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How nature shapes the wines we love





RISERVA 2015



Casa Silva. PANICION DE FANILIA DERDE INFO GRAN TERROIR DE LA COSTA Polo

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wines of the month

Solid wines from a solid vintage

BERNARDESCHI GOVERNO ALL'USO ROSSO 2017

IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy 750 mL \$19.95 🖌 13519 (D)

TASTING NOTE: A blend of 70% Sangiovese with 30% Merlot all harvested by hand and aged three months in French oak barriques, this wine offers sweet blackcurrant and blackberry in a fruit-forward style. Bring on the meaty pasta or pizza! (Vintages panel, July 2019)

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 97 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, Sept. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity **New at Vintages**

ARBOLEDA **CARMENÈRE 2017**

DO Aconcagua Valley, Chile (Eduardo Chadwick) 46284 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 <

TASTING NOTE: This is how Chilean carmenere should be. Unashamedly herbal with its dark pepper and blackberry-leaf undertones, but ripe at the same time, sporting black-olive and brambleberry character. Shows real structure and concentration on the palate, chewy tannins enveloping dark-fruit flavors that permeate through the medium-long finish. Drink now or hold. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, April 5, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth



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Hills and soil and sun, oh my!

It's elemental, my dear! **LCBO buyer Paul Farrell** explains how **altitude**, **waterborne wind**, **topography** and **soil** can push grapes to their limits and in the process uniquely shape the wines you love.

Winemakers may have the final say on how a wine will taste – the choices they make in the vineyard and the winery largely determine this – but that can only happen after Mother Nature is done with the grapes. In this feature, we'll look at four key influences whose complex interaction helps determine wine style and quality in every wine region in the world.

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Farming in the dramatic landscape of Mendoza, Argentina.

High and Dry

"Altitude provides winemakers with three major advantages: cooler temperatures, increased diurnal variation and excellent drainage."

For every 100 metres above sea level, the temperature drops approximately 1.2°C, resulting in significant, tangible differences between grapes grown at different altitudes. At extreme elevations – think Argentina – there's an increase in solar radiation; temperatures are cooler, but the impact of sunlight on photosynthesis intensifies. This temperature differential, combined with cool overnight temps, slows down the ripening process and preserves the grapes' natural acidity. This is why wines made from grapes grown at altitude can have a greater sense of lift and freshness than those made from the same grapes grown at lower elevations. Drainage stresses the vines, forcing them to work harder to find water, which in turn results in more flavour concentration as well as encouraging the particular characteristics of the soils to be more obvious in the final wines.



DONNACHIARA IRPINIA AGLIANICO 2017

DOC, Campania, Italy

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The grapes for this wine are grown on a hilly site at about 560 metres above sea level. The altitude helps develop the silky nature of this wine by encouraging freshness alongside and in partnership with fruit concentration.

94 points (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com)

 Medium-bodied & Fruity

 262956
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$24.95
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TORNATORE NERELLO MASCALESE/NERELLO CAPPUCCIO 2017

DOC Etna Rosso, Sicily, Italy

At 3,350 metres elevation, Mount Etna is the largest volcano in Europe and one of the largest active volcanoes in the world. The vineyards of the Etna DOC are among the highest in Italy, with plantings up to 1,200 metres. Winemakers are experimenting with even higher plantings. The altitude plays a large part in creating the refinement and silkiness of this blend.

93 points (Kerin O'Keefe, *Wine Enthusiast*)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 487090 (XD) 750 mL \$23.95

CASCA MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS 1808 RESERVA 2016 DOC Douro, Portugal

Blending grapes from various altitudes allows winemakers to fine-tune their final wine. The 1808 Reserva comes from four vineyards ranging from 30 to 60 years of age and planted at 540, 400, 360 and 480 metres above sea level.

92 points (Roger Voss, *Wine Enthusiast*)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 011149
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$16.95
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 New at Vintages

CARPINETO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015 DOCG, Tuscany, Italy

This wine is sourced from vines planted at 300 metres elevation. The cooler conditions and significant variation between day and night temperatures at this altitude encourage a slow ripening of the Sangiovese. This allows the grapes to retain their perfumed aromatic qualities as well as encouraging a bright, foodfriendly acidity.

94 points (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 047118 (XD) 750 mL \$28.95

VIÑA COBOS FELINO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017 Mendoza, Argentina (Paul Hobbs)

This Cabernet is a blend of grapes from two prime sites in Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo and Uco valleys. The grapes are planted at altitudes ranging from 945 to 1,400 metres and are exposed to high levels of solar radiation as well as cool temperatures. Combined, these factors drive finesse and complexity in the final wines.

93 points (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com)

Full-bodied & Firm 132365 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ◀

Ocean breezes benefit vine health by moderating temperatures year round.





"The proximity of a vineyard to a significant body of water can have a great influence on the style of wine that's produced."

Warm places such as South Africa, Australia, Chile and California can grow high-quality cool-climate varietals like Pinot Noir and Chardonnay because of the cooling breezes and fogs generated by nearby oceans. Rivers can also have a great impact by moderating temperatures and reflecting sunlight back into the vineyard, increasing sun exposure. This assists in ripening and flavour development and is a key factor in colder places, like the famous sloped vineyards of Germany's Mosel region. Cold ocean currents, such as the Humboldt Current that runs from the Antarctic up the coast of Chile, can also have a major impact. These currents give rise to cool winds and cooling fogs as the cool ocean air interacts with the warmer inland air. Lakes like Lake Ontario soak up and retain heat during summer months, then release it over the winter, lessening the impact of cold temperatures. Similarly, during the warmth of summer, cool air is drawn inland from lakes and oceans by the warm temperatures on land.



LE RICHE CHARDONNAY 2017 WO Stellenbosch, South Africa

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Hot and dry, Stellenbosch is still capable of producing impressive cool-climate Chardonnay thanks to the influence of the nearby cold waters of False Bay. Winds from the bay cool vines throughout the summer, preserving freshness and balance.

90 points (*Platter's South African Wine Guide*)

 Full-bodied & Rich

 012431
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$19.95
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 New at Vintages

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TRENTHAM ESTATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2015 Tasmania, Australia

The Trentham Estate vineyards are situated on the bank of a winding river. The river adds additional moderating influences to the intense prevailing ocean winds that encourage Tasmania's distinctly lithe, expressive, complex Pinot Noir.

93 points (Steven Creber, winecompanion.com.au)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 012845 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95

New at Vintages

CASA SILVA LOLOL GRAN TERROIR DE LA COSTA SYRAH 2016

Certified sustainable, DO Colchagua Valley, Chile

The Lolol vineyard is situated in a hot region, but ocean-born morning mists, cool afternoon winds and cold nights moderate the temperatures, which can fluctuate between 9°C and 30°C in a single day. These conditions are ideal for Syrah, encouraging sugar and flavour ripeness while also allowing for freshness, balance and refinement.

93 points (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 010806 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95 ✓ New at Vintages

CREW MERLOT 2017 *

VQA Lake Erie North Shore, Ontario

The moderating effects of the shallow waters of Lake Erie give the Lake Erie North Shore region an early and long growing season. This encourages the grapes to develop in a slow, balanced fashion, resulting in wines that exhibit both ripeness and freshness. In this Merlot, the effect is manifest in the wine's characteristic sophistication and elegance.

Full-bodied & Smooth

310532 (XD) 750 mL \$17.95

LA CREMA MONTEREY CHARDONNAY 2017 Monterey, California

Monterey Bay is very deep and very cold. These waters help moderate temperatures by generating cool morning fogs that blanket the grapes, encouraging the development of fresh acidity. Warm afternoon winds and sunlight allow for perfectly balanced ripening.

Full-bodie	d & Rich	
158683	(XD)	750 ml
\$26.95	1	

Vines soak up the sun in McLaren Vale, South Australia.



"The driving force behind grape growing is the sun, which propels photosynthesis."

Too much sun, and wines can be overly ripe, too little sun and the grapes can lack flavour. The topography of a given region can create varying degrees of exposure. Mountains, rolling hillsides, and valleys create dramatic nooks and crannies that result in a multitude of mesoclimates within a single area and even a single vineyard. Depending on the forces at play, the impact on the final wines can be extreme or subtle, but there will always be an impact. Winemakers can take advantage of these differences to create wholly unique wines. Blending grapes grown in various locations allows a winemaker to take the litheness and fruit character of one vineyard, for example, and combine it with the power and concentration of another.

