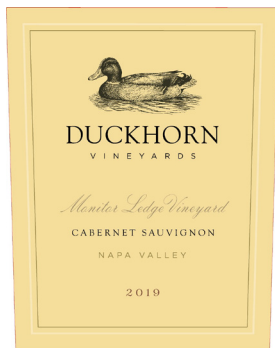


1



**Duckhorn 2019 Monitor Ledge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).**  
—96 pts, J.G.

With a crème de cassis flavor and a velvety texture that soothes the palate, this rich and indulgent wine is easy to love. The charming black fruits, baking spices and cassis notes are well matched by rounded tannins. Best through 2033. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$105

2



**Ratti 2019 Serradenari (Barolo).**  
—97 pts, J.P.

This wine expresses itself with aromas of wild cherries, tart red plums, dried violets and oolong tea leaves. The palate is elegant and almost dances across the mouth, leading with ripe red fruits that give way to savory flavors of fresh bay leaf, clove and balsam. Drink 2025–2040. Maze Row Wine Merchant. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$175

3



**Schnaitmann 2019 Lämmle GG Dry Riesling (Württemberg).**  
—97 pts, A.Z.

The light-golden color of this Riesling hints at some development, and that is exactly what sets this GG apart from its peers. The extra aging only benefits the terrific mix of intensely spiced and mineral-laced elements to come out as the acidity integrates and beams on the rich lemon meringue, white raspberry and baked apple. The succulent, yet fresh finish flows on the palate. Drink now–2035. The German Wine Collection. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$75

4

**Brewer-Clifton 2021 Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills).**  
—95 pts, M.K.

Even Greg Brewer's appellation cuvée carries his hallmark, addictive combination of sensory sensations. Light in the glass, it begins with aromas of fresh strawberry, red plum, wild thyme and chaparral spice on the nose. The palate snaps with refreshing acidity, powering through vibrant red fruit, earthy herb and peppery spice flavors. Delicious, fun, memorable. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

5

**Rippon 2019 Rippon Mature Vine Lake Wanaka Pinot Noir (Central Otago).**  
—97 pts, C.P.

From arguably the most gorgeously located biodynamic vineyard in the world, this Pinot is a head-turner. Aromas change in the glass, expressing various aspects of site and variety: first succulent currant and blueberry fruit, then florals and a hint of mushroomy undergrowth, then scrubby dried herbs growing beside a lake and snowcapped mountains. The palate is elegant and juicy, with silky softness and floral delicacy. You're almost surprised when the tannins rush in to cinch it into place. This is one of Rippon's finest Pinots to date. Drink now–2030. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$65

6



**Three Sticks 2021 Gap's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast).**  
—97 pts, J.G.

This full-blown, toast- and butter-scented wine boasts rich fruits, a mouthfilling texture and a lingering finish. Spicy toasted-oak aromas lead to vanilla, poached pears, toasted almonds and cream flavors that swell on the palate and linger on the finish. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$70

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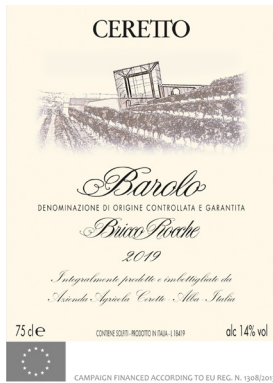
**Castello Bonomi 2016 CruPerdu Grande Annata Extra Brut (Franciacorta).**  
—97 pts, J.P.

CruPerdu is from an old reclaimed vineyard that shows its pedigree from the start with fresh citrus notes, orchard fruits, ginger, jasmine and intense minerality. The palate is firm and structured and shows the potential for a long life. Crushed stones give way to candied orange zest and fresh brioche with a touch of cream all balanced by stunning acidity. Serendipity Wine Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$50

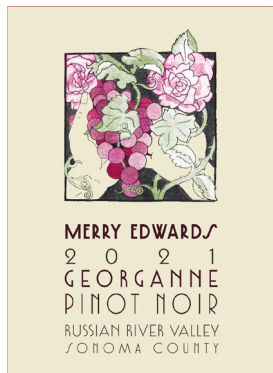
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**Ceretto 2019 Bricco Rocche (Barolo).**  
—95 pts, J.P.

On the nose, this wine exudes notes of black cherry, tea and cedar. The palate is very elegant, showcasing fine tannins and a very pretty and enticing character. The finish reveals earthy and mineral elements, contributing to its classy profile. A wine for the ages. Drink 2026–2046. Trinchero Family Estates.  
abv: 14% Price: \$NA

9



**Merry Edwards 2021 Georganne Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley).**  
—94 pts, J.G.

Densely concentrated black fruits take a ride on well-integrated tannins and good acid balance in this full-bodied, spicy and delicious wine. The grippy and mouthwatering texture beautifully lifts the fresh red and black cherries, black currants and oak spice notes on the palate. Best from 2025–2032.  
abv: 14.4% Price: \$70

10

**Cayuse 2020 En Cerise Vineyard Syrah (Walla Walla Valley).**  
—96 pts, M.A.

The wine's blackberry and tangerine aromas blend with equally compelling notes of espresso, saline and leather. Joining dark raspberries on the palate are flavors like tart red apples, bergamot tea and peppered bacon. Lemony acidity with tannins on the plush side. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$94

