



***“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 includes California, Oregon, Washington, and New Mexico), 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: D- Decanter, WA – The Wine Advocate, WS – Wine Spectator, WE – Wine Enthusiast, V – Vinous, JS – James Suckling, JD – Jeb Dunnock, PR – Pinot Report, WW – Wilfred Wong, ST – Stephen Tanzer, TA – Tim Atkin, NM – Natalie Maclean

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

All Sparkling wines by the glass are 4oz unless otherwise noted

257	Gruet Rosé, New Mexico NV		8.00
254	Ruggeri Giall'oro Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy		8.00
265	Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve NV, Champagne, France		14.00

## White Wines by the Glass

All still wines by the glass are 6oz unless otherwise noted

### Sweeter Wines

203	Carl Graff Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2022		9.00
513	Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2022		8.00
505	Banfi "Rosa Regale" Brachetto d'Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2021		10.50
453	Cornale Lambrusco Mantovano Dolce I.G.T., Lombardy, Italy		7.00

### Dry Whites and Rosé

124	Fattoria Nicodemi "Le Murate" Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo Rosé, Italy DOC 2021		9.00
106	Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy 2021		8.00
160	Spoken West Chardonnay, California 2021		8.00
107	Sonoma-Cutrer Russian River Chardonnay, Monterey, CA 2021		11.00
150	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2022		9.50

## Red Wines by the Glass

435	Achával-Ferrer Malbec, Mendoza 2020		10.50
475	Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne", Piedmont Italy DOCG 2021		10.50
368	Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy DOCG 2019		10.50
303	Monte Zovo Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, DOC 2019		12.50
389	Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso, Bolgheri IGT 2021		15.50
304	Castello di Querceto Chianti Classico Riserva, Tuscany Italy DOCG 2018		13.00
611	Bookwalter "Readers" Merlot, Columbia Valley, WA 2019		13.00
633	Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2019		12.00
412	The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021		12.50
328	Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2021		10.00
448	Auctioneer Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California 2019		16.00

## Dessert Wines by Glass

511	Taylor Fladgate 10 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3oz	10.00
522	Taylor Fladgate 20 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3oz	16.00
507	Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2015	3oz	11.00
501	Fattoria del Cerro Vin Santo Sangallo, Tuscany, Italy 2018	3oz	16.00

## Half Bottles (375ml)

### Sparkling and White

250	Piper-Heidsick, NV, Champagne, France	49.00
252	Taittinger Brut Réserve, NV, Champagne, France	55.00

### Reds

469	Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2020	31.00
332	Tenuta Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017	42.00
539	Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2017	49.00
387	Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, California 2018	95.00

### Dessert Wines

507	Chateau Saint Vincent Sauternes, France, 2010	39.00
506	Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2019 (187ml)	58.00
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

495	“The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2019	1.5 liter	165.00
517	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017	1.5 liter	215.00
405	Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2010	1.5 liter	280.00
321	Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2005	6.0 liter	685.00
392	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2019	1.5 liter	1150.00

# Champagne & Sparkling Wines

## Half Bottles (375ml)

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|------------|---|--------------|
| <b>250</b> | <b>Piper-Heidsick, NV, Champagne, France</b>          | <b>49.00</b> |
| <b>252</b> | <b>Taittinger Brut Réserve, NV, Champagne, France</b> | <b>54.00</b> |

## Full Bottles (750 ml)

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|------------|--|--------------|
| <b>257</b> | <b>Gruet Rosé, New Mexico NV</b>   | <b>40.00</b> |
|            | <i>In 1983, the Gruet family was traveling through the Southwestern part of the United States, and while in New Mexico met a group of European winemakers who had successfully planted vineyards in Engle, near the town of Truth or Consequence, 170 miles south of Albuquerque. The land was inexpensive and the opportunity golden. In 1984, Gilbert Gruet, whose Champagne house, Gruet et Fils had produced fine Champagne in Bethon, France, since 1952, made the decision to plant an experimental vineyard, exclusively planted to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. His children, winemaker Laurent and daughter Nathalie, then relocated to the great state of New Mexico to begin their American wine making adventure.</i>   |              |
| <b>260</b> | <b>Lovo Prosecco Rosé Brut Millesimato, Veneto, Italy DOC NV</b>   | <b>38.00</b> |
|            | <i>This artisanal Rose Brut boasts beautiful notes of lilac, raspberry, dried mint, and crushed gravel. The color is sunset-perfect - bright and delicate. Hard to imagine a more quaffable aperitif!</i>  |              |
| <b>254</b> | <b>Ruggeri Giall'oro Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy DOC NV</b>  | <b>44.00</b> |
|            | <i>The Ruggeri winery was established in 1950 by Giustino Bisol, whose family boasts a deeply rooted, centuries-old tradition in viticulture in the Valdobbiadene area. "A pleasant Prosecco with fresh, sweet-apple and summer-meadow aromas and flavors. Well-balanced froth on the palate and a touch of sour cream on the finish. Drink now." 91D</i>  |              |
| <b>256</b> | <b>Schramsberg Brut Blanc de Blancs, North Coast, California 2018</b>  | <b>69.00</b> |
|            | <i>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. "Sumptuous yet vibrant and fresh, displaying elegantly layered Meyer lemon, star fruit and fresh ginger flavors that turn steely on the long finish. Drink now." 93 WS</i>   |              |
| <b>265</b> | <b>Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve, Champagne, France NV</b>   | <b>79.00</b> |
|            | <i>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</i> |              |

- 263 Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Rosé, Champagne, France NV 93.00**  
*"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*
- 255 Taittinger Brut Réserve, Champagne, France NV 115.00**  
*Champagne Taittinger was established in 1931 by Pierre Taittinger on the foundations of Forest-Forneaux, itself established in 1734 and the third-oldest wine producing house of Champagne. Taittinger is today proprietor of approximately 600 acres of vines among which are included parcels in the one hundred - percent rated villages of Cramant and Avize in the Cote des Blancs; and Bouzy, Mailly, Ambonnay and Verzenay in the Montagne de Reims. The Taittinger Estate is one of the three most extensive in the Champagne district, and the firm's major holdings in Chardonnay vineyards are the physical expression of the Taittinger philosophy and style.*
- 253 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Champagne, France NV 129.00**  
*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, Champagne, France NV 177.00**  
*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 mineral, 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*
- 258 Dom Pérignon Brut, Champagne, France 2012 405.00**  
*"What a magnificent bouquet for this Dom Pérignon 2012! Pastry, a hint of smoke and autolytic notes provide a compelling counterpart to eager yet elegant aromas of citrus (lime, tangerine and kumquat) joined by those of fresh fruit, herbs, liquorice, and menthol. There is even a refreshing note of ivy. The palate is tense, vibrant, and very fresh despite its impressive density, which meets its match with an unending finish. This 2012 incarnates the very essence of Dom Pérignon with such a concentrated degree of intensity, along with a capacity for ageing, that it is surely destined for a second life in a P2 edition." 98 D, 97 JS, 97 V, 96 WA*

## Italian Red Wines

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

#### -Abruzzo

- 526 Marramiero DAMA Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2020 29.00**  
*Marramiero has been growing vines since the turn of the last century, producing wines that can be easily recognized by the labels bearing the founder's unmistakable seal; the letters D and M*

intertwined in a root. DAMA is a line of wines that honors founder, Dante Marramiero, starting with the Montepulciano in 1994. The 2020 Dama Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is a glorious ruby red color with dark, brambly berry aromas enhanced by a touch of anise. It is rich and harmonious on the palate.

- 479 Masciarelli Marina Cvetic Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2019 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. "Complex aromas of crushed black fruit, dried lemon peel, kalonji seeds and more if you linger. Full-bodied palate, where the intense fruit coats the medium-grain tannins on the center-palate and continues to push through the wall as the tannins firm up towards the end. The finish is already long and fruity and will only lengthen as the wine matures in bottle. Super quality here. Try from 2024" 94 JS*

## -Campania

- 514 Fattoria Galardi Roccamonfina Terra di Lavoro, DOCG 2017 117.00**  
*"There's a unique floral and herbal edge to this, in the form of peppercorns, aniseed, licorice and five spice; wait for this to open up in the glass (decanting suggested), and along comes a cohort of dark fruit in the form of dark plums, mulberries and blackcurrants. Dense and flavorful, yet wild and pretty tannins envelop the mouth, coating layers of dark fruit and painting them in colorful hues. It's full-bodied and full-throttle, but its beauty is understated and the acidity and fruit are playful and subtle." 96 JS*

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

### -Carmignano

- 363 Piaggia Carmignano "Il Sasso" DOCG 2020 60.00**  
 *"An intense mix of black raspberry, wild herbs, air-dried meats and smoke form an incredibly deep and characterful bouquet as the darkly alluring 2020 Carmignano Il Sasso opens in the glass. For all of its animalistic nature on the nose, this is remarkably finessed and vivid on the palate. Saline-infused acids energize tart berry fruits. This finishes only lightly structured, marrying a bitter cherry pit twang with hints of blood orange that keep me looking back to the glass for more. The 2020 may be a thrill ride on the palate today, but with a short stay in the cellar, I expect it to explode aromatically. A total knock-out." 94 V. Piaggia is a practicing organic winery with integrated insect and disease control.*
- 419 Piaggia Carmignano Riserva "Piaggia" DOCG 2017 87.00**  
 *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 raked before bottling, with no fining or filtration. "The 2017 Carmignano Riserva is a bold, punchy wine. Super-ripe, red berry fruit, cedar, licorice, spice and tobacco all build in a sumptuous, flamboyant Carmignano loaded with character. The 2017 is a rich, heady wine yet it pulls that off with notable plumb and grace. This is such a gorgeous wine. Drinking window: 2022 - 2032" 94 V*

### -Chianti

- 460 Fattoria L'Arco Chianti, DOCG Tuscany Italy 2020 30.00**  
*Fattoria L'Arco is in Vinci, a small medieval village where the famous Leonardo was born, twenty kilometres to the west of Florence in the heart of the Chianti region. The estate covers approximately 200 acres. Half of these are vineyards which include vines of innovative varieties for the area, introduced over the years through some different experimental phases. "Intense deep ruby red colour. Interesting, strikingly fragrant and healthy fruit aromas of cherries and raspberries, followed by lighter more complex hints of licurice and coffee. Velvety sweet tannin on the palate with a fruit aftertaste in the finish, making this a very lingering and extremely enjoyable wine"*
- 368 Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, DOCG 2019 38.00**  
*"Here's a great, easy-drinking wine from beautiful Tuscany. The 2019 Chianti Classico is a full and generous wine with subdued aromas of toasted oak, espresso and baking spice. The tight palate offers prune, espresso and cocoa alongside assertive tannins that grip the finish. The wine is streamlined and elegant, but has intense fruit and oak spice in equal measure."*
- 323 Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Nipozzano Riserva, DOCG 2019 43.00**  
*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. "A crunchy Rufina mainly from 1970s Sangiovese vines with dashes of both local heritage and international varieties, too. Fermentation in stainless steel precedes 24 months in concrete and large, second-fill oak vats. Its bright scarlet hues mirror equally bright and deliciously savoury fruit. The compact palate provides coherent interplay between fruit and tannin with no sense of overripeness or oaky angularity. It's mouthwatering now, but resist so its texture evens out fully." 96 D*
- 304 Castello di Querceto Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2018 48.00**  
*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. A juicy red with berry, light balsamic and tile undertones. It's medium-bodied with light tannins and a formed palate. Savory and fresh at the end." 91 WA*
- 503 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico, DOCG 2021 52.00**  

*Castello di Volpaia is located in an 11th century village that bears the same name. It sits on a hilltop just north of the town of Radda in Chianti, 2,024 feet above sea level, in the heart of the Chianti Classico region. One of the most historical wineries of the region, Volpaia is owned by the Mascheroni-Stianti family and benefits from some of the highest altitude southern exposure vineyards of the area, delivering certified organic Sangiovese-based wines of finesse and elegance with a terroir approach. "A racy version, this boasts black cherry, blueberry, violet and iron flavors. A firm line of tannins works in concert with the acidity, while flashes of Mediterranean scrub peek through. Mouthwatering finish. Sangiovese and Merlot. Drink now through 2032." 92 WS*
- 636 Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2018 69.00**  

*There are few other wineries anywhere that have such an aura of viticultural history as that of Badia a Coltibuono. In Europe, it is not too difficult to find wineries that have origins dating back one, two, three, even five centuries, but the edifice at Badia a Coltibuono has been watching over winemaking for almost a thousand years. Today, the Badia a Coltibuono estate in the Chianti*

