



“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 Dunnuck, PR – Pinot Report, WW – Wilfred Wong, ST – Stephen Tanzer, TA – Tim Atkin, NM – Natalie Maclean, KO - Kerin O’Keefe

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

259	Lyrarakis "ZaZaZu" Sparkling Demi-Sec, Crete, Greece NV	7.00
257	Gruet Rosé, New Mexico, USA NV	8.00
254	Ruggeri Giall'oro Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy DOC NV	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, 2023	9.50
513	Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2022	9.00
505	Banfi "Rosa Regale" Brachetto d'Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2022	10.50
453	Cornale Lambrusco Mantovano Dolce I.G.T., Lombardy, Italy	8.00

Dry Whites and Rosé

106	Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy DOC 2022	9.00
124	G.D. Vajra Rosabella Rosato DOC 2023, Piedmont, Italy	10.00
150	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2023	10.50
116	Licia Albariño, Rias Baixas DO, Spain 2023	11.00
104	Goldschmidt Vineyards 'Embankment' Chardonnay, RRV, CA 2022	12.00

Red Wines by the Glass

435	Achával-Ferrer Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2021	13.50
475	Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne", Piedmont Italy DOCG 2022	10.50
368	Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy DOCG 2021	12.00
303	Monte Zovo Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, Veneto, Italy DOC 2020	12.50
671	Tolaini "Al Passo" Toscana, Tuscany, Italy IGT 2021	15.00
412	The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2023	13.50
633	Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2019	14.00
611	Bookwalter "Readers" Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington 2020	13.00
328	Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2021	10.50
448	Auctioneer Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2021	16.00
417	Harvey and Harriet Red Blend, Paso Robles, California 2021	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	18.00
507	Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2016	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	60.00

Reds

469	Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2022	31.00
332	Tenuta Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019	44.00
539	Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2018	50.00
478	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018	71.00

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 2021	115.00
525	Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2009, Douro Portugal	89.00

Other Formats

602	G. D. Vajra Barolo "Albe", DOCG, Italy 2020	1.5 liter	155.00
495	"The Prisoner", Napa Valley, California 2019	1.5 liter	165.00
610	Clos Apalta "Le Petit Clos", Apalta, Chile 2020	1.5 liter	203.00
517	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG, Italy 2018	1.5 liter	215.00
405	Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG Italy 2019	1.5 liter	280.00
321	Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 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)

- 250** Piper-Heidsieck, NV, Champagne, France **49.00**
252 Taittinger Brut Réserve, NV, Champagne, France **60.00**

Full Bottles (750 ml)

- 259** **Lyrarakis ZaZaZu Sparkling Demi-Sec, Crete, Greece NV** **36.00**
 *ZaZaZu white sparkling wine is made from the varieties Vilana, Vidiano and Muscat of Spina. Light, festive wine with wonderful aromas of peach, lemon, apple cherry blossom and a hint of white flowers. You will enjoy it at any time of the day!*
- 260** **Lovo Prosecco Rosé Brut Millesimato, Veneto, Italy DOC NV** **38.00**
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!
- 257** **Gruet Rosé, New Mexico NV** **40.00**
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.
- 254** **Ruggeri Giall'oro Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy DOC NV** **44.00**
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
- 256** **Schramsberg Brut Blanc de Blancs, North Coast, California 2021** **73.00**
Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine. Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs gained international recognition in 1972 when then President Nixon served the wine at the historic "Toast to Peace" in Beijing, China. It is 100% Chardonnay with a county composition of 54% Napa and 46% Sonoma. "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
- 265** **Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve, Champagne, France NV** **87.00**
Nicolas Feuillatte bought 12 hectares of vineyard in Champagne in 1972 and established Nicolas Feuillatte in 1976. Through the 70s and 80s the Nicolas Feuillatte brand grew, until in 1986 he made the decision to sell the to the Cave Vinicole de la Champagne cooperative, which acquired both his vineyards and his brand. It was a match made in heaven, as the brand has continued to

thrive under its new ownership, mostly through innovation and high standard of quality. It is composed of 20% of the Chardonnay grape variety, for elegance and delicacy, 40% of Pinot Noir, for roundness and structure and 40% of Pinot Meunier for fruitiness. "Chalky in texture and fresh, this version features a hint of smoky minerality underscoring the flavors of ripe pear, candied black currant and lemon meringue pie. Drink now through 2018." 90 WS

- 263 Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Rosé, 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 119.00**
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 minerally, chalky character on the finish. It's full-bodied and dense yet agile with amazing length and beauty. Refreshing and vibrant. As it warms, it gives you delicate pinot noir character like Aloxe-Corton or another excellent appellation. Drink now." 95 JS
- 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- Abruzzi, Puglia, Campania, Sicilia

-Abruzzo

- 526 Marramiero DAMA Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2022 36.00**
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

-Sicilia

- 316 Passopisciaro Passorosso, Etna Rosso DOC 2020 75.00**
In 2000 Andrea Franchetti decided to restore an old farm and cellars on the slopes of Mount Etna, an active volcano in northeastern Sicily. The winery sits at about a thousand meters of altitude above the small wine town of Passopisciaro in the district of Castiglione di Sicilia, on the northern slope of the volcano. His first task was to clear and restore long-abandoned terraces of ancient vines on the northern slopes of the mountain, replanting at a density of 12,000 vines per hectare on thin lavic soil. His arrival on Etna helped to initiate the renaissance of viticulture on the mountain and an international discovery of the wines of Etna. Passorosso is a blend of ancient grapes called Nerello Mascalese from different vineyards located at different altitudes on the northern side of Etna. In general, the highest districts lie on more gravelly soils to coarser grain, while the lower ones on the finer and deeper soils composed of older lava flows, now oxidized and reduced to lava dust. This wine concentrates the characteristics of different terroirs in a single bottle to offer a global idea of a territory. "The 2020 Passorosso is spicy, showing dried flowers, hints of cardamom and white pepper before its dusty cherry fruit comes to the fore. Soft and enveloping, this impresses with a pure mix of red fruits and inner rose tones guided by cooling acidity. It finishes lightly structured and with a bitter twang of sour berry concentration. While the Passorosso is typically a more forward expression, the 2020 could use another year of cellaring before showing its best. That said, it's a very pretty wine that is packed full of potential." 93 V
- 312 Passopisciaro Contrada "G", Etna Rosso DOC 2020 135.00**
Contrada Guardiola is an ancient district located between 800m and 1000m above sea level, on the edge of a recent flow of 1947 that stopped just before the vineyards. From the ancient vineyards a deep and complex wine is produced with a rich hint of red fruits. Only the grapes selected from the oldest vineyards are used for this cru that began production in 2011. "The 2020 Contrada Guardiola (G) is a showstopper; surprisingly floral, with masses of rose and violet tones

giving way to blackberries and a dusting of spice. This flows across the palate with ease, silky at first with a salty core and tart red berries that drench the senses; yet throughout, it remains perfumed and finessed. Spiced citrus and herbal tones linger through the long finale, along with a coating of fine tannins that promise a long and even development. Franky stated, this is one of the prettiest renditions of Guardiola fruit that I've ever experienced." 96 V

Central Italy- Tuscany, Umbria, Marche, Lazio

-Carmignano

363 Piaggia Carmignano "Il Sasso" DOCG 2021 60.00



"The 2021 Carmignano Il Sasso impresses with its rich bouquet of crushed plums, sage and balsamic spice. It's pure energy on the palate, silky yet sleek with racy acidity and depths of crisp wild berry fruits, underpinned by tactile minerals and hints of tangerine. The 2021 leaves the palate refreshed, finishing structured and long as violet inner florals and blackberry notes fade. This super-seductive Il Sasso will win a lot of hearts. This is a blend of 70% Sangiovese, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc." 94 V. Piaggia is a practicing organic winery with integrated insect and disease control.

