHIWI ESTATE ME PINOT NOIR 2018

Sustainable, Wairarapa, North Island

TASTING NOTE: Youthful and delightfully charming, the inviting bouquet shows raspberry, dark plum, floral and spice aromas, followed by a succulent palate that is beautifully rounded and supple. The wine is brightly expressed and immediately appealing with juicy fruit intensity, finishing smooth and comforting. At its best: now to 2022. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Feb. 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

12606 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✂



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Consisting as it does of two islands, it's no wonder New Zealand and its vineyards experience the cool climates and vine-cleansing powers of ocean breezes. From its place on the northern tip of the South Island, Marlborough enjoys additional airflow courtesy of rushing rivers, while the Kaikōura Ranges foothills provide elevation and drainage. Just across the Cook Strait at the southern tip of the North Island sits Wairarapa, which benefits similarly from the foothills of the Tararua Ranges. Pinot Noir from either of New Zealand's islands tends to showcase the varietal's bright, tangy berry fruit.

SOUTH AFRICA

Pinot *in*

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Given the continent on which it's situated, it can be easy to forget that South Africa is actually a classically cool-climate wine region. Surrounded on one side by ocean and sheltered on the other by mountains, South African vineyards are in fact ideal for Pinot Noir. In particular the Elgin region, nestled among the Hottentots Holland Mountains just a dozen kilometres from the South Atlantic Ocean, is known for its Pinot Noirs, which tend to highlight the varietal's elegantly perfumed floral character.



SUTHERLAND PINOT NOIR 2018

WO Elgin
(Thelema Mountain Vineyards)

TASTING NOTE: Three Burgundian clones (113, 115 and 777) from two different vineyards make up the blend here. The 15% new wood is a little prominent right now, but this has appealing rose petal aromas and a fresh palate of redcurrant and wild strawberry fruit. Drink date: 2021-2024. Score: **90** (timatkin.com, *South Africa Special Report*)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

624924 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95



Vineyards and farms in Elgin.



CALIFORNIA

Pinot *in*



SEA SUN PINOT NOIR 2019

California
(Charlie Wagner)

From Charlie Wagner, whose famous family is behind such monumental wines as Caymus, comes this Pinot Noir sourced from cool-climate vineyards along the Californian coast. Expect crisp, vibrant berry fruit and earthy complexity, and pair with roast beef dinner.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

16027 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 ✎

New at Vintages

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Much of the Golden State is, of course, warm climate, yet nonetheless there are pockets where Pinot Noir can thrive. Keys to success are mountain altitudes, maritime fogs or coastal breezes, or some combination of these. Coastal vineyards often experience all three, as brisk fogs roll in off the waters and start their journey past the soaring seaside hills and into the valleys beyond. Even so, the plentiful Californian sunshine tends to bring out the fruit-forward intensity of Pinot Noir.

Pinot *in* OREGON

Mount Hood shelters
the vineyard.



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Along with Ontario, the New World wine region most similar to Pinot Noir's Burgundian home is Oregon. Here mountains and maritime influence combine to create the ideal cool climate, while many vineyards also feature the limestone the varietal loves so well. In fact, like Burgundy's, Oregon's climate is so temperate that red wine grapes besides Pinot Noir are a rare sight. The wines tend to be elegant, delicate and subtle, while evoking the character of a particular terroir.



CLOUDLINE PINOT NOIR 2018

Willamette Valley
(Drouhin Family)

The Drouhin family honed their skill with Pinot Noir for generations before branching out into Oregon, where they produce this always-popular Pinot under the eye of consulting winemaker Véronique Drouhin-Boss. Expect an elegant glassful of tangy berry fruit and earthy beetroot, and serve it with coq au vin.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

159970 (XD) 750 mL \$26.95

ROCK SOLID

These four wines from veteran producer **Flat Rock Cellars** are touchstones for Ontario's signature varietals.

During unprecedented times it's tricky, but important, to find a foothold. **Ed Madronich**, president of Flat Rock Cellars, spoke with *Vintages* writer Douglas Webster about how the team at Flat Rock are staying grounded.





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Chardonnay



VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA VQA
WHITE WINE / VIN BLANC
PRODUCT OF / PRODUIT DU CANADA

12.5% alc/vol
750ml

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Riesling

VQA TWENTY MILE BENCH VQA 11.0% alc/vol
WHITE WINE / VIN BLANC 750ml
PRODUCT OF / PRODUIT DU CANADA

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Pinot Noir

VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA VQA 12.5% alc/vol
RED WINE / VIN ROUGE 750ml
PRODUCT OF / PRODUIT DU CANADA

EST. 1996



Your wines showed well at the 2020 Decanter World Wine Awards, including 91 points for the Chardonnay and 90 points for the Riesling. What do international accolades mean to you?

It's important to us that we benchmark ourselves against the best in the world. These results and all our previous success in this competition prove that not only can we compete against the best in the world, but also excel. International awards confirm, year after year, what we've known for a long time: that Niagara and particularly vineyards on "the bench" make world-class wines and over-deliver on value.

Flat Rock Cellars is one of 12 wineries certified by Sustainable Winemaking Ontario. Has sustainability taken a hit during the pandemic?

We are very proud and work extremely hard to be a Certified Sustainable Winery. If anything, the pandemic has given us reason to double down on our sustainability efforts and is at the forefront of every decision we make. Our focus on environmental sustainability takes into account everything from our vineyard practices to our state-of-the-art natural biofilter for waste water, geothermal technologies and

gravity-fed winemaking facilities.

But we don't look at sustainability as simply the environment; it includes our people and our community. A strong community is integral to the success of our local wine industry, which is why for the last eight years we've partnered with Feed Ontario to work towards a hunger-free Ontario. Just as important are my staff; the people who make, distribute, sell and love Flat Rock Cellars. They are the ones who have kept pushing us forward. During the pandemic, keeping every employee working and accommodating their individual needs was core to our sustainable approach to business.

The grapes for your wines are picked by hand. Has the pandemic thrown a wrench into that?

No, our vineyard workers are all Canadian citizens. Originally immigrants, they have settled in Canada and have been managing my vineyard for 20 years. The pandemic meant that all the hand-picking and hand-sorting took a little bit longer, but our team was diligent and the vintage of 2020 is shaping up to be a silver lining for this year of challenges. Mother Nature also made things easier for us. The fruit was stunning and didn't require as much

sorting as in a normal year.