*Classico commune of Gaiole in Chianti is led by the fifth generation of family members: Emanuela, Paolo, and Roberto Stucchi Prinetti. “A rich perfume lifts from the 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva, with vibrant red cherry, blood orange, smoke, and red flowers. Medium-bodied, with elegant concentration, with fine tannins, and a lasting and ethereal finish, its floral perfume floats along the palate, with balanced structure and refreshing acidity. It offers a sun-ripened feel, with comforting cedar and warming spice, that makes for a remarkable wine to enjoy over the next 10-15 years.” 93 JD*

- 339 Castellare di Castellina Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggiale, DOCG 2019 83.00**  
*Made from 90% Sangiovese, 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. “Castellare make two Riserva: ‘Il Poggiale’ is a single-parcel bottling while ‘Castellare di Castellina’ is selected from multiple plots between 350 to 400 metres. Produced since 1979, this has discreet floral scents, fused with vanilla, tobacco and leather. There’s plenty of substance to the palate, but it remains buoyant: dark forest berries are hemmed in by supple layered tannins. Satisfying right to the end, with a persistent finish of fennel and spice.” 93 D*
- 516 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2019 92.00**  

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## **-Maremma**

- 378 Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere di Frasinello IGT 2016 50.00**  
*Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere di Frassinello is a great value blend of 50% Sangiovese, 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*
- 348 Val delle Rose Aurelio IGT 2016 56.00**  
*95% Merlot 5% Cabernet Franc. Val Delle Rose boasts one of the most beautiful wineries in all of Tuscany and is impeccably and lovingly run by the historic Cecchi family. In 1996, Famiglia Cecchi purchased the Val delle Rose winery in the little village of Poggio la Mozza, which lies at the productive heart of Morellino di Scansano appellation. The Cecchi family has been a pioneer of the Maremma area, believing in the great potential of the wild area a few kilometers from the Mediterranean Sea. Val Delle Rose is now the biggest winery in the Morellino di Scansano appellation. “This is really hitting a sweet spot, with ripe, effusive cherry fruit setting the pace for the succulent texture and well-integrated structure. Wild rosemary, thyme, cedar and iron notes play supporting roles as this red remains saturated and long. Merlot and Cabernet Franc.” 93 WS*

- 341 Tenuta di Biserno Campo di Sasso Insoglio del Cinghiale IGT 2020 60.00**  
*A gorgeous blend of 30% Syrah, 30% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot. Set in western Tuscany, on the coast of the Upper Maremma, Tenuta di Biserno lies among the hills of Bibbona, a wine village bordering the more famous village of Bolgheri. "The vineyards of Bibbona and Bolgheri meet each other, reminding me of Saint Emilion and Pomerol," comments the winery's Founder, Marchese Lodovico Antinori, who has created some of Italy's most famed wines. "Aromas of currants and ash with some dry earth and fresh herbs. Lavender, too. Medium body. Creamy tannins. Crisp and crunchy finish. Syrah, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Drink now." 93 JS*

## **-Montepulciano**

- 335 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Silineo", DOCG 2019 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. "Ripe berry and cherry aromas with some vanilla undertones. It's full and juicy with a big palate and a creamy finish. Layered, if a little old-school." 91 JS*
- 310 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2019 52.00**  

*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. "A savory and pretty nuanced Vino Nobile here showing orange zest, plums, grapefruit, mineral and fine spices. A twist of mineral salinity on the palate with firm, tense tannins and a pure, pithy finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink in the next five years." 92 JS*
- 545 Dei Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2018 55.00**  
*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. "Subtle but enticing perfume to the nose, offering cherry-based aromas that are tinged with bright, tangy spice. Full-bodied with a super intense bead of perfectly placed fruit and tannin. There's slight firmness to the tannin at the end, so wait a year for perfect integration. Beautiful quality here. Not overly complex, but such good winemaking. Best from 2023." 94 JS*

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

- 541 Podere Sapaio Pappolo Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2020 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.*
- 334 Ornellaia “Le Volte”, Bolgheri IGT 2021 46.00**  
 *Le Volte has always been a great introduction to Bolgheri blends as well as one of the best producers in the region: Ornellaia. " The nose blends rich fruit notes of cherry, pomegranate, blood orange and raspberry with a woody, earthy, slightly herbal savoriness. The cherries and blood orange star on the palate, with the savory elements continuing to make themselves known before a closing kick of chili heat. Vibrant acidity bounces around chalky tannins." 92 JS*
- 462 Ruffino Modus, Tuscany IGT 2019 52.00**  
*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. 50% Sangiovese, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot. "Aromas of crushed stones, dark berries and blueberries follow through to a medium to full body with creamy tannins and a medium-chewy finish. Chocolate at the end. Sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Two or three years of bottle age will bring this around nicely. Drink after 2024." 94 JS*
- 389 Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso, Bolgheri IGT 2021 58.00**  
*Founded in 1977, and acquired by the Tipa Bertarelli Family in 2002, Grattamacco was one of first the two wineries in Bolgheri. A region typically known for Cabernet and Merlot, Grattamacco sets itself apart from surrounding wineries with its winemaking practices using 15% Sangiovese to impart quality and elegance in its wines. Grattamacco was not only the first winery in Bolgheri to use Sangiovese because of its high altitude despite its proximity to the coast, but also the first to plant Vermentino. Grattamacco wines are known for both their power, elegance and complexity that evolves with time. "The 2021 Bolgheri Rosso is floral with ripe raspberry and boysenberry, pine, violet, and balsamic. It is medium to full bodied, with nice concentration in its notes of black cherry, red plum, and turned earth. A great value that packs a lot of wine for the dollar, it is a great introduction to the style of the estate." 92+ JD*
- 418 Tenute Sette Ponti Toscana “Crognolo”, Tuscany IGT 2021 67.00**  
*The estate of Sette Ponti lies in the heart of the Chianti zone, fifteen miles northwest of the city of Arezzo just past the village of San Giustino Valdarno. The name Sette Ponti, or "seven bridges," refers to the seven bridges crossing the Arno River on the road from Arezzo to Florence. 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. "The purity of fruit is impressive in this wine with currants, orange peel, peaches and lemon in the nose and on the palate. Full-bodied yet compressed and agile. Flavorful finish. Reserved now, but if you give it a year or two it will really deliver." 95 JS*

- 644 Podere Sapaio “Volpolo”, Bolgheri IGT 2020 75.00**  
*Podere Sapaio was born in 1999, after Massimo Piccin convinced his family to help him invest in the prized terroir of Bolgheri, creating a wine estate in what is one of Italy's most famed viticultural areas. Podere Sapaio now covers an area of 40 hectares, 25 of which are vineyards planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot; varieties that have made Bolgheri and its wines famous all over the world. Podere Sapaio's two wines total about 100,000 bottles per year, of which Volpolo Bolgheri DOC is around 80% and Sapaio IGT is around 20%. The wines are aged 14 months in French oak, both barriques and tonneaux, before the final blends are assembled. Volpolo is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (15%) and Petit Verdot (15%). "Wild nose of blackcurrants, rosemary and grilled herbs. Medium-bodied with lightly chewy tannins and bright acidity. Savory. Fresh finish. Delicious now, but will be even better in 2023." 92 JS, 93 WA*
- 346 Tenuta di Trinoro “Le Cupole”, Tuscany IGT 2020 89.00**  
*Located in a remote corner of southeastern Tuscany, Tenuta di Trinoro specializes in rich, age-worthy red wines made of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. The 200-hectare estate sits in viticultural isolation in the Orcia Valley near Sarteano, where Tuscany meets Umbria and Lazio. Owner and winemaker Andrea Franchetti acquired the property in the 1980s and planted his first vines in the early 1990s. Placed under a mountain, Tenuta di Trinoro has a mosaic of soils. The vines, densely planted, are more than twenty years old and, with their extended root system, they are able to render a distinct taste from every terrain of the estate. Tight planting, high thinning, very low yields, extreme ripeness, and concentration of flavor characterize Andrea's winemaking style. The 2020 blend is 49% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Petit Verdot. "The Tenuta di Trinoro 2020 Le Cupole is a glassful of sunny Tuscany and rich intensity at an affordable price. The wine is packed tight with black fruit, spice and leather, making for a classic bouquet, especially for a warm corner of Tuscany, off the beaten track, in Sarteano." 93 WA*
- 383 Tenuta San Guido “Guidalberto”, Bolgheri IGT 2021 113.00**  
*60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot from the very historically significant winery Tenuta San Guido. "According to Tenuta San Guido's director of winemaking, Carlo Paoli, the 2021 is the best Guidalberto he has ever made. The percentage of Merlot was reduced back to the typical 40% this year because the quality of the Cabernet Sauvignon was so good. The 2021 Guidalberto is very deeply coloured, almost black with a narrow purple rim. It took an hour or so to really open up, but when it did, it had a wonderful range of aromas and flavours. Cassis and blueberry, blue flowers, and violet and iris notes are followed by a palate full of perfectly ripe blackberries and blueberries wrapped in gentle, cream flavours. This is a wine of velvety richness balanced by vivid acidity, with very pure, focused flavours and aromas. Delightful!" 95 D*
- 440 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana “Le Serre Nuove”, Bolgheri IGT 2020 121.00**  
*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. "The Ornellaia 2020 Bolgheri Rosso Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia (a proprietary blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) is a generous and darkly toned red blend that has the extra fruit fiber, sweetness and generous plumpness of a warm vintage. The fullness of the fruit is on full display, but in a very relaxed and natural manner. The wine never feels like too much. The tannins are yielding and velvety, and this purebred Tuscan red wraps thickly over the palate. It's poised for near- and medium-term drinking."* 93 WA

**518 Tua Rita Giusto di Notri, Toscana IGT 2020 160.00**

*Rita Tua and her husband, Virgilio Bisti, bought approximately 37.5 acres of land in 1984 and planted it with Cabernet and Merlot. They later purchased an additional 17.5 acres of land, bringing the total estate to 55 acres, of which about 45 are planted with vines. The winery released its first vintage in 1992, and soon began receiving praise and accolades from wine enthusiasts worldwide for its rich, full-bodied wines. In just five short years, its 100% Merlot had achieved cult-like status, receiving outstanding ratings from the world's most prestigious wine critics and publications. Critic Robert M. Parker Jr. said the 1999 Redigaffi was "as close to perfection as a wine can get." The following year, he gave the 2000 Redigaffi a perfect 100 score. The winery's Bordeaux blend, Giusti di Notri, also garners near-universal praise. Little wonder that Tua Rita's wines are considered among the most difficult to find in Italy. Tua Rita is located in Suvereto, a small medieval town in the Tuscan province of Livorno, on the coast south of Bolgheri. The winery lies at just 300 feet above sea level, on clay, silty soil. Luca D'Attoma, the estate's winemaker, keeps yields to a minimum to ensure concentration of flavors. The estate's total annual production is currently just 3400 cases. "Lots of incense to the aromas with sandalwood and lavender. Currants, blackberries, and fresh herbs, too. Full-bodied and very rich, with a powerful, structured mid-palate and a long, long finish. A wine for the future. Needs four to five years to soften. Best after 2026."* 97 JS

**600 Castellare I Sodi di S. Niccolo, Toscana IGT 2017 176.00**

*The Castellare estate is one of the best examples of tradition in the area. The winery's owner, Paolo Panerai, has closely studied the world's best wineries and applied this understanding and experience to viticulture in Italy. The Castellare property, located in Tuscany's Castellina in Chianti, has become a virtual refuge for wildlife, including many of the birds pictured on their labels. With each vintage, the Castellare label shows a different bird, symbolizing the estate's commitment to environmentally sound cultivation. The birds selected for the labels are among the rarest creatures in Chianti, and represent birds threatened by extinction, mostly due to synthetic chemical products and hunting, both of which are forbidden on this property. In the town of Castellina, one of Chianti's best locales, Castellare's vineyards are at 1200 feet elevation – only a few Chianti Classico vineyards are higher. The vineyards of this 46-acre property are found in a natural amphitheater in the heart of the Classico region. At Castellare, the yield-per-acre is very low, far lower than the maximum level allowed by Chianti Classico DOCG rules, which enhances the concentration of aromas and flavors. "The 2017 I Sodi di San Niccolò is the 40th Vintage of this exceptional wine. The wine is supple, radiant and inviting, almost uncharacteristically so for a young vintage of this typically potent, brooding wine. That makes the 2017 an ideal vintage for readers who want to explore I Sodi, one of the most under the radar wines in all of Italy. Soft contours envelop a core of red berry fruit, dried flowers, licorice, mint and tobacco."* 96 V, 96 WS

**312 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2018 96JS 205.00**

**400 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2020 96V 237.00**

*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 known 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."

