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***“Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance.”***

***- Benjamin Franklin***

A note of Thanks to our Customers:

Luigi’s considers wine to be an integral part of the dining experience. We continually strive to bring our customers the best offerings available from regions all over the world. We have selections from the United States (which include California, Oregon, Washington, and North Carolina), Australia and New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, France, Germany, and of course Italy. We will bring new offerings from other regions as well as we continue to spread our “love of wine” to our customers and friends. Thank you for choosing Luigi’s as your source for a wonderful dining experience!

***“Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine so that I may wet my brain and say something clever.”***

***-Aristophanes***

A note about our wine list:

Because of our passion for Vino, we are serious about the wines we provide you. We are also passionate about the information we convey about those wines. We have attempted to bring you as much information as possible to assist you in making your decision. We have provided notes about many of the wines from professional resources such as *The Wine Advocate*, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, and *Wine Spectator Magazine*, as well as many of our own tasting notes to help you select the wine you are looking for. And please, don’t be afraid to ask your server for assistance should you require it. Wine is not something to fear, but something to enjoy!

Reviews: WA – *The Wine Advocate*, WS – *Wine Spectator*, WE – *Wine Enthusiast*, V – *Vinous*, JS – *James Suckling*, JD – *Jeb Dunnuck*, PR – *Pinot Report*, WW – *Wilfred Wong*, ST – *Stephen Tanzer*, TA – *Tim Atkin*

We constantly strive to make sure this wine list is an accurate representation of all the offerings we keep in our cellar. However, please understand that we may have vintage rollovers and occasionally may run out of some items.

***“Wine is the most civilized thing in the world.”***

***-Ernest Hemingway***

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# Organic Wine and Biodynamic Wine

Due to the interest many of our guests have shown in the past regarding “organic wine”, we have chosen to identify those producers who are following the protocols established by the governing bodies in their respective countries that allow for these Organic and Biodynamic classifications to exist. They are displayed in the list as follows:



Organic Wine



Biodynamic Wine

**Organic Wine:** The term "organic wine" refers to wine made from organically-certified grapes, and since 2012 the winemaking process has also been regulated under the term ‘Organic Wine’. This means that they are grown **WITHOUT** the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers. All of the bugs, weeds, and pests are managed using all natural substances, and the fertilizers used to nourish the vines are also 100% natural. For example weeds can be removed mechanically, and natural composts can be used as fertilizers.

Note: While the EU (European Union) has common standards for ‘Organic Wine’, each country can have their own unique standards for "organic".

In the U.S. for example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture can certify that a wine is organic. These bottles are labelled and sold as "USDA-Certified Organic". In order to be certified organic, the grapes have to be grown according to organic farming standards, and in contrast to the EU rules, the wine cannot have added sulphites.

**Biodynamic Wine:** Biodynamic agriculture is a holistic approach to farming that goes beyond ‘organic’. It views the farm as a closed ecosystem, where nothing should be brought in from outside, and nothing wasted (the ideal farm is mixed use, with livestock providing manure for compost, but wine estates without livestock will purchase biodynamic compost).

While organic farming bans the use of synthetic products, biodynamics goes further by stipulating the use of eight ‘preparations’ to enhance the life of the soil. Minerals and herbs such as nettles and dandelion flowers mixed in water in very low concentrations are sprayed in the vineyards.

One important concept behind biodynamics is the belief that everything--the crops, the soil, the farmer, the universe - is interconnected. The sun, moon, planets, and stars all affect the growing of crops. Viticulturists growing grapes for biodynamic wine will try to balance the connection between the farmer, the vine, the earth itself, and the celestial bodies.

This may sound a bit unusual to some people, but it's a holistic form of agriculture that has become widely practiced in Europe, Australia, and the New World. Since its introduction in the 1920s, by Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner, it has become one of the most accepted forms of organic viticulture.

For a wine to be sold as "biodynamic", it must be certified by an organization such as Demeter or Biodyvin. Demeter certifies the majority of biodynamic wines, but a large number of French vineyards prefer to obtain the Biodyvin certification as well. To obtain certification, the wines must follow the viticulture and vinification rules established by these organizations.

## Sparkling Wines by the Glass

206	Maschio Prosecco Brut Treviso, Veneto, Italy	187ml (6.3 oz bottle)	8.00
251	Martini and Rossi Asti Spumante Sparkling, Piedmont, IT	187ml (6.3 oz bottle)	8.25
204	Domaine Chandon Brut Classic, California	187ml (6.3 oz bottle)	15.00

## White Wines by the Glass

All of our wines by the glass are 6oz unless otherwise noted

### Sweeter Wines

203	Schmitt Söhne Piesporter Michelsberg Spätlese QBA, Mosel Germany 2018		7.00
513	Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2017		7.50
505	Banfi "Rosa Regale" Brachetto d'Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2016		9.00
453	Cornale Lambrusco Mantovano Dolce I.G.T., Lombardy, Italy		6.50

### Dry Whites and Rosé

124	De Morgenzon 'DMZ' Cabernet Rose, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2019		7.00
106	Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy 2019		7.25
160	Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay, Monterey County, CA 2018		7.50
157	Sea Pearl Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2019		8.00
107	Sonoma-Cutrer Russian River Chardonnay, Monterey, CA 2018		10.00

## Red Wines by the Glass

354	Bodega El Porvenir "Amauta" Malbec, Cafayate Valley, Argentina 2018		7.50
303	Recchia Valpolicella Le Muraie Ripasso, DOC, Veneto Italy 2015		8.50
475	Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne", Piedmont Italy 2018		10.00
368	Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, DOCG Tuscany, Italy 2016		10.00
541	Podere Sapaio Pappolo Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2018		10.50
365	Elouan Pinot Noir, Oregon 2017		8.00
389	J. Lohr Falcon's Perch Pinot Noir, Monterey County California 2018		9.00
403	McManis Merlot, California 2018		7.50
622	Indaba Braai Cabernet Sauvignon, West Cape South Africa 2018		8.00
328	Donati Cabernet Sauvignon, Paicines - Central Coast, California 2016		9.50
448	Textbook Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California 2018		12.50

## Dessert Wines by Glass

511	Taylor Fladgate 10 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3OZ	10.00
507	Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2011	3OZ	11.00
501	Fattoria del Cerro Vin Santo Sangallo, Tuscany, Italy 2012	3OZ	13.00
522	Taylor Fladgate 20 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3OZ	16.00

## Half Bottles (375ml)

### Sparkling and White

250	Piper-Heidsick, NV, Champagne, France	46.00
258	Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, NV, Champagne, France	57.00

### Reds

469	Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2017	31.00
539	Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2016	36.00
434	Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany It. DOCG 2013	45.00
478	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany It. DOCG 2013	62.00
387	Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, California 2016	90.00

### Dessert Wines

507	Chateau Saint Vincent Sauternes, France, 2010	39.00
506	Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2012 (187ml)	45.00
501	Fattoria del Cerro Vin Santo Sangallo 2012, Tuscany, Italy 2012	49.00
352	La Giarretta Recioto Classico della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy 2005 (500ml)	55.00
500	Inniskillin Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2012	80.00
525	Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2009, Douro Portugal	89.00

## Other Formats

600	Giovanni Rosso Barolo "Cerretta", DOCG 2004	1.5 liter	145.00
392	I Balzini White Label Colli della Toscana Centrale 2006	1.5 liter	145.00
495	"The Prisoner", Napa Valley, California 2015	1.5 liter	165.00
494	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2013	1.5 liter	190.00
405	Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2010	1.5 liter	280.00
321	Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2005	6.0 liter	685.00

# Champagne & Sparkling Wines

## Half Bottles (375ml)

- 258** **Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, NV, Champagne, France** **57.00**  
**250** **Piper-Heidsick, NV, Champagne, France** **48.00**

## Full Bottles (750 ml)

- 262** **Codorniu Anna de Codorniu Cava Brut NV, Penedés Spain** **26.00**  
*One of Spain's first wine families, Codorniu has for more than 450 years produced some of the country's finest wines. Cava is produced using Method Champenoise, the same as houses of Champagne, France. "This shows some richness, with Jonagold apple, honey, candied citrus peel and vanilla notes. There's juicy acidity for balance, with a creamy texture and a lingering finish. Drink now." 88 WS*
- 254** **Cantine Maschio Prosecco DOC NV, Veneto Italy** **26.00**  
*"...edgy, fresh peach and peppercorn-scented sparkler. It's bright with the greenness of chlorophyll and a peppery burst in the end. Delicious with prosciutto." 91 Wine and Spirits*
- 261** **Cleto Chiarli Brut Rosé Vino Spumante NV, Emilia Romagna Italy** **30.00**  
*In the old days around Modena, the workers found refreshment in a light, pink, effervescent wine made from the runoff of grapes that were piled into carts for delivery to the winery. The Chiarli family pays homage to this old tradition with the Brut de Noir Rosé. Based on the Lambrusco Grasparossa grape variety, this wine gets its delightful pink hue from just a short period of skin contact, with 15% Pinot Nero. The Brut de Noir Rosé is a fully sparkling wine, produced in a single fermentation in an autoclave*
- 256** **Schramsberg Brut Blanc de Blancs 2015, North Coast, California** **67.00**  
*Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine. Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs gained international recognition in 1972 when then President Nixon served the wine at the historic "Toast to Peace" in Beijing, China. It is 100% Chardonnay with a county composition of 54% Napa and 46% Sonoma.*
- 265** **Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve NV, Champagne, France** **70.00**  
*Nicolas Feuillatte bought 12 hectares of vineyard in Champagne in 1972 and established Nicolas Feuillatte in 1976. Through the 70s and 80s the Nicolas Feuillatte brand grew, until in 1986 he made the decision to sell the to the Cave Vinicole de la Champagne cooperative, which acquired both his vineyards and his brand. It was a match made in heaven, as the brand has continued to thrive under its new ownership, mostly through innovation and high standard of quality. It is composed of 20% of the Chardonnay grape variety, for elegance and delicacy, 40% of Pinot Noir, for roundness and structure and 40% of Pinot Meunier for fruitiness. "Chalky in texture and fresh, this version features a hint of smoky minerality underscoring the flavors of ripe pear, candied black currant and lemon meringue pie. Drink now through 2018." 90 WS*
- 263** **Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Rosé NV, Champagne, France** **85.00**  
*"A lively sparkling rosé, with a bright, citrusy overtone to fruit-forward flavors of strawberry puree and black raspberry, showing accents of biscuit, walnut skin and gumdrop. Drink now through 2016." 91 WS*

- 253 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, NV, Champagne, France 105.00**  
*Veuve Clicquot translates to the “Widow Clicquot”. Born in 1777, Nicole Barbe Ponsardin married François Clicquot in 1798. Widowed at the age of 27, she took over her deceased husband's business. At a time when Europe was torn by war, she was shipping her wines throughout the world. The famous Yellow Label has come to be recognized throughout the world as a symbol of tradition, elegance, style in the art of living.*
- 264 Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé NV, Champagne, France 140.00**  
*Billecart-Salmon is a medium-sized champagne house in Mareuil-sur-Ay, France. Founded in 1818 with the marriage of Nicolas François Billecart and Elisabeth Salmon, it is one of the few to remain family owned. "This is clearly one of my favorite rosé Champagnes out there. I love the freshness and clarity in the wine, from its light pink color to crisp acidity and minerally, chalky character on the finish. It's full-bodied and dense yet agile with amazing length and beauty. Refreshing and vibrant. As it warms, it gives you delicate pinot noir character like Aloxe-Corton or another excellent appellation. Drink now." 95 JS*

## Italian Red Wines

### Southern Italy- Abruzzi, Puglia, Campania, Sicilia

#### -Abruzzo

- 479 Masciarelli Marina Cvetic Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2015 46.00**  
*What happens when you try to force a wild montepulciano to wear the chains of the international style? You get something like Marina Cvetic, named for the winemaker's wife, who must be one hell of a woman. “Sourced from the winery's San Martino estate in Chieti, this wine is inviting in aromas of clove, tobacco and dill that waft over a dense core of red-skinned berries. The palate displays rich red-fruit tones underscored by oak spice, with fine-grained tannins and structured acidity delivering support and length. Give it time in the cellar to fully integrate; drink 2020–2025.” 91 WE*

#### -Campania

- 617 Mastroberardino Radici Taurasi, DOCG 2009 90.00**  
*“The 2009 Taurasi Radici represents a special selection of grapes from two areas: Mirabella and Montemarano. The first vineyard sits at 300 to 400 meters above sea level with volcanic, mineral-rich soils and the second is even higher in elevation with southern exposures and clay soils. Fruit from Montemarano ripens later and gives the wine the acidity and the tannic structure it needs for long cellar aging. Usually, Montemarano fruit goes to the Riserva version of this wine, and what is left over goes here. Radici is dark and powerful with full-throttle intensity and a touch of bright acidity. It shows good potential for a long evolution.” 94 WA*
- 349 Fattoria Galardi Roccamonfina Terra di Lavoro, DOCG 2007 185.00**  
*“Terra di Lavoro is one of Italy's icon reds, and the 2007 is yet another in a series of mind-bending wines from the Murena, Celentano and Catello families. The 2007 Roccamonfina Terra di Lavoro announces itself with a blast of smoke, ash, red berries, flowers and minerals, all of which come together in a heady, exotic expression of Aglianico and Piediroso, two of Campania's thoroughbred grapes. There is incredible clarity and nuance in the glass despite the wine's massive*



concentration. The 2007 is a very unusual Terra di Lavoro for its open, accessible personality and ripe, silky tannins, both of which are on full display.” 97 pts WA

## -Sicilia

- 630 Mazzei Zisola, Sicilia IGT 2015 40.00**  
*The Mazzei family, historic owners of Tuscany’s renowned Fonterutoli estate and one of Italy’s most highly regarded winemaking families, are proud to present Zisola, an elegant Sicilian red wine of great complexity, concentration and aging potential. Made from Sicily’s indigenous Nero d’Avola grape, limited-production Zisola comes from the Mazzei family property in southeastern Sicily, just outside the magnificent town of Noto. “Bright Red. Perfumed aromas of quinine, sweet spices and herbs complicate red cherry notes. Fresh and juicy with youthful, chewy tannins and a peppery bite on the long finish.” 90 V*

## Central Italy- Tuscany, Umbria, Marche, Lazio

### -Carmignano



- 363 Piaggia Carmignano “Il Sasso” DOCG 2016 55.00**  
 *“If there is one estate that embodies the potential of Carmignano, Piaggia just might be it.” Antonio Galloni. “Dedicated to the estate’s paternal figure Mauro Vannucci, the 2016 Carmignano Il Sasso (with 40,000 bottles produced) is a compelling blend of 70% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot. This vintage delivers ample power, yet the wine remains smooth and elegant from a tactile point of view. Sangiovese’s identity emerges with aromas of wild berry, tilled earth and rose hip. The two international grapes serve to shape the firmness and structure of the mouthfeel. This wine is fermented in oak and later aged in medium-toast neutral barrique for 12 months.” 93 WA, 93 JS. Piaggia is a practicing organic winery with integrated insect and disease control.*
- 419 Piaggia Carmignano Riserva “Piaggia” DOCG 2014 82.00**  
 *The Carmignano Riserva is the flag ship wine of Piaggia, showcasing a modern interpretation of Carmignano’s Sangiovese base blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Aging occurs in French oak for 18 months and racked before bottling, with no fining or filtration. “A wine of explosive energy and power, the 2014 Carmignano Riserva Piaggia possesses an unreal level of concentration for the year. A rush of red cherry, pomegranate, orange peel and exotic spice makes a strong statement. Quite simply, the 2014 is a total knock-out. Don’t miss it.” 94 V*

### -Chianti

- 368 Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, DOCG 2016 38.00**  
*“Here’s a great, easy-drinking wine from beautiful Tuscany. The 2016 Chianti Classico is a full and generous wine from a classic vintage. The wine is streamlined and elegant, but this Sangiovese-based red wine has intense fruit and oak spice in equal measure.”*
- 323 Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Nipozzano Riserva, DOCG 2016 40.00**  
*From one of the most historic wine producing families in Italy, the Frescobaldis. They have over 700 years and nearly 30 generations of family dedicated to the quality of their products. This wine comes from the Nipozzano Estate in the heart of Chianti Rufina. “Fresh and linear with aromas*



*and flavors of black cherries and hints of hazelnuts and walnuts. Medium body, light tannins giving a lightly dusty texture and a crisp and bright, fresh finish.” 92 JS*


- 315 Fattoria La Ripa Chianti Classico, DOCG 2015 42.00**  
 *Great care goes into the crafting of every bottle of Chianti Classico wine from Fattoria La Ripa. The winery property has a long and fascinating history. In the 15th century, La Ripa was owned by Antonio Maria di Noldo Gherardini, the father of Mona Lisa (the “Gioconda” of Leonardo da Vinci), who gave a smaller part of the property as dowry for his daughter's wedding with Francesco di Bartolomeo di Zanobi del Giocondo. Today, the property is devoted to organically-grown wines and olive oil, and the Chianti Classico is medium-bodied, food-friendly and delicious.*
- 304 Castello di Querceto Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2013 45.00**  
*Querceto refers to the “little forest of oak” in which the winery is nestled. The François family, which settled in Tuscany in the 18th century, purchased the Castello di Querceto estate and began the production of Chianti in 1897. By 1911, the estate had already won an international enological prize. And in 1924 it was one of the 33 estates that founded the Chianti Classico Consortium. “Here is a fantastic value buy from the heart of Tuscany. Darkly saturated and perhaps more influenced by oak aging, the 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva opens to a deep garnet color and velvety texture. The wine is slightly more immediate and boasts a thicker style with dark fruit and dried tobacco. Given the tertiary aromas already on display, I would recommend this Riserva for near-term drinking.” 91 WA*
- 602 Fattoria La Ripa Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2011 63.00**  
 *Fattoria La Ripa is a property of S.A. Santa Brigida established in 1940. In the 15th century La Ripa was owned by Antonio Maria di Noldo Gherardini, the father of Mona Lisa (the Gioconda of Leonardo da Vinci), who gave a smaller part of the property as a dowery for his daughter’s wedding. La Ripa is located on the border between the territories of Florence and Siena, in the heart of the High Chianti Classico zone.*
- 339 Castellare di Castellina Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggiale, DOCG 2017 70.00**  
*Made from 90% Sangiovetto, 5% Canaiolo, and 5% Ciliegiolo grown in the Il Poggiale vineyard, the grapes come from an elevation of almost 1,500 feet above sea level. The combination of high elevation and low yields results in a wine that manages to simultaneously show both restraint and layered richness. This classic red holds great aging capability. “A beam of pure cherry and blackberry fruit defines this intense, racy red, which is firm and tensile, with fine balance and a lingering aftertaste of vibrant fruit, graphite and tobacco flavors. Sangiovetto and Canaiolo” 94 pts WS - Wine Spectator TOP 100 2019 #17*
- 564 Antinori Chianti Classico Tenute Marchese Antinori Riserva, DOCG 2015 75.00**  
*Marchese Antinori is produced exclusively from the finest, most highly selected grapes grown on the Antinori Santa Cristina, Pèppoli and Badia a Passignano estates in the Mercatale Val di Pesa zone in Chianti Classico. “Tantalizing aromas and flavors of black cherry and black currant are shaded by toasty, spicy oak in this harmonious yet well-structured red. This is fluid, packed with mouthcoating tannins, energetic and long. Best from 2020 through 2036.” 93 WS*