The experience and expertise of our winemaker, Dave Sheppard, who rang in his 40th vintage this year, was a real asset to working around the curveballs the pandemic threw at us. Dave is an unbelievable winemaker. Along with his assistant winemaker, Allison Findlay, he's been able to navigate the challenges of this very unique year. Both have global experience and bring to our region knowledge and skill that few anywhere can match. It enables us to have great wine every year.

For those who can't visit the winery at this time, how do you encourage people to connect with Flat Rock Cellars?

We're all finding creative ways to interact. Technology is our friend, even for wine. We do virtual tastings, use social media and simply try other innovative and fun ways to stay engaged with our customers. We also have incredible, Canadian-owned restaurant partners who have been hit hard by the pandemic. If you're able to order takeout or delivery, crack a bottle of Flat Rock wines with it to elevate the experience and support local in more ways than one.

the finer points



Here are some dine-at-home pairing ideas for these popular Flat Rock wines. See page 47 for winemaker **Dave Sheppard's wiener schnitzel recipe**; a perfect pairing for Flat Rock Riesling.

FLAT ROCK TWISTED WHITE

VQA Niagara Peninsula

"This is a blend of Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Chardonnay. I like it with fish tacos, specifically the Baja fish tacos from Milestones Grill and Bar (fried basa, cheddar, cabbage slaw, chili-avocado aioli, fresh-cut salsa, avocado, cilantro, flour tortilla)."

– Ed Madronich

Aromatic & Flavourful

1578 (D) 750 mL \$17.95 🍷

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FLAT ROCK CHARDONNAY

VQA Niagara Peninsula

"I suggest it with the prawn-and-lobster ravioli from Joey Restaurants (truffle beurre blanc, garlic-basted prawns, grana padano)."

– Ed Madronich

Light & Crisp

286278 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✍

A Vintages Essential

FLAT ROCK RIESLING

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment

"Try it with my very own wiener schnitzel recipe! Leftover schnitzels are also great cold in a sandwich. I like them on Farmers Rye bread with fresh lettuce and my favourite Austrian tarragon mustard. I sometimes sneak a slice of Emmenthal cheese on it, too."

– Dave Sheppard, winemaker

Aromatic & Flavourful

43281 (M) 750 mL \$17.95 ✍

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FLAT ROCK PINOT NOIR

VQA Niagara Peninsula

"Highly recommended with the vegan quinoa avocado powerbowl from Earls Kitchen and Bar (roasted squash, beets, toasted pumpkin seeds, crispy chickpeas)."

– Ed Madronich

Medium-bodied & Fruity

1545 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 ✍

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Pair It Forward

Help support Ontario businesses this winter! Pair Ontario wines with meats, cheeses, produce or takeout from your favourite local purveyors, then share your ideas at **#PairItForward**

VINTAGES WHAT'S ON

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

ESSENTIALS COLLECTION

Sweet surprises

Celebrate the **Year of the Ox** with a bottle of rich, elegant Icewine.



A delicious sipper at any time of year, this local signature is also a perfect option for the Lunar New Year, whether as a gift or for sharing with family or a small group of friends. Here are four to try from the Essentials Collection.

LAKEVIEW CELLARS VIDAL ICEWINE 🍷

Sleek and balanced, with notes of honey, peach cobbler and pear preserves.

522672 (S) 200 mL **\$22.95**
Lusciously Sweet

KITTLING RIDGE VIDAL ICEWINE 🍷

Luscious and exotic, with tropical fruit, honey, apricot and ripe melon.

563247 (S) 375 mL **\$29.95**
Lusciously Sweet

JACKSON-TRIGGS RESERVE VIDAL ICEWINE 🍷

A splendid Icewine packed with rich tropical fruit, apricot and peach notes.

389411 (S) 375 mL **\$39.95**
Lusciously Sweet

CAVE SPRING RIESLING ICEWINE 🍷

From the Riesling experts at Cave Spring. Intense apple, baked apricot and peach pie.

447441 (S) 375 mL **\$49.95**
Lusciously Sweet

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WHISKY SHOP

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ONLINE COLLECTIONS



Coming soon: **March Classics**

IT'S NOT QUITE TIME TO "SPRING FORWARD," but it's never too soon to look forward to spring, and perusing our March Classics Collection is a good way to start. This new collection features cellarable French wines including premier cru and grand cru Chablis; refined, ageable German Riesling; from Hungary, a complex, evocative Tokaji; cellar selections from Italy including Solaia 2017 and Tignanello 2015; a high-scoring collection of Spanish wines; Aussie gems including the 2017 Leeuwin Art Series Chardonnay; refined Central Otago Pinot Noir; plush Cabernet from South Africa's historic Rustenberg; elegant Argentine wines that prove Mendoza is more than Malbec; a rich blend of Cabernets from Chile's Colchagua Valley; treasures from Napa, Sonoma, Oregon and Washington; and two 20-year-old classic fortified wines from Portugal.

Visit [lcbo.com/vintages-classics](https://www.lcbo.com/vintages-classics). Ordering starts March 4.

product notes

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DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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



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

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FORTIFIED WINE



HIDALGO LA GITANA MANZANILLA

DO Manzanilla – Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain

TASTING NOTE: A bright, high-pitched style, showing tangy quinine and chamomile notes laced with talc and fleur de sel flavors. Very dry, brisk, stony-edged finish. An absolute delight. Drink now. Ranks #37 in *Wine Spectator's* Top 100 Wines of 2018. Score: **92** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, May 31, 2018)

Dry

500 mL (XD) \$17.95

745448



QUINTA DO CRASTO FINEST RESERVE PORT

DOP, Portugal

TASTING NOTE: Juicy and forthright, with plum cake and blueberry paste flavors, laced with a streak of cocoa. A flash of bramble gives the finish a punchy counterpoint. Drink now. Score: **89** (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, May 31, 2020)

Sweet

750 mL (S) \$17.95

18284



QUINTA DO GRIFO VINTAGE PORT 2015

DOP, Portugal

TASTING NOTE: ... Intense and pure nose offering crushed stones, jammed plum, blackberry, kirsch, violet, tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is dense and concentrated with a well-integrated sweetness, very good sense of freshness, fine tannin and extract giving a lift, savoury red and dark fruit notes with wet tobacco, liquorice notes, and a long and powerful finish. Beautiful potential but still already very enjoyable. Score: **95** (Andreas Larsson, blindtasted.com, undated)

Sweet

750 mL (S) \$64.95

18362





CHAMPAGNE

VOLLEREAUX BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CHAMPAGNE AC, France

TASTING NOTE: ... modern, fresh and linear style. The nose is lean and focused, with subtle lemon, green apple and pear notes, a waft of white flowers and a hint of toast. The palate is rather dry and crisp, with the firm acidity softened just a little by a light creamy texture, before it focuses towards the finish and imparts a stony minerality to the lingering, drying citrus essence. An attractive value for Champagne. Score: **92** (Tim Appelt, winediscovery.ca, Dec. 8, 2018)

Rich & Complex
750 mL (XD) **\$52.95** ✂

629469 

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SPARKLING WINE

BERNARD-MASSARD CUVÉE DE L'ÉCUSSON BRUT SPARKLING

Traditional method, Luxembourg
Though not the same bottling reviewed below, this release will reflect a similar quality.