**354 Antinori "Tignanello", Tuscany IGT 2019 223.00**

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 Thomas 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. Notes from the 2018: "This wine brought to mind precise imagery of tailcoats, striped dress pants, wingtip collar shirts and other gentlemen's fashion choices from the Roaring Twenties. Sporting a retro but classic personality, the Marchesi Antinori 2018 Tignanello is quite the dapper and jovial wine that hits the market just as much of the world is emerging from a dark chapter of lockdowns and coronavirus curfews. I love the optimism that springs bright with such clarity and detail from within this blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The 2016 vintage was a benchmark for sure, but I prefer the 2018, thanks to that tinge of nostalgia or emotion that is so deftly rendered in this cool, long growing season." 98 WA

**489 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Ornellaia", Bolgheri IGT 2019 98D 367.00**  
**480 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Ornellaia", Bolgheri IGT 2020 97WA 387.00**

In 1981, Marchese Lodovico Antinori breathed new life into Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, an estate whose potential had been ignored for decades. With the help of Andre Tchelistcheff, the famous agronomist, Antinori planted the first French vines in Bolgheri, which lies in the heart of Tuscany's coastal region, Maremma. The estate yields some of the finest Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc in Tuscany. In 2002, Marchesi de' Frescobaldi and Robert Mondavi became owners of Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, which is now owned exclusively by Marchesi de' Frescobaldi. Ornellaia has established itself among the iconic wine estates in Italy (and beyond). Notes from the 2019: "Pure delicious fruit expression on the nose, the best and brightest black cherry aromas, so pure and defined. Supremely elegant with delicate perfume surrounding the rich fruit aromas with a dusting of vanilla and milk chocolate. Excellent tension on the palate - you feel this is so direct and pristine, the flavours just driving from start to finish in one straight push but with concentration and intensity. It's not so layered or expansive at this point but so well executed - you can feel the power. Tannins are grippy with ripe blackcurrants, a fleshy kind of texture to the palate with a hint of dry stoniness and salinity on the finish alongside liquorice and clove. So young and too young to drink but this has incredible depth, confidence and restraint. It's sleeping now." 98 D

**382 Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia", Bolgheri IGT 2020 413.00**

The Tenuta San Guido is a 7,500-acre estate located in the province of Livorno on the western coastal outskirts of Tuscany near the village of Bolgheri. Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta acquired it through his marriage to Clarice della Gherardesca in 1940. The legacy of Sassicaia began in 1944, when Mario Incisa acquired a number of Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc vine cuttings and planted them on a sloping hillside of the San Guido estate, called Castiglioncello after the 11th-century castle at the vineyard's upper edge. This tiny, 3.75-acre vineyard stood alone until

1965, when a second Cabernet vineyard was planted with cuttings from the Castiglioncello parcel; the gravelly, 30-acre plot would give the wine its name: Sassicaia, "the place of many stones". Sassicaia is today considered to be the new plus ultra of Italy's great red wines for its consistent excellence and its intuitive spirit. Acclaimed by the wine world's most respected voices, Sassicaia remains the legacy of its creator, Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, and his son, Marchese Nicolò Incisa della Rocchetta. "The 2020 Sassicaia is a bold, rapturous wine. Dark, fleshy and expansive on the palate, the 2020 offers up scents of blackberry jam, gravel, spice, new leather, licorice and crème de cassis. Potent tannins are nearly buried by the sheer intensity of the fruit. Sassicaia is never a huge wine, the 2020 does seem to have an extra dimension of textural intensity. It's an intensity that is hugely appealing." 97 V, 97 D, 97 JS, 97 WS

## **-Montalcino**

- 414 Pian delle Querci Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2019 42.00**  
*Lighter-bodied and fresher (and easier on the wallet) than Brunello di Montalcino but often of very high quality is Rosso di Montalcino. Rosso di Montalcino is still made from the arid, infertile Sangiovese sites that produce Brunello, but it comes from younger vines. Rosso is traditionally released earlier, too, with only one year aging requirement, of which it must spend at least six months in oak—a testament to its accessibility as an everyday answer to Brunello. Pian delle Querci is owned by the Pinti family. The Pinti family have owned the estate for four generations. The estate is family run, with the great winegrowing experience of Vittorio Pinti. The wines are made using environmentally friendly practices.*
- 481 Tenuta Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2018 50.00**  
*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 Poggione is renowned. "Bright red. Flint, ripe red cherry and sweet spices on the very ripe and forward but ultimately fresh nose. The sweet spice notes and a refined, austere mouthfeel are typical of the S. Angelo in Colle terroir. Closes juicy and fresh, with lively flavors of red cherry and more sweet spices, plus hints of underbrush." 91 V*
- 551 Antinori Pian delle Vigne Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2019 54.00**  
*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. "This is a serious Rosso di Montalcino with plum, dark-cherry and walnut aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied with chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Better in a year or two. Try after 2022." 92 JS*
- 477 Le Ragnaie Rosso di Montalcino, DOCG 2020 69.00**  
*Le Ragnaie is known for its elegant, terroir-driven wines that stand out in this Tuscan powerhouse category. The owner and winemaker, Riccardo Campinoti, acquired the property in 2002 and has expanded the estate to include 28 hectares covering three distinct parcels within Montalcino. The parcels Le Ragnaie and Petroso both are centered around the village of Montalcino and have the region's highest elevation vineyards and oldest winemaking history, respectively. At the time of the this printing, the 2020 has not been reviewed. Notes from the 2019 vintage: "This is elegance to the extreme, with ripe red berries and mineral underpinnings accelerated by zesty acids and savory spices that tease the senses. It's wildly fresh and long, staining the palate in youthful concentration, yet maintaining a pretty and refined personality. The 2019 is a knockout Rosso from Le Ragnaie." 93 V*

- 357 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 81.00**  
*Caparzo dates back to the end of the 1960s at the dawning of Brunello di Montalcino, when a group of friends, fond of Tuscany and of wine, purchased an old ruin with vineyards at Montalcino. The farm estate was renovated, modernized, and new vineyards were planted. In a short time, Caparzo made itself known in the Brunello market. In 1998, 30 years after the first rows of vines were planted, the farm estate came to a turning point when Lisabetta Gnudi Angelini purchased Caparzo. With the help of her son, Igino, and daughter, Alessandra, she immediately carried out her objective: combining tradition with innovation to create a high-quality wine that is the expression of an excellent Territory. “Lots of rich fruit here with baked blueberries, sliced oranges, spiced cherries, some toffee and lemon verbena. Full-bodied with firm, velvety tannins. Creamy and opulently spiced yet well-integrated and feels weightless. Delicious finish. Drink from 2024.” 94 JS*
- 385 Le Gode Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2016 85.00**  
*Le Gode is the quintessential classic producer in Montalcino. Apart from a few concessions to the modern world, such as stainless-steel fermentation tanks and a computer in the office, things are pretty bare-bones at this tiny azienda, which produces between 25,000 and 30,000 bottles annually. Not exactly large-scale production! Located in the north of Montalcino on the hill of Montosoli, Azienda Agricola Le Gode owns about 16 hectares, of which 6 are dedicated to the production of Brunello di Montalcino. Owned by the Ripaccioli family since 1960, it was Claudio’s grandfather Ilano who laid the groundwork for the current production. Bottling their first official vintage of Brunello in 1995 Claudio and his family continue year after year to craft beautifully expressive, classic Rosso and Brunello di Montalcino. “A fascinating red with dried berries, cherries, smoked meat and dried flowers that follow through to a full body with a dense, layered fruit structure with ripe yet firm tannins. The wood comes through now, but it’s luscious and plush for the vintage. One of best ever from here. Try after 2024.” 96 JS*
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| <b>508</b> | <b>Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2015</b> | 95 WA | <b>109.00</b> |
| <b>493</b> | <b>Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2016</b> | 95 WS | <b>105.00</b> |
| <b>454</b> | <b>Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017</b> | 95 JS | <b>111.00</b> |
- 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.*
- 499 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017 120.00**  
*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. “Delicious and elegantly structured, this gorgeous red offers enticing scents of fragrant blue flowers, forest floor, wild berries and new leather. On the full-bodied palate, taut, fine-grained tannins provide finesse and a polished framework for ripe Morello cherry, crushed raspberry, licorice and the barest hint of mocha. Drink 2023–2029.” 95 WE*

- 390 Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 125.00**  

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- 540 Tenuta Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 142.00**  
*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 Il Poggione 2018 Brunello di Montalcino reveals a dark and savory character with more fruit weight and concentration than you might find in many of its peers. This wine shows a dense center of gravity that is padded with dark cherry, blackberry, toasted spice, mahogany smoked meat and tilled earth. Despite the robust aromas, this Sangiovese is actually quite streamlined and polished in texture. The tannins are soft and veering toward accessibility. The estate's Riserva Vigna Paganelli was not made in 2018, so fruit from that wine went here instead." 94 WA*
- 604 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino "Montosoli", DOCG 2017 215.00**  
*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. "Montosoli lies above the morning fog line, allowing for greater exposure to the morning sun, and was the first single vineyard designated wine in Montalcino's history with its first vintage in 1975. Super clean black fruit and minerals on the nose and palate. Floral and herbal nuances, too. Medium-to full-bodied with very fine tannins and a long finish. This is super-clean, long and balanced. Despite the difficult vintage, Montosoli shows its class. One of the wines of the vintage." 97 JS*

## **-Umbria**

- 422 Falesco Vitiano Rosso, IGT 2019 30.00**  
*"This wine represents one of the best values in Italian wine, and I really can't imagine how the Cotarella family manages to get so much quality at this super competitive price. A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese, the Falesco Famiglia Cotarella 2019 Vitiano Rosso represents an ample production of 800,000 bottles. Indeed, most of the fruit from the family's Umbrian vineyard holdings end up in this production. This informal but elegant mid-weight red offers plenty of cherry fruit, spice and balanced touches of tobacco and spice." 90 JS*

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

### -Barbera, Dolcetto

- 475 Vietti Barbera d'Asti “Tre Vigne”, Piedmont Italy 2021 38.00**  
*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. Ruby red color with mineral and vanilla notes. Medium-bodied, dry wine with a crisp acidity (perfect for the whole meal) and soft tannins. This Barbera is very well balanced, with a good complexity and a red cherry finish.*
- 360 G. D. Vajra Barbera d’Alba, DOC 2021 45.00**  
*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

- 552 Cascina di Mela Langhe Rosso “Parin”, DOCG 2019 48.00**  
*Cascina di Mela winery was founded in 1947 by Mario Pelassa, affectionately known as “Pa”. The Pelassa family still owns the winery and associated vineyards today. Now, the brother team of Daniele (winemaker) and Davide (vineyard manager) produce 5 different wines from the Montà d’Alba winery. Montà is in the northern part of the Alba Commune and is separated from Barolo and Barbaresco by the Tanaro river. The winery is committed to sustainable farming and their vineyards were certified organic in 2015. “The 2019 Cascina di Mela Langhe Rosso “Parin” is a truly beautiful blend of 50% Nebbiolo and 50% Barbera. It has a ruby red color and violet shades. It is particularly harmonious with a pleasant taste of red berries and spice, elegance and persistence” – Winemaker’s notes*
- 607 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe “Perbacco”, DOC 2020 55.00**  
*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.*
- 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**

- 413 Guiseppe Cortese Barbaresco, DOCG 2020 75.00**  
*“The 2020 Barbaresco is impressive. It shows a bit more edginess in its tannin, both because it is younger, but also because of the vintage. Even so there's terrific energy driving the red-toned fruit, citrus and floral notes. A whole range of floral and earthy tones resonate on the substantial finish. It will be interesting to see how this turns out.” 92 V*
- 365 Guiseppe Cortese Barbaresco “Rabaja”, DOCG 2019 103.00**  
*From 8 hectares of vineyards located in the middle of “Rabaja”, a historical cru in the Barbaresco area, Azienda Agricola Giuseppe Cortese vinifies and produces high quality wines from three generations of winemakers. The winery utilizes traditional winemaking techniques along with the latest technology; wines aged in Slavonian oak, wines stored in underground cellars at perfectly suitable temperatures in order to maintain the aroma and taste that characterise top quality products. The Rabaja’ cru enjoys southwesterly exposure and the very best in terms of microclimate, soil and ripening, creating a product which comprises all the characteristics of a great wine. “Enticing scents of blue flower, crushed mint, berry and vineyard dust form the nose along with a whiff of new leather. The firmly structured, focused palate shows cherry marinated in spirits, black raspberry and licorice alongside a backbone of fine-grained tannins. It's well-balanced, with vibrant acidity.” 96 WE – Cellar Selection*