CHAPEL HILL

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THE PARSON CABERNET SAUVIGNON ADELAIDE 2018

CHAPEL HILL THE PARSON CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Adelaide, South Australia

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This wine is sourced from blocks planted in ancient soils situated on undulating hills. The contours of the land, combined with sea breezes, create unique conditions that promote different aspects in the final wine. Some sites exhibit more structure, some emphasize fruit. When combined, they make for a fantastic whole.

91 points (Campbell Mattinson, winefront.com.au)

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

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PIERRE AMADIEU DOMAINE GRAND ROMANE CUVÉE PRESTIGE VIEILLES VIGNES GIGONDAS 2017 AC, Rhône, France

Gigondas is situated on the slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail and benefits from a number of topographical advantages thanks to this small chain of mountains. Altitude creates significant diurnal variation, and the Dentelles de Montmirail also limit morning sun exposure, which extends the growing season and allows the grapes to ripen slowly.

94 points (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com)

Full-bodied & Smooth 968693 (XD) 750 mL \$32.95 Grganic & biodynamic product

ESCUDO ROJO RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Maipo Valley, Chile

(Baron Philippe de Rothschild)

The natural barriers of the Andes mountains, the coastal ranges and the deserts of the north and south have protected Chilean vineyards from pests such as phylloxera. This Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon was grown in north-facing vineyards.

93 points (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 013434
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$17.95
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 New at Vintages

AIRFIELD ESTATES MERLOT 2015

Estate bottled, Yakima Valley, Washington

The Yakima Valley was formed by volcanic activity and the great Missoula Floods of the last ice age. These cataclysmic events resulted in diverse soil types and a dramatically contoured landscape defined by slopes and hills. The variety of mesoclimates allow for the crafting of wines, such as this Merlot, that retain freshness and balance even in exceptionally hot years like 2015.

89 points (Dr. Owen Bargreen, washingtonwineblog.com)

 Medium-bodied & Fruity

 420703
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$29.95
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PALATINE HILLS RIESLING 2016 *

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

Niagara Lakeshore is a stretch of land that slopes gently down to Lake Ontario. The open, flat countryside offers unobstructed sun exposure, which works in concert with the cooling effect of Lake Ontario to allow wines, like this stylish Riesling, to develop complex flavour profiles as well as bright, refreshing acidity.

89 points (Craig Pinhey, winealign.com)

Aromatic &	k Flavou	ırful
520395	(M)	750 mL
\$17.95	1	



Terra rossa soil in Coonawarra, South Australia.

"If it can be said that we are what we eat, then it can also be said that a wine is what it was grown in."

The makeup of vineyard soil is critical to the flavour profile and quality of the wine. There are many considerations for producers to weigh when planting (including the three discussed above). Soil depth, fertility (the poorer the better), drainage, texture and composition are just a few. The harder a vine's roots need to work to get nutrients and water, the higher the quality of the wine. Different soils also retain and reflect heat at different rates. This can have a great impact on ripening and can moderate against cold overnight temperatures.

- **Sandy soils** have good drainage and heat retention. They produce highly aromatic wines with low tannin and lighter colour.
- **Clay soils** are cool and hold water. They encourage intensely structured wines with deeper colour and flavour.
- Silt retains water and heat, and can be very fertile. The wines from silt soils tend to be smooth but have less acidity.
- **Gravel soils** have good drainage, absorb heat well, and force the vines to dig deep for nutrients. Gravel and Cabernet Sauvignon are a natural pairing.
- Limestone can contain high concentrations of the fossils of ancient marine life and is great for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as demonstrated by the soils of the Côte d'Or.
- **Chalk soils** are cool and drain well. The high calcium content of these soils makes them alkaline, resulting in grapes with high acidity.
- Volcanic soils have a high mineral content and excellent drainage.





CHÂTEAU DE FONTAINE-AUDON SANCERRE 2018 AP, Loire, France

There are three soil types in Sancerre: chalk, limestone-gravel and silex. This example comes from silex soils, which are responsible for the celebrated gunflint minerality that marks many of these Sauvignon Blancs. These wines are notably crisp and fresh with a bracing acidity.

Aromatic & Flavourful 745893 (XD) 750 mL

\$32.95

CASA-DEA PINOT NOIR 2016 * VQA Prince Edward County,

Ontario The soils of Prince Edward County are limestone and contain reddish-brown clay, sand and shale. These rocky soils provide great drainage and also retain and reflect heat, helping the grapes to achieve full ripeness; a key

grape, Pinot Noir. Medium-bodied & Fruity 296210 (XD) 750 mL \$21.95

concern with the heartbreak

STEFANO FARINA BAROLO 2012 DOCG, Piedmont, Italy

There are two main soil types in Barolo, and this example comes from the calcareous Tortonian soils of La Morra. Tortonian soils produce wines that are rounder and less tannic than those grown in the Serravallian soils of Serralunga. La Morra's wines are elegant, aromatic and more overtly fruity than those of Serralunga and are also more approachable young.

95 points (Decanter World Wine Awards)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 384131
 (XD)
 750 mL

 \$50.95
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 New at Vintages

FRANÇOIS MARTENOT LES MAROUETTES CHABLIS 2018 AP, Burgundy, France

Situated at the northern extreme of the Burgundy wine region, Chablis is near the limit of where Chardonnay can ripen successfully. The soils of Chablis are a specific type of limestone called Kimmeridgian. This soil imparts the renowned minerality, purity and elegance that sets these wines apart.

Light & Crisp 011913 (XD) 750 mL \$24.95 New at Vintages



Vines can grow in almost any conditions, but it has been demonstrated time and again that the ones that grow under stressful conditions produce the most characterful grapes."

Paul Farrell LCBO Category Manager





All of the Above

"Germany's famous Mosel region, one of the world's greatest regions for Riesling, beautifully illustrates how these four factors interact in the vineyard."

The Mosel is quite northerly and cool, and vineyards are planted on steep slopes that follow the river. These sloped vineyards allow the vines maximum sun exposure as the grapes ripen. Reflected sunlight from the river also comes into play. The variations in sun exposure and altitude result in grapes ripening and being harvested at different times, one reason German Riesling is produced at different sugar levels: Kabinett, Spätlese, Auslese, Beerenauslese, Eiswein and Trockenbeerenauslese. These vineyards are planted in two types of slate: blue slate, which encourages floral tones; and red slate, which produces a richer style of Riesling.



CLEMENS BUSCH NONNENGARTEN PÜNDERICHER ORTSWEIN RIESLING 2016

VDP, Mosel, Germany

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This wine is sourced from vines planted in poor-quality red-slate soils on extremely steep slopes that run right down to the Mosel River. These challenging, unforgiving conditions force vines to work hard. More than worth it when the result is this elegant, lush, silky, juicy Riesling.

93 points (Stephan Reinhardt, robertparker.com)

Aromatic & Flavourful 013247 (M) 750 mL \$37.95 <

New at Vintages

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



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Amidst all the flowers and chocolates, **Valentine's Day** is the perfect time to raise a glass with your special someone. And with a variety of local wines and spirits to befit the occasion, it'll be love at first sip.

THREE OF HEAR

HA NIAGARA PENIA

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If an intimate dinner with your valentine is on the menu, the right wine can enhance the ambience.

"What is the food of love?" propounds Dan Speck, co-founder of **Henry of Pelham**. "Is it poached or grilled salmon? Is it a plate of delicate sushi? Is it confit of duck? Any of these certainly goes with Three of Hearts!" Delicate and versatile, pink wine is famously food-friendly. Dan and his brothers make their Pinot rosé in an elegant style that also suits "gourmet white pizza with basil pesto, fresh mushrooms, marinated artichokes and feta cheese."

Pink sparkling wine, too, is a Valentine's classic that's great with a range of dishes. "Cuvée Rosé has a seductive pink colour, perfect to celebrate Valentine's Day!" says Corinne Maund, director of onsite sales at **13th Street Winery**. "It'll match pomegranate-and-raspberry compote with soft bloomy cheeses, oysters with grape mignonette, or a romantic brunch of freshly baked biscuits and raspberry jam. But if you really want to tantalize your valentine's taste buds," she says, "pair this sparkling rosé with a beet-and-goatcheese terrine. The bright acidity and fruit of this wine will be a pleasant balance for the creamy texture of the goat cheese and sweetness of the beets."

