

wines of the month

Rich and fruity

ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP BARON VON NEMESIS SHIRAZ 2018

Vegan, Barossa Valley, South Australia 212936 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

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Full-bodied & Smooth

Featured in *Everything Old Is New Again*

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CHÂTEAU MAGNOL 2016

AC Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France (Barton & Guestier) 384271 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

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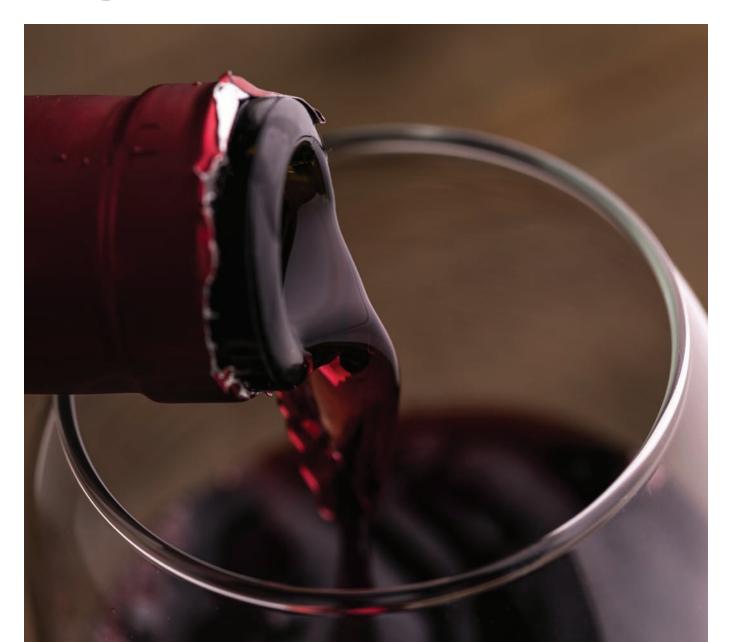
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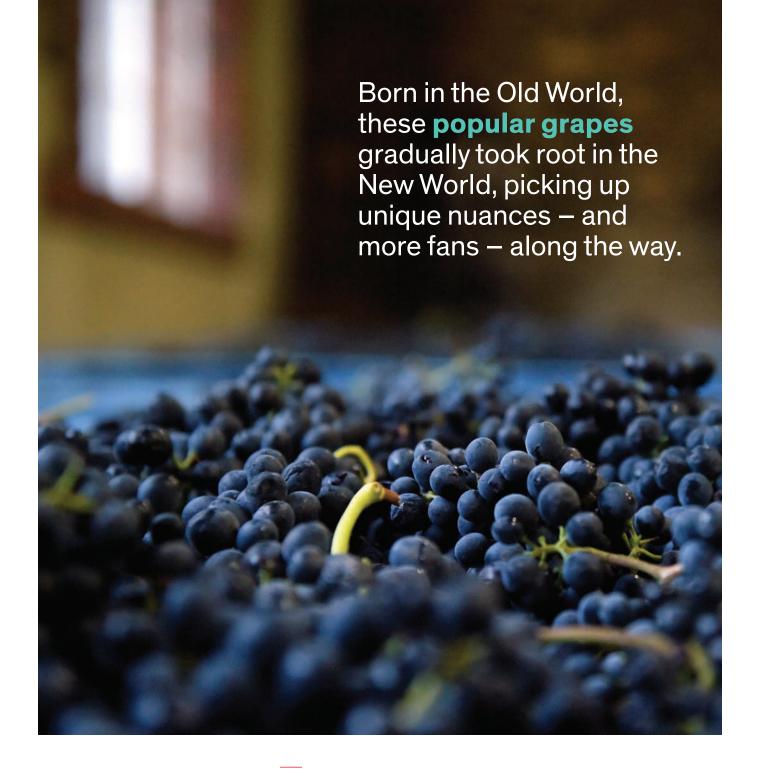
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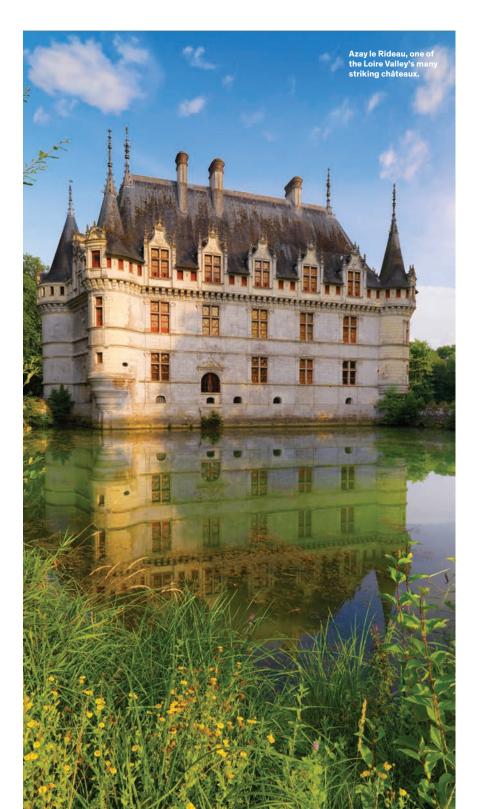
Everything old is new again





One of the great joys of wine is exploring how the same grape can reveal exciting and nuanced differences depending on where it's made. Many of our favourite grapes **originated in Europe**, and thankfully they have branched out, **brought to regions around the world** by immigrants looking to bring a taste of home with them or by forward-thinking pioneers who saw untapped potential and opportunity in the soils of the New World. Join us as we look at some classic grapes and styles from the Old World and showcase one New World region where each has flourished, creating new benchmarks and expressions.

Sauvignon Blanc



IN FRANCE

Though it's believed to have originated in Bordeaux, where it still plays a prime role with Sémillon in white wines (and where its crossing with Cabernet Franc gave rise to Cabernet Sauvignon), the spiritual home of Sauvignon Blanc is the **Loire**. The limestone, flint and sandy soils of Touraine, one of France's most picturesque regions, introduce fine structure and cellarability to the honey-suckle, grapefruit and cut-grass notes of these wines.

FOOD PAIRING

- Rillettes de Tours
- Oysters



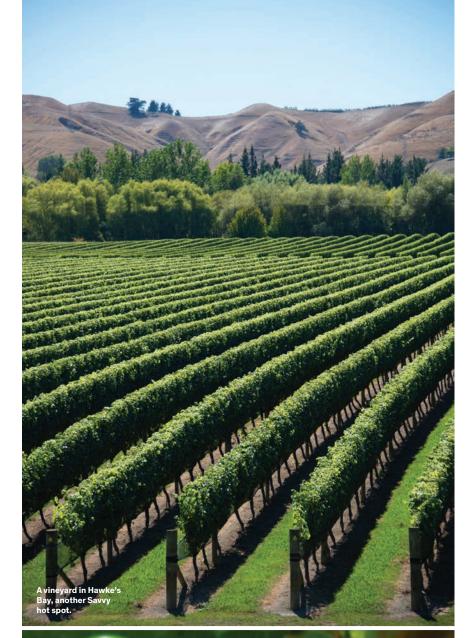
DOMAINE JACKY MARTEAU SAUVIGNON TOURAINE 2019

Sustainable, AC, Loire, France

Sauvignon Blanc from the Touraine appellation delivers superb versatility. It's crisp and aromatic, with notes of leafy green herbs, crunchy veggies, citrus and exotic fruit and is ideal for fish dishes, poultry, or salad topped with baked goat cheese. Even better, Sauvignon Blanc from Touraine is always good value and a smart buy.

Aromatic & Flavourful

745349 (XD) 750 mL \$15.95 🗸





IN NEW ZEALAND

Sauvignon Blanc was first planted in **Marlborough**, New Zealand, in the 1970s. The noticeably fruitier style and more intense aromatics than their French counterparts made these unique wines immensely popular on the world stage. The expressions crafted in Marlborough redefined the style and established a new benchmark for the grape through the 1980s and '90s.

FOOD PAIRING

- Thai green curry
- Grilled swordfish



KATAHI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

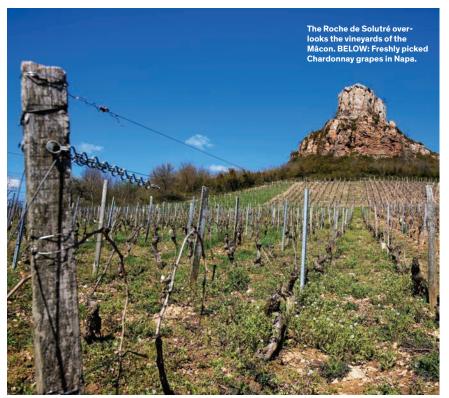
Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand

TASTING NOTE: It's bright and fresh on the nose showing grapefruit, Granny Smith apple, apricot and lemon zest aromas, leading to a succulent palate that's vibrant and mouthwatering. The wine offers excellent fruit purity and persistency backed by racy acidity, making it flavoursome and highly appealing. At its best: now to 2023. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit. co.nz, July 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

19757 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 **✓ New at Vintages**

Chardonnay





IN FRANCE

Native to Burgundy, Chardonnay is planted around the globe thanks to its ability to thrive in a wide range of climates and soils. Unlike most white grapes, Chardonnay has an affinity for winemaking practices such as barrel fermentation, malolactic fermentation, lees stirring and oak fermentation and ageing, allowing winemakers great flexibility to express their own style. In Burgundy, Chardonnay creates some of the world's most prominent white wines, and the emphasis is on evoking a true sense of place. In Mâcon-Solutré, for example, the Rock of Solutré dominates the landscape with a stunning visual declaration of the importance of limestone in the area.

FOOD PAIRING

- Escargots à la bourguignonne
- Salmon rillettes

IN CALIFORNIA

Chardonnay arrived in **California** in the late 1880s and was first made in Napa in 1947. **Napa** Chardonnay typically favours ripe fruit and is most often associated with full-bodied, richly oaked wines, but the impact of cooling fogs means these Chardonnays retain a fresh, vibrant character.

FOOD PAIRING

- Roast chicken
- Teriyaki salmon





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JEAN-PIERRE SÈVE MÂCON-SOLUTRÉ 2018

AC, Burgundy, France

New to our shelves, this wine is an exciting value opportunity for white-Burgundy fans and a not-to-be-missed chance for those unfamiliar with the style. It's fresh and balanced, with tropical fruit atop apple and pear, and has well-judged oak influence. Lees ageing provides additional texture and weight, making this a great match for grilled chicken or pork dishes.