### **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 Rabaja 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 2018 89.00**  
*This is the Barbaresco Normale, which is typically blended from several of the different vineyard sites. “Lovely barbaresco, with all the typical nebbiolo characteristics, such as red berries, mushrooms and dried leaves, as well as hints of bitter orange peel and spice. All this follows through to the medium-to full-bodied palate, where fine, lightly firm tannins add a little grip and additional focus. Compact, but bursting with flavor. Delicious now, but give it a year or two. It will only get better.” 93 JS, 93 WA*

**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>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>490</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2015</b>	96 WA	<b>110.00</b>
<b>488</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2016</b>	97 V	<b>125.00</b>
<b>612</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2017</b>	95 V	<b>135.00</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>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>
<b>685</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2016</b>	97 WE	<b>125.00</b>
<b>615</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2017</b>	94 WE	<b>135.00</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>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>
<b>425</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2016</b>	98 V	<b>125.00</b>
<b>614</b>	<b>Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2017</b>	94 V	<b>135.00</b>

## -Barolo

-  **396 G. D. Vajra Barolo “Albe”, DOCG 2019 70.00**  
*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. “Stunning in its purity, freshness and vibrancy, the Albe Barolo from the venerable Vajra family is a beauty. Aromas of fresh cherries, wild strawberries, rose- buds, wild herbs, underbrush and subtle chalky notes waft from the glass. The generous palate showcases the tart red fruits Nebbiolo is known for, but at a higher gear followed by more savory flavors finishing with well-integrated tannins and vibrant acidity.” 94 WE, 94 WA*
- 449 Vietti Barolo “Castiglione”, DOCG 2018 105.00**  
*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. “Vietti has the enormous advantage of 10 MGA sites at its disposition for blending purposes (and for making single-vineyard wines). This allows them to select the fruit they want to best express any one vintage. The 2018 Barolo Castiglione draws upon those 10 sites (including the recent additions of Mosconi, Ginestra, Bricco Ravera and Briccolina) to make what is ultimately its best-selling wine. This classic rendition is tonic and clean with varietal tones of wild berry, rose and rusty nail.” 94 WA*
- 316 Damilano Barolo “Cannubi”, DOCG 2016 135.00**  
*The origins of the Damilano family company dates back to over a century ago, when Guiseppe Borgogno, the great-grandfather of the current owners, started to grow and make wine from his own grapes. “The Damilano 2016 Barolo Cannubi shows depth and a profound nature. This is the DNA of the Cannubi cru, maybe the most celebrated in the appellation with mildly compact, well-draining sandy soils (actually, a mix of 45% sand, 35% silt and 20% clay, to be precise). These conditions contribute to the dark concentration and the firm textural support found here. These assets are particularly apparent in this classic vintage. Dark fruit and dried cherry cede to earthy truffle and licorice. Of these various single-vineyard expressions, the tight tannins on this Cannubi definitely suggest a long drinking window. This wine is my favorite in this flight from Damilano, and this vintage of 40,000 bottles is distinguished by its sheer excellence.” 97 WA, 98 JS*
- 353 Pio Cesare Barolo, DOCG 2018 147.00**  
*Pio Cesare has been producing wine for more than 100 years. The tradition began in 1881, when Pio Cesare started gathering grapes in his vineyards and purchasing those of some selected and reliable farmers in the hills of Barolo and Barbaresco districts. At Pio Cesare, there has always been a conviction that great wine can come only from the finest grapes and the winery's output has always been limited through adherence to the highest standards. Pio Cesare limits its production by using only the most mature and healthy grapes. The ripening of the grapes is carefully monitored and the harvest is rigidly controlled with each grape selected by hand. Today, the estate is managed by Pio Boffa, great-grandson of Pio Cesare. “Aromas of spicy red cherries on a loamy underlay, together with savory twists of forest floor and walnut shell. Some orange rind, too. Full-bodied with very fine, firm and silky tannins and lots of long, focused fruit and spice flavor.” 94 JS*

342	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2012</b>	94WS	<b>128.00</b>
439	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2015</b>	95WE	<b>135.00</b>
308	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2016</b>	98WA	<b>139.00</b>
655	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2018</b>	95WA	<b>140.00</b>
373	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Bricco Delle Viole”, DOCG 2019</b>	97JD	<b>149.00</b>



*“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 all of their releases. “From the Bricco delle Viole cru, or the vineyard most strongly associated with this historic estate, this is a versatile or “evergreen” wine that always delivers consistent results. The G.D. Vajra 2016 Barolo Bricco delle Viole sees fruit from a seven-hectare vineyard with high exposures positioned at 400 to 480 meters above sea level. This site shows characteristic Tortonian-era soils classified as Sant’Agata marl with fossils. These soils have an enormous capacity to regulate the ripening process, resulting in the longer growing seasons relished by the Nebbiolo grape. In a word, the profile here is classic.”*

379	<b>G. D. Vajra Barolo “Ravera”, DOCG 2019</b>		<b>149.00</b>
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*“The organic G.D. Vajra 2019 Barolo Ravera (with fruit from the most sought-after cru in the village of Novello) reveals gorgeous tonality and color. The wine shines bright with dark ruby and garnet gemstone. Healthy Nebbiolo colors like this can be admired across the 2019 vintage. Ravera represents a union of different geologies from Barolo and Castiglione Falletto. The site has shown extraordinary versatility, especially in the face of climate change, to make wines of both strength and elegance. It is softly textured but also strong in fiber, with silky sensations followed by dark fruit and concentration. Ravera has a character all its own, and the operative word here is power.” 97 WA*

376	<b>Luigi Baudana Barolo “Ceretta”, DOCG 2019</b>		<b>159.00</b>
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*Luigi Baudana is one of the smallest wineries in Serralunga, and one of the last garagiste estates in the Langhe. For over 30 years, Luigi Baudana and his wife, Fiorina, carried on a long family tradition of winemaking in Serralunga d’Alba. With only 2.6 hectares of vineyards and a humble production of just about 800 cases of Barolo, they were always one of the best-kept secrets in the Langhe. Baudana — a hidden gem — is really known only among Barolo aficionados. Just three single-vineyard bottlings are made from this cru, and Luigi Baudana may well be the only one exported to the United States. Baudana is the name of the vineyard, of the village, and of Luigi and Fiorina’s family. Their roots run deep, and the family’s legacy is important to this unique place. “Bright and full of strawberry, cherry, violet, mineral and eucalyptus flavors, this red is juicy in texture. A line of dense, mouthcoating tannins awaits on the long finish. All the components are there, this just needs time. Best from 2027 through 2047. 420 cases made.” 95 WS*

## **-Gattinara**

693	<b>Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2009</b>	94 JS	<b>110.00</b>
670	<b>Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2013</b>	95 WE	<b>110.00</b>

*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.*

## **-Veneto**

- 311 Allegrini “Palazzo Della Torre”, IGT 2019 40.00**  
*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 “Intense nose with hints of coffee and black chocolate to the raspberry jam and dark cherries. Nicely dry and bitter with dark-chocolate character that extends to the long, polished finish with silky tannins. Drink or hold.” 93 JS*
- 303 Monte Zovo Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, DOC 2019 44.00**  
*The wine history of the Cottini family began in the second decade of 1900. In 1925, Carlo Cottini founded the first family farm. It started with the cultivation of fruits such as cherries, plums, apricots and olives in addition to grapes. He also raised cattle. The important leap towards viticulture came with the second and third generations. Diego Cottini continues the family tradition today and has brought the winery to its international importance. “Dark ruby red with delicately brightening edges. On the nose there are notes of mint, liquorice, light malt, also of butter cookies and in the echo hints of ripe cherry. On the palate it is very juicy and with clear fruit, shows a hearty course, in the finish there is a generous mint tone.” 93 Falstaff, 92 Vinous*
- 634 Stefano Accordini Valpolicella Ripasso "Acinatico", DOC 2019 48.00**  
*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.*
- 601 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Valpolicella Ripasso “Monti Garbi”, DOC 2019 48.00**  
*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.*

### **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.

- 408 Luigi Righetti “Capitel de’ Roari” Amarone della Valpolicella, DOC 2017 71.00**  
*Located in Valgatara, right in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico zone, the Luigi Righetti estate has been a family-run winery since 1909. Gian Maria Righetti is the fourth generation in the Righetti family to carry on the wine-making tradition. The name Capitel de’ Roari refers to the various plots of vineyards where grapes are obtained for the Amarone della Valpolicella Classico. The vineyards, situated on the finest hills of the Valpolicella Classica, are well cultivated, limited in production and high in quality. Full bodied and rich with aromas of dried fruit, plums, black cherry and a distinct “earthy” note. The wine will continue to evolve in the bottle over the next 5 to 10 years.*
- 603 Monte Zovo Amarone della Valpolicella, DOC 2017 81.00**  
*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. “Monte Zovo 2017 Amarone Della Valpolicella is a juicy Amarone blend of Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara, fragrant with dark cherry compote, plum, dark chocolate, coffee, sous bois, anise, oak and pepper spice flavours concentrated, smooth and savoury on the palate. Tannins are well-integrated and the wine is balanced with juicy, mouth-watering acidity.” 92 NM*
- 366 Stefano Accordini Amarone della Valpolicella "Acinatico", DOC 2018 113.00**  
*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 2017 114.00**  
*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. “Zesty, vibrant and exotic, the 2016 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico makes a serious impression with its unique bouquet of dried roses, lime zest, cherry sauce, plums and a dusting of crushed violet candies. It’s silky and pliant in texture, motivated by juicy acids, with a mix of ripe strawberry, pomegranate and cranberry sauce, as balsamic spices and hints of almond come forward toward the close. There is so much going on here, as the 2016 resonates on wild berry fruit and sweet inner florals. This may be a more opulent expression of the vintage, but it’s built to last, and sure to win a lot of fans.” 94 V*
- 325 Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2018 140.00**  
*Perhaps one of the most consistent performers in the entire region is Allegrini’s exceptional Amarone. “A very well-made Amarone that shows good poise and dryness on the palate, with black chocolate, cigars, dark raspberry jam, wax and graphite. Lots of silky, melted tannins on the*

*medium-to full-bodied palate, before an elegant and dry finish. Excellent length. Sustainable. Still needs some time for extra complexity to come through.” 93 JS*

## **- Lombardy**

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

## **American Red Wines**

### **Blended Wines**

- 447 Ridge Three Valleys Red Blend, Sonoma County, CA 2020 46.00**  
*“This focused, firm and tannic wine exudes black pepper and wood-smoke aromas followed by rather tight espresso, blueberry and cacao flavors. Made from 74% Zinfandel and other California heritage-grape varieties, it has the bones of a cool-climate wine and should improve through at least 2028.” 93 WE*
- 327 Chappellet “Mountain Cuvée” Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA 2021 69.00**  
  
*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.*
- 319 Ridge Vineyards "Geyserville" Alexander Valley, California 2021 80.00**  
*Ridge's history begins in 1885, when Osea Perrone, a doctor and prominent member of San Francisco's Italian community, bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He planted vineyards and constructed a winery of redwood and native limestone in time to produce the first vintage of Monte Bello in 1892. The historic building now serves as the Ridge production facility. Though Ridge began as a Cabernet winery, by the mid-60s, it had produced several Zinfandels including the Geyserville. In 1972, Lytton Springs joined the line-up and the two came to represent an important part of Ridge production. “Tightly focused and briary, this blend offers density without weight. Presents plum and blueberry flavors accented by dill and green peppercorn as this builds tension toward medium-grained tannins. Zinfandel, Carignane, Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet.” 94 WS  
Blend: 71% Zinfandel, 19% Carignane, 7% Petite Sirah, 3% Alicante Bouschet*
- 371 The Prisoner Wine Company “The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2021 86.00**  
*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.*