## **-Maremma**

- 378 Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere, Maremma Toscana IGT 2016 46.00**  
*Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere di Frassinello is a great value blend of 50% Sangiovetto, 25% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (aged in French oak for one year). This wine boasts a proven track record for its consistent value and accessibility and can be counted on for both. “Wild rosemary, thyme and camphor aromas lead off, with concentrated flavors of blackberry and black*

*currant. An iron edge sinks in as this unfolds to the long, staining finish. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.” 93 WS*


## **-Montepulciano**

- 335 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2014 39.00**  
*The name “Vino Nobile di Montepulciano” tells you two things about this acclaimed Italian red wine: that when it was first produced, centuries ago, it was meant to be served at the tables of the nobility; and that it hails from the ancient Tuscan hill town of Montepulciano. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano was designated Italy’s first DOCG wine in 1980, in an attempt to protect its traditional status and ensure its high quality. Italian law requires that these wines be at least 70 percent Sangiovese grapes (known in Montepulciano as Prugnolo Gentile) and aged for a minimum of two years. The result is a rich, red wine with great depth of flavor and complexity, but still bright with notes of red fruit. “A layered and ripe red with plum and chocolate character. Medium body, soft and velvety tannins and a delicious finish. Just right now.” 91 JS*
-  **310 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2015 47.00**  
*In 1309 pope Clement V transferred the papal residence from Rome to Avignon, France. In 1377, when pope Gregory XI moved the papal residence back to Rome, some noble families of Avignon left France to follow him. It was at that time, in Italy, that one of those families became known as Avignonesi - probably to simplify an otherwise difficult, foreign name. Soon the Avignonesi family separated into three branches which settled in Rome, Siena and Montepulciano. It is not known exactly when Avignonesi's cellars were built, but they are doubtless among the most ancient in Italy. Palazzo Avignonesi was built according to a design by Jacopo Barozzi (called Vignola) in the second half of the XVI century and it has always been the cellars' seat. “Since acquiring the property in 2009, Virginie Saverys has worked to convert all 162-plus hectares of vineyards to organic and biodynamic practices. In 2015 the Sangiovese was harvested relatively early, between 10-28 September. Hints of dried rose petals, violet, pepper and black tea add complexity to fragrant red cherry and strawberry. While light on its feet and immediately appealing, it has the substance and structure to hold for the next eight years.” 92 D*
- 545 Dei Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2016 52.00**  
*The Dei family produced their first wines from their estate in the heart of the historic appellation of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano in 1985. Now run by Caterina Dei, the estate has become one of the leaders in the region, producing lush, perfumed, fruit-driven wines that are exquisite expressions of the local Prugnolo clone of Sangiovese, blended with small amounts of Canaiolo, Mammolo, and Merlot. “Fragrant blue flower, crushed aromatic herb and wild berry aromas form the nose on this smooth, full-bodied red. A blend of 90 Sangiovese and 10 Canaiolo Nero, it's savory and loaded with finesse, delivering juicy black cherry, ripe blackberry, truffle and cocoa before a star anise finish. Supple tannins and bright acidity provide seamless support and balance.” Wine Enthusiast 95 Editor's Choice*

## **-Vino di Tavola, Super-Tuscans, IGT**

- 541 Podere Sapaio Pappolo Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2016 39.00**  
*Podere Sapaio is located in the Bolgheri wine zone of the Maremma, a territory that runs parallel to the Tuscan coast in the province of Livorno and which is named after the town of Bolgheri. The owner of Podere Sapaio, Massimo Piccin, purchased the estate in 1999 and planted his vineyards one year later. The estate produces just two wines for the international market: Sapaio and Volpola, both of which are cabernet based Bordeaux blends. Massimo also makes one special wine for a friend of his, Paolo Pellizari (Bacco Selections), who happens to be our*

supplier/importer. This wine is called Pappolo and it is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The wine is intense ruby red with blackberry, cherry, moist earth and vanilla notes. It is a modern and solid wine with great depth and an outstanding finish.

- 462 Ruffino Modus, Tuscany IGT 2017 48.00**  
*Modus was first produced in 1997 from grapes selected in the vineyards of the Tuscan Estates of Ruffino. It was not, though, a new wine in the real sense of the term. Ruffino had, in fact, been experimenting with the cultivation of non-traditional grape varieties on Tuscan soil since the eighties. The wine's base is Sangiovese, blended with the non-traditional varieties Cabernet and Merlot. Modus' label features a compass that artfully represents the meticulous balance of all the elements that came together to give this wine its distinctive character: vines, sun, fruit, soil, dedication and the passage of time. 34% Sangiovese, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot "A rich, layered red with lots of plum, chocolate and walnut character. It's full-bodied with chewy yet soft tannins. Flavorful finish. Drink or hold" 92 JS*
- 334 Ornellaia "Le Volte", Bolgheri IGT 2018 54.00**  

*Le Volte has always been a great introduction to Bolgheri blends as well as one of the best producers in the region: Ornellaia. "Moving to the reds, the 2018 Le Volte Dell'Ornellaia can be thought of as the entry-level wine of this great estate and is mostly Merlot with small amounts of other red varieties. It has a juicy, Mediterranean vibe in its bright cherry and redcurrant fruits as well as loads of peppery herbs, new leather, and spicy aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, elegant, and undeniably delicious, with both richness and freshness, it's ideal for drinking any time over the coming 4-6 years." 90 JD*
- 430 Antinori Guado al Tasso "Il Bruciato", Bolgheri IGT 2017 60.00**  
*Guado al Tasso is a reference point property in the life and history of the Antinori family. Il Bruciato is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 15% Syrah. "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 full-bodied palate." 93 JS*
- 418 Tenute Sette Ponti Toscana "Crognolo", Tuscany IGT 2017 69.00**  
*Tenuta Sette Ponti's first release was the 1998 vintage Crognolo, named after a wild bush, Cornus, which grows on the estate. The blend of Sangiovese and Merlot from vines of an average age of 25 to 35 years yields a refined, elegantly stylish wine of fruit forward lushness. "A beam of pure blackberry runs through this otherwise dense and focused red. Shows elegance, with balance and complexity, but needs time to integrate and reveal all its facets. Offers fine, minerally length. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best from 2021 through 2032" 93 WS, 94 JS*
- 440 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Le Serre Nuove", Bolgheri IGT 2014 91JS 110.00**  
**473 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Le Serre Nuove", Bolgheri IGT 2015 92WS 110.00**  
**470 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Le Serre Nuove", Bolgheri IGT 2016 94WA 110.00**  
*A true 'Second vin' of Ornellaia, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia was first introduced with vintage 1997, resulting from the decision to carry out an even more rigid selection during the blending phase of the base wines which give life to Ornellaia. Produced primarily from the younger vineyards, the wine combines the pedigree of the flagship wine with freshness, accessibility and softness together with a structure, balance and intensity typical of the great terroir of the Estate. This wine is a remarkable performer year in and year out.*
- 346 Luce Della Vite "Luce", Tuscany IGT 2013 135.00**  
*In 1995, Robert Mondavi of California and Vittorio Frescobaldi of Tuscany joined hands to create an Italian wine of extraordinary quality. Their partnership was the first of its kind in Italy, and*

*their premier offering was Luce della Vite. The name means light of the vine in Italian, and was inspired by the morning sunlight on the way from Florence to the renowned winemaking region of Montalcino. The Luce vineyard—adjacent to Marchesi de' Frescobaldi's Castel Giocondo estate—sits at elevations of 1300 to 1500 feet, the highest vineyard site in Montalcino. “The beauty and polish to this are very impressive on the nose and the palate. Blackberry, blueberry and sandalwood character. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and an elegant finish. So crafted and fine. Drink in 2020. #38 Top 100 Italian Wines of 2016” 97 pts JS*

- 312 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2012 96JS 175.00**  
**302 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2013 96 WA 185.00**  
**316 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2015 97 WA 185.00**

*The Guado al Tasso estate is located in the small but prestigious Bolgheri DOC, on the coast of upper Maremma, about one hundred kilometers southwest from Florence. This appellation has a relatively recent history. DOC Bolgheri was approved in 1994 and since then it has become an internationally recognized reference point for the Italian and international winemaking arena. This region has traditionally been planted with Bordeaux varieties. Guado al Tasso is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and occasionally a small amount of Petit Verdot to best represent the complexity and elegance of the Bolgheri terroir. This wine has been produced since 1990 from vineyards on alluvial soils whose composition ranges from clay-sand to clay-loam with rocky deposits know as "scheletro". Notes typically found about Guado al Tasso include “This is the quintessential red blend from Coastal Tuscany..... offers beautiful intensity and purity, yet it also delivers balanced power and lasting persistence..... It is a proud Tuscan at heart.”*

- 338 Antinori “Tignanello”, Tuscany IGT 2016 200.00**

*First made in 1971, Piero Antinori’s Tignanello is one of the catalysts of the Super Tuscan revolution (Tenuta San Guido’s “Sassicaia” was the forefather). “Tignanello is an object lesson in how to make Cabernet work with Sangiovese, the two varieties balancing and enhancing one another in admirable symbiosis” notes Daniel Thomases of The Wine Advocate. The wine is consistently one of the benchmark Super-Tuscans and is undoubtedly one of Tuscany’s most historically significant wines. “This fragrant, savory red carries aromas of underbrush, plum, blue flower, cocoa and camphor on the nose. The polished palate boasts juicy Marasca cherry, ripe blackberry, licorice, tobacco and an appealing hint of game. Silky tannins and bright acidity keep it balanced and elegant.” 99 WE*

- 489 Tenuta dell’Ornellaia Toscana “Ornellaia”, Bolgheri IGT 2013 280.00**


*“The 2013 Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia is an integrated and seamless blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Alex Heinz tells me that 2013 was a difficult vintage especially towards the early part of the growing season. It balanced out during the summer and allowed for steady ripening of fruit before the harvest. But 2013 was not as hot as 2011 and 2012 overall, and this edition of Ornellaia is beautifully tonic and shapely as a result. The bouquet is very developed in terms of aromas this year with beautiful notes of dark fruit, tobacco and spice. Those perfumes are just gorgeous. The mouthfeel is similarly intense with tannins that are still young, but are already silky and linear in nature. This vintage promises a long aging future.” 96 WA, 98 JS*

## **-Montalcino**

- 481 Tenuta Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2016 47.00**

*The Il Poggione estate has been in existence since 1890, and has been owned by the Franceschi family since 1900. The company’s winemaking operations are supervised by Dottore Piero Talenti, who imposes a meticulous three-part selection process – first in the vineyards, second after*

pressing, and again after fermentation. Piero's attention to detail in the winemaking process has resulted in the acclaimed Brunellos for which Il Pignone is renowned.

- 428 Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2015 90.00**
-  *Camigliano is a relatively large producer in Montalcino, and undoubtedly one of the region's showpiece properties—it's one of those Tuscan properties that was once a medieval town populated by a multitude of families. The sprawling property, which covers more than 1,300 acres, was acquired by entrepreneur Walter Ghezzi in the late-1950s and remains in the Ghezzi family today; they currently farm about 220 acres of vineyards, most of which are planted to Sangiovese. This is a spare-no-expense kind of operation whose massive investments have included the wholesale conversion of their vineyards to organic agriculture. "The Camigliano 2015 Brunello di Montalcino sees fruit from a 50-hectare vineyard planted 300 to 350 meters above sea level. The soils show lots of variation with clay, sand, rock and marine fossils. The wine's bouquet reveals classic Brunello characteristics of wild berry, forest floor, pressed rose petal, crushed stone and spice. You also get those typical balsam and herbal tones that are so specific to Montalcino. In fact, I argue that they come across with even more intensity in a beautifully balanced and sunny vintage such as 2015. This wine ages in 60-hectoliter botti for 24 months, making for a firm yet surprisingly streamlined mouthfeel." 94 WA, 94 JS*
- 493 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2015 97.00**
- Though the worldwide reputation of Brunello has encouraged a certain conservatism among Montalcino estates, Altesino has always been an innovative leader. The estate pioneered the technique of aging its IGT wines in small French oak barrels, limiting the time spent in oak to enhance each wine's personality. The resulting wines were a groundbreaking improvement over those produced by traditional methods. No longer overwhelmed by wood, they were able to display the unique characteristics of the fruit, with softened tannins and perfect balance. Altesino also was the first Montalcino estate to introduce the concept of "cru" wines, made with a special selection of grapes from a single vineyard. "The Altesino 2015 Brunello di Montalcino shows beautiful depth and latitude, with broad fruit aromas of dark cherry and cassis that recall the warmth and golden sunlight of the vintage. The wine is deceptively streamlined in terms of mouthfeel, but that slim and buttoned-down backbone supports a broad range of flavors and sensations, from lavender essence and camphor ash to moist soil and toasted spice. All of these elements are delivered with impressive harmony and unity, and I expect that this wine will continue on a slow, steady and satisfying aging trajectory over the next 10 years or more. Fruit is sourced from across 21 hectares of vines with tufaceous limestone soils and Alberese rock, which contributes to the freshness and balanced structure of the wine." 95 WA*
- 499 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2015 102.00**
- One of Montalcino's most historic brands located near Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Mastrojanni is today owned by the founders of Illy espresso coffee. The past decade has seen an impressive series of investments and improvements to quality. "Wow. What a gorgeous Brunello with complex and beautiful aromas and flavors of cherries, flowers, walnuts and berries. It's full-bodied, yet so polished and refined with soft, creamy tannins that are long and linear at the end. It goes on for minutes. Drinkable now, but better in 2022." 97 JS*
- 438 Fattoria La Gerla Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2013 110.00**
- The La Gerla property is situated at 320 metres above sea level, on the gentle slopes below Montalcino. This small wine estate has established itself as one of the great crùs in this territory in the heart of Tuscany, delineated by the Orcia and Ombrone valleys. "The 2013 Brunello di Montalcino is elegant, balanced and bright. The pretty luminosity of the wine's appearance helps to underline this positive impression. The bouquet is nuanced and layered with dried fruit aromas*



*that segue to spice, tar and balsam herb. You get sassy aromas of licorice, tar and cola on the close.” 94 WA*

- 436 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2015 116.00**  
*“Andrea Cortonesi of Uccelliera shows real talent when it comes to highlighting vintage variation in his wines. His 2015 Brunello di Montalcino captures the exuberance and the ebullience of this sunny and warm growing season. However, the wine remains orderly, precise and very elegant nonetheless, with a pretty succession of aromas that play cautiously forward, building in intensity along the way. Dried currant and cherry cede to moist earth, rose petal and balsam herb. The wine’s medium-weight body is supported by fresh acidity and well-managed tannins (36 months of oak aging). All of these moving pieces work in harmony.” 97 WA*
- 436 Ciacci Piccolomini Brunello di Montalcino “Pianrosso”, DOCG 2013 128.00**  
*Ciacci Piccolomini is one of the most sought-after producers in all of Italy. The Bianchini family was gifted its Brunello estate in 1985 by Countess Elda Ciacci Piccolomini d’Aragona, who had no heirs. This ancient estate has 35 hectares of superior holdings in the prized Castelnuovo dell’Abate zone, including the ‘Pianrosso’ vineyard (meaning ‘red field,’ a reference to the iron rich soils) and the ‘Fonte’ vineyard, which produces grapes for the Rosso di Montalcino. “Wild-berry, fragrant purple-flower and crushed aromatic herb aromas mingle with whiffs of tilled earth and new leather on this dazzling red. The stunning, savory palate boasts remarkable finesse combined with an age-worthy structure, offering succulent black cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and tobacco alongside taut, refined tannins. It’s impeccably balanced, with bright acidity. It’s already tempting, but hold for even more complexity. Cellar Selection” 98 WE*
- 540 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2013 140.00**  
*Tenuta Il Poggione was founded at the end of 1800 when Lavinio Franceschi, land owner from Florence, decided to visit the area after hearing the stories from a shepherd, who brought his herds around Montalcino during the winter. He fell in love with the landscape and the people who lived in that area, and decided to buy land and establish a grape farm. More than a century later, Tenuta Il Poggione has established itself as one of the most highly regarded wineries in all of Tuscany, making incredibly powerful wines for collectors and everyday drinkers alike. “The 2013 Brunello di Montalcino lives up to the impeccable reputation garnered by this estate over the years. This is a profound and beautifully rendered Sangiovese that delivers bold and luscious fruit quality with black cherry and spicy plum at the start. The bouquet follows through with mild oak notes of smoke, tar and toasted nut. There is another aromatic component that includes crushed stone and dried herb or mint. This Brunello shows elegant evolution in the glass and promises a very long aging future ahead.” 96 WA*
- 408 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino “Tenuta Nuove”, DOCG 2011 155.00**  
*“This is another fabulous wine from Giacomo Neri. The 2011 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova is a deeply layered expression with bold tones of dark fruit that are softened and enhanced by spice, leather, tobacco and balsam herb. The wine is very beautiful and polished with slightly less depth and complexity compared the outstanding (100 point) vintage that precedes it. Despite the vintage variation, this is a wine of enormous pedigree and importance. It is generous and confident with a presentation that offers purity, intensity and persistence.” 95 V*
- 492 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino “Montosoli”, DOCG 2013 170.00**  
*This small vineyard produced one of Italy’s first “cru” wines. Located at the top of Altesino’s vineyards is the prestigious Montosoli vineyard where ancient limestone soils with the 360 degree exposure combine to yield a Brunello of exceptional style and elegance. “Enticing aromas of ripe berry, chopped herb, new leather, tobacco and a whiff of eucalyptus all mingle together on this gorgeous, vibrant red. The stunning, savory palate boasts juicy red cherry, pomegranate, white*


pepper and star anise while firm refined tannins and vibrant acidity lend structure and balance. It's already extraordinary and elegant but also young and primary, so give it time to fully develop. Drink 2023-2043." 99 WE