419 Piaggia Carmignano Riserva "Piaggia" DOCG 2019 90.00



The Carmignano Riserva is the flag ship wine of Piaggia, showcasing a modern interpretation of Carmignano's Sangiovese base blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Aging occurs in French oak for 18 months and racked before bottling, with no fining or filtration. "It's hard to put the glass down while exploring the depths of raspberry compote, dried orange peels, roses, exotic spice and a dusting of cocoa that form the absolutely stunning bouquet of the 2019 Carmignano Riserva Piaggia. This is pure elegance. It's silky and refined as liquid violet florals and ripe red and black fruits easily rush across the palate. Its vibrant acidity maintains exceptional finesse despite the massive primary concentration slowly taking hold. The 2019 finishes long with a coating of sweet tannins and balsamic-tinged cherry. The balance here is amazing, which might trick readers into finishing their bottles far too quickly, but trust me, the best is truly yet to come. This is Rock Star juice. Best After 2024" 96 V



-Chianti

460 Fattoria L'Arco Chianti, DOCG Tuscany Italy 2021 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 2021 44.00

"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 2021 46.00**
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 well-rounded, balanced and seductive riserva with notes of red berries, cherries, Mediterranean herbs and mild spices on the nose, following through to a medium body with fine tannins. Focused and textured with a succulent finish.” 92 JS
- 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 2019 69.00**

There are few other wineries anywhere that have such an aura of vinicultural 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. “Displaying a youthful red-with-orange color, the 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva is layered with cedar, black raspberry, anise, and tobacco aromas. Medium to full-bodied, it is refreshing without any weight, and its clean acidity is evenly balanced through the wine, with fine tannins that take a pleasing angular feel that’s well-managed. It’s long on the palate, its delicate perfume hovering on the palate after the wine is gone, with notes of bergamot. This very appealing wine will continue to improve with another couple of years in the cellar.” 93 JD
- 339 Castellare di Castellina Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggiale, DOCG 2020 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, the wine is rich, evoking cherry, raspberry, iron and spice flavors, and is backed by vibrant acidity and dense tannins. Balanced and brimming with energy on the long finish. Should hit its stride in two to three more years. Sangiovese, Canaiolo and Ciliegiolo.” 93 WS
- 516 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2019 92.00**


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with a terroir approach. “A bright yet firmly structured Chianti Classico, with iron, leather, almond and floral accents surrounding a core of cherry fruit. Sleek and intense, with a lingering finish echoing cherry, red berry and mineral notes. Best from 2024 through 2040.” 94 WS


-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% Sangiovetto, 25% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (aged in French oak for one year). This wine boasts a proven track record for its consistent value and accessibility and can be counted on for both. “Wild rosemary, thyme and camphor aromas lead off, with concentrated flavors of blackberry and black currant. An iron edge sinks in as this unfolds to the long, staining finish. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.” 93 WS

-Montepulciano

- 335 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano “Silineo”, DOCG 2020 44.00**
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. “Notes of cherries, olives, oranges and peach pits here, with some vanilla. It’s lively and balanced, with a medium body, nicely polished tannins and a long, firm yet supple finish.” 92 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 2019 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. “A smooth red, with cherry, plum and spice flavors shaded by savory underbrush and wild herb accents. Shows iron and tobacco details on the long finish, with fine balance and grip overall. Prugnolo Gentile and Canaiolo. Best from 2024 through 2040.” 93 WS

-Vino di Tavola, Super-Tuscans, IGT

- 541 Podere Sapaio Pappolo Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2021 42.00**
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 2022 48.00**
 *Le Volte has always been a great introduction to Bolgheri blends as well as one of the best producers in the region: Ornellaia. "Very aromatic, with raspberry, orange peel and floral aromas. Nice transparency. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a crisp, crunchy finish." 93 JS*
- 462 Ruffino Modus, Tuscany IGT 2020 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. Modus is soft and elegant on the tongue, with an impressive structure and velvety, integrated tannins. It spent 12 months ageing in oak barriques, imparting a subtle, woody outline to the experience. However, the palate is dominated by intense notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and strawberry, with an undercurrent of cinnamon, vanilla and tobacco smoke. The hints of baking spice linger for a while after each sip. Modus is ideal for pairing with Parmesan cheese, roasted game, or lasagna.
- 671 Tolaini “Al Passo” Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2021 54.00**
 *Pierluigi Tolaini, a native of Tuscany, immigrated to Canada in 1956. He planned to work a few years, make some money, then go back home, buy a farm, marry his high school sweetheart and make some good wine. It took Pierluigi 45 years before he returned with a clear vision of the high-quality wine he wanted to make. In 1998 he returned to his native land and purchased some of the best land in the region of Chianti Classico in the noted commune of Castelnuovo Berardenga. He constructed a state-of-the-art winery and hired famed enologist Michel Rolland and Tuscan agronomist Andrea Paoletti to make the best wines possible with one vitally unique ingredient - the terroir of Chianti Classico's southern most commune: Castelnuovo Berardenga. Tolaini wines are known internationally for their impeccable quality and incredible taste. With each new vintage they continue to innovate and impress. "The 2021 Al Passo is a very beautiful and expressive wine. Dried cherry, tobacco, cedar, licorice and incense lend notable aromatic nuance. This Sangiovese/Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon blend has a ton to offer. Bright acids pull it all together in style." 94 V*
- 389 Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso, Bolgheri IGT 2022 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. "A deep but youthful ruby color, the 2022 Bolgheri Rosso is beautiful on opening, with aromas of black raspberry, lavender, sweet herbs, and fresh leather. Pure and inviting, it's flush with plush tannins, even acidity, and a supple texture with a graceful, mineral-tinged backbone. It is a fantastic Rosso and hard to resist now, although it will certainly cruise over the next 8-10 years." 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 2021 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%). "Bright, intense ruby red with dark reflections. Slightly reductive on the nose, then of fresh cherries, blackberries and violets. On the palate, fruity and rich, fine tannin, still quite young, juicy until the finish." 92 Falstaff
- 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

