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95 **Giant Steps 2020 Applejack Vineyard Pinot Noir (Yarra Valley).** Grown on clay-loam soils, with tough ironstone rocks running through, this wine is the most savory and brambly of Giant Steps's single-vineyard Pinots. A thicket of red and blueberry fruit entwines with white pepper and other savory spices, dried roses and meaty bass notes. In the mouth, fleshy fruit is again met with lovely spice, cinched by fine tannins. There's freshness, structure and elegance here that makes this a complete wine now, but one that could cellar until around 2032. Jackson Family Wines. —C.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$65

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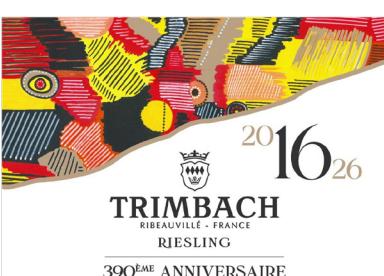


98 **Comm. G. B. Burlotto 2018 Monvigliero Nebbiolo (Barolo).** This wine is just stunning, starting with aromas of fragrant blue flower, red berry, camphor, dark spice and underbrush. Reflecting the aromas, the smooth, delicious palate delivers raspberry compote, ripe cherry, and licorice accompanied by polished tannins while fresh acidity offers youthful tension. Drink 2024–2038. Bacchanal Wine Imports. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$110

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95 **Trimbach 2016 390th Anniversaire Riesling (Alsace).** Notes of petrol and pear are focused and intense on the nose. The palate is bright and lemony, with a silky smoothness. A long, puckery finish leaves a tingly sensation, as well as delicious notes of dill, fennel frond and eucalyptus. This wine is a bit of a slow burner and could easily keep aging, but there's plenty here to enjoy and discover now. Taub Family Selections. —L.S.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$50

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97 **Weingut Knoll 2019 Ried Kreutles Loibner Smaragd Grüner Veltliner (Wachau).**

This is an absolutely brilliant expression of classic Wachau. Fabulous aromas and flavors of pineapple, ruby grapefruit and mineral turn to honey and vanilla spice midpalate, with an exquisite harmony that echos throughout. Viscous and round, yet vibrant and full of energy, this is impressive now, but if you show some patience you will be rewarded with an unforgettable wine. Best from 2025 through 2045. Circo Vino. —A.Z.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$58

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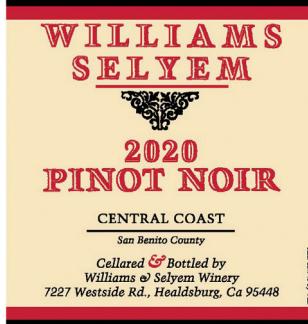


97 **Schramsberg 2013 J. Schram Blancs Sparkling Blend (North Coast).** A confident golden hue in the glass, the wine releases immediate aromas of fresh and baked green apple, lemon zest, just-cut grass, fresh and dried chamomile flowers, along with notes of pastry and crusty bread. The palate is carried by those lees tones, whilst always maintaining an aura of fruit and florals. The acidity along with a kiss of

sea-salt salinity rounds out the tasting perfectly. All characteristics continue to intertwine elegantly throughout the lingering finish. —S.B.
abv: 12.4%

Price: \$130

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96 **Williams Selyem 2020 Pinot Noir (San Benito).** This delicious bottling offers aromas of dark cherry that are ripe but polished, with toasted sagebrush and rugged violet elements making for a deep, penetrating and attention-grabbing nose. The palate is boldly appealing and hedonistic, showing wild herb, boysenberry and chai spice flavors. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$39

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97 **Clonakilla 2019 Shiraz-Viognier (Canberra District).** Clonakilla's Shiraz-Viognier was one of the first of its kind, ushering in a new era of more delicately aromatic and succulent Shiraz Down Under. It remains a benchmark of the style. The color of cherry juice, it's beautifully perfumed, with aromas of rose petals and white pepper atop earthier, meatier notes. Warm stone undertones back fresh squeezed raspberry, cherry and cranberry juice. In the mouth there's a succulence to the brambly fruit that comes like the pop of a fresh red berry in the mouth. Crunchy acidity and the raspy power of sappy, fine tannins add structure and complexity. This is finely crafted and distinctly cool climate Aussie wine that drinks well now but is capable of aging until 2037 at least. Winebow Imports. —C.P.