TASTING NOTE: 45% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Blanc, 15% Pinot Noir. This is a classy example of a sparkling wine. Citrus notes to start, followed by cream and pineapple, quite possibly piña colada too. There's excellent purity and freshness, making this light, enjoyable and difficult not to recall in a year or two. Best in Show: Best Value Sparkling. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
750 mL (D) **\$20.95** 🍷

970970 



WOLFBERGER BRUT CRÉMANT D'ALSACE

Traditional method, AC, Alsace, France
TASTING NOTE: Straw color. Bright, fruity, creamy aromas of green apple pastry, peaches in cream, and lemon chiffon with a supple, tangy, finely carbonated, dry-yet-fruity medium body and an effortless, amusing, medium-long white nuts, lime-pineapple sorbet, and minerals finish with no oak. A refreshing, tangy sparkling wine that will shine at the table. Exceptional. Score: **94** (tastings.com, Nov. 25, 2015)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) **\$19.95** ✂

460832 



VILLA SANDI ASOLO BRUT PROSECCO SUPERIORE



DOCG, Italy
TASTING NOTE: Vivid mousse. Lovely tropical and aromatic on the palate with tangerine blossom, ample texture and some sweetness. Very well made and pleasing to drink. Score: **90** (International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2019)

Light & Fruity
750 mL (D) **\$18.95** ✂

16599 

CANADA – WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

FLAT ROCK CHARDONNAY 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula
Ontario has seen its international reputation for quality cool-climate Chardonnay soar. If you're still looking for somewhere to build your own opinion, you'll be hard-pressed to find a sounder foundation than this Flat Rock. This buttery, bright, vibrant, fruit-driven wine is rock solid, with apple, pear, mineral and well-integrated toast. It'll rock with crab legs or grilled chicken.

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

286278 

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FLAT ROCK RIESLING 🍁

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment
From an industry leader, this floral Riesling comes at you with gorgeous mineral, peach, apple, and lime citrus. Superb vibrancy and zest. Intense, complex and an amazing value, this is an Ontario gem. Try it with spicy sushi or a spiced honey-glazed ham.

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (M) **\$17.95** ✂

43281 

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A Vintages Essential**



CANADA – WHITE WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO



FLAT ROCK TWISTED WHITE 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Traditional grapes, with a twist. This off-beat blend of Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Chardonnay shows vivid pear, grapefruit, passion fruit, lime and stony mineral. It makes a great sipping wine, or pair it with spicy calamari or roasted pork tenderloin.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D) **\$17.95** 🍷

1578

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FLAT ROCK PINOT NOIR 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Innovative Flat Rock Cellars specializes in crafting elegant Pinot Noir. This excellent wine is a great introduction, with its flavours of raspberry, beetroot, smoked meat and spice. It works well with grilled salmon or with veal in a red wine reduction.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$22.95** 🍷

1545

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A Vintages Essential**



**THE FOREIGN AFFAIR
CHARDONNAY 2018** 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula

One tenth of this Chardonnay from the hot 2018 vintage was given the appassimento treatment, with the grapes having been dried for a month. After fermentation, the wine was then aged in French oak for nine months. Expect ripe tropical and dried fruit notes and pair with pork chops.

[Dean Tudor did not include a tasting note.] Score: **91+** (Dean Tudor, gothicpictures.blogspot.com, March 16, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (D) **\$26.95** 🍷

149211



**HENRY OF PELHAM ESTATE
PINOT NOIR 2019** 🍁

Sustainable, VQA Short Hills Bench, Niagara Escarpment

From the Speck brothers' estate vineyards in Short Hills Bench, this wine grows in two silty clay-based soil types. Look for bright raspberry, cherry, and clove spice, and pour with grilled salmon, roasted chicken, or duck or mushroom risotto.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (D) **\$24.95** 🍷

268391

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CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO



**THREE DOG WINERY
BACCHUS MERITAGE 2016** 🍁

Vegan, VQA Ontario

Based in Picton, Ontario, Three Dog Winery planted its first vines in 2000 and opened its doors in 2014. This blend of Bordeaux varieties from Ontario's hot 2016 vintage is named for the winery's most sociable rescue dog. Expect big blackberry, cherry, rich chocolate, vanilla and leather. The winemakers suggest pairing it with roast beef, aged cheddar and hearty vegetable dishes.



Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$25.00** 🍷

19020



**PELEE ISLAND VINEDRESSERS
RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2017** 🍁

VQA South Islands, Lake Erie North Shore

TASTING NOTE: 100% Pinot Noir. Ripe red plum and raspberry nose with complex hints of game and spice. Fine tannins, fresh acidity, good length; will develop further. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (D) **\$19.95** 🍷

325282

Featured in The Pursuit of Pinot



THE TRAGICALLY HIP FULLY COMPLETELY RESERVE RED 2018 🍁

VQA Niagara Peninsula (Stoney Ridge)

This Bordeaux blend has become a regular, looked-for wine on Vintages shelves. Expect impressive ripe mixed fruit, with woodsmoke and baking spice undertones and firm tannins. It will offer 5-7+ years of evolution in your cellar. This collaboration between Stoney Ridge and The Hip is the wine for grilled ribs or steak.

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

411595

USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

FRANCIS COPPOLA DIAMOND COLLECTION CHARDONNAY 2018

California

TASTING NOTE: Love the fragrant white and orange blossom florals on this dry, full-bodied and lush California Chardonnay with tropical fruit, ripe red apple, ripe melon, smoky vanilla and stony mineral flavours on the palate. Finishes with bright acidity for grilled seafood and chicken dishes.