- 440 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Le Serre Nuove", Bolgheri IGT 2020 93WA 121.00**
- 442 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana "Le Serre Nuove", Bolgheri IGT 2021 95JD 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. Notes from the 2021 Vintage: "This is one of the great vintages for this cuvée and would be a wine for lovers of Bordeaux. The 2021 Le Serre Nuove Dell'Ornellaia sports a saturated red hue and opens to a great layered and harmonious nose, with aromas of kirsch, leather, fresh Mediterranean herbs, and crushed flowers that all resonate together with wonderful purity and depth. It's open and generous on the palate, with refined, polished tannins, outstanding length, and refreshing acidity that's seamlessly woven into the wine. Boy, is this hard to resist now and is a truly stunning wine from recently departed winemaker Olga Fusari. Bravo. Stash as much of this as you can away – it's one for the ages. A great feather in the cap for Axel Heinz as well, it can only increase anticipation of the house's top label for next year. Bravo tutti."
- 383 Tenuta San Guido "Guidalberto", Bolgheri IGT 2021 137.00**
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
- 518 Tua Rita Giusto di Notri, Toscana IGT 2021 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. "Intense aromas of red currants, sweet tobacco, lead pencil, and terra-cotta. Medium to full body with polished tannins that are very well-integrated into the wine. It is racy and long with lovely mocha and subtle fruit at the end." 96 JS
- 600 Castellare I Sodi di S. Niccolo, Toscana IGT 2018 179.00**
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 2018 I Sodi di San Niccolò is the most elegant Sodi I have ever tasted, and I have tasted them all. Sodi can be quite the bruiser in its youth, as the tannins are often imposing, but the 2018 is impressive because there is more than enough fruit to balance things out. Dark cherry, plum, lavender, spice and gravel build in a Sodi endowed with mind-blowing purity and exceptional finesse. Superb!” 97 V

- 400 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2020 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 know as "scheletro". “The nose is rich with notes of blackberries, black cherry and soil, while a white pepper undertone provides pop. On the supple, warm palate, berries continue leading the way, before a salty, chocolaty finish with another kick of pepper. Stoic tannins are balanced by lively, persistent acidity.” 96 WA, 96 WE
- 354 Antinori “Tignanello”, Tuscany IGT 2020 243.00**
First made in 1971, Piero Antinori's Tignanello is one of the catalysts of the Super Tuscan revolution (Tenuta San Guido's “Sassicaia” was the forefather). “Tignanello is an object lesson in how to make Cabernet work with Sangiovese, the two varieties balancing and enhancing one another in admirable symbiosis” notes Daniel Thomases of The Wine Advocate. The wine is consistently one of the benchmark Super-Tuscans and is undoubtedly one of Tuscany's most historically significant wines. “Violets and lavender with dark fruit and hints of dark chocolate. Sophisticated nose. Medium-bodied with fine tannin structure that gives this finesse and beauty. It's very long and goes on for minutes. Precision.” 97 JS
- 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 2020 49.00

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 2020 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. “Plum and berry with some smoky bark undertones. It's medium-bodied with delicious fruit and a crunchy finish.” 92 JS

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 2019 89.00**
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. "Pretty pure fruit to this with black cherry, black berry and light chocolate aromas. The palate is full and focused with very polished tannins and a long, long finish. Best after 2027." 95 JS
- 397 Tenuta San Giorgio Brunello di Montalcino "Ugolforte", DOCG 2018 109.00**
Tenuta San Giorgio is part of Guido Folonari's enological project, heir of a historic Italian wine family; three estates located in the most prestigious and renowned areas of Italy: La Morra, Bolgheri and Montalcino. Restored to its former glory, the estate is located in Castelnuovo dell'Abbate, in a beautiful setting of the territory of Montalcino. "The 2018 Brunello Di Montalcino Ugolforte is rich with blackberry, licorice, toasted sweet cedar, black cherry, and dark scorched earth. On the palate, it is full-bodied, with lush fruit and soft velvety tannins, notes of ripe blackberry, tea leaf, turned earth, and no bitterness. Approachable thanks to its ripe fruit, it will still benefit from time in the cellar to lose its youthful baby fat." 93 JD, 94 WS
- 454 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017 95 JS 111.00**
- 508 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019 95 JD, 95 WA 123.00**
Though the worldwide reputation of Brunello has encouraged a certain conservatism among Montalcino estates, Altesino has always been an innovative leader. The estate pioneered the technique of aging its IGT wines in small French oak barrels, limiting the time spent in oak to enhance each wine's personality. The resulting wines were a groundbreaking improvement over those produced by traditional methods. No longer overwhelmed by wood, they were able to display the unique characteristics of the fruit, with softened tannins and perfect balance. Altesino also was the first Montalcino estate to introduce the concept of "cru" wines, made with a special selection of grapes from a single vineyard.
- 499 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 93WA 125.00**
- 483 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019 95WA 135.00**
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. "With a red wax seal affixed to the front of the bottle,

the Mastrojanni 2018 Brunello di Montalcino shows dark fruit, dried cherry, iris roots, savory spice and crushed stone. The wine presents a classic aromatic profile for Sangiovese from Montalcino. The only distraction is the wine's high 15% alcohol content. Otherwise, the wine is silky and smooth with integrated tannins." 93 WA

390 Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 135.00



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604 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino "Montosoli", DOCG 2017 97JS 215.00

613 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino "Montosoli", DOCG 2018 97JS 215.00

525 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino "Montosoli", DOCG 2019 97V 215.00

Amid the eastern hills of Montalcino near Siena in central Tuscany, stands the magnificently elegant 14th century-built Palazzo Altesi, home to the Altesino winery and a marvelous resort. Among fans of Brunello, Altesino needs no introduction. They have earned a reputation as a Montalcino institution and a global leader in innovative winemaking. 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. This small vineyard produced one of Italy's first "cru" wines. "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."


-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 2022 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 2022 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

- 607 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe “Perbacco”, DOC 2021 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 109.00

From 8 hectares of vineyards located in the middle of “Rabajà”, 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 winemaking. The first few vintages were made in the church basement and today, the winery stands just across the corner from that location. The managing director of the winery today is Aldo Vacca, who has done a brilliant job of securing fruit from 56 different growers in Barbaresco (all of whom are members of the Produttori), representing 250 acres of the finest vineyards. Moreover, Vacca has maintained a wine making philosophy of using only large wooden casks (grandi botti) in order to craft a wine that truly represents the local Barbaresco terroir. More than that, by favoring large casks over the small barrels that many producers find so appealing these days, each wine offers a special sense of place, especially the single vineyard offerings, so that the Asili Barbaresco tastes much different than the one from Rabajà or Montestefano. The winery makes wines solely from the Nebbiolo grape and there are three separate wine types: a Nebbiolo Langhe (Langhe is the larger zone where Barbaresco is located; Barolo is also part of Langhe), a Barbaresco normale, and the cru bottlings of Barbaresco (effectively the single vineyard wines), of which there are nine different vineyards bottled. What truly makes the Produttori del Barbaresco such an important producer is that it serves as a reference point for Barbaresco. Even if you prefer a riper, flashier, oakier approach when it comes to this wine, one has to look at the wines of the Produttori as the bottlings that define the classic style of Barbaresco.

437 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco DOCG 2019 89.00

This is the Barbaresco Normale, which is typically blended from several of the different vineyard sites. “There is a more pronounced mineral and delicately spiced character to the 2019 Barbaresco, with notes of wet asphalt and kirsch and vibrant purity. It has elegant concentration, with fine coiled tannins in its hints of tea leaves, bergamot, and ripe wild raspberry, and has a more pronounced structure, This is a fantastic expression. Best After 2024.” 95 JD, 95 WE Cellar Selection

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.”