abv: 14%

Price: \$121

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94 **Charles Heidsieck NV Blanc de Blancs Brut Chardonnay (Champagne).** This Chardonnay-based Champagne from the Côte des Blancs is perfumed, fragrant. The citrus edge and minerality are in harmony, bringing together a wine that is taut, textured and ready to drink. Folio Fine Wine Partners. —R.V.

abv: 12%

Price: \$100

HOW THE WINES BREAK DOWN

ARGENTINA: 1 | AUSTRALIA: 7 | AUSTRIA: 5 | CANADA: 1 | CHILE: 4

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96 Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret 2017 Grand Cru (Grands-Echezeaux). Notes of truffles and sweet spice mingle into rich swathes of blackberry and black-cherry nectar in this fruity, mouthfilling Pinot Noir. It's a plusher, softer expression of the Grands-Echezeaux reflective of a hot, dry vintage but maintains a graphite edge and mineral tension on the finish. At peak from 2025–2035, it's likely to hold further still. Vineyard Brands. —A.I.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$264

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95 Escarpment 2019 Pinot Noir (Martinborough). At half the price of Escarpment's single vineyard wine, Kupe, this is stellar value for one of New Zealand's top Pinots. Still young, it needs time in decanter or glass, then opens into a pretty yet powerful wine. Red fruit, tree sap, tar and underlying minerality are wound in raspy tannins. There's length, elegance, intensity and regional character, plus an ability to age until 2028, at least. Delicato Family Wines. —C.P.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$45

11



94 J Vineyards & Winery NV Brut Rosé Sparkling Blend (Russian River Valley). With an inviting, fruity nose, this is a crowd-pleasing, well-made and memorable sparkler with good acidity and lasting freshness. Flavors of tangerine, strawberry and raspberry rise to the fore of the palate, elegantly wrapped around textured elegance. *Editors' Choice.* —V.B.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$50

12

95 Gusbourne Estate 2018 Brut Rosé Traditional Method Sparkling Blend (England). This sunset-hued vintage rosé demonstrates just how far England has come on the winemaking front. And what the country can achieve in a warm, favorable vintage like 2018. Both complex and highly crowd-pleasing, this opens with ripe raspberry, red apple, cream and spice with floral undertones. There's a lovely depth of fruit on the tangy palate, with bright acidity and a pearl necklace of bubbles flowing seamlessly through to the finish. Delicious drinking now, this is highly food-friendly and hugely classy. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —C.P.
abv: 12% Price: \$80

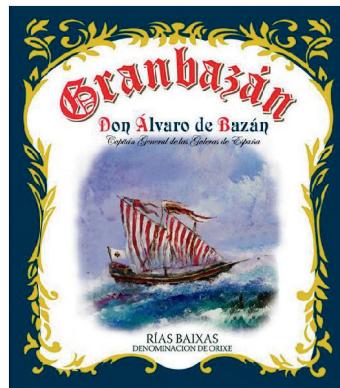
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98 Salvioni 2017 Sangiovese (Brunello di Montalcino). Camphor, ripe wild berries, underbrush and pipe tobacco are just some of the aromas that emerge on this stunning red. Full-bodied and smooth, the elegantly structured, savory palate boasts juicy Marasca cherry, truffle and licorice alongside streaks of spiced cranberry and fresh acidity that keep it focused and balanced. Taut, refined tannins provide seamless support. Drink 2023–2029. Vias Imports. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$159

14

97 Ca' del Bosco 2011 Annamaria Clementi Extra Brut Rosé Riserva Pinot Nero (Franciacorta). This gorgeous, classy sparkler opens with enticing, delicate scents of red berry, floral notes and the barest hints of bread crust and botanical herb. Radiant, focused, bone-dry and delicious, the racy palate shows impeccable balance and pedigree, with bright acidity accompanying juicy pomegranate, strawberry, baking spice and tangy citrus juxtaposed against an extremely refined, persistent perlage. A fabulous wine. Santa Margherita USA. —K.O.
abv: 13% Price: \$135