Drink: 2020-2024. Score: **90** (nataliemaclean.com, Aug. 28, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (D) **\$23.95** 🍷

708305



CAYMUS SPECIAL SELECTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

Napa Valley

Known for extended “hang time” on the vine, the grapes used in Caymus Special Selection are of the finest quality and exhibit big ripeness, concentration and flavour. The wine is then blended from the best barrels of the vintage. It’s little wonder this is the only wine in the world to be honoured twice as *Wine Spectator’s* Wine of the Year.

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (D) **\$199.95** 🍷

711663

LANGE TWINS OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2017

Sustainable, Lodi

TASTING NOTE: Rich plum and focused black-cherry flavors give this well-balanced wine a tasty center that’s wrapped in light tannins and a touch of good acidity. It’s appetizing and well-primed for food pairings. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Jim Gordon, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2020)

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

575480



USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

689 CELLARS SIX EIGHT NINE RED 2017

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: The blend here is Zinfandel with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot and Syrah. The wine is silky, smooth and rounded, with tons of blackberry fruit and a touch of residual sugar. A good choice for sweet-and-spicy ribs. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2020)

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

383976



SEA SUN PINOT NOIR 2019

California (Charlie Wagner)

From Charlie Wagner, whose famous family is behind such monumental wines as Caymus, comes this Pinot Noir sourced from cool-climate vineyards along the Californian coast. Expect crisp, vibrant berry fruit and earthy complexity, and pair with roast beef dinner.

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

16027

Featured in *The Pursuit of Pinot*





USA – RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

**SUBMISSION
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018**

California
(689 Cellars)
Blending fruit from Sonoma, Napa, Paso Robles and Lodi, this friendly-priced Cali Cab is cellared and bottled by 689 Cellars in Napa Valley. Expect a big, plush wine brimming with blackcurrant fruit and pour with steak and twice-baked potatoes.

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (D) **\$19.95**

628230

OREGON



CLOUDLINE PINOT NOIR 2018

Willamette Valley
(Drouhin Family)
The Drouhin family honed their skill with Pinot Noir for generations before branching out into Oregon, where they produce this always-popular Pinot under the eye of consulting winemaker Véronique Drouhin-Boss. Expect an elegant glassful of tangy berry fruit and earthy beetroot, and serve it with coq au vin.

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

159970

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WASHINGTON



**COLUMBIA CREST H3 LES CHEVAUX
RED BLEND 2016**

Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley
TASTING NOTE: Open-knit and fruit-forward, the 2016 H3 Red Blend Les Chevaux is named after the wild horses that, at one time, freely roamed the area. The nose is filled with blackberries, spiced plum and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is clean and correct, showing a good core of juicy fruits with soft florals toward the back. It ends with an oak-driven expression of popcorn kernel and coconut husk on the lingering finish. 75,000 cases made. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **89+** (Anthony Mueller, robertparker.com, Dec. 30, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (D) **\$19.95**

287425



**THREE RIVERS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018**



Columbia Valley
TASTING NOTE: The aromas are fruit forward, with notes of blackberry, black currant and boysenberry, followed by char, herb and tar. The flavors explode on the palate, bringing plushness and richness but also balance. Firm, slightly astringent tannins back it up. Editors' Choice. Score: **91** (Sean P. Sullivan, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2020)

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

15850

ARGENTINA – RED WINE



**CATENA LUNLUNTA OLD VINES
APPELLATION MALBEC 2018**

Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: I was very pleasantly surprised by [this] red from an underestimated/forgotten zone of Mendoza, where Malbec seems to be very expressive and floral ... Only half of the wine matured in oak ... they selected cooler plots for this bottling, resulting in a fresher and more ethereal wine, with a captivating personality within the classical profile. Bravo for Lunlunta! ... Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **93** (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) **\$22.95**

11769

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**ZUCCARDI Q
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016**

Uco Valley, Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: Cabernet Sauvignon flies under the radar at Zuccardi, such is the reputation of the winery's Malbecs. But they are often superb. This blend with 15% Cabernet Franc from La Consulta and Gualtallary is grassy, fresh and well balanced with very understated oak. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **92** (timatkin.com, *Argentina Special Report 2018*)

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

140855

CHILE – RED WINE



MONTES LIMITED SELECTION PINOT NOIR 2018*

DO Casablanca Valley

TASTING NOTE: This has a very fresh, red-cherry nose with a streak of spicy oak that suits the vibrant and fragrant pinot berries. The palate has a very pure core of bright, energetic cherries. Smooth-honed tannins to close. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamesuckling.com, April 17, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$15.95** 🍷

37937



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VIÑA TARAPACÁ GRAN RESERVA CARMENÈRE 2019

DO Maipo Valley

TASTING NOTE: Toasted aromas fight for the limelight with the intensely fruity flavors and hints of herbs in this carmenere from the clay-rich soils of Isla de Maipo in the Maipo Valley. The fruit definitely wins the battle on the palate, though, with the notes of succulent red fruits amidst herbal details and a very friendly texture with silky tannins. Score: **91** (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** 🍷

57513



URUGUAY – RED WINE

JUAN CARRAU TANNAT 2019

Las Violetas, Canelones

Uruguay's take on Tannat offers a more robust and muscular tannic structure than those crafted in Madiran in the south of France. In the hands of producers such as Juan Carrau, Uruguayan Tannat offers complex floral, leather, berry, earth and spice and balances the grape's characteristic tight tannins with a bright, fresh acidity. A fine value and a good option for rare roast beef.