- 362 Ridge Vineyards "Lytton Springs" Dry Creek Valley, California 2020 91.00**  
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- 345 Shafer TD-9 Red Blend, Napa Valley 2019 119.00**  
*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. "An incredible value, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon TD-9 includes slightly more Merlot and is 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 11% Malbec and the rest Petit Verdot. Round, sexy, full-bodied, and opulent, it has terrific aromatics of red and black currants, tobacco, chocolate, and lead pencil shavings. Drink this hedonistic yet balanced, elegant beauty over the coming 10-12 years." 94 JD*

## Cabernet Sauvignon

- 328 Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2021 34.00**  
*Terry Wheatley, creator of Purple Cowboy wines, comes from a background rooted in the western life and a close-knit ranching family. Her husband and son were both champion rodeo cowboys. A breast cancer survivor, Terry co-founded Tough Enough to Wear Pink in 2004, the western community's grassroots campaign against breast cancer, with pink-themed fundraising events at rodeos across the country. Terry is also a long-time wine industry executive, founding her own wine company in 2008. It was there she created Purple Cowboy wines with a commitment to give back to the cause she founded. 100% of the profits from the sales of Purple Cowboy wines go to support Tough Enough to Wear Pink. The wine is comprised of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, and 4% Petite Sirah. Beautiful aromas of dark Bing cherry and black currant are accented with a hint of cedar and vanilla. Rich and full-bodied with black fruit flavors and cigar box spice.*
- 336 Educated Guess Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 44.00**  
*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.*

- 645 J. Lohr Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA 2020 56.00**

*For two generations, the Lohr family and their team have been leaders in California winegrowing. Founder Jerry Lohr and his three children Steve, Cynthia, and Lawrence oversee one of the country's most successful and trusted fine wine labels. With first plantings in Monterey in 1972 and then in Paso Robles in 1986, the J. Lohr team helped write the book on sustainable winegrowing on the Central Coast. "Dried berry paste and light oak aromas show on the restrained nose of this always popular bottling. Smoothly integrated tannins surround the sip, where steadily rising flavors of blackberry and strawberry are dusted in milk chocolate and herb elements." 92 WE*

**448 Auctioneer Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California 2019 58.00**

*Michael Broadbent, the 24th Master of Wine, had a rich history in the wine business. His book Wine Tasting was the first book devoted to the taste of wine, and set the standard for how wine is tasted by professionals. Broadbent wrote notes on over 90,000 wines and had a monthly column in Decanter magazine for 36 years, but he is best known for pioneering wine auctions. He was the founder of Christie's wine department in 1966, and partnered with Robert Mondavi to start the Napa Valley Wine Auction in 1981. This wine, Auctioneer, is a tribute to the great Michael Broadbent, and it is a wine he'd be proud to drink in good company. The wine is a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, and 8% Merlot aged in one year old French oak barrels for 18 months. The final wine is refined, elegant, and beautifully balanced, in essence, the style of wine that made Napa Valley famous.*

**646 Ride Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA 2021 64.00**

*Steve Wrubel, founder of Ride and Ridden Wine Company, has devoted much of his life to traveling the world with his camera. But he has always found himself drawn to the untamed nature of the American West and in 2019 he began a journey of documenting one of its last living legends – the rodeo cowboy. These artistic images became part of the inspiration for the company and they find themselves on the labels of the company's wines. "In its second vintage, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is fermented in open-top stainless steel tanks and then aged in (75% new) French oak for 14 months. Possessing bravado with a focus of blackberry freshness and mocha. Dusty, plum skin tannins ride side saddle with dense notes of leather and tobacco. It's yippee ki yay on the palate with a juicy, yet muscular profile" 95-The Tasting Panel/ Somm Journal*

**415 Matthews Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley Washington 2021 79.00**

*Established in 1993, Matthews Winery is located in the heart of the Woodinville Wine Country. The boutique winery is owned by a local family and focuses on maintaining production of Bordeaux-style and single varietal vineyard-designated wines. Blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15%Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec. "Coming out strong out of the gate, the 2021 'Columbia Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon is nearly all varietal. Dark chocolate shavings, baking spices and anise come together on the nose. The palate is beautifully balanced with a seamless texture and great sense of weight, with heady roasted date and black currant flavors. Generous and rich, this is a gorgeous showing from 2021. Drink 2023-2033." 94pts Owen Bargreen*

**445 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019 91.00**

*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. "Aromas of dark cherries, blueberries, bark and sweet spices, such as cinnamon. Medium-to full-bodied with fine-grained tannins. Balanced and velvety with a rich core of fruit. Supple, juicy finish. Drink or hold." 93 JS*



- 648 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 99.00**  
*A decade after the first release from his Quintessa estate, Agustin Huneeus felt the thrill and excitement of a new endeavor beckon. The underlying premise for all of the wines he has ever produced has been that great wines must be a reflection of a great vineyard. Faust is not. Instead, Faust is a tribute to Napa Valley's noblest grape—full-bodied, decadently rich and unctuous Cabernet Sauvignon. Faust also honors the legend of Dr. Faust, a scholar and respected man of society who was tempted by the Devil to seek new renewed passion and youth in exchange for his soul. The defining characteristics of Faust come from the backbone of fruit sourced from their own Coombsville Estate, complemented by grapes from hillside and cooler regions of the Napa Valley. "Focused on cabernet from the Faust estate in Coombsville, this includes fruit from the Huneeus family's vineyards in Yountville and Oak Knoll, all relatively cool districts that combine in a brisk, red-fruited cabernet with cherry freshness. A bright young thing with a lot to say, it tastes like just-picked fruit, its spicy tannins supple and gracious, cool and lasting." 93 W&S*
- 355 Bella Union Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2018 101.00**  
*Bella Union specializes in the art of blending Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. It was founded in 2012 by the partners of Far Niente and Nickel & Nickel, who, for more than 30 years, have been growing and making spectacular Napa Valley Cabernet. Bella Union is the natural next step in our evolution as Cabernet winemakers. "An array of bright red fruit with herbal undertones opens the way to a core of grippy concentration and powerful ripeness in this ageworthy wine. The tannins are structured and considerable. Best After 2028." 93 WE - Cellar Selection*
- 647 Ramey Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2017 109.00**  
*David Ramey is among a distinguished group of pioneering American vintners who revolutionized modern-day winemaking and elevated California to the forefront of the international wine community. In California, David led winemaking for Matanzas Creek, Chalk Hill, Dominus Estate and Rudd Estate. In 1996, David and his wife Carla founded Ramey Wine Cellars with the vision of crafting classically styled, elegant and balanced wines that age beautifully. "This is a great appellation wine blended with small amounts of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Cedar, char and celery salt accent tight, refined tannins that grip the palate with intense flavor and texture. Black currant, crushed rock and a hint of toasted oak also contribute." 95 WE – Cellar Selection*
- 468 Reynolds Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019 119.00**  
*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. Black garnet color, 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. A bold, brooding, velvety Napa Cabernet with a long life ahead of it; cellar or decant.*
- 331 Col Solare, Columbia Valley, Washington 2018 115.00**

*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. "The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc) reveals a vivid purple/ruby color to go with a young, unevolved bouquet of pure cassis, spicy oak, chocolate, and tobacco. Full-bodied on the palate, it has remarkable tannins, a great mid-palate, and a rare mix of richness and elegance. It needs 4-5 years of bottle age to develop additional complexity, but it has incredible potential and is one head-turning Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon." 96 JD*

**305 Orin Swift "Papillon" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2021 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. "The dark crimson core and brick rim sets the stage, as aromas of currant, blackberry, blue fruits, anise, lavender and brioche float from the glass. Enveloping and coating becomes mixed berry pie, sarsaparilla, cola and blackcurrant with structured heft through the mid-palate. Chalky tannins a la black tea or baking chocolate round out the wine with a pleasing finish of sweet oak." Winemaker's Notes*

**411 Chappellet "Signature" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019 145.00**

*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. "Always a smoking value that readers shouldn't miss, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Signature sports a dense purple color to go with beautiful cassis and blueberry-like fruits as well as bouquet garni, spice, and obvious, rocky mineral-like aromas and flavors. Rich and medium to full-bodied, with notable structure and good acidity, it's going to keep for two decades in cold cellars." 94 JD*

**369 Mt. Brave Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, CA 2018 160.00**

*Mt. Brave is a tribute to the pioneering spirit of those who settled the rugged terrain of Mt. Veeder during the 1800s and an homage to the Wappo Indians, "the brave ones," who were the original inhabitants of this extraordinary place. Mt. Brave vineyard is formerly the Chateau Potelle Vineyard. "The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon from Mt. Brave is fabulous. Inky, rich and explosive, the 2018 possesses tremendous depth and tons of personality. Graphite, blue/purplish fruit, blackberry jam, bittersweet chocolate, sage, lavender, menthol give the 2018 tons of character to match its explosive feel. The brooding, backward wine is going to need quite a bit of time to unwind, but boy is it gorgeous." 97 V, 97 JD, 95 WA*

**380 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 165.00**

*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.*

**388 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, CA 2019 185.00**

*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. "The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five is a gem of a wine that readers will love to have in their cellars. Sweet cassis, violets, and graphite define the bulk of the aromas, and it's a classic Napa Valley Cabernet on the palate with its full-bodied richness, velvety tannins, and opulent yet balanced style. A blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and the rest Malbec and Petit Verdot, raised 20 months in new barrels, it's going to keep for a solid two decades. There are 9,000 cases of this beauty made." 96 JD*

**356 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2018 290.00**

*Silver Oak was started in 1972 with a simple driving philosophy - to focus production on only one varietal, Cabernet Sauvignon. What's more, they resolved to create a wine with a style all its own: not another hard, tannic red wine requiring years of aging to enjoy, but a wine of fully developed flavors and a velvety soft texture on the day it is released for sale. Silver Oak produces Cabernet Sauvignon from two appellations, Napa Valley and Alexander Valley. The Napa is the top wine, although both wines merit their own stellar track record. The Napa Valley derives its fruit from both owned and contracted vineyards, and is produced entirely at their Oakville winery. Beginning in 1994, small amounts of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot have been included in their Napa blend to add complexity and softness.*

<b>461</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2013</b>	98+ WA	<b>340.00</b>
<b>465</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2014</b>	99 WA	<b>360.00</b>
<b>344</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2016</b>	100 JD	<b>430.00</b>
<b>496</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2017</b>	96 WA	<b>440.00</b>
<b>404</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2018</b>	98 JD	<b>455.00</b>
<b>542</b>	<b>Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2019</b>	99 WA	<b>473.00</b>



*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.*

<b>395</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2004</b>	97 WA	<b>425.00</b>
<b>398</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2006</b>	96 WA	<b>345.00</b>
<b>629</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2011</b>	96 WA	<b>390.00</b>
<b>317</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2014</b>	98+ WA	<b>434.00</b>
<b>420</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2015</b>	98+ WA	<b>460.00</b>
<b>450</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2016</b>	100 V, 100 WA	<b>475.00</b>
<b>546</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2017</b>	98 WA, 98 JD	<b>480.00</b>
<b>301</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2018</b>	100 JD	<b>585.00</b>
<b>340</b>	<b>Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2019</b>	98 WA	<b>613.00</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*

**624 Bond Vecina, Napa Valley, California 2008 525.00**

*“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*

**653 Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2017 96 D 635.00**

**515 Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2018 99 JS 575.00**

**472 Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2019 99 JS, 99 WA 595.00**

*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.*

## Merlot

**611 Bookwalter “Readers” Merlot, Columbia Valley, WA 2019 48.00**

*The story of J. Bookwalter Winery is a story of family heritage, deep roots and a centuries-old commitment to the land. Ten generations of the Bookwalter family have been involved in American agriculture. But it was Jerry Bookwalter, generation nine and father of current company president John Bookwalter, who led the family into viticulture. “Aromas of stewed plum, baked blueberry, mocha, coconut and concrete. It's full-bodied with firm, creamy tannins. Plush and polished with a flavorful, rounded finish. This is extremely polished and rather flamboyant. Made partially in concrete eggs.” 94 points JS*

**309 Januik Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2018 54.00**

*Since his first Columbia Valley harvest in 1984, acclaimed winemaker Mike Januik has led in Washington wine quality and innovation. Januik is dedicated to crafting high quality, limited release wines by working on a small scale with fruit from the state’s best vineyards and concentrating on the details of winemaking, from fermentation through blending, that transform winemaking from a science to an art. “Ripe plum, baked blueberry, lavender, toffee and espresso on the nose. It’s medium-bodied, round and plush with soft tannins and a plummy palate.” 91 JS*

