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wines of the month

Two celebrated styles

CASTELLO DI BOSSI C. BERARDENGA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy 994608 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

TASTING NOTE: This is a beautiful and real Chianti Classico with dried cherries, chocolate and hazeInut. Hints of limestone and stone. Full to medium body, velvety tannins. Gorgeous juicy finish. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Oct. 20, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity Featured in Class of the Titans

TINTO NEGRO FINCA LA ESCUELA LA PIEDRA MALBEC 2016

Mendoza, Argentina 010443 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

TASTING NOTE: This wonderful Malbec comes from a stony, limestone-influenced block and was fermented with 50% whole bunches in 2016 because of its riper stems. Grippy, saline and refreshing, with some white pepper spice, succulent berry fruit and a lovely bite of acidity. Drink date: 2020-28. Score: 95 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth **New at Vintages**



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Class of the TTANS

Who rules? With so many renowned grapes and styles in their respective corners, if wine powerhouses **France** and **Italy** met in a showdown, the only clear winner would be you.



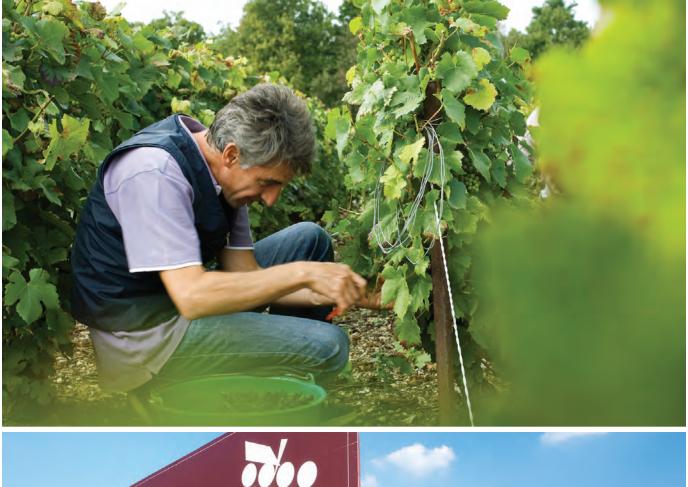
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Be it Serena Williams vs. Steffi Graf, Gretzky vs. Lemieux or LeBron vs. Jordan, the Greatest Of All Time debate is like rocket fuel for conversation. Sharpen your palates and get ready to take your stand as Italy and France go head-to-head for the GOAT country honours.

Italy has made wine for longer and is the world's largest producer, but France holds the mantle for premium fine wines. Both have top-notch signature wines for which they've become recognized and revered the world over, and we've collected a fine group of them here. The best part of this debate is that no matter which side you come down on, you can't be wrong.







Traditional-method sparklers

CHAMPAGNE & FRANCIACORTA

The traditional method sees the wine's second fermentation take place within each bottle. Used for both Champagne and Franciacorta, it's the most labour-intensive, time-consuming process for producing sparklers and results in the most complex, textured wines.

BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC, France

TASTING NOTE: Bright, almost crunchy acidity and the finely detailed mousse carry an expressive mix of poached apricot and cherry fruit, toast point, orange peel and ground ginger flavors in this firm, focused Champagne, with a graphite-laced, minerally finish. Drink now through 2022. Score: **92** (Alison Napjus, *winespectator. com*, Nov. 15, 2018)

Rich & Complex

384529	(XD)	750 mL	\$87.95	1
490482	(XD)	1500 mL	\$191.95	1

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CA' DEL BOSCO CUVÉE PRESTIGE BRUT FRANCIACORTA

Traditional method, DOCG, Lombardy, Italy

TASTING NOTE: ... 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				
105353	(XD)	750 mL	\$44.95	



 Rows of Champagne ground cellar.

Champagne is the spiritual home of the traditional method and has the most stringent regulations around this process. These rules dictate blending practices and minimum ageing requirements, and are one reason that Champagne remains the world's most revered sparkling wine.



Also named for the region where it's made, **Franciacorta** is less famous than Champagne, but uses the same grapes, and in some cases is subject to an even longer ageing regimen. Being from a warmer region, the grapes are riper, and Franciacorta typically doesn't have the same vibrancy as Champagne. Franciacorta is also a newcomer in the world of wine; the first examples were made in the 1950s.

Great-value sparklers CRÉMANT & PROSECCO

These two favourites share the versatility and pure delight offered by more expensive sparkling wines; they're the happy result of producers seeking out ways to produce flavourful, characterful fizz for everyday enjoyment at much more approachable price points.







Crémant wines are produced using the traditional method, but with fewer restrictions throughout the production process.

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CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE

LOUIS BOUILLOT

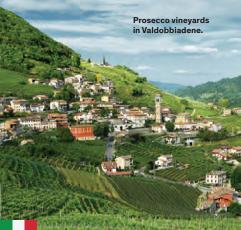
BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT

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MODELLO

MASI

PROSECCO DOC



Prosecco is crafted using the Charmat method, which induces the second fermentation in a tank rather than individual bottles. Some of the finest examples can see several years ageing on the lees to create more complex, flavourful wines.

LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE D'IVOIRE BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE

Traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France

TASTING NOTE: Very much a baby Blanc de Blancs Champagne as a Brut Crémant and in a way reminds me of Feuillatte. Classically-styled Burgundy bubbles feign chardonnay B de B in which aridity and compression meet at the crossroads. There is an apple-terpene note to remind of origin but beyond the fruit there is citrus and dense alternating layers of texture and acidity. No wrongs involved in the comparisons or the enjoyment. Drink 2017-2019. Score: **88** (Michael Godel, *winealign.com*, Feb. 2, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 048801 (D) 750 mL \$19.95

MASI MODELLO BRUT PROSECCO DOC, Veneto, Italy

Produced from Glera, this sparkler is bright and lithe with delightful white flower tones on the nose alongside peach, apple, pear and a brisk lemon citrus note. Crisp, with a fresh, uplifting finish. This superb value from a noted producer would make a great aperitif and would also shine alongside a seafood main course.

Light & Fruity 624932 (D) 750 mL \$18.95



Revered styles CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE & AMARONE

These premium wines are the pinnacle expressions of their respective regions and are both considered among the finest wines in the world. Full-bodied and smooth, they're tailor-made for fine dining and elegant entertaining.

XAVIER VIGNON CUVÉE ANONYME CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2015 AP, Rhône, France

TASTING NOTE: Xavier Vignon is one of the Rhône's leading winemaking consultants, and so it's no surprise he had access to some great fruit for his 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Anonyme. Tellingly, the blend entirely omits Syrah, containing 60% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 8% Counoise, 4% Vaccarèse and 3% Muscardin. Floral notes and ripe cherries appear along [with] licorice and vanilla (one-fourth of the wine was matured in new barriques), yet this is no drink-now version of CdP. This full-bodied wine boasts broad shoulders, a plush, creamy center and a muscular finish loaded with ripe tannins and spice. Give it a few years to mellow, and drink it over the next 15. Drink date: 2020-2035. Score: 94 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth

REMO FARINA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2016 DOCG, Veneto, Italy

TASTING NOTE: A robust and full-bodied Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico made from Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, Molinara, Oseleta and Turchetta red wine grapes. Rich and weighty and elegant on the palate with dried fig, raisin, ripe strawberry, cake spice and savoury herb flavours on the palate. Pair with rich meat pasta and tomato sauce dishes. Drink: 2019-2023. Score: **93** (Natalie MacLean, *nataliemaclean.com*, May 25, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

995910	(D)	750 mL	\$42.95	





The wines of **Châteauneuf-du-Pape** are grown in soils strewn with stones called *galets*, which retain the sun's warmth and reflect it back to the grapes in the cooler evenings, assisting ripening. In concert with the naturally high sugar levels in Grenache, which is the principal grape of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, this heat produces intense, powerful wines with elevated body. The quality of the wines here saw CdP become an appellation in 1936 – the first area so designated in France.



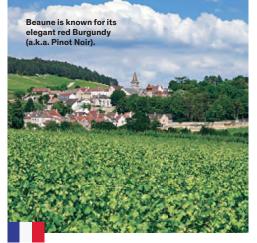
The grapes selected for **Amarone** are sourced from the most mature vines and are picked later to ensure ripeness. They're then left to dry on racks or hooks for about 120 days. As they dry, their sugars and flavours become more concentrated. This time-consuming process, and the fact that as the grapes dry they lose 30-40% of their weight, is in part why Amarone wines are more expensive.

Classic premium grapes PINOT NOIR & NEBBIOLO

Pinot Noir and Nebbiolo (the cornerstone of Barolo wines) have much in common. They're both terribly difficult grapes to grow, and the wines they produce are among the most long-lived and sought-after in the world.







Pinot Noir has a virtually unmatched ability to reflect the essence of where it's grown, and it reaches its peak expressions in Burgundy. The nuanced variations between individual parcels of land were first identified and classified by the monks who worked these vineyards in the Middle Ages.



Nebbiolo doesn't travel well, and despite the earnest efforts of skilled, determined winemakers across the globe, the balanced power and elegance inherent to Barolo has been impossible to replicate outside of the tiny enclaves of Piedmont where it's grown. There is truly nothing like Barolo anywhere.



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BENI DI BATASIOLO RISERVA BAROLO 2010

DOCG, Piedmont, Italy

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of licorice, roasted coffee bean and grilled herb carry over to the vibrant palate along with tart red cherry, strawberry and mineral. It's still young and tightly wound, with bracing tannins that lead to a firm finish. Drink 2020-2030. Score: **90** (Kerin O'Keefe, *Wine Enthusiast*, Sept. 1, 2016)

Full-bodied & Firm 330704 (XD) 750 mL \$39.95 ➡ Featured in Arrive in Style

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE VIEILLES VIGNES VOLNAY 2014 AC, Burgundy, France

TASTING NOTE: A bright, sleek style, displaying violet, cherry and black currant aromas and flavors. Well-structured and balanced, this lingers with smoke and mineral accents. Terrific length. Best from 2019 through 2032. Score: **93** (Bruce Sanderson, *winespectator.com*, April 30, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 299875 (XD) 750 mL \$62.95 🗸



Revered regions BORDEAUX & TUSCANY

Easily the most recognizable wine regions in their respective countries, Tuscany and Bordeaux encapsulate much that is wonderful in both Italian and French winemaking. Each is home to some of the world's most expensive, sought-after wines, but they're not exclusively premium-priced locations; they offer an enticing array of wines at a variety of price points.

CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ 2014

AC Côtes de Bordeaux, France

TASTING NOTE: Dense young tannins and 18 months in oak dominate the wine, promising a rich future. The fruit weight is all there, ripe blackberry flavors that will come through over the next months. Marie-Dominique and Jean Watrin have been the owners since 1994. Drink this concentrated wine from 2019. Editors' Choice. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec. 1, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth

416735 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 🗸

CASTELLO DI BOSSI C. BERARDENGA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015

DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

TASTING NOTE: This is a beautiful and real Chianti Classico with dried cherries, chocolate and hazelnut. Hints of limestone and stone. Full to medium body, velvety tannins. Gorgeous juicy finish. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Oct. 20, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 994608 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95 Featured as our Wine of the Month



Bordeaux's blends of Merlot and Cabernet are perhaps the most famous wines in the world. Naturally divided into Right Bank and Left Bank by the confluence of the Dordogne, Garonne and Gironde rivers, the region has as its unifying factor the extraordinary consistency of balance and structure across its wines, despite their colossal variance in price points. No other premium-wine region in the world offers such uniform quality at every level.



Tuscany's signature grape is the slow-ripening Sangiovese, responsible for three of Italy's most famous wines: Chianti, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano and Brunello. It also plays a role in many of Tuscany's Supertuscan wines, which are blended with some combination of Cabernet and Merlot. Across the great breadth of styles, varietals, flavours, modern vs. traditional winemaking, and price points, these wines express a definitively Tuscan identity.