11



**Louis M. Martini 2019 Lot No. 1 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).**  
—96 pts, J.G.

Deep and concentrated blueberries, dark chocolate and espresso flavors fill out this powerful but polished wine whose firm but gentle tannins will carry it to a long life. It's the top-of-the-line Cabernet from the now Cabernet-centric 90-year-old winery. Best from 2027–2040. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 15.4% Price: \$250

12

**Anne-Sophie Pic & Michel Chapoutier 2021 (Cornas).**  
—95 pts, A.C.C.

Dense and richly interwoven aromas of juicy cranberry and kirsch embrace a core of black plum, blackberry and thyme. The palate is undeniably delicious, with blackberry, rhubarb, pomegranate and an abundant midpalate of black olives and cassis served in a terracotta pot with fresh potting soil. With time in the glass, the wine evolves with generous silkiness, elegantly balanced by refreshing acidity. Sera Fina Cellars. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 13% Price: \$NA

13



**Convene By Dan Kosta 2021 Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley).**  
—97 pts, J.G.

This wine from one of Kosta Browne's founders shows just-ripe black cherry and blackberry flavors that are compelling and delicious. Moderate tannins and good acidity lift the fruit across the palate and through the finish. Beautiful aromas of black fruits, rose petals and violets continue to echo. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 14.1% Price: \$62

14

**Markus Altenburger 2019 Gritschenberg Blaufränkisch (Leithaberg).**  
—96 pts, A.Z.

Smoldering charcoal note opens up this velvety red, followed by notes of ganache and cassis. Its core is pretty muscular, as this firms up with the ripe tannins, begging for a bit more time and patience, but nevertheless, it is still quite impressive at this stage. The wine shows a slight perky mineral on the distinctive finish. It will benefit from cellaring, yet with the right meal, it would be a great companion. Best after 2025. Jenny and François Selections. **Hidden Gem.**  
abv: 13% Price: \$60

15

**La Ferme du Mont 2021 Vendage (Châteauneuf-du-Pape).**  
—95 pts, A.C.C.

Fresh aromas of white peaches, tangerine, lime zest and acacia fill the glass in this bright expression. The palate is round with flavors of sliced lemon, pink grapefruit, green pear, fresh almonds, white flowers and river rocks. Mouthwatering acidity uplifts and provides tremendous energy to this wine. Broadbent Selections, Inc. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 14.5% Price: \$90

16

**Yangarra 2020 Hickinbotham Grenache (Clarendon).**

—95 pts, C.P.

From 800-million-year-old soapstone, sandstone and clay soils in Australia's premier Grenache region, McLaren Vale, Hickinbotham is set for the long haul while still being approachable now. It's reticent when first poured, so give it some aeration. Once open, there's oodles of ripe, fresh strawberry fruit and something a touch medicinal. Behind that lurks cherry cordial, orange rind, floral and spice notes. The palate is bright and fruity, with an almost surprising tug of raw, textural tannins. A distinctive cherry tang lingers on the long finish. Graceful and silky but with power and ageworthiness. Jackson Family Wines. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5% Price: \$60

17



**Bien Nacido Estate 2020 Pinot Noir (Santa Maria Valley).**

—94 pts, M.K.

Creamy while detailed aromas of black cherry, loam and slate make for a very inviting and intriguing nose on this bottling. The palate lands with a bold richness, carrying fresh and vibrant flavors of black cherry and blackberry in a hedonistic vintage for this estate. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5% Price: \$75

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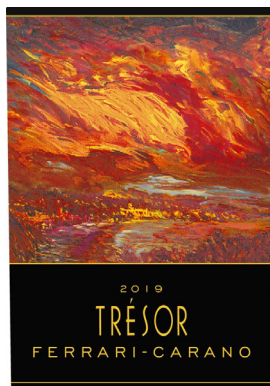
**Borgogno 2021 Derthona (Colli Tortonesi).**

—94 pts, J.P.

Spiced pear mixed with candied lemon rind, wildflowers and fresh honey all swirl in concert in the glass. Each sniff brings out a new element from the wine: fruit, mineral, flower. The palate is full in body, capped with apricot and a salty minerality and a texture that will make you keep coming back and rue the moment the glass is finished. Ethica Wines. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 14% Price: \$60

19



**Ferrari-Carano 2019 Trésor Red Blend (Sonoma County).**

—94 pts, J.G.

A nicely firm texture holds together vivid black currants, blackberries and mint in this full-bodied, dark and assertive blend, which is mainly Cabernet Sauvignon. Ample tannins match the outstanding ripeness of the fruit for good balance despite the wine's obvious heft and power. Best from 2027–2037.

abv: 14.9% Price: \$58

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**Dr. Konstantin Frank 2019 Brut Champagne Blend (Finger Lakes).**

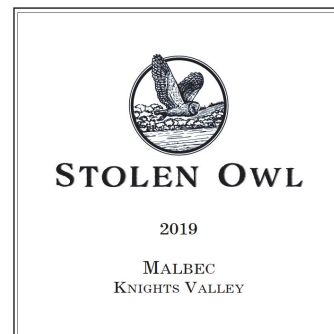
—94 pts, C.P.