**322 Northstar Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2019 68.00**

*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. Well into his third decade as the winemaker, David “Merf” Merfeld produced one of the most promising Merlots of our judging as Northstar celebrates the 20th anniversary of its vinification facility south of Walla Walla. A pair of Walla Walla Valley vineyards — Anna Marie and Spring Valley — were blended with acclaimed Shaw on Red Mountain and Four Feathers near Cold Creek. Black cherry notes are joined by blueberry, chocolate and nutmeg along the way. Interestingly, Cabernet Sauvignon from Ste. Michelle’s own Cold Creek Vineyard accounted for 24% of the finished wine, helping to polish the muscular tannins that get bathed in Marionberry juice. Rating: Gold medal – 93 points*

# Pinot Noir

## -California

- 633 Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2021 43.00**  
 *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. “Leads with mulled cherry and plum notes, with hints of warm licorice and fruitcake, plus red tea filling in on the finish. Reveals fresh underlying acidity that extends the finish nicely. Drink now through 2026.” 91 WS*
- 324 J. Lohr Vineyard Series “Fog’s Reach” Pinot Noir, Arroyo Secco, CA 2020 56.00**  
 *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. “This classic French oak-aged label is one of J. Lohr’s finest Pinot Noirs. Composed of two Dijon clones grown on well-drained, loamy sand and gravelly cobblestone, it testifies to its quality with its concentrated flavor, silky mouthfeel, and stylistic elegance. A wash of cinnamon on roses is buoyant, almost weightless, on the palate. Red cherry and tomato leaf are accented by clove, basil, and dried sage.” 94 Tasting Panel Wine.com*
- 427 Walt Pinot Noir “La Brisa”, Sonoma County, California 2021 83.00**  
*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. “An arresting fruit quality and complex layering of flavors lend great interest to this appealing, well-balanced wine. Rhubarb, sour cherry and orange pekoe tea aromas lead to vivid black cherries and warm, subtle spices like cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg.” 95 WE*
- 485 Walter Hansel Pinot Noir “South Slope”, Russian River Valley, CA 2018 93.00**  
*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. “Medium ruby-purple, the 2018 Pinot Noir South Slope has gorgeous aromas of blood orange, cracked pepper, cranberries and red and black cherries loaded with earthy, amaro-like nuances. The medium-bodied palate is silky, fresh and uplifted, its concentrated fruits refreshed by loads of spicy accents, and it finishes long and detailed.” 95 WA*
- 608 Auteur Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, CA 2021 102.00**  
*Auteur strives for excellence to create pure, profound and authentic wines. Owners Kenneth & Laura Juhasz value the inherent traditions of the old world while integrating the freshness and vitality of new world roots. “Rich, with a creamy texture to the concentrated plum tart, cherry pastry and cooking spice flavors. Deep, toothsome currents of forest floor emerge on the enveloping finish. 325 cases made.” 94 WS*

- 416 Bien Nacido Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, Central Coast, CA 2020 135.00**  
*In 1969, brothers Bob & Steve Miller, the fourth generation of a Central Coast California farming family, found a piece of land they instantly knew had vineyard potential. Formerly used for grazing, it was part of one of the earliest Spanish land grants. However, the shale soil and unique climate from the transverse mountain range provided a lens into its potential. The vineyard was planted in 1973. Bob and Steve called it Bien Nacido, meaning “well born” in Spanish, because of the passion and commitment they shared in bringing it to life. “I loved the nose on the 2020 Estate Pinot Noir, which offers a wild assortment of red and black berries, sappy herbs, flowers, iron, and exotic baking spices. These carry to a medium-bodied, concentrated, focused, age-worthy Pinot Noir with beautiful depth of fruit, ripe tannins, and a great finish. Give it a year or two and enjoy over the following decade. I followed this bottle for multiple days, and it only got better. It’s unquestionably a thrilling, brilliant wine. This was all destemmed and spent 16 months in 43% new French oak.” 96 JD*
- 374 RAEN Sea Field Vineyard Pinot Noir, Ft. Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast 2020 175.00**  
  
*RAEN Winery was founded in 2013 by Carlo & Dante Mondavi, the two sons of Tim Mondavi. After working with their father in building Continuum, they decided to go off on their own and produce world class Pinot Noir on the western hills of the Sonoma Coast. RAEN currently focuses on making three Pinot Noirs, from three unique sites on the Sonoma Coast. “Cranberries, rose stems, rose petals, crushed rocks, iron and stone. It’s full-bodied, yet so tight and racy, with superb length. This came from only the top part of the vineyard, because of pressure from the fires. A wonderful young pinot, but needs time to show its true self.” 98 JS*

## **-Oregon**

- 412 The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 46.00**  
*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.”*
- 326 Colene Clemens Pinot Noir “Dopp Creek”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2020 57.00**  
*Colene Clemens was founded in 2005 by Joe and Victoria Stark with the express purpose of making exceptional pinot noir, and named the property in honor of Victoria’s mother. Located in the western end of Dopp Road where the Chehalem Mountains converge with Ribbon Ridge, this 122-acre property was acquired in 2005 and first planted in 2006. “A vibrant, fresh and delightful pinot with wild raspberries, sliced mushrooms, lemon zest, fresh herbs, violets and peppercorns on the nose. It’s medium-bodied with ultra-fine tannins and bright acidity. So elegant and transparent. Fantastic value. Drink now or hold.” 94 JS*
- 691 Illahe Pinot Noir “Bon Sauvage”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 75.00**  
*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.*

- 364 Eveningland Pinot Noir “Seven Springs Vineyard”, Will. Valley, Ore 2019 79.00**  
*Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman stand at the vanguard of the new world wine. Together they steward the historic Seven Springs Vineyard into its fourth decade. At Evening Land Vineyards, they strive to grow and vinify fine Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Gamay from their historic Seven Springs Estate Vineyard in Oregon's Eola-Amity Hills. Totalling 85 acres under vine; their east-facing vineyard, farmed biodynamically since 2007, was first planted in 1984, and sits atop rocky, volcanic soils. A lovely, delicate Pinot, with aromas of fresh violet opening to elegantly multilayered raspberry, guava and forest floor accents, which glide on the graceful finish.*
- 652 Argyle Pinot Noir “Nuthouse”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 87.00**  
*Since 1987, winemaker Rollin Soles and viticulturist Allen Holstein have teamed up to produce world-class method champenoise sparkling wines, barrel-fermented Chardonnay, and silky-textured Pinor Noir from low-yielding vines that are winery farmed on some of the best hillside slopes and elevations. Argyle wines have received a total of 11 Wine Spectator Top 100 designations - more than any other winery in Oregon. “Supple and refined, with elegantly layered, expressive raspberry, fresh violet and baking spice accents that glide on the long, silky finish toward fine tannins. Drink now through 2030.” 93 WS, 93 JS*
- 302 Elk Cove “Clay Court” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 97.00**  
*Elk Cove Vineyards is one of Oregon's oldest and most respected wine producers. Founded in 1974 by Pat and Joe Campbell, their focus has always been to produce handcrafted, estate-grown wines that can rival the best in the world. Estate vineyards now cover nearly 400 acres on six separate sites in the Northern Willamette Valley. Steep south-facing slopes of Willakenzie, Laurelwood and now Jory soil types provide excellent drainage, which are the perfect environment to grow world-class wine grapes. Winemaker Adam Campbell joined forces with his parents in 1995 and now directs the production of outstanding Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Riesling and Pinot Blanc. The name "Elk Cove" was derived from the Roosevelt Elk, which roam nearby, and migrate into the valley each spring. “Medium ruby-purple, the 2021 Pinot Noir Clay Court has scents of wild berries, orange peel, charcuterie and forest floor with streaks of Christmas spice. The medium-bodied palate offers concentrated, layered fruit on a soft, juicy frame, and it has a long, spicy finish. It's easy to drink now, but it will benefit from another 2-3 years in the bottle.” 93 WA*
- 307 Elk Cove “Mount Richmond” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 97.00**  
*“The 2021 Pinot Noir Mount Richmond has a medium ruby-purple color and is scented of black cherry and plum, tobacco leaves, smoked meats and orange peel. The medium-bodied palate is silky and refreshing, with generous, perfumed fruit and spicy accents driving the long finish.” 94 WA*
- 443 Soter Pinot Noir “Mineral Springs Ranch”, Will. Valley, Oregon 2017 129.00**  
*“Beautifully fresh and complex with very fragrant, violet-like aromas, together with blueberries, cocoa, red cherries, oyster shell, a swathe of fresh herbs and much, much more. The palate offers a very succulent, focused sense of power and a long, chiseled feel that carries blueberries and red cherries very long and very fresh. Try from 2023.” 95 JS*



## Zinfandel

**424 Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2021 45.00**  
*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.*

**421 Ridge Zinfandel "East Bench", Dry Creek Valley, California 2021 81.00**  
*Ridge began as a Cabernet winery, and gained significant fame when the Ridge Monte Bello Cabernet Sauvignon achieved fifth place in the "Judgment of Paris" wine tasting in 1976. However, by the mid 1960s, Ridge had produced several Zinfandels, which have subsequently become Ridge's most prolifically produced wines and perhaps the spearhead of the Estate. "The 2021 Ridge East Bench Zinfandel is aromatic and pleasing. TASTING NOTES: This wine—made from 100% Zinfandel—is tightly built with aromas and flavors of ripe berries and just a shading of oak." 92 WW*

### **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 2020 80.00**  
*"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." Winemaker notes*

**432 Turley Zinfandel "Del Barba", Contra Costa, California 2021 88.00**  
*"The 2021 Zinfandel Del Barba emerges from a site that formerly was used for the Duarte bottling. Bright and punchy, with gorgeous purity, the 2021 is positively stellar. Bright red/purplish Zinfandel fruit, blood orange and exotic spice abound. This is such a compelling wine. The 2021 hugely overdelivers." 94 V*

**446 Turley Zinfandel "Cedarman", Howell Mountain, Napa California 2021 96.00**  
*"The 2021 Zinfandel Cedarman is a blend of Dragon and Rattlesnake, with a touch of Petite Sirah. It is once again one of my favorite wines in this vast range. Dark and sumptuous, with great*

*density, the 2021 dazzles right out of the gate. Black cherry, gravel and dried flowers are some of the many notes that inform this deep, flavorful Howell Mountain Zinfandel. The price? Ridiculous for this level of quality and pedigree." 94 V, 94 WS*

- 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 2020 29.00**  
*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.*
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| <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> |
| <b>393</b> | <b>Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2017</b> | 94 JD   | <b>170.00</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*

## French Red Wines

### - Bordeaux

- 649 Château Rosalcy LaLande-de-Pomerol 2018 60.00**  
*Located in the village of Néac close to the centre, Rosalcy is a Lalande de Pomerol, whose vines grow adjacent to those of Château Tournefeuille. They are spread over three hectares of land*

located at the foot of a slope; A north-facing slope with clay-gravel soil that has proved a revelation in warmer years. The cabernets francs and merlots really stand out here.