488	Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2016	97 V	125.00
612	Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2017	95 V	135.00
372	Barbaresco “Asili” Riserva DOCG 2019	94 V	141.00

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.”

471	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2011	94 V	105.00
370	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2013	96 V	110.00
459	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2014	95 WA	110.00
685	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2016	97 WE	125.00
615	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2017	94 WE	135.00
349	Barbaresco “Ovello” Riserva DOCG 2019	96 KO	141.00

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.”

431	Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2014	97 WE	110.00
614	Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2017	94 V	135.00
386	Barbaresco “Rabajà” Riserva DOCG 2019	96 JS	141.00

-Barolo

396 G. D. Vajra Barolo “Albe”, DOCG 2020 75.00





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 an absolute pleasure to drink now. In fact, not only is this our most approachable and open Barolo, but it is one of the best values on our list for all categories. “You can’t beat this value. The G.D. Vajra 2020 Barolo Albe is buttoned up with fresh primary fruit, and the wine does not have that hint of over-ripeness that is found across this vintage. The fruit is dark and savory, and there is a big mineral component to match, but the bouquet is nicely redolent of dark currant, plum, granite and a raspy dry note that brings crushed shale to mind. The tannins are quite impactful, and they give this wine extra runway for moderate bottle aging.” 94 WA, 94 WS

449	Vietti Barolo “Castiglione”, DOCG 2018	94WA	105.00
351	Vietti Barolo “Castiglione”, DOCG 2019	95WA	113.00
375	Vietti Barolo “Castiglione”, DOCG 2020	94JS	115.00

Located in the heart of the Langhe hills, at the top of the village of Castiglione Falletto, the Vietti wine cellar was founded in the late 1800’s by Carlo Vietti. The estate has gradually grown over the course of time, and today the vineyards include some of the most highly prized terroirs within the

Barolo and Barbaresco winegrowing areas. 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.

- 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
- 439 G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2015 95WE 135.00**
655 G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2018 95WA 140.00
373 G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2019 97JD 149.00
 *"Aldo and Milena Vajra are among the quietest and most introspective of Piedmont's top echelon growers. It is the wines that do the talking here, and they do that ever so eloquently. The estate's continued focus on excellence throughout their entire range comes through in 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 G. D. Vajra Barolo "Ravera", DOCG 2019 149.00**
 *"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*
- 403 Damilano Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2018 94WA 138.00**
350 Damilano Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2019 95JS 155.00
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. This tradition was kept up by Giacomo Damilano, the founder's son-in-law, together with his children, until it was passed on to his 4 grandchildren, who very attentively manage their forefathers' land today. The wines produced are renowned for their upright style and the estate is widely appreciated due to the strictness and passion that accompany all of the company's activities.

- 376 Luigi Baudana Barolo “Ceretta”, DOCG 2019 159.00**
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 Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2009 94 JS 110.00**
670 Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2013 95 WE 110.00
Travaglini is a family-owned wine estate in the tiny Gattinara appellation within the Piedmont region. Established in the 1920s by Clemente Travaglini, the winery is Gattinara’s most esteemed producer of traditional, limited-production wines from the nebbiolo grape. Travaglini wines are easily recognized by their distinctive bottle shape, featuring a unique curve that fits naturally in the palm of the hand and serves to catch sediment during decanting. Designed by a glassmaker to celebrate the excellent 1952 vintage, the bottle was so well received that family decided to keep it as their trademark.

-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 2020 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
- 601 Tenuta Sant’Antonio Valpolicella Ripasso “Monti Garbi”, DOC 2020 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. "Aromas of nutty red fruit and vanilla follow through to a medium-bodied palate with some very fine-grained tannins that are sinking below the surface nicely. Bright, almost steely finish. Still needs another year to show its best. Try from 2024." 91 JS

634 Stefano Accordini Valpolicella Ripasso "Acinatico", DOC 2021 50.00

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.

640 L' Arco Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, DOC 2020 79.00

Founder and winemaker Luca Fedrigo continues in the tradition of his mentor, legendary Amarone producer Giuseppe Quintarelli. Luca crafts classic wines built on the Valpolicella's historical varieties with occasional twists: Corvina, Rondinella, and Molinara. With vineyards in the Classic zone, around the town of Negrar, Luca does everything himself, from vineyard to bottling, with help from only a handful of employees. A true artist, the results speak for themselves, wines that are expressive of the region and reflect the careful stewardship and attention to detail that only Luca can provide. "The 2019 Valpolicella Ripasso lifts from the glass with an exotic mix of steeped black tea, red plums, cloves and sage. It's silky-smooth and elegant, yet energetic throughout, seeming more like tart cherry juice than wine. It's elevated by layers of spice and sweet herbs. The Ripasso finishes unbelievably fresh yet potent, leaving wild berries and lavender lingering. This blossoms beautifully in the glass, and I imagine it will improve over time. Open your bottles a few hours beforehand to get the full effect." 92 V



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 2019 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 2018 91.00**
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. "A deep crimson red sets the mood for this wine. The nose is a touch reserved, so give the wine a decant. Once you do you will be rewarded with rich and deep tones of black cherry, juicy ripe black plums, dusty earth and dried herbs. The palate is opulent, even decadent, with fig and black currents combined with spiced chocolate and vanilla ending with a lasting finish." 93 WE
- 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 2018 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. "Very aromatic, pushing out aromas of dried red and black fruit, including dried blueberries and dates, together with a nice, spicy layer of nutmeg and pressed flowers. Full-bodied with an amazingly harmonious texture to the palate, thanks to the dense, very fine tannins that also provide super length. There's a bright, saline mineral note that kicks in and pushes the finish even further. Exquisite Amarone. Drink or hold." 96 JS
- 325 Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2019 140.00**
Perhaps one of the most consistent performers in the entire region is Allegrini's exceptional Amarone. "A modern interpretation of Amarone on one hand, yet dense, fresh and altitudinal of feel, brimming with the marrow of alpine herb and spruce sap, on the other. Bitter cocoa, espresso grind and the usual swathe of pithy, dried grape skin tannins, menthol and black licorice strap. Immense, powerful and fresh. I suppose that one can ask just how much of this can be drunk. On the other hand, a glass is impressive in the right moment. Drink or hold." 94 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 2022 54.00**
“It is a departure for Ridge, as it's not a single vineyard wine but instead a blend of 10 different sites from throughout Sonoma County. Bright and delightful with savoury herbs, tart early-season blackberries, and muddled mint leaves, all vie for attention in this wine's generous aromatic show. A melange of wild mountain berries, mouthfuls of dried savoury garrigue and lavender, dashes of white pepper and an incredible lift to the finish which lingers for an eternity. Concentrated and refined.” 94 D
- 417 Harvey and Harriet Red Blend, Paso Robles, California 2021 58.00**
Eric Jensen, the founder of “My Favorite Neighbor”, created Harvey and Harriet, a red blend with a Cabernet base. In a world of overpriced Cabernet blends, Eric's hardworking, honest, salt-of-the-earth parents would have never been able to drink decent wine. Therefore, he created a world class wine with a reasonable price and named the wine after them. “Aromas of blackcurrants and blackberries with hints of violets, black olives and vanilla. Rich and ripe character but with balance and focus. Full-bodied with finely polished tannins and a deep dark-fruited character.” 93 JS
- 327 Chappellet “Mountain Cuvée” Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA 2022 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, 36% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc is made for more near-term consumption.*
- 371 The Prisoner Wine Company “The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2022 95.00**
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**
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. Known primarily for its red wines, Ridge has also made limited amounts of Chardonnay since 1962. “This has lots of horizontal tannins that provide fine muscle and form. It's medium- to full-bodied with freshness and brightness. Red berries, crushed cloves and other spices. Grapey, for a better word. Sophisticated. Chewy, Needs time to soften. Zinfandel with petite sirah and carignan.” 95 JS