Revered regions

BORDEAUX & **TUSCANY**



CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-PEY 2016 AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France

TASTING NOTE: Wild red-fruit aromas with a wealth of red flowers, too. This has a quite plush, raspberry and red-plum palate and firm, long and nobly ripe tannins. Good potential. Try from 2022. Score: **92** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Feb. 3, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth 011834 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 **–** New at Vintages

CHÂTEAU LA GARDE 2010

AC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France (Vignobles Dourthe)

TASTING NOTE: Licorice and dried orange peel in the nose. Red tangy fruit and some leather. Nice sweet fruit and velvety texture on the palate with beautifully managed soft fine tannins. Very enjoyable and harmonious wine already now. Made from biodynamic grapes. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Feb. 16, 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth 191163 (XD) 750 mL \$70.95 🗸







OUERCECCHIO BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2014 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

TASTING NOTE: This wine was aged for three years in a combination of French and Slavonian oak. A ripe, elegant, serious Brunello that features red cherry and mineral and would be ideal for steak, prime rib, or beef tenderloin stuffed with spinach and mushrooms. Very good value for Brunello. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 438580 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 🗸

LE SERRE NUOVE DELL'ORNELLAIA 2017 DOC Bolgheri Rosso, Tuscany, Italy

This estate has a track record envied by wineries all over the world. Le Serre Nuove, a blend of Merlot, Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc and Petit Verdot, will be a complex wine with precisely articulated red and dark berry, chocolate and woodsmoke. A powerful wine that manages to retain a distinct refinement and suppleness.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 606194 (XD) 750 mL \$69.95 =

Southern values **RHÔNE** & **PUGLIA**

Sometimes all you want is sure-fire quality at a price that won't keep you up at night. When you're looking for characterful, fruit-driven, food-friendly wines that won't break the bank, Puglia and the Rhône are two top-flight options.







XAVIER VIGNON CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2017 AP, Rhône, France

TASTING NOTE: Medium to full-bodied, with excellent ripeness and concentration, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone boasts assertive blueberry and blackberry fruit. Somewhere between velvety and silky, it's a charming mouthful of Southern Rhône red. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: **89-91** (Joe Czerwinski, *robertparker.com*, Oct. 31, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth 297317 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 ✔ **Ørganic product**

PARADISO DARIONE PODERE BELMANTELLO PRIMITIVO 2017 IGP Puglia, Italy

This Prim is sourced from clay and limestone soils and fermented and aged in stainless steel. It offers impessive, layered ripe red berry and spice. Powerful, structured and long. A good option for lamb.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **94** (Luca Maroni, *lucamaroni. com*, July 25, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm 010816 (D) 750 mL \$17.95 **/** New at Vintages



Though undoubtedly one of the world's great historical wine regions, the **Rhône** is characterized as much by its future as by its past. The region recognizes and promotes worthy areas within its quality hierarchy with a greater frequency than any other French region, a fact that encourages producers at all levels to continually strive to improve the quality of their wines.



Over the last 20+ years, **Puglia**, which was historically known for bulk wines, has made a viticultural oneeighty. An emphasis on more rigorous vineyard management combined with the adoption of modern technologies and practices (both in the vineyard and winery) have proven that Puglia can produce fine wines on par with other notable Italian regions such as Veneto and Tuscany, and at a much greater value.



One stylish grape PINOT GRIS & PINOT GRIGIO

Pinot Grigio and Pinot Gris are the same grape, made in different places and in different styles. Pinot Grigio is associated with northern Italy, while Pinot Gris is one of the noble grapes of Alsace.

WILLY GISSELBRECHT TRADITION PINOT GRIS 2017 AC Alsace, France

This wine is crafted to ride the rail between being dry and offering a subtle mediumsweetness. It will be refined and balanced, with bright, lifted fruit and floral tones and a citrus-informed finish. It will reward another 8-10 years in your cellar but will be great tonight with smoked fish, Muenster cheese or honey-lemon marinated chicken breast.

Aromatic & Flavourful 641597 (D) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸

NALS MARGREID PINOT GRIGIO 2017

DOC Südtirol-Alto Adige, Italy

TASTING NOTE: This has enticing aromas of fragrant spring blossom and ripe white stone fruit. It's creamy and enveloping, doling out mature yellow pear, Rennet apple and lemon drop before a white-almond finish. Score: **90** (Kerin O'Keefe, *Wine Enthusiast*, Aug. 1, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful

290924 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95





Pinot Gris is crafted in a range of styles from dry to sweet, but all share a distinct richness and weight that's not present in the Italian version. They're also spicier and more complex, with great potential for ageing, and are well-suited to substantial meals such as roast pork or chicken.

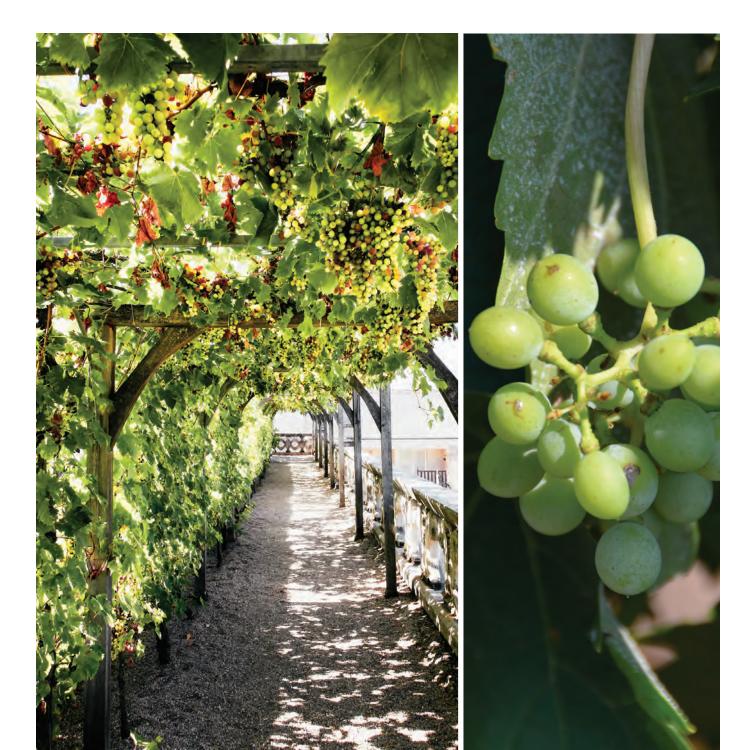


Pinot Grigio is light and zesty, with an emphasis on easy vibrancy and refreshment. This crisp white, with its subtle floral and fruit aromas and flavours, is an exceptional sipper and great with light seafood dishes.

Aromatic whites

SAUVIGNON BLANC & VERMENTINO

Aromatic wines are those that have aromas of flowers and herbs created by terpenes, the same chemical compounds that make flowers smell like flowers. Aromatic white wines typically don't see oak treatment in order to preserve even their most delicate nuances.





Sauvignon Blanc is the famous white wine grape of Bordeaux and the Loire. It's noted for its suggestions of lime, green apple, peach and tropical fruit and its distinct herbaceous and grassy notes.



Vermentino is a light, refreshing wine, but unlike Pinot Grigio, for example, it's also complex and layered. It typically shows off impressive fruit tones as well as mineral and herbal notes. It's made in two styles, one refreshing and lively and the other with a richer, creamier mouthfeel.



(Joël Delaunay)

TASTING NOTE: Love this Old World Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. This is a medium-bodied, bone-dry SB with bright citrus, gooseberry, chalky, mineral flavours that Touraine is known to give to its white wines with no lack of expression on this vibrant white. Delicious. Chill and enjoy on its own or pair with pan-fried trout. Drink: 2019-2021. Score: **90** (Natalie MacLean, *nataliemaclean.com*, Aug. 2, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful 391847 (D) 750 mL \$16.95 🗸

LUNAE COLLI DI LUNI VERMENTINO 2018 DOC, Italy

TASTING NOTE: This wine is sourced from vines averaging 35 years of age, and it shows in the sophisticated elegance in the glass. Lifted, aromatic and herbal on the nose, with rosemary and basil showing most clearly. Fresh and herbaceous on the palate, with peach and citrus tones and a fine food-friendly acidity. This will be a great choice for basil-and-rosemary grilled halibut or any other kind of seafood. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

Light & Crisp 317065 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95





Northern lights

CHARDONNAY FROM CHABLIS & ALTO ADIGE

Chardonnay is one of the world's most popular wines, red or white. It's made in a wide range of styles from rich, creamy, oaky versions through to steely, light, mineral expressions. Lean, taut, fruity unoaked Chardonnays, usually from cooler growing regions, are overtaking the oaky styles in terms of consumer popularity.



ROPITEAU CHABLIS 2017

AC, Burgundy, France (Ropiteau Frères)

TASTING NOTE: Though Chablis is mostly an unoaked expression of Chardonnay, some more premium examples can receive some oak treatment. A small portion of this wine was aged in oak. This 2017 delivers crisp, lively green apple and lemon, with a refined mineral undertone. A fine option for ceviche. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

Light & Crisp

010338 (XD) 750 mL \$25.95

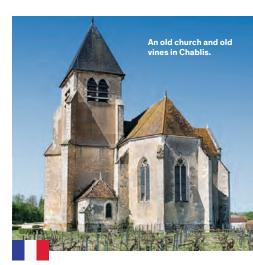
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KELLEREI BOZEN BOLZANO CHARDONNAY 2018

DOC Südtirol-Alto Adige, Italy (Cantina Bolzano)

Expect a soft, creamy wine, with lifted apple, peach and tropical fruit tones riding on a fresh seam of bright acidity. It will delight as a sipper but will also pair well with crab or salmon appetizers or a wide variety of lighter picnic-like fare.

Light & Crisp 570457 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 🗸



Chablis's cool climate and Kimmeridgian soils rich in clay, marl, limestone and marine fossils produce wines with pronounced acidity and minerality. The benchmark for steely, dry, age-worthy unoaked Chardonnay, Chablis is also one of the world's favourite pairings for oysters.



Alto Adige is a cooler wine region that's protected from cold northerly winds by the Alps but also benefits from warm temperatures moving up through Lake Garda. In the peak of summer, temperatures in the town of Bolzano can be among Italy's hottest. Chardonnay grown here can be big and ripe, but vinification in stainless steel preserves the purity of its more delicate aromas and flavours.





MATCH GAME

Wine and cheese is a classic pairing year round, but especially as we head into the holiday season and its elegant parties. With this collection of nine wines in a range of styles, and some helpful tips and tricks, you'll be well on your way to pairing wine and cheese like a champ.



THE BASICS

Some rules of thumb to get you started.

- A great place to start is, well, the starting place. Wines and cheeses that "grew up" together, meaning they **share a region of origin**, often complement each other.
- Like with like:
 - / Hard cheeses with firm (high tannin) wines.
 - / Soft cheeses with delicate wines.
 - / Rich, creamy cheeses with rich, creamy wines.
- Point and counterpoint:
 - / Rich, creamy cheeses with crisp (high acidity) wines.
 - / Salty cheeses with off-dry wines.
 - / Blue cheeses with sweet wines.
- Ultimately, the best pairing is one **you enjoy**.



MONTECILLO GRAN RESERVA 2009 DOCa Rioja, Spain

TASTING NOTE: Baked berry and cherry aromas are ripe and come with accents of mocha, leather and caramel. This feels full but not heavy, with balance and cushion to the palate. Spiced black-fruit flavors show a tea-like note, while this is dry, spicy and a touch chocolaty on the finish. Drink through 2026. Score: **91** (Michael Schachner, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 239277 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 ✔

Suggested cheese pairing: Murcia al Vino

THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CHARDONNAY 2017 * VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

TASTING NOTE: Good clean fun here in this simple, minimally oak-influenced chardonnay, fleshy but firm and sharp, nicely sapid-saline with sufficient grip and more than respectable length at the price. Drinking well now, but another 1-3 years in the cellar will do no harm. Fine value. Tasted August 2019. Score: **89** (John Szabo, MS, *winealign.com*, Sept. 16, 2019)

Light & Crisp 547877 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

Suggested cheese pairing: baked brie

ELOUAN PINOT NOIR 2016 Oregon

(Copper Cane)

TASTING NOTE: Well-knit and approachable, with delicate raspberry and spice flavors. Drink now through 2022. Score: **88** (Tim Fish, *winespectator.com*, June 30, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

Medium-bouled & Fruity					
420760	(D)	750 mL	\$29.95	-	

Suggested cheese pairing: Beemster

MIX& MATCH

Use the wine styles that accompany our tasting notes to help you pair. Here, we detail some natural partners for particular cheeses.