When it's time for dessert, Ontario has a wine to match that, too. "Pairing Icewine with food can be a bit tricky," says Paul Bosc Jr., whose family owns **Château des Charmes**, "but our failsafe approach is to make sure the food is as sweet as the wine. With Vidal Icewine our favourite pairing is crème brûlée. The caramelized sugar on the top adds a decadent smoky butterscotch flavour that is magical with this wine."

If you and your valentine love cocktails, Dillon's has just the thing: a Winter Negroni made with their super-popular sweet vermouth. "Blood orange and rosemary might be one of our favourite winter flavour combinations," say proprietor Geoff Dillon and hospitality manager Whitney Rorison, who recently coauthored Craft Cocktails, a book of cocktails for every season. "In the Winter Negroni, those flavours help create a cocktail perfect for a cozy winter day spent inside." What to pair with it? "Charcuterie!" they say. "It's perfect for sharing." (Find the Winter Negroni recipe at dillons.ca/winter-negroni.)

finer points



VQA Niagara Peninsula (Speck Bros.)

"Three of Hearts is 60/40 hand-picked Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. Fresh and elegant, this wine displays vibrant aromas of white peach and strawberry with subtle floral notes, medium-bodied mouthfeel, balanced acidity, and flavours of fresh raspberries and honeydew melon." – The Speck Bros., proprietors

90 points (Vic Harradine)

Medium-bodied & Dry 552562 (XD) 750 mL \$19.95

13TH STREET CUVÉE BRUT ROSÉ

Traditional method, VQA Niagara Peninsula

"Made in the traditional method from Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Gamay, and aged 'on lees' for an average of 26 months, this is a crowd-pleaser without a lot of sweetness. With only about 10 g/L of residual sugar, it's very refreshing – stimulating more than saturating your taste buds, whetting your appetite and bringing a smile to your face." – **SP Colas, winemaker**

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

147504 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95 AVintages Essential



CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES VIDAL ICEWINE VOA Niagara-on-the-Lake

"Vidal is the most popular grape variety used to make Icewine. It has been used to make several different styles of Icewine but we like it best straightforward and intense. When you first put your nose into the glass your head is filled with thoughts of honey, apricot, and flower gardens in full bloom. It coats your mouth and you feel it well after you swallow. It's definitely sweet, but the balancing acidity is telling of the care that went into its making." – **Amélie Boury, winemaker**

Lusciously Sweet

565861 (S) 200 mL \$28.95 **✓** A Vintages Essential

DILLON'S VERMOUTH Niagara

"Produced using 100% Niagara wine and finished with a fortified Niagara grape spirit, our vermouth has a complex array of botanicals including things like wormwood, cinchona, gentian, bitter orange, sarsaparilla, vanilla and others. It adds complexity, sweetness and more aromatic notes to the Winter Negroni cocktail." – Geoff Dillon, proprietor

571133 750 mL \$19.95 A Vintages Essential

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

LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE D'AURORE BRUT ROSÉ CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE Traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France 048793 (D) 750 mL **\$21.95** Medium-bodied & Flavourful

CRISTAL BRUT VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE AC, France 268755 (XD) 750 mL **\$334.95** Rich & Complex

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THE ESSENTIALS COLLECTION

Wines for Valentine's

THE BEAUTY OF FEBRUARY 14TH is you can make it as formal or as laid-back as you want and it still feels like an occasion. If you fall into the former camp, make a (big) splash with a fine Champagne like the Cristal from our always-available Essentials Collection. This iconic bubbly, a consistent top scorer, is a luxurious treat with caviar. If you're on Team Casual, break out a bottle of rosé Crémant from Louis Bouillot, founded in 1877 and credited with being the first producer to craft sparkling wine in Burgundy. Serve this one with smoked salmon.

For more sparkling wines for Valentine's Day, visit vintages.com/essentials.

Fireside Reading: February Classics

THROW ON ANOTHER LOG, pull up the online catalogue on your tablet or laptop and settle in to peruse our newest collection featuring fine wines that are sure to lift your winter-weary spirits. Look for: • Gems from Yquem, Guigal's 2015 "La La" wines, and much more from France. • A quartet of show-stopping 2018s from Egon Müller. • Brunello and Chianti with scores in the stratosphere. • Shiraz and more from all over Down Under. • High-scoring red revelations from Argentina and Chile. • Iconic names from Washington, Oregon and California. • A Vintage Port 57 years in the making. And remember, there are still plenty of January Classics Collection wines available to order.

Ordering starts February 6. Visit Icbo.com/vintages-classics.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR TWO ELEGANT EVENINGS

Tuscan treasure **Frescobaldi** has been making wine since 1308, while **Osoyoos Larose** burst onto the BC wine scene much more recently, in 1998, but both share a passion for their craft and an unwavering respect for their terroirs. Meet Frescobaldi president Lamberto Frescobaldi at a dinner featuring eight premium wines from this dynasty, which was named Winery of the Year for 2020 by *Gambero Rosso*; and/or join Osoyoos Larose winemaker Caroline Schaller as she leads a vertical tasting of the winery's celebrated flagship Le Grand Vin from the 2009 to 2016 vintages.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Frescobaldi reception & dinner March 24, Toronto
- Osoyoos Larose reception & structured tasting March 26, Toronto

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Natural Beauty

With wineries around the world embracing production methods that are kinder to the environment, the **"natural wine"** movement has quietly been gaining traction. Although there's no official definition, natural wines are typically made in small lots by independent producers, crafted without additives or sulfites from sustainably farmed grapes that are fermented with native yeast. Here are two distinctly different natural wines to try from Dominio de Punctum, a Spanish winery that's certified organic and biodynamic. The Tempranillo is fruit-forward and easygoing, with juicy cherry embroidered by subtle herbal and earthy notes. The orange wine – white wine made like a red, with skin contact – is an aromatic blend best served chilled. It features a citrusy core with notes of cinnamon stick.

DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM SIN SULFITOS BARREL AGED TEMPRANILLO 2018 012118 (XD) 750 mL \$18.95 Medium-bodied & Fruity DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM POMELADO ORANGE WINE 2018 012119 (XD) 750 mL \$16.95 Aromatic & Flavourful



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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.

ORGANIC PRODUCTS

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).

ALCOHOL CONTENT

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FORTIFIED

Niagara, Ontario

NEW WORLD FORTIFIED

The strawberry flavours here come from berries

to create this rich, sweet, delicious vermouth.

grown on a farm across from the distillery, and they

join other locally sourced ingredients such as gentian, bitter orange peel, sarsaparilla, vanilla and cinchona

DILLON'S VERMOUTH *





ICEWINE



CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES VIDAL ICEWINE *

VOA Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Château des Charmes is one of Niagara's most recognized and well-regarded family wineries. This classic lcewine is full-bodied and rich, with a mouth-watering depth, concentration, elegance and balance and finessed honey, marmalade and fruit tones. Enjoy with foie gras or crème brûlée.

Lusciously Sweet 200 mL (S) \$28.95 565861 Featured in Local Talent A Vintages Essential

CHAMPAGNE

VILMART & CIE GRAND CELLIER 1^{ER} CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE AC

TASTING NOTE: This wine emphasizes the whiteflower scents of chardonnay (70 percent of the blend, the balance pinot noir). The wine's searing acidity wasn't softened by malolactic fermentation, and its fleshy apple and pear flavors were concentrated and enriched by ageing for eight months in large oak casks prior to bottling ... The fine mousse calms that acidity a bit, and age will build up the flavors to surround it. A Champagne for cellaring. (Disgorged 1/17.) Score: **94** (wineandspiritsmagazine.com, Dec. 2018)

Rich & Complex 750 mL (D) \$92.95





SPARKLING WINE

13TH STREET CUVÉE BRUT ROSÉ **♦** Traditional method.