This is a smartly made traditional method fizz from one of the Finger Lakes' most respected producers. Lovely layers of aromas, from grilled apple and honeyed pear to florals and white spice open on the rich, toasty nose. Lively bubbles and racy acidity leap from the glass at first sip. There's tangy fruit, textural interest and excellent length. It is, frankly, delicious.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12% Price: \$30

21



**Stolen Owl 2019 Malbec (Knights Valley).**

—96 pts, J.G.

So powerful and so gentle at the same time, this opulent wine from a standout new producer was a small, two-barrel lot. It frames indulgent black figs, blueberries, dark chocolate and tobacco flavors in posh but firm, ultrafine tannins. Best through 2030. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 14.9% Price: \$45

## 22

**Big Table Farm 2021 Cattrall Brothers Pinot Noir (Eola-Amity Hills).**  
—96 pts, M.A.

I have the highest respect for the Cattrall family and the vineyard they began planting in 1972. This wine honors that legacy, from its dialed-back alcohol and jitterbug acidity to its plush tannins and long finish. Look for aromas and flavors of dried cherries, blackberries, aged balsamic, bacon fat and lavender in between.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.4%

Price: \$72

## 23

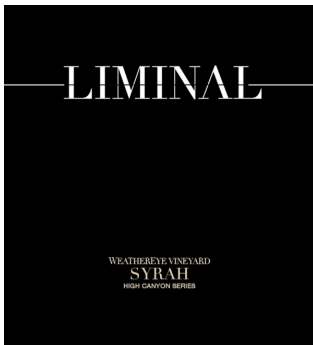
**Brooks 2019 Bois Joli Riesling (Eola-Amity Hills).**  
—95 pts, M.A.

If you can't bring yourself to love this medium-dry Riesling, you need to move along to the next grape. Its primary aromas of apricots, Meyer lemons and thyme dance nicely with traces of petrol and earthy petrichor. The lemon curd, white tea, guava and tonic-water flavors are complemented by a wee bit of talc. The Bois Joli's acidity will impress even the most jaded palate. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$28

## 24



**Liminal 2021 High Canyon Series WeatherEye Vineyard Syrah (Red Mountain).**  
—96 pts, M.A.

There's an earthy aroma here that combines loam and porcini mushrooms. The earthiness is complemented by the sweet aromas of blackberries and figs. The palate is the heart of darkness, with black cherry, black coffee and dark chocolate flavors and a smooth texture. Lemony acidity and silky tannins are nicely matched. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.8%

Price: \$85

## 25

**Vigneto Saetti 2021 Rosso Viola (Lambrusco dell'Emilia).**  
—95 pts, J.P.

This 100% Salamino is grown organically in the hills north of Modena—and the wine is the personification of the Saetti family's dedication to their craft. Aromas of blackberries, mulberries and tamarind share the glass with violets, dried roses and wild herbs. The palate is lush and vibrant at the same time with rich ripe black-hued fruits balanced with crunchy acidity. The wine has a long and refined finish highlighted by the well-crafted perlage. Louis/Dressner Selections. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$24

## 26

**Domaine Delaporte 2020 La Côte d'Amigny (Sancerre).**  
—95 pts, R.V.

This limited-production wine comes from a small parcel of old vines in Chavignol. It is ripe and dense, balancing white fruits and intense, tangy acidity. The wine is just ready to drink but will be better from 2024. Vineyard Brands.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$NA

## 27

**Achaval-Ferrer 2018 Finca Altamira Malbec (Uco Valley).**  
—95 pts, J.V.

An aromatic nose of red and black fruit followed by rosemary transports you to Mendoza. There is a delicious hint of licorice. Tamed by wood aging, this elegant wine has vigorous acidity and chalky tannins that are typical from Altamira. A good balance of fruit and herbs offers cherry and blackberry mixed with bay leaf and rosemary on the palate. It finishes with cherry and chocolate. Stoli Group USA. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$150

## 28

**Prager 2021 Ried Zwerithaler Kammergut Smaragd Grüner Veltliner (Wachau).**  
—95 pts, A.Z.

This blockbuster Grüner is rich and expressive, yet incredibly vivacious and graceful. Aromas and flavors of orchard and stone fruit mingle at the core, framed by floral notes and a hint of white pepper. Its intense acidity cuts through the meaty profile, bringing out harmo-

ny, which makes this white a pleasure to drink now, but also makes it a great wine to cellar. Drink now–2040. Winebow Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$140

## 29

**Chateau Ste. Michelle & Dr. Loosen 2016 Eroica Single Berry Select Riesling (Columbia Valley).**

—95 pts, M.A.