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$18.95** 🍷

638791



AUSTRALIA – RED WINE



MOLLYDOOKER THE BOXER SHIRAZ 2018

South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Mollydooker's 2018 The Boxer Shiraz delivers what fans of this producer have come to expect: huge fruit, plenty of ripeness, tasty oak and oodles of flavor. Cedar, chocolate and mint accent cola, plum and berry fruit on the nose, while the full-bodied palate is round, supple and expansive. It's creamy-ripe, yet the wine ends silky and mouth-watering. Drink date: 2020-2025. Score: **91** (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, July 31, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$32.95** 🍷

246595



MOUNTADAM VINEYARDS FIVE-FIFTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

Barossa, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Wonderfully fruited and inviting, the bouquet shows Black Doris plum, blackcurrant, violet and almond characters with a dried herb complexity. The palate is succulent and plump, displaying excellent weight and fruit intensity, backed by smooth texture and fine, chalky tannins. Beautifully styled and structured with a persistent delectable finish. At its best: now to 2024. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, April 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$17.00** 🍷

18006



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SIDEWOOD SHIRAZ 2017

Vegan, Adelaide Hills, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Five clones, mainly Selectiv'-harvested, a small portion hand-picked and vineyard-sorted for the small amount of whole bunches, numerous batch variations, matured in French oak (25% new) for 13 months. Seriously satisfying, every aspect explored and finessed, ripe black fruits the core. Drink by: 2045. Special Value. Score: **97** (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$19.95** 🍷

446146



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NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

ERADUS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Awatere Valley, Marlborough, South Island
TASTING NOTE: Pristine and gorgeously fragrant, the wine shows green rockmelon, nectarine, lime peel and jasmine aromas on the nose, leading to a succulent palate that's flavoursome and lingering. It's bright and vibrant with loads of tasty flavours. At its best: now to 2022. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, July 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful
 750 mL (XD) **\$19.95** 🍷
225557



NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

DELTA PINOT NOIR 2017

Sustainable, Marlborough, South Island
 (Heather Stewart, winemaker)
TASTING NOTE: Juicy plum and dark cherry, spice tucked in, and a bit of that regional tamarillo tang to go with it, gentle pencil oak. It's lively, sappy and bursting with cherry/plum and dried herbs, soft fine grained tannin, the finish pretty satisfying, and tweaked on exit with some stalky bitterness. Very enjoyable. Drink: 2019-2024. Score: **91** (Gary Walsh, winefront.com.au, June 12, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
 750 mL (XD) **\$27.95** 🍷
14577

Featured in *The Pursuit of Pinot*



SACRED HILL RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

Marlborough, South Island
TASTING NOTE: A clear step up from the entry-level Sauvignon Blanc, this is 16% barrel fermented then aged for six months in oak, giving good complexity and interest for the price. Intense aromas and flavours of creamy tropical and stone fruit, plus fresh herbs, a twist of preserved lemon and some tart gooseberry on the finish. Drinking window: 2020-2022. Score: **90** (Tina Gellie, decanter.com, Jan. 14, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful
 750 mL (D) **\$21.95** 🍷
490326



MATAHIWI ESTATE ME PINOT NOIR 2018

Sustainable, Wairarapa, North Island
TASTING NOTE: Youthful and delightfully charming, the inviting bouquet shows raspberry, dark plum, floral and spice aromas, followed by a succulent palate that is beautifully rounded and supple. The wine is brightly expressed and immediately appealing with juicy fruit intensity, finishing smooth and comforting. At its best: now to 2022. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Feb. 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
 750 mL (XD) **\$19.95** 🍷
12606

Featured in *The Pursuit of Pinot*



SPINYBACK SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Sustainable, vegan, Nelson, South Island (Waimea)
 Nestled amongst mountains on the northernmost tip of New Zealand's South Island, the wine region of Nelson is known for its crisp, aromatic white wines. Look for aromas and flavours of gooseberry and crunchy green veggies and pair with fish or green salads.

Aromatic & Flavourful
 750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** 🍷
694737



SOUTH AFRICA – WHITE WINE

ALVI'S DRIFT SIGNATURE VIOGNIER 2019

WO Western Cape
 Double Gold recipient at the 2019 Gold Wine Awards, this dry wine is made from 100% Viognier grown in a minimal-intervention vineyard. Expect vibrant peach tinged with floral notes and pair with pork-belly tacos.

Full-bodied & Rich
 750 mL (XD) **\$13.95** 🍷
18687





SOUTH AFRICA – RED WINE

LITTLE ROCK ROUGE 2017

Sustainable, WO Franschhoek (Mont Rochelle)

A quirky blend of classic French grapes Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Syrah, this wine is designed to find a happy place between easygoingness and complexity. Look for spicy dark fruit notes and pair with mutton stew.

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$16.95** ✂

18682 



FRANCE – WHITE WINE

ALSACE

PIERRE SPARR GRANDE RÉSERVE GEWURZTRAMINER 2018

AC Alsace

TASTING NOTE: ... rosewater, lychee, pink grapefruit, citrus pith bite and smattering of sweet spice, viscous on the palate. Chill and enjoy on its own or pair with Korean-style BBQ pork ribs or Asian-style roast duck. Drink date: 2020-2022. Score: **91** (nataliamaclean.com, Nov. 14, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (M) **\$19.95** ✂

747600 



SUTHERLAND PINOT NOIR 2018

WO Elgin

(Thelema Mountain Vineyards)

TASTING NOTE: Three Burgundian clones (113, 115 and 777) from two different vineyards make up the blend here. The 15% new wood is a little prominent right now, but this has appealing rose petal aromas and a fresh palate of redcurrant and wild strawberry fruit. Drink date: 2021-2024. Score: **90** (timatkin.com, *South Africa Special Report*)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$19.95** ✂

624924 

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BURGUNDY

TERRES SECRÈTES LES PRÉLUDES SAINT-VÉРАН 2018*

AC

The Saint-Véran AC is adjacent to Pouilly-Fuissé and has much in common with its famous neighbour, but its wines come at a much more approachable price. This one will be lithe and lifted, with citrus and stone fruit and a fine mineral undertone. Try it with grilled shrimp.

[Guide Gilbert & Gaillard did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (*Guide Gilbert & Gaillard*, 2019)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD) **\$21.95** ✂

16725 

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CROATIA – RED WINE

THE DALMATIAN DOG BABI 2016

Dalmatia

(Testament Winery)

TASTING NOTE: 100% Babic. Fine and subtle raspberry and damson nose. Attractive, fresh and concentrated palate packed full of black fruit, forest floor character and soft tannins; very well made. Score: **95** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** ✂

18810 

🌿 Organic product



WILLIAM FÈVRE CHAMPS ROYAUX CHABLIS 2018

AC

TASTING NOTE: A subtle hint of tangerine on the nose dissipates to leave ripe lemon brightness. The palate is concentrated, juicy and fresh, brimming with lemon-edged Mirabelle fruitiness. Chalky depth anchors everything in coolness despite the ripe, rounded vintage. Ranked #66 in the 2020 *Wine Enthusiast* Top 100. Score: **93** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 31, 2020)

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD) **\$29.95** ✂

461640 

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FRANCE – WHITE WINE CONT'D

LOIRE

CHÂTEAU DE THAUVENAY SANCERRE 2019

Sustainable, AP
(Langlois-Château)

Recently acquired by Langlois-Château, Château de Thauvenay has a viticultural history that dates to 1819. The producer explains that this Sauvignon Blanc offers a fine citrus freshness alongside the quite exotic notes of pineapple and lychee, and suggests serving it as an aperitif or pairing it with seafood.



Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD) **\$34.95** 🍷

18156

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THIERRY DELAUNAY TOURAINE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

AP
(Joël Delaunay)

TASTING NOTE: This is an excellent, pure, complex Touraine sauvignon ... Expect very lifted spearmint, lime, dill and caper scents. It's medium bodied, fresh and lively, yet broad and almost creamy, with excellent flavour depth. I don't remember this wine ever being this good. Score: **90** (David Lawrason, winealign.com, Aug. 11, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D) **\$16.95** 🍷

391847

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FRANCE – RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU CLARKE 2016

AC Listrac-Médoc
(Baron Edmond de Rothschild, prop.)

TASTING NOTE: This is excellent ... Intense cassis and bilberry flavours, and although this is still Merlot dominant in the blend, the Médoc character of the Cabernet Sauvignon and the tannic frame is clear. New technical director, Fabrice Darmaillacq, as of this 2016 vintage. Drinking window: 2023-2038. Score: **93** (Jane Anson, decanter.com, May 28, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$54.95** 🍷

503904



CHÂTEAU DE MARSAN 2016*

AC Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

TASTING NOTE: Rich, smoky and with ripe fruits, this is a powerful wine from vines bordering the Garonne river. Its tannins, swathes of blackberry and black-plum flavors and concentration all point to the need for aging. Drink from 2022. Cellar Selection. Score: **91** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Feb. 1, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** 🍷

446245

Featured in *Location, Location, Location*



CHÂTEAU DES LANDES CUVÉE PRESTIGE 2016

AC Lussac-Saint-Émilion

TASTING NOTE: A selection of 100% Merlot aged 16 months in new French oak ... medium to full-bodied richness as well as fabulous notes of crème de cassis, spice, tobacco, and subtle earthy characteristics. It has notable purity and freshness, fine tannins, and shows the style of the vintage beautifully. Drink it any time over the coming decade. Score: **91+** (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, March 27, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$26.95** 🍷

363101

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CHÂTEAU LA CROIX DE QUEYNAC 2018

AC Bordeaux Supérieur
(Gabard, prop.-récolt.)

A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine was grown on the Right Bank in Bordeaux. Expect dark cherry and currant fruit with chocolate and earthy shading, and pair the wine with braised beef or lamb.

[Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2020 did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$16.95** 🍷

17949





CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURÉ-LICHINE 2015

Second wine of Prieuré-Lichine, AC Margaux
 TASTING NOTE: The 2015 Confidences de Prieuré-Lichine is a very pretty second wine. Pliant, supple and inviting, the Confidences is an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. All of the signatures of the Grand Vin come through nicely, but, of course, in miniature. This is a strong showing. Drinking window: 2018-2027. Score: **91** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb. 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm
 750 mL (XD) **\$58.95** ✂

18139

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LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU CAPITOUL ROCAILLE LA CLAPE 2017*

AC
 TASTING NOTE: ... an attractive, fruit-driven wine for drinking over the next 3-4 years, with the herbal, spicy notes of the Carignan serving to highlight the blueberry fruit of the Syrah, while the Grenache fleshes out the medium-bodied palate. Drink date: 2019-2023. Score: **90** (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, May 31, 2019)

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

18152

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BEAUJOLAIS

DOMAINE DE LA PLAIGNE RÉGNIÉ 2017

AP
 TASTING NOTE: Lightly spicy vanilla on the nose with an array of berry pastry, too. The palate has a briary edge, as well as a super succulent finish. Great freshness here. Drink now [through 2022]. Score: **91** (jamessuckling.com, Feb. 18, 2019)

Light-bodied & Fruity
 750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** ✂

18173

BURGUNDY

BLASON DE BOURGOGNE HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE ROUGE 2018*

AC
 The Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune appellation is situated atop the escarpment at an elevation of nearly 300 metres. This location creates a cooler microclimate and encourages more freshness and lift than is found in even moderately warmer sites. This wine will have characterful notes of sour cherry, spice and earth. Pair it with duck or salmon.

[Guide Gilbert & Gaillard did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Guide Gilbert & Gaillard, 2019)

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

648444

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DOMAINE DE LA CENDRILLON ATYPIQUE 2018

IGP Pays d'Oc
 Organically grown and matured 12 months in concrete, this atypical (in the best way) wine is a blend of 30% Merlot, 30% Mourvèdre and 40% Marselan – the latter being a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache. Expect plush texture and an interplay of red and dark fruit.

[The Concours Général Paris did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Silver** (Concours Général Paris, 2020)

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

18151

Organic product



MIDI

CHÂTEAU D'ANGLÈS CLASSIQUE LA CLAPE SYRAH/GRENACHE/MOURVÈDRE 2018

AC
 (Famille E. Fabre)
 TASTING NOTE: ... Deep purple- and red-berried fruit on the nose. And irises. Violets. Black bramble fruit with an hibiscus-petal tang and lift, black tea leaves, roasted Mediterranean herbs. Chalky tannins, touch of campfire ember on the texture as well as the finish. Elegant grip and a refined savouriness. A kind of contained wildness, polished rusticity. Drink 2020-2025. Score: **17 out of 20** (Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, May 3, 2020)

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

286484

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FRANCE – RED WINE CONT'D

MIDI

**CHÂTEAU DE SÉGURE
VIEILLES VIGNES FITOU 2018**
AP

The red wines of Fitou are crafted from some combination of Carignan, Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre but all share characteristic bright red fruit, concentrated dark fruit, pepper spice and gripping tannins. These wines are perfect for grilled meats, but if you want to see the wine really shine, try it with cassoulet: a slow-cooked casserole from the South of France.

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

370254

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**TESSELLAE OLD VINES GRENACHE/
SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2018**

AP Côtes du Roussillon
(Domaine Lafage)

The Lafage family have been wine growers for seven generations. This blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre is a favourite with Vintages customers for its ripe, spicy mix of red and dark fruit. Pour it alongside lentil-and-sausage stew.