## -Umbria

- 422 Falesco Vitiano Rosso, IGT 2016 26.00**  
*"The 2016 Vitiano Rosso offers enormous value. In fact, I cannot for the life of me think of another red wine from Italy that offers this quality at this super low price. This Umbrian red is equal parts Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Winemaking is very simple, concluding with an easy three months in barrique. The bouquet is bright, easy and fresh with dark cherry, cassis and spice." WA---"A dense and layered red with lots of dried fruit, spice and dark chocolate character. Full body, rich and flavorful." 91 JS*

## Northern Italy- Piedmont, Lombardy, Tre-Venezie

### -Barbera, Dolcetto

- 475 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne", Piedmont Italy 2018 36.00**  
*The Vietti name is no stranger to those who know Piedmont wines. The history of the Vietti winery traces its roots back to the 19th Century and the wines are synonymous with quality. "The Vietti 2018 Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne is a vibrant red wine teeming with energy and electricity. Those berry tones of cassis, cranberry and black currant pop from the glass. Primary fruit remains the focus, but that fruit is nicely framed by contours of spice and toasted nut. The grapes harvested for this wine represent a second selection from some of the same parcels that make the Barbera d'Asti La Crena. This cool-vintage expression is just lovely, informal and fun." 91 WA*
- 360 G. D. Vajra Barbera d'Alba, DOC 2018 42.00**  
*The Barbera d'Alba DOC comes from ancient soils, traced to three different geological ages: Tortonian, Serravallian and Messinian. The resulting terroir produces a refined savory wine, charming and complex and easily combined with any meal. Great persistence and balance, with a velvet finish. Deep red color with purple hues refer to the sweetness of a dark fruit with refined elegance. Intense and rich on the nose, it is both fresh and harmonious: floral and fruity notes give way to hay, tobacco and spices. On the palate again fruits and graphite notes are rich and persistent.*

### -Langhe and Alto Piemonte

- 607 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe "Perbacco", DOC 2017 46.00**  
*Vietti has long been an elite, reference-point producer in Piedmont but in recent years brothers-in-law Luca Currado and Mario Cordero have taken major steps to further elevate the quality of their wines across the board. Vietti's Perbacco is made from Barolo-designated parcels that don't meet the qualitative standard for the estate's multi-cru Barolo Castiglione. Perbacco is for all practical purposes a Barolo, but because it is bottled two months earlier than regulations permit, the wine is sold as Langhe Nebbiolo. "The entry level Langhe, which spent roughly 2 years in barrel and casks, the 2017 Langhe Nebbiolo Perbacco has a wonderful Nebbiolo bouquet of ripe blackberry and cherry fruits intermixed with lots of savory herbs, mineral, tar, and violets, with an almost iodine-like character that develops with time in the glass. Tasting like a legit Barolo with its density, it's a gem of a wine readers should snatch up!" 93 JD*

**320 Le Piane “Boca”, Boca DOC 2010 95.00**

*The Boca wine region, in the province of Novara, is the most eastern and highest (420-520 m) in Piemonte, situated between the Sesia Valley and Lake Orta nestled in the hills of the Lower Alps. It is here, that an almost forgotten wine producing area was revived in the late 1990's when Christoph Kunzli, originally a Swiss wine importer, was introduced to the tiny and little known region of Boca by Paolo di Marchi, owner of the famous Chianti estate, Isole e Olena. Since then, Christoph has been producing some of the most natural and exciting wines found in the Piemonte: totally expressive and quite unique with a wonderfully elegant and fine profile. “Le Piane's 2010 Boca is once again striking. Translucent yet deep and wonderfully expressive the Boca shows just how expressive Nebbiolo and Vespolina can be here. Sweet red cherry, spice, tobacco and mint gradually blossom in a super-finessed yet deep wine with class and pedigree to burn. Tasted next to the 2011, the 2010 is quite a bit more reticent and in need of time in bottle. The classically austere style will hold considerable appeal to traditionalists. Over the last few months, the 2010 has developed nicely, but it still needs time. What a gorgeous wine it is. Drink 2017-2030” 95 V*

## **-Barbaresco**

**373 Castello di Nieve Barbaresco, DOCG 2016 85.00**

*Castello di Nieve and the surrounding 150 acre estate are owned by the Stupino family; siblings Anna, Giulio, Italo, and Piera. The Castello di Nieve winery began when Giacomo Stupino, the family patriarch, capitalized on his experience as a surveyor and his knowledge of the area to purchase favorable vineyards and land whenever possible. In the small cellars of their family home, the Stupino's began their first wine production (including Messoirano, Montebertotto, Basarin, Valtorta, and i Cortini) and, over time, their acquired vineyards grew with the family's production and ambitions. In 1964 the family purchased the castle with its spacious cellars, along with more land and farmsteads in Santo Stefano and Marcorino. By 1970, Giulio and Italo oversaw the transition from tenant farming to direct management of the land, initiating production and export of Castello di Nieve wines abroad. “Rose, violet, just-tilled vineyard soil and perfumed berry are just some of the aromas you'll find on this dazzling, fragrant red. The elegant, delicious palate is chock-full of elegance and flavor, delivering juicy Morello cherry, raspberry compote, cake spice and a balsamic note. It boasts fantastic tension and finesse, and will be even better with more bottle age. Gorgeous. Drink 2026–2036.” 96 WE - #2 Wine Enthusiast Top 100 Cellar Selections of 2019*

**301 Moccagatta Barbaresco Bric Balin, DOCG 2010 119.00**



*“The 2010 Barbaresco Bric Balin is my favorite wine of the year. It's a full-throttle Barbaresco with full servings of black fruit, spice, leather, tar, tobacco and licorice. The wine oozes darkness and richness, but then surprises you with a playful touch of sweet cherry on the finish. The structure and intensity are so big right now, you really need to give this wine more time.” 94 WA*

### **Producer Note: Produttori del Barbaresco**

The Produttori del Barbaresco, or the more technically accurate name Cantina Sociale dei Produttori del Barbaresco, is a true cooperative in the village of Barbaresco, in the Piedmont, Italy. Cooperatives are owned by the members of a group, in this case the growers, who typically would not be able to produce wine and market it on their own based on their very small holdings. However, with a unified front and a single winemaking facility, all the vineyard owners can benefit from the strength of the group; the cooperative. The Produttori del Barbaresco was established in 1958 by a local priest from the village of Barbaresco, who believed that the local grape growers had to band together to produce wine in order to survive. He gathered together nineteen small growers and founded the Produttori del Barbaresco, which has become a standard benchmark for cooperatives throughout the world of wine-making. The first few vintages were made in the church basement and today, the winery stands just across the corner from that location. The managing director of the winery today is Aldo Vacca, who has done a brilliant job of securing fruit from 56 different growers in Barbaresco (all of whom are members of the Produttori), representing



250 acres of the finest vineyards. Moreover, Vacca has maintained a wine making philosophy of using only large wooden casks (grandi botti) in order to craft a wine that truly represents the local Barbaresco terroir. More than that, by favoring large casks over the small barrels that many producers find so appealing these days, each wine offers a special sense of place, especially the single vineyard offerings, so that the Asili Barbaresco tastes much different than the one from Rabajà or Montestefano. The winery makes wines solely from the Nebbiolo grape and there are three separate wine types: a Nebbiolo Langhe (Langhe is the larger zone where Barbaresco is located; Barolo is also part of Langhe), a Barbaresco normale, and the cru bottlings of Barbaresco (effectively the single vineyard wines), of which there are nine different vineyards bottled. What truly makes the Produttori del Barbaresco such an important producer is that it serves as a reference point for Barbaresco. Even if you prefer a riper, flashier, oakier approach when it comes to this wine, one has to look at the wines of the Produttori as the bottlings that define the classic style of Barbaresco.

**437 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco DOCG 2015 93WA, 93 WS 76.00**

*This is the Barbaresco Normale, which is typically blended from several of the different vineyard sites.*

**Asili Vineyard:** Aldo Vacca of Produttori di Barbaresco states that Asili is known for its elegance. *“The vineyard is like a bowl, very protected and it gets very hot in the middle of the day. The wines have very fine grained tannins. And although they are very closed and tight in their youth, the wines of Asili open up with age to become the quintessential expression of finesse and elegance in Barbaresco.”*

<b>690</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2009</b>	96 WA	<b>105.00</b>
<b>474</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2011</b>	96 WS	<b>105.00</b>
<b>372</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2013</b>	97 V	<b>110.00</b>
<b>442</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2014</b>	97 WE	<b>110.00</b>
<b>490</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2015</b>	96 WA	<b>110.00</b>

**Ovello Vineyard:** *“Ovello is the northernmost vineyard in the village of Barbaresco, higher on the sea level and dropping down to the river in a 300 foot, abrupt bluff. It is a relatively large area with a number of subzones with West and East exposure, all sharing a similar calcareous soils rich in clay. The extra clay and the cooler microclimate give the Ovello its exuberant and youthful quality in the fruit and its fuller body, which defines its distinctive personality. Explosive fruit on the palate and firm, sometime rough, tannins on the finish, these wines always bring a lot of joy to the palate and deliver powerful structure, that needs some years of bottle ageing to balance out.”*

<b>684</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2009</b>	94 JS	<b>105.00</b>
<b>471</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2011</b>	94 V	<b>105.00</b>
<b>370</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2013</b>	96 V	<b>110.00</b>
<b>459</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2014</b>	95 WA	<b>110.00</b>

**Rabajà Vineyard:** According to Aldo Vacca of Produttori di Barbaresco, Rabajà creates the most powerful of the Barbarescos. *“Rabaja and Asili lie on the same ridge, but Rabaja is east of Asili and it is farther away from the Tanaro River. The farther you get from the river, the soil becomes more compact, reducing fertility, but increasing the intensity and body of the wine, with darker fruit and more tannic structure. It is less elegant and refined than Asili, but more robust and powerful.”*

<b>484</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2007</b>	95 WA	<b>110.00</b>
<b>688</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2009</b>	95 WA	<b>110.00</b>
<b>410</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2011</b>	95+ V	<b>110.00</b>
<b>466</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2013</b>	97 WE	<b>110.00</b>
<b>431</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2014</b>	97 WE	<b>110.00</b>
<b>306</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2015</b>	97 WS	<b>110.00</b>

## -Barolo

- 396 G. D. Vajra Barolo “Albe”, DOCG 2016 66.00**  
  
*Vajra's Barolo Albe is "Barolo di Barolo", a Barolo blended from vineyards only in the Barolo comune. Fosatti, Coste de Vergne and La Volta all have different southern exposures and add distinct qualities to the wine, they yield a complex and rich Barolo that will age gracefully for another 3 to 5 years, but is a an absolute pleasure to drink now. In fact, not only is this our most approachable and open Barolo, but it is one of the vest values on our list for all categories. "Aromas of woodland berry, new leather, camphor and pressed rose waft out of the glass. Juicy and delicious, the chewy palate doles out succulent Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry and white pepper. Polished tannins and fresh acidity give it an immediate appeal but this also offers several years of drinking pleasure. Drink through 2028." 94 WE, 94 WA*
- 369 Fratelli Alessandria Barolo “Gramolere”, DOCG 2012 95.00**  
*"The 2012 Barolo Gramolere is the most complete and convincing of the three single vineyard Barolos. It is also the wine with most intense expression of site. Blood orange, mint, rose petal, pine, kirsch and anise give the 2012 its characteristic high-toned aromatic profile, while intensely saline, Gramolere tannins add backbone. Deeply coloured yet translucent, with notable freshness, the Gramolere is the star this year. Specifically, the 2012 is remarkably vivid, with all the nuance and complexity that only Nebbiolo can deliver." 94 V*
- 426 Schiavenza “Cerretta” Barolo, DOCG 2013 94.00**  
*The estate was founded in 1956 by the brothers Vittorio and Ugo Alessandria. Today, the estate is run by the second-generation Alessandria sisters, Enrica and Maura, and their husbands Luciano Pira and Walter Anselma. "Truffle, new leather, wild berry, forest floor and balsamic notes are just some of the aromas you'll find on this fragrant, fantastic red. Fresh and juicy, the palate doles out Marasca cherry, raspberry, cinnamon and pipe tobacco set against a tannic backbone and fresh acidity. It's firmly structured but also boasts balance and elegance. Drink 2023–2043." 94 WE, 94 WS*
- 680 La Spinetta “Vignetti Garretti” Barolo, DOCG 2013 104.00**  
  
*Giorgio Rivetti has unveiled a stunning line of new wines, and a few surprises as well, from his impeccable winery and tasting room at the foot of the Grinzane Cavour castle. Giorgio purchased a beautiful estate in the Grinzane Cavour estate for making Barolo. His vineyard graces a dome-shaped hill and is planted with 55- to 60-year-old Nebbiolo vines. "Lots of sweet tobacco leaves, rose petals and dried-strawberry character. Full body, velvety tannins and a fruity, smoky and light earth finish. Dense and unique. Drink in 2020." 95 JS*
- 353 Pio Cesare Barolo, DOCG 2013 118.00**  
*"The Pio Cesare 2013 Barolo offers all of the plentiful qualities that make this such a memorable vintage. Because the growing season was slightly cooler compared to the two years preceding it, 2013 offers a great sense of freshness and brightness. Fruit was sourced from seven different vineyard sites (with much of it coming from Serralunga d'Alba). Starting in 2015, Monforte d'Alba fruit will be added. The tannins are tightly integrated within the firm fabric of the wine. Yet, the finish is round and supple. This Barolo offers characteristic aromas of wild berry, black truffle and cola. It is executed in a very traditional style with botte grande and a tiny part barrique to give the wine a tad more oxygen during its integration and aging process. " 95 WA*
- 342 G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2012 128.00**  
  
*"Aldo and Milena Vajra are among the quietest and most introspective of Piedmont's top echelon growers. It is the wines that do the talking here, and they do that ever so eloquently. The estate's continued focus on excellence throughout their entire range comes through in spades in these new*

releases. "Offers classic aromas of rose, cherry and tar, with hints of licorice and spice. As this plays out, a tobacco element comes to the fore, along with leafy, eucalyptus and mineral details. Very fresh and balanced, if tannic on the finish for now. Best from 2020 through 2035." 94 WS

**308 G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2013 139.00**



*"The 2013 Barolo Bricco delle Viole is a real head-turner. Sweet, perfumed, vivid and exceptionally beautiful, the 2013 is simply stunning. A wine of exceptional finesse and sensuality, the 2013 hits all the right notes. Today, the 2013 reminds me of the 2008, but with more depth, density and creaminess - especially through the middle - and slightly redder fruit tones."* 97 V

**618 E. Pira & Figli Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2008 170.00**



*Chiara Boschis took over the reins at E. Pira e Figli in 1990 with a clear idea of what she wanted to accomplish: to marry the extraordinary power of Barolo with approachability, enticing elegance, and lush, intense aromas. She achieved this goal through strict vineyard management, careful selection, and impeccable vinification techniques: shortened maceration, malolactic, fermentation, and aging in barriques. "The 2008 Barolo Cannubi sweeps across the palate with layers of dark red fruit, flowers, subtle French oak, mint, licorice and spices. This is an especially pliant, generous 2008 laced with expressive fruit and fabulous overall balance. The south-facing Cannubi yields a juicier more fruit-driven style than Via Nuova. The 2008 impresses for its inner perfume and overall sense of harmony. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028."* 95 WA, 94 ST, 94 WS

**Producer Note: Vietti**

The Vietti family has been tending vines in Barolo since the middle of the 19th Century, although it was not until the ensuing century that they purchased their own vines. At the helm at this time was Mario Vietti, who subsequently ceded control of the family estate to his daughter Luciana Vietti and her husband, Alfredo Currado. Alfredo has been the true driving force behind the continuing development of this family business. A major contribution to the estate, and it would seem to Barolo as a whole, was Alfredo's conviction that individual vineyard sites should be vinified and bottled separately, bringing forth the terroir of Barolo's greatest slopes. This he did in 1952, establishing what has become commonplace amongst the top producers in Barolo; the bottling of single-vineyard Barolo. Vietti wines from the Lazzarito vineyard, Rocche, Brunate and Ravera vineyards have been bottled separately since then. Their Barolos have since become benchmark wines for the entire region. Sadly the world lost Alfredo Currado in 2010, but his son Luca has the helm and has continued the impressive offerings from this family run property in Castiglione Falletto.

