

TOP 100 BEST BUYS OF 2019

Delicious
wines
for \$15
or less.



BY THE EDITORS OF *WINE ENTHUSIAST*

We all want to find a fantastic bottle of wine that doesn't break the bank. But with an ever-growing selection, how do you decide? A catchy label might draw attention, but you know that what really matters is what's inside the bottle.

That's where our Best Buys come in. Priced at \$15 or less, these are quality-driven pours that provide the most bang for your buck. Each year, more than 1,300 reviewed wines earn this coveted designation—a number that could cause anyone's head to spin.

So in the hopes of making it easy, we assemble the Top 100 Best

Buys list, highlighting some of the best value-driven wines on the market today.

This year's showcases wines from 17 countries, including sought-after pours like California Pinot Noir, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Chianti and rosé from Provence. For those who enjoy exploring the world through wine while maintaining their budgets, there are also plenty of examples from Spain, Austria, South Africa, Georgia, India and beyond.

And if you're searching for the best wines to serve at a party, look for the exciting large-format or canned options that grace this year's list.

Great wine truly comes in all shapes and sizes.

1



91 Beringer 2017 Founders' Estate Pinot Noir (California). This medium- to full-bodied wine is one of the best values in Pinot today. It shows classic black- and red-cherry aromas, a broad palate of dark fruits and light oak spices. Lifted acidity and moderate tannins complete the nicely composed picture. —J.G.
abv: 13.9% **Price:** \$10

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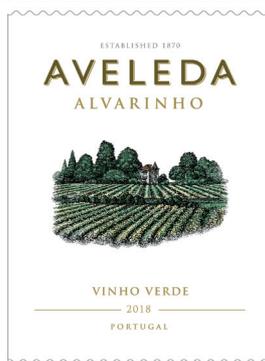
90 Dark Horse NV Brut Bubbles (California). This can of bubbles offers a lot of Chardonnay character in the apple and pear aromas and a lightly toasty vanilla accent. The flavors are layered but light and the acidity is fresh. —J.G.
abv: 10% **Price:** \$6/375 ml

3



89 Pacific Rim 2017 Sweet Riesling (Columbia Valley). The aromas are vibrant, with notes of tangerine peel, lime zest and jasmine. It drinks medium sweet, with plentiful stone fruit and citrus flavors, with zippy acidity on the finish. Yum. —S.S.
abv: 8.5% **Price:** \$10

4



90 Aveleda 2018 Alvarinho (Vinho Verde). The ripe, creamy character of Alvarinho from the Monção and Melgaço subregion of Vinho Verde gives this wine a smooth character that is sharpened by touches of minerality. It is packed with refreshing fruitiness from the lingering juicy acidity. Aveleda Inc. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$12

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91 Three Thieves 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (California). This exuberant wine is packed with expressive fruit aromas and irresistible

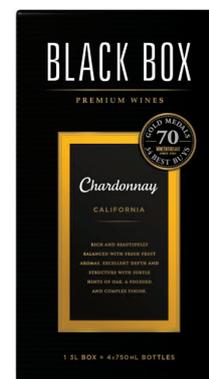
flavors that range from cherry to black plum and blackberry. No noticeable oak gets in the way of the wine's fruit flavors. Medium body, good balance and gentle tannins make it easy to sip. —J.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$11

6



90 Bonpas 2017 Légende de Bonpas White (Luberon). While the nose is demure, the palate of this medium-bodied white offers loads of fresh white grapefruit, peach and apricot flavors. Made from a blend of Clairette, Grenache Blanc, Ugni Blanc and Vermentino, it's fresh and fruity yet edged by veins of salt and chalk. Enjoy this brightly balanced wine now—2022. Boisset Collection. —A.I.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$10

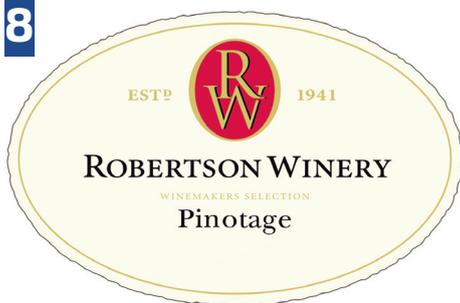
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88 Black Box 2017 Chardonnay (California). This is a rich style of Chardonnay that shows pear and apple aromas, with vanilla and butter flavors. The palate offers a good balance of ripeness and natural acidity. It's medium in body and smoothly textured without feeling too soft. —J.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$25/3 L



8



89 Robertson Winery 2017 Pinotage (Robertson). There are lovely top notes of sweet smoke, hickory-cured bacon and sweet cedar grounded by rich, ripe red cherry, raspberry and mulberry throughout this wine. It's smooth and slightly creamy in feel, with plush red-berry flavors, fine yet structuring tannins and ample acidity to lift the inherent sweetness. The finish offers an exhale of more sweet cured meat and smoke tones, with some brambly berry on the back. Indigo Wine Group. —L.B.

abv: 14%

Price: \$10

9



90 D'Arenberg 2016 The Stump Jump Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvèdre (McLaren Vale). Ripe plums and red berries are followed by licorice, flowers and tarmac aromas. The palate is plump and rich, with a vice-like grip of savory, woody, tight-grained tannins, lifted acidity and crunchy red fruit. Still finding its feet, this could use a few more years in bottle. Drink 2020–2030. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$13