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

343517



RHÔNE

**DOMAINE CLAVEL SYRIUS
SAINT-GERVAIS CÔTES DU
RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2017**
AP



TASTING NOTE: Fragrant rose petal and lavender provide an intoxicating introduction to this opulent yet pristinely fruity red. Red cherry and plum flavors are luscious and sunny, balanced by fresh acidity and a crisp mineral finish. Ready to drink now, the wine should hold through 2024. Best Buy. Score: **91** (Anna Lee Iijima, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2020)

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

18144

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**DOMAINE DE CRISTIA
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2017***
AC

TASTING NOTE: Alluring, with dark cherry, raspberry and blackberry puree flavors that are streamlined in feel, flecked with anise, mesquite and fruitcake hints as they drive through the focused finish. Finely beaded acidity keeps everything in place. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Best from 2022 through 2038. Score: **94** (James Molesworth, *winespectator.com*, May 31, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) **\$57.95** 🍷

67678

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🍷 **Organic product**



**DOMAINE LE CLOS DES CAZAUX
LA TOUR SARRASINE GIGONDAS
2018***



AC
TASTING NOTE: A rather reductive nose and very full-bodied with a good sense of tension and grip. Pretty grand and gothic style, very dramatic. Highly concentrated, but somehow still balanced ... Drinking window: 2021-2027. Score: **92** (Matt Walls, *decanter.com*, Sept. 30, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) **\$32.95** 🍷

18388

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**DOMAINE SAINT-ANDÉOL
EXCELLENCE CAIRANNE 2016***
AP

TASTING NOTE: A 60-40 blend of Grenache and Syrah ... hints of mocha and baking spices layered over dark, ripe fruit. Full-bodied, supple and creamy in texture, this is a rich, plush wine, with a long, mocha-latte finish. It may not age beyond 4-5 years, but it's certainly a hedonistic one for early enjoyment. Drink date: 2018-2023. Score: **93** (Joe Czerwinski, *robertparker.com*, Nov. 30, 2018)

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

464735

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GERMANY – WHITE WINE

RHEINHESSEN

MODERNIST DRY RIESLING 2019 NEW

Rheinhessen

"The 2019 vintage is the best vintage I have ever tasted for German riesling in my four-decade career," says wine critic Stuart Pigott on jamesuckling.com. Made and matured in temperature-controlled stainless steel, this shining example promises zippy citrus and crunchy orchard fruit and will go wonderfully with seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D) **\$16.95** 🍷

18668 



GREECE – WHITE WINE

ATLANTIS DRY WHITE 2019

PGI Cyclades, Santorini (Argyros)

TASTING NOTE: ... mostly Assyrtiko, with 5% each of Athiri and Aidani, unoaked, dry ... a nice value, fresh, focused and somewhat tense on the finish. It's a bit austere and compact, without the flavor that more ripeness can bring, but the fruit is beautifully lifted on the finish. It's glorious in its youthful freshness, a great warm-weather refresher. That is what it aims for. It succeeds. Drink date: 2020-2027. Score: **90** (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, Aug. 31, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD) **\$26.95** 🍷

371658 



ITALY – WHITE WINE

VENETO

SANTI SORTESELE PINOT GRIGIO 2018 NEW

DOC Valdadige

TASTING NOTE: In the Trentino dialect, "sortesele" means "small parts of the vineyard" and references the ancient practice in which heirs to a property drew lots to claim parcels of the vineyard. This balanced, refreshing sipper is fresh and crisp, with hints of green apple and white flowers. It will be great with seafood appetizers. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2020)

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** 🍷

17366 



ITALY – RED WINE

PIEDMONT

ENRICO SERAFINO SANAVENTO BARBARESCO 2017

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: A delicious, juicy red with dried berries, chocolate and some cedar and toffee. It's full-bodied with firm, fine tannins. Shows freshness for the vintage. Better after 2023. Score: **93** (jamesuckling.com, Aug. 4, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$30.95** 🍷

157347 



TRAVAGLINI GATTINARA 2016

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: ... aromas of forest berry, wild rose, tar and licorice, and there's a slightly exotic aroma as well that hints at Asian spice or church incense ... beautiful harmony and complexity here, and you can pick up on that slightly sweet note of peach or sun-dried apricot that I associate with Nebbiolo from the Gattinara appellation. This is a classic expression that shows the firmness and acidity to promise a smooth future aging process. Drink date: 2021-2033. Score: **93** (Monica Lerner, robertparker.com, July 23, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$32.95** 🍷

713354 



PUGLIA

BOLLATO DI GUARINI NEGROAMARO/PRIMITIVO 2018* NEW

IGP Puglia

(Famiglia Guarini)

TASTING NOTE: (Translated from the Italian) Negroamaro 70%, Primitivo 30%. Its majestic pulp brings out a minty and balsamic scent in this champion, which presents both warmth and fragrant density ... turgid blackberry whose sweetness is always amplified and whose freshness is sustained by persuasive nuances stemming from the vanilla tinge of the oak. A great wine! Among the best Italian reds of this year ... Score: **97** (lucamaroni.com, June 14, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$17.00** 🍷

17884 

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ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

BARBANERA SPECIAL SELECTION DA UVE LEGGERMENTE APPASSITE 2017
IGT Toscana

This wine was fermented using partially dried grapes. Drying prior to fermentation concentrates sugars and flavour components within the grape, imparting additional colour, flavour and body to the final wine. This example will offer intense red and black cherry framed by vanilla and sweet spices, with a smooth, silky mouthfeel. Perfect for roasted meats.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **97** (lucamaroni.com, Dec. 6, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (D) **\$16.95** ✂

10963 



CLEMENTE VII GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013

DOCG

(Castelli del Grevepesa)

TASTING NOTE: The 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Clemente VII is big and strapping in the glass. Iron, smoke, game, licorice, scorched earth, menthol and dried herbs add layers of nuance to a core of intense red Sangiovese fruit. The sinewy, muscular tannins could use a bit of bottle age to soften. There is plenty to enjoy in this expressive, savory Gran Selezione. Drinking window: 2020-2030. Score: **92** (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Aug. 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$34.95** ✂

573493 



FATTORIA DI GRIGNANO RITRATTO DEL CARDINALE CHIANTI RUFINA 2017

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Sourced from vines nearing 20 years of age, this wine offers a pleasingly floral nose of herbs and violets. It's fresh and fruity on the palate, with more floral and herbal tones alongside cherry, oak and leather, and a food-friendly spine of acidity. A great pizza wine. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) **\$17.95** ✂