I don't know whether to write a tasting note or a poem. This rich, golden-hued dessert wine is viscous enough to float a pearl, with searing acidity that keeps it from crossing over to cloying. Honeycomb, orange blossom and bergamot aromas envelop lemon and yellow apple scents. Mouthfilling flavors of orange marmalade, clover honey and pine needles go on forever. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 8%

Price: \$200/375 ml

## 30

**Domaine Jean Dauvissat Père et Fils 2020 Fourchaume Premier Cru (Chablis).**  
—94 pts, A.C.C.

Gentle aromas of lemon verbena, fresh pears, and melon intertwine with baby's breath, acacia, salty ocean breeze and stone. An abundance of white peach, lemongrass, chervil, fresh hay, broken seashell and flaky sea salt coats the palate. A delicious expression with intense minerality and dry extract that lingers on the long finish. Banville Wine Merchants.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$63

## 31

**Vietti 2019 Lazzarito (Barolo).**  
—94 pts, J.P.

This is the Barolo we have been looking for! Black cherry, warmed spices, crushed stone and dried herbs flow from the glass. The palate is firm and states its desire to take some time in the cellar. The core of fruit is present but reticent while the black tea, anise, pepper and mineral edge are present but want more time. Drink 2028–2045. Dalla Terra Winery Direct.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$NA



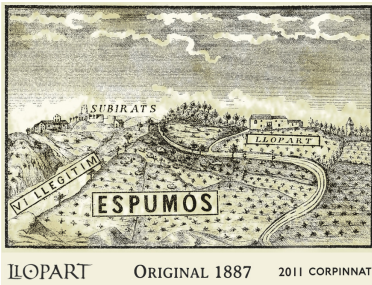
# 41

**Brendel 2020 Young Leon Frizzante Rosé Sparkling Blend (Napa Valley).**  
—92 pts, J.G.

A light amber-pink color leads to an appetizing, bone-dry palate laced with apricot, almond and tangy cherry flavors. Made from Grignolino grapes, the wine is crisp, light, mouthwatering and built for pairing with food—anything from caviar to potato chips to tuna tartare. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 11% Price: \$38

# 42



**Llopart 2011 Original 1887 Brut Nature (Cava).**  
—95 pts, M.D.

Deep straw in color and with a steady column of bubbles, this sparkler features a bouquet of dried apricot, caramelized pineapple and roasted almonds. A strong vein of acidity backs golden currant, caramelized pineapple, croissant, toffee and lemon blossom flavors that coalesce in a surprisingly vivid, lingering finish. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12% Price: \$100

# 43



**Beronia 2015 Gran Reserva (Rioja).**  
—94 pts, M.D.

Dark violet-red in the glass, this wine has a bouquet of blackberry, milk chocolate and butterscotch. Spicy clove and eucalyptus with touches of dark chocolate open on the palate

and are joined by dark red berry flavors. The whole package is wrapped up in polished tannins and well-moderated acidity that linger on the tongue and gums. Gonzalez Byass USA.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5% Price: \$30

# 44

**Oremus 2019 Petrats Single-Vineyard Dry Furmint (Tokaj).**  
—94 pts, M.D.

This wine offers a bouquet of pineapple, green apple and grated ginger. The ginger note is apparent on the palate as well, along with carambola, nectarine, lavender and orange zest flavors that culminate in a radiant finish. Europvin USA. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5% Price: \$78

# 45

**Anselmo Mendes 2021 Curtimenta (Vinho Verde).**  
—94 pts, R.V.

The wine is maturing with ripe white fruits and a hint of toastiness. Aged in wood, it shows the ability of Alvarinho to take to barrel aging. The result is a rich wine that still has a fresh edge. Drink now. Grape2Glass. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5% Price: \$30

# 46

**Gundlach Bundschu 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec (Sonoma Valley).**  
—95 pts, J.G.

Deep, concentrated and tannic, this wine is also elegant, showing finesse in the velvety tannins, plush black currants and black cherries, all layered in oak spices of vanilla, cocoa, toast and mint. The wine is quietly powerful and should improve with some age. Best from 2025–2032. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5% Price: \$40

# 47

**Casado Morales 2018 Alonso López de Familia Crianza (Rioja).**  
—94 pts, M.D.

This dark garnet-colored wine offers a bouquet of black currant, anisette and sage. Blackberry, cassis, dark chocolate, violet and clove flavors are joined by a note of marjoram. Tannins start out feather light, slowly fill the palate, and linger for a while. Misa Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5% Price: \$35

# 48

**Nino Negri 2018 Vigna Fracia (Valtellina Superiore Valgella).**  
—95 pts, J.P.

This wine opens with aromas of warmed strawberries, violet, rosemary and forest floor. The palate achieves a near-perfect balance between fruit and savory notes, each in harmony. Elegant tannins and lifted acidity saunter to the finish, where the wine lingers in a contemplative manner. Supple and so pretty. Drink now—2035. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd.

**Hidden Gem.**

abv: 14% Price: \$72

# 49

**Soter 2019 Mineral Springs Brut Rosé Sparkling Blend (Yamhill-Carlton).**  
—95 pts, M.A.

This pink sparkling wine is 81% Pinot Noir, 19% Chardonnay and 100% satisfying. The show begins with energetic bubbles delivering aromas of raspberry sorbet and fresh peach slices served on a stroopwafel. The flavors are an equally compelling mix of framboise, brioche and crushed walnuts, with a texture as brisk as a winter walk. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.8% Price: \$75

# 50

**Thistledown 2021 Thorny Devil Old Vine Grenache (McLaren Vale).**  
—94 pts, C.P.

Elegance and ease are the name of the game on this silky, midweight Grenache. Succulent cherry and blueberry, with vanilla, florals and a gentle spice make for a nose you could dive into. There's lovely freshness to the slinky palate. It's tugged gently by savory, sand-textured tannins. A sexy wine right now, it could gain savory complexity over the next few years. The best part? It's stellar bang for buck. Southern Starz, Inc. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14% Price: \$25