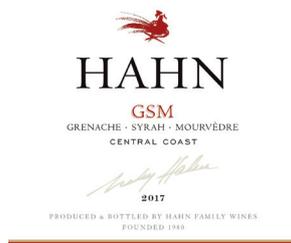
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89 Clos de Nit 2017 Red (Montsant). Pulp, grapy berry aromas are moderately concentrated. This blend of Garnacha, Carignan and three other red grapes feels grabby and pulpy, while flavors of blackberry and raspberry are slightly minty and herbal. Crisp tannins keep the finish in line. Winesellers, Ltd. —M.S.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$10

11



92 Hahn 2017 G-S-M (Central Coast). Freshly crushed blackberry, leafy herbs, charred meat and a hint of oak show on the nose of this value blend of 65% Grenache, 33% Syrah and 2% Mourvèdre. It's fresh on the palate in a black currant flavor yet savory in smoked meat, all framed by bright acidity and layered tannins. —M.K.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$15

12

91 Buchegger 2018 Holzgasse Grüner Veltliner (Niederösterreich). A touch of green-pear peel is all the nose gives away. The palate comes in with proper savoriness where yeast, dried yarrow and citrus pith figure. This is fresh but easy, textured but bright. The finish is dry and fresh. David Bowler Wine. —A.K.

abv: 12%

Price: \$12

13



89 Oak Grove 2018 Family Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (California). Crisp and tangy, this light- to medium-bodied wine offers tones of citrus, green apple and a touch of tropical fruit. It is smooth and easy to enjoy. —J.G.

abv: 13%

Price: \$9

14

91 Château Maison Noble Saint Martin 2016 Red (Bordeaux). Bold tannins, rich wood flavors and equally rich black fruits have produced a powerful wine. Its richness and concentration are going to yield an impressive wine as it develops. Drink from 2022. Misa Imports. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$13

15

91 Pacific Redwood 2018 Organic Syrah (California). This full-bodied and immensely fruity wine, with no added sulfites, has such intense and concentrated fruit that the black fig, dried cherry and blackberry seem to tumble over each other in the aromas and then spread rapidly over the palate. The wine is all about generosity, ripeness and mouthfeel, which build up to a lingering finish. —J.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$14

16

90 Parras Vinhos 2016 Castelo do Sulco Seleção dos Enólogos Reserva Red (Lisboa). This generous wine offers flavors of licorice and black fruit. It comes from a blend of Touriga Nacional and Aragonez grown on the Quinta do Gradil estate. Rich and full of fruit, drink now. MS Walker. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$12

17

89 Domaine Bousquet 2018 Made with Organic Grapes Malbec (Tupungato). Black fruit aromas are bold and friendly, but simple in a good way, meaning the nose is open and uncomplicated. A dense, chewy palate is ripe and full, while this Malbec tastes entirely of black fruits. A full finish shows mild heat and tannic grip but nothing that makes things difficult. WISD LLC. —M.S.

abv: 14%

Price: \$13

18

90 Pala 2017 Rosso Silenzio (Isola dei Nuraghi). A 50-50 blend of Carignano and Monica, this savory red opens with aromas of Mediterranean scrub, wild berry and a whiff of sea breeze. The smooth, juicy palate doles out raspberry compote, ripe black cherry and star anise alongside lithe tannins. Drink now. Banville Wine Merchants. —K.O.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$12

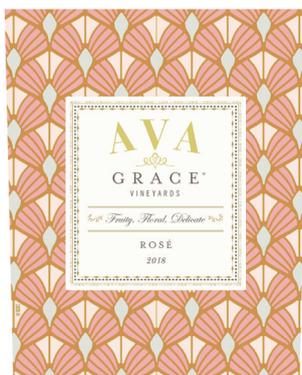
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90 Château Briot 2016 Red (Bordeaux). Ripe and rich, this juicy wine is full of black fruits. It is balanced, with soft tannins partnering with berry flavors and acidity. The wine will develop well, so drink from 2020. Europvin USA. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

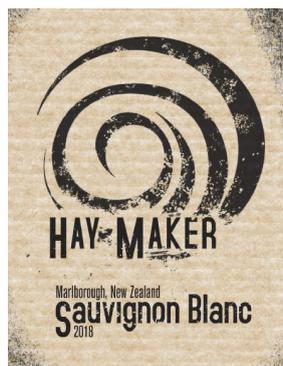
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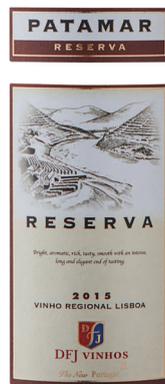
90 AVA Grace 2018 Fruity Floral Delicate Rosé (California). This medium-bodied wine finds an enjoyable point of balance between fruit flavors and crisp refreshment. Strawberry and raspberry aromas meet tangy yet light flavors that nevertheless have good depth and length. —J.G.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