Full-bodied & Rich

18641 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓ **New at Vintages**

FIRST PRESS NAPA CHARDONNAY 2018

Napa Valley, California (Delicato Family Vineyards)

The grapes for the First Press Chardonnay come from a number of premium sites in both the upper valley and the cooler, southern vineyards of Napa Valley. It's a vibrant, tropical, ripe, floral wine, with melon, peach, toffee and butterscotch notes, a rich, caressing, food-friendly texture, and excellent length. Pair with grilled pork ribs or grilled seafood.

Full-bodied & Rich

199810 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

Cabernet Sauvignon



IN FRANCE

Known as the King of Grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon thrives around the globe in virtually all but the coolest of wine regions. The grape first appeared in the vineyards of **Bordeaux** in the 17th century through the unintentional crossing of Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc. The finest expressions come from sites in gravelly soils such as those in the **Haut-Médoc**, of Bordeaux's Left Bank. In fact, all but one of the châteaux designated in the 1855 classification came from this famed region. To address vintage variation, Bordeaux Cabernets may contain any percentage of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Carmenère. These wines are long-lived, with serious tannins and a core of blackcurrant fruit.

FOOD PAIRING

- Steak with bordelaise sauce
- · Grilled lamb with porcini mustard



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Full-bodied & Firm

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IN CALIFORNIA

The consistent sunny, warm conditions in California mean that vintage variation is less of a dramatic concern than it can be for Bordeaux, and so single-varietal Cabernet is more common. California Cabs are ripe, powerful, complex wines with notable cassis flavours. Though inland, **Lodi** has abundant rivers and cooling breezes drawn from the San Francisco Bay through a gap in the Coastal Mountains, allowing for ripe, balanced, fruit-froward wines.

FOOD PAIRING

- Steak and mushrooms
- Lamb burgers



96 POINTS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Lodi, California

The name here is a playful nod to the scores that wine critics assign; the 96 points were "awarded" by the fictional Chumlea Hill. This approachable Cab has bold, ripe flavours of blueberry, dark plum, blackberry, toasty American oak, and spice, with a velvety texture.

Full-bodied & Smooth

19316 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95 🗸

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Pinot Noir

IN FRANCE

Burgundy is the global benchmark for Pinot Noir. The wines bear an almost mythical reputation for refinement and provenance and have been admired since Roman times. The grape's ability to reflect the nuanced qualities of different growing areas was identified by monks in the Middle Ages. The Rauracian limestone soils of Burgundy's Hautes Côtes growing area are ideal for Pinot Noir; the high proportion of limestone plays a significant role in the character and weight of the wine. Though Pinot is notoriously difficult to grow, the allure of the grape has seen winemakers across the globe take on the challenge.

FOOD PAIRING

- Coq au vin
- Roast goose



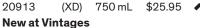
MANOIR DE MERCEY AU PARADIS 2018

AC Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Burgundy, France

This wine is crafted by the third generation of the Berger family, who have been making wines here since 1943. It's ripe and spry, with blackcurrant, cherry, strawberry, touches of pepper spice, and a lifted violet note. Perfect for grilled duck breast.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

20913 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95 ✓











IN NEW ZEALAND

Around the world, Pinot Noirs share notes of raspberries, red cherries and strawberries, with earthy and brambly tones, but each site places its own definitive stamp on the wines. Those from **Central Otago**, New Zealand's southernmost region, tend to be spicier and have more pronounced structure and body than their Burgundian counterparts. Though Pinot was planted in Central Otago as far back as the 1860s, it's only been since the late 1990s and early 2000s that serious attention has been given to the grape here.

FOOD PAIRING

- Honey-glazed veal
- Grilled squid



MUD HOUSE PINOT NOIR 2018

Sustainable, Central Otago, South Island, New Zealand

TASTING NOTE: A highly structured pinot noir which has the firmness and concentration one would expect from the Central Otago region. The changing tides in wine style in this mountainous region of the South Island of New Zealand is nicely represented here in the wine's restraint, moderate alcohol levels and balanced level of ripeness. Youthful, well-made and a pretty serious wine. Best to hold this one another year or two for the tannins to soften and the palate to further integrate. Score: **91** (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com, Sept. 23, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

12630 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

Malbec

IN FRANCE

Malbec is native to **Cahors** in France's southwest, where it's also known as Côt and Auxerrois. It was once grown across France and played a role in the blends of Bordeaux until the mid-20th century. In Cahors, Malbec is often blended with Merlot and Tannat and is famously dark, with black fruit, spice, herb and meat notes.

FOOD PAIRING

- Saucisson sec de chevreuil (dried venison sausages)
- Grilled duck breast

IN ARGENTINA

French Malbecs tend to be leaner and more tannic than the rich, sumptuous versions from Argentina, where Malbec was introduced in 1853. In time, the complex ripe dark fruit, smoke and spice notes of the high-altitude wines from **Mendoza** saw Malbec become the country's signature red wine. Both styles share a considerable concentration and intensity.

FOOD PAIRING

- Grilled steak with chimichurri sauce
- Barbecued pork







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CALOS RESERVE CAHORS MALBEC 2018

AC, Cahors, France (Saint-Didier Parnac)

TASTING NOTE: Attractive nose with red fruit, spice and cedar. Plump and round. Fine, firm finish. Score: **92** (International Wine Challenge, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

15356 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95 ✓

SUSANA BALBO CRÍOS MALBEC 2018

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina (Dominio del Plata)

TASTING NOTE: The spectacular 2018 Críos Malbec is aromatic, floral and expressive, varietal and clean, with structure and fine tannins, with nice balance. It's velvety and juicy, with very focused flavors and a long finish. It's among the best Críos I remember. Great value too. Drink date: 2019-2021. Score: 91 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

162529 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95

Rhône blends



A vineyard in the Côtes du Rhône.

IN FRANCE

The red wines of the **Southern Rhône** are primarily composed of some combination of the heat-loving Grenache, Syrah (Shiraz) and Mourvèdre (Mataro) grapes. Grenache introduces spicy red fruit, Syrah brings structure and black pepper spice, and Mourvèdre contributes tannin, earthy notes and colour. These blends are exceptionally food-friendly and approachable; qualities that have made the reds of the Southern Rhône among the most well-loved wines in the world.

FOOD PAIRING

- Grilled veal chops
- Mushrooms stuffed with smoked sausage



GABRIEL MEFFRE LA CHÂSSE GRANDE RÉSERVE 2016

AP Vacqueyras, Rhône, France

TASTING NOTE: 75% Grenache, 25% Syrah. Lovely wine, cocoa and blueberries, also a touch of meatiness on the nose. Nicely textured, concentrated but with ripe and fairly sweet tannins. Score: **91** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth

15455 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95







IN AUSTRALIA

The popularity of Southern Rhône blends encouraged New World winemakers to adopt the style as well, most notably in Australia, though California's "Rhône Rangers" have enjoyed tremendous success also. In Australia, Shiraz is typically the lead grape, and the wines are more fruit-forward than their French counterparts, with earth, herbs, and oak-influenced vanilla and chocolate tones. There are sites in the Barossa with ungrafted Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre that were planted in the 1850s, predating the devastation of France's vineyards by phylloxera in the mid-19th century. New World wines, Old World spirit.

FOOD PAIRING

- · Grilled pork loin
- Beef rissoles



SISTER'S RUN COW'S CORNER GRENACHE/SHIRAZ/MATARO 2018

Barossa, South Australia

From a producer that's super-popular here at Vintages, this Barossa GSM will have fine balance and complexity. Look for a floral nose, with ripe, youthful dark fruit and classic peppery spice. A great wine for lamb burgers, ribs, or a meaty wood-fired pizza.

[The Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: **90** (Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

346510 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

Primitivo/ Zinfandel





IN ITALY

In the 1990s, Primitivo and Zinfandel were shown to share identical DNA and were identified as transplants of the ancient Croatian grape Crljenak Kaštelanski (a.k.a. Tribidrag). Besides genetics, Primitivo and Zinfandel also share a robust structure and bold, spicy fruit. Sun-drenched and ocean-cooled, **Puglia**'s vineyards have the ideal conditions for producing ripe, concentrated wines that also have verve and balance. Primitivo has been grown here, in the "heel" of Italy, since the 1700s. The wines from here are plush, with black fruit and cherry framed by earth tones.

FOOD PAIRING

- Pizza with bacon and sausage
- Grilled fennel sausage



RIVERA PRIMITIVO 2018

IGT Salento, Puglia, Italy

TASTING NOTE: Plenty of glazed cherries, licorice, dried fruit and tar. Shows good intensity and primary fruit with bright acidity and a medium, fruity finish. Drink now. [This wine has a drinking window extending 3-5 years from vintage.] Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

19590 (D) 750 mL \$15.95

New at Vintages





IN CALIFORNIA

Zinfandel is known as California's heritage grape, and the **Dry Creek Valley** has plantings that date to the 1850s. Dry Creek Zinfandels are fruity and spicy with great food-friendly acidity. Younger vines produce wines that have a softer, rounder character, while old-vine examples are more concentrated and have more pronounced brambly flavours.

FOOD PAIRING

- Braised short ribs
- Cheese and smoky charcuterie



THE FEDERALIST DRY CREEK ZINFANDEL 2019

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California

The Dry Creek Valley is home to many of California's oldest plantings of Zinfandel. The valley comprises floor, bench and hillside sites and produces food-friendly, ageable wines. This one is zesty and fresh, with dark cherry and pepper spice. A wine for grilled meats and veggies.

Full-bodied & Smooth

18512 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

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Riesling





IN GERMANY

Riesling is an ancient **German** variety and mentions of the grape can be dated to 1435. It creates some of the greatest and longest-ageing of all white wines. Ranging from the bone dry to the lusciously sweet, German Rieslings have brilliant acidity, which allows them to maintain exquisite balance no matter the style. Few grapes articulate terroir so precisely, making single-vineyard expressions particularly noteworthy.

FOOD PAIRING

- Hasenpfeffer (rabbit stew)
- · Spicy grilled sausages

IN ONTARIO

In **Niagara**, the cooling influence of Lake Ontario allows for ideal conditions for growing Riesling. Niagara's complex and diverse soils, which include Riesling-loving limestone, are also boons to the grape. These were some of the factors that drew Herman Weiss, from the family behind Mosel's iconic St Urbans-Hof, to Ontario, where he planted the first Riesling vines in 1976. Bright and racy, Ontario Rieslings also span the sweetness spectrum from dry to Icewine, with peach and citrus aromas and flavours being prevalent.

FOOD PAIRING

- Sushi
- Spicy ribs



GRAF VON SCHÖNBORN SCHLOSS SCHÖNBORN HATTENHEIMER PFAFFENBERG RIESLING KABINETT 2018

Prädikatswein, Rheingau, Germany

The 2018 season in the Rheingau has delivered balanced, attractive, generously flavoured Riesling. This example is marked by its lively, buoyant acidity. Fresh and tense, with youthful fruit and lime citrus tones, it has the structure and composure that suggest it will continue to evolve for 12-15 years, if not more, from vintage.