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Sonoma County, California

TASTING NOTE: ... mountain, mid-slope and valley fruit for the broadest of high level varietal expressions. There are layers upon layers of dark fruit, acidities and finegrained tannins all absorbed into the fabric and silky patterned texture of this wine. Fruit sweetness, pectin acidity woven through texture and quality of tannin. It's all good. Drink 2019-2023. Score: **90** (Michael Godel, *winealign.com*, June 4, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth

671164 (XD) 750 mL \$34.95 •

Suggested cheese pairing: aged cheddar

VILLA MARIA CELLAR SELECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand

TASTING NOTE: This is super pungent, all-guns-blazing sauvignon with reductive notes matched to intense passion fruit and other tropical fruit. The palate has a neat core of sweet-fruit flavor, nicely played against handy acidity. Well pitched. Drink now. Score: **91** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Oct. 8, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful

974527 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95 Sustainable product

Suggested cheese pairing: herbed goat cheese

Red wine

- Light- or Medium-bodied & Fruity: semi-soft cheeses (havarti, Muenster).
- Full-bodied & Smooth: semihard cheeses (cheddar, Gouda, Gruyère).
- Full-bodied & Firm: semi-hard cheeses (cheddar, Gouda, Gruyère) or hard cheeses (Grana Padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano).

White wine

- Light & Crisp or Aromatic & Flavourful: soft, fresh cheeses (goat cheese, ricotta) or creamy, bloomy cheeses (brie, Camembert).
- Full-bodied & Rich: creamy, bloomy cheeses (brie, Camembert) or semi-hard cheeses (cheddar, Gouda, Gruyère).
- Off-dry & Fruity: salty cheeses (feta, halloumi).

Rosé

Soft, fresh cheeses (goat cheese, ricotta) or semi-soft cheeses (havarti, Muenster).



Sparkling

Creamy, bloomy cheeses (brie, Camembert) or hard cheeses (Grana Padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano).



HECHT & BANNIER CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2018

AC, Provence, France

TASTING NOTE: A delicate nose with a floral hint of herbs – juniper and rosemary. A duality of a wine showing sweetness yet acidic freshness, a touch of coffee, but also saltiness on its linear and appealing finish. Drinking window: 2019-2020. Score: **90** (*decanter.com*, May 13, 2019)

Easygoing & Fruity

410035	(XD)	750 mL	\$25.95	

Suggested cheese pairing: Saint-Paulin

OYSTER BAY BRUT SPARKLING CUVÉE

Charmat method, Hawke's Bay, North Island, New Zealand

TASTING NOTE: ... 100% chardonnay kept in contact with the lees ... aromas of fresh citrus, lactic notes, bread crumbs and mineral character. A nice froth expands on the palate expressing flavours of pink grapefruit, white peach, crispy crackers and a lingering minerality note turning saline in the medium-long finish ... a no-brainer partner to sea salt chips. Score: **90** (Louise Boutin, *winecurrent.com*, June 22, 2019)

Light & Fruity 163634 (D) 750 mL \$22.95 ▮

Suggested cheese pairing: Brebisrousse d'Argental

Amarone

Hard cheeses (Grana Padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano) or blue cheeses (Gorgonzola, roquefort, Stilton).



MASI CAMPOLONGO DI TORBE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2012

DOCG, Veneto, Italy

TASTING NOTE: ... a massive mouthful of wine, structured but not hard, expansive, dark fruit-flavoured, without obvious raisined character. It's one seriously concentrated and complete wine, a decade at least away from pure enjoyment, but so majestically crafted and balanced with tremendous depth, one of the best vintages yet from this vineyard. Score: **97** (John Szabo, MS, *winealign.com*, Feb. 23, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth

548677 (D) 750 mL \$129.95 🗸

Suggested cheese pairing: Asiago Stravecchio

Port

Blue cheeses (Gorgonzola, roquefort, Stilton).



WARRE'S QUINTA DA CAVADINHA VINTAGE PORT 2006

Bottled 2008, DOP, Portugal

TASTING NOTE: "Cavadinha" translates as "well-tilled" and refers to a vineyard site in the Upper Douro near Pinhão. This impressive Vintage Port is solidly in its prime and gives luxurious notions of Christmas pudding, sweet spices, stewed currants and raisin pie. It's gorgeously silky, with good tannin support providing shape and poise while sweetly spicy fruit sails off into the sunset. It'll show its best through 2035, especially with Cabrales cheese and dried cherries. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2019)

Sweet 189605 (S) 750 mL \$54.95 <

Suggested cheese pairing: Cabrales



BUILDING BLOCKS

How to put together your own cheese board

Be it intimate dinner or festive feast, cheese boards are great before, during or after a meal. A cozy engagement for two is a great opportunity to select cheeses based on the wine style of the bottle you're serving. For bigger events, when multiple bottles and wine styles are involved, variety is key: a nice assortment of different cheese types and textures allows guests to explore pairings and find their favourites. Of course, the cheese needn't stand alone. Tasty additions like olives, nuts, dried fruit, jams, mustards, crackers and specialty breads can really spruce up a cheese board.

ACTS of

This new range of eco-friendly wines is positive for the planet and great in the glass.

Vintages is pleased to introduce **Steven Campbell Kind Wine**, the world's first international range of eco-conscious wines featuring carbon-zero-certified bottling and shipping. After four decades of sourcing fine wines from around the globe, sommelier and entrepreneur Steven Campbell partnered with select growers and vintners to create a new kind (pun intended) of wine that was easy on the palate *and* the planet.

Certified sustainable, the **New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc** is grown in Marlborough and produced by Steve Smith, MW, whom *Decanter* named one of the 50 people to watch in the 21st century. The **Spanish Tinto** is an organic-certified blend of Tempranillo and other Spanish varieties grown in Ribera del Duero courtesy of Telmo Rodríguez, who is famed for rediscovering and renewing ancient vineyards. And the **South African Syrah**, grown in Western Cape and certified sustainable, is the handiwork of trailblazing Aussie-trained winemaker Bruce Jack.

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CAMPBELL KIND WINE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand (Steve Smith)

Gooseberry, lime, crunchy green apple, honeydew melon and freshly cut grass. Brilliant for fried fish.

Aromatic & Flavourful 010556 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

New at Vintages Sustainable product

CAMPBELL KIND WINE TINTO 2018 DO Ribera del Duero, Spain (Telmo Rodríguez)

Thunders out of the glass with ripe blueberry, plum, cherry pie and vanilla bean. Ideal for marinated steaks.

Full-bodied & Firm 010705 (D) 750 mL \$19.95 🗸

New at Vintages & Organic product

CAMPBELL KIND WINE SYRAH 2018 WO Western Cape, South Africa (Bruce Jack)

Dark cherry, date, fig, tilled earth and a sprinkling of cracked pepper. Perfect with beef-and-eggplant lasagna.

Medium-bodied & Fruity 010522 (XD) 750 mL \$14.95 <

New at Vintages Sustainable product

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES AND TO ORDER ONLINE, SEE PAGES 50 TO 60.



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HEAVEN FREEZES OVER

Over the decades, Ontario Icewine has branched out to embrace a multitude of cool styles.

Ontario's original signature wine, Icewine remains popular at home and abroad. Since it first garnered international attention in the early 1990s, our Icewine has become increasingly diverse as producers master additional varieties and styles. Here, **four Iocal winemakers** dish about why Icewine is such a sweetheart.

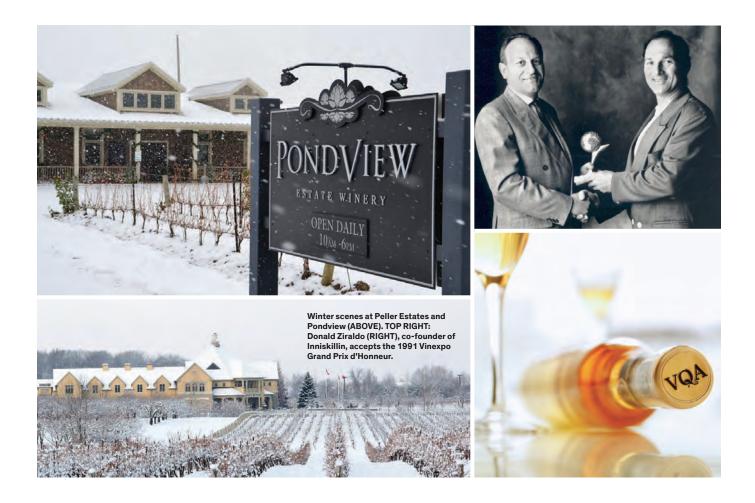


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VIDAL OA NIAGARA PENINSULA VOA 2018







It was Vidal that first put Ontario Icewine on the map. The famously resilient grape is a natural for Icewine and, asserts **Pondview** winemaker Fred Di Profio, it's still the gold standard. "Because Vidal is a hardy grape variety, its berries can withstand our cold winters," he says. "This makes it a perfect choice for Icewine. When we press the naturally frozen grapes in winter, that single drop of sweet nectar wrested from each grape is the pinnacle of our harvest season."

Inniskillin made the momentous Vidal Icewine that, in 1991, won the Grand Prix d'Honneur at Vinexpo in France, thereby Iaunching Canada's — and Ontario's wines onto the global stage. What better way to celebrate a classic style than by adding bubbles? "Sparkling Icewine is a particularly unique Canadian wine," says winemaker Bruce Nicholson, recipient of the 2019 Cuvée Winemaker of Excellence Award. "It has what I like to describe as the 'wow' factor. Sparkling Icewine can be a celebration wine or a casual indulgence with friends and family."

Ontario's winemakers have advanced lcewine beyond the monochromatic, too, with red versions more popular than ever. "What makes Cabernet Franc lcewine special," says **Peller Estates** winemaker Katie Dickieson, "is the red-wine character. The combination of soft tannins, the structure and the berry flavours in a sweet wine is unique. Niagara Cab Franc carries a healthy acidity that is able to balance with the sweetness from the juice frozen in the berry. And of course, what's not to love about a wine that pairs perfectly with chocolate?"

And it's not just Cab Franc going into red Icewine. "Cabernet Sauvignon really lends itself well for Icewine," says Tawse winemaker Paul Pender. "The nature of the thick skins and small, evenly spaced berries make it a good candidate to withstand the winter conditions Icewine requires, and the late ripening means it tends to keep bright acidity. You want a nice balance of acidity with the sugar in the Icewine. The thick skins, while they don't give a lot of tannin since the fruit is pressed while frozen, do provide lots of colour, giving the finished Icewine a really vibrant look in the glass. It's really a wine that delights the senses."

the **finer** – points



INNISKILLIN SPARKLING VIDAL ICEWINE 2018 Charmat method, VQA Niagara Peninsula

"Sparkling Icewine is best produced when the grapes are picked at approximately -9° to -10°C. This gives us the desired concentrated juice that results in a wine that has intense aromatics and abundance of ripe tropical fruit on the palate. The effervescence makes this Icewine particularly versatile, from serving on its own, to savoury dishes to enjoying with fresh Ontario fruit." – **Bruce Nicholson, winemaker**

Lusciously Sweet

560367 (S) 375 mL \$79.95 *Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.*

PELLER SIGNATURE SERIES CABERNET FRANC ICEWINE 2016 VOA Niagara Peninsula

"The fruit was harvested Dec. 15-19, 2016 at -10°C and the resulting juice was 39 brix. The juice was settled and then fermented in 90% stainless and 10% neutral French oak barriques. It was a hot, dry growing season in 2016, which brought great berry intensity on the nose as well as a distinct red-wine character in the finish." – Katie Dickieson, winemaker

Lusciously Sweet 012022 (S) 375 mL \$98.95 New at Vintages

TAWSE CABERNET SAUVIGNON ICEWINE 2017 VQA Niagara Peninsula

"The 2017 vintage was cool and the fruit ripened later in the season, which is great for Icewine. We picked in January and the grapes still had plenty of vibrancy. This is quite fruit-forward with plenty of blueberry compote, cassis and strawberry pie, and a great balance of sweetness and acidity." – **Paul Pender, winemaker**

92 points (Rick VanSickle)

Lusciously Sweet 359133 (S) 200 mL \$35.95 <

PONDVIEW GOLD SERIES VIDAL ICEWINE 2015 VQA Niagara Peninsula

"Despite coming from such chilly origins, our 2015 Vidal Icewine hits the nose with intense notes of citrus, pineapple, apricot and honey. This is a rich golden wine whose sweetness is well balanced with refreshing acidity." – Fred Di Profio, winemaker

90 points (Dave Isaacs)

Lusciously Sweet 390351 (S) 200 mL \$19.95 <

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VINTAGES WHAT'S ON

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

SPECIAL RELEASE

Three stars from Tenuta San Guido



CLOCKWISE: An original (hilltop) and current (lower altitude) winery building. Priscilla Incisa della Rochetta and her father.