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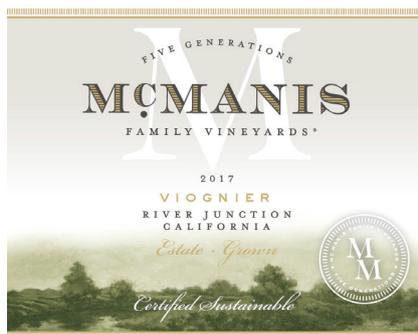
89 Hay Maker 2018 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough). This is an attractive, perfumed Sauvignon with heaps of lime popsicle, peach blossom and dried green herbs. The palate is both chalky and slippery in texture, nicely balanced by crunchy acidity, bright fruit and dried herbs. Accolade Wines. —C.P.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$12

22



90 DFJ Vinhos 2015 Patamar Reserva Red (Lisboa). This is a concentrated wine, with fine tannins that are fully integrated with the ripe blackberry flavor. It is rich and dense in feel, with a succulent texture. Drink now. Tri-Vin Imports. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

23



90 McManis 2017 Estate Grown Certified Sustainable Viognier (River Junction). This ripe and rich wine has orange blossom and honey aromas that lead to a palate of vanilla, orange and peach flavors. It displays a smooth, thick texture, with soft acidity and a creamy presence. —J.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

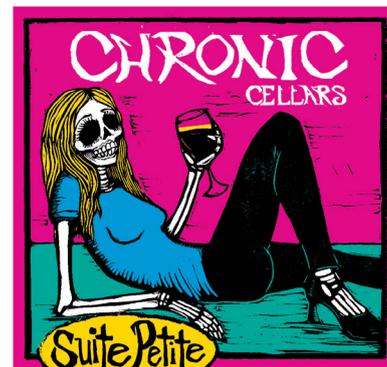
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90 Caracol Serrano 2016 Tinto Monastrell-Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon (Jumilla). This wine shows a lot of purity, balance and quality. A ripe, jammy nose is full of blackberry and cassis, while this blend of Monastrell, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon is big on the palate but jolted by wiry acidity. Flavors of spicy black fruits offer a touch of chocolate prior to a mild finish. This red from southeast Spain shoots and scores. Tri-Vin Imports. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

25

89 Adolf & Heinrich Fuchs 2018 Grüner Veltliner (Burgenland). An initial whiff of flinty reduction is dispelled with some air to reveal fresh, easy citrus and green-pear fruit. The palate is light, fresh and dry, but has some zesty concentration at its core and a very clean finish. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$10

26



91 Chronic Cellars 2017 Suite Petite (Paso Robles). The Beckett brothers deliver a wine that starts with aromas of concentrated blackberry jam, toasted wood, plum and violet. The palate is floral and fresh, with penetrating flavors of blueberry sorbet that rest against a strong tannic structure. —M.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$15

27

89 Amastuola 2018 Ondarosa Organic Rosato (Puglia). Made from organically grown Aglianico, this rosato offers ripe watermelon and strawberry on the nose alongside crushed stone and a balsamic edge. Tangy red fruit melds with lush melon on the palate, with dried herbs and more stone extending on the finish. For those looking for a structured yet fruity offering, this is an excellent choice. Multiple U.S. importers. —A.P.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$10

28



91 Casa Relvas 2017 Herdade de São Miguel Colheita Seleccionada Red (Alentejano).

A blend of four grapes, including Touriga Nacional and Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine comes from the Relvas family home vineyard. It is juicy in bright acidity and full of young, firm tannins. Drink from 2020. Quintessential Wines. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

29

91 Ca' Momi 2016 Rosso (California). Lush and plush, this spice box of a wine offers a velvety, mouthfilling texture and a nicely soft structure of melted tannins. It is scented with pencil shavings, cinnamon and tobacco and shows lingering flavors of cherry and crème de cassis. —J.G.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

30

91 A to Z 2018 Riesling (Oregon). Off-dry in style, this pops out a tasty mix of orange, grapefruit and apple fruit, with acidity that suggests a dash of lemon tea. There are more highlights, unexpected in a wine at this price, bringing floral and honey notes on through a lingering finish. —P.G.

abv: 12%

Price: \$15

31



90 Gnarly Head 2017 Old Vine Zinfandel (Lodi).

This full-bodied wine is saturated with berry and bramble flavors, pushing the edge of sweetness. It's big and mouthfilling, but light on tannins, giving a jammy sensation that's

supplemented by traces of dried sage and black pepper. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$13

32

90 Wakefield 2017 Promised Land Cabernet Sauvignon (South Australia).

This aromatic Cab opens with a plummy, red currant tang, flanked by white pepper, dried green herbs, graphite and a hint of dried flowers. Medium to full in body, the fruit is plush but bright, backed by herbal, graphite characters right through to the close. Soft-edged but grippy, grainy tannins and a streak of oak support without overwhelming. Seaview Imports. —C.P.

abv: 14%

Price: \$13

33

90 Guilbaud Frères 2018 Clos de Beauregard Vieilles Vignes Sur Lie (Muscadet Sèvre et Maine).

With records dating back to the 15th century, this walled *clos* has produced an intense wine that is ripe, full in the mouth and packed with lemon, apricot and apple fruits. These contrast with a touch of pepper at the end. Drink now. The House of Burgundy. —R.V.

abv: 12%

Price: \$13

34



89 Chateau Ste. Michelle 2017 Chardonnay (Columbia Valley).

This wine's aromas are pleasing, with notes of apple, cream and spice. Full-feeling yet nuanced fruit flavors follow. Spice notes linger on the finish. It displays a lovely sense of balance that kicks it up a notch. —S.S.

abv: 14%

Price: \$11

35



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90 Sula 2018 Estate Bottled Shiraz (Nashik).