Aromatic & Flavourful

70946 (S) 750 mL \$25.95 🗸



REDSTONE LIMESTONE VINEYARD SOUTH RIESLING 2018 ♥

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment,

TASTING NOTE: This has a gorgeous nose of lime and grapefruit, hint of petrol, green apple and mineral notes. It's tangy on the palate with good tension between sweet and tart fruit and showing depth of lime, lemon, honeycomb, marmalade and stony minerality with a zippy finish. Drinking great right out of the gate, but further petrol notes will come with cellaring. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara. com, April 7, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

381251 (M) 750 mL \$18.95

Syrah/Shiraz



IN FRANCE

Beloved for its deep colour, black fruit and spice, Syrah is one of the oldest grape varieties and has produced some of the world's most exquisite and ageable wines. **Crozes-Hermitage** in the **Northern Rhône** sits at the northern limit for ripening Syrah. These wines are renowned for their elegant, peppery style and are considered to be the finest expressions of Syrah in France. The vineyards sit on steep south-facing slopes with excellent sun exposure.

FOOD PAIRING

- Smoked duck breast
- Grilled rabbit



CAVE DE LA VISITATION CROZES-HERMITAGE 2018

AP, Rhône, France

The 2018 vintage in the Rhône was a good one for red wines and in particular favoured the reds from the north. Crozes-Hermitage has delivered plush, ripe wines of considerable power. This example is fresh and bold, with cassis and red fruit tones and a refined mineral note. It will be great with grilled mushroom burgers, veggie skewers, or a rib-eye steak.

Full-bodied & Smooth

20415 (XD) 750 mL \$27.95 🗸

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IN AUSTRALIA

Syrah is grown around the world, but its home away from home is Australia, where it's known as Shiraz. Australia's regional diversity allows for aromatic, peppery, leanly structured versions from places such as **Clare Valley**, while those grown in the heat of the **Barossa** are robust, plush, earthy and spicy, with roasted dark fruit.

FOOD PAIRING

- Grilled spareribs
- Lamb chops



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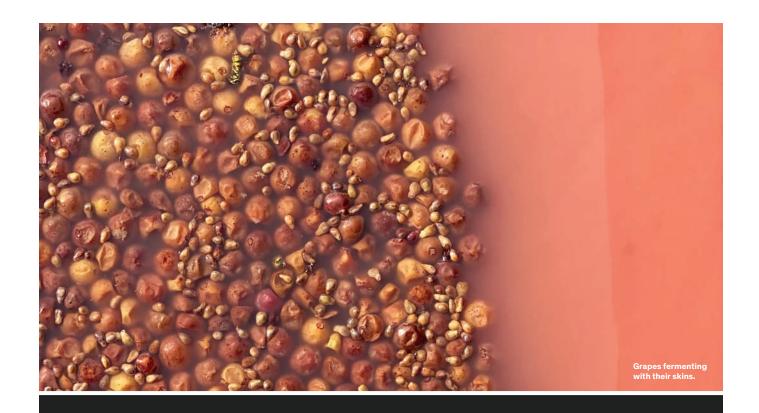
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ORANGE ISTHE NEW BLAST FROM THE PAST

Whether you know it as **orange wine**, **amber wine** or **skin-fermented white wine**, this ancient style is a modern choice for summery sipping.

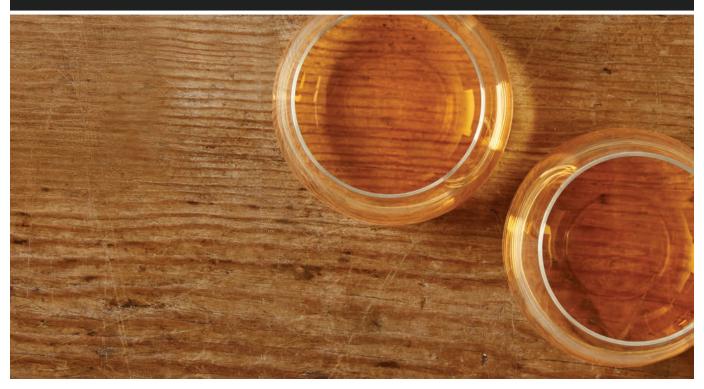
Vogue and cutting-edge yet based in antiquity, orange wine has taken the vinosphere by storm. A bit like white wine, a bit like red or rosé, it's ultimately a unique style unto itself — and one that's wonderfully suited to warm weather. We've collected a cadre of stunning examples to sip throughout summer and beyond.





WHAT IS IT?

Let's get one thing out of the way: it's made with grapes, not oranges. Orange winemaking takes white wine grapes and essentially treats them like red wine grapes in the winery, fermenting the juice with prolonged skin or lees contact to bring extra depth and flavour, along with a brassy orange or amber hue. While the resurgence of orange wine has been sparked by modern European winemakers, the method is in fact a throwback to the way in which white wines were made in ancient times. Doubling down on this throwback thinking, many modern orange wines are also made using wild rather than cultivated yeast.





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CHANNING DAUGHTERS RAMATO ORANGE 2020

Long Island, New York

"Ramato" ("coppery") refers to the old Friulian style of fermenting Pinot Grigio on its skins, thus creating a copper-coloured wine. Fruit for this wine was picked by hand and fermented on the skins using wild ambient yeast before maturing in old French and Slovenian oak for four months. Look for fresh and dried flowers, dried fruits and gingerbread, and pour with pasta salad and Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Light & Crisp

21266 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 🗸

New at Vintages

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HOW'S IT TASTE?

Orange wines are often reminiscent of a white wine with **extra depth** and a broader, more eclectic range of aromas and flavours. On top of the fruit character you'd expect from a white wine made using the same grape variety, orange wines often exhibit **floral**, **nutty**, **honey** and **tea notes** as well. The palate will typically feature **fuller body** and more weight than your average white wine, and it's not uncommon for orange wines to have **detectable tannins**. Those orange wines made using wild yeast might also show a range of earthy, woodsy, and funky hayloft notes.







THE SUN SKIN-FERMENTED VIDAL ORANGE WINE 2019 ★

VQA Ontario (Reif Estate Winery)

Crafted by Reif Estate, one of Niagara's founding family wineries, this wine is made from the fruit of young Vidal vines fermented on the skins and allowed to macerate with an additional 36 days of skin contact. Expect complex honeycomb, binned apple, peach, herbs and tea aromas and flavours, and serve with barbecued chicken or pork.

Light & Crisp

626036 (D) 750 mL \$24.95



DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM POMELADO ORANGE WINE 2019

Spain

A blend built around Sauvignon Blanc, this wine gets 10-14 days of skin contact during the fermentation process. It'll deliver vivacious aromas and flavours of citrus, blanched almond and cinnamon stick, and will suit seared scallops or seafood paella.

Aromatic & Flavourful

12119 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95

⊌ Organic product

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WHAT'S IT GO WITH?

Although they make great sippers — particularly when **chilled to 12 or 13°C** on a warm day — orange wines can also be fantastic with food. Try these **summery pairings**:

- Grilled seafood
- Fish and chips
- Chicken wings
- Pork or veggie burgers
- Veggies and hummus
- Pasta salad







MAGIC OF MALIVOIRE

Niagara native **Shiraz Mottiar** has been making dynamic, acclaimed, immensely popular wines at Malivoire Wine Company since its creation a decade and a half ago. *Vintages* writer Douglas Webster gets the scoop on how Malivoire continues to evolve while staying true to its roots.







LOCAL





Malivoire is certified under Ontario's Sustainable Winemaking program. What does that mean for the vineyard, the winery and the wines?

We have been farming with sustainable practices since the inception of our first vineyard back in 1996 and incorporated the same eco-centric philosophy to the build of our winery in 1998. Becoming certified sustainable in 2017, the first year of eligibility, was a big step because we now require third-party verification that the vineyard and winemaking practices are considered balanced among the three pillars of sustainability: environmental, economic, and socially equitable for all in the community. In the vineyard, examples include creating and improving biodiversity with natural wildlife corridors and being more efficient with tractor operations to make fewer passes. In the winery, examples include minimizing water use, monitoring and reducing energy consumption and ensuring the well-being of all our staff. For the wines, the extra level of care taken at all levels of production has a

positive effect on the quality of the wine and puts dollars back into the local economy.

Your philosophy is to meet natural obstacles with natural solutions. What does this look like in action?

The most important consideration is the health of our soils. Rather than fertilize annually with chemicals, we are taking the long-term approach to building up good soil tilth (the structure of the soil through healthy microbial activity). This is achieved with natural composts, minimal tillage and mature and diverse cover crops to create an underground ecosystem that makes nutrients available to feed our vines' roots.

Malivoire recently began hosting virtual at-home tastings. Have they been a success?

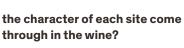
We have done about 15 of the virtual tastings. They've all had a different focus and since March of this year have run weekly on Friday evenings. Demand has been high for Gamay-focused tastings, especially since we craft six different

Gamays! The tastings are free, and people can buy the wine in advance. The pandemic brought the virtual-tasting concept to the forefront for our customers, and our staff who lead these events have designed them to be fun, informative and engaging. We expect that virtual tastings are now here to stay even when the winery re-opens for on-site tasting experiences. Check out the calendar on our website (malivoire.com) for upcoming virtual tastings.

Let's get into the wines. The Gamay is matured in neutral oak and stainless steel. Does this make for a fruit-forward style?

Very much so. Gamay has so much vibrant fruit characteristics and I really want to retain those exciting aromas and flavours. The portion that is in neutral oak helps open the wine to be more inviting, with a very subtle layer of complexity behind all those fresh berry notes. The popularity of this wine and Gamay in general in Ontario is really growing.

The Estate Grown Chardonnay brings together three vineyards. How does



Even though each site is on the Beamsville Bench, each expresses Chardonnay differently. Going east to west along the Bench, our Moira Vineyard, with mature 25-year-old vines and making up the major portion of this wine, can be rich and full of orchard fruit characteristics. The Estate Vineyard provides very long structure with flavours of grapefruit, and the Mottiar Vineyard, at a higher elevation close to the brow of the Niagara Escarpment, has more tension, with lime and citrus characteristics. The blend of the three creates a complex and dynamic Chardonnay.

The newest vintage of Vivant Rosé includes 30% Pinot Gris in the blend, with the rest Pinot Noir. What does the addition of Gris bring to the wine?

Pinot Gris, and Pinot Noir made without any skin contact, are actually very similar. The feeling and appearance are very comparable. From a fruit perspective, Pinot Gris does add "pink" flavours such as pink grapefruit and ambrosia apple, while Pinot Noir expresses strawberries and cherries. Pinot Gris also provides a firm structure to support the ethereal charm of Pinot Noir. I'm really happy with how this addition to Vivant Rosé has turned out.