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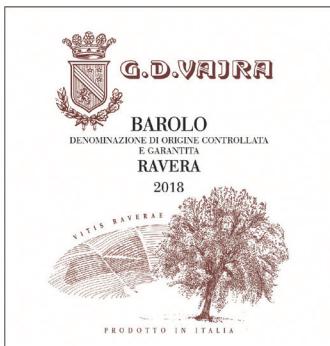


93 Granbazán 2018 Don Álvaro de Bazán Albariño (Rías Baixas). Light straw in color, this wine has aromas of Bartlett pear and white flowers. It offers complex flavors of pineapple, grapefruit, toffee and a tiny hint of rose petal. Salinity and floral notes make themselves known on the finish. Europvin USA. —M.D.
abv: 13% Price: \$22

16

96 Holus Bolus 2020 Presqu'ile Vineyard Syrah (Santa Maria Valley). The savory focus on this wine is immediately apparent, as the nose pops with iodine, kombu, green-peppercorn, charred plum-skin, tart olive and smoldering pine-needle aromas. The palate is loaded with squid ink, more pine and olive and underripe forest-berry flavors: umami for days. —M.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$40

17



93 **G D Vajra 2018 Ravera (Barolo).** This focused, fragrant red offers aromas of woodland berry, new leather, wild herb and pipe tobacco. The linear palate exhibits dried cherry, mocha and toasted nut set against close-grained tannins that leave a drying finish. Drink 2023–2029. Winebow Imports. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$90

18



95 **Craggy Range 2019 Te Muna Road Vineyard Single Vineyard Pinot Noir (Martinborough).** This is not a timid wine. It's rich and round, wearing its brambly, medicinal, earthy, spicy and floral colors loud and proud. The silky mouthfeel is tugged into place by sappy tannins. There's intensity, balance and structure, and a real sense of place. Drink now–2029. Kobrand. —C.P.

abv: 13%

Price: \$47

WINES BY STYLE



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99 **Royal Tokaji 2017 SZT. Tamás Single Vineyard 6 Puttonyos Aszú First Growth**

White Blend (Tokaji). This wine comes from one of Tokaji's most famous vineyards. It is light amber in color with heady aromas of honeysuckle, freesia, beeswax and honey. It has pleasant heft on the palate and there are intense flavors of tinned peach, clover honey and apricot conserves. It is a well-made and well-balanced wine that ends on a sweet note and makes you want to go in for another and another, sip. Drink now–2050. Wilson Daniels Ltd. **Editors' Choice.** —J.J.

abv: 10.5%

Price: \$135

20

94 **Stolpman 2021 G-S-M (Ballard Canyon).** Rugged aromas of wild boysenberry, dark plum and brown spice make for an intense nose on this blend of 55% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre and 15% Syrah. The palate is hearty, offering roasted berry, marjoram and curry leaf flavors, as tension rises on the finish. —M.K.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$40

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2018



91 **Pio Cesare 2018 Pio (Barolo).** Underbrush, hazelnut and new leather aromas come to the forefront along with a whiff of eucalyptus. Linear and already accessible, the palate offers toasted nut, dried cherry and licorice before a coffee close. Polished, refined tannins provide support. Drink through 2028. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$85

22



94 **Talley 2020 Oliver's Chardonnay (Edna Valley).** Aromas of torched almonds, Eureka lemon peel, white melon and seashell draw the nose into this always excellent bottling. There's a chalky grip to the palate, where melon and nectarine flavors are dusted in savory sea salts. —M.K.

abv: 13.7%

Price: \$60

23

94 **Ferrari 2010 Giulio Ferrari Riserva del Fondatore Extra Brut Chardonnay (Trento).**

White spring flower, bread crust, toasted nut and orange zest aromas form the nose. Smooth and elegantly structured, the palate shows the complexity of age and the freshness of a younger wine, delivering ripe yellow apple, pear, flinty mineral and hazelnut framed against a refined, continuous perlage. Fresh acidity keeps it focused and precise. Taub Family Selections. —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$140