# 51

**Tablas Creek 2021 Esprit Blanc de Tablas Rhône-style White Blend (Adelaida District).**  
—94 pts, M.K.

As the importer of so many Rhône varieties, it's no surprise that Tablas Creek manages blends like few other domestic producers. This combination of 70% Roussanne, 17% Picpoul Blanc, 10% Grenache, 2% Bourboulenc and 1%

Clairette Blanche shows clean nectarine and apricot aromas on the nose, with a light nuttiness. The palate's chalky texture offers creamy flavors of cashew milk and apple blossoms.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$60

## 52

**Salwey 2019 GG Grauburgunder (Baden).  
—94 pts, A.Z.**

There is beautiful definition and balance to this white with a pinkish hue. The palate offers violet, flint, quince and pear flavors on a firm, full-bodied structure, while the acidity cuts through providing balance and elegance. The finish features a plethora of spices. This is only starting to unravel and will show its best after 2025.

The German Wine Collection. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$95

## 53

**Fontanafredda 2019 Vigna La Delizia Lazzarito (Barolo).**

—94 pts, J.P.

Wild raspberries, fresh wildflowers and herbs spill from the glass of this elegant Barolo. The palate offers crushed cherry notes accented by savory herbs, spice, sweet tobacco and anise finishing with elegant but youthful tannins that will soften with age. Drink 2028–2040. Taub Family Selections. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$175

## 54

**Trapiche 2020 Iscay Malbec-Cabernet Franc (Mendoza).**

—93 pts, J.V.

This wine has an aromatic nose, with prominent oak spices. The wine's tannic structure supports plenty of strawberry, blackberry and blueberry flavors accented by nutmeg and cinnamon. Notes of herbs and black fruit mingle in the lasting finish. Drink now–2033. WX Brands.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$110

## 55

**Neyen 2019 Espiritu de Apalta Malbec (Apalta).**

—93 pts, J.V.

This is deliciously spicy and savory. The nose opens with light notes of aniseed, cumin and incense, joining bay leaf and cherry. The palate is fresh and steady with firm tannins holding

subtle notes of cranberry and tart cherry. Fruit flavors are accented by light notes of nutmeg, cumin, black pepper and dried herbs. It's flavorful and has a mineral texture and focused acidity. Gonzalez Byass USA. **Editors' Choice.**

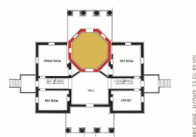
abv: 13.5%

Price: \$150

## 56

**OCTAGON**

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2019



**Barboursville Vineyards 2019 Octagon Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Virginia).**

—92 pts, C.W.C.

Dark garnet in the glass opens up with dark fruits of black cherries, sun-dried tomatoes and dried parsley. The palate brings those plus some hints of celery leaf. Integrated tannins make for a wine that can be drunk now or held for years to come. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$65

## 57

**Rotari 2018 Metodo Classico Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut (Trento).**

—93 pts, J.P.

Enticing aromas of baked apples, freshly baked croissants, ginger and white flowers pour from the glass of this mountain-grown sparkling wine. The pristine palate lifts as the crisp acidity pops on the palate, balancing the rich orchard fruit, lemon curd and creamy texture of the wine that finishes with a flinty minerality with a fine and elegant perlage. Prestige Wine Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$30

## 58

**Sandrone 2021 (Barbera d'Alba).**

—93 pts, J.P.

Enticing aromas of tart plums, boysenberries and wildflowers lift from the glass of this energetic and singular Barbera. The fleshy palate is driven by tart blue and black fruits that yield mixed spices and mouthwatering acidity on the finish. Vintus LLC. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$53

## 59



Grand Cru  
QUARTS DE CHAUME  
Château de Suronde

**Château de Suronde 2018 Grand Cru (Quarts de Chaume).**

—93 pts, R.V.

A supersweet wine from the small Quarts de Chaume appellation. It maintains a fine line of freshness and bright edge amid its rich, densely sweet, botrytis-flavor-filled palate. Drink now. Serge Doré Selections. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$80/500 ml

## 60



**Kunde 2021 Estate Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley).**

—93 pts, J.G.

Absolutely delicious, fruity and mouth-coating, this full-bodied and gentle-textured wine is easy to drink and enjoy on its own or with cheesy, meaty proteins. The wine pours out pure raspberries, blackberries and plum jam flavors on a broad texture backed by light tannins. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.7%

Price: \$22

## 61

**Quinta de la Rosa 2021 Colheita Tawny (Port).**

—93 pts, R.V.

A young Colheita Tawny that shows the rich side of Port. Density and concentration are a major element in this beautiful expression. Bottled from barrel, the wine will not age further, so drink now. Winesellers, Ltd. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 19.5%

Price: \$40

62

**Poças 2018 Fora de Série French Connection (Douro).**

—93 pts, R.V.

Made from a field blend of old vines, this is a rich and densely textured wine. It is spiced with tannins and wood aging that bring out the fruit ripeness and structure. Drink now. Tri-Vin Imports. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$55

63

**Naveran 2021 Perles Blanques (Cava).**

—93 pts, M.D.