Ladybug Rosé is a super-popular blend of Cab Franc, Gamay, and a splash of Pinot Noir. What about this wine gives it such a devoted fanbase?

While our rosé production has grown significantly since the first vintage of this wine in 1998, Ladybug is still our anchor and best-known pink. It has a plethora of fruit and is not shy to flaunt it, yet we manage to weave in an element of sophistication. We achieve this with quality fruit from dedicated growers grown and made with the intention for a great rosé. This is what our Ladybug fans are looking for and we strive to deliver vintage to vintage.



finer points

Winemaker **Shiraz Mottiar** shares his personal food-pairing recommendations.

MALIVOIRE ESTATE GROWN CHARDONNAY

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Food pairing:

"Locally grown grilled-com salad or creamy, lime-drizzled shrimp tacos."

Full-bodied & Rich 573147 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓

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MALIVOIRE GAMAY

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Food pairing:

"Thai Panang curry or red lentil dahl."

Light-bodied & Fruity

591313 (XD) 750 mL NOW \$17.95

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A Vintages Essential

MALIVOIRE LADYBUG ROSÉ

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Food pairing:

"Yakitori salmon or grilled summer pizza."

Medium-bodied & Dry 559088 (D) 750 mL \$16.95 **≜**

A Vintages Essential

MALIVOIRE VIVANT ROSÉ 2020

Sustainable, VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Food pairing:

"Vegetable korma, or burrata with olives and blistered garden tomatoes."

92 points (Vic Harradine)

Medium-bodied & Dry 498535 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 **أ**

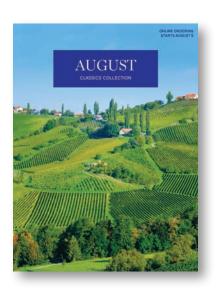
VINTAGES WHAT'S ON

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

ONLINE COLLECTIONS

August Classics

Nobody wants to start planning for fall when summer's only half over, but with the **great offerings** in our August Classics, restocking your cellar now might be a wise move. A few highlights from this new collection:



- French wines such as the 2010 Troplong Mondot from Bordeaux, a Montrachet from Bouchard in Burgundy, a Cornas from Northern Rhône and Châteauneuf-du-Pape from Southern Rhône, plus impressive Alsace Grand Cru and Champagne. Austrian Riesling that proves vineyards here can work absolute wonders with the grape. German Riesling sweeties from Mosel and Rheingau. Powerhouse wines from Piedmont, treasures from Tuscany and stunning selections from Campania, Friuli, Sicily and more. Revelatory Portuguese reds from Alentejo and Douro. Stellar reds from Rioja and Ribera and a quirky 100% Monastrell from Jumilla. The 100-point Schubert Theorem from Standish, and other all-star wines from all over Australia.
- New Zealand Pinot Noir and an extraordinary Gewürz. A landmark Chardonnay from Stellenbosch. Brilliance from Mendoza, including a Trapiche Chardonnay.
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- Top wines from across California, and standout Pinot Noirs from Oregon.
- A sweet retrospective from Spain and a 20-year-old Tawny from Portugal.

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August 19:A Mediterranean
Tour

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DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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FORTIFIED WINE

EUROPEAN FORTIFIED

BACALHÔA MOSCATEL DE SETÚBAL 2017* DOP, Setúbal, Portugal

Though quite popular on their home turf, fortified Moscatels de Setúbal are not as well known in these parts as Port and Madeira. They offer superb value and will age for 20 years or more from vintage. This one features ginger spice, orange citrus, dried tropical and cherry fruit, nuts and a dash of honey. Chill and serve with custard tarts or cheesecake.

Sweet

750 mL (S)

\$14.95

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CHAMPAGNE

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LOUIS ROEDERER

LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE 2014

AC, France

TASTING NOTE: The Roederer style has become drier as the fruit has become riper and this finely balanced Champagne is an excellent example. Taut and textured, with great freshness allied to the mineral and fruit tones, this wine just hints at tannins as it moves towards maturity. Drink from 2022. Ranked #62 of *Wine Enthusiast*'s Top 100 Wines of 2020. Score: **95** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2020)

Rich & Complex

750 mL (XD)

\$111.95

368415

SPARKLING WINE



Selkies are mythological sea creatures featured in Scottish and Irish folklore. They live as seals in the sea but take on a human shape on land. "Frizzante" is an Italian term that indicates a delicate, lightly sparkling style of wine. This one is floral and fruity with a balanced sweetness. A great sipping wine, it can transform into a tasty dinner wine alongside spicy seafood dishes.

Light & Fruity

750 mL (S)

\$20.95



DOMAINE SAINT VINCENT **BRUT SPARKLING**

NEW Traditional method, New Mexico Made from a blend of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir and matured three months, this Champagne-inspired bubbly is designed to be crisp, bright and elegant and to pair with a wide range of everyday foods. With its easygoing citrus and orchard fruit, it'll also make a fine sipper.

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

19311





DOMAINE BOUSQUET ORGANIC PINOT NOIR/CHARDONNAY BRUT **ROSÉ SPARKLING**

Vegan, Tupungato, Mendoza, Argentina TASTING NOTE: A sparkling wine with a very nice fruit and acid intensity that refreshes your palate with bright acidity and clear fruit at the same time. Drink or hold. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 17, 2015)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful . \$16.95 750 mL (XD)

539080





DE CHANCENY BRUT CRÉMANT DE LOIRE

Traditional method, AC, Loire, France (Cave Robert & Marcel)

TASTING NOTE: 65% Chenin Blanc, 20% Chardonnay, 15% Cabernet Franc. Quite classy appley and minerally nose, with a smoky and mildly reductive character. Lots of impact on the creamy palate with notes of Bramley apple and citrus. An attractive wine with good length and some complexity. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$19.95 **1**

515262





CYGNUS

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CA' DEL BOSCO CUVÉE PRESTIGE **EXTRA BRUT FRANCIACORTA**

43rd edition, traditional method, DOCG, Lombardy, Italy

TASTING NOTE: Packaged in a transparent bottle and an easily recognized yellow-gold label, the NV Franciacorta Cuvée Prestige Brut is a blend of 75% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Bianco and 15% Pinot Nero. This is among Ca' del Bosco's most affordable and accessible sparkling wines. It offers steady consistency year after year. I've always loved the bouquet of this wine. It shows a slightly spicy side that reminds me of Christmas oranges nailed with cloves. In the mouth, the wine is lean and crisp with fine and persistent perlage. Drink date: 2018-2026. Score: 91 (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, Dec. 28, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$44.95

105353





CYGNUS ORGANIC BRUT NATURE CAVA

Vegan, traditional method, DO Penedès, Spain (U Mes U Fan Tres (1+1=3))

TASTING NOTE: This wine's richness develops across an elegant texture, filling out citrusy acidity with yellow-apple freshness and broader, lush notes of cream. Though only marginally more expensive than the bodega's Cygnus Brut, this Brut Nature plays at a significantly higher level. Score: 92 (wineandspiritsmagazine.com, Aug. 2019)

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

352856





ONTARIO

13[™] STREET JUNE'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2019 **

VQA Creek Shores, Niagara Peninsula TASTING NOTE: A very vibrant but also substantial chardonnay. The savory-salty interplay adds pop to the palate while notes of plum and fleshy peach [add] intrigue. Immensely satisfying with a long, honeysuckle finish. Score: 90 (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com, Nov. 9, 2020)

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD)

\$21.95







CANADA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

COOPER'S HAWK AMBER SKIN FERMENTED WHITE 2019 *



VQA Lake Erie North Shore

Made from Chardonnay Musqué grapes harvested by hand and cold-macerated for two weeks on the skins and stems, this wine will deliver intriguing notions of fresh and dried flowers along with white tea and musky citrus. Pair it with grilled seafood and summer vegetables.

Aromatic & Flavourful

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

11694

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FEATHERSTONE FOUR FEATHERS 2020 ★

VQA Niagara Peninsula

TASTING NOTE: This is a perennial favourite for white-wine lovers. Aromas of apple, pear and apricot mingle with orange blossoms. It surges over the palate with a bracing line of excellent acidity intertwined with mixed spicy flavours of yellow peach, rosewater and hints of herbs. This is medium-weight with good texture and replays of the palate flavours on the finish and aftertaste. Pour on its own or with lighter-styled appetizers of fish, seafood, chicken or pork. Drink or cellar. Exceptional Value! Score: **91** (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, April 26, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful

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

341586



MALIVOIRE ESTATE GROWN CHARDONNAY ◆

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment Chardonnay is this sustainable winery's specialty, and this one is superb. It sports complex baked apple, caramel and toasty oak flavours with a mineral-laced finish. Pair with fish and chips, pasta primavera or roast turkey with all the trimmings.

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD) \$19.95

573147

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REDSTONE LIMESTONE VINEYARD SOUTH RIESLING 2018 ♥

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: This has a gorgeous nose of lime and grapefruit, hint of petrol, green apple and mineral notes. It's tangy on the palate with good tension between sweet and tart fruit and showing depth of lime, lemon, honeycomb, marmalade and stony minerality with a zippy finish. Drinking great right out of the gate, but further petrol notes will come with cellaring. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, April 7, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (M)

(M) \$18.95

381251

Featured in Everything Old Is New Again



SOUTHBROOK VIDAL SKIN FERMENTED WHITE ORANGE WINE 2019 ★

Estate grown, VQA Ontario

TASTING NOTE: By my count this is Ann Sperling's sixth orange wine at Southbrook and after all this time it needs reminding that she is the pioneer for this type of skin-contact work in Ontario. More than a credible vintage for using vidal to this purpose ... texture is omnipotent and saliva inducing citrus counts for everything. Lemon and grapefruit namely, but then the tisane of rooibos, hibiscus and melted beeswax straight in. Always an engaging orange wine. Drink 2020-2023. Score: 90 (Michael Godel, winealign.com, Nov. 23, 2020)

Light & Crisp

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

628065



TAWSE GROWERS BLEND SKIN

FERMENTED PINOT GRIS 2019 **

VQA Niagara Peninsula

TASTING NOTE: This orange wine is a 100% skin fermented Pinot Gris with an interesting nose of Mandarin orange, marmalade, peach pie, ginger and earthy notes. It's completely dry on the palate with a subtle reductive note, underlying earthiness then juicy nectarine, compoted peaches, citrus rind, marzipan and marmalade and a brisk finish. Score: 89 (Rick VanSickle, winesinniagara.com, July 22, 2020)

NEW

Aromatic & Flavourful

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

20363

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THE SUN SKIN-FERMENTED VIDAL **ORANGE WINE 2019**

VQA Ontario

(Reif Estate Winery)

This wine is made from the fruit of young Vidal vines fermented on the skins and allowed to macerate with an additional 36 days of skin contact. Expect complex honeycomb, binned apple, peach, herbs and tea aromas and flavours, and serve with barbecued chicken or pork.