Red-violet in color, this wine offers aromas of blackberry, bacon and black pepper. Flavors of raspberry, pomegranate, cured meat, coffee and freshly ground black pepper carry the palate. It is smooth in feel, mellowing out to a smoke-tinged orange-zest note on the finish. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —M.D.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$13

36



89 Dominio de Eguren 2016 Codice (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla).

A full black-fruit nose punches above its weight class, with depth of fruit and smokiness normally found in more expensive wines. A full, fleshy palate is held together by firm tannins, while this Tempranillo-led blend tastes of dark fruits, herbs and spices prior to a steady, lightly toasted finish. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. —M.S.

abv: 14%

Price: \$11

37



90 J. Lohr 2017 Riverstone Chardonnay (Arroyo Seco). This wine starts with plush aromas of yellow melon, plumeria, wild lime sorbet and a hint of cream. There is ample zip to the palate, where acidity and a strong floral character keep the honeydew and white peach flavors in check. —M.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$14

38

89 Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler 2017 Riesling (Mosel). Equal parts fruit and mineral, this charming semidry Riesling offers layers of juicy white-grapefruit and yellow-peach flavors juxtaposed by bracing hits of slate and earth. It's an approachably sweet-and-tart yet revitalizing wine to enjoy now through 2021. Miller Squared Inc. —A.I.
abv: 9.5% **Price:** \$11

39

89 Bulgariana 2016 Unoaked Chardonnay (Thracian Valley). Aromas of green apple, white flowers and white peach excite your palate for bright fruit flavors of Granny Smith apple and yellow peach. This wine is well balanced, with a crisp and clean finish. G&B Importers. —J.J.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

40



89 Gen5 2016 Merlot (Clarksburg). This medium-bodied wine tastes ultrafresh and fruity, feels rich and lightly tannic and has enough underlying concentration to add depth. Perfect for casual occasions. —J.G.
abv: 13.8% **Price:** \$11

41

90 CVNE 2016 Cune Crianza (Rioja). Berry, spice and tobacco aromas work in unison to give this Crianza a nice start. A firm palate avoids jamminess and shows grip. Dark plum, raspberry, spice and pepper flavors hold on through the finish. For everyday Rioja, there isn't much better than this. Arano LLC. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$14

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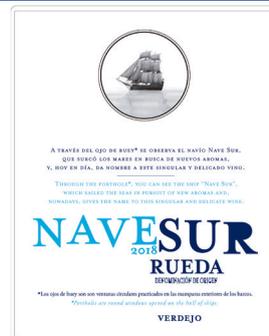
89 Höppler 2018 Pannonica Rosé (Weinland Österreich). Green pear, lemon and red currant are most appetizing on the nose. The palate introduces gentle, rounded but fresh strawberry notes on a light, dry body. All this is supported by a very slight spritz to yield a refreshing wine. USA Wine Imports. —A.K.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$11

43



89 Dr. Loosen 2017 Dr. L Dry Riesling (Mosel). Fresh pear, lemon and apple flavors are forward and fruity in this easy-quaffing dry Riesling. There's just a hint of minerality on the midpalate and zesty acidity lends an invigorating brace to the finish. Enjoy now–2021 for its refreshing style. Loosen Bros. USA. —A.I.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$12

44



88 Cuatro Rayas 2018 Nave Sur Verdejo (Rueda). As spring and summer take form, this deserves a spot in the patio lineup. The nose of this Verdejo is citrusy and round, but with snap. A fresh palate with firm acidity delivers a mix of melon and nectarine flavors. Finally, a tangy finish keeps this going in the right direction. Vinaio Imports. —M.S.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$9

45



90 Marisco Vineyards 2018 The Ned Pinot Gris (Marlborough). Less rosé-hued than the previous vintage, this Pinot Gris is hard not to like. The highly fragranced nose bursts with aromas of apples, lychees, lime blossoms and a touch of honey. The acidity on the palate is crisp but not searing, balanced by a dry, chalky-textured mouthfeel that finishes with a zing of lime zest that has you reaching for another sip. Drink now. Vinovia Wine Group/Marisco Vineyards USA. —C.P.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$14

46

90 Willm 2017 Réserve Pinot Blanc (Alsace). Hints of lemon and green pear on the nose become fully fleshed and expressive on the dry, fresh palate. Bright lemon provides freshness and grip throughout. It's a refreshing wine with a lively, brisk finish. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$14

47

87 Casa Agricola Santos Jorge 2018 Toutalga Red (Alentejano). This ripe wine offers red berry fruits sitting on a light texture. The acidity and the fruitiness are lifted, giving a ready-to-drink feel that is easy and open. Sarmento's Imports. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$7

48



90 Kendall-Jackson 2017 Vintner's Reserve Pinot Gris (California). Vivid pear and peach aromas give way to gentle, ripe but still crisp pear and floral flavors in this smooth and full-bodied wine. It's charming and aromatic, made more intricate by blending in small amounts of Viognier, Muscat, Roussanne and other varietals. —J.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$15

49

89 Zantho 2017 Blaufränkisch (Burgenland). Juicy black and red cherry create a very cheerful, appetizing nose. The palate presents the same juicy freshness and shows tar-edged fleshy black cherry. This is full to the brim with easy, juicy dark fruit. The finish is dry and gives one last hit of that black cherry. Winemonger. —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