- 319 Ridge Vineyards "Geyserville" Alexander Valley, California 2021 95.00**
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 Blend: 71% Zinfandel, 19% Carignane, 7% Petite Sirah, 3% Alicante Bouschet*

Cabernet Sauvignon

- 328 Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2022 36.00**
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 2022 49.00**
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 2021 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. "The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Hilltop is terrific as well as a great value. Cassis, ripe blue fruits, graphite, leafy herbs, and tobacco all define the aromatics, and it's medium to full-bodied, with terrific ripeness and notable purity. A structured, tannic 2021 that will last at least a decade, it's a brilliant value in California Cabernet Sauvignon." 91 JD

- 448 Auctioneer Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California 2021 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 75.00**
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 84.00**
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. "The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley is spicy, showing off a gentle peppery tinge and dusty rose tones that give way to dried black cherries. This is wonderfully crisp and refined, with silky textures and depths of dark red fruit propelled by juicy acidity. It tapers off long and structured, yet the tannins are quite sweet. The 2021 finishes with a pleasant crunch and a lingering licorice tinge." 93 V
- 338 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 93.00**
Founded in 1978, Pine Ridge Vineyards sits in the heart of the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley, tucked beneath of ridge of pines that speak to the dramatic geologic origins of our home and unique soils. For over 40 years the winery has become a pioneer farming and vinifying Bordeaux grapes with a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, Pine Ridge Vineyards farms a collection of 160 acres of Napa Green sustainably certified estate vineyards across Oakville, Rutherford, Howell Mountain and Carneros, including 47 acres in the Stags Leap District. "Alluring nuances of rose petal, tobacco and cinnamon lead into a ripe, chocolaty palate of black cherries, cocoa and raspberries as a soft, velvety texture achieves a very smooth mouthfeel." 93 WE
- 445 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019 99.00**

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 2022 105.00**
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. “Inviting aromas of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries as well as crushed walnuts, cedar and bark. Full-bodied, creamy and structured with firm, polished tannins. Balanced and even with a lingering finish.” 95 JS
- 647 Ramey Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2017 113.00**
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
- 331 Col Solare, Columbia Valley, Washington 2018 118.00**
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
- 468 Reynolds Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2020 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. “So suave and layered, this posh and spicy wine opens with a tempting smoky, tobacco and cedar aroma before lush, dried blueberry and blackberry flavors saturate the palate. Substantial tannins add structure for a good grip in the texture. Opulent oak spices carry into the finish. Best from 2025–2035.” 94 WE

- 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 2021 Papillon Red Wine is a five-variety Bordeaux blend (Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot) that spends 13 months in 44% new oak. While not that complex, it does offer up bold cherry and cassis aromas on the nose, while the palate is full-bodied and velvety, with a long, almost zesty finish. Best After 2024” 93 WA
- 345 Shafer TD-9 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2022 151.00**
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. The TD-9 is the red blend that replaced the winery’s single varietal Merlot. The 2022 TD-9 is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 4% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot, aged in 100% new French oak “So full-bodied, broad and ripe-tasting. It gives a mouthful of indulgent fruit flavors on an agreeable texture. Moderate to full tannins lift dark plum, dried cherry, subtle vanilla bean and cocoa accents.” 94 JS
- 411 Chappellet “Signature” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 155.00**
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. " It is a marvellously compact and coiled-up wine with a towering structure. Very beautifully fragrant dried purple flowers and herbs. Full-bodied with loads of succulent ripe blackberry, creme de cassis, graphite, and loamy earth. Very firm, tight-grained tannins form the base note of this wine, and the finish is long and rich in wild herbs and spices. Cellar worthy. It will release internationally in September 2024. It is rounded out with 6% Merlot.” 96 D
- 380 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2022 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.
- 369 Mt. Brave Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, CA 2019 203.00**
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 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Mount Veeder wine loaded with strong savory and mineral accents. Black fruit, graphite menthol and licorice lend complexity to this huge, explosive Cabernet Sauvignon. The tannins are pretty fierce at this stage, so readers should plan on being patient.” 97 D

388	Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, CA 2021		221.00
	<i>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. "More Cabernet-dominated, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five checks in as 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot, and a splash of Malbec. It has incredible purity in its cassis, graphite, lead pencil, and camphor on the nose and a concentrated, medium to full-bodied, layered style on the palate that stays tighter and more compact than the TD-9." 96 JD</i>		
356	Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2018	97JS	290.00
342	Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019	96D	300.00
	<i>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.</i>		
465	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2014	99 WA	360.00
344	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2016	100 JD	430.00
496	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2017	96 WA	440.00
404	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2018	98 JD	455.00
542	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2019	99 WA	473.00
535	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2021	99 D	485.00
	<i>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.</i>		
629	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2011	96 WA	390.00
317	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2014	98+ WA	434.00
420	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2015	98+ WA	460.00
450	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2016	100 V, 100 WA	475.00
546	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2017	98 WA, 98 JD	480.00
301	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2018	100 JD	585.00
340	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2019	98 WA	613.00
308	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2021	98 WA	625.00
	<i>"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</i>		



and superb opulence. The finish is always one to be remembered. It is a flamboyant wine that speaks of pure California.” Wine Advocate

653	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2017	96 D	645.00
515	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2018	99 JS	700.00
472	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2019	99 JS, 99 WA	675.00
341	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2021	99 JS, 99 JD	680.00

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 2020		48.00
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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. “This Merlot is showing a little heat at 15% abv, but it doesn't detract too much from the wine's other qualities. Blackberry and vanilla cupcake aromas are joined by wisps of fresh basil and wet slate. The wine's ripe blueberry and orange pekoe tea flavors are ably supported by silky tannins and just enough acidity.” 90 WE

309	Januik Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2020		54.00
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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. “This has aromas of grilled plums, orange peel, peach pits, tobacco and cedar. Polished and medium- to full-bodied, with fine-grained tannins and an elegantly spiced, pretty finish.” 92 JS

322	Northstar Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2021		69.00
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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. “A delicious red with enveloping layers of mulberries, black cherries, chocolate and coffee beans. It's full-bodied with broad, berry-soaked tannins. 82% merlot and 18% cabernet sauvignon.” 92 JS