Pale yellow in the glass, this energetic sparkler has a bouquet of yellow plum, white chocolate and jasmine. Zesty flavors of Bartlett pear, pink grapefruit, croissant and caramelized nuts wind down to a Valencia orange-scented finish. Olé & Obrigado. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$45

64

**Fournier Père et Fils 2022 Les Monts Damnés (Sancerre).**

—93 pts, R.S.

Chalky minerality leaps out on the nose of this Sancerre, followed by green plum, green apple and lime citrus. On the palate the wine is steely with wet stone and hints of white peach on the long finish. This Sancerre would pair wonderfully with mussels, clams, scallops and crustaceans of any sort. David Milligan Selections.

**Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$45

65

**Freemark Abbey 2021 Chardonnay (Napa Valley).**

—93 pts, J.G.

Tempting spicy, earthy, toasted oak aromas lead to densely layered pears, almonds, wood char and crème brûlée flavors that fill the palate and echo for minutes on the finish. The wine is full-bodied, almost thick in texture and powerful in flavor.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$36

66

**Simonsig 2019 Redhill Pinotage (Stellenbosch).**

—92 pts, J.V.

This is a well-structured red that has depth and nice acidity. The nose is aromatic, offering leather, spices and raspberries followed by notes of smoke. A firm structure holds the palate. Tart cherry, plum, hints of paprika, black pepper, cinnamon and smoke lead to a flavorful finish. Drink now through 2031. Quintessential. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$48

67

**Domaine Serene 2020 Rockblock Viognier (Applegate Valley).**

—91 pts, M.A.

A delightfully medium-bodied, barrel-aged Viognier is a good thing to discover. Its rich, thick aromas range from honeydew and honeysuckle to butter pecan ice cream and orange peels. Dense flavors like lemon tarts and candied tangerines are balanced by surprisingly elevated acidity. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$45

68

**Daou 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles).**

—91 pts, M.K.

It's rather amazing that the Daou brothers can produce a formidable Cab that is this accessible at such a young age. The palate combines the rich blackberry sauce with espresso bean and cocoa, as lingering, sappy tannins extend through the finish. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$30

69

**Alheit 2021 Hereafter Here Chenin Blanc (Western Cape).**

—92 pts, J.V.

Delicate citrus aromas take the lead, supported by herbs and vanilla bean. Flavors of baking spices are integrated and persistent on the medium-weight palate. It has layers of grapefruit, lime and hints of mint lifted by excellent acidity. This is a delicious, structured Chenin Blanc. Broadbent Selections, Inc. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$41

70

**Pyros 2021 Appellation Chardonnay (Pedernal Valley).**

—91 pts, J.V.

Coming from San Juan, Argentina's second-largest wine-producing region, this white offers delicate notes of white flowers, lime and herbs. A light note of honey adds to its complexity. The mineral-textured palate has weight and shows white peach, lime and chamomile that extend to the lingering finish. Vigorous acidity balances it all out. Taub Family Selections. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$27

71

**Paix Sur Terre 2022 Old Oak Vineyard Zinfandel (Paso Robles Willow Creek District).**

—94 pts, M.K.

Ryan Pease is exploring a fresh style of Zinfandel in this bottling. It opens with spicy red fruit on the nose, offering cinnamon and cherry elements. There's just enough tension to the palate, where mace, more cinnamon and peppery spices zip through the red-fruit flavors. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$60

72

**Lieb 2019 Estate Teroldego-Lagrein (North Fork of Long Island).**

—92 pts, C.P.

True to its Northern Italian varietal roots, this is a spice-and-herb-laced red. It's packed with notes of tangy black cherry, currant and plum fruit, backed by coffee, iodine and savory herbs. The palate brings bracing acidity and powerful, sinewy tannins, and cherry and spice that charge through to the long finish. Sip with spicy chorizo. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.8%

Price: \$35



73

**Borgoluce 2021 Rive di Collalto Extra Brut (Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore).**  
—92 pts, J.P.

Grown high in the hills of Valdobbiadene on very chalky soils, this wine proves that not all Prosecco are the same. Lifted aromas of fresh green apples, lemon zest, crushed chalk and heady white-flowers entice the nose. The cool, crisp palate rushes with a mixture of orchard fruits and blanched almonds and finishing with persistent minerality and fresh acidity. The Sorting Table. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$32

74

**Nieto Senetiner 2019 Don Nicanor Barrel Select Malbec (Uco Valley).**  
—92 pts, J.V.

Bright and juicy, this Malbec opens with aromas of dried herbs. Rosemary and thyme lend savory notes to the palate, while crunchy acidity adds freshness. Plum, cranberry, blueberry and tobacco join earthy flavors. Tannins are soft but firm, shaping a good structure. Foley Family Wines. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 15%

Price: \$30

75

**Salcheto 2019 (Vino Nobile di Montepulciano).**  
—92 pts, D.C.

The nose is structured around notes of strawberry and raspberry, with balanced undertones of both delicate rose petals and sharp gunpowder. The berries get denser and sweeter on the palate, which sets up an indulgent milk chocolate finish, while chalky tannins contrast that plushness. A reminder of how much pleasure can be derived from Vino Nobile. Massanois Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$30