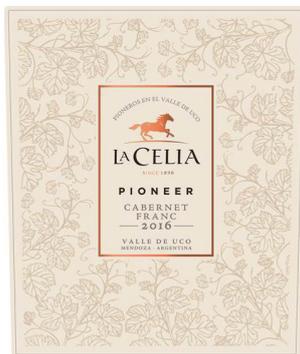
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89 Kourtaki NV Vin de Crete Vilana (Crete). Aromas of plum, black cherry and dried fruit lead into a vibrant balance of red fruit and spice. It's clean and focused, but complex. Nestor Imports. —S.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$12

51

90 Domaine Houchart 2018 Rosé (Côte de Provence). Always an attractive wine, this release remains as reliable in this vintage. The classic blend is full and ripe, with a touch of caramel as well as raspberry flavors. Lightly textured and full of fruit, it is ready to drink. David Milligan Selections. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$15

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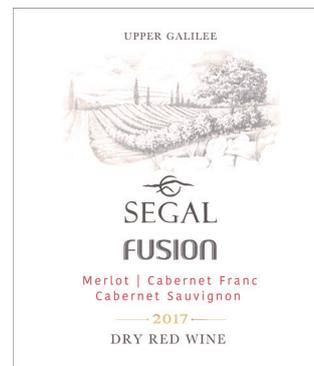
90 Finca la Celia 2016 Pioneer Cabernet Franc (Uco Valley). Saucy plum aromas are lightly herbal and suggest paprika or Spanish pimenton. A plump, grabby palate is tannic but not rough. Gamy dark-fruit flavors display grip across a structured, fresh finish, and overall this racy CF is a big success given the rainy El Niño conditions of 2016. Apollo Fine Wines & Spirits. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$15

53



87 Jacob's Creek 2017 Classic Merlot (Australia). This simple but thoroughly drinkable wine offers upfront raspberry, pepper, violet and eucalyptus notes. The fruit is a little sweet, but there's enough acidity to prop it up, as well as chalky tannins and a smooth mouthfeel. Pernod Ricard. —C.P.
abv: 13.9% **Price:** \$8

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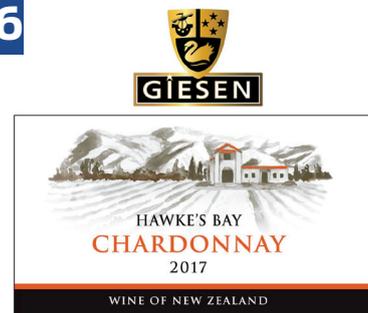


90 Segal's 2017 Fusion Merlot-Cabernet Franc-Cabernet Sauvignon (Galilee). Aromas of blackberry and juniper berry prepare the palate for flavors of cassis, dark plum, mocha, anise and a hint of mint. It is juicy at first, but robust tannins make their presence known, eventually winding down to a pomegranate finish. Mevushal. Royal Wine Corporation. —M.D.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$15

55

90 Wine by Joe 2018 Seabreeze Estate Pinot Blanc (Willamette Valley). This is a juicy and fruity wine, with forward and delicious flavors of apple and pear. The lively acidity adds a touch of grapefruit, keeping the mouthfeel fresh and the finish zesty. —P.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$14

56



90 Giesen 2017 Chardonnay (Hawke's Bay). Pale yellow in color, this wine shows notes of flint, salt and seashell along with tangerine, ginger and grapefruit. The palate is texturally rich but is lifted by bright acidity and offers a balanced combo of tangy citrus fruit and toasty oak spice. Drink now. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —C.P.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$15

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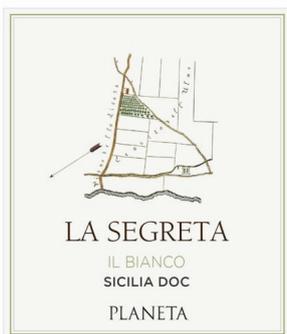
89 Milton Park 2017 Shiraz (South Australia).

Ripe, brambly berry fruit, florals and soft peppery spice on this wine are buoyed by crisp acidity and a tight line of tannins. An herbal tonic note appears on the finish. It's a straightforward but relatively bright-fruited Shiraz. Kysela Père et Fils. —C.P.

abv: 14%

Price: \$13

58



89 Planeta 2017 La Segreta Il Bianco (Sicilia).

Aromas of white stone fruit, citrus and pistachio take center stage on this fresh white. The fruity aromas carry over to the savory, light-bodied palate along with yellow peach. Taub Family Selections. —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$14

59

90 La Posta 2017 Armando Bonarda (Mendoza).

Grapy blackberry and black plum aromas come with oak spice on the side. While this is round in feel, the palate is packed with fruit flavors, blackberry and cassis in particular. Chocolate and toast notes grace a satisfying finish. Fans of Argentinean wines seeking something other than Malbec will be well served by this. Vine Connections. —M.S.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

60

90 Sokol Blosser NV Evolution Lucky No. 9 22nd Edition White (America).

This popular, fruity white blend includes portions of eight different grapes, yet pulls itself together in a refreshing, coherent style. Tart apple and grapefruit flavors are at the heart of it, with spice and flower notes as well. It's a fine, all-purpose white. —P.G.