Pinot Noir

-California

- 633 Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2021 52.00**
 *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 2022 58.00**
 *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 widely available bottling should satisfy most people’s desires in a domestic Pinot Noir. Boisterous aromas of pomegranate, cherry compote, toasted sage and bay leaf combine the fruit with the earth. The palate is joyous in black cherry-cola flavors, as a bright acidity and peppery spice fires up the finish.” 93 WE*
- 427 Walt Pinot Noir “La Brisa”, Sonoma County, California 2022 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. “Redolent of cinnamon, Bing cherry and sarsaparilla on the nose, this Pinot gains depth, purity and focus as it hits the palate. Flavors of dried raspberries, fried shiitake mushrooms, fresh mint and pithy tangerine peel along a seamless and vibrant finish.” 93 WE
- 485 Walter Hansel Pinot Noir “South Slope”, Russian River Valley, CA 2021 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. “The 2021 Pinot Noir The South Slope Vineyard is a classic Steven Hansel wine. A rush of dark cherry, plum lavender, rose petal and licorice are all dialed up. This boisterous, exuberant Pinot Noir has a ton of character. Plush contours wrap it all together in style. The 2021 will be nearly impossible to resist on release. What a knock-out!” 96 V
- 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
- 330 Paul Lato “Suerte” Solomon Hills Vineyard Pinot Noir, SMV, CA 2020 141.00**
Paul Lato’s story is as exceptional as his wines. Born in Poland, Lato was a successful sommelier in Toronto, but harbored a dream of becoming a winemaker. After short stints working for Jim Clendenen (proprietor of famed California Pinot pioneer Au Bon Climat) and as a cellar-rat at Bien Nacido, Lato began making his own wines in 2002 with a scant 500 cases of Pinot Noir and Syrah (two notoriously difficult grapes to work with). Fast forward two decades, including a chance meeting with Robert Parker, some fortuitously-timed help from Thomas Keller and Paul Lato Winery is now widely considered one of California’s top producers of Burgundian and Rhone varietals. “The 2020 Pinot Noir Suerte Solomon Hills Vineyard comes from 20-year-old vines farmed by Chris Hammell and was matured for 17 months in 52% new French oak. It has a pale ruby color and deep scents of cranberry, sour cherries, Earl Grey tea, licorice, mushrooms and autumn leaves. The medium-bodied palate is concentrated and supple with fireworks of fresh acidity to call you back on the long, flavorful finish.” 96 WA
- 343 Paul Lato “Seabiscuit” Zotovich Vineyard Pinot Noir, SMV, CA 2020 147.00**
“Looking at the Sta. Rita Hills releases, the 2020 Pinot Noir Seabiscuit Zotovich Vineyard has a complex bouquet of spiced red berry fruits as well as forest floor, loamy earth, baking spices, and some sea-like brine and iron nuances. Beautiful on the palate, it’s tight, structured, and focused, with medium to full-bodied richness, present tannins, and a great finish. It needs a year or two, but this is brilliant juice.....I continue to be blown away by the wines of Paul Lato, and these are unquestionably some of the most profound and exciting wines coming from the Central Coast today. The lineup has grown substantially over the past decade, and Lato now releases upwards of five Chardonnays, six Pinot Noirs, two Grenaches, three Syrahs, a Sauvignon Blanc, and a Malvasia. Despite the number of wines, quality hasn’t slipped an inch, and the wines show incredible site and varietal typicity always paired with sensational fruit and balance. In short, don’t miss these wines!” 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 2023 50.00**
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 2022 58.00**
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. “This expressive red is dynamic, yet retains a sense of elegance and refinement, showing pomegranate and blueberry flavors underscored by river stone and dusky spice accents. Builds tension toward lively tannins. Drink now through 2032.” 94 WS
- 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 2021 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.” 94 WS
- 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 2021 139.00



Tony Soter is the founder of Soter Vineyards at Mineral Springs Ranch in Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon. Soter is a Portland, Oregon, native who began his remarkable 40-year winemaking career in the Napa Valley. After graduating from Pomona College in southern California with a degree in philosophy, Soter joined the staff at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars in 1975 to learn the trade. By 1982, he released his own wine under the Etude label, selling the winery almost 20 years later to Treasury Wine Estates. In the meantime, Soter worked as consulting winemaker for such world-famous Napa estates as Araujo (now Eisele), Chappellet, Dalla Valle, Shafer, and Spottswoode, among others. After almost 30 years in California, Soter moved back to Oregon and founded Soter Vineyards in 1997, where he is still making some of the most heralded pinot noirs in the state. "The 2021 Pinot Noir Mineral Springs Ranch comes to life in the glass: suggestions of cola, rubbed sage, and dark chocolate complicate peppery wild berries. It's soft and round with brilliant acidity and fresh red and blue fruits swirling throughout. A mineral tension slowly builds as the 2021 finishes long and lightly structured with a slowly fading saturation of tart berry concentration." 94 V, 94 WS

Zinfandel

424 Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2022 46.00

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. "Vivacious and briary, this Zin is generous with personality, offering blackberry, licorice and orange peel accents that zip along the zesty finish. Drink now through 2032." 93 WS

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 2022 71.00**
"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." "A jammy bomb of fruit, offering cherry pie and ripe raspberry flavors accented with toasty spice and briar notes as this energetic Zin zips along the zesty finish. Drink now through 2032." 93 WS
- 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 2021 105.00**
"The 2021 Zinfandel Turley Estate is bright, punchy and intensely savory. This St. Helena Zinfandel delivers the goods. Powerful and deeply resonant, the Estate is absolutely compelling. This Zinfandel, in reality a Zinfandel-based field blend of 24 varieties, is full of dynamism and character. It will likely need a few years to come together, but then watch out." 94 V
- 631 Turley Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard, Sonoma County California 2021 110.00**
"The 2021 Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard is a virile, explosive wine. Black cherry, plum, licorice, lavender and mocha infuse the Fredericks with tremendous depth and raw power. Tasted next to the Monte Rosso, it shows a bit more unbridled intensity and breadth. This is one of the best recent vintages of the Fredericks I can remember tasting." 96 V

Syrah and Petite Sirah

- 315 Paul Lato Il Padrino Syrah, Sta Maria Valley, CA 2020 155.00**
Paul Lato's story is as exceptional as his wines. Born in Poland, Lato was a successful sommelier in Toronto, but harbored a dream of becoming a winemaker. After short stints working for Jim Clendenen (proprietor of famed California Pinot pioneer Au Bon Climat) and as a cellar-rat at Bien Nacido, Lato began making his own wines in 2002 with a scant 500 cases of Pinot Noir and

Syrah (two notoriously difficult grapes to work with). Fast forward two decades, including a chance meeting with Robert Parker, some fortuitously-timed help from Thomas Keller and Paul Lato Winery is now widely considered one of California's top producers of Burgundian and Rhone varietals. 'The 2020 Syrah Il Padrino Bien Nacido Vineyard also saw a touch of stems (5%) and was aged 19 months in two-thirds new French oak. Coming from a cooler site, it has a deep ruby/plum color as well as a great nose of ripe blackberry and mulberry fruits, notes of charred meat, iron, and baking spices, full-bodied richness, ripe and integrated tannins, and a great, great finish. Out of the two Syrahs, this beauty is a touch more balanced and elegant, and also has slightly more mid-palate density. Regardless, both are brilliant, singular wines that readers will love.' 98JD

399	Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2013	95 WA	160.00
394	Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2014	95 V	160.00
409	Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2015	95 + WA	165.00
393	Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2017	94 JD	170.00
609	Shafer "Relentless" Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2019	96 JD	173.00