17393 

 **Organic product**



QUERCECCHIO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2015*

DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The relatively warm 2015 vintage produced generous wines that will evolve in the cellar but that also offer a more immediate approachability. This one is ripe and fresh, with red fruit, sandalwood, orange peel, spice and a fantastic texture and elegance. A fine value for this vintage, it will be great tonight with a roast leg of lamb but will drink well till 2025. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$36.95** ✂

438580 

VENETO

LUCIANO ARDUINI FONTANA DEL FONGO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2018

DOC

TASTING NOTE: (Translated from the Italian) Corvina 50%, Corvinone 30%, Rondinella 20%. Thick, enthralling, not completely transparent to the eye due to its great extracted concentration. Another excellent note comes from its mellow taste, with thick tannin supported by proper sour note, which never interferes with its expressive palate mellowness. A great wine with a full harmony, whose spicy aroma brings out turgid and clean enological execution. Score: **95** (lucamaroni.com, May 21, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (D) **\$16.95** ✂

121731 



STORIA ANTICA SUPERIORE VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO 2018*

DOC

TASTING NOTE: A charming, value-priced ripasso that offers ripe, juicy fruit flavours, with touches of chocolate and pepper spice and a supple, refined mouthfeel. Try this with grilled sausages. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (D) **\$18.95** ✂

273672 



PORTUGAL – WHITE WINE

BEYRA VINHOS DE ALTITUDE 2019

DOC Beira Interior (Rui Roboredo Madeira)
This blend of the late-ripening Fonte Cal and Síría, a.k.a. Roupeiro, is sourced from grapes planted at an altitude of 725 metres in granite and schist soils that contain veins of quartz. It's fresh and floral, with melon and citrus tones alongside a delicate tropicality. A fine wine for seafood appetizers or mains.

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) **\$13.95**
380824



PORTUGAL – RED WINE

CASA DE CAMBRES RESERVA RED 2016

DOC Douro
TASTING NOTE: Partially aged in wood, this reserva has great richness. Its textured tannins, while firm, allow plenty of space for the ripe black fruits and generous juiciness that is present. The wine could age further, although it is delicious to drink now. Ranked #20 in *Wine Enthusiast's* Top 100 Best Buys of 2020. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Aug. 1, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) **\$14.95**
470377



FLOR DE MAIO MAYFLOWER 2016

Vinho Regional Alentejano (Magnum – Carlos Lucas Vinhos)
This wine was sourced from clay, granite and limestone soils and fermented in stainless steel. The 2016 is a blend of Trincadeira, Aragonez and Syrah and delivers fresh ripe red fruit, with touches of spice and a juicy, food-friendly acidity. Perfect for burgers or ribs.

[Mundus Vini did not include a tasting note.]
Score: **Gold** (Mundus Vini, 2017)

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (D) **\$13.95**
427195



SPAIN – RED WINE

ALCEO TEMPRANILLO 2017

DO La Mancha (Familia Bastida)
TASTING NOTE: Super dark, ripe blackcurrants and a sleek, dense palate with plenty of fine, long and fresh tannin. This holds so fresh and long. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (jamesuckling.com, July 26, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) **\$12.95**
18768



MARQUÉS DE TORO

FINCA LA MOURA MENCIA 2015

Single vineyard, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León
TASTING NOTE: Fresh and dried cherry, dark chocolate and black pepper flavors mingle in this lively red. Firm, but graceful through the floral finish. Drink now through 2023. Score: **90** (Thomas Matthews, *winespectator.com*, April 30, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) **\$13.95**
545939



VALDUERO

FINCA AZAYA 2017*

Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León
TASTING NOTE: 100% Tempranillo. This wine from Old Castille took our judges off the beaten Tempranillo path, but everyone loved its alluring liveliness, its grace, its shapeliness and its charm. It's dark black in colour with ripe berry scents backed by bay-leaf and oak-copse complexities. The palate is mouth-filling yet softly textured, with more red berry fruits in a settled and balanced style. A mist of fine tannins adds textural interest, but it's the intrinsic quality of the fruit itself which its creators have wisely decided to put centre stage. This is a hugely amenable red capable of partnering a wide range of dishes with panache. Drink date: 2019-2025. Best in Show. Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) **\$31.95**
18676



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DAVE'S
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SCHNITZEL

Pair Flat Rock Cellars Riesling (page 33) with this dish from winemaker Dave Sheppard

- Fresh pork loin (butterfly chops work as well)
 - 2-3 eggs (depending on the number of schnitzels being prepared)
 - Flour (enough for dredging all schnitzel pieces)
 - Breadcrumbs (enough for coating all schnitzel pieces)
 - Oil such as canola or sunflower with a higher smoke point
 - Garnish: lemon wedges and fresh chopped flat-leaf parsley
1. Remove the silver skin from the pork loin, trim any fat, then slice into pieces no more than 1 cm thick.
 2. On a solid cutting board, use a meat mallet to pound the pork down to about ½ cm thick.
 3. Assemble a trio of shallow bowls (or plates with a good lip). In bowl one put a layer of flour. In bowl two put the eggs, lightly beaten. In bowl three put a layer of breadcrumbs.
 4. In a large, deep-sided frying pan, heat approximately 1 cm of oil on medium high.
 5. For each schnitzel piece that has been pounded flat, dredge in flour, follow with an egg wash, and finally coat in breadcrumbs.
 6. Test the heat of the oil by touching a corner of one of the breaded schnitzels in the oil. If it instantly sizzles, then the temperature is right. Because the meat is quite thin, the cooking time is quick. Typically, only 1 minute per side will yield crispy, golden-brown, fully cooked and delicious wiener schnitzel.
 7. Pat dry with a paper towel and serve hot with a garnish of chopped flat-leaf parsley on top and a lemon wedge on the side. Goes great with warm Bavarian-style potato salad and, of course, Flat Rock Cellars Riesling.



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18006 (XD) 750 mL

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Full-bodied & Smooth

93 points (wineorbit.co.nz)

Featuring two of Puglia's leading red grapes, this powerful, fruit-forward wine shows plenty of juicy black fruit alongside spicy oak and a touch of vanilla. Try it with slow-cooked pulled pork.

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NEGROAMARO/PRIMITIVO 2018
IGP Puglia, Italy
(Famiglia Guarini)

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97 points (lucamaroni.com)

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92 points (Sean P. Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

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DOC Collio, Friuli, Italy

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93 points (jamesuckling.com, July 26, 2019)

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Vegan, Adelaide Hills,
South Australia

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97 points (winecompanion.com.au)

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