76

**Beckmen 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa Ynez Valley).**  
—93 pts, M.K.

This bottling manages to pack in a riper side of Cab than is usually seen in Santa Barbara County, where an herbaceous quality tends to appear. It starts with creamy aromas of purple fruit before landing on a palate full of cassis and violet. Black pepper and polished tannins complete the package. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.8%

Price: \$40

77

**Zuccardi 2019 Tito Malbec-Cabernet Franc (Paraje Altamira).**  
—93 pts, J.V.

This winery in the heart of Uco Valley has produced a full-bodied and polished blend of 85% Malbec and 15% Cabernet Franc. The nose reveals aromas of herbs and wet stones and introduces a balanced palate. Plum, blackberry and raspberry join notes of jarilla and rosemary. It's structured, with a mineral texture and lively acidity. Drink now–2030. Winesellers, Ltd. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$40

78

**El Enemigo 2020 Sémillon (Agrelo).**  
—92 pts, J.V.

Sémillon old vines are being rescued in Argentina to make high-end wines with complexity. This is the case of this white from 50-year-old vines in Luján de Cuyo with a small percentage aged under flor. The nose shows subtle almond and acacia aromas that complement its citrus and saline notes. The medium-weight palate offers almond, grapefruit, pear and elevated acidity, finishing with light smoky notes. Winebow Imports. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$25

79

**Moulin de la Roque 2022 Les Hauts de Vallon (Bandol).**  
—92 pts, R.V.

This Bandol, with its ripe Mourvèdre, is full of red-berry fruits and spice. The wine is rich, complex and ready to drink now. Marchetti Co. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$24

80

**Henry of Pelham NV Cuvée Catharine Brut Sparkling Blend (Niagara Peninsula).**  
—92 pts, M.A.

This traditional method blend of 85% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Noir has brilliant aromas of green apple, strawberry sorbet and warm Hawaiian sweet bread. Crisp acidity and frothy bubbles escort flavors like peach, lemon and honeycomb. Henry Of Pelham Winery. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$24

81

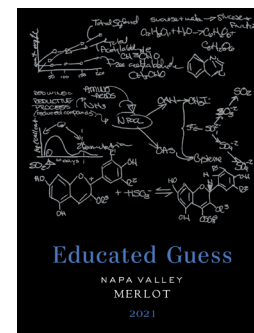
**Domaine du Vieux Bourg 2020 Au Bois Retour (Chénas).**  
—93 pts, R.S.

This Chénas combines well-integrated black fruit with supportive herbal streaks. Ruby in color, this wine has a perfumed nose of alpine strawberry, cranberry, boysenberry, dried oak, black raspberry, violet and forest floor. The palate is focused on the nose and complex with its supple mouthfeel filled with expressive black tea notes toward the back palate and through to the long finish. Cape Classics. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$32

82

**Educated Guess 2021 Merlot (Napa Valley).**  
—93 pts, J.G.

Voluptuous, deep and full, this gorgeous wine packs plenty of red and black fruits in moderate tannins, lacing them with orange zest, graphite and espresso for complexity and interest. Supple enough to drink young. Best from 2026. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$30

83

**Véronique Günther-Chereau 2017 Monnières-Saint Fiacre Cru Communal (Muscadet Sèvre et Maine).**  
—93 pts, R.S.

This is an elegant expression of Muscadet. Lemon-gold in color, the wine has a perfumed nose of ripe Fuji apple, pear, dried pineapple, white peach and blossom. Hints of wet stone and bread dough reveal themselves on the palate through to the finish. AP Wine Imports. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 12% Price: \$25

84

**Emilio Vada 2022 Camp Blanc (Moscato d'Asti).**  
—93 pts, J.P.

This superfresh Moscato d'Asti pops out of the glass with fresh wildflowers, lemon candy and juicy nectarine. The fleshly palate is like biting into a superripe peach sprinkled with thyme while holding flowers. Yum! Vinity Wine Company. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 5% Price: \$25

85

**Pierre Amadieu 2019 Domaine Grand Romane (Gigondas).**  
—93 pts, A.C.C.

This is a powerful blend of 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 15% Syrah. The wine is so lively upon opening that it will surely pique curiosity among enthusiasts. An intense core of blackberries, sunbaked plums and touch of wild mint coats the palate. Natural high-altitude acidity helps draw a long, dark-fruited finish, with salinity, fine gritty tannins and clove. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 15% Price: \$35

86

**Château Petit Boyer 2021 Le Corbeau et le Renard (Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux).**  
—92 pts, R.V.

This is a full, rich wine with firm tannins set against the wood-aging flavors. It has density and concentration, ripe blackberry flavors and promises a fine future. Drink from 2025. W. Direct. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$34

87



**Viña Leyda 2022 Lot 21 Pinot Noir (Leyda Valley).**

—92 pts, J.V.  
The coastal Leyda Valley imprints notes of salinity on this lovely expression of Pinot Noir. It's balanced, with delicate aromas of black tea, subtle black pepper and a hint of hibiscus. There is a savory blend of fruit and herbs on the mouth. Ripe raspberry, cranberry, spices and sage meet on the midpalate. VSPT USA. **Hidden Gem.**  
abv: 14% Price: \$33

88

**Quinta da Pacheca 2021 Reserva Vinhas Velhas Douro.**  
—92 pts, R.V.

A rich, spicy wine, this is full of black fruits and youthful acidity. It is dense and ripe with blackberry flavors and the great concentration from old vines. Drink from 2025. Brands of Portugal. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$25