abv: 12%

Price: \$15

61

88 Oxford Landing 2018 Chardonnay (South Australia).

This easygoing, fruity Chardonnay offers notes of stone fruit and lemon, with undertones of wool and ginger. Crisp, crunchy acidity freshens the fruit on the palate, which is chalky in texture and medium in weight. Drink up. Negociants USA—Winebow. —C.P.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$10

62

90 Shumi Winery 2016 Iberiuli Mtsvane (Kakheti).

This wine offers aromas of apple and lemon zest. It is bright at first sip and then fills out with flavors of lemon-lime, grapefruit, pineapple and honeysuckle, all framed by delicate tannins. Blue Danube Wine Co. —M.D.

abv: 13%

Price: \$15

63

90 Quinta de Curvos 2018 Curvos Alvarinho (Minho).

This ripe wine offers tropical fruit and a smooth texture lifted by bright acidity. The tangy, ripe character creates a juicy feel that lingers. Drink now. Regal Wine Imports Inc. —R.V.

abv: 13%

Price: \$15

64

90 Wagner 2017 Dry Riesling (Finger Lakes).

Refreshing aromas of lime, crushed stone, white peach and green-apple skin carry to the light-bodied palate, where a brisk tonic tone keeps things pristine and crisp. This dry-style Riesling is well balanced by tangy acidity and a pleasantly astringent green-plum-skin finish. —A.P.

abv: 12.3%

Price: \$15

65

90 Foris 2017 Dry Gewürztraminer (Rogue Valley).

This wine offers a deft mix of rose petal, baby powder and lychee aromas. There's plenty of spice, and, as it's bone dry, it matches well with peppery noodle dishes. —P.G.

abv: 14%

Price: \$15

66

88 Montecillo 2015 Crianza (Rioja).

Rubbery, slightly blackened aromas of berry fruits, beef stew and olive lead to a wide, fleshy palate with solid tannins. Black plum, vanilla and prune flavors are derived from a warm, dry vintage, and a mild chocolaty note unfolds on the round finish. Evaton, Inc. —M.S.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$11

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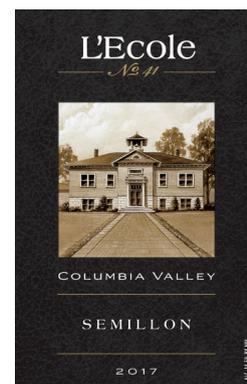
90 Kudos 2018 Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley).

A pale, pretty light-wheat hue, this surprises with exceptional concentration. It's a clean, fruit-driven style, notable for its varietally true scents and flavors of freshly cut pear. A delicate whiff of cinnamon invades the finish; all in all an outstanding bottle. —P.G.

abv: 13.4%

Price: \$15

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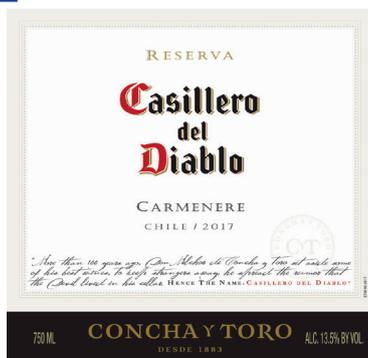
90 L'Ecole No. 41 2017 Semillon (Columbia Valley).

Aromas of fig and spice carry the nose of this lush white. The palate brings a lovely sense of texture, with notes of honeycomb, fig and tropical fruit. A warm finish caps it off. Like most examples of this variety, it needs time in the bottle to be fully appreciated, but it has all the stuffing. Best after 2019. —S.S.

abv: 14.5%

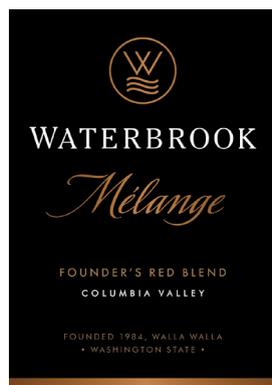
Price: \$15

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88 Concha y Toro 2017 Casillero del Diablo Reserva Carmenère (Central Valley). Aromas of blackberry and black cherry carry this easygoing Carmenère. Toasty black-fruit flavors offer a hint of smoke on the palate, with a balanced finish that ends clean. Fetzer Vineyards. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$12

70



89 Waterbrook 2017 Melange Founder's Red Blend (Columbia Valley). Cabernet Sauvignon (42%), Merlot (25%), Syrah (20%) and Cabernet Franc (13%) make up most of this wine. Pungent aromas of blueberry, plum, fresh herbs, flower, smoke and sweet spice lead to ripe, soft blue-fruit and herb flavors, with black currant notes on the finish. It hits the mark, with a pleasing sense of balance and enough structure to stand it up. —S.S.
abv: 14% Price: \$13

71

88 Funckenhausen 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mendoza). Burnt oak and dry barrel aromas dominate a nose with baked berry-fruit scents. A stout palate is dense and full, while this offers a burnt-oak lead flavor balanced by peppery spice notes, dark berry accents and toast. A spicy, peppery character lingers across a lively finish. Global Vineyard Importers. —M.S.
abv: 14% Price: \$17/1 L