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 13th Street debuted their first sparkling wines in 1998. Since then, their sparklers have been one of their greatest strengths. The Brut Rosé is dry with bright acidity, a creamy mousse, and tones of red fruit and mineral. Perfect as an aperitif or with smoked salmon.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$29.95 147504 **Featured in Local Talent A Vintages Essential**

BACK 10 SMITTEN SPARKLING 2018 * Methode cuvée close, VQA Ontario



TASTING NOTE: ... it's taken a bit for me to fall in love with this wine - each vintage offers something a little different, and the 2018 vintage of this wine brings something that feels a little drier than previous vintages. Don't worry this isn't a "serious" wine - a little bit of sweetness helps elevate peach, and apple aromas and flavours but a beautiful acid backbone keeps this feeling clean on the palate. This bottle just screams summer – I can't imagine a better bottle to grab now and save for summer (as I have a feeling this will sell out quickly - it usually does). Score: $\star \star \star \star \star$ (André Proulx, and rewinereview.ca, Feb. 21, 2019)

Rich & Complex \$24.95 750 mL (M) 014440



CHANDON SPARKLING ROSÉ Traditional method. California

TASTING NOTE: Bright pale salmon pink colour. Attractive, somewhat honeyed, spicy, ripe melon-plumapple puree nose. Fairly dry, medium-light bodied, slightly honeyed, faintly effervescent, ripe lemon citrus and plum-strawberry-apple purée flavours with a lingering, crisp, very faintly toasty finish. Ready-todrink. At \$34.95 ... an OK substitute for anyone wishing to drink real Rosé Champagne ... this blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir spends 12 months on the lees ... lot number L091316. Score: 90 (Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com, July 7, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful . \$34.95 750 mL (D) 405555



LOUIS BOUILLOT PERLE D'OR BRUT **CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE 2012**

Traditional method, AC, Burgundy, France TASTING NOTE: Made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir with splashes of Aligoté and Gamay, this floral, biscuity bubbly is matured an impressive six years and delivers brilliant acidity that slices through an elegant, creamy texture. There's some nice, rich toastiness on the finish. Perfect for crab cakes or vegetable fried rice. (Vintages panel, Aug. 2019)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful		
750 mL	(D)	\$24.95
051565		



RIVAROSE BRUT SPARKLING ROSÉ

Salon de Provence, IGP Méditérranée, France TASTING NOTE: On the nose, it exudes soft, subtle aromas of freshly sliced apricot, ripe raspberry and almond nougat. The palate is restrained. Sheer. With dry, airy flavours of raspberry and struck steel, toasted meringue and grapefruit zest that linger on the finish. There are bubbles too, but they're small. Delicate. A steady stream of tiny beads that add a mousse-like mouthfeel. The aromas, flavours and texture coax you back sip after sip much the same way a great fragrance draws you in again and again - like a quiet secret. Score: 95 (Carolyn Evans Hammond, thestar.com, June 21, 2019)

Light & Fruity \$18.95 750 mL (D) 515288



ANDREOLA DIRUPO BRUT **CONEGLIANO VALDOBBIADENE PROSECCO SUPERIORE** DOCG, Italy



TASTING NOTE: Made from estate-grown fruit at a winery founded in the steep hills of Col San Martino in Treviso, this is light and crisp with a fine mineral undertone. Outstanding value. (Vintages panel, Aug. 2019)

[Gambero Rosso did not include a tasting note.] Score: **PPP** (*Gambero Rosso Magazine*, 2019)

Light & Fruity 750 mL (D) 014010





SPARKLING WINE CONT'D

FERRARI BRUT SPARKLING

Traditional method, DOC Trento, Italy TASTING NOTE: This delivers a very attractive nose of fresh lemons and apples with a smooth, crisp and elegant palate. Drink now. Score: **90** (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful		
750 mL	(XD)	\$24.95
352153		



CANADA - RED WINE

ONTARIO

CASA-DEA PINOT NOIR 2016 * VQA Prince Edward County

TASTING NOTE: The soils of Prince Edward County are built upon limestone and contain a great deal of reddish-brown clay, sand and shale. This Pinot is soft and inviting, with good complexity, great balance, notes of black and red cherry with a delectable clove undertone, and bright acidity. A fine, easy-to-enjoy Pinot. This has the structure to pair with a hearty winter casserole. (Vintages panel, April 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) **\$21.95**



VILARNAU BARCELONA BRUT RESERVA CAVA

Traditional method, DO, Spain

TASTING NOTE: Lots of fresh apple aroma with hints of pear and lemon. Not analytically bone-dry, but dry enough for most people, this is juicy and creamy with a very clean, lingering finish. Drink now. Score: **90** (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 2, 2018)



CANADA - WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

PALATINE HILLS RIESLING 2016 * VQA Niagara Lakeshore, Niagara-on-the-Lake

TASTING NOTE: Interesting waxy/petrol nose, very mineral driven, complex Riesling for the price, Nice texture, quite stylish, but not in the off-dry fruity style most are used to, although it finishes with citrus notes. Silver Medal winner at the 2018 National Wine Awards of Canada. Score: **89** (Craig Pinhey, winealign.com, July 17, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (M) \$17.95 520395 Featured in *Hills and soil and sun, oh my*!



CREW MERLOT 2017 * VQA Lake Erie North Shore

This Merlot from CREW is always a complex, fruity wine, with dark and red fruit alongside touches of spice and earth. Characteristically smooth and rich, it's a great option for a red-wine beef stew.



FROGPOND FARM ORGANIC GAMAY NOIR 2017 *

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake

From Ontario's first certified organic winery, this Gamay Noir will offer a whack of intriguing and complex aromas and flavours. Look for ripe dark fruit, underbrush, earth, a touch of spice, and tangy, fresh acidity. This is a great wine for mid-week burgers or grilled winter veggies.

Light-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$16.95 ✓ 245613 ₩₩₩₩₩₩₩ ^g Organic product



RIDGEPOINT PINOT NOIR 2012 *

VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Escarpment TASTING NOTE: This is a perennially characterful Pinot (at a great price to boot!) that offers touches of leather and earth with well-framed fruit, good balance and impressive lift. A nice option for stuffed pork tenderloin. (Vintages panel, April 2019)

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



BRITISH COLUMBIA

BLACK SAGE VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2016 ***** BC VQA Okanagan Valley

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LA CREMA

(Sumac Ridge Estate Winery) TASTING NOTE: Prime sites for Shiraz in the Okanagan produce notably powerful and fruity red wines, and this one does not disappoint. It boasts black fruit, chocolate, bramble and pepper, with excellent balance and integration. Pair with grilled flank steak. (Vintages panel, March 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD)

\$31.95 🗸 011818

CANADA – ROSÉ WINE

ONTARIO

THREE OF HEARTS ROSÉ 2018 * VQA Niagara Peninsula (Speck Bros.)

TASTING NOTE: This value-laden, gorgeous blend - 88% Pinot Noir/12% Pinot Gris - offers up aromas of floral notes, red fruit and citrus. It bathes the palate with a medium-bodied juicy and tangy wash of freshly picked strawberry, mandarin orange and grilled, sugared pink grapefruit. It's fresh on the palate and through the lingering finish and aftertaste. Lovely on its own, you can pour alongside pan-seared asparagus sprinkled with crumbled chèvre, or with grilled seafood. Score: 90 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, Aug. 25, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Dry \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 552562 Featured in Local Talent

USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

LA CREMA MONTEREY **CHARDONNAY 2017** Monterev

This is a perennially plump and broad Chardonnay, with excellent concentration and a refined, silky texture. Monterey offers great sun exposure combined with moderating cool ocean influences that keep the wines from becoming over-ripe or unbalanced. Look for this to deliver great complexity, purity and finesse, with plenty of pear, pineapple and smoky oak tones. Give it a go with a smoky seafood chowder.

Full-bodied & Rich \$26.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 158683 Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my!

McMANIS CHARDONNAY 2018 Estate grown, River Junction

TASTING NOTE: Love this medium-plus-bodied Chardonnay with buttery apple, pear compote and tropical fruit flavours on the palate. Great acidity for grilled pork chops, roast chicken. Drink: 2019-2025. Score: 90 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Aug. 16, 2019)

Full-bodied & Rich \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (D) 265983



MCMANIS

CRAFTWORK ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 Monterey County

TASTING NOTE: Aromatic, refreshing and intensely complex, with tropical fruit, herbs, stone fruit, tree fruit and pink grapefruit. A lot of wine for the price. Pair with seafood. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

[The Monterey International Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: 94 (Monterey International Wine Competition, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$19.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 010851







USA – WHITE WINE CONT'D

WASHINGTON

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE RIESLING 2018 Columbia Valley

TASTING NOTE: Lively and supple, with spirited lemon zest and grapefruit flavors that persist with fresh acidity. Drink now. Score: 89 (Tim Fish, winespectator.com, Aug. 31, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful







DECOY MERLOT 2017 Sonoma County (Duckhorn)

TASTING NOTE: This wine is soft, rounded and succulent in waves of plum and dark cherry. Moderate in weight and ripeness, it is solidly backed by integrated oak, baking spice and a lasting hint of dried herb. Score: 90 (Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity		
750 mL	(D)	\$34.95
460642		



USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

CANNONBALL MERLOT 2017 California

TASTING NOTE: A huge value, this wine proves Merlot is back: It's equal parts smooth, rich, and juicy, with a luscious, ripe, and beautifully balanced palate. Deep and neatly structured with nice hints of sweet berries. Score: 90 (Anthony Dias Blue, tastingpanelmag.com, Oct. 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$22.95 🖌 750 mL (XD) 342824



CAYMUS NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL 2017 Napa Valley

(Chuck Wagner) Caymus is one of Napa's most iconic Cabernet producers. But they make Zinfandel too, for at least two reasons: Zinfandel (known as California's heritage grape) was instrumental in establishing California winemaking, and the variety was a favourite of Charlie Wagner. Look for big, ripe dark fruit with spice and underbrush in a bold, full-bodied frame.