**607 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe "Perbacco", DOC 2015 46.00**

*Vietti has long been an elite, reference-point producer in Piedmont but in recent years brothers-in-law Luca Currado and Mario Cordero have taken major steps to further elevate the quality of their wines across the board. Vietti's Perbacco is made from Barolo-designated parcels that don't meet the qualitative standard for the estate's multi-cru Barolo Castiglione. Perbacco is for all practical purposes a Barolo, but because it is bottled two months earlier than regulations permit, the wine is sold as Langhe Nebbiolo.*

**449 Vietti Barolo "Castiglione", DOCG 2015 88.00**

*With fruit sourced from various points within the Castiglione Falletto township, the Barolo Castiglione continues on its promise to offer a solid drinking experience based purely on quality Nebbiolo. This wine speaks more to the specific qualities of Nebbiolo, more than vineyard site. "The 2015 Barolo Castiglione is a soft and elegant expression with marked freshness and delineated fruit. Indeed, Luca Currado maintains that 2015 was not a hot vintage per se, and any jammy notes that might appear in the vintage may have to do with an overzealous approach to leaf pulling during the summer season. Old habits die hard, he says, and leaving the leaves intact contributes to the color stabilization of the wine and the successful management of its acidity.*

*From an analytical point of view, this wine does flaunt that much-needed inner crispness. It adds focus and sharpness to the layers of dark, succulent fruit that appear on first nose.” 94 WA, 94 JS*

**655 Vietti Barolo “Brunate”, DOCG 2009 190.00**

*“From one of the region’s most celebrated vineyards, the 2009 Barolo Brunate lavishes on smoky, granite and mineral notes that make this wine absolutely irresistible. Even the drawing of a snail on the label seems to hammer home one obvious point: This wine is built for longer cellar aging. Its rich texture, velvety feel and firm structure are guarantees that it will become increasingly elegant and finessed with time. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2030.” 95 WA*

## **-Gattinara**

**693 Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2009 110.00**

*Travaglini is a family-owned wine estate in the tiny Gattinara appellation within the Piedmont region. Established in the 1920s by Clemente Travaglini, the winery is Gattinara’s most esteemed producer of traditional, limited-production wines from the nebbiolo grape. Travaglini wines are easily recognized by their distinctive bottle shape, featuring a unique curve that fits naturally in the palm of the hand and serves to catch sediment during decanting. Designed by a glassmaker to celebrate the excellent 1952 vintage, the bottle was so well received that family decided to keep it as their trademark. “The 2009 Gattinara Riserva is a wine for the exceedingly patient. Huge swaths of tannin cut across a huge core of fruit in a Gattinara endowed with serious depth, resonance and intensity. Dark red cherry, orange rind, cloves, mint and saddle leather meld together in an exotic fabric of enticing aromas and flavors. Don't be fooled, though, the tannins are imposing and need time to soften. The 2009 Riserva is one of the best wines I can remember tasting from Travaglini in some time.” 94 V*

## **-Veneto**

**303 Recchia Valpolicella Classico Superiore “Le Muraie” Ripasso DOC 2015 29.00**

*For over 100 years, the Recchia family has been mastering wine making. The family lives in the heart of Valpolicella, in the valley of Negrar. Wine making is in their blood. Their love for the local terroir and traditions makes their wines special. Ripasso is one of the most unique winemaking processes; a basic Valpolicella is transferred into casks holding the grape skins left over from Amarone production. This blend of 65% Corvina, 30% Rondinella, 5% Molinara is a deep ruby red with an intense bouquet of fruit, jam and Mediterranean spices. A harmonic full-bodied taste that lingers on the palate.*

**311 Allegrini “Palazzo Della Torre”, IGT 2015 34.00**

*The Allegrini farm is based in Fumane di Valpolicella. The Allegrini family has been handing down grape farming and wine producing traditions in this small but important town in the Valpolicella Classico area since the 16th century. The techniques used for this wine’s production are completely innovative and untraditional. Palazzo della Torre is made from traditional Veneto grapes. 70% of the grapes are vinified immediately. The remaining 30% are left to dry until the end of December when they are vinified and then refermented with the wine from the fresh grapes giving the wine an extra dimension of richness and body “A very spicy nose with dried blueberries, Christmas cake, blackberry pudding, tar, treacle tart, roasted herbs and balsamic. Full body, ripe and round tannins and a finish that shows real verve and life, thanks to a wave of refreshing acidity.” 94 JS*

- 601 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Valpolicella Ripasso "Monti Garbi", DOC 2016 36.00**  
*Tenuta Sant'Antonio has earned its reputation as a premium and progressive producer of Veneto DOC wines (Amarone, Valpolicella, Ripasso, Passito, Soave and Recioto della Valpolicella), as well as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tenuta Sant'Antonio wines are made from 100% estate-grown fruit from its vineyards in Soave in the Val d'Illasi, and Monti Garbi, its 124-acre estate vineyard site in Valpolicella.*
- 634 Stefano Accordini Valpolicella Ripasso "Acinatico", DOC 2017 44.00**  
*This estate winery has deep country roots: the founders have been share-croppers, then landowners and finally wine-makers. The company is led by Stefano himself helped by his wife Giuseppina and his two sons, Tiziano and Daniele. The family estate extends over 4 hectares situated in Negrar, the heart of Valpolicella, in a place called Bessole. The Valpolicella Ripasso is obtained by "re-passing" of the Valpolicella wine on the dried grape skins of Amarone, still warm and rich in sugar. The Valpolicella remains in contact with the pomace of Amarone for 10/12 days; during this period, a second alcoholic fermentation occurs. Ripasso method gives to Valpolicella wine a better structure and a lower acidity, it is more rounded and it is suitable for aging in barrels for 18 months.*

**Production Note: Amarone della Valpolicella**

Amarone is one of Italy's treasured wines, not only because of the intensely flavored wines themselves, but also due to the fascinating production method that helps to create them. Amarones are produced in the Veneto region in northeastern Italy by the same producers who make Valpolicella, a light easy drinking red. Made from local varieties Corvina, Molinara, and Rondinella, winemakers were looking for a way to increase aromatic intensity, flavor profile, and age worthiness of their valpolicellas. In order to concentrate the natural sugars of the grapes, winemakers began drying their grapes after harvest, to remove water from the berries, while retaining sweetness and flavor (this process was originally used to make Recioto della Valpolicella, a sweet wine- the first Amarones were considered mistakes, Reciotos that were allowed to ferment too long). Once this drying process (called appassimento in Italian) is complete (typically three to four months), the grapes have lost a third of their water and have shriveled to raisins. The grapes are then gently pressed and the must is fermented to dry, yielding a very intense, high alcohol wine. They are usually aged in casks or barrels for a minimum 24 months before being released. The resulting wines are usually big, rich full- bodied wines that tend to have flavor profiles of dark chocolate, dried fig and raisin, and earth and the wines should be paired with heartier fare like meat roasts or aged cheeses. Amarones usually require several to ten years of bottle aging before their flavors mature and the wines can continue to develop for 20 years or more.

- 603 Monte Zovo Amarone della Valpolicella, DOC 2015 76.00**  
*Mature black plum, leather, cocoa and cooking spice emerge from the glass. The dense palate offers blackberry jam, star anise and black pepper alongside velvety tannins and the warmth of alcohol. The wine is not overt in its raisinated character, showing enough balance to be a great food wine.*
- 366 Stefano Accordini Amarone della Valpolicella "Acinatico", DOC 2015 108.00**  
*This estate winery has deep country roots: the founders have been share-croppers, then landowners and finally wine-makers. The company is led by Stefano himself helped by his wife Giuseppina and his two sons, Tiziano and Daniele. The family estate extends over 4 hectares situated in Negrar, the heart of Valpolicella, in a place called Bessole. This wine is medium-dark ruby color with smoke. baked berry and tar in the nose. Intense on the palate with youthful, rich, ripe black fruit, licorice and dried blackberry. Superb finish with great length.*

**318 Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2015 130.00**  
*The Zenato winery possesses a strong link to the richness of its local history and culture, and continues to develop this connection today. The estate is based in a territory that surrounds Lake Garda, with an extraordinary microclimate that allows for an optimal growing season." While this is heady and spicy, it's also quite reserved for this producer, framing glazed cherries and dried meat against a backdrop of citrus and roasted herbs. The ornately woven texture and generous fruit work very well with the linear acidity and firm-tannin bite. Really excellent." 94 JS*

**325 Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2013 140.00**  
*Perhaps one of the most consistent performers in the entire region is Allegrini's exceptional Amarone. "Very deep, saturated ruby. Fresh, piercing aromas of black cherry, violet, lavender and sweet spices on the nose. Then super smooth but dense, with wonderful poise and balance to the ripe red cherry, dark berry, aromatic herb and mineral flavors. Finishes long with youthfully chewy tannins and lingering floral nuances. Concentrated but tastes much lighter and vibrant than the majority of other Amarones made today; but the young chewy, grainy tannins pick up steam on the long finish and will require patience." -93 V*

### **- Lombardy**

**453 Cornale Lambrusco Mantovano Dolce, Lombardy IGT 30.00**

## **American Red Wines**

### **Cabernet Sauvignon & Meritage**

#### **-California and Washington State**

**401 McManis Cabernet Sauvignon, California 2018 24.00**  
*McManis Family Vineyards is a grower and vintner of premium varietal winegrapes located in what is now known as the River Junction appellation. The McManis family has been growing grapes in this region since 1938. The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon shows a distinctive blackberry component that is layered with hints of clove and mocha spiciness. The fruit on the palate has a richness and density that is supported by moderate levels of tannins. A great entry level Cabernet.*


**328 Donati Cabernet Sauvignon, Paicines - Central Coast, California 2016 34.00**  
*As a young boy, Ron Donati grew up in South San Francisco, the son of a first generation Italian-American family. One of his fondest memories was the sights and smells of his grandfather making wine in his basement. As an adult, Ron and his three sons Matt, Mark and Brad established Donati Family Vineyard in 1998. They acquired vineyards in the small town of Paicines, CA, located on California's Central Coast. The location enjoys long warm days followed by cool nights thanks to the marine influence of the Monterey Bay, creating an ideal environment for growing premium wine grapes. This full-bodied, well-balanced wine shows aromas of blackberry, leather and herbs followed by a medley of cranberry, pepper, and leather flavors. Rich tannins and a crisp finish ties everything together.*

**336 Educated Guess Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2018 38.00**  
*Roots Run Deep Winery was founded in 2005 with the promise of producing unparalleled wine from the Napa Valley at prices everyone can afford. Grapes grown by the best producers in*





Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford and Carneros wine districts go into making these wines superb in quality and unmatched in value. Barry Gnekow, winemaker for Roots Run Deep Winery, is a graduate of UC Davis and has over 30 years of winemaking experience. The unique label was designed to tell the story of how you can make an educated guess in winemaking. It shows you actual winemaking formulas that are either induced or naturally occur during a specific winemaking process.

- 448 Textbook Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California 2018 46.00**  
*Located in Napa, CA, Textbook was founded in 2004 by industry veterans Jonathan and Susan Pey, and produces distinctive wines from coveted Napa Valley and Oakville vineyard sites. The Pey's European background led to Textbook's "bold-yet-balanced" winemaking style which has made Textbook an industry-leading producer of inspiring Napa Valley wines enjoyed by discerning wine consumers across the U.S. and abroad. "Our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon comes from diverse sites situated across the valley. The cooler sites deliver brightness and grip and the warmer sites deliver generous fruit, intensity and color. Overall, we look for nuance and balance to this Napa Valley Cabernet. Classic and delicious in a very well-mannered way. 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot." Wine Maker's notes*
- 359 Guardian Cellars "Chalk Line" Red Blend, Columbia Valley, WA 2017 50.00**  
*Jerry Riener was known around the Woodinville wine scene as the chemist, turned cop, who was almost always around to help with wine work. He was a graduate of the University of Washington (with a degree in organic chemistry) AND a graduate of the police academy. Jennifer Sullivan was a reporter for the Seattle times. Initial distrust (as is common with a cop and a reporter) eventually turned to love and a binding common interest; wine. So, they started a winery. Their initial release in 2005 (350 cases of Gunmetal, a blend of Syrah and Cabernet) was sold within a day. They now make 16 wines over two labels, Guardian and Newsprint, totalling around 9000 cases. The "Chalk Line" red blend is a Bordeaux style blend of 55% Cabernet, 26% Merlot, 18% Syrah and 1% Petit Verdot. Right from the beginning this wine exudes ripe wild blackberry and plum jam. These dark fruit notes are soon joined by the sweet notes of vanilla latte and roasted coffee along with some black pepper spice. The mouth feel is dense, lengthy and generous. Although good now, this vintage is an age worthy wine. 90 WS*
- 327 Chappellet "Mountain Cuvée" Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA 2018 54.00**  
 *Blended from the traditional Bordeaux varieties, including Chappellet's own coveted estate grapes, the Chappellet Mountain Cuvée Proprietor's Blend builds on their decades of experience crafting great Napa County mountain-grown wines. A stellar Napa value, this blend of 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc is made for more near-term consumption. "The 2018 Chappellet Mountain Cuvée strikes gold with a stellar effort. TASTING NOTES: This wine delivers what every wine lover desires in a picture-perfect Napa Cabernet. Its classic, up-front aromas and flavors of black fruit, licorice, and oak stay firm and long on the palate. Pair it with a juicy, well-marbled grilled ribeye." 92 pts WW*
- 367 Beringer Vineyards "Quantum" Red Blend, Napa Valley, California 2017 69.00**  
*Despite the enormity of this enterprise (multiple wineries and a global network), the flagship estate in northern California, Beringer Vineyards, continues to be in very capable winemaking hands, and the quality of the wines remains exceptionally impressive, particularly when you look at some of the huge production numbers of their lower priced offerings. "The 2017 Quantum checks in as a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 5% Petite Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and the balance Malbec. It was brought up in 67% new French oak and has impressive black currants, graphite, and crushed flower-like aromatics. It's balanced, has a solid mid-palate, and ripe, present tannins, and is beautifully done. Drink over the coming 15+ years." 93 JD*

- 445 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2017 76.00**  

*Nestled in the hills on the North West side of the Stags Leap District, Silverado Vineyards Winery has been a favorite wine country destination and home to some of the Napa Valley's most-recognized wines for almost forty years. In 1981, Ron and Diane Disney Miller and her mother, Lillian Disney, established Silverado Vineyards to make wines from the historic sites of the estate the family owns. The winery was named in honor of the Silverado Vineyard, one of the first four in Stags Leap District to plant Cabernet in the 1960s. "From three of the winery's heritage vineyards—Mt. George in Coombsville; Silverado Vineyard; and Oakville Station, a historic site overseen by UC Davis—this melodic red (85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, and 1% Cab Franc) aged 18 months in 48% new oak (mostly French, with a smaller percentage of Hungarian and American). Following a perfume of mountain brush, dried violets, blackberry, and slate, the palate makes a bold and elegant statement; its reserved power and beauty show in notes of spiced cedar, sweet tobacco, and a melange of Italian herb-seasoned blue, red, and black fruit." 95 Wine.com Tasting Panel*
- 468 Reynolds Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2016 100.00**  
*Reynolds Family winery's 9-1/2 acre home vineyard sits in the shadow of Atlas Peak, just south of Stags Leap, where it enjoys cool breezes from San Pablo Bay to the south. The growing conditions here are ideal for producing big, rich, complex wines. The vineyard was first planted in 1996 using 'bench grafted vines' which were quite new back then. With bench grafting, the plants are raised at the nursery for one to two years before planting. This cuts about a year off the vine's development, allowing it to deliver usable fruit in its fourth leaf rather than its fifth. The estate is planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon. 2016 vintage – 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot. 82% fermented in tank, 18% in open-top barrel. Tasting Note: This Cabernet Sauvignon is rich on the nose, with dense, tightly focused notes of black cherry, star anise and subtleties of cedar, leather and candied red fruits. The flavors weave together on the palate with ripe blackberries and warm baking spices to create an elegant mouthfeel.*
- 345 Shafer TD-9 Red Blend, Napa Valley 2017 108.00**  
*TD-9 is a proprietary blend that celebrates a bold move. In 1973, in the space of a few months, John Shafer went from riding morning commuter trains in Chicago to teaching himself to drive a TD-9 tractor in our Napa Valley vineyard. He'd never grown grapes or made wine in his life. He now leads one of the most acclaimed wineries in all of California. "Rich and full of dense and spicy dark plum, dried blackberry and mocha flavors. Dark chocolate and smoky notes show on the ripe finish, with dried savory herbal accents. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. Drink now through 2023." 95 WE*
- 331 Col Solare, Columbia Valley, Washington 2016 110.00**  
*Col Solare is the partnership between two influential wine producers who are recognized leaders in their respective regions: Tuscany's Marchesi Antinori and Washington State's Chateau Ste. Michelle. From its inaugural 1995 vintage, Col Solare's mission has been to unite these two unique viticultural and winemaking cultures to produce a world-class Cabernet Sauvignon-based red wine from the very best Washington fruit. "Stunning stuff, and possibly the finest vintage to date for this wine, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon comes all from the estate on Red Mountain and is 94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc brought up all in new French oak. Gorgeous notes of crème de cassis, toasted spices, white flowers, and subtle oak all emerge from this super-rich, concentrated, full-bodied Cabernet that stays perfectly balanced and elegant. It has plenty of upfront appeal and shows a soft, sexy profile, yet it has ample tannins, remarkable purity, and a great finish, all promising 20+ years of longevity. Hats off to the team for this killer wine." 97 JD*



- 411 Chappellet “Signature” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2017 122.00**  
*The "Signature" Cabernet Sauvignon has been Chappellet's flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and ageing potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of the Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavored grapes. For Napa Valley standards, this is about as good as it gets for the money. " A blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and 8% Malbec, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Signature reveals intense notes of warm cassis, preserved plums and Black Forest cake plus hints of garrigue, cedar chest and menthol. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is delicately styled with fresh, energetic black fruits and a light chew of tannins, finishing earthy." 93 WW*
- 305 Orin Swift “Papillon” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2017 125.00**  
*Orin Swift Cellars, led by winemaker Dave Phinney, is a brand known as much for its creative and evocative expression of art on the front of the bottle as it is the bold, yet finessed styling within the bottle. Based out of Saint Helena, within the prized Napa Valley, Orin Swift features a portfolio of wines that appeal to a variety of senses. “Powerful aromatics escape the glass with rich notes of ripe blackcurrant, blackberry, peppercorn and a touch of chaparral supported by a frame of sweet oak. Intensely layered and decadent on entry, the wine exudes characteristics of black plum, boysenberry, kirsch and dark chocolate with a silky soft yet weighty texture. A prolonged finish of Provenal lavender, fig leaf and ripe currants close out the wine.” – Winemaker’s Notes*
- 380 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2018 140.00**  
*Charlie and Lorna Wagner, with their son Chuck, launched this winery's legacy as a Napa Valley icon in 1972. This wine certainly needs no introduction. It may be one of the most well known of all Napa Cabernets. Caymus has a signature style that is dark in color, with rich fruit and ripe, velvety tannins. This Cabernet offers layered, lush aromas and flavors, including cocoa, cassis and ripe dark berries.*
- 543 Anakota “Helena Montana” Cabernet, Knights Valley, Sonoma CA, 2015 165.00**  
*Sourced exclusively from Estate-owned Knights Valley vineyards, Anakota is a collection of single vineyard, single varietal Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon wines that exemplify the rustic elegance and spirit of Sonoma County’s Mount St. Helena. Situated in the flanks and foothills of Mount St. Helena, each mountain vineyard is brought to life as stressed vines struggle with rocky soils and challenging climatic conditions to create small, intensely flavored berries. “Very deep purple-black in color, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Helena Montana Vineyard gives up notes of coffee grounds, chocolate box and warm blueberries with hints of black currant cordial and blackberry pie, plus touches of tar and black soil. Medium-bodied and totally laden with tightly packed fruit layers and great tension, it has a very firm frame of grainy tannins and epic length.” 96 WA*
- 388 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, CA 2017 178.00**  
*Shafer Vineyards in Napa Valley, California, is an iconic family-owned winery, named one of the top 25 vineyards in the world by wine publication Wine & Spirits and “one of the world’s greatest wineries” by wine critic Robert M. Parker, Jr. Since 1978 the Shafer family has produced wine in the Stags Leap District, one of the most highly-regarded winegrowing regions within Napa Valley. The small winery is managed by father and son team John and Doug Shafer. Elias Fernandez is winemaker. Shafer cultivates more than 200 acres of estate vineyards. “Fresh cassis and blueberries with crushed violets and stones, too. This is fresh and complex. The palate carries a smooth, supple and tautly refined brand of tannin and a succulently fresh core of blue plums and blueberries. Drink or hold.” 95 JS*