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

313 Cayuse "Cailloux" Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, Washington 2021 205.00



Christophe Baron grew up among the vineyards and cellars of his family's centuries-old Champagne house, Baron Albert. His sense of adventure, however, led him to become the first Frenchman to establish a winery in Washington State. While visiting the Walla Walla Valley in 1996, Christophe spotted a plot of land that had been plowed up to reveal acres of softball-sized stones. This stony soil, this terroir, was just like that of some of the most prestigious French appellations. The difficult ground would stress the grapevines, making them produce more mature, concentrated fruit. He named his vineyard after the Cayuse, a Native American tribe whose name was taken from the French cailloux--which means, rocks. Hours of back-breaking work later, Cayuse Vineyards has become five vineyards encompassing 41 acres. "It's only appropriate that a wine named after pebbles should have a distinct post-rain wet patio slate quality backing up aromas of blackberry, lilac and lychee. The thick palate is blessed with sturdy tannic structure and complex flavors of bone marrow, black cherry, peach and sweet Sun Gold tomatoes." 97 WE

401 Cayuse "Armada" Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, Washington 2020 235.00



"Coming from higher density plantings just beside the estate, the 2020 Syrah Armada Vineyard is one of the standouts in the vintage and has a beautiful core of fruit as well as mid-palate density. Ripe black cherries, blackberries, ground pepper, iodine, rose petals, and crushed stone define the aromatics, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a broad, layered mouthfeel, gorgeous tannins, and a great, great finish. This unquestionably competes with the top wines in the vintage. Give bottles 2-4 years in the cellar and enjoy through 2040." 98 JD

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 amd merlots really stand out here.
- 521 Château Fombrauge Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2020 93.00**
A Grand Cru of Saint-Emilion, the Chateau Fombrauge 2020 is made from a blend of Merlot (90%) and Cabernet Franc (10%). A Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classe, Chateau Fombrauge is located on the right bank of Bordeaux. Its vineyard is one of the oldest in Saint-Emilion. "From vines surrounding one of Saint-Emilion's most beautiful château, this wine is massively rich with dense tannins, dark chocolate and rich berry flavors. Obviously, it has a fine future, ripe with powerful fruits and structure." 95 WE
- 391 Château Lassègue Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2019 117.00**
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 so fine and refined with currant, crushed stone, lime stone and fresh mushroom. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins that run the length of the wine. Minerally finish. Tight and racy. Drink after 2025, but already beautiful." 96 JS
- 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 winegrower 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.*
- 466 Lynch Bages "Echo de Lynch Bages", Pauillac 2020 137.00**
Château Lynch Bages is one of the most well-known estates in Bordeaux. It was classified as a Fifth Growth in 1855, and less than a hundred years later was acquired by the legendary Jean-Michel Cazes. He bought Château Lynch Bages shortly before World War II and the property has stayed within the Cazes family ever since. The team at Lynch Bages chose the name Echo de Lynch Bages because it shares the elegance and character of the grand vin. "Offering classic Pauillac notes of blackcurrants, scorched earth, violets, and lead pencil, the 2020 Echo De Lynch Bages is a big, rich, nicely concentrated wine that shows the fresh yet powerful style of the vintage beautifully. It's a terrific second wine, yet one that's going to benefit from a few years of bottle age. The blend is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot." 94 JD, 96 JS


- 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 2021** **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. "Textured, layered and focused. It expresses notes of dark berries, roasted meat, warm spices, bay leaves and some dried thyme. Medium-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Plenty of energy, focus and structure. More compact toward the finish." 92 JS
- 406** **Château de Rouanne Vinsobres Rouge 2019** **56.00**
Château de Rouanne is a historic estate with a 12th century medieval castle, situated on a classified Roman site located in the southern Rhône Valley. The name of the estate comes from "Rugius", which is said to be the name of the original Roman owner. The estate totals 177 acres (72 hectares), including 153 acres (62 hectares) of vines. Château de Rouanne was purchased by Louis Barruol, owner and winemaker of Château de Saint Cosme, in May of 2019. Barruol sees enormous potential in Château de Rouanne, having worked with the previous owners for years as a source for some of his négociant wines. "It reminds me a lot of Saint Cosme when I took it over in 1992. It's an unknown sleeping beauty waiting for a vigneron to truly love it." Château de Rouanne is located in the appellation of Vinsobres, which was established in 2006. The appellation is situated in the northern part of the southern Rhône. Like Gigondas, it is a relatively cool-climate region thanks in part to the "Pontias", a cold, nocturnal wind that blows down from the Alps into the valley through the town of Nyons and into Vinsobres. Vinsobres is particularly known for producing outstanding Syrah-based wines. "Delivers a nice saturated feel without being heavy, letting cherry and plum paste notes unfurl slowly, along with violet, licorice root and warm humus accents, which all blossom steadily through the savory finish." 92 WS
- 407** **Domaine du Vieux Lazaret Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 2021** **83.00**
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. “Black-plum and mulberry notes are plump and easy on the palate of this velvety, plush red. Ripe and rich, it's elegantly balanced by crisp acidity and fine, firm tannins. Primary and fruity now, with delicate hints of nut and spice, it should develop earth and spice tones through 2025.” 92 WE

- 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 34.00**
- “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 2019 60.00**
- 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. “The 2019 Rioja Reserva, their flagship wine, comes from the 300 hectares of estate vineyards. Here, Tempranillo is the backbone, making up 87% of the wine in the low-yielding vintage of 2019 and complemented with 6% Graciano, 5% Mazuelo and 2% Garnacha. This is the second vintage in the new winery. It's a balsamic and spicy version—a wine with muscle that they aged for a longer time in barrel, and it's more traditional and serious. It's ripe at 14.5% alcohol, a pH of 3.65 and 5.3 grams of acidity. They seek balance between fruit and oak, looking for freshness. A more powerful year.” 93 WA

- 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 2021 50.00**
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. "Plenty of fruit on the nose with a nice reductive and peppery edge. Dark cherries and strawberries with spiced plums and violets. Firm, flavorful and medium- to full-bodied on the palate with tight, fine-grained tannins. Fresh, fruit-oriented finish." 93 JS
- 638 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2020 51.00**
"The 2020 Cabernet Franc incorporates a 10% touch of Malbec and originates from Gualtallary in the Uco Valley. It underwent a 15-month aging process in used. It's a dark and intense purple color. The nose reveals notes of ashes and herbs, interwoven with a subtle hint of jalapeño, set against a backdrop of black fruit and cedar. Dry and delicately lean, the palate is tightly structured and juicy, thanks to its fine-grained tannins. The vibrant palate concludes with a lingering thyme finish." 93 V
- 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 2020 77.00**
"A confident blend of Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with a splash of Petit Verdot, aged in new and used French oak for just over a year. Plush black fruit aromas woven with spice, chocolate, mint and violets. Rich, but well-balanced palate, with fine tannins and balancing freshness. Layers of black berries, cherry, cranberry, dark chocolate, spice and pencil shavings, with a lingering finish." 93 D