Full-bodied & Smooth \$59.95 🥖 750 mL (D) 718759



KLINKER BRICK OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2015 Lodi

TASTING NOTE: Big and bright, with ripe fruit and vanilla that comes across rich and edgy. Lush finish. A fantastic Zin in an eye-catching bottle, this will be a great match for hard cheeses and cured meats. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2019)

[The San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, 2018)

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750 mL	(D)	\$23.95	
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TUCK BECKSTOFFER THE 75 WINE COMPANY **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017** California



TASTING NOTE: This is a racy, complex wine, with layered black and red fruit and some oak spice. Long and chewy with a lingering finish. Great for barbecue fare such as mildly spiced ribs. (Vintages panel, July 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$37.95 🗸 013692



OREGON

ACROBAT PINOT NOIR 2016 Oregon

This is a perennially excellent Pinot Noir. It's always an aromatic, lively wine with bright food-friendly acidity. You can expect to find black and red cherry tones with touches of dried herbs, earth, toasty smoke, and spices. A great wine for cedar-planked salmon or pan-seared duck breast.

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$29.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 421149



BOOKWALTER READERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Columbia Valley

TASTING NOTE: Shows structure and presence, with refined blackberry, black tea and stony mineral notes that build toward fine-grained tannins. Drink now through 2026. Score: 91 (Tim Fish, wine spectator.com, Nov. 15, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$35.95 013238



AIRFIELD

PIKE ROAD PINOT NOIR 2015 Willamette Valley

TASTING NOTE: This wine's inviting cherry pie aromas come with chicory, burnt sugar and smoke overtones. The tannins are drying, but the flavor and power are greater than the price tag would suggest. Editors' Choice. Score: 89 (Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast, Feb. 1, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$26.95 547695



ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

ZUCCARDI SERIE A TORRONTÉS 2019 IP Salta

TASTING NOTE: I tasted the 2019 Torrontés Serie A next to the 2018, so I could compare the character of the two years, as the wines are produced from the same grapes and in exactly the same way: without any contact with oak. It was bottled in July 2019. Drink date: 2020-2022. Score: 91+ (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2019)

Aromatic 750 mL		ourful \$16.95	
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WASHINGTON

AIRFIELD ESTATES MERLOT 2015 Estate bottled, Yakima Valley

TASTING NOTE: Forward and plush, the 2015 Airfield Estates Merlot reveals good dark fruit flavors with a touch of chocolate. This shows good poise considering the obvious heat of the vintage. Drink 2018-2024. Score: 89 (Dr. Owen Bargreen, washingtonwineblog.com, undated)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$29.95 750 mL (XD) 420703 Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my!



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ARGENTINA – RED WINE

CATENA LUNLUNTA OLD VINES **APPELLATION MALBEC 2017** Mendoza



TASTING NOTE: The 2017 Appellation Lunlunta Malbec is from a slightly riper year and has higher alcohol and a little less acidity. But the wine keeps its poise and harmony, showing very classical, perfumed and with volume. Power and elegance. Drink date: 2018-2023. Score: 92 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker. com, June 29, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth 750 mL (XD) 011769





ARGENTINA – RED WINE CONT'D

SUR DE LOS ANDES PREMIUM BLEND MALBEC/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014 Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: Deep, ripe balsamic blackberry aromas include spice notes and vanilla. As might be expected from that nose, this Malbec-Cab Sauvignon blend is saturated and extracted, to the borderline of syrupy. Toasty blackberry and cassis flavors are chocolaty through a smooth finish with modest tannins. Drink through 2023. Score: 92 (Michael Schachner, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2018)





TINTONEGRO LIMESTONE BLOCK MALBEC 2015 Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: A wine that does what it says on the label, this comes from low-yielding, stony, limestone influenced soils and is intensely fresh, sappy and chalky with real precision and focus, fragrant blueberry and black cherry fruit and bright acidity. Drink date: 2018-2025. Score: 94 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 404137



TRAPICHE MEDALLA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 Mendoza

TASTING NOTE: Dark currants and walnuts with hints of hazelnuts and fresh herbs. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Needs a year or two more to soften. Try in 2021. Score: 91 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, March 27, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 750 mL (XD) 568865





(Paul Hobbs)

Full-bodied & Firm

750 mL (XD)

TASTING NOTE: A red with sweet tobacco, plum and chocolate character. Medium to full body, savory finish. Delicious at the end. Drink now. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, March 27, 2019)

\$19.95 🗸





ZUCCARDI POLIGONOS MALBEC 2016 Tupungato Alto, Mendoza



TASTING NOTE: There is a big jump in quality in the 2016 Polígonos Gualtallary compared with the 2015, as they realized that the grapes there ripen earlier than in Altamira, even though the vineyards are much higher (Gualtallary is at 1,350 meters in altitude compared to Altamira at 1,100), which does not follow any (known) logic. They also separated the harvest by soil, which has increased the levels of precision and freshness. This is the most mineral and austere of the three Malbec Polígonos from 2016. Amazing value too! Drink date: 2018-2023. Score: 94 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, June 29, 2018)

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II-bodied & Smooth \$29.95 🗸 0 mL (XD) 1771

CHILE – RED WINE



ARBOLEDA CARMENÈRE 2017 DO Aconcagua Valley (Eduardo Chadwick)

TASTING NOTE: This is how Chilean carmenere should be. Unashamedly herbal with its dark pepper and blackberry-leaf undertones, but ripe at the same time, sporting black-olive and brambleberry character. Shows real structure and concentration on the palate, chewy tannins enveloping dark-fruit flavors that permeate through the medium-long finish. Drink now or hold. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, April 5, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 046284 Featured as our Wine of the Month

UNCORK SOMETHING GREAT • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020



CASA SILVA LOLOL GRAN TERROIR DE LA COSTA SYRAH 2016 Certified sustainable, DO Colchagua Valley

TASTING NOTE: Silky and graceful. A sophisticated and beautifully-balanced syrah that is only just beginning to open up, but the finish is already long and refined. Better from 2019 or 2020. Score: **93** (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, March 16, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth

750 mL (XD) \$19.95 010806 Featured in *Hills and soil and sun, oh my*!



AUSTRALIA - WHITE WINE

GRANT BURGE 5TH GENERATION CHARDONNAY 2018



Barossa, South Australia TASTING NOTE: A celebration of five generations of Barossa winemaking, this Chardonnay offers bright citrus and pineapple fruit in a refined package. This wine has an excellent price-to-quality ratio and is perfect for chicken dishes. (Vintages panel, May 2019)

 Full-bodied & Rich

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ESCUDO ROJO RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Maipo Valley

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(Baron Philippe de Rothschild)

TASTING NOTE: Impressively fresh and upbeat fruit that runs from dark cherries to berries and ripe dark plums. The palate has a very fresh and attractive core of plush fruit flavor with a long, seamless run of silky, fresh tannins. Drink or hold. Score: **93** (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, April 5, 2019)

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AUSTRALIA - RED WINE

CHAPEL HILL THE PARSON CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 Adelaide, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: The 2017 took my fancy. I like this 2018 too. It's basically juicy with berried fruit flavour but it's just a little rugged too, in a good way. Some tannin, lots of fruit, some shape and a satisfying finish. Excellent buying. Drink: 2019-2024. Score: **91** (Campbell Mattinson, winefront.com.au, Oct. 1, 2019)

 Full-bodied & Firm

 750 mL
 (XD)

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MONTES LIMITED SELECTION PINOT NOIR 2017 DO Casablanca Valley

TASTING NOTE: A straightforward, fruity wine with berries and some toasted oak. Medium-bodied, fresh and bright. Iron undertones. Drink now. Score: **89** (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, April 5, 2019)