- 544 La Jota “Howell Mountain” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2015 185.00**  
*La Jota wines are handcrafted at the original 1898 fieldstone winery and hillside cave. From the low yielding vines of 28 mountain acres, they produce Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. While growing grapes in the nutrient-lean, volcanic soils of the La Jota estate is a challenge, the rewards are undeniable. Highly concentrated flavors and muscular tannins slowly mature to perfection, while the cool winds, diurnal temperature swings and high altitude keep the grape acids impeccably balanced. “Blended of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8.5% Cabernet Franc, 7.5% Merlot, 6% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain is vivid and beautifully rendered, with a dense yet racy core of unadulterated cassis, boysenberry and blackberry puree flavors, flecked with anise, light bramble and polished ganache notes. The long finish shows a great tug of tarry earth while the fruit drives on. Best from 2021 through 2040.” 95 WS, 95 WA, 95 WE*
- 319 B. V. "Georges de Latour Private Reserve" Cabernet, Napa Valley, CA 2004 210.00**  
*“BV Private Reserve has been on a real roll. This Georges is enormous and impressive, gigantic in fruit, explosive in blackberry tart, cherry pie, blueberry, plum, cigar box and vanilla aromas and flavors. Structurally, it’s an impeccable wine, showing the fine acidity and firm, dusty tannins that always constitute Georges. Beautiful now, and should age well for 10–20 years, in a cool cellar.” 95 WA*
- 383 Groth Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley, CA 2016 230.00**  
  
*Groth Vineyards & Winery is a family-owned company with deep roots in the Oakville AVA, home to Napa Valley’s largest concentration of top Cabernet Sauvignon producers. Dennis and Judy Groth made a life-changing investment in 1981 when they bought a vineyard on Oakville Cross Road, in the heart of Napa Valley, with hopes it would produce wines as special as their favorites from the region. It didn’t take long for their intuition to be proven right. Robert Parker of the Wine Advocate gave the Groth 1985 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon the distinction of being California’s first 100-point wine. The 2016 shows its pedigree well: “...delivers a very tightly focused, almost piercing beam of cassis, raspberry coulis and bitter cherry fruit, scored with singed alder and iron notes. Incense and tobacco details chime in on the finish. Long and refined, with the fruit leaving a sweet and mouthwatering echo. Best from 2022 through 2038.” 96 WS and #4 Wine Spectator Top 100 of 2019*
- 461 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2013 98+ WA 340.00**  
**465 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2014 99 WA 360.00**  
**344 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2016 100 JD 430.00**  
**496 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2017 96 WA 440.00**  
  
*For more than four decades, the Chappellet family has been crafting world-class wines from fruit cultivated on the steep, rocky slopes of Napa Valley's renowned Pritchard Hill. As one of the first wineries to pioneer high-elevation hillside planting, and one of the few remaining great family-owned Napa Valley wineries, Chappellet Vineyard and Winery has influenced generations of vintners. Throughout its history, Chappellet has also established an enduring legacy as one of California's most acclaimed producers of Cabernet Sauvignon.*
- 395 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2004 97 WA 425.00**  
**397 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2005 97 WA 370.00**  
**398 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2006 96 WA 345.00**  
**463 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2008 96 WS, 96 WA 365.00**  
**464 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2009 98 V 390.00**  
**609 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2010 100 WA 426.00**  
**629 Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2011 96 WA 390.00**

<b>313</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2013</b>	<b>99 JS</b>	<b>434.00</b>
<b>317</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2014</b>	<b>98+ WA</b>	<b>434.00</b>
<b>420</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2015</b>	<b>98+ WA</b>	<b>460.00</b>

*“Shafer’s flagship wine is the 2,000 case cuvee of Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged 32 months in 100% new French oak prior to bottling, it is one of the world’s great Cabernet Sauvignons, and especially to fans of California Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine needs no introduction. It is, quite frankly, one of California’s benchmark wines, exceptional in every vintage, and marked by characteristics that make it such: gorgeous dark inky color, intense and complex aromas of black currants, black cherries, charcoal, a multi-layered and fleshy mid-palate and superb opulence. The finish is always one to be remembered. It is a flamboyant wine that speaks of pure California.” Wine Advocate*

<b>621</b>	<b>Bond St. Eden, Napa Valley, California 2008</b>		<b>525.00</b>
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*Bill Harlan and his team make the BOND wines through long-term lease arrangements they hold with vineyard owners in a handful of top hillside sites in Napa Valley. The Melbury, Quella and Vecina vineyards are planted with 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The St. Eden vineyard includes 5% Cabernet Franc that was recently grafted onto Merlot rootstocks, while the Pluribus vineyard includes 13% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Franc. “The 2008 St. Eden is one of the richest, fleshiest and best-balanced of the 2008s in the Bond portfolio. Dark red fruit, flowers, minerals and spices are some of the notes that take shape in the glass. The 2008 has the mid-palate pliancy that is less evident in some of the other 2008s here. There is plenty of focus as well, especially on the long, saline finish. Tar, smoke and licorice add the final notes of complexity. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028.” 94 WA*

<b>624</b>	<b>Bond Vecina, Napa Valley, California 2008</b>		<b>525.00</b>
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*“The 2008 Vecina is a huge, strapping wine bursting with dark fruit, leather, licorice, smoke, minerals and tar. It possesses striking mid-palate depth and more than enough fruit to stand up to the firm, imposing tannins. Iron, graphite, smoke and minerals are layered into the dark, brooding finish. This is an impressive showing. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.” 95 WA*

<b>432</b>	<b>Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2016</b>		<b>575.00</b>
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*A joint venture established in 1979 by Robert Mondavi and Baron Phillippe de Rothschild, Opus One may be considered the most widely recognized California wine in the world. In 1981, a single case of the joint venture wine sold for \$24,000 at the first Napa Valley Wine Auction- the highest price ever paid for a California wine. Opus One is sold in more than 65 world markets and still commands premium prices. “Fantastic aromas that are complex and complete with blackcurrants, blueberries and herbs, such as basil and bay leaf. But always subtle. Full-bodied yet linear and very refined with a very persistent finish. It shows drive and brightness. So refined at the end. Needs at least three to five years to come together.” 99 JS*

## Merlot

<b>403</b>	<b>McManis Merlot, California 2018</b>		<b>24.00</b>
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*McManis Family Vineyards is a grower and vintner of premium varietal winegrapes located in what is now known as the River Junction appellation. The McManis family has been growing grapes in this region since 1938. The 2005 Merlot has a ripe, fruit forward, dark berry character that is balanced with a nice toasted oak. Simple, juicy and very pleasurable.*

<b>364</b>	<b>Chat. Ste. Michelle Merlot Canoe Ridge Estate, Columbia Valley, WA 2014</b>		<b>38.00</b>
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*The Vineyard at Canoe Ridge Estate was planted in 1991 and the Canoe Ridge Estate winery was built in 1993 to accommodate St. Michelle’s growing world-class red wine portfolio. The estate is situated in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, established in 2005 to distinguish it from the massive*

Columbia Valley AVA that surrounds it. The Canoe Ridge Estate Merlot consistently exhibits dark cherry fruit with an opulent mouth feel, great elegance, concentration and fine tannins. "There's a savory edge to the nose here with dried-plum and earthy nuances interwoven. The palate has a bold, fleshy and flavorful core of red plums and plenty of tannin. A blend of 92% merlot and 8% cabernet sauvignon. Drink now." 91 JS

- 322 Northstar Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2012 66.00**  
*Northstar Winery, located in Walla Walla, Washington, is dedicated to the production of ultra-premium Merlot that will be considered among the world's best, showcasing the Columbia Valley's star grape variety. 82% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot "The cocoa, cherry, raspberry and toast aromas bring plenty of appeal. The flavors deliver richness but without excessive weight." – 91 WE*
- 356 Shafer Vineyards Merlot, Napa Valley, California 2014 96.00**  
*This is the 31st release of Shgafer's iconic Merlot. It is a rich, racy red wine from a classic vintage with fruit sourced from the Valley's cooler southern end. "Tart black cherry meets plum, strawberry and clove, while softened tannins belie the wine's overall density and sense of generosity. A smoky waft of cigar amplifies the power and sinewy nature of the full-bodied wine, which is ready to lie down for a rest. Enjoy best 2020 through 2024." 93 WE*

## Pinot Noir

### -California

- 389 J. Lohr Falcon's Perch Pinot Noir, Monterey County California 2018 32.00**  
  
*Founded more than three decades ago by Jerry Lohr, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines crafts an array of acclaimed wines from estate grapes. Still guided by Jerry today, this pioneering estate vineyard program is comprised of almost 3,000 acres of vines in Monterey County, Paso Robles and Napa Valley.*
- 633 Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2018 38.00**  
  
*It was founder Nicky Hahn who suggested that the Santa Lucia Highlands be deemed a unique winegrowing district. In 1991, three years after he and fellow vintners made their appeal, the federal government approved the Highlands as an official American Viticultural Area (AVA). After the fruit for the SLH Pinot Noir is carefully sorted, it undergoes a three-day cold soak in open top fermenters. This 100% Pinot Noir is then aged for 11 months in a selection of French oak barrels. When the wine is ready to be blended, barrels are chosen that best exemplify the aromas, flavors and structure of the Santa Lucia Highlands. "Tart and candied berry aromas meet with tangy pomegranate and hibiscus on the nose. The palate combines more cranberry and pomegranate flavors with dried herbs, all framed by energetic acidity and firm tannins. \*Editors' Choice\*" 91 WE*
- 324 J. Lohr Vineyard Series "Fog's Reach" Pinot Noir, Arroyo Secco, CA 2018 47.00**  
  
*Founded more than three decades ago by Jerry Lohr, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines crafts an array of acclaimed wines from estate grapes. Still guided by Jerry today, this pioneering estate vineyard program is comprised of almost 3,000 acres of vines in Monterey County, Paso Robles and Napa Valley. "The 2016 J. Lohr Fog's Reach Pinot Noir expresses the varietal terroir of the Arroyo Seco region as purely as any previous vintage, showcasing blue sage and strawberry fruit on the nose and palate, with dried cherry on the finish. " Winemaker's Notes*

- 407 Melville Pinot Noir Estate, Santa Rita Hills, California 2014 50.00**  
*Winemaker Greg Brewer and grower Chad Melville continue to knock it out of the park with these Melville releases. Focusing on site, if not plot, specific releases, neutral oak, no SO2 until racking and varying degrees of whole cluster are the norm here. The wines have individual characters and, stylistically, lean toward the more complex, finesse-driven side of the spectrum. They “wow” more for their balance and nuance than their power and richness. “Light raspberry-sorbet notes meet with fresh fennel fronds, pepper and cinnamon on the nose of this bottling from Chad Melville and family. It's tight and tart on the palate, with dried cranberry, pine needle and eucalyptus flavors that juxtapose with the more fruit-driven nose.” 94 WE*
- 427 Walt Pinot Noir “La Brisa”, Sonoma County, California 2018 58.00**  
*In the world of Napa Cabernet, Kathryn Hall needs no introduction. Her impact in California’s wine industry through Hall Vineyards has been felt since the 1970’s. Walt is her maiden name and it is also Hall’s Pinot and Chardonnay project. Walt celebrates Kathryn Hall’s parents, Bob and Delores Walt, whose family dedication to viticulture remains the inspiration for their winegrowing efforts. LaBrisa is Spanish for “The Breeze,” pays homage to the brisk coastal breezes that cool their prized Sonoma County vineyards. “The 2018 Walt La Brisa Pinot Noir is richly endowed and lasting on the palate. This wine delivers excellent aromas and flavors of blue and black fruits with a hint of oak.” -91 WW*
- 433 Wild Ridge Pinot Noir “Annapolis”, Sonoma County, California 2013 65.00**  
*Wild Ridge Pinot Noir is grown in a vineyard located on the far western edge of California’s Sonoma Coast. The 900 foot elevation site is a stone’s throw from the hamlet of Annapolis, an extreme setting blessed with a steady supply of cool marine air, goldridge soils and dense forest surrounding the perimeter. “The wine has a deep ruby/plum color and is made from Dijon clones 777, 667, 115 and Pommard Selection. It shows excellent ripeness, dark Asian plum interwoven with red and blackcurrants, soil undertones and a good, rich, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. This is a serious, well-endowed Pinot Noir.” 91 WA*
- 485 Walter Hansel Pinot Noir “South Slope”, Russian River Valley, CA 2015 80.00**  
*This is an enviable winery run by Stephen Hansel with exceptionally high-quality Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs that he sells at modest prices, which speaks to his humility and commitment to serious wine consumers. “Made from 100% Dijon clone 777, the 2015 Pinot Noir South Slope had the largest yields of any of the parcels in 2015, although still way below normal production. The deepest color of many of these Pinot Noirs, the wine has loads of damp earth, spice box and forest floor, this is a deep blue-fruited Pinot with a lovely texture, plenty of body, surprising concentration and richness. This is a stunner from 18-year-old vines. Drink it over the next decade or more.” 94-96 WA, 95 V*
- 400 Flowers Sea View Ridge Pinot Noir, Sonoma County, CA 2015 120.00**  
*Flowers Vineyards and Winery pioneered the growing of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the rugged coastal ridges of the extreme Sonoma Coast. Joan and Walt Flowers had a simple goal, to make exceptional wine that captures the wild beauty of the land and the spirit of the Sonoma Coast. Perched on top of soaring coastal ridges that border the nearby Pacific Ocean, their estate vineyards, Camp Meeting Ridge and Sea View Ridge, rise to impressive elevations from 1,150 to 1,875 feet. “Pure and powerfully juicy, with concentrated red plum, currant jelly and dried strawberry flavors that are well-framed by toasty notes. The supple finish offers vibrant minerality. Drink now through 2023.” 93 WS*

## -Oregon

- 365 Elouan Pinot Noir, Oregon 2017 30.00**  
*Joseph Wagner of the "Caymus" Wagners has branched out. After conquering the Cabernet world he moved on to Pinot Noir and absolutely crushed it with Belle Glos and Meiom (California). Emulating his very successful sourcing philosophy of blending grapes from the top Pinot Noir regions together for a richer, more complex style than you could achieve by sourcing from one area. Soessentially, he sources top quality grapes from prime vineyards in Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue Valleys to produce this vibrant Oregon Pinot.*
- 412 The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2018 42.00**  
*Steve and Paula Black began the pursuit of a dream when in 2003 they purchased the 110-acre vineyard located in the Red Hills of Dundee and created The Four Graces. The Four Graces is aptly named after their four daughters – Alexis, Vanessa, Christiana, and Jillian. Brother Nicholas is recognized on the Reserve as "Keeper of The Four Graces."*
- 340 Soter North Valley Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2017 49.00**  
*Tony Soter's history in winemaking is nothing short of remarkable: he founded Etude in 1982 and built it to one of the cult wineries of California. In the mid-80s, he began working as a consulting enologist in the Napa Valley, assisting luminaries such as Araujo, Niebaum-Coppola, Shafer, Spottswoode, Viader and Dalle Valle. After years of mentoring and encouraging some of Napa Valley's most respected growers and winemakers, he ended his consulting roles to focus exclusively on Soter Vineyards and his family in his home state of Oregon.*
- 691 Illahe Pinot Noir "Bon Sauvage", Willamette Valley, Oregon 2018 60.00**  
*ILLAHE, pronounced Ill-Uh-Hee, is a local Chinook word meaning "earth" or "place" or "soil". At Illahe, the goal is to make wine as naturally as possible from soil to bottle. Illahe is one of Oregon's few horse-powered vineyards; they utilize a team of Percheron draft horses to mow and deliver grapes to the winery at harvest. They work by hand on small lots with age-old techniques and materials. The focus is to grow and make quality Pinot Noir and white wines that express the vintage and their varietal characteristics. They don't use enzymes or additives. Some of the wines are made entirely by hand, with no electricity or modern mechanization. They use a gentle wooden basket press and age the Pinot Noir in French and Oregon oak. Bon Sauvage explores the wild side of the vineyard and winemaking at Illahe. Savory and dark fruited, it lives up to its name. Intensely aromatic forest floor and sweet black fruit set the stage for ripe black cherry, smoky minerals and herbs, all wrapped up in a long finish.*
- 374 Rex Hill "Chehalem Mountains" Pinot Noir, Will. Valley, Oregon 2016 68.00**  
*The Rex Hill Chehalem Mountains Pinot Noir is a blend from three different vineyards showcasing a diverse aromatic and flavor profile, what the Chehalem Mountains AVA does best. "Silky, fresh and expressive, with violet and raspberry aromas leading to sleekly layered cherry and spiced cinnamon flavors that glide toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2025. 378 cases made." 93 WS*
- 375 Francis Tannahill Pinot Noir "The Hermit", Will. Valley, Oregon 2014 85.00**  
*Francis Tannahill was founded in 2001 by Cheryl Francis and Sam Tannahill. Cheryl and Sam, along with Deb Hatcher and Bill Hatcher founded A to Z Wineworks together in 2002, subsequently purchasing the legacy winery Rex Hill in 2007. In addition to assisting with winemaking for A to Z and the now-boutique Rex Hill wines, they continue to make a select few Francis Tannahill wines each year. Their sole Pinot Noir offering, The Hermit, is an expression of the couples' own 5-acre vineyard in the Dundee Hills. This vineyard, called Pearl, sits on volcanic Jory soil and is Demeter-certified Biodynamic. "Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2014 Pinot Noir*





*The Hermit has a gorgeous warm cranberry, pomegranate and rhubarb-laced nose with hints of roses, forest floor, baking spices and sautéed herbs. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegantly styled yet explodes with perfumed fruit, supported by grainy tannins and a refreshing acidity, finishing long and spicy.” 94 WA*

**695 Big Table Farm Pinot Noir “Sunnyside Vineyard”, Will. Valley, Oregon 2014 95.00**

*“Fascinating aromas of orange peel, strawberries and fresh mushrooms follow through to a full body, layered fruit and ripe tannins. Hints of tar. Structured. Give it two or three years to soften. Try in 2018.” 94 JS*

**343 Cristom Vineyards “Eileen” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2015 115.00**

*Utilizing Old World winemaking techniques - whole clusters, native yeast fermentation, and gentle and minimal handling - Cristom handcrafts wines that are smooth, elegant and subtle. These characteristics have earned Cristom distinction among wine enthusiasts and industry leaders alike, including being named 'Best New World Red' by Decanter magazine." Pale to medium ruby-purple, the 2015 Pinot Noir Eileen gives bold raspberry preserves and red currant jelly notes with suggestions of chargrill meat, truffles, forest floor and cedar. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers a solid backbone of grainy tannins and loads of freshness supporting the generous, muscular fruit, finishing with great persistence." 94 WA*

**443 Soter Pinot Noir “Mineral Springs Ranch”, Will. Valley, Oregon 2015 125.00**



*“Tons of pressed violets and lavender as well as blueberries, plenty of herbs, cedar, almonds and acacia come through on the nose, before ginseng, ivy and slate kick in. The palate is so structured with intense yet velvety tannins and layers of fruit and spices. Such tension in terms of the fine acidity but intensely full-bodied. A great wine that will age for decades. Drink from 2020 and well beyond.” 98 JS*