24

94 **Ferraton Père et Fils 2018 Le Reverdy Rhône-style (Ermitage).**

Bright tangerine and yellow-peach flavors are accented by hints of charred vanilla bean and dried sage in this fresh-fruited 50/50 blend of Marsanne and Roussane. A bit more svelte and steely in demeanor than the more massive whites from Hermitage in recent vintages, this dry white wine is pleasing young for its sunny citrus flavors but should gain texture and gravitas after a decade of maturation. Sera Wine Imports. —A.I.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$125

25

92 **Jurtschitsch 2019 Ried Schenkenbichl Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal).**

This has a corduroy-like texture—soft and rugged at the same time. The acidity could be intense, if it weren't for the expressive palate, full of baking spice, yellow apple and Mirabelle plum. The finish is intriguing and long, as well as thought provoking. Bowler Wine. —A.Z.

abv: 13%

Price: \$50

26

96 Kumeu River 2020 Coddington Chardonnay (Kumeu).

New Zealand's Chardonnay expert has knocked it out of the park with its stellar 2020 vintage. Coddington shows intensely concentrated peach and apricot fruit accompanied by toast and vanilla with a mineral backbone. It's the richest in the stable, but is beautifully balanced with integrated oak, length and layers. An elegant and age-worthy wine that's a bargain compared with the price of Premier Cru Burgundy of similar ilk. Drink until 2032 and likely longer. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —C.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

27

93 Ana Diogo-Drapier 2020 Tempranillo (Amador County).

The layers and depth of complexity in this wine are amazing now—more to come as the wine ages. Notes of black plum, blackberry and mission fig fruits are uplifted by secondary notes of chocolate, roasted coffee and toasted wood—with yet more nuances revealing themselves as the wine opens during the course of the tasting. Rich, mouth-coating tannins are well-incorporated, balanced by an engaging line of acidity and the energetic intensity of aromas and flavors. *Editors' Choice.* —S.B.

abv: 14.8%

Price: \$27

28

92 Philipponnat NV Royale Réserve Non Dosé Champagne Blend (Champagne).

The Non Dosé in the name means the Champagne is completely dry. However the ripeness of the fruit in the blend is such that the wine's texture is generous and warm. That makes for a wine that is poised between a steely edge and ripe white fruits. Drink this bottling from 2023. Banville Wine Merchants. —R.V.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$60

29

**92** Inniskillin 2019 Sparkling Icewine Vidal Blanc (Ontario).

With 245g/L residual sugar at bottling, the aromas erupt from the glass, with notes of marmalade, candied pineapple and sugared citrus rind. Sweet, nectarous, well-balanced tangerine and pineapple flavors follow. It's a perfect end to any evening. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. *Editors' Choice.* —S.S.

abv: 9.5%

Price: \$70/375 ml

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95 Ruinart 2010 Dom Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut (Champagne).

This is certainly a mature, fine Champagne. With its ripe character, the dryness has softened to give richness, a beautiful nutty flavor while retaining acidity. It is ready to drink now. Moët Hennessy USA. —R.V.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$282

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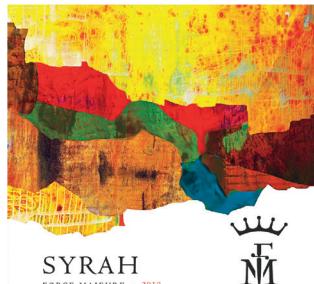
**92** Miguel Torres 2019 Familia Torres Secret Del Priorat Red Blend (Priorat).

Dark garnet to the eye, this wine offers aromas of blackberry, raspberry and vanilla. A network of delicate tannins supports flavors of pomegranate, raspberry, menthol and cocoa powder. Notes of candied orange peel and violet arrive on the finish. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —M.D.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$30

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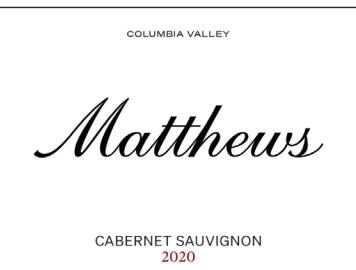
**95** Force Majeure 2019 Estate Grown Syrah (Red Mountain).