DON'T TELL GARY SHIRAZ 2017 Grampians, Victoria (McPherson Wines)

TASTING NOTE: The wine was made with 100% Grampians shiraz matured in 'ridiculously' expensive French oak, and speaks clearly of its variety and its place. It's well worth cellaring if you can keep your hands off it. Drink by: 2030. Special Value. Score: **92** (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2019)



AUSTRALIA - RED WINE CONT'D

TRENTHAM ESTATE RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2015 Tasmania



TASTING NOTE: A wine that shows its cool climate origins with brambly, foresty aromas and a grip of fine but firm astringency on the finish, but in between it's quite a juicy, generous offering. Ripe cherry flavour provides the fruit sweetness and there's a lick of French oak spiciness. The hallmark Trentham drinkability is very much in evidence and it's in the zone now. Drink by: 2022. Score: **93** (Steven Creber, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2019)

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

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NEW ZEALAND - WHITE WINE

ERADUS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

Awatere Valley, Marlborough, South Island TASTING NOTE: The wine is fabulously fruited and lifted on the nose showing passionfruit, kiwifruit, peach and lime zest characters. It is equally impressive on the palate with excellent purity and vibrancy backed by fine texture and refreshing acidity, finishing superbly long and delicious. At its best: now to 2022. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Aug. 2019)





SOHO WHITE COLLECTION PINOT GRIS 2018

Marlborough, South Island TASTING NOTE: Attractively fruited and delightfully fragrant, the bouquet shows peach, fresh pear, mandarin and floral aromas, followed by a juicy palate that is bright and succulent. The wine is charming and immediately appealing with youthful fruit flavours, leading to a lingering smooth finish. At its best: now to 2020. Score: **91** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, Nov. 2018)





TUPARI BOULDER ROWS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015 Awatere Valley, Marlborough, South Island



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TASTING NOTE: 100% Sauvignon Blanc. Pronounced nose of honey, lime marmalade, kiwi, pink grapefruit, cold smoke and baking spices from oak fermentation. Full-bodied palate with sweet herb, tropical fruit, preserved lemon and peach moments: plenty of acidity and flavours, allied to a lovely silky texture – balanced, well made and very toothsome indeed! Score: **97** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

NEW ZEALAND - RED WINE

ASKERNE MERLOT/CABERNET SAUVIGNON/CABERNET FRANC 2016

Hawke's Bay, North Island

TASTING NOTE: Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon/ Cabernet Franc. Wonderfully ripe and beautifully fragrant, the instantly appealing bouquet shows blackcurrant, plum, cedar, cigar and vanilla characters, leading to a concentrated palate that is supple and succulent. The wine displays excellent fruit intensity and vibrancy, beautifully framed by fine, chalky tannins. At its best: now to 2022. Score: **93** (Sam Kim, wineorbit.co.nz, July 2018)

SOUTH AFRICA - WHITE WINE

LE RICHE CHARDONNAY 2017 WO Stellenbosch



TASTING NOTE: Alluring citrus and toasted nut flavours from bunch pressing and equal parts tank/ oak ferment (latter natural). Suppressed malo enhances zesty character, anchors confident Polkadraai fruit. Good value. Score: **90** (*Platter's South African Wine Guide*, 2019)

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SOUTH AFRICA - RED WINE

ALVI'S DRIFT SIGNATURE SHIRAZ 2018 WO Western Cape

TASTING NOTE: For the last few years, South African Shiraz has been knocking on the door demanding inclusion in the where-do-you-find-the-best-Shiraz conversation. This one is ripe and juicy with velvety tannins and an easy, crowd-friendly disposition. Modern, with intense blackberry and black pepper notes, this stunning value has the makings of a fantastic house wine. (Vintages panel, June 2019)





CATHEDRAL CELLAR TRIPTYCH 2015 WO Western Cape (KWV)

TASTING NOTE: Triptych started out as a blend of three varieties, but now contains 11. Typical of recent improvements at the KWV, it displays concentration as well as balance and freshness. Violet and bramble notes combine with scented oak and fine-grained tannins. Drink date: 2019-2027. Score: **93** (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, *South Africa Special Report 2018*)

Full-bodi	ed & S	mooth	
750 mL	(XD)	\$17.95	
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RICKETY BRIDGE SHIRAZ 2015 WO Western Cape

TASTING NOTE: 100% Shiraz. Ripe, bold black fruit nose, subtle baking spice and hints of sweet oak, lovely concentration of cassis and black cherry. Score: **92** (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

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 Full-bodied & Smooth

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JOSEPH CATTIN PINOT GRIS 2018 AC Alsace

TASTING NOTE: Pear appears very gently on the nose of this wine. The rounded palate balances fruity pear richness with a pithy, phenolic tone. Warmth shows on the off-dry finish. Score: **89** (Anne Krebiehl, MW, *Wine Enthusiast*, Aug. 1, 2019)

Full-bodied & Rich





BURGUNDY

FRANÇOIS MARTENOT L'OR DE LATERRE BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ 2018 AP

TASTING NOTE: Aligoté – the other white

grape of Burgundy besides Chardonnay – is prized for its food-friendly acidity. This one also brings notions of fresh flowers, peach, pineapple and honey to the party and has a lovely mineral underpinning. It'll especially shine with seafood. (Vintages panel, April 2019)

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FRANÇOIS MARTENOT LES MAROUETTES CHABLIS 2018 AP



TASTING NOTE: With a winemaking history dating back to the 19th century, Maison François Martenot knows a thing or two about producing great expressions of Burgundy. This is classic Chablis, with beautiful brightness and freshness, outstanding balance, and suggestions of tree fruit and marine stones. At its peak now through 2025, it'll pair well with chicken breast or fish in a light lemon-butter sauce. (Vintages panel, April 2019)



Light & Crisp 750 mL (XD) **\$24.95** 011913 Featured in *Hills and soil and sun, oh my*!



FRANCE - WHITE WINE CONT'D

BURGUNDY

ROUX PÈRE & FILS BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY 2017 AC

TASTING NOTE: This classically elegant white Burgundy was aged in stainless steel, keeping the crunchy apple, pear and citrus fruit at the fore and allowing the suggestions of white flowers and lovely chalk-and-limestone mineral to shine through. Very nicely put together. It'll pair well with pork roast. (Vintages panel, April 2019)



LANGUEDOC

DOMAINE DE LA BAUME LES MARIÉS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018 IGP Pays d'Oc

TASTING NOTE: The grapes for this wine were grown in silica- and limestone-rich volcanic soils in southern France. It's edgy and in-your-face, with complex notions of lemon, lime, green pea and garden herbs, juicy acidity, and a nice, round texture that evokes its sunny origins. It would be great alongside split pea soup or Genovese pesto chicken. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) **\$16.95**



CHÂTEAU DE FONTAINE-AUDON SANCERRE 2018

Made entirely from Sauvignon Blanc, the white wines of Sancerre were fashionable in Parisian bistros for years before they became renowned and beloved the world over. For many, they represent the benchmark expression of Sauvignon Blanc. This one will have excellent freshness and elegance, with crisply articulated fruit and the beautiful gunflint minerality that defines the style.

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) \$32.95 745893 Featured in *Hills and soil and sun, oh my*!



FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DES LANDES CUVÉE PRESTIGE 2015 AC Lussac-Saint-Émilion

TASTING NOTE: The 2015 Chateau des Landes Cuvée Prestige is cut from the same cloth yet has the vintage's more sexy, rounded, powerful style front and center. Cassis, licorice, toasted spices, and dried tobacco notes all give way to a medium to full-bodied 2015 that was ripe tannins, wonderful sweetness of fruit, and a great finish. Made from 100% Merlot brought up in new oak, it's well worth seeking out and is going to keep for 10-12 years easily. Score: **92** (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, March 27, 2019)

CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR GRANDS LANDES 2015

AC Montagne-Saint-Émilion TASTING NOTE: Plummy and ripe with toffee-fruited richness and a liquorice touch. Generous, classic and satisfying. Tannins are a bit furry, but acidity gives decent length. Drinking window: 2019-2025. Score: **89** (decanter.com, Jan. 16, 2018)

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Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$19.95 387522 Featured in Arrive in Style



CHÂTEAU LANGLAIS 2009 AC Puisseguin-Saint-Émilion (G. Dupuy, prop.)

A great opportunity to try maturing Bordeaux, and one crafted from organically grown grapes. Expect this to be a generous wine with a rich, silky character. It will add an air of refinement to a meal featuring lamb or braised beef.