72

88 El Coto 2018 Blanco (Rioja). Citrus and tropical-fruit aromas are fit and normal for this variety, which isn't common to Rioja. A pulpy body with acidic balance offers salty flavors of green melon and salad. On the finish, this tastes briny like a cactus pad. Drink right away. Opici Wines. —M.S.
abv: 12% Price: \$11

73

88 MAN Family Wines 2017 Ou Kalant Cabernet Sauvignon (Coastal Region). Prominent scents of mentholated herbs and black currant leaf form the nose of this wine, overriding the secondary black plum and berry aromas. The palate is full and structured, with fine yet supporting tannins and ripe black-fruit flavors that carry more intensity than the nose suggests. The finish is fruity and enduring, with lingering flavors of black plum and cherry. Vineyard Brands. —L.B.
abv: 14% Price: \$12

74



87 Schmitt Söhne 2017 Relax Riesling (Mosel). Whiffs of saffron and pollen lend a savory tone to this medium-sweet wine. It's easy-drinking yet vibrant, with notes of orange peel, lemon and dusty minerality. Racy acidity offers levity on the finish. DFV Wines. —A.I.
abv: 8.5% Price: \$10

75

89 Masseria Li Veli 2017 Orion Primitivo (Salento). Ripe cherry and blackberry aromas are lifted by orange and potpourri spices. Rounded in feel, the palate pops in bright, bouncy red-fruit flavors, with spicy tannins riding underneath. Accents of violet and graphite arise on the midpalate and extend through the finish. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —A.P.
abv: 14% Price: \$14

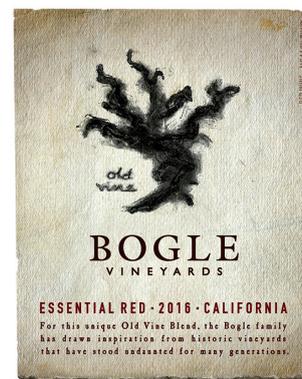
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89 Pierre Sparr 2017 One White (Alsace). Spicy grape and honeysuckle notes give this wine an aromatic bouquet. The light-bodied palate presents balanced freshness. It ends dry and with a sense of ease. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12% Price: \$14

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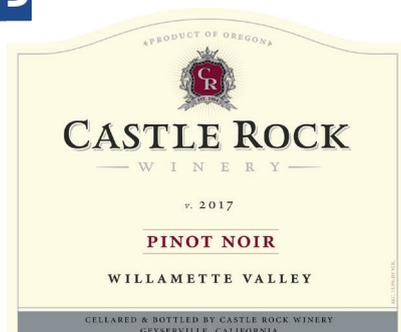
89 Masciarelli 2018 Trebbiano d'Abruzzo. Aromas of lemon peel, green apple, melon and chamomile translate to the light-bodied palate. It is silky upon entry, with persistent, drawing acidity that builds. Ripe fruit flavors mix with a delicate astringency to give an overall well-balanced appeal. Vintus LLC. —A.P.
abv: 13% Price: \$14

78



88 Bogle 2016 Essential Red (California). This friendly red wine is medium to full in body and shows warm generous fruit flavors like black cherries and blackberries. It has a smooth texture that keeps it easy to sip. —J.G.
abv: 14% Price: \$12

79



89 **Castle Rock 2017 Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley).** Right on the heels of the 2016 comes this early release from 2017. It's almost a twin—smooth, ripe and remarkable for the price. Flavorful berry and plum fruit with well-massaged notes of vanilla, tobacco and Bourbon combine to make this a most enjoyable everyday wine. That it's true Willamette Valley Pinot Noir is even better. —P.G.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$14

80



89 **Girasole 2017 Hybrid Red (Mendocino County).** Bold and structured, this Cabernet, Merlot and Zinfandel blend packs a punch in terms of its ripe fruit flavors, firm tannins and a grippy mouthfeel. The color is quite dark, the aromas are smoky and peppery and the core flavor is tart black cherry. —J.G.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$14

81

88 **Cantina di Carpi NV Brut Piazza Grande (Lambrusco di Modena).** Rose petal, wild strawberry and cherry aromas carry over to the bright palate along with a hint of white pepper. It's elegant and easy drinking, with a light mousse and fresh acidity. Libation Project. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$12

82

88 **DeMorgenzon 2018 DMZ Rosé (Stellenbosch).** There's a light bubblegum accent upfront, but it quickly subsides to reveal more central notes of watermelon rind and citrus zest. The palate is nicely balanced and harmonious, with ample acidity and bright red-berry flavors that have good staying power. The medium-length finish is bright and tasty, with a mouthwatering flourish of fresh citrus and tart strawberry flavor. Cape Classics. —L.B.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

83



88 **Nieto Senetiner 2017 Malbec (Mendoza).** A mild note of brine shares space with bolder black plum and berry aromas on the nose. It is zesty in feel, with ripe berry and dark plum flavors. Foley Family Wines. —M.S.
abv: 13.8% **Price:** \$13

84

87 **Folonari 2017 Chianti.** Wild berry and violet aromas lead the nose while the straightforward palate offers crushed raspberry, Marasca cherry and a hint of clove. It's light-bodied and easy drinking, with soft tannins. Drink soon. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$10

85

88 **Château de Nages 2018 Buti Nages Rosé (Costières de Nîmes).** This is a full-bodied but crisply balanced rosé. Dry in style, it offers pert red-cherry and raspberry flavors accented by a zesty mineral edge. It's an easy drinking, refreshing wine to enjoy young. Saranty Imports. —A.I.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