SASSICAIA 2016 480533 (XD) 750 mL **\$229.95**

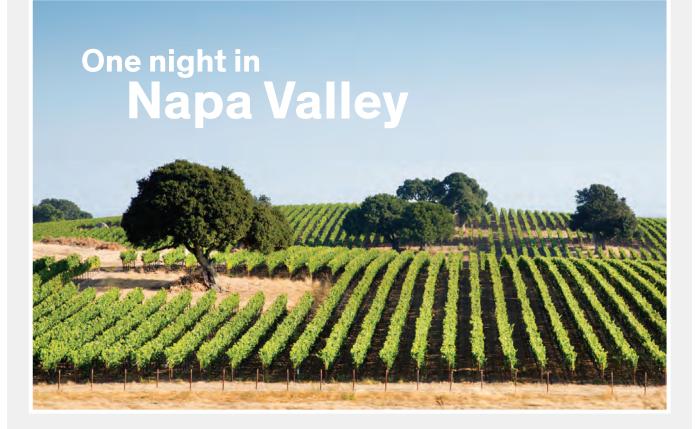
TENUTA SAN GUIDO GUIDALBERTO 2017 072439 (XD) 750 mL **\$62.95**

TENUTA SAN GUIDO LE DIFESE 2017 147876 (XD) 750 mL **\$35.95** We're excited about this release of these beloved wines from Tenuta San Guido, one of Tuscany's most celebrated estates. Renowned for their groundbreaking Sassicaia, the winery is also firmly rooted in the local community.

"We are deeply connected to the territory, its population, the local traditions, economy and activities," says Tenuta San Guido co-owner Priscilla Incisa della Rochetta. "This means both social responsibility as well as respect for the terroir and the environment." **Sassicaia** was first released in 1968. One of the cornerstones of the Supertuscan movement, it represented a radical departure from accepted local winemaking in that it was based on French varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Tenuta San Guido's Cab/Merlot **Guidalberto** and Cab/Sangiovese **Le Difese**, first produced in 2000 and 2002 respectively, further demonstrate this producer's determination to authentically express their terroir.



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TORONTO

WHEN: November 7, 2019 WHERE: Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park

PRICE: \$150/ticket

Coming soon: November Classics

AS TEMPERATURES FALL AND HOLIDAY PLANNING STARTS RAMPING UP, you might want to settle in by the fire with our newest Classics Collection to start jotting down ideas. Highlights include: • Over 30 highly rated French wines for connoisseurs and collectors.• From Italy: four polished Barolos, multiple sizes of the 2016 Sassicaia and 2016 Luce, and two wines from Quintarelli. • From Spain: high-scoring wines, including the 2015 Muga Aro and the 1964 Faustino I Gran Reserva. • From Australia: distinct takes on Shiraz from Clonakilla and Standish, and a classic Cabernet from Margaret River. • From Argentina: two 100% Malbecs and a stunning single-vineyard 2012 Bordeaux blend. • From Chile: the 100-point 2014 Clos Apalta and a powerhouse blend of old-vine Cabernet and Carmenère. • From California, Washington and Oregon: big names and bigger scores. • For fortified wine aficionados: the 2000 Graham's Vintage Port, the Taylor Fladgate 40-Year-Old Tawny, Toro Albala's 1990 Gran Reserva Don PX and the legendary Toneles Moscatel from Valdespino. **Ordering starts Nov. 7. Visit Icbo.com/vintages-classics.**



product notes

DRINKABILITY INDEX

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



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

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

HOLD: Ideal for further cellaring. This wine may well be enjoyed now by some, but we feel that it will develop favourably under ideal cellaring conditions.

PERCEIVED SUGAR CONTENT

Perceived dryness/sweetness by tasting evaluation. Vintages scale ranges from Extra Dry to Sweet: **XD**, **D**, **M**, **MS**, **S**. Please discuss specifics with our Product Consultants.

WINE STYLES

Every wine in this section includes a style, above the product number (e.g. Full-bodied & Smooth, Aromatic & Flavourful). These simplified flavour profiles are designed to help customers quickly and easily choose products. For detailed descriptions of each style, and more information, visit lcbo.com/winestyles.

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Wines designated as organic & contain 30 mg/L or less of free sulphur for dry wines (<50 g/L sugar); 35 mg/L or less for sweeter wines (50-99 g/L sugar); 45 mg/L or less for sweet wines (>99 g/L sugar).

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FORTIFIED WINE

PORT

DOW'S LBV PORT 2012 DOP

TASTING NOTE: Juicy and lively, with mouthfilling black currant, fig and boysenberry compote flavors that are well-integrated with licorice snap, Christmas pudding and graphite accents. The rock-solid finish has latent energy. Approachable, but you can give this some cellaring. Best from 2020 through 2027. Score: **93** (James Molesworth, *winespectator.com*, Feb. 28, 2019)





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WARRE'S QUINTA DA CAVADINHA VINTAGE PORT 2006 Bottled 2008, DOP

TASTING NOTE: "Cavadinha" translates as "welltilled" and refers to a vineyard site in the Upper Douro near Pinhão. This impressive Vintage Port is solidly in its prime and gives luxurious notions of Christmas pudding, sweet spices, stewed currants and raisin pie. It's gorgeously silky, with good tannin support providing shape and poise while sweetly spicy fruit sails off into the sunset. It'll show its best through 2035, especially with Cabrales cheese and dried cherries. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2019)

 Sweet

 750 mL
 (S)

 189605

 Featured in Match Game

SHERRY

EMILIO LUSTAU ALMACENISTA FINO DEL PUERTO OBREGÓN SHERRY DO

TASTING NOTE: 100% Palomino. Full and complex flor character, almonds, liquorice, white lilies, oyster shell salinity. Focused and precise, round and controlled with superb drive, finesse, and class. Archetypical top-class fino. Score: **96** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017)





GONZALEZ BYASS NECTAR PEDRO XIMÉNEZ DULCE SHERRY DO

TASTING NOTE: Toasted sesame, peanut, almond and hazeInut notes lead the way, followed by a fleshy core of prune and fig paste flavors. Shows a long echo of ganache on the finish. Frankly sweet but with enough tension for balance. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Molesworth, winespectator.com, Dec. 15, 2017)

\$24.95

Sweet 750 mL (S) 087577



VERMOUTH

CUATRO RAYAS 61 DORADO VERMOUTH DO Rueda, Spain



TASTING NOTE: Nice immediate intensity, with spice, cinnamon and apricot all clearly defined. Textured and pleasing with additional complexity coming from the herbs and subtle bitterness that emerges mid-palate. A lively, interesting variation on classic expectations. (Vintages panel, March 2019)





SPECIALTY WINES

FRUIT WINE

GEORGIAN HILLS BARTLETT FROZEN TO THE CORE 2015 * Blue Mountains, Ontario

An iced pear wine from Georgian Hills that brings suggestions of pear, mint and spice. Refreshing and balanced, it will be a delightful match for charcuterie and soft cheeses.

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MEAD

MONIACK MEAD United Kingdom (The Lyme Bay Winery)

TASTING NOTE: The history of mead, made by fermenting honey and water, goes back as far as 8,000 years. This particular brand is wildly popular and extremely sought after around the world ... predominant aromas of honey and beeswax with secondary notions of honeydew melon, clover and burnt sugar. It's full bodied, sweet in the mouth stops well short of being cloying - with flavours of caramel, honey, and apple. Enjoy by itself after dinner or with home-baked apple pie. Score: 90 (Dave Isaacs, winecurrent.com, Oct. 7, 2018)

\$18.95

Sweet 750 mL (S) 987263



ICEWINE

INNISKILLIN SPARKLING VIDAL ICEWINE 2018 ** Charmat method, VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

This sparkling version of an Ontario classic from a pioneering Canadian producer offers honey, apple, peach, pear, honeydew and lemon citrus notes. Gorgeous and luscious, with superb balance and freshness and lively bubbles. A real treat! Try it with spicy pork, chicken satay or blue cheese.

Lusciously Sweet 375 mL (S) \$79.95 560367 **Featured in Local Talent**

PELLER SIGNATURE SERIES CABERNET FRANC ICEWINE 2016 +



VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

The majority of this Cabernet Franc Icewine (80%) was aged in stainless steel and the remainder aged in older French oak. This approach provides the framework to allow the opulence of the strawberry and cherry notes to shine through while also presenting a succulent mouthfeel and depth. A wine for foie gras, dark chocolate cake or plum cobbler.



Lusciously Sweet 375 mL (S) \$98.95 🗸 012022

Featured in Local Talent





ICEWINE

PONDVIEW GOLD SERIES VIDAL ICEWINE 2015 *

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario TASTING NOTE: ... aromas of clover, apricot, and apple pie. It's full bodied and syrupy sweet with flavours of dried apricot and apple, trailing off to a fruit-forward finish. Pour a couple of glasses to sip then use this as an ingredient in the winery's own Vidal Icewine Apple Chutney recipe. Score: **90** (Dave Isaacs, *winecurrent.com*, May 6, 2019)

Lusciously Sweet 200 mL (S) \$19.95 390351



TAWSE CABERNET SAUVIGNON ICEWINE 2017 *

VOA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario TASTING NOTE: A knockout nose of brilliant raspberry, thick cherry and integrated herbs and bramble notes. It's unctuous on the palate but not cloying due to relatively high acidity. It shows a range of sweet red fruits that are rich and luxurious on the finish. Decadent red icewine for those special occasions. Score: **92** (Rick VanSickle, *winesinniagara.com*, Nov. 14, 2018)



CHAMPAGNE



BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE BRUT CHAMPAGNE* AC

TASTING NOTE: Bright, almost crunchy acidity and the finely detailed mousse carry an expressive mix of poached apricot and cherry fruit, toast point, orange peel and ground ginger flavors in this firm, focused Champagne, with a graphite-laced, minerally finish. Drink now through 2022. Score: **92** (Alison Napjus, *winespectator.com*, Nov. 15, 2018)





SPARKLING WINE

G. MARQUIS SILVER LINE BLANC DE NOIRS ICE ROSÉ SPARKLING *

Traditional method, Icewine dosage, VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario This traditional-method sparkler is 100% Pinot Noir and gets a dosage of Cabernet Franc Icewine for an extra unique dash of Canadian flair. It's fresh and floral, with suggestions of red cherry, strawberry, apricot and marmalade. A versatile wine suitable for formal or casual dining. Serve it with soft cheeses or seafood appetizers.



JANSZ PREMIUM SPARKLING ROSÉ Traditional method. Tasmania

TASTING NOTE: With 68% Pinot Noir and 6% Pinot Meunier in the blend, this pale salmon traditional method rosé has lingering, creamy strawberry and shortcake nuances to the palate; 26% Chardonnay gives line and length. Supremely drinkable. Drinking window: 2017-2019. Score: **92** (Sarah Ahmed, *decanter.com*, Oct. 24, 2017)

OYSTER BAY BRUT SPARKLING CUVÉE Charmat method, Hawke's Bay, North Island, New Zealand

TASTING NOTE: This Charmat method sparkling is made of 100% chardonnay kept in contact with the lees in a portion of the maturation process. It fills the air with aromas of fresh citrus, lactic notes, bread crumbs and mineral character. A nice froth expands on the palate expressing flavours of pink grapefruit, white peach, crispy crackers and a lingering minerality note turning saline in the medium-long finish. This is medium-bodied with great acidity, pleasant mouthfeel and weight and a no-brainer partner to sea salt chips. Score: **90** (Louise Boutin, *winecurrent.com*, June 22, 2019)



Light & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$22.95 163634 Featured in *Match Game*

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



LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE D'IVOIRE BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE

Traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France TASTING NOTE: Very much a baby Blanc de Blancs Champagne as a Brut Crémant and in a way reminds me of Feuillatte. Classically-styled Burgundy bubbles feign chardonnay B de B in which aridity and compression meet at the crossroads. There is an apple-terpene note to remind of origin but beyond the fruit there is citrus and dense alternating layers of texture and acidity. No wrongs involved in the comparisons or the enjoyment. Drink 2017-2019. Score: **88** (Michael Godel, *winealign.com*, Feb. 2, 2017)

CA' DEL BOSCO CUVÉE PRESTIGE BRUT FRANCIACORTA

Traditional method, DOCG, Lombardy, Italy TASTING NOTE: ... 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)

MASI MODELLO BRUT PROSECCO DOC, Veneto, Italy

Produced from Glera, this sparkler is bright and lithe with delightful white flower tones on the nose alongside peach, apple, pear and a brisk lemon citrus note. Crisp, with a fresh, uplifting finish. This superb value from a noted producer would make a great aperitif and would also shine alongside a seafood main course.