The aromas bring notes of fractured basalt, red and black fruit, moist earth, fresh herb and spice. Pillow soft, textured, ripe, intense dark-fruit flavors follow. A long, lingering, fruit-filled finish caps it off. The appeal is as much about feel as flavor. It's a wild ride. *Editors' Choice.* —S.S.

abv: 15.1%

Price: \$85

33

**94** Matthews 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley).

The aromas are thoroughly captivating, with notes of scorched earth, cocoa, black currant, graphite and bitter-sweet chocolate. Plush, polished, seamless fruit flavors follow. There's a sophistication and intensity to it all that is mesmerizing. *Editors' Choice.* —S.S.

abv: 14.6%

Price: \$34

34

91 Quinta do Portal 2014 Late Bottled Vintage Port (Port).

With some bottle age, this Port has softened and filled with dark fruits and black-plum-jelly flavors. The spirit is well integrated, giving a wine that is well textured and lightly structured. Drink now. M Imports, LLC. —R.V.

abv: 20%

Price: \$32

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91 Dr. Konstantin Frank 2017 Blanc de Noirs Méthode Champenoise Sparkling Blend (Finger Lakes). Made entirely from Pinot Noir, this traditional-method sparkler boasts crisp, refreshing aromas of white cherry, slate and spring blossom. The palate is driven by zesty lemon and tart white-berry flavors, broadened out by creamy bubbles and cinched by a gentle citrus-pith note. —A.P.

abv: 12%

Price: \$40

36

96 Figli Luigi Oddero 2018 Vignarionda (Barolo). Enticing aromas of forest berry, fragrant blue flower, camphor and dark culinary spice slowly take shape in the glass. Smooth, full-bodied and captivating, the delicious palate offers raspberry compote, ripe Morello cherry, licorice and cake spice framed in polished, velvety tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it beautifully balanced. Drink 2026–2036. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$NA

37

92 Quinta das Bandeiras 2019 Passagem by La Rosa Reserva Portuguese Red (Douro). This wine's richness is palpable, balanced by youthful acidity that adds freshness and powerful black fruits. It has considerable aging ability. Drink at the earliest from 2023. Winesellers, Ltd. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$21

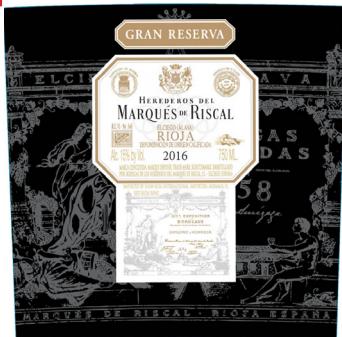
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95 Paltrinieri 2020 Radice Lambrusco di Sorbara (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Woodland berry, violet and botanical herb aromas come to the forefront on this radiant sparkler. Bone-dry, focused and loaded with energy, the delicious palate delivers strawberry, pomegranate, fennel and a hint of citrus zest alongside bright acidity. Softly foaming bubbles lend polish and finesse. Lyra Wine. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 11%

Price: \$20

39



95 Marqués de Riscal 2016 Gran Reserva Tempranillo (Rioja). This deep ruby colored wine offers aromas of black plum, dark chocolate and Earl Grey tea. On entry it is smooth in the mouth with flavors of mint, clove, cherry, black currant, dark chocolate and orange blossom. Vigorous tannins coat the tongue and gums and diffuse into a lingering finish. Shaw-Ross International Importers. —M.D.

abv: 15%

Price: \$45

40

96 Margerum 2018 M5 Reserve Rhône-style Red Blend (Santa Barbara County). Doug Margerum and winemaker Michael Miroballi are hitting their stride on this annual blend, which in this vintage includes 47% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 9% Mourvèdre, 2% Counoise and 2% Cinsault from eight vineyards. Rich aromas of backed boysenberry, purple flower, turned earth and star anise lead into a palate that slides from lavender to elderberry with ease, as white pepper and dried thyme elevate the complexity. —M.K.

abv: 14.7%

Price: \$40

41

95 The Boneline 2020 Dry Riesling (Waipara). With an unmistakably NZ Riesling-esque nose (think: bright lime, lemon oil, kerosene, honeysuckle and warm beeswax), this lucid, layered and thoughtfully made wine is one of the best young Rieslings in New Zealand. And it's a bargain to boot. It's bone dry with a lemony, tart acidity that slices and dices. But the texture—somehow both lean and generous—and the vibrant, honey-flecked fruit tip the scales back to the center. Sip with young, creamy cheese or cellar until around 2030 for a richer, more honeyed and complex bottling. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. —C.P.