- 391 Château Lassègue Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2018 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. “This is a young wine that is knitted down in flavour but it is not tight or difficult to navigate. You feel the breadth and complexity to the fruit, along with juicy powerful freshness, and the gourmet packing of liquorice and chocolate. These are big wines that are expertly balanced by slate and crushed stone minerality, giving balance and succulence.” 95 JD*

- 650 Clos Dubreuil “Anna” Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2016 125.00**  
*Benoît Trocard discovered the exceptional terroir of Clos Dubreuil in 2002. He then lived in Australia, and considered his professional future more in the Yarra Valley than in his native land. Fate decided otherwise! Starting from 1.5 hectares at the turn of the 2000s, the young winemaker patiently reconstituted the estate he intended to bring to life, investing each year in new equipment or in the acquisition of neighboring plots. Anna is named in honor of the winemaker’s grandmother. Anna is not a second label. Rather, it is a wholly different expression of Clos Dubreuil’s exceptional terroir and is more traditional in style, like Mémé would have drunk.*



## - Burgundy

- 337 Domaine Pierre Gelin - Fixin Rouge 2015 79.00**  
*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*
- 333 Domaine Pierre Gelin – Gevrey-Chambertin Clos de Meixville 2015 187.00**  
*“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*

## - Rhone

- 347 Château de Saint Cosme Côtes-du-Rhône Les Deux Albion 2020 46.00**  
*Wine has been produced on the site of Saint Cosme since Roman times, evident by the ancient Gallo-Roman vats carved into the limestone below the chateau. “This has a very attractive, dark-stone and black-fruit nose with rich and intense blackberries and licorice and some savory, rust-like, sanguine elements. There’s clay soil and iron to dry this. The richness and depth are impressive and there’s a wealth of intense, rich and very concentrated fruit on offer. Dark plums,*

blue fruit and long, succulent tannins. Spicy finish. An estate-grown blend of syrah, grenache, mourvedre, carignan and clairette” 93 JS

- 407**    **Domaine du Vieux Lazaret Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 2019**    **79.00**  
*The origin of the name Vieux Lazaret dates back to the 18th century when there existed in the centre of the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape a hospice or Lazaret. This offered comfort and shelter for the poor and infirm, provided by the Lazarists, who were a silent order of monks founded in 1625 by St Vincent de Paul to look after the sick and the needy in the French countryside. They took the name Lazarists from the Priory of St Lazare in Paris, where the original order had been formed in 1632. The vineyards of Domaine du Vieux Lazaret are spread over 93 hectares (230 acres), split into 38 different parcels of vines throughout A.O.C. Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It is today amongst the largest domaines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. “Ripe, sleek and captivating for its bright and forward display of cassis, cherry paste and boysenberry compote flavors. The finish is lined with red licorice and mulling spice accents, featuring a flash of roasted apple wood. This is for fans of the modern style. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Carignan, Cunoise, Terret, Picpoul, Muscardin, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Clairette and Roussanne. Drink now through 2034.” 93 WS*

- 528**    **Château de Saint Cosme Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2018**    **96.00**  
 *Famous for its full-bodied, seductive and spicy reds with flavor and aroma characteristics reminiscent of black cherry, baked raspberry, garrigue, olive tapenade, lavender and baking spice, Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the leading sub-appellation of the southern Rhône River Valley. Large pebbles resembling river rocks, called "galets" in French, dominate most of the terrain. This CDP is 50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsault. “Brilliant violet. Pungent red berry and cherry aromas are complemented by emerging floral and succulent herb nuances. Alluringly sweet and juicy on the palate, offering concentrated black raspberry, cherry and candied lavender flavors that deepen through the back half. Finishes supple, spicy and long, with lingering floral and cherry notes and gentle tannic grip.” 93 V*

- 527**    **Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas, 2021**    **103.00**  
 *Chateau de Saint Cosme is the leading estate of Gigondas and produces the appellation's benchmark wines. Wine has been produced on the site of Saint Cosme since Roman times, evident by the ancient Gallo-Roman vats carved into the limestone below the chateau. The property has been in the hands of Louis Barruol's family since 1570. “Deep magenta. High-toned cherry and blackberry aromas show very good clarity with black pepper and smoky mineral accents. Shows firm tension and a spicy cut to its gentle sweet red and dark berry, bitter chocolate and succulent herb flavors. Youthfully gripping tannins lend framework to a long, smoky finish that echoes the spice and floral notes. This is textbook Gigondas, raised in a combination of one-third concrete tanks and two-thirds large oak barrels, 20% of those new.” 94 V*

## Spanish Red Wines

- 467**    **Bodegas Atalaya "La Atalaya del Camino" Almansa 2020**    **32.00**  
*“This is a blend of 85% Garnacha Tintorera and 15% Monastrell from dry-farmed, head-pruned vines that are planted on limestone soils and average 45 years of age. It fermented in open-top stainless steel vats with neutral yeasts and matured in French oak barrels for one year. This feels harmonious and integrated, still young and a little creamy.” 92 WA*

- 429 Marques de Murrieta Rioja Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2017 58.00**  
*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. “Beautifully perfumed with dried flowers, walnuts and violets to the dark berries on the nose. Full-bodied, yet very tight and refined with creamy, chewy tannins that are polished and poised. A lively, finely crafted red. Nice to drink now, but shows excellent potential for the future.” 95 JS*
- 667 Alto Moncayo Veraton, Campo de Borja, Spain 2020 62.00**  
*Bodegas Alto Moncayo is a winery located in the Campo de Borja D.O. It was founded in 2002 with the aim of turning it into a world reference for Garnacha wines of the highest quality, crafted from some of the oldest native vine clones in the area. The Garnacha grapes of Alto Moncayo undergo very strict vineyard selection, from vines planted as far back as the early 1900's through the 1970's. Only the most perfectly mature clusters are selected and carried in small crates to prevent crushing, where they are further sorted and selected at triage tables. “Slightly tarry on the nose with roasted spices to the dark cherries and strawberries. Medium to full body on the palate with more innate fruit allures and tannins. Shows good balance and length with some fine-grained tannins. Drink or hold.” 92 WS*

## Southern Hemisphere Red

### Argentina

- 435 Achával-Ferrer Malbec, Mendoza 2020 38.00**  
*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. “Racy strawberries, morello cherries and haw fruit. Some cinnamon and cloves, too. Medium-to full-bodied with some white pepper and green olives. Solid, fine-grained tannins.” 92 JS*
- 635 El Enemigo Single Vineyard “El Mirador” Bonarda, Mendoza 2018 49.00**  
*This project from winemaker Alejandro Vigil, and historian Adrianna Catena, aims to reach back in time to capture the era when European immigrants first settled in Argentina. These settlers sought to make wines as fine or finer than those of their old homeland. “Plums, dark cherries, graphite and spices on the nose. It’s full-bodied with round tannins. Creamy and full on the palate. Balanced and savory with a long, creamy finish. Nice freshness with citrus at the end.” 93 JS*
- 641 El Enemigo Single Vineyard “La Esperanza” Bonarda, Mendoza 2018 49.00**  
*“The unusually pale and aromatic 2018 Bonarda Single Vineyard La Esperanza was produced with grapes from San Martín in the east of Mendoza on deep, sandy and clay soils that seem to deliver great finesse. It’s only 13.5% alcohol and with very good freshness, to the point that it made it feel a bit like Pinot Noir. It’s floral and expressive, elegant and soft, with some developed flavors and aromas. It’s juicy, long and nicely textured with very round tannins. Quite surprising, awesome even!” 93 WA*

- 358 Bodega Norton “Privada” Estate Reserve, Mendoza 2019 56.00**  
*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. This blend of 40% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot was first released to the public in 2004 and has been one of the highest rated wines from the Lujan de Cuyo. “Dusty cocoa powder and blackberries here, together with currants, baking spice and a hint of orange zest. Medium to full body with juicy, almost tart fruit. Silky wrap of tannins with a hint of savoriness at the end.” 94 JS*
- 642 Achával-Ferrer Quimera, Mendoza 2018 77.00**  
*Achaval Ferrer's 2018 Quimera is a blend of 60% Malbec, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Merlot from the Uco Valley and Luján de Cuyo. A complex Bordeaux style blend with each variety making a contribution to the overall result. “Blackberries with black truffles and violets on the nose. Full-bodied and very tight with firm, silky tannins that give this wine form and energy. Plenty of compressed and focused fruit at the end. Lots of blue fruit. Drink after 2024.” 95 JS*
- 643 Catena Zapata Argentino Vineyard Malbec, Mendoza 2020 175.00**  
*Bodega Catena Zapata is one of Argentina's high altitude Malbec pioneers. The Catena family began making wine in Mendoza in 1902. Nicolas Catena, third generation family vintner, was one of the first to see the potential of Mendoza's mountain vineyards for producing high quality Malbec. “It feels like there was a big change in the 2019 Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino, a year with a vibrant palate and very clean and focused aromas and flavors. They fine-tuned the irrigation and viticulture, and that seems to have increased the precision of the wine.” 96 WA- “Perfumed and seductive nose of purple plums, blueberries, dried roses, violets, lemon zest, chocolate, truffles and cigar box. It’s full-bodied, yet so elegant and weightless. Seamless, finely knit tannins. Beautiful, lengthy finish. Try from 2024.” 98 JS*

## Australia

- 314 Mollydooker “The Boxer” Shiraz, South Australia 2021 46.00**  
*This is the wine that started the Mollydooker craze back in 2004. Matured 11 months in American oak, 60% new. “Black licorice, kirsch and Kalamata olive notes are dense and dark, but give way to plush blackberry, blueberry and Earl Grey tea accents. This harmonious version gains complexity on the finish. Drink now through 2036.” 92 WS*
- 550 Mollydooker “Two Left Feet” Red Blend, South Australia 2020 57.00**  
*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.*
- 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*

- 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

- 651 Lapostolle Cuvée Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 50.00**  
*Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle (DBL) is one of Chile’s most dynamic and influential winemakers. The Lapostolle family began producing fine wine and spirits in France in 1827. In 1994, Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle, sixth generation family member, and her husband Cyril de Bournet, were one of the first to see the potential of Apalta Valley’s terroirs in Chile for producing high quality red varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Merlot. The goal is simple; to create world-class wines using French winemaking philosophy and the superb terroirs of Apalta. “A rich and deep expression of blackcurrants and blackberries with hints of red chili pepper, tobacco and cocoa powder, following through to a full body with powerful but fine, seamless tannins. A dash of petit verdot here. Compact and bright.” 94 JS*
- 384 Clos Apalta “Le Petit Clos”, Apalta, Chile 2019 91.00**  
  
*Le Petit Clos is intended to be a different interpretation of the Clos Apalta Terroir, using the mastery of blending that is the heart of the winemaking philosophy from the Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle. The 2019 blend is 49% Carmenère, 30% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot. “Aromatic and herbal nose of thyme, bay leaves, currants, blackberries, licorice and pomelo pith. Medium-bodied with a fleshy, delicious and open palate. Ripe tannins. Plush and caressing finish.” 95 JS*
- 329 Viña Montes Purple Angel, Rapel Valley Chile 2018 145.00**  
*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. “The 2018 Carménère Purple Angel by Montes is a blend of Carménère with 8% Petit Verdot from Colchagua, aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, four-fifths of them new. Rich purple in the glass with a garnet shimmer. The mentholated, thyme-infused nose delivers plum chutney and clear layers of white pepper and smoky wood. A delicate, juicy wine with good volume in the mouth; the lush feel and muscular but loose tannins run on to a finish of power and flavor.” 93 V*
- 361 Casa Lapostolle la Parcelle 8 Vieilles Vignes Cabernet, Apalta, Chile 2015 182.00**  
*Tucked away in the Colchagua Valley, near the town of Santa Cruz, the Apalta Valley was the place selected by a visionary in the 1910s who, using a unique French massal selection, planted this amazing vineyard. In 1994, Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet discovered these hundred-year-old ungrafted Cabernet Sauvignon vines whilst visiting Apalta. The aim of La Parcelle 8 is to bring the finest expression of a Cabernet Sauvignon from their own vineyards. La Parcelle 8 has its origins in the Clos Apalta estate in the Apalta Valley, known*

throughout Chile for the quality of its red wines. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon “A brand new wine created by Andrea León and Charles de Bournet from a parcel of century-old vines directly planted in the poor soils of Apalta, this is a tribute to the French spirit of the winery that takes full advantage of the quality of Cabernet from the region. Complex aromas of blueberries, blackcurrants, sweet spices and tobacco are followed by a good body, precise acidity, fine tannins and a liquorice aftertaste.” 96 Decanter

**451 Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon “Don Melchor”, Maipo, Chile 2019 205.00**

*Don Melchor, named after Concha Y Toro’s founder, is among Chile’s most-acclaimed wines and a Cabernet that belongs in every conversation about world-class interpretations of this singular varietal. Made from 181 lots covering 151 different vineyard parcels, it’s a pure, refined expression of the Andes-cooled Puente Alto terroir. This is the third time that the blend has included all four Bordeaux varieties on the estate - it’s 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot - and the wine is suitably nuanced and well balanced. “Very perfumed and aromatic with blackcurrant, sweet-tobacco and Spanish-cedar character. Full-bodied with ultra fine tannins that build on the palate and take the fruit and other flavors to an endless finish. More refined than the perfect 2018 and almost as compelling. Drink in 2023 or after.” 98 JS*

**367 Clos Apalta, Apalta Chile 2018 229.00**



*“So aromatic and fresh with dried flowers, sweet tobacco and hints of straw. Red fruit, cloves and green peppercorns. Medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins that are very fresh and refined. Fine, silky and beautiful. Hints of minerals and granite to the dark fruit. Such gorgeous length and beauty. 64% carmenere, 18% cabernet franc and 18% merlot. Extremely long and poised. Cooler wine. From biodynamically grown grapes. Delicious to drink already, but another three to four years will make it even better.” 98 JS*