86

88 **Château Lamothe de Haux 2018 Bordeaux Blanc.** This crisp wine is bright, tangy and full of attractive lemon flavors. A ripper side suggests red apples. Drink this balanced wine now. Steep Hill Importing. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$13

87

88 **Teliani Valley 2018 Dry Saperavi (Kakheti).** Deep garnet in the glass, this wine features a bouquet of raspberry and fennel seed. Light tannins frame flavors of strawberry, pomegranate, butterscotch and orange rind, with a pleasant note of leather on the finish. Georgian House of Greater Washington, LLC. —M.D.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$13

88

88 **Dalton 2018 Canaan Red (Galilee).** With aromas of cranberry, apple peel and butterscotch, this violet-colored wine offers flavors of raspberry, black currant, coffee, aniseed and black pepper. There is a pleasing mix of fruit and spice flavors, backed by rigid tannins that start out very easygoing and then get stronger, fading into a cherry pie finish. Mevushal. Allied Importers, USA, Ltd. —M.D.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$13

89



87 **Two Birds One Stone 2018 Rouge (Vin de France).** Crushed violets, purple fruits, berries, boysenberry and bramble dance on the nose of this attractive red. The palate is smooth and plush in just-ripe red-fruit flavors, with ample acidity to balance the fruity concentration. A lingering juiciness resides on the finish, alongside hints of savory herbs and spices. **Best Buy.** —L.B.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$10

90

87 Marchesi de' Frescobaldi 2017 Rè mole (Toscana). Made with Sangiovese and a drop of Cabernet Sauvignon, this has aromas of red berry, baking spice and underbrush. The easygoing palate offers red cherry, clove and a hint of white pepper alongside smooth tannins. Enjoy soon to catch the fruit richness. Shaw-Ross International Importers. —K.O.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$10

91

87 Casa Santos Lima 2018 Lab Branco (Lisboa). With a perfumed touch of Moscatel in the blend, this wine is fragrant and tangy. Its orange peel flavor is enhanced by a ripe lemon fruitiness. Drink now. Multiple U.S. importers. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$10

92

87 Schlink Haus 2017 Riesling Kabinett (Nahe). Honeyed yet spry, this semidry, easy-drinking Riesling suggests fresh, primary white-grapefruit and lemon flavors. It's delicately sweet but refreshingly brisk. Enjoy now. Wein Bauer Inc. —A.I.
abv: 8% **Price:** \$10

93



87 Mezzacorona 2018 Pinot Grigio (Trentino). This opens with delicate aromas of spring wildflower and white stone fruit. The fresh, easy-drinking palate offers yellow apple, honeydew and a hint of citrus. Prestige Wine Imports Corp. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$11

94

88 Georges Vigouroux 2017 Gouleyant Malbec (Cahors). This easygoing wine is softly textured and full of blackberry fruits. It is ripe, fruity and ready to drink. Baron Francois Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$13

95

87 Altovinum 2016 Evodia Garnacha (Spain). Gritty red-berry aromas announce a Garnacha that's not overly ripe and definitely not heavy or jammy. A lean palate is slightly acidic and tannic, while this tastes of red currant and plum. Hard tannins circle back on a finish with mild heat. European Cellars. —M.S.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$10

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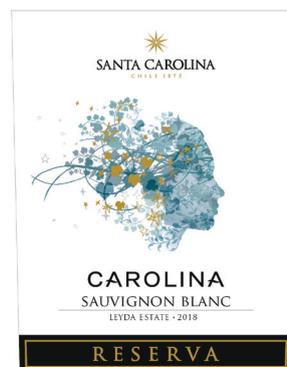
87 Fantini 2018 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. Aromas of ripe dark cherry, tobacco and mentholated herbs show a pleasing concentration on the nose. There's nice richness to the fruit on the palate, with zesty acidity and fine, sandy tannins framing it all. A bit simplistic and short, but nonetheless a solid weekday red. Empson USA Ltd. —A.P.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

97



87 De Bortoli NV DB Family Selection Sparkling Brut (Australia). This is a straightforward bubbly that's fruity and crisp in feel, with a slightly slippery texture. It ticks all the boxes. MHW, Ltd. —C.P.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$12

98



87 Santa Carolina 2018 Reserva Sauvignon Blanc (Leyda Valley). Spunky aromas of grapefruit and lime are typical for Leyda SB. A fairly full palate feels a bit oily, while this is briny and mildly salty tasting, with lime as the core flavor. A steady finish with moderate fullness and bright acidity is solid. Carolina Wine Brands USA. —M.S.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

99

87 Columbia Crest 2017 Grand Estates Syrah (Columbia Valley). Oak aromas are at the fore, with notes of green wood, coconut and vanilla. Plum and orange zest aromas are underneath. The lighter-styled palate shows more of the same. Fruit and barrel seem to tussle. —S.S.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$12

100

86 Barton & Guestier 2018 Réserve Sauvignon Blanc (Côtes de Gascogne). This grassy, herbal Sauvignon Blanc conveys touches of white grapefruit and gooseberry. Light and crisply textured, it finishes with a squeeze of lemon. Drink now. Barton & Guestier USA. —R.V.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$9