Light & Crisp

750 mL (D)

\$24.95

626036

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BC VQA Okanagan Valley

TASTING NOTE: ... this 80/20 Meritage mix of sauvignon blanc and semillon grown in Oliver and Osoyoos estates is a super bargain. Just over 60 percent is fermented in stainless steel, the remainder in French oak, of which 15 percent was new. The nose is highly attractive with melon, citrus, and wood spice notes. The attack is fresh and vibrant with creamy mid-palate textures and intense flavours of passionfruit, guava, pineapple, and more spice. The balance is perfect ... This is a winner, and I suspect as good as it is, it will improve in the bottle for another year or three. Score: 90 (Anthony Gismondi, gismondionwine.com, April 8, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD)

\$23.95

17689





ONTARIO

MALIVOIRE GAMAY *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Not widely seen outside France, Gamay thrives in Ontario and has become somewhat of a specialty. This one is ripe and refreshing, with juicy red berry fruit and peppery spice.

Light-bodied & Fruity

\$19.95 750 mL (XD)

591313

Featured in Local Talent A Vintages Essential



PELEE ISLAND VINEDRESSERS MERITAGE 2016 *

VQA South Islands

TASTING NOTE: A pure, bright, fresh fruited wine with aromas of cassis, blackberry, vanilla and plum. Dry, crisp and fresh on the palate with firm ripe tannins, intense cassis and blackberry and a long, juicy finish. Score: 91 (Rhys Pender, MW, winealign. com, July 23, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) \$24.95

317933



NEW

CANADA – ROSÉ WINE

ONTARIO

EXPRESSION CABERNET FRANC ROSÉ 2020 **

Vegan, VQA Niagara Peninsula

(13th Street Winery)

This vegan-friendly Cabernet Franc rosé was forged in stainless steel and then aged two months before a splash (6%) of Pinot Noir was added for extra complexity and floral freshness. Look for juicy cherry, currants, and a savoury bell-pepper edge, and pair with veggie burgers. For every bottle of Expression Series wines sold, 25¢ goes to Expression Project initiatives in support of Canadian artists.

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Easygoing & Fruity

\$17.95 750 mL (XD)

20359



MALIVOIRE LADYBUG ROSÉ *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

Fresh, zesty and bursting with red cherry and wild strawberry, this popular rosé defines "food-friendly." Refreshing with charcuterie and olives, goat cheese on endive, or baked ham.

Medium-bodied & Drv

750 mL (D)

\$16.95

559088

Featured in Local Talent A Vintages Essential



CANADA - ROSÉ WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

MALIVOIRE VIVANT ROSÉ 2020 *

Sustainable, VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

TASTING NOTE: Fresh, lively aromas of sliced strawberries, watermelon and mandarin orange ... flavours of blood orange, pink grapefruit and passionfruit riding a laser-like spine of tingling acidity. ... crisp, clean and refreshing. Pour with briny, freshly shucked Malpeque oysters dotted with hot sauce, a pinch of horse radish and a squeeze of fresh lemon. Drink now. Exceptional Value! Oh Canada! Score: 92 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, March 29, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Drv

750 mL (XD) \$19.95

498535

Featured in Local Talent



MEGALOMANIAC HOMEGROWN ROSÉ *

VQA Niagara Peninsula

An eclectic blend of Riesling with Baco Noir, this non-vintage pink wine was forged in stainless steel to keep a fruit-forward focus. Look for ripe citrus and green apple notes and a subtle kiss of residual sweetness, and pair with sushi, grilled lake fish or pasta alfredo.

Soft & Off-drv

750 mL (M)

\$14.95

639856

USA – WHITE WINE



CALIFORNIA

FIRST PRESS NAPA CHARDONNAY 2018

Napa Valley

(Delicato Family Vineyards)

The grapes for this wine come from a number of premium sites in both the upper valley and the cooler, southern vineyards of Napa Valley. It's a vibrant, tropical, ripe, floral wine, with melon, peach, toffee and butterscotch notes, a rich, caressing, food-friendly texture, and excellent length. Pair with grilled pork ribs or grilled seafood.

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD) \$24.95

199810

Featured in Everything Old Is New Again



McMANIS CHARDONNAY 2019

Sustainable, estate grown, River Junction TASTING NOTE: From the River Junction AVA - this wine showcases aromas and flavours of vanilla and baked stone fruits, brazil nut and butter, smoky wood spices and apple. On the palate - creamy, fruity, full-bodied, warm and dry. Flavours of peaches and grapefruit, vanilla butter and toast. A lovely wine ticking all the boxes of Chardonnay to please all palates. Well made, creamy, nutty, rich and long. Best drinking from today and through 2024+. Score: 92 (camdouglasms.com, Oct. 25, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (D)

\$19.95

265983



MER SOLEIL SILVER **UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2018**

Monterey County

(Charlie Wagner, winemaker)

Inspired by the classic wines of Chablis and grown in the fog-shrouded hills of Monterey, this unoaked Chardonnay always impresses with its juicy lemon, apple and tropical fruit and gorgeous underlying mineral character. Pair it with barbecued chicken.

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD)

\$21.95

220343



PINE RIDGE **CHENIN BLANC/VIOGNIER 2020**

California

Not everyone would think to blend Chenin Blanc from the shores of the Sacramento River in Clarksburg with Viognier from Lodi, but Pine Ridge has made it a signature. In fact, a previous vintage landed on Wine Spectator's Top 100 wines of 2018. Expect a ripe, round wine offering suggestions of tropical fruit and apple pie, and pair with barbecued pork belly.

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$19.95 750 mL (D)



ROMBAUER SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

Napa County/Sonoma County TASTING NOTE: Fresh and focused in a steely frame, this wine shows plenty of fruit intensity in pineapple, melon, lemon and grapefruit tones. The neutral oak influence is subdued yet adds length. Score: 91 (Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast, Sept. 1, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$43.95 750 mL (XD)

18626





OREGON

FORIS PINOT BLANC 2018

Estate grown, Rogue Valley TASTING NOTE: Bone-dry, leesy and textural, this is built upon bracing minerality. Despite the ripeness, the fruit flavors favor citrus skin more than flesh, with accents of white peach and green apple. Best Buy. Score: 91 (Paul Gregutt, Wine

Enthusiast, April 1, 2020)

750 mL (XD)

486977





Z. ALEXANDER BROWN **UNCAGED CHARDONNAY 2018**

Monterey County

TASTING NOTE: Very clean lines of chalk, white melon and Meyer lemon peel make for a very pure entry to the nose of this bottling. It's tightly wound on the palate, moving from brisk lime to warmer lychee, toast and buttercream flavors toward the finish, yet retaining freshness throughout. Score: 91 (Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2021)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD)

\$21.95

10871



USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

96 POINTS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018***

Lodi

The name here is a playful nod to the scores that wine critics assign; the 96 points were "awarded" by the fictional Chumlea Hill. This approachable Cab has bold, ripe flavours of blueberry, dark plum, blackberry, toasty American oak, and spice, with a velvety texture.

NEW

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

19316

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NEW YORK

CHANNING DAUGHTERS RAMATO ORANGE 2020*

Long Island, New York

"Ramato" ("coppery") refers to the old Friulian style of fermenting Pinot Grigio on its skins, thus creating a copper-coloured wine. Fruit for this wine was picked by hand and fermented using wild ambient yeast before maturing in old French and Slovenian oak for four months. Look for fresh and dried flowers, dried fruits and gingerbread, and pour with pasta salad and Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Light & Crisp

\$39.95 750 mL (XD)

21266

Featured in Orange Is the New Blast...



NEW

BERINGER KNIGHTS VALLEY RESERVE **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017**

Knights Valley, Sonoma County TASTING NOTE: The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Knights Valley Reserve is laced with black cherry, plum, gravel, lavender and dark spice notes. Powerful and broad, but with a bit more softness than the straight Knights Valley Cabernet, the Reserve is another winner in this range from Beringer. Drinking window: 2020-2032. Score: 93 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Jan. 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

\$69.95 750 mL (XD)



USA - RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

IRONSTONE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

Lodi

Fred and Marie Kautz farmed sugar beets by lantern "because there wasn't enough daylight" and slept in mud huts before moving to Lodi in 1926. Nearly a century later, this elegant wine is one of the best values in California Cabernet and is muchloved for its rich cassis, vanilla and chocolate notes. It's an illuminating match for steak tacos.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) \$17.95

537597





KENWOOD SIX RIDGES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017*

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
TASTING NOTE: Garnet black color. Aromas and
flavors of red cassis, almond biscotti, floral soap,
and tarragon with a supple, vibrant, fruity medium
body and a graceful, appealing, medium-length
finish that shows accents of tangerine marmalade,
roasted nuts, and birch bark with moderate oak
flavor. A silky-smooth Cabernet Sauvignon for the
table. Exceptional. Score: 90 (tastings.com,
May 4, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD) **\$28.95**

16202



SEAGLASS PINOT NOIR 2018

Santa Barbara County

TASTING NOTE: Spiced cranberry aromas are gentled by scents of chocolate and cedar. The wine opens with brushy notes of sage, cola, and tobacco. Black cherry comes in mid-palate on a swathe of earth, flint, and white pepper. Clove melds with the deep red berry tones for a lingering finish. Score: **90** (Meridith May, tastingpanelmag. com, July/Aug. 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

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

539163





STERLING MERLOT 2016

Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: I love the freshness here on the nose with raspberries, strawberries, citrus and orange peel. Light to medium body, crunchy acidity and a bright finish. Drink now. Score: **91** (james suckling.com, May 3, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (D)

\$36.95

330241



THE FEDERALIST DRY CREEK ZINFANDEL 2019*

ZINFANDEL 2019*
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
The Dry Creek Valley is home to many of California's oldest plantings of Zinfandel. The valley comprises floor, bench and hillside sites and produces foodfriendly, ageable wines. This one is zesty and fresh, with dark cherry and pepper spice. A wine for

Full-bodied & Smooth

grilled meats and veggies.

750 mL (XD)

D) **\$19.95** 🗸

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TRUCHARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

Carneros, Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE: A charming, medium-bodied Cabernet from Napa's southernmost section, and thus a region with greater exposure to the San Pablo Bay. Aromas of charred wood, incense and lavender. Purple-fruited, uniform and impressively finessed on the palate. An outstanding value for those looking to try a fresh, breezy style of Cabernet. Drinking window: 2022-2030. Score: **92** (Matthew Luczy, decanter.com, Oct. 17, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

\$41.95

59683



Z. ALEXANDER BROWN UNCAGED PROPRIETARY RED BLEND 2018

California

(Delicato Family Vineyards)

The vineyards for this blend of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Syrah and Malbec are wisely outfitted with specially designed owl nesting boxes which encourage flying friends to move in and keep nocturnal critters away from the vines. Big and lively, the wine offers an assortment of ripe red and black fruit flavours supported by youthful tannins. Get your talons on a bottle for your next barbecue.