Light & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$18.95 624932



SEGURA VIUDAS HEREDAD RESERVA BRUT CAVA

Traditional method, DO, Spain

TASTING NOTE: This elegantly packaged Cava is back on the shelves and offers consistent mouth-filling appeal. Bready due to significant lees aging paired with a touch of welcome dosage giving the wine a just off-dry character. Nicely balanced and widely appealing with an overall refreshing character. A relatively fullbodied style with notes of fresh, authentic pear and yellow apple. What's not to love! Score: **90** (Sara d'Amato, *winealign.com*, Jan. 23, 2019)

CANADA – WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

CAVE SPRING ESTATE GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2017 * Cave Spring Vineyard,

VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: Cave Spring is one of the megastars of Ontario fine wine. This popular Gewürztraminer is sourced from stony soils with clay loam and rich limestone over shale and sandstone. It's consistently balanced and textured, delivering crisp apple, lychee, peach and ginger spice with that great Gewürztraminer rosewater note. Try it with lemongrass chicken. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$18.95

FLAT ROCK UNPLUGGED CHARDONNAY 2018 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: The price-quality balance skews wildly in your favour here. Fresh, lively aromas of lemongrass, green apple and floral notes leap from the glass. It captures the palate with a torrent of tang-laden flavour with racy lemon and grapefruit nicely balanced and juxtaposed with ripe orchard fruit – clementine and Mirabelle plum. This is medium weight, well textured and brimming with flavour, deft balance and charm. Pick up a few and pour on its own or alongside pan-seared trout or salmon, roast chicken or breaded pork cutlets. Value. Score: **91** (Vic Harradine, *winecurrent.com*, June 3, 2019)

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



Ca'del Bosco



CANADA - WHITE WINE CONT'D

ONTARIO

REDSTONE CHARDONNAY 2013 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

TASTING NOTE: A classically-styled, cool climate chardonnay with more than a touch of flinty-stonyreduction, crafted with care and to precise parameters. 2013 was by no means an easy Niagara vintage, but the net result of the stressful year was resilient grapes with a wide range of flavours from honey to white flowers to cool fruit of all stripes: citrus, apple, pear and the like. Complexity and poise are excellent here; no wonder this was awarded a WineAlign platinum medal in 2017. And at this price, it's a steal. Score: **92** (John Szabo, MS, *winealign.com*, Feb. 8, 2018)

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) **\$25.70**



TAWSE LIMESTONE RIDGE-NORTH ESTATE BOTTLED RIESLING 2016 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: This is killer Riesling. The nose lights up with salinity, lime, grapefruit and racy wet-stone minerality. It's steely and taut on the palate despite fairly hefty RS and shows vivid citrus, fresh-squeezed lime, lemon zest and it's all balanced on a razor's edge. Such incredible definition and freshness through the finish. Beautiful. Score: **93** (Rick VanSickle, *winesin niagara.com*, Dec. 26, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (M) **\$25.95**

& Organic & biodynamic product



THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER'S BLEND CHARDONNAY 2017 * VQA Niagara Peninsula

TASTING NOTE: Good clean fun here in this simple, minimally oak-influenced chardonnay, fleshy but firm and sharp, nicely sapid-saline with sufficient grip and more than respectable length at the price. Drinking well now, but another 1-3 years in the cellar will do no harm. Fine value. Tasted August 2019. Score: **89** (John Szabo, MS, *winealign.com*, Sept. 16, 2019)





PINOT GRIS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MISSION HILL RESERVE PINOT GRIS 2018 * BC VQA Okanagan Valley

TASTING NOTE: Perfumed with scents of white peach, pear, lemon and honeycomb. On the palate fresh peach and pear prevail with a lemon-drop candy note mid-palate. There's a clean, precise minerality on the finish, which paired nicely with raw oysters. Score: **90** (Michael Lowe, *winesinniagara.com*, July 15, 2019)

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

CANADA - RED WINE

ONTARIO

HENRY OF PELHAM FAMILY TREE RED 2016 * VQA Ontario

TASTING NOTE: This eclectic red blend – 32% syrah/30% merlot/18% cabernet sauvignon, 15% cabernet franc, 5% baco noir – gives up aromas of charred toast and smoke, mixed spice and flecks of dark cherry/berry fruit. It glides over the palate with great aplomb showcasing delicious palate flavours of black briary berry and blueberry intertwined with excellent tang and a lip-smacking aftertaste. This sips nicely on its own and pours exceptionally well with grilled red meat. Score: **90** (Vic Harradine, *winecurrent.com*, May 20, 2019)

HENRY OF PELHAM SPECK FAMILY RESERVE CABERNET/MERLOT 2015 *

VQA Short Hills Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: This terrific Niagara Cabernet Merlot blend is nearly a 50-50 split between the two grapes, all of which were hand-picked grapes from the most mature Speck Family Estate vineyards. Low-yield vines concentrate the wine flavours. The wine was then aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. Aromas of cassis and blackcurrant. Needs cellar time and 1-2 hours decanting. Pair with rare steak. Drink: [Now]-2025. Score: **93** (Natalie MacLean, *nataliemaclean.com*, July 4, 2019)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 750 mL (XD)

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WESTCOTT ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2015 * VQA Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula TASTING NOTE: A lovely Niagara Pinot Noir with spicy berry notes. The wine underwent a 30% wild ferment yeast with whole cluster grapes then malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. Pair with veal. Score: 91 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, April 12, 2018)

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





LAKE SONOMA CHARDONNAY 2017 Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

TASTING NOTE: This classically big, bold Russian River Valley Chardonnay was aged on the lees for 18 months and matured in French oak for extra structure, depth and complexity. The wine makes a powerful statement, with ripe mango, tart lemon, toasty oak and rich vanilla interweaving on the palate. Perfect for pork roast or lobster. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

Full-bodied & Rich \$26.95 750 mL (XD) 541557



CALIFORNIA

USA – WHITE WINE

CROSSBARN CHARDONNAY 2017 Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (Paul Hobbs)

TASTING NOTE: The 2017 Chardonnay opens with exuberant green guava, warm peaches and pineapple notions with touches of almond croissant and acacia honey. Medium to full-bodied, the concentrated palate is packed with tropical and stone fruit flavors with a pleasant oiliness to the texture and a long savory finish. Drink date: 2018-2022. Score: 91 (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, robertparker.com, June 29, 2018)

\$34.95 🗸

Full-bodied & Rich 750 mL (XD) 235945



FROG'S LEAP CHARDONNAY 2017 Napa Valley

The organically farmed Frog's Leap Chardonnay has spawned many puns around here over the years (see what we did there?), a tendency spurred on by the fact that this impressive wine is so much fun. It's always bright and juicy, with great depth of peach and pear and a rich buttercream complexity. In keeping with its amphibious pedigree, it will happily pair with land- or water-born fare; try it with roast chicken, or lobster tail with butter and lemon.

Full-bodied & Rich \$44.95 🧹 750 mL (XD) 713552



ST. FRANCIS CHARDONNAY 2017 Sonoma County

This stylish Chardonnay will deliver high-toned melon, citrus and vanilla aromas and a round, creamy texture and pair with pan-fried scallops, grilled salmon, pork tenderloin or bouillabaisse.

[The USA Wine Ratings Competition did not include a tasting note. This wine also won in the Best of the Varietal section.] Score: 92 (USA Wine Ratings Competition, 2019)



\$22.95

USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BÖEN PINOT NOIR 2017 Monterey County/Santa Barbara County/Sonoma County (Joseph Wagner, Copper Cane)



TASTING NOTE: Rich, ripe fruit and spice. Soft and round with a silky mouthfeel and a vein of zesty acidity on the close. A wine with wide appeal. Pair with beet-and-goat-cheese salad or rabbit stew. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) 010471







USA – RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

CROSSBARN PINOT NOIR 2016 Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (Paul Hobbs)

TASTING NOTE: The 2016 Pinot Noir is a gorgeous wine. Intensely floral, spiced aromatics and burst of red/purplish berry accents run through this superexpressive, nuanced Pinot Noir. Medium in body, fragrant and absolutely impeccable in its balance, the 2016 has so much to give. Drink 2019-2028. Score: 92 (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, May 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$49.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 522938



EASTON ZINFANDEL 2015

Amador County, Sierra Foothills TASTING NOTE: Epitomizes fine Sierra Foothills Zinfandel, offering vibrant, briary raspberry, smoked pepper and wild sweet anise flavors that stretch out on the zesty finish. Drink now through 2023. Smart Buys. Ranks #45 in Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2018. Score: 92 (Tim Fish, wine spectator.com, Nov. 15, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (D) 328377



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J. LOHR SEVEN OAKS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016** Paso Robles

This will have complex black cherry, smoke and caramel notes with chalky tannins and a compact and tight mouthfeel brightened by fresh acidity that drives into the finish.

[The California State Fair did not include a tasting note.] Score: 95 (California State Fair, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth			
1500 mL (XI	D) \$47.95		
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ST. FRANCIS **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016** Sonoma County

TASTING NOTE: A combination of estate fruit and also that which is collected from growers scattered around the AVAs bring together mountain, mid-slope and valley fruit for the broadest of high level varietal expressions. There are layers upon layers of dark fruit, acidities and fine-grained tannins all absorbed into the fabric and silky patterned texture of this wine. Fruit sweetness, pectin acidity woven through texture and quality of tannin. It's all good. Drink 2019-2023. Tasted May 2019. Score: 90 (Michael Godel, winealign.com, June 4, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$34.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 671164 Featured in Match Game



GIRARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Napa Vallev

TASTING NOTE: There's attractive, smoothly succulent depth here with ripe dark-plum aromas and flavors, nicely complemented by earthy notes and some dark chocolate on the palate. Drink or hold. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 19, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm \$44.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 231712



STAGS' LEAP WINERY PETITE SIRAH 2016 Napa Vallev

TASTING NOTE: Love the aromas of clay, terracotta, blackberries and black licorice. Full-bodied yet compact and linear. Very fine tannins. Fantastic, cool and tight finish. Drink or hold. Score: 94 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, May 3, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm \$58.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 590356







OREGON

ELOUAN PINOT NOIR 2016 Oregon

(Copper Cane) TASTING NOTE: Well-knit and approachable, with delicate raspberry and spice flavors. Drink now through 2022. Score: **88** (Tim Fish, *winespectator. com*, June 30, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) **\$29.95**



RIGLOS GRAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015 Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza



TASTING NOTE: Block 5, which produces this impressive Cabernet Sauvignon, is the stoniest site on the Riglos estate, producing wines that are dense, chewy and compact. Savoury and a little wild, with damson and blackcurrant fruit, aromatic oak and the concentration to age. Drink date: 2021-2028. Score: **93** (Tim Atkin, MW, *timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2018*)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 750 mL (XD)
 \$28.95

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ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

ZUCCARDI Q CHARDONNAY 2017 Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: This is a very dense chardonnay in the center palate with a brightness and minerality and dried apple and pear character. Hints of pie crust. Full body, focused with drive at the end. Drink now or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *james suckling.com*, April 5, 2018)





SUSANA BALBO SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017 Uco Valley, Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: Pretty cabernet with blackcurrant and green-tea aromas and flavors. Medium body. Hazelnut, dried-flower and cedar undertones. Fine finish. Racy. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, March 27, 2019)

 Medium-bodied & Fruity

 750 mL
 (XD)
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ARGENTINA – RED WINE

LA MASCOTA CABERNET FRANC 2016 Mendoza



TASTING NOTE: A fine and silky wine with blackberry and chocolate character. Medium body, firm and refined texture. Long and pretty finish. Well done for the vintage. Drink now. Score: **92** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, June 21, 2017)



TINTO NEGRO FINCA LA ESCUELA LA PIEDRA MALBEC 2016 Mendoza



TASTING NOTE: This wonderful Malbec comes from a stony, limestone-influenced block and was fermented with 50% whole bunches in 2016 because of its riper stems. Grippy, saline and refreshing, with some white pepper spice, succulent berry fruit and a lovely bite of acidity. Drink date: 2020-28. Score: **95** (Tim Atkin, MW, *timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2018*)



ARGENTINA - RED WINE CONT'D

VIÑA COBOS FELINO MALBEC 2017 Mendoza

(Paul Hobbs)

TASTING NOTE: A vivid and linear wine with blackberry and blueberry character. Granite. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, April 5, 2018)

 Full-bodied & Smooth

 750 mL
 (XD)