abv: 12.2%

Price: \$30

42

96 Fonterenza 2018 Alberello Sangiovese (Rosso di Montalcino). Made only in the best vintages and from grapes grown on head-trained vines (called alberello in Italian), this Sangiovese offers earthy, enticing aromas of sunbaked earth, camphor, truffle, blue flower and spiced plum. Fermented with indigenous yeasts, the smooth palate is just delicious, delivering juicy black cherry, plum compote and baking spice alongside tangy mineral notes and hints of game. Velvety tannins provide an almost creamy texture. Drink through 2026. Louis/Dressner Selections. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$43

43

96 Castello di Neive 2019 (Barbaresco). This fragrant red opens with aromas of blue flower, resin, star anise and underbrush. Full-bodied and elegantly structured, the savory palate offers ripe raspberry, cranberry and baking spice alongside firm, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. Drink 2027–2034. Winebow Imports. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

44

94 Montes 2018 Folly Syrah (Apalta). Opaque in color and fully ripe on the nose, with aromas of cool earth, graphite, blackberry and black olive, this Apalta vineyard Syrah feels rich and layered, with just enough grip. Dark berry and cassis flavors are toasty and wind down nicely on a lush finish with creamy weight and silky tannins; drink through 2028. Kobrand. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.

abv: 15.5%

Price: \$90

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TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY

2019
Descendant

750ML made & bottled by Torbreck Vintners, Roonfield Road, Nurangie, S.A.

94 Torbreck 2019 Descendant Shiraz (Barossa Valley). The "Mini-Me" of Torbreck's renowned Runrig, Descendant sees some Viognier skins. It's a perfumed and powerful wine, with aromas of raspberry tart, blueberry

preserves, violet, cracked pepper and beetroot and a good lick of chocolaty, toasted oak. The rich yet sculpted palate is gripped by muscular tannins. It'll soften with time and should age quite gracefully, but for now it's still very young. Drink 2024–2035. Delicato Family Wines. —C.P.
abv: 15% Price: \$120

46

93 Château Eugénie 2020 Tsar Pierre le Grand Malbec-Merlot (Cahors). The wine, named after Peter the Great, the 18th-century Russian emperor, has solid tannins to go alongside the black fruits. Still young, of course, it has a fine richness and power. Drink from 2026. Global Spirits and Wine. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$16

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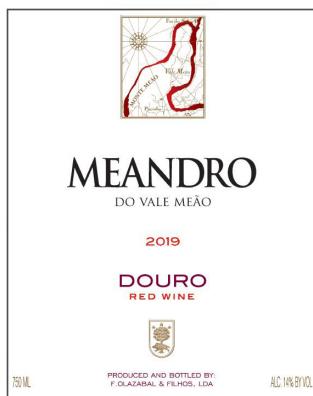


93 Gérard Bertrand 2020 Cote des Roses Sauvignon Blanc (Pays d'Oc). The delicate nose of this Sauvignon Blanc offers aromas of lime, pear and apple. This medium-bodied wine has mineral characteristics with flavors of lemon, fennel, pink grapefruit and chamomile tea notes. Vibrant acidity freshens the lemony finish. USA Wine West. —J.T.
abv: 13% Price: \$16

48

94 Joyce 2021 Albariño (Arroyo Seco). Much of this year's bottling comes from Russell Joyce's recently acquired vineyard, and it bodes well for the future. Aromas of honeysuckle, wet cement and lime blossom pop on the nose, while a very grippy tension carries flavors of broad lime, rainy sidewalk and soda-water flavors. It's stony and acidic. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$25

49



92 Quinta do Vale Meão 2019 Meandro do Vale Meão Portuguese Red (Douro). Named after the vast meander taken by the Douro river around the estate, this wine is structured with polished signs of wood aging. The second wine from the property, it shows plenty of ripe black fruits and good concentration. It will be ready to drink from 2025. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —R.V.
abv: 14% Price: \$24