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (D)

\$21.95

519785



THE COSMIC EGG CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

Columbia Valley

(Ste. Michelle Wine Estates)

TASTING NOTE: Scented of black raspberry, cassis and concentrated black fruits, the 2017 The Cosmic Egg offers a juicy core and freshness on the lush and open-knit nose. The medium to full-bodied wine exudes elegance with a full-flavored richness across the mid-palate, finishing long and juicy, with a rich and tasty freshness that lingers with blackberries and soft spices. Drink date: 2019-2026. Score: 90 (Anthony Mueller, robertparker. com, Dec. 30, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

\$24.95

20492



OREGON

LANGE CLASSIQUE PINOT NOIR 2019* Willamette Vallev

TASTING NOTE: A fine value, this introduces itself with a beguiling nose of vanilla and violets. The flavors bring strawberries and cream to mind, with other red fruits, notably pomegranate. It's a very pretty wine, smooth and lingering. Delicious already, it should drink well on through the next half decade. Editors' Choice. Score: **92** (*Wine Enthusiast*, March 1, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD) **\$43.95**

367359





USA – ROSÉ WINE

CALIFORNIA

MIND & BODY ROSÉ 2020

Vegan, California

A blend of Syrah, Merlot, Zinfandel and Grenache, this pink wine clocks in at 90 calories per fiveounce (148 mL) serving. It was cold-fermented and aged in stainless steel, allowing the bright, spicy berry fruit to take centre stage. Sip it with salmon sliders and fresh slaw.

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Easygoing & Fruity

750 mL (XD) \$18.95

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WASHINGTON

COLUMBIA CREST H3 MERLOT 2018

Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Valley TASTING NOTE: Black plums, orange zest, tar, toffee and dried flowers on the nose. It's full-bodied with creamy tannins and a rounded, plummy palate. Sweet spices on the finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (jamessuckling.com, June 7, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

\$19.95

209874





ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

CATENA APPELLATION TUPUNGATO CHARDONNAY 2019

Tupungato, Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: This has very attractive aromas of ripe peaches with hints of lemons and grapefruit and a flinty edge. The palate has a thread of gently toasted hazelnuts through fresh lemons and peaches. So fresh and fleshy with lots of fruit on offer. Drink now. Score: **93** (jamessuckling.com, April 2, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD) \$19.95





ARGENTINA – RED WINE

DURIGUTTI PROYECTO LAS COMPUERTAS 1914 MALBEC 2018

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: When the Duriguttis bought the Las Compuertas property, it had an old 10-hectare vineyard planted in the middle of the 1910s. Within these hectares, there's a 2.5-hectare patch of clay that Pablo Durigutti says is a colder soil that maintains much more freshness, acidity, and red fruit, and that's what predominates in this malbec. Even before you notice those sharp tannins, what you sense here is the purity of the variety, the aromas of ripe red fruits, the herbal tones. An example of a place, a historic zone for Argentine wine. Score: 95 (Patricio Tapia, guiadescorchados.cl, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

\$29.95

12670





SUSANA BALBO CRÍOS MALBEC 2018

Valle de Uco, Mendoza (Dominio del Plata)

TASTING NOTE: The spectacular 2018 Críos Malbec is aromatic, floral and expressive, varietal and clean, with structure and fine tannins, with nice balance. It's velvety and juicy, with very focused flavors and a long finish. It's among the best Críos I remember. Great value too. Drink date: 2019-2021. Score: 91 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$16.95

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TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES RESERVA MALBEC 2018

Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: This is very reserved and polished with blackberries, smoke and sesame. Medium body. Delicious, soft finish. Nice transition from the 2017. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (jamessuckling. com, April 2, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

29280



VIÑA COBOS FELINO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

Unfined, Mendoza (Paul Hobbs)

Hand-harvested at high altitudes from semi-desert sites in Uco Valley and Luján de Cuyo, this alwayspopular Cabernet is fermented in stainless steel with native yeasts before maturing for eight months in American oak. Expect a bold, concentrated wine brimming with spicy blackcurrant fruit, and pour alongside barbecued steaks and portobello mushrooms.

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD)

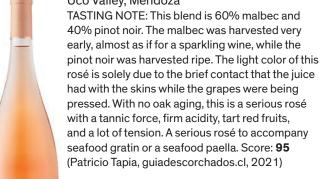
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ARGENTINA – ROSÉ WINE

SUSANA BALBO SIGNATURE ROSÉ 2020 Uco Valley, Mendoza



Easygoing & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

\$22.95

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AUSTRALIA – WHITE WINE

TAHBILK MUSEUM RELEASE MARSANNE 2013

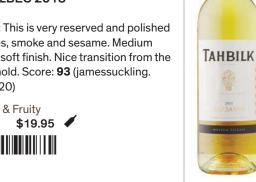


Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (D)

\$19.95







AUSTRALIA – RED WINE

3 RINGS SHIRAZ 2018

Barossa Valley, South Australia TASTING NOTE: Purple-black and opaque in the glass, it offers up aromas of black bramble berry and black plum intertwined with mixed spice. It's medium-plus bodied with creamy-smooth mouthfeel as flavours surge over the palate with dark cherry/berry fruit adorned with dark bittersweet chocolate and coupled with excellent tang and acidity. There's deft balance, persistent purity of fruit and more palate replays on the delectable finish and aftertaste. 3 Rings winery suggests braised kangaroo tail as a food match, but if you've run out, give grilled rack of lamb a go. Value. Score: 91 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Jan. 31, 2021)

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



CHAPEL HILL THE PARSON **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: It's one of the better value reds going around. It's sweet, generously-fruited and carries just enough dusty tannin to lend it some shape. Dried herb notes come as a welcome relief, or offset, to the pour of sweet, curranty fruit. No patience required here. Just open it up and let it rip. Drink date: 2020-2025. Score: 90 (Campbell Mattinson, winefront.com.au, Oct. 27, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$18.95 750 mL (XD) 446716



CHAPELHILL

D'ARENBERG THE HIGH TRELLIS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017**

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: Slightly tarry notes to the nose here with violets, fresh herbs, cedary oak, rose hips and attractive red and blue berries. The palate is quite juicy and has a mid-weight feel with easygoing tannins. Drink now [to 2025+]. Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, May 26, 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 943456



QUARISA MRS Q McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ 2017

McLaren Vale, South Australia Big and bold, with impressive structure and depth, this wine displays luscious dark fruit with vanilla accents and a long, oak-spice finish. It'll be great with grilled pork ribs.

[The International Wine Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: 90-94 (International Wine Awards - Spain, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$18.95 750 mL (XD) 12909



SISTER'S RUN COW'S CORNER GRENACHE/SHIRAZ/MATARO 2018

Barossa, South Australia

From a producer that's super-popular here at Vintages, this Barossa GSM will have fine balance and complexity. Look for a floral nose, with ripe, youthful dark fruit and classic peppery spice. A great wine for lamb burgers, ribs, or a meaty wood-fired pizza.

[The Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: 90 (Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$17.95 750 mL (XD) 346510

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WAKEFIELD JARAMAN SHIRAZ 2019

South Australia

Made from a blend of Clare Valley (72%) and McLaren Vale fruit and matured in American oak hogsheads, this Shiraz will deliver a bright, spicy sip full of peppery dark fruit. Pour with barbecued bacon-wrapped beef medallions.

[The San Diego International Wine & Spirits Challenge did not include a tasting note.] Score: 95 (San Diego International Wine & Spirits Challenge, 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$24.95 750 mL (XD) 377036



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

ZONTE'S FOOTSTEP BARON VON NEMESIS SHIRAZ 2018*

Vegan, Barossa Valley, South Australia TASTING NOTE: It's gorgeously lifted on the nose showing sweet fruit richness, thyme, cured meat and cedar notes, followed by a wonderfully flavoursome palate offering excellent weight and generous mouthfeel. It's smooth and richly textured, making it velvety and highly enjoyable. At its best: now to 2035. Score: **95** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Feb. 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

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

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NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

ASTROLABE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020*

Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: Classic bouquet and palate of tropical fruits, ripe apple, lemon pith and peach tea, along with fresh sage and basil lift. The core of sweet fruit and minerality on the palate is accentuated by refreshing acidity. Well made, lengthy, harmonious and ready. Drinking window: 2021-2024. Score: **94** (Cameron Douglas, MS, decanter.com, Jan. 11, 2021)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D)

\$24.95

10421



CAMBRIDGE ROAD CLOUDWALKER 2020

Martinborough, North Island

Sourced from a single vineyard and made from a blend of 80% Pinot Gris and 20% Riesling, this wine was given 16 days of skin contact during fermentation before spending seven months in neutral oak. It promises complex notes of apricot, dried orange peel and forest floor, and will pair brilliantly with grilled chicken breast or pork burgers.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D) \$36.95

20120

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KA TAHI SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: It's bright and fresh on the nose showing grapefruit, Granny Smith apple, apricot and lemon zest aromas, leading to a succulent palate that's vibrant and mouth-watering. The wine offers excellent fruit purity and persistency backed by racy acidity, making it flavoursome and highly appealing. At its best: now to 2023. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, July 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD) \$19.95

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Estate grown, unfined, Hawke's Bay, North Island (Supernatural Wine Co.)

Made from organically grown Sauvignon Blanc planted in 1989, this wine is soaked on the skins for six hours before pressing and is fermented at cool temperatures with wild indigenous yeast. It then gets extensive lees contact and stirring for 12 months before it's bottled unfined. Expect complex evocations of dried tropical fruit, garden herbs and hayloft, and pair with grilled fish and asparagus.