CHÂTEAU TOUR DE SARRAIL 2010 AC Bordeaux

(Hubert de Boüard & Bernard Pujol)

TASTING NOTE: A rich and beautiful Bordeaux with lots of blackcurrants, blueberries and vanilla character. Full body, round and soft tannins and a flavorful finish. Fruit-forward style. Delicious now but better in 2017. Serious wine from this appellation. About 80% merlot and the rest cabernets. Score: 91 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Oct. 21, 2016)

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





LAURENT PERRACHON ET FILS TERRES ROSES MOULIN-À-VENT 2017 AC



TASTING NOTE: An assertively powerful wine that has a very fresh array of red berries and plums with some stony and flinty nuances, too. The palate has good depth and drive, flowing long and even. So succulent. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Feb. 18, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity			
750 mL	(XD)	\$19.95	
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CHÂTEAU VRAI CAILLOU 2016 AC Bordeaux Supérieur

TASTING NOTE: This estate has more than 200 acres of vines divided between red and white grapes. A dense wine, this is richly structured with the firm tannins of the vintage plus red-berry fruits. It should be ready from 2020. Score: 88 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$15.95 348292



BEAUJOLAIS

DOMAIN FOND MOIROUX MOULIN-À-VENT 2011 AC

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TASTING NOTE: Beautifully structured, with black fruits still showing through the tannins, this intense, fresh wine is approaching maturity. Its pure line of fruit, now tempered by the hint of secondary flavors, means this wine is ready to drink. Score: 91 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, March 1, 2019)

Light-bodied & Fruity \$18.95 750 mL (XD) 012029



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BURGUNDY

MATHIEU PAQUET BOURGOGNE **PINOT NOIR 2018 AP Bourgogne**

TASTING NOTE: It doesn't get more classic than Pinot Noir from Burgundy, and this one is a beauty. Lively cherry and redcurrant aromas echo on the juicy, bright, flavourful palate, which is quite fruitforward and yet retains that Old World sensibility. The producer suggests pairing the wine with roast beef; it'll also go well with Cornish game hen. Best through 2023. (Vintages panel, April 2019)

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LANGUEDOC

DOMAINE DES VALS **CORBIÈRES 2017** AP



(Cellier des Demoiselles, Famille Cabal)

Over the last 20 years or so, the South of France has been a hotbed of innovative quality winemaking, and with this shift in focus has come increased customer expectations. The windswept, sunny Corbières is a go-to source for reliability and value. This example will offer refined red fruit with supple, smooth tannins. Ideal for grilled meats, sausages or hard cheeses.

Full-bodied & Smooth \$14.95 🧹 750 mL (XD) 012981







FRANCE - RED WINE CONT'D

LANGUEDOC

PUECH-HAUT PRESTIGE SAINT-DRÉZÉRY 2017 **AP** Languedoc



TASTING NOTE: Ripe, meaty black cherries, black olives, pepper, and garrigue notes all emerge from the 2017 Prestige, which is a tank-aged blend of 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah sourced from the Saint Drézéry region of the Languedoc. Deep, fullbodied, and downright sexy, it's loaded with fruit, has sweet tannins, and terrific purity of fruit as well as character. Drink it any time over the coming 7-8 years. Maturity: 2019-2026. Score: 93 (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, April 3, 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth



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DOMAINE COUDOULIS EVIDENCE LIRAC 2016 AP

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TASTING NOTE: Attractive, dried red-flower, cassis and blueberry aromas. The palate has a very succulent core of ripe, dark-berry flavors. Succulent, deep and even. This is a very plush and appealing Lirac. Drink now or hold. Score: 92 (James Suckling, james suckling.com, Aug. 29, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$19.95 🥒 750 mL (XD) 013513



LA GRANDE GARDIOLE LES VIEILLES **VIENES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2016** AC

(Vignobles & Compagnie)

TASTING NOTE: The 2016 Chateauneuf du Pape Chateau La Grande Gardiole Vieilles Vignes is an unusual blend of 65% Syrah, 25% Grenache and 10% Cinsault, but it still tastes like Chateauneuf, offering hints of roses, tea and anise on the nose, then ripe black cherries on the full-bodied palate. It's bright and fresh on the silky finish, where more red fruits come into play. Drink date: 2019-2030. Score: 93 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Oct. 31, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth \$48.95 750 mL (XD) 012983



PIERRE AMADIEU DOMAINE GRAND **ROMANE CUVÉE PRESTIGE VIEILLES VIGNES GIGONDAS 2017** AC.

TASTING NOTE: A blend of 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 15% Syrah aged in a mix of barrels and foudres, the 2017 Gigondas Domaine Grande Romane looks every bit as good as the barrel sample did last year, layering subtle cedar and vanilla shadings over ripe berries and stone fruit. Full-bodied, creamy and lush, the only question will be if it is just too modern and hedonistic for some readers. Drink date: 2019-2028. Score: 94 (Joe Czerwinski, robert parker.com, Aug. 30, 2019)

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



Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my! Ørganic & biodynamic product

SOUTHWEST

CHÂTEAU LA CAMINADE MALBEC/ MERLOT 2018 AC Cahors

This wine will demonstrate great character, with earth, leather and minerality underlying amply articulated black fruit and cherry. It will have the tannins to age a further 3+ years and will be a good option for ribs, lamb or meaty stews.

[The Concours Mondial des Féminalise Paris did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Concours Mondial des Féminalise Paris, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$19.95 🗸 102954

FRANCE – ROSÉ WINF

PROVENCE

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HECHT & BANNIER COTEAUX D'AIX PROVENCE 2018 AC



TASTING NOTE: Produced from organic grapes, this textured wine is ripe with raspberry and red-currant flavors and the richness of the vintage. It has bright acidity, lightly perfumed fruitiness and a tangy aftertaste. Drink now. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, June 1, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Dry \$22.95 750 mL (XD) 010931



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ITALY – WHITE WINE

ABRUZZO

UMANI RONCHI VELLODORO PECORINO 2018 IGT Terre di Chieti

TASTING NOTE: Lemons and limes, juniper berries and herbs. The medium-bodied palate is nicely layered and swathed in a sheen of bright acidity and crunchy stone fruit. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Light & C	risp		
750 mL	(XD)	\$16.95	
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ALTO ADIGE

PETER ZEMMER PINOT GRIGIO 2017 **DOC Alto Adige**

TASTING NOTE: 100% Pinot Grigio. Lifted ripe pear and citrus aromas are echoed on the palate. Fresh, vibrant and lively with crunchy nashi pear notes supported by fresh mineral acidity. Finishes clean and bright. Long, mineral-iodine finish. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Light & Crisp

\$17.95 750 mL (XD) 095802



VENEZIE

SAN RAFFAELE PINOT GRIGIO 2018 Vegan, DOC delle Venezie

This hand-harvested, certified-organic, veganfriendly PG comes from one of Italy's most longstanding and respected organic producers. Expect layers of crunchy apple, pear, peach and lemon in an elegant, consummately food-friendly wine that'll pair with everything from roast turkey to white pizza to creamy seafood pasta.



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ITALY – RED WINE

CALABRIA

TENUTA IUZZOLINI CIRÒ ROSSO CLASSICO 2017 DOC



TASTING NOTE: Made from 100% Gagliappo, this is fresh and silky with suggestions of ripe red fruit and flowers leading to a nice, structured finish. It'll pair well with lasagna. (Vintages panel, June 2019)

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 91 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, June 25, 2019)



CAMPANIA



DONNACHIARA IRPINIA AGLIANICO 2017 DOC

TASTING NOTE: Now here's a really exciting Aglianico. Full of life, it's overflowing with sea urchin, oyster shell, hot stones, blackberries and steak tartare. As for the palate, it's full in body, but very silky and sleek, tiptoeing with the grace of a ballerina through vibrant but concentrated dark fruit. Long and complex. Amazing value! Drink from 2023. Score: 94 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

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

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PIEDMONT

STEFANO FARINA BAROLO 2012 DOCG



TASTING NOTE: A wine with fragrant and intense aromas of dark cherries, mushroom and leather. Sweet core of strawberry fruit. Ripe tannins and fresh acidity. Score: 95 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017)

Full-bodied & Firm 750 mL (XD) \$50.95 384131 Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my!





ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

PUGLIA

ALCHYMIA PRIMITIVO 2015 IGT Puglia (Duca di Saragnano)

TASTING NOTE: ... perfectly balanced between tannic texture, crisp acidity, the smoothness of its fruit and its sweet spices that combine into a mellow harmony. A wine of extraordinary wine-growing capacity, and of purest executive wine-making. Absolutely among the best reds of the year. Hats off. Score: 98 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, April 27, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth





SICILY

TORNATORE NERELLO MASCALESE/ NERELLO CAPPUCCIO 2017 DOC Etna Rosso

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of red berry, rose, thyme and a whiff of camphor shape the fragrant nose. Sleek and graceful, the lithe, savory palate delivers juicy strawberry, crushed raspberry, Mediterranean herbs and white pepper framed in glossy tannins and fresh acidity. A mineral note evoking smoky flint lingers on the finish. Editors' Choice. Score: 93 (Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 1, 2019)

ETNA ROSSO

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

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Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my!



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BERNARDESCHI GOVERNO ALL'USO ROSSO 2017 IGT Toscana

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TASTING NOTE: A blend of 70% Sangiovese with 30% Merlot all harvested by hand and aged three months in French oak barriques, this wine offers sweet blackcurrant and blackberry in a fruit-forward style. Bring on the meaty pasta or pizza! (Vintages panel, July 2019)

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 97 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, Sept. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (D) \$19.95 🗸 013519 Featured as our Wine of the Month



CARPINETO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Smells like a little Cabernet Sauvignon enhancing the Sangiovese in this black currant- and cherry-flavored red (but it's actually Canaiolo, with a bit of Mammolo and Colorino). Cedar, thyme, iron and sanguine notes round out the palate as this cruises to a lingering aftertaste. Shows excellent structure and balance. Best from 2020 through 2035. Score: 94 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 31, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$28.95 750 mL (XD) 047118 Featured in Hills and soil and sun, oh my!



GUADO AL TASSO IL BRUCIATO 2017 DOC Bolgheri (Antinori)

TASTING NOTE: There's a very fresh array here of thyme, newly picked blackcurrants, iodine, crushed stones and sea salt. The exuberant fruit is matched nicely to fine and elegant tannins, which paint a compact and neat picture on the medium-to fullbodied palate. Drink from 2021. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Full-bodied & Firm \$25.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 674135

LORNANO GRAN SELEZIONE **CHIANTI CLASSICO 2012** DOCG

TASTING NOTE: Lornano's interpretation of Gran Selezione for Chianti Classico is a selection of the finest few barriques of both sangiovese and merlot. Thirty months in new barrels takes sangiovese through a fluid and rippleless ride ... The cherries and the leather are both more extreme but this is a fleeting moment of assessment, from a sangiovese of acute youth, but the tannins are sweet. It is this crux that shows there is genetic lineage to scroll back through Chianti Classico and CC Riserva. More perfume in 2012, of violets and roses, even in the presence of human aromatic intervention. Drink 2018-2028. Tasted May 2016. Score: 93 (Michael Godel, winealign.com, June 18, 2016)

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CHIANTI CLASSIC

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$45.95 750 mL (XD) 491985



PETRA HEBO SUVERETO 2016 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: What a beautiful nose of blueberries, elderberries, crushed stones and pressed violets. Full body, fine and juicy tannins that surround a tight core of fresh plums and a medium-long, very minerally finish. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and sangiovese. Drink now. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Sept. 11, 2018)

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







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CASTEL DEL LAGO VALPOLICELLA **RIPASSO SUPERIORE 2017** DOC



TASTING NOTE: Here's a big, soft, round, fruitforward ripasso brimming with sweet-spiced fruit and showing a touch of chewy tannin on the finish. A great choice for salumi or a pancetta risotto. (Vintages panel, May 2019)

Full-bodied & Smooth





VILLA POGGIO SALVI CASPAGNOLO CHIANTI COLLI SENESI 2018 DOCG

TASTING NOTE: A focused and delicious nose that shows dark cherries, citrus and spices with mahogany and vanilla undertones. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a bright finish. Drink now. Score: 91 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$15.95 568022



VENETO

CA' DEL SETTE **APPASSIONANTE 2016 IGT** Veneto



TASTING NOTE: Made with late-harvested, partially dried grapes, this is beautifully complex with layers of jammy dark fruit, figs, tilled earth, chocolate and spices. One to savour over the next year or two with spice-rubbed steaks or osso buco. (Vintages panel, May 2019)

[Luca Maroni tasting note not available.] Score: 93 (Luca Maroni, lucamaroni.com, March 6, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$19.95 750 mL (D) 012837



ZENATO ALANERA 2016 IGT Rosso Veronese

TASTING NOTE: I love the brambly nuances to this red, which suggests forest floor, dried plums, dried herbs and cedar. Full-bodied and chewy with grainy tannins and spice undertones throughout. Long and beautiful. Drink now or hold. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Nov. 7, 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$18.95 750 mL (D) 451724

PORTUGAL - RED WINE

CABRAL RESERVA 2016 DOC Douro

(Vallegre)

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TASTING NOTE: This blend of local Portuguese grapes was harvested by hand and the wine spent 15 months in French oak barrels, bringing notes of vanilla, smoky spices and a hint of smoked meat to a soft, silky core of dark berry fruit. Tons of complexity here for the price. A good one for cheeseburgers, especially featuring smoked cheeses. (Vintages panel, April 2019)



Medium-bodied & Fruity \$13.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 011632





PORTUGAL - RED WINE CONT'D

CASCA MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS 1808 RESERVA 2016 DOC Douro

TASTING NOTE: The Douro gives its power, structure and dark tannins to this intense wine. Black-currant fruits are layered with minerality and a dense texture. This is a wine for aging, rich and powerful. Drink from 2020. Editors' Choice. Score: 92 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Nov. 1, 2018)

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

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SPAIN – WHITF WINF

DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM **POMELADO ORANGE WINE 2018** Spain

TASTING NOTE: Orange wine is white wine made with skin contact; in other words, a white wine made like a red. This aromatic blend is based on Sauvignon Blanc and spends 10-14 days on the skins, which imparts a bronze colour along with notions of blanched almond and cinnamon stick to a citrusy core. Best served lightly chilled (like an aromatic white wine), it'll suit seared scallops or seafood paella. (Vintages panel, April 2019)

Aromatic & Flavourful \$16.95 750 mL (XD) 012119 & Organic product



SPAIN – RED WINE

BARÓN DE LEY RESERVA 2014 DOCa Rioja

TASTING NOTE: Barón de Ley produce a remarkable three million bottles of this wine, so it's their vinous bread and butter, to mix a metaphor. Sourced from alluvial soils in Mendavia, it's a juicy, deftly wooded red with some coconutty sweetness and refreshing strawberry and red cherry flavours. Drink date: 2019-2023. Score: 91 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, Rioja Special Report 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$21.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 958868



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CASTAÑO ALCARIA OLD VINES 2017 DO Yecla



TASTING NOTE: This intense-yet-elegant wine is built on Monastrell, Garnacha and Syrah grown on vines aged 35+ years. It's balanced and fruity, with fresh boysenberry, tobacco and floral notes and good tannin structure. A beauty for steak and mushrooms in peppercorn gravy. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity \$14.95 🗸 750 mL (XD) 010692



ONDARRE RESERVA 2015 DOCa Rioja

Medium-bodied & Fruity

750 mL (XD)

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TASTING NOTE: Aromas of cherry, berry, tomato sauce and vanilla are smoky and slightly tarry. A flush, full mouthfeel is lifted by core acidity, while flavors of blackened spice, tobacco, toast and cassis finish with classic Rioja notes of vanilla, mocha, toast and warmth. Drink this winner through 2024. Score: 92 (Michael Schachner, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2019)

\$19.95

ONDARRE





DOMINIO DE PUNCTUM SIN SULFITOS BARREL AGED **TEMPRANILLO 2018** Vino de la Tierra de Castilla

Organic & biodynamic product



TASTING NOTE: This take on Spain's signature grape is from a family winery founded in 2005 by a brother and two sisters. The wine is certified organic and has zero added sulphites, meaning it meets the requirements typical of the "natural wine" movement. It's fruit-forward and easygoing, with juicy cherry embroidered by subtle herbal and earthy notes. It'll show nicely with baked eggplant sandwiches or pisto manchego (Spanish ratatouille). (Vintages panel, April 2019)

Medium-bodied & Fruity 750 mL (XD) \$18.95 012118 Ørganic & biodynamic product

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92 points (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2019)

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91 points (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com,

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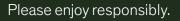
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