## New Zealand

**482 Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand 2014 82.00**



*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

**441 Raats Red Jasper, Stellenbosch, 2020 37.00**

*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 a 60% Cabernet Franc wine. The blend is 60% Cabernet Franc, 31% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot, and 2% Merlot*

- 300 Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2020 38.00**  
*From the decomposed granite and Hutton soils of Stellenbosch comes this savoury and deeply hued Pinotage. Stewed plums and blackberries are the primary fruit notes, but more interesting are the tertiary coffee and roasted hazelnut characters which add complexity and body. A blockbuster red.*
- 605 Glenelly Estate Lady May Red, Stellenbosch 2016 93.00**  
*Located on the southern slopes of the Simonsberg, Glenelly is owned by May-Eliane de Lencquesaing, Bordeaux doyenne and former owner of Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande. Struck by the tremendous potential of South Africa's terroir and the beauty of the country, Mme de Lencquesaing decided to embark on a French adventure on African soil. She purchased Glenelly in 2003, and subsequently planted 66 of the property's 128 hectares to vineyards. Lady May is Glenelly's flagship Estate wine. "Aromas of ripe black fruit, tomato leaf, walnut, spice box and dried orange peel. Full-bodied and chewy with dry, chalky tannins and a velvety texture. Nutty and savory on the mid-palate with a lingering finish. A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon, 8% merlot, 6% cabernet franc and 6% petit verdot." 93 JS*

## White Wines and Dry Rosé

### Dry Rosé

- 124 Fattoria Nicodemi "Le Murate" Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo Rosé, Italy DOC 2021 32.00**  
  
*The Fattoria Nicodemi winery is located in the new Colline Teramane District of the Abruzzo region, a hilly part of Central Italy that borders the Adriatic Sea. The winery was founded more than a half century ago by Bruno Nicodemi, who took over his father Carlo's vineyards. "Bright, intense salmon pink hues. Scents of hardwood, cream, strawberry, soldered together with nutmeg nuances. On the palate a massive fruit texture, polished, powerful and at the same time elegant, multilayered with an exceptional length." 91 Falstaff*

### Chardonnay

- 160 Spoken West Chardonnay, California 2021 28.00**  
*Jamey Whetstone moved to Napa Valley from his home in South Carolina in 1996. Simply captivated by the community, lifestyle, and culture of wine country, he found himself quickly growing roots. By 1998, he had begun his winemaking education at Turley Wine Cellars where he would remain in his apprenticeship until 2005. During that time, he spent a summer sabbatical working for the Seysses family at Domaine Dujac in Morey-Saint-Denis and laid the groundwork for Whetstone Wine Cellars, which he founded in 2002. The Spoken West Chardonnay is golden straw in color. Nose full of ripe pear and peach, floral jasmine, and hints of vanilla and toast. Delicious mouthful of pear and liquid minerals. Finishes long and fat with notes of pineapple and citrus peel.*
- 107 Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay, Russian River Ranches, Monterey, CA 2021 40.00**  
*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, CA 2020 53.00**  
*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. "Vivid straw-yellow. Fresh pear, lemon curd and melon aromas are complemented by hints of jasmine and salted butter. Silky and energetic in the mouth, offering juicy Meyer lemon, Anjou pear and buttered toast flavors and a spicy jolt of candied ginger. Finishes with subtle grip, a repeating floral note and impressive, sappy persistence. Drinking window: 2021 - 2027" 92 V*
- 104 Januik Cold Creek Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Washington 2018 58.00**  
*Since his first Columbia Valley harvest in 1984, acclaimed winemaker Mike Januik has led in Washington wine quality and innovation. Januik is dedicated to crafting high quality, limited release wines by working on a small scale with fruit from the state's best vineyards and concentrating on the details of winemaking, from fermentation through blending, that transform winemaking from a science to an art. "The aromas are bright in notes of pear, spice and apricot. Rounded flavors follow on the palate, showing precision and detail. A tart finish caps it off." 91 WE*
- 181 Beringer Private Reserve Chardonnay, Napa Valley, CA 2020 75.00**  
  
*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. "Although not labeled as such, Beringer's Private Reserve Chardonnay has been sourced for decades from the Gamble Ranch in Oakville. Planted around 1976 to Clone 4, the grapes are picked ripe and barrel fermented at relatively warm temperatures to build mouthfeel. The 2020 Chardonnay Private Reserve (along with all the other white varieties) was picked prior to any risk of smoke taint. Marked by scents of mango, guava and pineapple, it doesn't come across as that oaky, despite being barrel fermented and aged in approximately 80% new French oak. It's full-bodied and slightly buttery, with an appealing custardy richness and a long finish." 93 WA*
- 120 Hartford Court Four Hearts Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, CA 2020 85.00**  
  
*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. " The 2020 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyard comes mostly from 45-year-old Wente vines in the Laguna Ridge neighborhood of the Russian River Valley. It was barrel fermented and matured for 11 months in 35% new French oak. It has a beautiful perfume of jasmine, white peaches, ginger and roasted almonds, plus touches of lemon cream and baking spice in the undercurrent. The medium-bodied palate surprises with its combination of intense fruits and focused, tangy acidity. It has a satiny texture, streaks of flinty character and a very long, layered finish." 94 WA*

- 102 Paul Hobbs Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, CA 2021 90.00**  
*Pioneering winemaker Paul Hobbs established his namesake winery in 1991 with the vision and dedication to sustainably craft wines with minimal intervention and meticulous care to capture the purist concept of place. Widely recognized for forging new paths in pursuit of excellence, Paul Hobbs Winery is the pinnacle reflection of our desire to showcase the individuality of new and historical sites in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. "A medium straw/gold hue, the 2021 Chardonnay Russian River Valley offers up fresh and classic aromas of melon rind, lightly toasted baking spices, and ripe apple. The palate is expressive, with a nice balance of ripeness and saline. Softly textured, with notes of crunchy green apple, ripe tangerine, and salty earth, it's in a great place now and will drink well over the next 5-6 years." 94 JD*
- 110 Talley "Rosemary's Vineyard" Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley, CA 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. "The most shut down of the three Chardonnays, the 2017 Chardonnay Rosemary's Vineyard comes from a fabulous site in the Arroyo Grande Valley and was aged 15 months in 20% new French oak. Reticent notes of orchard fruits, white flowers, oyster shell, and crushed citrus all flow to a concentrated, rich, medium-bodied Chardonnay that's beautifully balanced, has a smoking sense of salinity, and delivers a great finish. Do your best to hide bottles for 2-3 years and it should cruise in cold cellars for over a decade." 96 JD, 95 V*
- 165 Shafer Vineyards "Red Shoulder Ranch", Napa Valley, CA 2021 115.00**  
*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.*
- 101 Kistler "Les Noisetiers" Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, CA 2021 127.00**  
*Few names are synonymous with California Chardonnay the way Kistler is. This winery raised the bar in Sonoma to heights not seen before and continues their legacy uninterrupted. The Les Noisetiers is a combination of their Sonoma Coast sites (Vine Hill Vineyard, Dutton Ranch, and Trenton Roadhouse) and emphasizes the area's sandy Goldridge soils. The vinification draws on techniques used in Burgundy. The result is a luxurious and complex bottle that possesses a minerality which is rare in New World Chardonnay.*

## Other American Whites

- 166 Chateau Ste. Michelle "Eroica" Riesling, Washington State 2022 39.00**  
*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. "The flagship wine from this joint partnership is almost idealized as a Washington riesling, a wine that's always about sunniness... smells of citrus with talc-like, tangy lemon-lime scents that carry through the wine with a breezy elegance, the flavors kinetic in their lightness and energy, the finish tangy and bright, for oven-roasted turbot." 92 W&S*

## Whites from around the World

### Italian White

- 106 Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio 2021, Veneto, Italy 28.00**  
*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.*
- 115 Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy DOC 2021 35.00**  
*Founded in 1848, the Tiefenbrunner Castel Turmhof Winery owes its name to the ancient castle known today as the home of the Tiefenbrunner family. The winery is in the hamlet Entiklar, in the town of Kurtatsch, which is in the South Tyrolean province of Bozen amid the awe-inspiring Italian Alps. The philosophy of the Tiefenbrunner family, in the vineyards and in the cellar, is to relentlessly improve the grape quality and to highlight the varietal character of each wine. "Crisp and tangy, this savory white delivers green apple, juicy citrus and honeydew melon flavors underscored by vibrant acidity. Notes of white almond and saline signal the close." 90 WE*
- 113 ColleStefano Verdicchio di Matelica, Marche DOC 2021 38.00**  

*"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*
- 126 Tommasi "Le Fornaci" Lugana DOC, Lombardia-Veneto DOCG 2021 40.00**  
*The small Lugana DOC has largely kept to itself over the years, but it has an impressively long history. Lugana is one of Italy's oldest protected wine growing areas; historians can trace cultivation of vineyards back to Roman times. The region attained DOC status in 1967 and is one of the few Italian wine regions that crosses over two regions, Lombardy and Veneto. And should you find yourself in northern Italy, the Lugana region is located on the edge of northern Italy's largest lake, Lake Garda, which radiates some of Italy's most stunning scenery. "Sliced apples, wet stones and a hint of nectarine follow through to a crisp, dry and zesty palate that gives a rapid feel in the middle before ending with a refreshing and mouthwatering finish." 90 JS*
- 109 Broglia Gavi di Gavi "La Meirana", Piedmont DOCG 2021 44.00**  
*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. "Lightly honeyed lemon aromas with hints of dried herbs and orange zest.*

*Full-bodied with a dense, silky mineral underlay to the bright, lemony flavors. Despite the density here, it remains bright through the long finish. Drink now.” 91 JS*

**170 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, Trentino Alto Adige DOC 2021 46.00**

*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 Carl Graff Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2022 31.00**

*Lively and refreshing aromas. Flavors of apples and peaches with a mineral tone and a crisp mouthwatering finish. Pairs well with salads light seafood spicy cuisine and as an aperitif.*

**112 St.-Urbans-Hof Riesling QbA, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer 2022 40.00**

*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

**150 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2022 34.00**

*Kim Crawford Wines started out in a small Auckland cottage in New Zealand. Since its launch in 1996, the label has gained critical acclaim around the globe. Kim Crawford wines capture the true aromas and flavors of New Zealand in each bottle. The established leader of luxury-priced Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, Kim Crawford combines a passion for excellence in winemaking with a vision of exploring new boundaries. “The 2022 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc is on target in its varietal category. This wine shines with aromas and flavors of slight pungent notes, dried herbs, rustic earth, and grapefruit peel. Pair it with a dozen or two raw oysters.” 91 WW*

**158 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2022 38.00**



*Allan Scott is synonymous with wine in Marlborough: he has worked every harvest since 1973 and is credited with planting some of the region’s most famous vineyards, including the very first. In 1990, Allan and his wife Catherine established Allan Scott Wines as one of the first independent wineries of Marlborough. Since its inception, the winery has produced wines consistent in flavor and quality year after year while continually evolving to keep ahead of the changing demand of the market. “Strikes a terrific balance between mouthwatering acidity, fresh herbal notes of lemon verbena and thyme, and core flavors of Key lime, Meyer lemon, pineapple and tangerine. Gains momentum on the finish, where the flavors sing in harmony and complexity.” 93 WS*

**105 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2022 73.00**

*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 2022 32.00**  
*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."*

## Dessert Wines

- 513 Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2022 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.*
- 507 Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2015 (375ml) 40.00**  
*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.*
- 505 Banfi “Rosa Regale” Brachetto d’Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2021 37.00**  
*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.*
- 506 Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2019 (187ml) 58.00**  
*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 2016, Tuscany, Italy 2018 (375ml) 60.00**  
*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 year Tawny Port, Portugal 57.00**  
*"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 year Tawny Port, Portugal 95.00**  
*"On first taste, this was simply Taylor: big, concentrated and serious. It was all that and a bag of chips, but over a couple of day it also demonstrated far more elegance. It seemed arguably better balanced than the 10 year old Tawny this issue. Simply filling the mouth on first taste, this shows fine complexity for its age and it does everything else rather brilliantly. Succulent and inviting, it finishes with waves of concentrated flavors. The fruit remains lifted and and it has a bright, transparent feel. It is hard to resist, often seeming like a bit of an overachiever." 93 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*