50

95 Lesehof Stagård 2018 Ried Pfaffenberg Riesling (Kremstal). This is like an unpolished diamond at the moment, not showing its full potential just yet. Its corduroy texture dominates the impression for now, but notes of Jonagold apple, Korean pear, turmeric and ground ginger shine at the core. Juicy acidity keeps everything intact, providing structure and support. Give this some time to reveal its brilliance fully. Best after 2026. Schatzi Wines. —A.Z.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$45

51

94 Hartford Court 2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley). Quenching in acid-driven flavors of Meyer lemon, tangerine and grapefruit, this is a lovely, bright, light and complex wine of great structure and refinement. A lasting note of wet stone adds to the beautiful texture. —V.B.
abv: 12.8% Price: \$32

52



93 Quinta do Vallado 2019 Vintage Port (Port). From old vines in the Rio Torto valley, this Port, fermented in open top lagares, is just starting out. It has dense tannins and massive black-fruit flavors. There is the hint of a floral element, blackberry jelly and dark spice. At the end, there is a touch of sweetness. That and the tannins will lead the wine forward. Drink from 2030. Quintessential Wines. —R.V.
abv: 19.5% Price: \$110

53

95 Volarević 2018 Platinum Edition Plavac Mali (Komarna). This Croatian Plavac Mali is dark garnet in color. It has aromas of black currant, vanilla, and red plum with lifted notes of mint and balsam wood. In the mouth there are flavors of red plum, cassis, vanilla and dark cherry. It has smooth tannins, is well balanced and has a pleasantly astringent finish. Croatian Premium Wine Imports, Inc. —J.J.
abv: 16.5% Price: \$139

54

95 Hattingley Valley Wines 2014 Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay (England). This is a vibrant and beautifully crafted blanc de blancs. Aromas of lemon, pear and green apple float from the glass, followed by more delicate floral notes. There's a backbone of biscuit and cream. Mouthwatering acidity rushes across the tongue at first sip, hitting the back of the mouth and taking the citrus and orchard fruit notes along for the ride. Textural with length, depth and a slightly saline, yeasty finish, this is an elegant and versatile food wine. Valkyrie Selections. —C.P.
abv: 12% Price: \$50

55

94 Charlotte Dalton 2019 Ærkeengel Semillon (Adelaide Hills). From one of South Australia's talented small batch producers, this medium gold-hued Semillon sees time on full lees in barrel. It's simultaneously rich and refreshing, with a rush of heady aromas of raw wildflower honey, apple and pear flesh, citrus and beeswax. The palate is round, waxy-textured and concentrated, lifted by gorgeously mouthwatering acidity that carries the orchard fruit, waxy citrus and gingery spice to a lengthy finish. A wine bursting with personality, charm and class. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. —C.P.

abv: 12%

Price: \$35

56

94 Tatomer 2019 Kick-on Ranch Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County). There's still a slight fizz to this young wine, which may add to its tantalizing, hard-to-put-down nature. Aromas of sage, eucalyptus, bay and sansho peppercorn meet with lively cranberry on the nose. It's electric on the palate, zinging with cran-raspberry flavors that sail across waves of oregano, thyme and sagebrush into a menthol-inflected finish. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$50

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94 Leeuwin Estate 2018 Art Series Chardonnay (Margaret River). Leeuwin's top Chardonnay is set for the long haul. Currently fairly tightly wound, melon, marzipan and flint notes peek through the cracks. There's a lovely crunch of acidity, textural weight and depth on the medium-weight palate, brightened by a tang of citrus and stone fruit. Elegant with a saline finish, this should age with grace for another decade (2032) or more. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$99

58



93 Warre's 1992 Otima Single Year Tawny Port (Port). This Port brand, normally released as a blend of years, has become a single vintage Colheita tawny for this occasion. The result is a wine that is transitioning easily from fruit to flavors from the wood in which it was aged. So freshness and spice flavors both come together in a fine balance. Drink now. Vineyard Brands. —R.V.

abv: 20%

Price: \$67/500 ml

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93 Herdade do Esporão 2019 Reserva Portuguese Red (Alentejo). This impressive wine layers tannins and dark fruits in a rich structure. The wine is powerful and concentrated; bold while still elegant. Drink from 2024. Now Wine Imports. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$25