- 643 Catena Zapata Argentino Vineyard Malbec, Mendoza 2021 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. "The very young but already harmonious 2021 Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino has one of the showier labels from the Catena portfolio. 2021 was a cooler year, as cold as 2016, but instead of a wet year like 2016, it was dry. The wine is juicy and reveals a vibrant palate and very clean and focused aromas and flavors. It's clean and precise with varietal aromas of violets, ripe berries and herbs and a spicy touch from the élevage in oak. It's another great vintage for this blend of grapes from the vineyards of Angélica (Lunlunta) and Nicasia (Altamira). It's nicely textured and tasty, medium to full-bodied and with a vibrant finish." 96 WA

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 2021 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.
- 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 with 2-3 years in bottle." 97+ pts Wine Advocate

Chile

- 651 Lapostolle Cuvée Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 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. "An elegant and pretty complex expression with an array of red and black cherries, grilled spices, tapenade and roasted red pepper. Some firm, nicely chewy tannins on the medium- to full-bodied palate gives a tight structure to the juicy fruit. Dialled back and fresh. Shows the angular tannins from the granitic soils." 94 JS

- 384 Clos Apalta “Le Petit Clos”, Apalta, Chile 2020 99.00**
 *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. “A beautiful delivery of Petit Clos with spiced black cherries, cassis, olives and some red capsicums to the nose. Chalky tannins are densely packed on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Tight, structured and fine-grained. Very long.” 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 98JS 229.00**
359 Clos Apalta, Apalta Chile 2019 99JS 231.00
 *Everything started in 1994 when Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet first arrived in Chile’s Colchagua Valley. They quickly realized its potential for producing world-*


class wines. This ideal setting, which was revitalized in 1995, was home to vines originating from pre-*phylloxera* rootstock brought from Bordeaux in the middle of 19th century. Today it is Charles de Bournet Marnier Lapostolle, seventh generation of the family, who holds the reins of the Winery. Together with him is Jacques Begarie, Technical Director & Winemaker, under the advice of the famous winemaker Michel Rolland, who is personally involved in the whole production of Clos Apalta. In its short history, Clos Apalta wines have consistently ranked among the highest rated wines by reputable wine trade publications, a testament of the rigorous standards implemented at the winery to produce outstanding wines.

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 an 60% Cabernet Franc wine. The blend is 60% Cabernet Franc, 31% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot, and 2% Merlot
- 300 Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2020 40.00**
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 2017 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. "Right up there with the best Stellenbosch Bordeaux-style blends from the exceptional 2017 vintage, this is a distinguished, patrician wine where everything is in place: tannins, acidity, oak and fruit concentration. Marrying Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, it has iodine and mint aromas, red berry and cassis flavours, subtle vanilla spice and impressive underlying structure. A red to cellar. 2024-35" 97 TA

White Wines and Dry Rosé

Dry Rosé

- 124 G.D. Vajra Rosabella Rosato DOC 2023, Piedmont, Italy 36.00**

Experience the vibrant beauty of spring with G.D. Vajra Rosabella Rosato 2023. This captivating rose embodies the delicate essence of Piemonte. Crafted from Nebbiolo grapes, it reveals a translucent style bursting with floral and wild berry aromas. With careful winemaking and early picking, G.D. Vajra captures the grape's signature freshness and minerality.

Chardonnay

- 104 Goldschmidt Vineyards 'Embankment' Chardonnay, RRV, CA 2022 44.00**
A very unique Chardonnay from the oldest Chardonnay vineyard in California. The age of these vines, over 50 years old, gives the wine beautiful tropical flavors and a natural balance.

- 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
- 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 110.00**
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 2022 112.00**
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. “A stunningly beautiful Chardonnay, the Rosemary’s is from the coolest site, the cool Talley Estate. Planted in 1987 to complement the Pinot Noir planted across the estate driveway. Within three to five years, this wine will become ethereal. Beguiling aromatics of lemon

verbena, English hawthorn and concentrated grilled fleshy pineapple with a kiss of herbaceous wild tarragon. The texture is extraordinary, and 14 months of sur lie elevage in 30% new French oak has imparted intense lemon curd flavours, lemon oil and grilled lemon peel. There's a soaring minerality marked by briny sea air, bright white pepper and savoury notes of cardamom mark the finish." 95 D

- 165 Shafer Vineyards "Red Shoulder Ranch", Napa Valley, CA 2022 130.00**
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. "All elegance and silk, this beautifully balanced wine offers a lively texture, with subtle lemon, toast and kiwi flavors on a full body. The mouthfeel is graceful and mouthwatering, backed by acidity that perfectly meets the generous fruit flavors. Making a wine of this caliber in thousands of cases is quite an accomplishment." 97 WE


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, Veneto, Italy DOC 2022 32.00**
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 2022 36.00**
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 2022 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 2023 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. “This Lugana is a ripe and mineral expression of the local Turbiana variety. Aromas of lemon leaf, subtle apricot skin and sweet, creamy yellow fruits mingle with a smoky nuance. Intense and pithy, fresh and floral, its succulent yellow fruit flavours develop notes of citrus peel on the finish. Gorgeous” 91 D
- 109 Broglia Gavi di Gavi “La Meirana”, Piedmont DOCG 2022 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. “Lemons, sliced apples, wet stones and apricots on the nose. Creamy, medium-bodied and fresh, with deliciously clear stone fruit and a mineral touch at the end.” 91 JS
- 170 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, Trentino Alto Adige DOC 2023 50.00**
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, 2023 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

- 158 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2023 34.00**

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. "This leaps out of the glass, with expressive, intense fruit flavors of silky smooth lemon meringue, mango, tangerine and fresh-cut apple. Candied ginger and green tea notes join a detail of salted lime before lingering on the mouthwatering finish." 93 WS
- 150 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2023 38.00**
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.
- 114 Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2023 50.00**
One of Marlborough's pioneering winemakers, Kevin Judd's appreciable career is intrinsically linked with the global path of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Kevin's personal venture, Greywacke (pronounced "grey-wacky"), was unveiled in 2009, fulfilling a long-held dream for himself and wife Kimberley. "Fragrant aromas of candied citrus, guava and orange blossoms followed by nettles, sage and box trees. Medium-bodied, mouthwatering acidity. Vibrant and aromatic." 92 JS
- 105 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2023 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 2023 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."

Spanish White

- 116 Licia Albariño, Rias Baixas DO, Spain 2023 39.00**
Jose Limeres, a native of the Galician town of Pontevedra and owner of several successful restaurants in Madrid, entered the wine business in 1985 when he was searching for a reliable supplier of quality wines for his restaurants. He bought his first property in O Rosal and planted native varieties that flourished in the area's unique climate and soil. The resulting wines proved a

hit, particularly his Albariño, which strikes just the right balance of sugar and acidity. Bodegas La Val is located in the DO of Rías Baixas, in Galicia. His wines undergo cold maceration and fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Licia Albariño has strong varietal characteristics with hints of grapefruit, candied fruit, quince jelly, notes of fresh herbs, green apples, and minerals. It is full bodied and well balanced, highlighting the aromas of citrus and green apple, with a long and persistent finish. This wine pairs deliciously with grilled fish—or any kind of seafood—rice dishes, salads and grilled vegetables.

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 2016 (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 2022 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 2021 (375ml) 115.00**
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 67.00**
"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 103.00**
"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
- 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