**486 Sitar Pinot Noir “Chorus”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2010 165.00**

*Sitar Wines is an artistic collaboration conceived by vintner Dr. Madaiah Revana which brings together the craft of the winemaker and the artist under the unifying concept of music. Dr. Revana found the sitar, an intricate and challenging instrument, whose 23 strings require constant fine-tuning and maintenance, to be the perfect metaphor for the production of great Pinot Noir. So he enlisted his friends, renown artist Thomas Arvid to create an original piece of artwork to become the wine’s label and Tony Rynders, former head wine maker at Domaine Serene, to craft the wine. Sitar Pinot Noir is a five vintage series that will showcase eh transformation of Arvid’s original “Sitar” Label artwork; each unique vintage label will reveal a stage in Arvid’s artistic process, from Charcoal in 2008 to completed oil painting on the 2012 vintage. The 2010 vintage is known as Chorus and was given a review of 92 points from Wine Spectator Magazine. There are only 300 cases produced.*

## Zinfandel and Field Blends

**424 Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2017 39.00**

*The Seghesio family first planted Zinfandel back in 1895, and their Sonoma County blend continues to be a benchmark of quality Zin. The 2012 vintage saw a return to the long, warm and mild growing conditions that Zin loves. To manage the large crop that was produced that year, Seghesio managed their vineyards with extensive crop thinning and canopy positioning. Combining spicy, briary, and lush Zin fruit characteristics from vineyards in the Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys, this wine was aged for 10 months in 60% American oak barrels (15% new) and 40% in neutral French and Hungarian oak. It's 87% Zinfandel, with the balance composed of typical Zin companions Petite Sirah, Carignane, and a splash of Syrah. For good reason, Seghesio Zinfandel is often seen on Sonoma County wine lists.*

- 371 The Prisoner Wine Company “The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2018 76.00**  
*The Prisoner is a modern-day wine success story, launched by Orin Swift founder Dave Phinney in 2000. The Prisoner is a Zinfandel-based blend with the balance in Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah and just a splash of Charbono. It was sourced from well-known vineyards such as Somerston, Solari, York Creek and Hudson. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak before bottling. This eclectic crowd pleaser has found a following from lovers of fruit-forward and jammy wines, but it has enough substance to please those who prefer their California reds a bit more structured. Not just a cocktail wine, this hefty red pairs very well with braised meats and barbecue.*

**Producer Note: Turley**

*“Probably no one in Northern California has done more for the renaissance and resurrection of old vine Zinfandel than Larry Turley. He started Turley Cellars after selling most of his interest in Frog’s Leap Winery to his original partner, John Williams. The Turley Cellars project was founded in 1993, and is now over 20 years of age. The great thing about Larry Turley is that he’s quick to admit he’s never met an old vine he’s not fond of. As a result, they farm and buy fruit from 35 different vineyards, with some of them dating back to the late 1800s, long before Prohibition. There are at least 30-plus separate wines, and some super-talented winemakers have worked for Turley – first Ehren Jordan and more recently Tegan Passalacqua. I have praised these wines from the beginning and, to my surprise, older vintages of 10 to 15 years – much older than I generally recommend drinking Zinfandel – have aged remarkably well. While Turley’s Petite Syrahs are probably 50-year wines, most of the Zinfandels are best drunk for their exuberant and robust fruit and personality in their first 8-10 years of life.” Robert Parker*

- 444 Turley Zinfandel Juvenile, California 2015 85.00**  
*Though the vast majority of Turley’s wines are single vineyard designates, Juvenile is actually composed of a variety of young vines that have been replanted in several of our old vine sites. We tag the vine when we replant it so as not to mix the brand new vine with its much older neighbors, then pick these young vines separately and make a distinct wine. The vines that make up Juvenile range in age from about 6-25 years, and we pull from 15 of our vineyards across California, including Hayne, Ueberroth, Pesenti, Salvador, and Vineyard 101.*

- 381 Turley Estate Zinfandel, Napa Valley California 2015 105.00**  
*“This vineyard is special to all of us here at the winery; right in our backyard, it’s what we see every day at work (and from the family home!) In 2006 we planted 6 acres of head-trained dry-farmed Zinfandel that compliments the original planting from ten years prior, all of which are certified organic.” Notes from the Winery. “Plush and polished, with an elegantly structured core, offering black cherry and licorice aromas and focused raspberry and dark spice cake flavors. Drink now through 2024.” 92 WS, 92 V*

- 631 Turley Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard, Sonoma County California 2014 110.00**  
*“Beams of tannin and an overall dark flavor profile give the 2014 Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard much of its distinctive, virile personality. One of the more structured wines in the range, the Fredrick needs time in bottle to soften. Even so, the Fredericks has developed beautifully over the last year. Intense red stone fruit, white pepper, mint and chalk notes, along with the signature mineral notes from these volcanic soils, give the wine much of its drive and overall focus.” 93 V*

**Syrah and Petite Sirah**

- 402 McManis Petite Sirah, California 2018 25.00**  
*McManis Family Vineyards is a grower and vintner of premium varietal winegrapes located in what is now known as the River Junction appellation. The McManis family has been growing grapes in this region since 1938. The 2005 Petite Sirah is my favorite wine in the McManis*



portfolio. It is just like blueberry jam. It's incredibly supple and lively for a petite, with ripe tannins, a decent complexity and notes of spicy oak and licorice.

- 416 Locations Wines WA-5, Columbia Valley Washington 39.00**  
*Dave Phinney, the mastermind behind Orin Swift (Which established wines like "The Prisoner", "Saldo", "Papillon", as well as many others) has once again brought his creativity to the wine world. While standing on a curb waiting for a taxi at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris, Dave noticed the ubiquitous international country code oval stickers on the back of cars. The proverbial light bulb went on to make a wine combining the best grape varieties from great "locations" in the world and apply the sticker as the label. Locations Wines was born. WA-5 is the 2015 "vintage" of Locations' Washington project (It is made from 2015 fruit but not eligible to be labeled as such since it does not conform to normal US labeling regulations, hence the 5- all Locations Wines are handled similarly). The wine is a blend of Syrah, Merlot and Petite Sirah. The wine is deep purple in color, with aromas of wild blueberries, cassis, and forest floor. The palate has flavors of plum, milk chocolate and framboise followed by anise, black tea, and brown. Silky tannins encapsulate things with a very pure and true finish."*
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| <b>584</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2009</b> | 95 WS   | <b>145.00</b> |
| <b>606</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2011</b> | 96 WA   | <b>155.00</b> |
| <b>610</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2012</b> | 97 WA   | <b>160.00</b> |
| <b>399</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2013</b> | 95 WA   | <b>160.00</b> |
| <b>394</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2014</b> | 95 V    | <b>160.00</b> |
| <b>409</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2015</b> | 95 + WA | <b>165.00</b> |

*This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from a single ridgetop vineyard adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah. "Shafer's Relentless project has been a huge success since the debut. Blending Syrah and Petite Sirah, aging it for a long time in French oak, and not compromising on any element of the winemaking process has put them at the top of the Rhone Ranger sweepstakes." Robert Parker*

## Other Unique Wines from the US

- 613 Michael David "Inkblot" Cabernet Franc, Lodi, California 2017 49.00**  
*One of the few Cabernet Franc's produced from Lodi, this varietal originated from the Bordeaux and Loire Valley regions of France and has been grown with success in many other countries. The grapes for this wine come from a 25 year old, 9 acre vineyard located on the west side of Lodi, no more than a stones thrown away from the winery. Ready to drink now or could be set down for a few years.*

## French Red Wines

### - Bordeaux

- 377 Château Beychevelle St.-Julien 2014 85.00**  
*Chateau Beychevelle, A prestigious Cru Classe whose character has been forged by three centuries of history.. Nowhere does the word Chateau in its noblest sense ring as true as it does at Beychevelle. "A very classical St. Julien that's got good concentration and real elegance, too. Great black fruits on the nose with subtle oak, and the richness and dry tannins are balanced out beautifully. You could drink it now, but this will age beautifully." 95 JS*
- 391 Château Lassègue Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2015 95.00**

The picturesque road that winds from the bottom of Saint-Émilion towards Saint Étienne-de-Lisse passes by a beautiful 17th-century “Chartreuse” (Château), about 1.5 miles from Saint-Émilion along the Côte de Pavie, hidden behind a few trees and bearing the discreet sign for Château Lassègue. This superb estate in Saint-Émilion today is infused with new life thanks to the passions of two couples and their families: Jess Jackson and his wife Barbara Banke, California visionaries in the world of wine, and Bordelais Pierre Seillan and his wife Monique. The 60 acres of vineyards at Château Lassègue are bathed in sunlight from dawn through dusk due to a remarkable south/south-west sun exposure and are protected from chilly northern winds. The Chateau and the wine’s label are both adorned with a vibrantly painted sundial, a reference to the estate’s sunny aspect. “Made by Pierre Seillan of Verité in Sonoma (the estate was purchased by the Jackson Family in 2003) from 50- to 60-year-old vines on clay and limestone, the 2015 Lassegue is composed of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep garnet-purple colored, it opens with expressive black forest cake, preserved plums and blackberry pie notes with an undercurrent of mocha, grilled meats, sandalwood and cigar box plus a waft of lavender. Medium to full-bodied, rich and densely packed with opulent layers of spiced black fruit preserves and chocolate box notions, it has wonderfully plush yet firm tannins and a lovely suggestion of background acid, finishing long and fragrant.” 93 WA

- 406 Château Cos-D'Estournel St.-Estèphe 2004 197.00**  
*“A beautiful example of the vintage, proprietor Michel Reybier and his top-notch winemaker, Jean-Guillaume Prats, have fashioned an exceptional wine displaying a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet perfume of boysenberries, black currants, cherries, pain grille, roasted herbs, and licorice. Medium-bodied with impressive density for the vintage, sweet tannin, and outstanding richness and length, it should be at its finest between 2009 and 2020+.”--Notes from Wine Advocate #171. “Loads of currant and blackberry, with hints of Indian spices. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, caressing finish. Round and generous for the vintage. Best after 2011.” 94 pts WS*
- 350 Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste Pauillac 2005 215.00**  
*“The brilliant 2005 Grand-Puy-Lacoste exhibits classic Pauillac aromas and flavors of creme de cassis along with stony/floral notes. Proprietor Xavier Borie has created a wine that should rival the brilliant 1982, 1990, 1996, and 2000. Full-bodied with sweet tannin and superb length (a 40+ second finish), the purity of this beauty’s black currant fruit is something to behold. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2030.” 95 WA*

## - Burgundy


- 337 Domaine Pierre Gelin - Fixin Rouge 2015 74.00**  
*Domaine Pierre Gelin is the leading wine producer in the small village of Fixin (pronounced “Fees-an”). The family domaine was founded in 1925 by Pierre Gelin and is today in the hands of Pierre’s grandson, Pierre-Emmanuel. Pierre-Emmanuel farms organically and works to minimize the impact on the environment in both vineyard and cellar. “Cherry jam and spice flavors reign in this succulent red. Features a solid edge of tannins, and all the elements dissolve on the lingering finish.” 90 WS*
- 326 Domaine Pierre Gelin - Fixin Les Hervelets 1er Cru 2015 98.00**  
*Les Hervelets is one of two premier crus in Fixin that are not monopoles, the other being Les Arvelets. The two vineyards lie side by side at the top of the slope with a bit higher content of marl in the soil. The name Les Hervelets in local dialect means “the place where maple trees grow.” “This is sleek and a bit stingy now, with tightly wrapped cherry, currant, spice and mineral flavors. Intense and persistent, showing fine balance and length.” 92 WS*

- 333** **Domaine Pierre Gelin – Gevrey-Chambertin Clos de Meixville 2015** **175.00**  
*“Moderate wood frames equally high-toned if slightly riper aromas though here the earth character is more prominent. The generously proportioned and exceptionally rich medium weight flavors possess a highly seductive mid-palate texture that contrasts with the moderately firm and robust finale.” Outstanding- The Burghound*

## - Languedoc-Roussillon

- 417** **Gerard Bertrand Chateau L'Hospitalet Grand Vin Rouge 2013** **65.00**  
**351** **Gerard Bertrand Chateau L'Hospitalet Grand Vin Rouge 2017** **65.00**  
 Former French Rugby Union player Gérard Bertrand is one of the most outstanding winemakers in the South of France. A biodynamic pioneer, he owns numerous estates among the most prestigious crus of Languedoc-Roussillon. Château l'Hospitalet is situated in AOP La Clape, among 1,000 hectares of garrigue, it benefits from an exceptional terroir. The wines are imbued with freshness from sea breezes, mineral depth and texture from the limestone soils and warm southern climate generosity. The vines are cultivated organically and biodynamically.

## - Rhone

- 497** **Saint-Michel Cuvée des deux Soeurs Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 2017** **62.00**  
*“The 'Cuvée des deux Soeurs' begins with inviting aromas of black raspberries, dark cherries and dark plums that are woven together with spices, citrus zest, lavender and hints of black tea leaf which all take shape beautifully in the glass. This beautifully structured red possesses a medium-plus bodied with outstanding concentration and depth. It displays a gorgeous bright core of juicy sweet red fruits that continue to work their way through the long finish. While this is fantastic now, it should go on to evolve for years to come.” 91 IWR*
- 382** **Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2017** **128.00**  
 In 1549, "Noble Pierre de Beaucastel" bought "a barn with its land holdings, containing 25 saumées at Coudoulet. More than four centuries later, this remarkable domaine, known today as Château de Beaucastel, is producing what most people acknowledge to be the finest wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. “The 2017 Châteauneuf Du Pape is another sunny, beautifully Provençal effort that has a huge nose of garrigue, raw steak, leather, truffle, and peppery spice. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and balanced, it's not a massive Beaucastel yet it has a classic, Provençal, incredibly satisfying style that will benefit from 4-6 years of bottle age and keep for two decades.” 95 JD, 95 WA, 95WS

## Spanish Red Wines

- 467** **Bodegas Atalaya "La Atalaya del Camino" Almansa 2016** **32.00**  
*“Inky ruby. Brooding and slow to open up. Aeration unveils powerful dark fruit preserves, licorice and candied violet, with suggestions of fruitcake and smoky minerals. A spicy note enlivens the chewy, concentrated cassis and bitter cherry flavors. Supple tannins build through a long, smoky finish, echoing the floral and licorice qualities emphatically. Give this youngster some age or a decent decanting. Drink 2019-2024.”90+ V*
- 429** **Marques de Murrieta Rioja Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2015** **45.00**  
*Marques de Murrieta is named after Luciano de Murrieta, one of the founding fathers of modern Rioja winemaking, who established the estate in 1852 in the world-renowned Rioja region of Spain. Today V. Dalmau Cebrian-Sagarriga, Count of Creixell, leads the family-owned company. With a vision of innovation and respect for tradition, Marques de Murrieta is rooted in strong,*

historical fundamentals that shape the vision and philosophy of this iconic Spanish brand. “So fresh and elegant with more than enough concentration and structure, this is a fine example of a 2015 Reserva. Ripe-blackberry, licorice, smoke and bourbon notes. I love the velvety texture of the long, intense finish. Better from 2019 and with long aging potential.” 93 JS

## Southern Hemisphere Red

### Argentina

- 354 Bodega El Porvenir “Amauta” Malbec, Cafayate Valley 2018 28.00**  
 *The Romero Marcuzzi family took its first steps in the wine world when Roberto Romero started his first winery four decades ago in Tolombón, a few kilometers from Cafayate. In the year 2000 they decided to create a new project with a more exclusive target market, designing a premium winery to make very high quality wines. Cafayate is a small, isolated valley with very special characteristics—its desert climate and poor soils benefit the production of high quality grapes, making it easy to practice integrated, sustainable and organic viticulture. “Spicy with black and red fruits such as plum, cherry and strawberry, with a note of vanilla due to the oak. Sweet, ripe tannins make for a nice, smooth finish.” Winemaker’s Notes*
- 347 Bodega Norton Malbec Reserva, Mendoza 2018 34.00**  
*Bodega Norton was founded in 1895 at the Mendoza River Valley. The estate winery is located at the foothills of the Andes, at altitudes ranging between 850 to 1100 m. above sea level. The Reserva Malbec is approximately 60% grapes from Valle de Uco and 40% from Luján de Cuyo, and since the 2016 vintage, they removed the new oak from the élevage so that it is now exclusively in used 225-liter oak barrels. “Such impressive, pure blackberries and dark plums here with violets and gentle, leafy nuances, too. The round, rich fruit on the palate is really pristine and this offers much now, but more to come. Drink or hold.” 92 JS*
- 568 Kaiken Ultra Malbec, Mendoza 2017 38.00**  
*Lauded Chilean winemaker Aurelio Montes traveled across the Andes to make these wines, just like the Kaiken bird does when it migrates.” This deep brilliant red-colored wine with purplish tones displays rich aromas. The nose has interesting spicy and floral notes - a clear expression of a cool year - intertwined with black fruit aromas reminiscent of blueberries and blackberries that show this variety’s great typicity. Good structure and soft tannins call for a second glass. The finish is fresh, complex, and persistent with fruit notes and subtle spicy undertones of rosemary, thyme, and dry flowers.” Winemaker’s notes*
- 358 Bodega Norton “Privada” Estate Reserve, Mendoza 2016 40.00**  
*The Austrian businessman Gernot Langes-Swarovski bought Bodega Norton in 1989 after sensing the great potential of Argentina to influence the world scene. “Privada” was originally reserved for the Swarovski Family’s private cellar. It was first released to the public in 2004 and has been one of the highest rated wines from the Lujan de Cuyo. “Concentrated dark fruit and chocolate mousse flavors are framed by firm tannins and acidity in this inky, muscular style. Sanguine notes fill the finish, complemented by plenty of dried beef and savory accents. Needs a good steak. Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2023.” 91 WS*
- 435 Achával-Ferrer Malbec, Mendoza 2018 46.00**  
*Founded in 1998, Achaval-Ferrer is a team of friends who dream about great wines. Achaval-Ferrer is also a collection of old vineyards in beautiful places. They are committed to the production of wines that are expressive of their terroir. They are a small winery because this is the*

key to top quality. Low yields allow the vineyards to express their personality in the grapes. Low intervention winemaking allows the grapes to fully express their vineyard in the bottle. Each of their wines is a different expression of Malbec: The Mendoza Malbec is about varietal tipicity. Their Quimera blend is about Malbec as the key to complexity and balance. And their Fincas (Single Vineyards) are about how Malbec expresses different soils and microclimates.