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VINYES OCULTS MALBEC 2016 Uco Valley, Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: Lots of blueberry and fresh violet aromas follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Shows focus and tension. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, April 5, 2018)

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



CHILE - WHITE WINE

NOVAS GRAN RESERVA PINOT GRIS 2018 Bío Bío Valley (Emiliana)



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TASTING NOTE: This has a gorgeous elegance to it, with ripe pear, green cantaloupe and citrus spice. Aromatic and lovely with a crisp, refreshing acidity. And it's organic to boot! A wine that hits all the marks. Pair with oven-roasted chicken or grilled fish. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)





CHILE - RED WINE

CONCHA Y TORO TERRUNYO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Las Terrazas Block, Pirque Vineyard, DO Pirque, Maipo Valley

TASTING NOTE: ... from vines that range from 10 to 30 years old in a Concha y Toro vineyard that has remained somewhat in the shadow of Tocornal, which produces Don Melchor and Almaviva, two of Chile's great cabernets. But keep an eye on Terrunyo and the way it expresses the character of the cabernets from Pirque. Here it's the ripe red fruit that matters – it stands out above all else, and the texture of the tannins is smooth, with delicious delicacy. The wine is exuberant, but subtle at the same time. It's an odd blend, but here, it works. Score: **95** (guiades corchados.cl, 2019)

PRIMUS THE BLEND 2015 DO Colchagua Valley

TASTING NOTE: This superb Bordeaux blend is a cuvée of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Merlot with a little Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot for company. Elegant, seamless and smooth, with textured tannins, aromatic oak and layers of grassy, dark berry fruit. Drink date: 2018-2027. Score: **94** (Tim Atkin, MW, *timatkin.com, Chile Special Report 2018*)

VIÑA ERRAZURIZ SYRAH 2017 Aconcagua Costa

TASTING NOTE: Dense and rich for the region with brambleberry and spice undertones on the nose and palate. Medium to full body and a firm, creamy texture. Flavorful finish. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, April 5, 2019)

 Medium-bodied & Fruity

 750 mL
 (XD)
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AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

CHAIN OF PONDS THE LEDGE SHIRAZ 2016

Single vineyard, Adelaide Hills, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Destemmed and crushed, 2 days cold soak, open-fermented, pumped over twice daily, 10 days on skins, matured in French hogsheads for 18 months. Retains its cool-grown ancestry, the magic lying in the rich flavours of red and black cherry/berry fruits peppered by spice simultaneously filling the mouth with ripe tannins yet retaining line, length and a quicksilver balance. Great value. Drink by: 2036. Score: **95** (James Halliday, *winecom panion.com.au*, Aug. 1, 2018)

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

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PEPPER TREE

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PEPPER TREE MERLOT 2016

Estate grown, Wrattonbully, South Australia TASTING NOTE: A come-hither merlot, so approachable and well balanced it's impossible to criticise it. The flavours are of redcurrant, red cherry, raspberry and cassis couched in integrated but palpable oak, the tannins supersoft. What a bargain. Drink by: 2022. Special Value. Score: **93** (James Halliday, *winecompanion.com.au*, Aug. 1, 2019)



PETER LEHMANN THE BAROSSAN SHIRAZ 2017

Barossa Valley, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Hand-picked across the more propitiously situated blocks; machine picked across others. Full-bodied and glossy, as could be expected, with a bright vermilion hue. Dark cherry, olive, smoked meat, camphor and a brush of aniseed coat the cheeks. A clench of reductive tension and nicely embedded oak tighten things up across a generous chocolatey finish licked with a peppery spice. The structural attributes here are winning. Drink by: 2023. Special Value. Score: **92** (Ned Goodwin, *winecompanion. com.au*, Aug. 1, 2019)



ROBERT OATLEY SIGNATURE SERIES SHIRAZ 2017

McLaren Vale, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: From Blewitt Springs, Willunga and McLaren Flat, matured in French oak for 12-14 months. The colour is excellent, and the power of the wine will allow the lengthy maturation it needs for the tannins to soften and the bouquet to settle down. Drink by: 2030. Cellaring Selection. Score: **90** (James Halliday, *winecompanion.com.au*, Aug. 1, 2019)



SIDEWOOD MAPPINGA SHIRAZ 2015 Adelaide Hills, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Lovely savoury aromas of spiced leather lead into a developing fruit palate of dark berries and sappy, whole-bunch fruit tannins. Refreshing acidity makes it very quaffable. A topdrawer Shiraz that will mature well. Drinking window 2018-2025. Score: **98** (Tina Gellie, *decanter.com*, July 2018)



SISTER'S RUN OLD TESTAMENT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017 Coonawarra, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Good colour; offers a savoury/ spicy/leafy trifecta of flavours, cedary tannins to the fore. All up elegance and finesse. Drink by: 2032. Special Value. Score: **93** (James Halliday, *wine companion.com.au*, Aug. 1, 2019)



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

TURKEY FLAT BUTCHERS BLOCK SHIRAZ/ GRENACHE/MOURVÈDRE 2016 Barossa Valley, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: A shiraz/grenache/mourvedre blend, part sourced from some of the oldest (1865) vines on the Turkey Flat vineyard. Excellent colour; a warm and spicy bouquet introduces a mediumbodied palate with red and black berries, plus good mouthfeel and length. Oak plays little or no part in framing the palate, fine tannins doing the trick. Drink by: 2030. Special Value. Score: **94** (James Halliday, *winecompanion.com.au*, Oct. 1, 2017)

Full-bodi	odied & Smooth		
750 mL	(XD)	\$19.95	
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TWO HANDS SEXY BEAST CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

McLaren Vale, South Australia TASTING NOTE: This has a very plush, ripe and essence-like blackcurrant core with blueberries and a sleek, plush tannin build on the palate. Chocolate and earthy nuances. Drink or hold. Score: **92** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, June 26, 2019)

Full-bodi	ed & Firm	
750 mL	(XD) \$26.95	
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NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

CAMPBELL KIND WINE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 Marlborough, South Island (Steve Smith)



TASTING NOTE: Super-attractive, sophisticated Savvy bursting with gooseberry, lime, crunchy green apple, honeydew melon and freshly cut grass. It's a real lip-smacker on the palate, with piercing, zippy acidity. Brilliant for fried fish, it'll also go nicely alongside green salads with sheep's milk cheese. Carbon-zero certified. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 010556 Featured in Acts of Kindness Sustainable product



RUSSIAN JACK SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 Marlborough, South Island



TASTING NOTE: Very appealing sauvignon blanc with grapefruit, passionfruit, melon, tree fruit and nectarine flavours. A deliciously accessible wine with a hint of fruit sweetness and an ethereal texture. Good value at this price. Drink date: 2018-2022. Score: **95** (Bob Campbell, MW, *therealreview.com*, Oct. 19, 2018)

Aromatic	& Flavourful	
750 mL	(XD) \$19.95	
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STAETE LANDT JOSEPHINE CHARDONNAY 2016

Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: A gorgeous chardonnay exhibiting opulence and generosity; the wonderfully expressed bouquet shows grilled peach, nougat, vanilla, hazelnut and spice characters, leading to a powerful palate that is delectably mouthfilling. The wine offers excellent fruit weight and creamy texture, finishing superbly long and engaging. At its best: now to 2021. Score: **94** (Sam Kim, *wineorbit.co.nz*, April 2018)

Full-bodi	Full-bodied & Rich			
750 mL	(XD)	\$27.95		
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VILLA MARIA CELLAR SELECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: This is super pungent, all-gunsblazing sauvignon with reductive notes matched to intense passion fruit and other tropical fruit. The palate has a neat core of sweet-fruit flavor, nicely played against handy acidity. Well pitched. Drink now. Score: **91** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Oct. 8, 2018)

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

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NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

ASTROLABE PROVINCE MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR 2015 Marlborough, South Island

TASTING NOTE: Impressive for the linear, focused beam of cherry, cranberry and Earl Grey tea notes, with white pepper and dried rose petal accents. The sleek body and spicy, lingering finish make this memorable. Drink now through 2028. Score: **92** (MaryAnn Worobiec, *winespectator.com*, June 30, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) **\$29.95** 538918 Sustainable product



SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

CATHEDRAL CELLAR CHARDONNAY 2016 WO Western Cape (KWV)

TASTING NOTE: 100% Chardonnay. Rich opulent nose of sweet lemons, butterscotch and vanilla wood spice. Palate is vibrant and fresh, great energy and a long, plummy finish. Score: **94** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE



CAMPBELL KIND WINE SYRAH 2018 WO Western Cape (Bruce Jack) NEW

TASTING NOTE: An absolutely stunning value, this delivers complex suggestions of dark cherry, date, fig, tilled earth and a sprinkling of cracked pepper. Fine tannins, spicy fruit, a touch of prickly heat and a chewy finish. Nice elegance and restraint, especially given the boldness of the flavours. At its peak now through 2024, this will go well with beef-and-eggplant lasagna or freshly made cheeseburgers. Carbonzero certified. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$14.95 010522 Featured in Acts of Kindness Sustainable product

FRANCE - WHITE WINE

ALSACE

WILLM RÉSERVE PINOT BLANC 2017 AC Alsace



TASTING NOTE: Hints of lemon and green pear on the nose become fully fleshed and expressive on the dry, fresh palate. Bright lemon provides freshness and grip throughout. It's a refreshing wine with a lively, brisk finish. Best Buy. Score: **90** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 1, 2019)

Light & Crisp 750 mL (D) \$17.95



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POUILLY-FUISSE

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WILLY GISSELBRECHT TRADITION PINOT GRIS 2017 AC Alsace

This wine is crafted to ride the rail between being dry and offering a subtle medium-sweetness. It will be refined and balanced, with bright, lifted fruit and floral tones and a citrus-informed finish. It will reward another 8-10 years in your cellar but will be great tonight with smoked fish, Muenster cheese or honey-lemon marinated chicken breast.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$19.95 641597 Featured in Class of the Titans



LOUIS JADOT POUILLY-FUISSÉ 2017 AC

TASTING NOTE: This is supple and infused with peach, apple, vanilla and wet stone flavors. Beautifully balanced, offering powerful apple notes on the extended finish. Drink now through 2023. Score: **90** (Bruce Sanderson, *winespectator.com*, June 30, 2019)





FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

BURGUNDY

ROPITEAU CHABLIS 2017 AC



TASTING NOTE: Though Chablis is mostly an unoaked expression of Chardonnay, some more premium examples can receive some oak treatment. A small portion of this wine was aged in oak. This 2017 delivers crisp, lively green apple and lemon, with a refined mineral undertone. A fine option for seafood ceviche. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD)

750 mL (XD) **\$25.95**



LOIRE

DOMAINE LA BAZILLÈRE MUSCADET SÈVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE 2018* AC



NEW

TASTING NOTE: Bright and shimmering yellow with green and silver reflections. Seductive note of white flowers (hawthorn) meshed with citrus aromas (grapefruit, lemon) alongside delicate vanilla tones. Fresh and fleshy on the entry, this wine offers a hefty palate balanced by a crisp acidity, good volume and fruity notes (citron) that linger through the slightly mineral, racy and persistent finish. A very beautiful Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur Lie. Score: **Silver** (Concours des Vins du Val de Loire, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful			
750 mL	(XD)	\$13.95	
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HENRI BOURGEOIS LA CHAPELLE DES AUGUSTINS SANCERRE 2016 AC

TASTING NOTE: Pretty, with a pure, chiseled core of white peach, gooseberry and flint notes infused with twinges of chamomile and lemon pith. Offers a bracing, lengthy finish. Drink now through 2022. Score: **93** (James Molesworth, *winespectator.com*, Oct. 15, 2018)





(Joël Delaunay)

TASTING NOTE: Love this Old World Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. This is a medium-bodied, bone-dry SB with bright citrus, gooseberry, chalky, mineral flavours that Touraine is known to give to its white wines with no lack of expression on this vibrant white. Delicious. Chill and enjoy on its own or pair with pan-fried trout. Drink: 2019-2021. Score: **90** (Natalie MacLean, *nataliemaclean.com*, Aug. 2, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (D) \$16.95 391847 Featured in Class of the Titans



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FRANCE – RED WINE

BORDEAUX

BEL ORMEAU LES CLOS 2015 AP Côtes de Bordeaux – Blaye

TASTING NOTE: Strong wood-aging flavors dominate this young wine. These are backed by rich black fruits and fine, stylish tannins. With its acidity, structure and firm backdrop, the wine will age well. This is one of three cuvées from Bel Ormeau. Drink from 2022. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, May 1, 2018)