Aromatic & Flavourful

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

20211

NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

MUD HOUSE

NEW

MUD HOUSE PINOT NOIR 2018

Sustainable, Central Otago, South Island TASTING NOTE: A highly structured pinot noir which has the firmness and concentration one would expect from the Central Otago region. The changing tides in wine style in this mountainous region of the South Island of New Zealand is nicely represented here in the wine's restraint, moderate alcohol levels and balanced level of ripeness. Youthful, well-made and a pretty serious wine ... Score: **91** (Sara d'Amato, winealign.com, Sept. 23, 2020)

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

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NEW ZEALAND – ROSÉ WINE

OYSTER BAY ROSÉ 2020

Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: Pale salmon - Strawberries and cream, fresh and fleshy with a lovely fruit weight and mouth-watering finish. Score: 90 (International Wine Challenge, 2021)

Easygoing & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

\$19.95

493171



SPIER CREATIVE BLOCK 2 2019

Vegan, sustainable, WO Coastal Region TASTING NOTE: Jacques Erasmus produces this very stylish white blend of Sauvignon and 8% Semillon from four vineyards in Durbanville and Stellenbosch. Totally unwooded, but made with a little skin contact, it has pithy pink grapefruit flavours, some leesy weight and a herbal twist. Drink date: 2020-2023. Score: 92 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, South Africa Special Report 2020)

\$19.95

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (D)

307827



NEW



Chenin Blanc

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SOUTH AFRICA – WHITE WINE

ALVI'S DRIFT SIGNATURE RANGE CHENIN BLANC 2020

WO Western Cape

Unoaked and cold-fermented to maximize the wine's fruit character, this 100% Chenin will be ripe and juicy, with waves of orchard fruit and floral character. Pair with grilled pork chops.

[The Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Double Gold** (Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Rich

750 mL (XD)

\$13.95

21107



AUSTRIA – WHITE WINE

DÜRNBERG COOL GRÜNER VELTLINER 2020

Vegan, sustainable, Niederösterreich The bright apple, citrus, peach, white pepper and mineral tones in this lively, fresh white make it ideal for sipping or pairing with oysters, pan-seared fish or bacon-wrapped grilled chicken.

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$16.95 750 mL (XD)

464537



AVONDALE JONTY'S DUCKS PEKIN WHITE 2018

WO Paarl

Organically farmed, this robust, aromatic blend of Chenin Blanc, Roussanne, Sémillon and Viognier is named for the ducks that patrol the vineyards, munching on snails and insects and removing the need for chemical pesticides. The wine is fermented with wild yeast, bringing a feral flair to the flavours of tree fruit and melon, and will pair nicely with barbecued chicken.

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$16.95 750 mL (XD)

439554



FRANCE - WHITE WINE

HORIZON DE BICHOT **CHARDONNAY 2019**

France

Made from a blend of fruit from four high-altitude vineyards across southern France, this is a ripe, zesty take on Chardonnay. Look for notions of citrus, orchard and tropical fruit and pour with grilled seafood.

Light & Crisp

\$18.95 750 mL (XD)

18649



FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

BORDEAUX

LES HAUTS DE LAGARDE BLANC 2020

Vegan, AC Bordeaux

(Maison Raymond)

This wine is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon sourced from Atlantic Ocean-cooled hillside sites composed of clay and limestone. It's bright and juicy, with intense asparagus, green bean, green apple and pear, plus a distinct salinity to the mineral notes. Pair this fresh, mouth-watering wine with grilled salmon dressed with rosemary and thyme, or a green-bean salad topped with goat cheese.

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$17.95 750 mL (XD)

387787



BURGUNDY

JEAN-PIERRE SÈVE **MÂCON-SOLUTRÉ 2018**

New to our shelves, this wine is an exciting value opportunity for white-Burgundy fans and a not-tobe-missed chance for those unfamiliar with the style. It's fresh and balanced, with tropical fruit atop apple and pear, and has well-judged oak influence. Lees ageing provides additional texture and weight, making this a great match for grilled chicken or pork dishes.

Full-bodied & Rich

\$19.95 750 mL (XD)

18641

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J. MOREAU & FILS CHABLIS 2019* AC

TASTING NOTE: Quite a deep green-gold hue in the glass, there is plenty of depth and concentration on show here. Fleshy fruit on the palate is matched with a stony, mineral, zesty character and vibrant acidity. Quite stringent at the moment but give the wine another six months in bottle and it will blossom. Long, lingering aftertaste. Drinking window: 2022-2028. Score: 92 (Andy Howard, MW, decanter.com, Nov. 25, 2020)

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD) \$25.95

466144





LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU BELLES EAUX LES COTEAUX GRENACHE **BLANC 2020**





The grapes for this wine grow on sun-drenched hillside sites in complex soils comprising Plioceneera stone mixed with red clay and alluvial deposits. This Grenache Blanc-led blend includes Clairette, Vermentino and Roussanne, which combine to produce a bold, structured wine with intense tropical fruit and toast notes. Pair with smoked goat cheese, or a grilled-crab salad with ginger and dried orange peel.

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD)

\$14.95

18665





NEW

LOIRE

DOMAINE JACKY MARTEAU SAUVIGNON TOURAINE 2019

Sustainable, AC

Sauvignon Blanc from the Touraine appellation delivers superb versatility. It's crisp and aromatic, with notes of leafy green herbs, crunchy veggies, citrus and exotic fruit and is ideal for fish dishes, poultry, or salad topped with baked goat cheese. Even better, it's always good value.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD)

\$15.95

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RHÔNE

PESQUIÉ ÉDITION 1912M VENTOUX 2020



White flower and citrus notes on the nose followed by lemon, lychee, apple and pear tones in the mouth. Excellent structure and tension, bright acidity and freshness make this a fantastic sipping wine and give it the versatility for grilled vegetables, grilled fish or chicken dishes.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD)

\$17.95







FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU CANTENAC 2016

AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru (Nicole Roskam-Brunot & Fils)

TASTING NOTE: Generous cocoa-powder character in the nose, but on the palate, this is anything but sweet, the tannins keeping this on the straight and narrow through the long, quite polished finish. A blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Drink or hold [till 2022+]. Score: 92 (james suckling.com, Feb. 3, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

\$34.95 750 mL (XD)

24430





CHÂTEAU LE GARDERA 2017

AC Bordeaux Supérieur

TASTING NOTE: This rounded, ripe wine has a solid tannic structure to back up the black fruits and ripe acidity. It is developing well, but wait until 2021 for this Gonfrier wine to be at its best. Best Buy. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm

\$15.95 750 mL (XD)

18653





CHÂTEAU MAGNOL 2016

AC Haut-Médoc (Barton & Guestier)

TASTING NOTE: 48% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc. Classic dark plum, lead pencil and black fruit nose and palate. Deep, resonant and structured palate with ample fine-grained tannins, lots of power and a lingering complex finish. Anyone who loves Bordeaux will love this. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm

\$24.95 750 mL (XD)

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BURGUNDY

MANOIR DE MERCEY AU PARADIS 2018

AC Bourgogne Haut Côtes de Beaune This wine is crafted by the third generation of the Berger family, who have been making wines here since 1943. It's ripe and spry, with blackcurrant, cherry, strawberry, touches of pepper spice, and a lifted violet note. Perfect for grilled duck breast.

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Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

\$25.95

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NEW

LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU PAUL MAS CLOS DES **MÛRES 2018**

Sustainable, AP Languedoc

TASTING NOTE: The 2018 Languedoc Chateau Paul Mas Clos des Mures is 85% Syrah, rounded out with 10% Grenache and 5% Mourvèdre. It's a big, full-bodied wine, dominated by licorice, plum and black olive notes. The tannins are supple, even turning silky on the finish of this extroverted, personality-filled effort. Drink date: 2020-2025. Score: 91 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, June 30, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

\$19.95

286393



RHÔNE

GABRIEL MEFFRE LA CHÂSSE **GRANDE RÉSERVE 2016**

AP Vacqueyras

TASTING NOTE: 75% Grenache, 25% Syrah. Lovely wine, cocoa and blueberries, also a touch of meatiness on the nose. Nicely textured, concentrated but with ripe and fairly sweet tannins. Score: 91 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth

\$19.95 750 mL (XD)

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FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

RHÔNE

CAVE DE LA VISITATION CROZES-HERMITAGE 2018



The 2018 vintage in the Rhône was a good one for red wines and in particular favoured the reds from the north. Crozes-Hermitage has delivered plush, ripe wines of considerable power. This example is fresh and bold, with cassis and red fruit tones and a refined mineral note. It will be great with grilled mushroom burgers, veggie skewers, or a rib-eye steak.

Full-bodied & Smooth

\$27.95 750 mL (XD)

20415

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CAHORS

CALOS RESERVE CAHORS MALBEC 2018

AC

(Saint-Didier Parnac)

TASTING NOTE: Attractive nose with red fruit, spice and cedar. Plump and round. Fine, firm finish. Score: 92 (International Wine Challenge, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

\$17.95 750 mL (XD)

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FRANCE - ROSÉ WINE

LANGUEDOC

VVINES RROSÉ 2020

AC Languedoc

This playfully named pink wine comes from vineyards across Pepieux and Saint-Chinian that have an eclectic mix of soil types. It's predominantly Syrah with Cinsault and Grenache, all fermented in stainless steel for optimum freshness, and it promises rich berry fruit and white pepper spice. Savour with pork-belly tacos or grilled eggplant sandwiches.

Easygoing & Fruity

\$19.95 750 mL (XD)

15748



LOIRE

JEAN-MAX ROGER LA GRANGE **DÎMIÈRE SANCERRE ROSÉ 2020** AC

This Pinot Noir-based rosé comes from vines averaging between 10 and 40 years of age. It's intense and floral, with bright strawberry, citrus and mineral flavours bolstered by a vibrant acidity. A rosé that will continue to evolve for another 2-3 years. Pair with charcuterie or smoked salmon.

Easygoing & Fruity

\$26.95 750 mL (XD)

490813



PROVENCE

CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE **ROSÉ DE LÉOUBE 2020**

AC Côtes de Provence

A classic blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah and Mourvèdre all sourced from ocean-cooled vineyards planted in schist and clay soils. The sea breezes bring out the vibrant, food-friendly acidity here, while the plentiful South of France sun encourages ripe, tasty red fruit. Tangy citrus and savoury herbs round out the flavours. Pair with grilled seafood.

Medium-bodied & Dry

750 mL (XD)

\$31.95

491100

¥ Organic product



HENRI GAILLARD ROSÉ 2020

AP Côtes de Provence

(Calvet)

This food-friendly blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Carignan and Syrah is crafted in a lithe, deft style that puts the spotlight on the brightness of the red fruit and floral tones. Well-made and balanced, it will drink well for the next two years. A tasty aperitif that has more than enough oomph for barbecued fare such as fish, chicken or ribs.

\$18.95

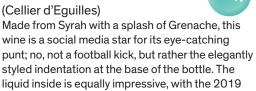
Easygoing & Fruity

750 mL (XD)



OPHÉLIE ROSÉ 2020

AP Coteaux d'Aix en Provence (Cellier d'Eguilles)



vintage taking home Gold at the Concours Inter-

national de Lyon. Look for spicy berry fruit and sip

Easygoing & Fruity \$17.95 750 mL (XD)

with BLTs.