89

**Dona Maria-Júlio Bastos 2018 Touriga Nacional - Petit Verdot (Alentejano).**  
—92 pts, R.V.

This is an unusual and fine blend. Touriga Nacional meets Petit Verdot and the result is a deep and brooding red, rich with tannins, black and blue fruits, leading toward a savory finish. Drink the wine from 2024. MS Walker. **Hidden Gem.**  
abv: 15% Price: \$35

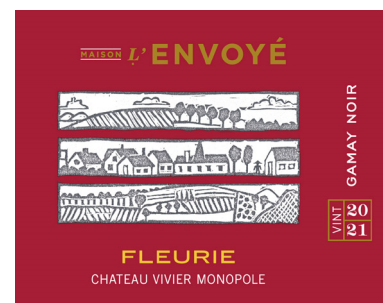
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**Bodegas Godeval 2022 Godello (Valdeorras).**

—92 pts, M.D.  
Pale yellow to the eye, this wine has honeydew melon, apricot and smoke aromas. Vivid peach and yellow plum flavors are joined by vanilla bean, bergamot flower and river rock notes. The vibrant finish is marked with a splash of lemon-lime sorbet. Lovemark Advanced Trading Holding LLC. **Hidden Gem.**  
abv: 13% Price: \$45

91



**Maison L'Envoyé 2021 Chateau Vivier Monopole Gamay Noir (Fleurie).**  
—92 pts, R.S.

This Fleurie has a distinctive aroma silhouette that immediately communicates something good is about to happen in your glass. Black raspberry leaps out on the nose followed by black plum, black tea, forest floor, red cherry and rosehip. On the palate well-integrated black fruit is in lockstep with ripe tannin. Old Bridge Cellars. **Editors' Choice.**  
abv: 13% Price: \$21

92

**Le Garenne 2021 (Sancerre).**

—92 pts, R.S.

Aromatic and characterful with pleasing herbal notes, this Sancerre has a nose of golden apple, Asian pear, jasmine tea and lemon-citrus zest. Playful fruit and herbal notes dot back and forth on your palate, leaving you wanting more. Asgram LLC. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$35

93

**Gilles Copéret 2022 (Morgon).**

—92 pts, R.S.

Deep purple in color, this wine has an aromatic nose of blackberry, blueberry and hints of hibiscus. This vintage shows Morgon's strength and aging potential in a way that is accessible now but can be enjoyed later. Robust fruit makes this wine an excellent partner with beef, and heavier dishes. This is a beautiful Morgon! Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$21

94

**Keswick Vineyards 2021 Chardonnay (Monticello).**

—91 pts, C.W.C.

Great memories of Juicy Fruit bubble gum lead to ripe pear and yellow apples. Chamomile tea with hints of cinnamon and vanilla lead the way to a surprisingly robust acid. This is a very versatile wine; the acid can hold up to hearty and delicate dishes. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

95

**Manzanos 2021 111 (Rioja).**

—91 pts, M.D.

In this wine, aromas of black cherry, black currant and licorice prepare the palate for flavors of Chambord, cherry preserves, anisette and violet. Silky tannins dissolve into a long, spicy finish. W. Direct. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$24

96

**Morandé 2019 Morandé Adventure Tirazis Syrah (Casablanca Valley).**

—91 pts, J.V.

This is a structured but elegant Syrah grown in a maritime influence climate. The nose is subtle with light notes of salt, cranberry and black olive. The flavor intensity of spices and herbs match that of the fruit on the vigorous palate. Cherries and mulberries and a whisper of dark chocolate and bay leaf are backed by fine tannins and excellent acidity. International Wine And Spirits. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$32

97

**Mary Taylor 2019 Marine Descombe (Juliéñas).**

—91 pts, R.S.

Deep ruby in color, this wine has a perfumed nose of raspberry, black tea and red currant with a hint of blueberry. Slightly grippy tannin affords added texture with some savory notes on the back palate. This Juliéñas tends toward ripe summer fruit tempered by forest floor.

Mary Taylor Wine. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$32

98

**Raats Family 2019 Dolomite Cabernet Franc (Stellenbosch).**

—90 pts, J.V.

The winery specializes in Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc. This well-crafted red is a result of that work. Aromas of cherry, mint and a light note of licorice rise from the glass. It's fresh and savory, with herbs balancing sweet notes of berries. It has vigorous acidity and gripping tannins providing a good structure. Drink now—2029. Cape Classics. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$21

99

**Pietro Beconcini 2021 Fresco di Nero, Rosé of Tempranillo (Toscana).**

—90 pts, D.C.

A rare example of a 100% Tempranillo rosato produced in Italy, this wine has a nose of cranberry iced tea and cooked strawberries. The palate suggests raspberries, wet slate and red pepper. Tension between savoriness and fruit holds through a substantial finish. Savorian Inc. **Hidden Gem.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$25

100

**Sipwell 2021 Tiny Victories Sparkling Albariño (Lodi).**

—90 pts, M.K.

This canned wine clicks the right buttons, offering baked apple and dough aromas on the nose. There's ample mousse to the sip, where apple and pear flavors prove crisp. **Editors' Choice.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$6/250 ml