Medium-	bodiec	& Fruity	
750 mL	(XD)	\$16.95	
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CHÂTEAU DE SAINT-PEY 2016 AC Saint-Émilion Grand Cru



TASTING NOTE: Wild red-fruit aromas with a wealth of red flowers, too. This has a quite plush, raspberry and red-plum palate and firm, long and nobly ripe tannins. Good potential. Try from 2022. Score: **92** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Feb. 3, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth750 mL(XD)\$34.95





CHÂTEAU DUBRAUD 2015 AP Côtes de Bordeaux - Blaye

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TASTING NOTE: There's a great balance of tannin and fruit in this wine. It has concentration and a bold structure that contrast with the black currant fruit and final acidity. It will develop slowly and well. Drink from 2021. Best Buy. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD)





BEAUJOLAIS

VAUCHER PÈRE & FILS FLEURIE 2016 AC

TASTING NOTE: This is a lovely example of Fleurie, with quality components and balance throughout. Look for attractive flavours that are layered and nuanced, backed by clean acidity that adds some juiciness to the texture. It's drinking beautifully now and will hold its appealing freshness to the early 2020s. Score: ★★★★★ (Rod Phillips, *rodphillips* onwine.com, Aug. 2018)





CHATEAU LA GARDE

CHÂTEAU LA GARDE 2010 AC Pessac-Léognan (Vignobles Dourthe)

TASTING NOTE: Licorice and dried orange peel in the nose. Red tangy fruit and some leather. Nice sweet fruit and velvety texture on the palate with beautifully managed soft fine tannins. Very enjoyable and harmonious wine already now. Made from biodynamic grapes. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Feb. 16, 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$70.95 750 mL (XD) 191163 Featured in Class of the Titans



BURGUNDY

MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE VIEILLES **VIGNES VOLNAY 2014** AC

TASTING NOTE: A bright, sleek style, displaying violet, cherry and black currant aromas and flavors. Well-structured and balanced, this lingers with smoke and mineral accents. Terrific length. Best from 2019 through 2032. Score: 93 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, April 30, 2017)



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ 2014 AC Côtes de Bordeaux

TASTING NOTE: Dense young tannins and 18 months in oak dominate the wine, promising a rich future. The fruit weight is all there, ripe blackberry flavors that will come through over the next months. Marie-Dominique and Jean Watrin have been the owners since 1994. Drink this concentrated wine from 2019. Editors' Choice. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$24.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 416735 Featured in Class of the Titans



Medium-bodied & Fruity \$62.95 🧹 750 mL (XD) 299875

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MIDI

DOMAINE DE BILA-HAUT L'ESQUERDA 2017

AC Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Lesquerde (M. Chapoutier)

TASTING NOTE: The full-bodied 2017 Cotes du Roussillon Villages Lesquerde l'Esquerda is wonderfully lush, welcoming and supple. Loaded with black cherries and crushed stone, this seductive number adds a dusting of cocoa powder on the long, slightly warm finish. Drink date: 2018-2024. Score: 91-93 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, April 27, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$27.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 381020



FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

MIDI

LES DARONS 2017 **AP** Languedoc

TASTING NOTE: Ripe mulberries and black cherries abound in the 2017 Les Darons. It's medium to fullbodied, with touches of leather and smoke evident as well (despite being entirely unoaked), giving it an attractive savory complexity that's rare at this price point. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: 90 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, May 31, 2019)





PIERRE AMADIEU ROMANE-MACHOTTE **GIGONDAS 2016** AC

TASTING NOTE: There's a deeply satisfying interplay of texture in this robust yet elegant wine. Its black plum and berry flavors are concentrated and plump but anchored by brisk acidity and firm, fine-grained tannins. It's rolling and rich yet full of tension and vibe. Drinks well already but could gain complexity through 2026 and hold a few years further. Editors' Choice. Score: 94 (Anna Lee lijima, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 31, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$28.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 017400 Biodynamic product



RHÔNE

LA COURONNE DU PRINCE 2016* NEW AC Côtes du Rhône (Cellier des Princes)

TASTING NOTE: This has a moody feel. Darker spices and dark fruit on the nose. Deeply layered with ripe tannins. Long and fleshy. Drink or hold. Score: 90 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 29, 2018)

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Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 🗸 010340



LES CASSAGNES DE LA NERTHE CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES 2016 AP

TASTING NOTE: 60% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre. Sweet, ripe dark fruit with a lovely underlying freshness. Lovely, vibrant blackberry jam juiciness on the palate and grippy tannins. Crunchy finish with great length. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$24.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 494674 Ørganic product



XAVIER VIGNON CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2017 AP

TASTING NOTE: Medium to full-bodied, with excellent ripeness and concentration, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone boasts assertive blueberry and blackberry fruit. Somewhere between velvety and silky, it's a charming mouthful of Southern Rhône red. Drink date: 2019-2024. Score: 89-91 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$16.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 297317 Featured in Class of the Titans & Organic product

XAVIER VIGNON CUVÉE ANONYME CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2015 AP

TASTING NOTE: ... Tellingly, the blend entirely omits Syrah, containing 60% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 8% Councise, 4% Vaccarèse and 3% Muscardin. Floral notes and ripe cherries appear along [with] licorice and vanilla (one-fourth of the wine was matured in new barriques), yet this is no drink-now version of CdP. This full-bodied wine boasts broad shoulders, a plush, creamy center and a muscular finish loaded with ripe tannins and spice. Give it a few years to mellow, and drink it over the next 15. Drink date: 2020-2035. Score: 94 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2017)



Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) \$59.95 393421 Featured in Class of the Titans



ROUSSILLON

DOMAINE LAFAGE CUVÉE NICOLAS VIEILLES VIGNES GRENACHE NOIR 2017 IGP Côtes Catalanes

TASTING NOTE: It was exciting to see that the 2017 Nicolas, all old-vine Grenache from three terroirs, was showing more red fruit and freshness than the 2016. It's still rich, deep and velvety in texture, but it's livelier and should be a similarly rocking value once it's released. Drink date: 2018-2023. Score: **91-93** (Joe Czerwinski, *robertparker.com*, April 27, 2018)

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



SOUTHWEST

CHÂTEAU LAMARTINE PRESTIGE DU MALBEC 2015 AP Cahors



TASTING NOTE: This is a rich, balanced wine, powerful with tannins while also having style and a crisp, fruity backdrop. It has the potential to be a ripe, smooth wine with good acidity, layers of black fruits and a generous structure. Drink from 2022. Score: **90** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, June 1, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$17.95 -010315



FRANCE - ROSÉ WINE

PROVENCE

HECHT & BANNIER CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2018 AC

TASTING NOTE: A delicate nose with a floral hint of herbs – juniper and rosemary. A duality of a wine showing sweetness yet acidic freshness, a touch of coffee, but also saltiness on its linear and appealing finish. Drinking window: 2019-2020. Score: **90** (*decanter.com*, May 13, 2019)

Easygoing & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$25.95 410035 Featured in Match Game



MOSEL

LOOSEN BROS. DR. L RIESLING 2017 Qualitätswein

TASTING NOTE: Really juicy with a ton of apple and pear character. A very crisp finish. Yes, there is also some sweetness in there, but the balance is spot-on. An ideal wine for spicy seafood dishes. Drink now or in 2019. Score: **90** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling. com*, June 25, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (MS) **\$14.95**

GREECE – RED WINE

BOUTARI GRANDE RESERVE XINOMAVRO 2013 PDO Naoussa

This is always a complex and intense Xinomavro. It sees two years in French oak and will be a textured and chewy wine with excellent ripe dark fruit, earth, spice, smoke and briary tones. A refined wine that can reward 15+ years in your cellar.

[The Thessaloniki International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: **Gold** (Thessaloniki International Wine Competition, 2017)

ITALY – WHITE WINE

ALTO ADIGE-TRENTINO

KELLEREI BOZEN BOLZANO CHARDONNAY 2018

DOC Südtirol-Alto Adige (Cantina Bolzano)

CHARDONNAY

2018

Expect a soft, creamy wine, with lifted apple, peach and tropical fruit tones riding on a fresh seam of bright acidity. It will delight as a sipper but will also pair well with crab or salmon appetizers or a wide variety of lighter picnic-like fare.

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) \$18.95 570457 Featured in Class of the Titans



ITALY – WHITE WINE CONT'D

COLLI DI LUNI

LUNAE COLLI DI LUNI VERMENTINO 2018 DOC

TASTING NOTE: This wine is sourced from vines averaging 35 years of age, and it shows in the sophisticated elegance in the glass. Lifted, aromatic and herbal on the nose, with rosemary and basil showing most clearly. Fresh and herbaceous on the palate, with peach and citrus tones and a fine foodfriendly acidity. This will be a great choice for basiland-rosemary grilled halibut or any other kind of seafood. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

Light & Crisp \$24.95 750 mL (D) 317065 Featured in Class of the Titans

UMBRIA

CASTELLO DELLA SALA CERVARO DELLA SALA 2017 IGT Umbria

(Marchesi Antinori)

This wine is made by the iconic Marchesi Antinori and was first produced in 1985. It blends Chardonnay with the indigenous Grechetto grape and was one of the first Italian white wines to have malolactic fermentation and maturation take place in oak barriques. Look for an elegantly robust wine showing crunchy orchard fruit.

Full-bodied & Rich

\$74.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 512376



SÜDTIROL-ALTO ADIGE

NALS MARGREID PINOT GRIGIO 2017 DOC Südtirol-Alto Adige

TASTING NOTE: This has enticing aromas of fragrant spring blossom and ripe white stone fruit. It's creamy and enveloping, doling out mature yellow pear, Rennet apple and lemon drop before a white-almond finish. Score: 90 (Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 1, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 290924 Featured in Class of the Titans

VENETO

ZENATO SAN BENEDETTO LUGANA 2018 DOC

TASTING NOTE: This is a really lovely, refined yet generous white with lifted sub-tropical passion fruit/ ground cherry, lemon blossom fruit on the nose and palate. It is slender, fine and nicely intense, with very good acidity and some warmth. Just [a] hint of rounding sweetness to offset the tart appeal. The focus, purity and length are excellent. Score: 91 (David Lawrason, winealign.com, May 29, 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$19.95 750 mL (D) 707158

ITALY – RED WINE

PIEDMONT

BENI DI BATASIOLO RISERVA BAROLO 2010 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of licorice, roasted coffee bean and grilled herb carry over to the vibrant palate along with tart red cherry, strawberry and mineral. It's still young and tightly wound, with bracing tannins that lead to a firm finish. Drink 2020-2030. Score: 90 (Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Sept. 1, 2016)

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

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Featured in Arrive in Style and in Class of the Titans

PUGLIA

VELARINO SUSUMANIELLO SALENTO 2017 IGT



TASTING NOTE: Matured in stainless steel, this wine is handsomely presented and beautifully approachable with a ripe cherry core and a sprinkling of spice. Pizza would pair nicely. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 93 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, May 21, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$16.95



BAROLO

RISERVA

BATASIOLO









PARADISO DARIONE PODERE BELMANTELLO PRIMITIVO 2017 IGP Puglia



This Primitivo is sourced from clay and limestone soils and fermented and aged in stainless steel. It offers impressive, layered ripe red berry and spice. Powerful, structured and long. A good option for lamb.

[Luca Maroni did not include a tasting note.] Score: **94** (Luca Maroni, *lucamaroni.com*, July 25, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (D) **\$17.95**

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TUSCANY

ANTINORI BADIA A PASSIGNANO GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: ... a pure expression of Sangiovese. Fruit is sourced from the San Donato area of the appellation that is not an official subzone yet but is increasingly emerging as such. This wine is distinguished by a beautiful level of openness and softness (on the Sangiovese spectrum, which means you also get a bright dose of acidity). That softness or lushness comes in part due to the warm vintage but also thanks to the winemaking approach that relies on larger barrels (from 300 to 500 liters) and Hungarian oak that tends to be more porous and thickly textured for increased passage of oxygen. The wine offers beautiful balance between its dark fruit and savory spice comments ... Drink date: 2019-2030. Score: **94** (Monica Larner, *robertparker.com*, Sept. 6, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$49.95 384552



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CASTELLO DI BOSSI C. BERARDENGA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: This is a beautiful and real Chianti Classico with dried cherries, chocolate and hazelnut. Hints of limestone and stone. Full to medium body, velvety tannins. Gorgeous juicy finish. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Oct. 20, 2017)

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

994608 Featured as our Wine of the Month and in Class of the Titans



CASTELLO DI GABBIANO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: The 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva is terrific. Silky, aromatic and expressive, the Riserva is a beautifully finessed wine from start to finish. Because of its mid-weight, gracious feel, the 2015 can be enjoyed with minimal cellaring. This is an especially sleek style, with quite a bit of freshness for the year, but all the elements are nicely balanced. Drinking window: 2018-2025. Score: **90** (Antonio Galloni, *vinous.com*, Feb. 2019)



LA VITE LUCENTE 2017 IGT Toscana

This, the second wine to Frescobaldi's iconic Luce, is a blend of Merlot, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon and is matured for 12 months in French barriques. Always a huge hit with Vintages customers, it serves up ripe berry and currant fruit accented by mocha and spice. It's built to last a decade or more, but will impress tonight with firm cheeses or red meats.