- 413 Bodegas Renacer+Allegrini Milamore, Mendoza 2015 49.00**  
*Formerly called "Enamore" in the US, this is a true collaboration between Allegrini, a renowned Italian producer of Amarone, and Bodega Renacer, a relatively new producer of high quality Argentine wines. The wine is produced like an Amarone; dried grapes, prolonged fermentation, and barrique aging. "Aromas of dried strawberries, blueberries and plums. Hints of licorice, too. Full body, round and soft tannins and a powerful, fresh finish. A blend of 45% malbec, 40% cabernet sauvignon, 10% bonarda and 5% cabernet franc." 92 JS*
- 361 Bodegas y Vinedos O. Fournier Alfa Crux Malbec, Mendoza 2010 82.00**  
*"The 2010 Alfa Crux Malbec is sourced from 10- to 20-year-old vineyards in the Uco Valley, fermented in oak vats (14,900 liters) and then transferred to barriques (80% French and 20% American) for malolactic fermentation and further aging where it matured for 20 months. It is very dark-colored, quite young and primary, with upfront fruit, notes of violets and a hint of smoked peat. It is intense and powerful, with sweet tannins and an acid spine that lifts the wine and gives it great freshness. Drink 2014-2021. " 93 WA, 94 WS*
- 625 Achával-Ferrer Finca Bella Vista, Mendoza 2010 155.00**  
*This is one of Achaval's single vineyard malbecs, which can be considered as some of the best wines of all Argentina. Very collectible and enormously complex. "Dark and powerful, yet elegant, with a delicious core of crushed raspberry, blackberry and damson plum notes tightly woven with silky tannins. The minerally finish lingers on with layered flavors of wildflowers, melted licorice and spice box. Drink now through 2020. 1,250 cases imported." 95 WS- #10 Top 100 for 2012*
- 626 Achával-Ferrer Finca Altamira, Mendoza 2010 155.00**  
*"This muscular red features dark layers of blackberry, cassis and plum skin notes backed by juicy acidity. Fine-tuned, with a creamy edge and a long aftertaste of wildflowers, baking spices and mineral. Decant or cellar in the short-term. Drink now through 2020. 800 cases imported." 96 WS*
- 472 Bodega Catena Zapata Cabernet Sauvignon Nicolas Catena, Mendoza 2009 190.00**  
*Nicolas Catena was the true pioneer of Argentine quality wine and is still the most important wine personality in Argentina. Bodega Catena Zapata has been owned by the Catena family since 1902. The wine that bears his name is the flagship for the winery. "The 2009 Zapata is from selected vines marked by a red sash in order to raise the wine with meticulous care. It is 10% whole cluster and 90% whole berry fruit that is aged in 80% new French oak for 24 months. It is pieced together from a mind-boggling 210 separate row micro-vinifications of multifarious lots and harvest times and is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Malbec. It has a spellbinding bouquet that exudes minerality, as if crushed stones had been sprinkled into the black fruit. With continued aeration, there are scents of oyster shell and black olive. The palate is full-bodied, with immense structure and backbone. The acidity is beautifully judged with filigree tannins that render the finish so elegant and refined, with notes of blackberry, soy, black plum and that stony aftertaste. Magnificent." 95 WA*

## Australia

- 404 Paringa Shiraz, South Australia 2016 26.00**  
*Paringa Shiraz is a beautiful red wine gem from Down Under. The Hickinbotham family has a longstanding history in the Australian wine industry beginning in 1936 when Alan Robb Hickinbotham established the famed Roseworthy Enology course at Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia. Paringa Shiraz is intense dark crimson red with black, squid-ink hues. Aromas of blackberry and black currants are contrasted with dusty, chocolate covered espresso beans. The palate is filled with black berries and dried fruit with subtle spice nuances of black pepper and cloves.*
- 415 Peter Lehmann “Clancy’s Red”, Barossa Valley 2016 30.00**  
*Successive vintages of Clancy's have gained major Australian, American and UK recognition for giving a top-quality red wine at a very fair price. A blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, it is a rich, flavorsome wine without a rich, expensive price.*
- 314 Mollydooker “The Boxer” Shiraz, South Australia 2017 45.00**  
*This is the wine that started the Mollydooker craze back in 2004. Matured 11 months in American oak, 60% new, The Boxer Shiraz gives a deep garnet-purple color and aromas of creme de cassis, blackberry preserves and mocha plus an undercurrent of vanilla and cedar. The palate is very generously fruited, offering a whopping mouthful of spiced blackberry flavors with a low to medium level of silky tannins, enlivening acid and a long finish.*
- 550 Mollydooker “Two Left Feet” Red Blend, South Australia 2018 45.00**  
*This blend of predominantly Shiraz, with Cabernet and Merlot in the mix, has been and continues to be our favorite of the entry level Mollydookers. It typically exhibits intense fruit, in both aroma and on the palate, and has good structure and a long finish to boot. But what makes it the most impressive of the starters for Mollydooker is its wonderful balance. Perhaps a bit less intense than the Boxer and a touch more round and fuller than the Maitre’d, the Two Left Feet seems to find the best in common ground of the entry wines to the portfolio.*
- 379 Two Hands “Gnarly Dudes” Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2018 49.00**  
*Two Hands Wines was founded in 1999 by Michael Twelftree and Richard Mintz. Their aim was, and still is, to produce the best possible wines from prized Shiraz growing regions throughout Australia. "Quality without compromise" is a core value that drives all decisions from fruit and oak selection to packaging and promotion. Winemaker Matt Wenk has been with Two Hands since 2002 and, together with Michael Twelftree, oversees every aspect of the winemaking process. The 2017 Gnarly Dudes shows notes of black cherry, fresh blackberry, and dark chocolate. Medium to full bodied with richness of fruit balanced by bright refreshing acidity “This has attractive spice and fragrance. Really complex and packed with dark plums and blackberries. The texture is silky with precisely defined tannins. Drink or hold.” 93 JS*
- 581 Two Hands “Angel’s Share” Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2017 49.00**  
*Another stellar wine from the Australian winery named to Wine Spectator's Top 100 for over 10 years in row. Two Hands Angels' Share refers to the small amount of wine that evaporates from the oak barrels during maturation. Medieval winemakers assumed that angels watched over their wines, and that they took their share.*
- 683 Mollydooker Red Blend “Enchanted Path”, McLaren Vale 2012 105.00**  
*"Dark and focused, expansive and juicy, with blackberry and black olive notes at the core. Offers hints of licorice and floral as the finish expands. Delivers ample depth, poise and expressiveness. Drink now through 2020. 1,327 cases made." 93 WS*

- 656 Mollydooker “Carnival of Love” Shiraz, McLaren Vale 2016 110.00**  
*“The full-bodied, opulent 2016 Carnival of Love Shiraz kicks off with scents of mint, raspberries, plums and dark chocolate. Those notes unfurl across the palate in slow-moving, velvety waves of flavor, picking up hints of anise, cinnamon and vanilla on the lingering finish. It’s one intense, languorous rush of flavor and richness.” 94 WA*
- 637 Mollydooker “The Velvet Glove”, McLaren Vale 2009 260.00**  
*“The 2009 Velvet Glove is 100% Shiraz matured in American oak, 97% new. Very deep garnet purple colored, it gives intense warm blackberry, choco-mint, smoked bacon and marmite-toast aromas with nuances of coffee, roasted nuts and vanilla. Floral notes of violets and potpourri emerge after a few minutes. Very rich, very crisp, concentrated and full, there’s a good backbone of firm, very fine tannins and crisp acid leading into the very long and layered finish. This is a very well balanced, structured wine that should begin to open-out with 2-3 years in bottle, drinking 2014 to 2024+.” 97+ pts Wine Advocate*

## Chile

- 384 Viña Tarapacá Gran Reserva Carmenère, Maipo Valley, Chile 2017 29.00**  
*Viña Tarapacá was founded in 1874, in the heart of the Maipo Valley. Their mission is to preserve the seal of high quality behind a wide range of wines focused on red wines. “Elegant, sleek, ripe dark fruit and a hint of wood smoke. It’s seductive and youthful, a chocolate and cassis delight. There’s pleasant fruit concentration with blueberry pie and spice. Cool and well made. There’s lots of wine here.” 91 Decanter*
- 446 Concha y Toro Carmenère Peumo Terrunyo “Block 27”, Rapel, Chile 2017 66.00**  
*The Peumo Vineyard is located 170 m above sea level and extends across the rolling hills along the Cachapoal River on the terraces of the Coastal Mountain Range. The vertically positioned and cordon-pruned vines come from pre-phylloxera vine stock. The deep soils have a top layer of clay that enables them to retain moisture and allows the vines to remain active until the harvest in late May. It also helps control plant vigor and growth. Deep, dark violet-red. is wine shows all the character of pure Carmenere with notes of blueberries and wild berries, and hints of cedar and violet. The palate is fruity and tasty with rich acidity and sweet tannins. Its abundant fruit lends a long finish.*
- 476 Viña Tarapacá Gran Reserva Etiqueta Azul 2013, Maipo Valley, Chile 74.00**  
*“Opaque ruby. Ripe blueberry, cherry and cassis on the powerful nose, joined by a smoky nuance and a hint of vanilla as the wine opens up. Smooth, smoky and concentrated, offering black and blue fruit flavors complemented by suggestions of cracked pepper, mocha and licorice. Finishes sweet and impressively long, with a spicy jolt of cracked pepper, repeating smokiness and supple tannins coming in late.” 92 V, 94 JS*
- 385 Viña Montes Alpha M Santa Cruz, Rapel Valley Chile 2011 130.00**  
*This extraordinary wine represents a dream come true for the original founders of Montes: to produce a ‘first growth’ that can stand alongside the world’s other finest wines. Production of Montes Alpha M is extremely limited and vintages are only released if our head winemaker Aurelio Montes considers that the quality of the wine is up to demanding standards.”The 2011 Montes Alpha M is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon with some Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. 2011 was a bit cooler than 2010, and the wine might have more edges, and a little higher acidity. I find better balance in this 2011 compared with the 2010, with nerve and acidity, volume and great balance. The nose is still closed, less expressive and benefits from air, but there is a greater sense*



*of harmony and integration, and I think in the long run it will be a better wine. This is a classic. Drink 2015-2027." 94 WA*

- 329 Viña Montes Purple Angel, Rapel Valley Chile 2017 142.00**  
*Dark, full-bodied, and herbaceous with a spicy kick, Carménère has found great success in Chile, far from its birthplace of Bordeaux. Although Carménère once accompanied Malbec and Petit Verdot as a minor blending grape in Bordeaux, it is now virtually extinct there, though it has been thriving since the mid-nineteenth century in Chile. Originally mistaken for Merlot, it is now successful of its own accord and plantings continue to increase. It is bottled both on its own and as part of Bordeaux-inspired blends. "Such an amazing, floral nose with blackberries, blueberries, violets and other flowers. Full-bodied, yet so balanced and refined with vibrancy and energy. It's really racy and exciting with a super long, beautiful finish. Tight and super polished. Needs two or three years to open more. Beauty. Drink after 2021." 98 JS*
- 491 Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon "Don Melchor", Maipo, Chile 2015 170.00**  
*Don Melchor is the flagship wine of Concha y Toro, a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee that was started in 1987. It is one of Chile's senior iconic wines. "The aromas of lead pencil, blackcurrant and tar are impressive with just a hint of fresh herb. Sweet tobacco. Iodine. Full body, very tight and polished with ultra-fine tannins and a refined, textured finish. 92% cabernet sauvignon, 7% cabernet franc, 1% petit verdot. Drink in 2022." 98 JS*

## New Zealand

- 635 Mud House Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand 2017 32.00**  
*Mud House is a medium-sized New Zealand winery that has staked a claim on some of New Zealand's best wine land, with vines in Marlborough, the Waipara Valley, and Central Otago. Mud House has been a participant in the New Zealand Winegrowers' Sustainable Winegrowing program since 2001.*
- 482 Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand 2014 78.00**  
*Felton Road is a small, artisan producer of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Riesling. Established in 1991 and Demeter-certified, Felton Road has quickly gained a reputation as one of New Zealand's leading premium, biodynamic wine producers. Their vineyards are some of the world's southernmost in latitude. The expression, "growing on the edge," has real meaning in Central Otago, with the lowest rainfall and lowest temperatures of any agricultural region in New Zealand. "A handy array of bright red berries, orange citrus rind, then toasty mocha oak spice, some darker red plum and mouth-wateringly sweet fruit aromas on offer. Very bright, just-ripe fruits, liquorice and cinnamon, this smells vibrant and full of life. The palate has a soft, supple and creamy core with a glossy, fluffy mid-palate; tannins fan out even and long, smooth, velvety and quite plush, gently musky. Good balance and approachability, concentrated and pure. Drink now." 94 JS*



## South Africa

- 622 Indaba Braai Cabernet Sauvignon, West Cape South Africa, 2018 30.00**  
*The Indaba brand was founded in the early 1990's in conjunction with the newly democratic South Africa by long time US wine importer Cape Classics. The name Braai comes from the Afrikaans word braai, which means "to grill". Traditional Braais are celebrations of cooking (grilling meat predominantly) and the rituals surrounding the event; the building of the fire, the preparation of the meat, the consumption of beer or great wine during the process. This wine is a bold Cabernet blend consisting of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot and 1%*



*Malbec. The wine displays aromas and flavors of dark berries, earth and smoke – the ideal complement to a wide range of fire roasted meats.*

- 441 Raats Red Jasper, Stellenbosch, 2016 32.00**  
*Red Jasper is a tribute to Bruwer Raats' late father, Jasper, who was one of Raats' founders and the viticulturist for nine years. This complex Cabernet Franc-driven Bordeaux blend shows blackberry and black cherry on the nose, along with the perfume and violets one would expect from an 60% Cabernet Franc wine. The blend is 60% Cabernet Franc, 31% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot, and 2% Merlot*
- 376 Southern Right Pinotage, Walker Bay, 2018 40.00**  
*Southern Right is re-defining Pinotage with this intense classically styled, clay-grown wine, packed with complex berry fruit, beautiful tannins and subtle wood spice. Full ripeness and the longer hangtime afforded by cooler sites, combined with the complex, more classic fruit aromas and structure resulting from clay-rich soil, make this wine a highly individual expression of South Africa's unique grape variety. "The 2016 Pinotage was matured in 10% new oak, this vintage seeing the introduction of 400-liter barrels with a light to medium-toast. This sample was actually showing a bit of reduction on the nose when I tasted it. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, slightly sinewy tannins compared to the 2015, veins of melted tar and licorice towards the somewhat "stocky" finish. Very fine, although it needs 2-3 years in bottle." 90 RP*
- 423 Glenelly Grand Vin de Glenelly, Stellenbosch 2009 45.00**  
*The Glenelly Estate was purchased in 2003 by May-Eliane de Lencquesaing, who for over 30 years was owner of the famous Pauillac property, Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, a Grand Cru Classé in Bordeaux, France. "The 2009 Grand Vin de Glennelly is a late release because the Shiraz took longer to mature and integrate with the Cabernet. A blend of 42% Shiraz, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot, it has an intense bouquet with licorice-tinged black fruit, incense and touch of marmalade. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well judged acidity, and clove-tinged black fruit with a sedate and harmonious finish. This feels very accomplished. " 92 WA*
- 386 Raats Family Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch 2014 65.00**  
*Raats Family Wines is a boutique winery situated in the Polkadraai Hills area of Stellenbosch, South Africa. The Estate was established in the year 2000 and is considered a specialist in crafting world class and truly distinct wines from Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc from older vineyards. This sexy, uber-elegant Cabernet Franc shows the stunning heights this grape can attain! It combines a core of luscious blackberry, black cherry, and plum with expressive notes of cinnamon, tobacco, coffee, and spice. Silky tannins caress the palate, and hints of dark chocolate and a great minerality. This wine has a long and supple finish. Matured for 18 months in French Vicard and Mercury oak barrels (25% new, 25% second, 25% third fill and 25% fourth fill). Neither fined nor filtered. 93 WA*

# White Wines and Dry Rosé

## Dry Rosé

**124 De Morgenzon 'DMZ' Cabernet Rose 2019, Stellenbosch, South Africa 24.00**

*A delicious and unique South African rosé, made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that was fermented in stainless steel with light pressing and no oak aging for an unexpectedly fresh, lively and complex style. It exhibits red berry and savory herb aromas and flavors, with light floral highlights and texture on the finish.*

## Chardonnay

**160 Noble Vines Single Vineyard 446 Chardonnay, Monterey County, CA 2018 28.00**

*The 2011 Noble Vines 446 Chardonnay is a single vineyard, single vineyard section, single Chardonnay grape clone wine, that may just be the best value on the market. Nobles Vines is one of the many labels produced by Delicato Family Vineyards and the grapes are sourced from Block 46 of Delicato Family Vineyards 5,000 acre San Bernabe Vineyard. The 446 has many features you rarely find in an under \$20 retail wine, 1) it is a single vineyard wine, 2) it is a single clone wine (Martini clone FPS 04), and 3) it is possibly a single block of the vineyard, Block 46 (the clone is Clone 4 and the Block is 46, hence the name 446 Chardonnay). The wine is truly stunning with regards to balance and the moderate use of oak, which is only there to compliment, not overpower, the vibrant fruit.*

**107 Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay, Russian River Ranches, Monterey 2018 38.00**

*Russian River Ranches is a cuvée crafted from several estate vineyards, each contributing its own distinct personality. Pretty aromas of jasmine and rose petal give way to tropical fruits like pineapple and mango. Roasted hazelnut joins nougat and almond butter, finishing with a touch of lime and lychee. Medium-weight and clean with a wonderful acid backbone, the wine expands in the glass, offering up grapefruit, lemon, pear and kumquat with subtle vanilla bean and herbal mushroom. The lingering finish displays hints of minerality, along with apple, lime and a surprising kiss of strawberry. A market basket of aromas and flavors.*

**108 Talley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley 2016 48.00**

*The signature white wine of Talley Vineyards, the Estate Chardonnay represents a pure expression of the calcareous soils and cool maritime climate of the Arroyo Grande Valley produced in a classic old world style, incorporating barrel fermentation and aging. This bottling dates to the inaugural vintage of 1986 and was the first Chardonnay produced in the Arroyo Grande Valley. "The larger production 2016 Chardonnay Estate is certainly worth your time and money and is a great intro to the wines from this terrific estate. Salted apple, brioche, white flowers, toasted bread, and plenty of classic Central Coast salty minerality notes give way to a medium-bodied, balanced, undeniably delicious Chardonnay that's perfect for drinking over the coming 4-5 years." 90 JD*