20083



MAS DES BRESSADES CUVÉE **TRADITION ROSÉ 2020**

AP Costières de Nîmes

Rosés from Costières de Nîmes are crafted from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, with Carignan and Cinsault in support. This one is characterful, vibrant, and filled with generous red fruit, herbs and garrigue. A great sipper that will also work with grilled seafood or chicken.

Medium-bodied & Drv \$17.95 750 mL (XD) 950576



UP ULTIMATE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2020

AP Côtes de Provence

This blend of Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah and Rolle offers bright, generous flavours of red berry, melon, and orange zest, with touches of spice adding pleasing complexity. Fresh and focused, it will be wonderful to sip or will go well with summer salads, grilled chicken, pork or salmon.

Medium-bodied & Dry \$27.95 750 mL (XD)

14833



GEORGIA – RED WINE

RTVELISI MUKUZANI RED **DRY 2018**

Alazani Valley, Kakheti

"Saperavi" is the Georgian word for "dye"; a fitting name given that the grape is often used to impart colour to blends. This wine is 100% Saperavi and comes from Kakheti, where the grape achieves its finest expressions. This dark red has bountiful red cherry and fruit and is perfect for grilled beef or pork.

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Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$13.95 18384



RHÔNE

DOMAINE DES CARTERESSES TAVEL 2020

AC

(Les Vignerons de Tavel & Lirac) TASTING NOTE: Rose petal, strawberry and raspberry notes meld nicely in this subtly juicy version, with a red tea streak holding the finish. Grenache, Cinsault, Clairette, Picpoul and Syrah. Drink now. Score: 89 (James Molesworth, wine spectator.com, 2021)

Medium-bodied & Drv 750 mL (XD)

\$18.95 739474

GERMANY – WHITE WINE

PFALZ

WERNER ANSELMANN GEWÜRZTRAMINER KABINETT 2019

Prädikatswein

The eponymous Werner Anselmann has been producing wine for more than six decades, though the family can trace its viticultural involvement and influence back centuries. This is a refined, elegant Gewürztraminer that provides superb freshness and drive alongside the characterful lychee, rose and spice notes. A wine for warmly spiced Asian foods or strong cheeses.

Aromatic & Flavourful \$17.95 750 mL (S) 630004





GERMANY - WHITE WINE CONT'D

RHEINGAU

GRAF VON SCHÖNBORN SCHLOSS SCHÖNBORN HATTENHEIMER **PFAFFENBERG RIESLING KABINETT 2018**

Prädikatswein

This is an attractive example of Rheingau's generous 2018 vintage. Fresh and tense, with youthful fruit and lime citrus tones, it has the structure and composure that suggest it will continue to evolve for 12-15 years, if not more, from vintage.

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (S)

\$25.95

70946



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ITALY - WHITE WINE

CAMPANIA

IL POGGIO TABURNO **FALANGHINA DEL SANNIO 2018** DOP

(Riolite)

TASTING NOTE: (Translated from the Italian) Deep in its thick extractive net, limpid in its enological execution where fruit and flowers are protagonists. Thick, stainless is its olfactory glare. And its softness on the palate, harmonious synthesis of smoothness and acidity, yielding a splendid expressive taste of native grapes. Score: 95 (lucamaroni.com, Jan. 18, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD)

\$16.95

17695





FRIULI

ATTEMS PINOT GRIGIO 2020

DOC Friuli

Longevity is the byword here. The Attems family have been in the Friuli region since 1106; the clay-rich marl and sandstone soils of their vineyard were formed from an ancient seabed 50 million years ago; and this crisp wine's white flower, peach, citrus and herbal tones have appeared on Vintages shelves for 20 years. Sip or pair with summer salads or grilled chicken.

Light & Crisp

750 mL (XD)

\$19.95

707950





SICILY

I BALZI BIO GRILLO 2020

DOC Grillo

(Natale Verga)

For those not familiar with the Grillo grape, think of it as similar to Pinot Grigio with just a touch more weight. This example is crisp and vibrant, with lifted vellow apple, lemon citrus, almond, and a saline minerality that brings added depth and complexity. Pair with grilled fish or roasted cauliflower.

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

Light & Crisp

\$14.95 750 mL (XD)

17702





BIO

ITALY – RED WINE

CAMPANIA

BORGODANGELO TAURASI 2013 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: An intriguing nose, hugely complex with fruit, tobacco, sotto bosco, dried herbs and smoky oak, all within a firm frame and ripe fruit underneath. Very dense with firm tannins and spice, long with impressive depth, this wine will continue to evolve. [Drink till 2028.] Score: 96 (International Wine Challenge, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD)

\$24.95

96792



PUGLIA

RIVERA PRIMITIVO 2018

IGT Salento

TASTING NOTE: Plenty of glazed cherries, licorice, dried fruit and tar. Shows good intensity and primary fruit with bright acidity and a medium, fruity finish. Drink now. [This wine has a drinking window extending 3-5 years from vintage.] Score: 90 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

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Medium-bodied & Fruity

\$15.95 750 mL (D)

19590

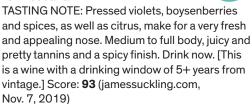
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TUSCANY

BELLINI COMEDIA 2016

IGT Toscana



Full-bodied & Smooth \$15.95 750 mL (XD)

19293





NEN

LE SUGHERE DI FRASSINELLO 2016

DOC Maremma Toscana

(Rocca di Frassinello) TASTING NOTE: Wild rosemary, thyme and camphor aromas lead off, with concentrated flavors of blackberry and black currant. An iron edge sinks in as this unfolds to the long, staining finish. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best from 2020 through 2032. Smart Buys. Score: 93 (Bruce

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD)

\$29.95

Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2018)

25700





NSOGLIO

CARPINETO CHIANTI CLASSICO 2018 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2018 Chianti Classico is bright and beautifully focused in the glass. Sweet red cherry, mint, white pepper and chalky notes give the 2018 a brilliant upper register to match its mid-weight translucent personality. Medium in body and vibrant, the 2018 is so expressive. Readers will find a classically austere Chianti Classico built on tension. This blend of Sangiovese and other indigenous varieties works so well here. Drinking window: 2022-2033. [To enjoy tonight, decant for one hour.] Score: 91 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Sept. 2020)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

\$19.95 750 mL (XD)

356048





AMARONE

IONTE ZOVO

VENETO

CASTELFORTE VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO 2017

DOC

TASTING NOTE: (Translated from the Italian) Corvina 60%, Corvinone 30%, Rondinella 10%. Casalforte Valpolicella Ripasso 2017 presents the rarest thick smoothness and clear content, hence its premium quality. Score: 96 (lucamaroni.com, May 13, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

\$17.95 750 mL (D)

13448





DOCG

TASTING NOTE: ... dark and brooding, slowly opening with a display of violet-tinged blackberry, plum, stone dust, dark chocolate and sage. It's velvety and luxuriously textural, with depths of ripe red and blue fruits giving way to licorice, sweet herbal tones and a hint of rich black coffee. There's something of a sticky sweetness through the finale, only partially offset by notes of tart cherry and hints of spiced citrus. I would advise decanting or leaving it open in bottle for an hour or more for optimal enjoyment, but be aware that it is a largescale expression of Amarone. Drinking window: 2021-2028. Score: 91 (Eric Guido, vinous.com, Feb. 2021)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (D)

447888

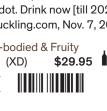
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TASTING NOTE: This is one of the most beautiful Insoglios I have tasted with lots of blue fruit, such as blueberries, as well as violets. Medium body and firm, silky tannins. Very fine and linear. Syrah, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, and petit verdot. Drink now [till 2024]. Score: 93 (jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD)





ITALY - RED WINE CONT'D

VENEZIE

TOMMASI ARELE 2016

IGT delle Venezie

The Arele is named for the traditional wooden travs that were used to partially dry grapes selected to make appassimento wines. It's a blend of Corvina, Rondinella, Merlot and Oseleta, the latter being an ancient, rare and once almost-extinct variety. This is focused and spicy, with fresh red fruit, dark fruit and dried herbs. Long and poised, it's ideal for grilled meats and vegetables.

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (D)

\$18.95

224188





PORTUGAL – RED WINE

CARMIN MONSARAZ RESERVA 2017*

DOC Alentejo

TASTING NOTE: 60% Alicante Bouschet, 20% Trincadeira, 20% Touriga Nacional ... [creating] a keenly priced wine which not only delivers a huge wealth of flavour and texture, but which does so in balanced, even, nuanced style ... [Drink till 2024+.] Score: 97 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020)

Full-bodied & Firm

\$25.95 750 mL (XD)

20711





SPAIN – WHITE WINE

DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM POMELADO ORANGE WINE 2019*

Spain

A blend built around Sauvignon Blanc, this wine gets 10-14 days of skin contact during the fermentation process. It'll deliver vivacious aromas and flavours of citrus, blanched almond and cinnamon stick, and will suit seared scallops or seafood paella.

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$16.95 750 mL (XD)

12119

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NEW

SPAIN - RED WINE

TOBÍA SELECCIÓN DE AUTOR 2017 DOCa Rioja

TASTING NOTE: This rich, ripe red features a thick texture, with blackberry and currant flavors that mingle with cola, licorice and loamy earth notes. The firm tannins are well-integrated, while juicy acidity keeps this lively. Dense, yet balanced. Tempranillo, Graciano and Garnacha. Drink now through 2029. Score: 92 (Thomas Matthews, winespectator.com, Sept. 30, 2020)

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

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94 points (jamessuckling.com, Sept. 2, 2019)

Rich & Complex

750 mL (XD)

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20006



SOL ROUGE PETITE SIRAH 2015

Lake County, California

Opulent, luscious and enticing, with blackberry, cassis, cocoa, cardamom and clove. Best after 2023.

94 points (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, June 1, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

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20699



TEUSNER BILMORE SHIRAZ 2018

Barossa Valley, South Australia

Rich and spicy, with dark fruit, earth and chocolate. Plush and long. Drink by 2035.

95 points (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2020)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD)

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18508









DI MEO G SALZA IRPINA GRECO DI TUFO 2019

DOCG, Campania, Italy

Floral, with tropical fruit, peach, citrus, and a saline minerality. Drink till 2022.

92 points (Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Oct. 1, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

\$27.95 750 mL (XD)

19690

SAMAS 2019

IGT Isola dei Nuraghi, Sardinia, Italy

Vivacious, bright and full-flavoured, with wildflower and peach notes.

93 points (Susan Hulme, MW, decanter.com, April 13, 2020)

Aromatic & Flavourful

750 mL (XD)

\$22.95

19494

SIDDÙRA SPÈRA VERMENTINO **DI GALLURA 2019**

DOCG, Sardinia, Italy

Attractive, balanced, fruit-forward and concentrated. Complex, bright and fresh.

93 points (rodphillipsonwine.com, undated)

Full-bodied & Rich

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