LE SERRE NUOVE DELL'ORNELLAIA 2017 DOC Bolgheri Rosso

This estate has a track record envied by wineries all over the world. Le Serre Nuove, a blend of Merlot, Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc and Petit Verdot, will be a powerful, complex wine with precisely articulated red and dark berry, chocolate and woodsmoke. A powerful wine that manages to retain a distinct refinement and suppleness.



ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

QUERCECCHIO BRUNELLO DI **MONTALCINO 2014** DOCG

TASTING NOTE: This wine was aged for three years in a combination of French and Slavonian oak. A ripe, elegant, serious Brunello that features red cherry and mineral and would be ideal for steak, prime rib, or beef tenderloin stuffed with spinach and mushrooms. Very good value for Brunello. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$34.95 🗸 438580

Featured in Class of the Titans

SASSICAIA 2016 DOC Bolgheri-Sassicaia (Tenuta San Guido)

TASTING NOTE: The 2016 Sassicaia is a wine of soaring achievement ... shows pinpoint sharpness and precision (with similar grit and texture at the back). That acidity will carry it long into the future as the wine completes its slow evolutionary course. This wine is chiseled and sharp with blackberry, ripe cherry, grilled herb and barbecue spice. The aromas flow from the glass in a continuous stream and are all marked by radiant intensity. The mouthfeel is long and powerful. The crisp linearity of the wine's tannic backbone is perfectly measured to the volume and depth of the fruit flavors. To my mind, the 2016 Sassicaia stands tall next to the epic 1985 vintage that set the ultimate benchmark for vino italiano. Drink date: 2021-2050. Score: 100 (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, Jan. 17, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$229.95 -480533 Featured in What's On

TENUTA SAN GUIDO LE DIFESE 2017 IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: Fresh and vivid with a blackberry, currant and fresh-herb character. Medium to full body, silky tannins and a focused finish. Score: 91-92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Sept. 4, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$35.95 🗸 147876 Featured in What's On



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TENUTA SAN GUIDO GUIDALBERTO 2017 IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: A blend of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, the 2017 Guidalberto appeals to the more informal side of sophisticated drinking. By that I mean it makes a great choice at lunch or for family dinners. Despite the accessibility and dense concentration of the fruit, especially evident in a warm vintage such as this, the wine's pedigree is evident in terms of the careful management of the structure and acidity. My samples were a little closed at first and needed some extra coaxing. Once open, the wine shows the dark fruit and exuberance of this hot vintage in Tuscany. Drink date: 2019-2028. Score: 92+ (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, May 16, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm \$62.95 🧹 750 mL (XD) 072439

Featured in What's On

TOMMASI POGGIO AL TUFO ROMPICOLLO 2016* IGT Toscana

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of blueberries, blackberries and flowers following through to a full body with firm and chewy tannins. A long and flavorful finish. Structured now. Needs two or three years to soften. Try in 2020. Score: 93 (James Suckling, james suckling.com, Sept. 11, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (D) \$18.95 013755

VENETO

MASI BROLO CAMPOFIORIN ORO 2015 IGT Rosso Verona

This wine employs appassimento grape-drying for extra depth and texture and is made from a blend of the local Corvina, Rondinella and Oseleta grapes, the latter of which was rediscovered and replanted by Masi in the 1980s. Expect an approachably bold, rich wine with notions of cherry preserves and vanilla and a drinking window stretching to 2030 and beyond. The producer suggests pairing it with hearty pasta, risotto, grilled red meat, roasts and well-aged cheeses.

Full-bodied & Smooth \$26.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 976092







MASI CAMPOLONGO DI TORBE AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2012 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Dense, very dark, impenetrable colour. Intense, penetrating and spicy aromatics to match. This is a massive mouthful of wine, structured but not hard, expansive, dark fruit-flavoured, without obvious raisined character. It's one seriously concentrated and complete wine, a decade at least away from pure enjoyment, but so majestically crafted and balanced with tremendous depth, one of the best vintages yet from this vineyard. Score: **97** (John Szabo, MS, *winealign.com*, Feb. 23, 2018)

Featured in Match Game



REMO FARINA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2016 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: A robust and full-bodied Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico made from Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, Molinara, Oseleta and Turchetta red wine grapes. Rich and weighty and elegant on the palate with dried fig, raisin, ripe strawberry, cake spice and savoury herb flavours on the palate. Pair with rich meat pasta and tomato sauce dishes. Drink: 2019-2023. Score: **93** (Natalie MacLean, *natalie maclean.com*, May 25, 2019)



ZENATO VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2016 DOC

TASTING NOTE: Fantastic Valpo with cherries, plums and hints of walnuts and mushrooms. Medium body, pretty density and a long, flavorful finish. Drink now. Score: **91** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Nov. 25, 2018)



PORTUGAL - WHITE WINE

MARIA PAPOILA LOUREIRO/ ALVARINHO 2018 DOC Vinho Verde

TASTING NOTE: The blend of the two major grapes of Vinho Verde have produced a ripe, very fruity wine that balances young, lively acidity with zesty lemon fruitiness. Drink this wine now. Best Buy. Score: **89** (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2019)

Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) **\$16.95**



CRASTO

PORTUGAL - RED WINE

QUADRUS RED 2014 DOC Douro

This is the latest vintage of Quadrus, the brainchild of Aris Kaplanis along with Toronto restaurateurs Tony and Mario Amaro. It's historically made from mainly Touriga Nacional along with Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo) and the lesser-known Souzão variety, and offers dark cherry, plum, clove, black licorice and pepper, with serious structure. Expect it to impress through 2024 with braised meats.

CRASTO SUPERIOR 2015 DOC Douro



TASTING NOTE: ... 50% Touriga Nacional, 20% Tinta Roriz, 25% Touriga Franca and just 5% Souzão, aged for 12 months in 35% new French oak. It comes in at 14.2% alcohol. Sourced from relatively young (11 to 13 years old) vines in Douro Superior (i.e., not in Crasto's Cima Corgo Quinta), this has become a beautiful bottling for the winery ... Very fruit forward and sappy this year, its combination of purity and intensity of flavor makes it sensationally delicious – but always with lifted, not jammy, fruit ... The concentration is subtle, but there is respectable concentration. Plus, the tannins are ripe, and the texture is caressing. It's pretty fine ... Drink date: 2018-2033. Score: **91** (Mark Squires, *robertparker.com*, Feb. 28, 2018)



SPAIN – WHITE WINE

BALBÁS VERDEJO 2018 DO Rueda



TASTING NOTE: This is layered with cooked apples, pears and bitter lemon. Full body, yet crisp acidity and depth with a vivid finish. Dense and flavorful yet fresh. Dried fruit. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, July 26, 2019)

\$15.95





SPAIN – RED WINE

ALCEÑO 12 MESES MONASTRELL 2014 DO Jumilla

TASTING NOTE: An ultra-ripe blackberry nose with grilled nuts and mocha. The palate has muscular tannins and a long blackberry core that holds impressively. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, July 24, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$15.95 750 mL (XD) 398925





CAMPBELL KIND WINE TINTO 2018 DO Ribera del Duero (Telmo Rodríguez)



TASTING NOTE: A blend of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) with other indigenous Spanish varieties, this big wine thunders out of the glass with ripe blueberry, plum, cherry pie and vanilla bean. The palate is all bulky tannins and youthful fruit, with a substantial finish. Intriguing now, but this will reward patience. Best 2020 through 2027 with marinated steaks or rack of ribs. Carbon-zero certified. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm \$19.95 750 mL (D) 010705 Featured in Acts of Kindness & Organic product

ÁLVAREZ DE TOLEDO **COLECCIÓN DE FAMILIA MENCÍA 2015** DO Bierzo



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TASTING NOTE: 100% Mencia. Clearly, there was real ambition here to make something smart and now we have the results. Almost nonchalantly floods the mouth with oak, forest fruits and plum, the texture bewitching, focusing on the fruit, yet providing the edge of tannin that is an integral part of the wine's pedigree. Winemaking of a high order. Score: 97 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

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BUIL & GINÉ GINÉ GINÉ 2016 **DOCa Priorat**

TASTING NOTE: Ultra ripe, but showing that classic Priorat character of hot black licorice and wet, sun-warmed slate, raisined, sun-tortured fruit, like blackberry jam. The palate is thick and unctuous, saturated with black fruit and stony-scorched earth flavour; length is excellent. Top shelf value from this premium, and distinctive, growing region. Tasted October 2018. Score: 92 (John Szabo, MS, winealign.com, Feb. 11, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$29.95 750 mL (XD) 067843



LINAJES CRIANZA 2014* DO Ribera del Duero

TASTING NOTE: Blackberry, leather and plum aromas are inviting. This wine is full and lush on the palate, with grippy tannins. Oaky berry flavors are accented by spice and chocolate notes, while the finish brings pronounced coffee and mocha flavors. Drink through 2025. Score: 92 (Michael Schachner, Wine Enthusiast, April 1, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 🗸 010688



MONTECILLO GRAN RESERVA 2009 DOCa Rioja

TASTING NOTE: Baked berry and cherry aromas are ripe and come with accents of mocha, leather and caramel. This feels full but not heavy, with balance and cushion to the palate. Spiced black-fruit flavors show a tea-like note, while this is dry, spicy and a touch chocolaty on the finish. Drink through 2026. Score: **91** (Michael Schachner, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 1, 2017)



POTENTE 2016 DO Montsant (Celler Capçanes)



TASTING NOTE: Very attractive nose of black cherries, sage and chocolate. Ripe and generous with nice, warm tannins that fill out the full body very nicely. Long and very harmonious finish. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, *jamessuckling.com*, Aug. 2, 2018)

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





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98+ points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, July 2018)





DOM PÉRIGNON LUMINOUS ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE 2006 AC, Champagne, France

Spices, figs and orange grove. Softly smoky, richly complex and exceptionally long. Drink through 2030.

94 points (Simon Field, MW, *decanter.com*, Feb. 27, 2019)



BACHELDER WISMER VINEYARD #1 WINGFIELD BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2015 +

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment, Ontario

Subtle, with flinty saline minerality, apple, pear and citrus. Pretty, seductive, layered and textured.

94 points (Rick VanSickle, *winesinniagara.com*, Sept. 24, 2018)

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Violets, black cherry, cassis, vanilla, spice and a distinct minerality. Built to age.







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Silky, smooth, sweetly savoury and tannic. Drink 2019-2022.

92 points (Michael Godel, winealign.com, March 5, 2019)

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CULMINA MERLOT 2014 * BC VQA Golden Mile Bench,

BC VQA Golden Mile Bench, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia

Black plum, red berry fruit, spice, vanilla and mocha. Smooth and mellow, with great complexity and purity.

★★★★★ (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, June 29, 2017)





COPAIN DUPRATT CHARDONNAY 2016 Anderson Valley, Mendocino, California

Racy and vibrant, with white fruit, wetgranite-like minerality, white flowers and hints of tart apple.

92 points (Jeb Dunnuck, *jebdunnuck.com*, June 5, 2018)



HAMILTON RUSSELL CHARDONNAY 2018 WO Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay, South Africa

Wonderfully intense and focused but simultaneously a suave and supremely balanced Chardonnay. Best through 2023.

94+ points (Greg Sherwood, MW, gregsherwoodmw.com, March 16, 2019)

MASI BROLO CAMPOFIORIN ORO 2015 IGT Rosso Verona, Veneto, Italy

Expect an approachably bold, rich wine with notions of cherry preserves and vanilla and a drinking window stretching to 2030 and beyond.



MIGUEL TORRES PURGATORI 2014 DO Costers del Segre, Spain

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92 points (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, April 27, 2018)



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