**181 Beringer Private Reserve Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2018 65.00**

*No winery or vineyard more thoroughly embodies the timeless appeal and seductive flavor of Napa Valley than Beringer Vineyards, Napa's benchmark producer since the establishment of the vineyard in 1876. For many years the Chardonnay Private Reserve has been one of the benchmarks for California style. Made in a rich, lush style, with tremendous complexity and power, it is an unabashedly Californian take on Chardonnay. Barrel fermentation adds the vanilla notes and mouthfeel that have made this wine a classic. "This is a really solid white with so much structure and depth, as well as a border-less, encompassing palate. Full-bodied and polished with*

*lots of length. Shows complex flavors, from cooked apples and lemons to stones and hints of flowers. Still tight. Needs time to come together." 97 JS*

- 100 Rombauer Chardonnay, Carneros 2018 70.00**  
*Rombauer Vineyards was founded in 1982 by Koerner and Joan Rombauer and sits on a tree covered knoll overlooking the Napa Valley. The winery features caves that extend for over a mile into the hillside. The caves provide a constant temperature and humidity which result in optimum conditions for aging our wines. "The Rombauer Vineyards Chardonnay is one of the most consistent wines to be found. The 2018 vintage stays true-to-form. TASTING NOTES: This wine is attractive, classy, and has a soft touch on its crisp finish. Its time-honored aromas and flavors of ripe apples, a hint of peach fuzz, and a suggestion of minerality make it a perfect first-course wine." 90 WW*
- 120 Hartford Court Four Hearts Chardonnay, Russian River Valley 2016 78.00**  
*Hartford Family Winery was founded in 1993 as a result of Don and Jennifer Hartford's appreciation for the wines, the people, and the unique vineyards near their Russian River Valley home. Located in the Sonoma County town of Forestville, the winery is about 15 miles from the cool Pacific Coast. The Hartford Family makes wines under two marks, one of which is Hartford Court. Hartford Court bottlings are small lots of high-personality single vineyard Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays that express the distinctive qualities inherent in each vineyard's terroir - the interplay of soil, slope, exposure and climate. "Already in bottle, the 2016 Hartford Court Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyard opens with lemon tart, pink grapefruit, pineapple and ripe apple notes with touches of nutmeg and croissant. Medium to full-bodied, rich and with a pleasantly oily texture, it delivers ripe tropical fruit flavors and a long, creamy finish. 1,600 cases were produced." 96 WA*
- 101 Antinori Castello della Sala "Cervaro della Sala", Umbria Italy 2016 90.00**  
*The Antinori family of Florence, one of the world's oldest and most distinguished wine producers, has lived in Tuscany since the 14th century and celebrated its 625th anniversary as wine makers in 2010. Antinori's Castello della Sala Estate is located in Umbria, a short distance from the Tuscan border, about 18 kilometers from the historic city of Orvieto. Castello della Sala, a magnificent medieval manor built in 1350 sits at the heart of 500 hectares (1236 acres) of land, 170 (420 acres) of which are planted with vineyards, all of which are devoted entirely to white varieties. Cervaro, first produced in 1985, was born from the concept of crafting a white wine that would age well over time. This flagship wine is a blend of Chardonnay grapes and a small quantity of Grechetto. "This is a pristine and elegant interpretation with crisp notes of peach and tropical fruit followed by sharp mineral definition." 95+ WA. "...the Batard Montrachet of Italy with such an amazing depth and compression of beautiful fruit and chalk." 97 pts JS.*
- 110 Talley "Rosemary's Vineyard" Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley 2017 96.00**  
*Talley Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery that specializes in estate grown Chardonnay and Pinot Noir ideally suited for the climate and soils of the Arroyo Grande and Edna Valleys. The Talley's farming history in the area dates to 1948 when Oliver Talley began growing vegetables in the Arroyo Grande Valley. Guided by this legacy and a commitment to long term sustainability, Talley Vineyards focuses on attention to detail in all aspects of farming and winemaking operations. The goal is to produce distinctive wines of consistently high quality that best express the unique character of each of the Talley family's six vineyard sites in the two valleys. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean and surrounding Rosemary Talley's home, Rosemary's Vineyard is the coolest site at Talley Vineyards, has distinctive chalky shale soils and produces chardonnay marked by refreshing acidity. It produces the winery's most ageworthy and highly regarded wines.*

- 165 Shafer Vineyards “Red Shoulder Ranch”, Napa Valley 2016 105.00**  
*Shafer's single-vineyard Carneros-grown Chardonnay is produced from small-clustered clones of grapes selected for their low yields and distinctive flavors. Fermentation takes place within individual oak and stainless steel barrels using native yeasts. The wine matures on the lees for 14 months and since it undergoes no malolactic fermentation this Chardonnay retains a lively natural acidity. The vineyard is named for its Red-shouldered Hawks and other birds of prey, who play an important role in Shafer's natural farming practices. “This is a perennially impressive wine, floral in a heady perfume of white roses. Fresh and fleshy, the expansive palate offers concentrated flavors of kiwi and pineapple. The wine was largely fermented in oak, then aged just over a year in French oak (75% new). It holds the oak well, ending bright in juicy acidity.” 94 WE*
- 117 Sea Smoke Cellars Chardonnay, Santa Rita Hills, California 2013 125.00**  
*For years, vintners have coveted a stretch of land in the western end of Santa Barbara's Santa Rita Hills AVA known to have the perfect microclimate, soils, and exposure to grow world-class Pinot Noir. In 1999, fulfilling a long-held dream of owner Bob Davids, this sought-after stretch of land became Sea Smoke Vineyard. The wines have since attained near cult status and remain highly sought after every year. “A step up from the '12, the 2013 Chardonnay is the first vintage to see aging in a new foudre. It offers similar orchard and stone fruits, brioche and white flowers. Its acidity, oak and fruit are all beautifully integrated. One of the few whites from the region to really offer terrific texture and depth, this gorgeous 2013 is full-bodied, layered and fresh, with classic precision and length on the finish. It too will have a decade of longevity.” 95 WA*

## Other American Whites


- 111 Sleight of Hand Cellars “The Magician” Riesling, Washington State 2018 36.00**  
*100% Riesling from the Evergreen Vineyard in the Ancient Lakes AVA in Columbia Valley, Washington. The vines have an average of 15 years and the wine is fermented in stainless steel. Only 750 cases produced. “The 2016 Riesling Magician is a beauty. Lychee, green citrus, spice, and a hint of minerality all emerge from this medium-bodied, balanced, refreshing, clean, off-dry white that's seriously impressive.” 91 WA*
- 166 Chateau Ste. Michelle “Eroica” Riesling, Washington State 2017 36.00**  
*Eroica is the result of a special partnership of German and American wine makers to craft an extraordinary Riesling from Washington State grapes. This is more than a blend of two estates, Dr. Loosen from the Mosel and Chateau Ste. Michelle from the Columbia Valley: It is an intermingling of Old World and New World philosophy and technique. Named for Beethoven's Third Symphony, Eroica is truly a concert of Old World and New World Riesling. “Subtle and complex as ever, the 2017 Eroica delivers on its best features (including price!) while introducing a few more. It is always an accessible wine, just off bone dry; this one starts off with lemon and dried pineapple scents, then yields more complex markers of petrol, wool and citrus. It feels balanced and bright, luminous in purity, with a mild phenolic bitterness that holds the sweet fruit aloft. ” 93 W&S*

## Whites from around the World

### Italian White

- 106 Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio 2019, Veneto, Italy 26.00**  
*Clear white gold color. Fruity aromas of white peach and mango taffy with a satiny, crisp, dry-yet-fruity light-to-medium body and a smooth, medium-length sweet yogurt, lime zest, and underripe*

strawberry finish with soft, fruit tannins and no oak. A friendly Pinot Grigio with elegant, plush fruit.

- 102 Roberto Anselmi “San Vincenzo”, Veneto IGT 2018 29.00**  
*In the annals of winemaking, Roberto Anselmi is a legend, a charismatic motorbike riding rebel whose uncompromising quality-over-quantity approach has helped redefine the image of north Italian white wines. Since taking over management of his family's winery in the Soave district of northeast Italy's Veneto region two decades ago, Anselmi has been motivated by an emotional and professional commitment to tapping the unrealized potential of the wines he grew up with. This has entailed a significant parting of ways with traditional vineyard and winemaking practices that have historically characterized the Soave district, and given birth to a new generation of north Italian white wines of unprecedented quality, character and finesse.*
- 113 ColleStefano Verdicchio di Matelica, Marche DOC 2018 32.00**  
 *“Made with organically farmed grapes, this delicious white opens with aromas of citrus blossom and white stone fruit. The tangy, medium-bodied palate offers a lovely depth of flavors that include juicy tangerine, lime, white peach, bitter almond and mineral. Crisp acidity brightens the rich flavors and carries through to the clean finish.” 91 pts and Editor’s Choice WE*
- 115 Cantina Nals Margreid Pinot Grigio “Punggl”, Alto Adige DOC 2018 36.00**  
*The Pinot Grigio ‘Punggl’ grows in fertile highly clayey grounds in southern Magrè. The aromatic fruity taste is marked by honey, nuts and flowers giving elegance and charm to this wine. Its taste is full on the palate, with notes of minerals and an intense and persistent structure.*
- 109 Broglia Gavi di Gavi “La Meirana”, Piedmont DOCG 2018 38.00**  
*This is the most representative and classic wine produced by the Broglia farm and it is for this reason that its label carries the name of the farm: Meirana. As a matter of fact, the very oldest document which states the origin of the name “Gavi” is preserved at the Record Office in Genova and mentions vineyards and chestnut woods on a spot called Meirana. This document dates back to 971 A.D. Therefore the grape-growing tradition of the Meirana began at the dawn of the history of the village of Gavi. “An extra dimension of peach and melon fruit graces this round, juicy white. Vibrant and tense, with the acidity driving the lingering aftertaste. Drink now.” 90 WS*
- 170 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, Trentino Alto Adige DOC 2019 40.00**  
*Santa Margherita was the first company to vinify the pinkish Pinot Grigio grapes as white wine. This dry white wine is pale straw-yellow in color. The clean, intense aroma and dry flavour with pleasant golden apple aftertaste make Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio a wine of great character and versatility.*

## German White

- 203 Schmitt Söhne Piesporter Michelsberg Spätlese QbA, Mosel, 2018 26.00**  
*Spätlese in German refers to “late harvest”. The late harvest grapes are riper, contain more sugar, and produce wines that are rich and sweet. “Piesporter Michelsberg QbA is a beautifully fragrant, medium-bodied wine with upfront fruit that continues to develop on the palate. Made from Riesling and Müller-Thurgau grapes, hints of peaches and green apples are balanced perfectly with crisp acidity to provide a clean and fresh finish.”*
- 112 St.-Urbans-Hof Riesling QbA, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer 2018 28.00**  
*Although vineyards had belonged to the Weis family for centuries, Nicolaus Weis (vintage 1905, Nik Weis’ grandfather) founded the winery in 1947. Today, the winery is run by Nik Weis, Nicolaus’ grandson. They still employ time honored traditions which have been used in the Mosel*

and Saar Valleys for centuries, some of which date back to the Roman times. “A pure, well-sculpted, off-dry version, with persimmon, lime and slate flavors coating the palate. Hints of orchard blossom and herbs add to the complexity, making you reach for another sip. Drink now through 2024. 7,000 cases made.” 91 WS

## New Zealand White

- 157 Sea Pearl Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2019 28.00**  
*Around the cool, shallow waters of New Zealand live the most unique and beautiful species of abalone (Paua). These native creatures have been revered by ancient cultures and in modern times alike for their brilliant iridescent shells, considered to have the widest color spectrum of any abalone in the world. They can produce a stunning pearl, which is a true rarity and treasure of New Zealand. It is this stunning Sea Pearl that the wine is named for. The wine is crafted from vineyards across Marlborough’s sub-regions of Awatere Valley. Delicious and satisfying with aromas and flavors of grapefruit peel, a beautiful salinity and a thoroughly bright finish.*
- 158 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2019 34.00**  
*Classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc aromas of lifted citrus, tropical fruit, and crushed herbs. A fresh, juicy wine with vibrant acidity and plenty of weight and length on the palate. Ripe, tropical fruit flavor with passion fruit, melon, and grapefruit.*
- 105 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2019 49.00**  
*Cloudy Bay was established in 1985 and its first Sauvignon Blanc was a turning point for the New Zealand wine industry - an iconic wine was born, people just couldn't get enough (and still can't) of this brave, clean, zingy, incredibly aromatic wine. New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc was launched, and Cloudy Bay propelled the grape variety and New Zealand into the limelight. For many, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc has become the standard bearer for the variety and Cloudy Bay is its first ambassador.*

## South African White

- 103 Buitenverwachting “Bayten” Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2019 28.00**  
*Buitenverwachting was part of the original Constantia estate founded in 1685 by Simon van der Stel, the first governor of the Dutch Colony at the Cape. One of South Africa's premier estates, this beautiful farm is situated on the east-facing slopes of the magnificent Constantiaberg Mountain, just south of Cape Town and a few miles from False Bay. Today under the guidance of current proprietor Lars Maack, the winery has earned a reputation as the source of some of South Africa's most exquisite, mineral-tinged white wines. Buitenverwachting is a Dutch word that means "beyond expectation." 92 pts WS*

## Dessert Wines

- 513 Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2017 28.00**  
*Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti is an aromatic semi-sparkling wine with half the carbonation of a typical sparkling wine. Extremely aromatic, with a famously complex perfume, Moscato d'Asti has a mild level of sweetness, counterbalanced by vibrant acidity.*
- 505 Banfi “Rosa Regale” Brachetto d’Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2016 35.00**  
*A unique red sparkling dessert wine. Aromatic with a hint of rose petals, raspberry and strawberry. Sweet with a hint of acidity for balance. A cheesecake with strawberry topping and a glass of this wine create a brilliant combination.*



- 507 Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2015 (375ml) 39.00**  
*Gorgeous aromas of dried pineapple and apricot follow through to a full-bodied palate, with sweet fruit and a long, long finish. The wine has a fresh and crystalline vibrancy at the finish.*
- 506 Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2015 (187ml) 45.00**  
*This richly textured wine displays fresh tropical aromas of papaya, mango and apricot. Bold fruit flavours balanced with fine acidity caress the palate and conclude with an exquisite silky finish.*
- 501 Fattoria del Cerro Vin Santo Sangallo 2012, Tuscany, Italy 2015 (375ml) 49.00**  
*This smooth, opulent meditation wine opens with aromas of acacia honey, cake spice and dried fruit. The honey note carries over to the enveloping palate along with notes of cinnamon and candied orange zest.*
- 352 La Giaretta Recioto Classico della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy 2005 (500ml) 55.00**  
*The Recioto is a wine obtained from the same grape varieties as the Amarone (corvina, corvinona, rondinella), left to wither on wooden grids for a much longer period of time (until March), thus obtaining an optimum concentration of the must. It is a sweet wine, full-bodied, with a deep ruby red color and intense scents of cherry compote.*
- 500 Inniskillin Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2017 (375ml) 80.00**  
*Inniskillin Icewine, recognized as one of the world's great wines, is truly winter's gift to wine lovers. Harvested at the pinnacle of Canada's crisp winter, the grapes are naturally frozen on the vine and picked when the temperature drops to -10°C. Only a few drops of luscious nectar can be squeezed from each bunch, which is then expertly guided through fermentation to achieve the rich and alluring specialty wine known as Icewine.*

## Port

- 511 Taylor Fladgate 10 yr Tawny Port, Portugal 55.00**  
*"It is my opinion that Taylor's tawny ports are the best of their type. When tasted against other tawnys, they all exhibit more aromatic personalities, greater fruit and ripeness, and a wonderful sweetness and length. The Ten Year Old Tawny is a personal favorite, as well as a great bargain among many ports." 93 WA*
- 522 Taylor Fladgate 20 yr Tawny Port, Portugal 85.00**  
*"Although this famous name has produced quite a light 20-year-old, that lightness is more than made up for by the beautiful, smooth flavors, the taste of lemon jelly, dried apricots and peaches, and fine, fresh acidity." 90 WE*
- 525 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2009, Portugal (375ml) 89.00**  
*"Intensely fruity and dripping with luscious dark cherry, blackberry and blueberry flavors, leading to touches of sandalwood. Medium-grained tannins carry through to the lush, spice- and chocolate-filled finish. This shows fine grip and balance, with a very modern feel. Best from 2020 through 2045. 9,000 cases made." 94 WS, 95 WA*
- 509 Quinta Do Noval Vintage Port 2000, Portugal 136.00**  
*"A very fine young Port. Fascinating aromas of crushed fruit, tar and wet earth. Turns floral. Full-bodied, medium sweet, with chewy, velvety tannins and a long finish. Grips your mouth. A balanced and caressing Noval." 96 points **Highly Recommended**- Wine Spectator Magazine*

- 504 Fonseca Vintage Port 2003, Portugal 135.00**  
*“Sporting an opaque, black-colored robe with dark purple trim, the 2003 Fonseca Vintage Port exhibits a nose of profound depth. Its sweet black mass of dark fruit and spice aromas leads to a character of immense depth, richness, and weight. Full-bodied, viscous, and almost impenetrable, this dense, backward port is powerful and exceptionally long in the finish. Possibly the most masculine Fonseca I’ve ever encountered, it coats the taster’s palate with licorice, jammy black fruits, and notes of chocolate that last for over a minute. This blockbuster will require at least three decades to fully blossom.” 96 points Wine Advocate*
- 502 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2003, Portugal 145.00**  
*“The 2003 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port improved each time I raised it to my nose or mouth. It displays a black color and a salty, graphite-laced nose packed with sweet black fruits that is reminiscent of a stellar vintage of Chateau Latour. With air, notes of molasses, burnt sugar, spices, and jammy plums emanate from the glass. Full-bodied, hugely dense, immensely rich, as well as thick, this behemoth is also amazingly balanced and harmonious. Raisins, molasses, licorice, black cherries, plums, and a distinctive note of violets are found in its complex, seamless character. Its interminable finish reveals additional notes of chocolate, kirsch, red as well as black currants, dark cherries, and rose blossoms. Armed with exceptional power, depth, and purity, this Taylor will proudly stand shoulder to shoulder with the finest ever crafted by the Fladgate Partnership. Projected maturity: 2035-2060.” 98 points Robert Parker*
- 520 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2000, Portugal 165.00**  
*“Among the most saturated blue/purple/black-colored examples of the vintage, Taylor’s 2000 tastes like a young vintage of Chateau Latour on steroids. Aromas of graphite, blackberry liqueur, creme de cassis and smoke jump from the glass. Spectacularly concentrated and enormously endowed, with sweetness allied to ripe tannin, decent acidity, and layer upon layer of fruit and extract, this is the leading candidate for the port of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2040.” 98 points Robert Parker*