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93 Trig Point 2020 Signpost Chardonnay (Russian River Valley). Luxurious in texture and ripe in flavor, this well-oaked and nicely buttery wine from winemaker Nick Goldschmidt exudes richness from the first whiff of caramel to the flavors of poached pear to a lingering finish. It was fermented in stainless steel, went through full malolactic to soften the wine and enhance the butter, and then aged in oak barrels for nine months. *Editors' Choice.* —J.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$25

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94 Blackwater 2018 Picquet Chenin Blanc (Swartland). There's a delicate toasty character to the nose of this wine, expressed in hints of sweet spice and grilled pineapple that unfold alongside tones of Bosc pear, gingered peach and orange blossom tea. The palate is pure and pristine, with focused flavors of spiced melon and orchard fruits that are cut by a pronounced seam of vibrant acidity and a light texture redolent of citrus pith. This is a well-balanced and complete pour, showing beautifully now but with all of the checkmarks to suggest a beautiful evolution ahead. Drink now–2028. Vine Street Imports. —L.B.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$40

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91 Kendall-Jackson 2020 Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay (California). This medium-bodied, barrel-fermented wine offers light, toasted oak aromas, attractive baked apple flavors and accents of butter and vanilla. Good balance keeps it going sip after sip, revealing spice and almond nuances. —J.G.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$17

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92 Rotari 2022 Sparkling Rosé (Trento). Consistently one of the best tasting and best values in the world of wine. This rosé has aromas of red currants, wild strawberries, blood orange zest and roses. The palate is vibrant and fresh with a touch of tart cherries that makes one grab for the second glass immediately after the first. Prestige Wine Imports. —J.P.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$16

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90 Hermann J. Wiemer 2020 Late Harvest Riesling (Seneca Lake). Sourced from a blend of estate sites, this late-harvest Riesling offers aromas of pithy grapefruit, pineapple and peach on the nose. The rounded palate displays bright tropical and stone fruit flavors matched by lemon and honey. It ends bright, lifted and juicy thank to refreshing acidity. —A.P.

abv: 9.5%

Price: \$25

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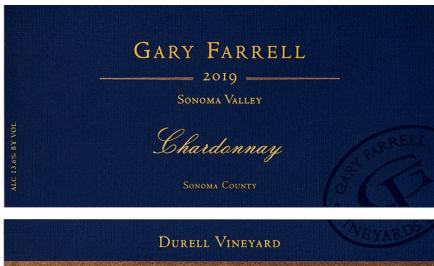


95 **Ferghettina 2017 Rosé Brut (Franciacorta).** Made with 100% Pinot Nero and packaged in a unique, square-bottomed bottle, this lovely sparkling rosato offers alluring scents of red woodland berry, botanical herb and brioche. Dry and tangy, the elegant palate features juicy pomegranate, red cherry and baking spice alongside a hint of orange drop. Bright acidity and a refined perlage provide balance and elegance. Empson USA Ltd. —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$65

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95 **Gary Farrell 2019 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay (Sonoma Valley).** Robust aromas of apple, pear and oak lead to a midpalate of freshness and great refinement in this stellar white from the great vineyard. The freshness evolves to reveal a luxurious, brioche-filled finish of subtle richness and aromatic intensity that is decadent yet bright. —V.B.

abv: 13.6%

Price: \$65

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95 **Baca 2020 Tug o' War Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel (Russian River Valley).** Tempting raspberry and sweet strawberry aromas lead to a good, rich palate full of baked cherries, maple and wild blackberries on a smooth texture with little tannin but plenty of body. This distinctive wine is elegant in spite of its elevated alcohol, and fascinating to sip. **Editors' Choice.** —J.G.

abv: 15.3%

Price: \$70

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95 **Cocchi 2014 Pas Dosé Pinot Nero (Alta Langa).** Made with Pinot Nero, this radiant sparkler opens with delicate scents of spring field flower and citrus with a whiff of brioche. Bone-dry and focused, the vibrant palate boasts McIntosh apple, pomegranate, baking spice and orange rind framed in an elegant, persistent perlage. Bright acidity gives it racy tension. Alpenz. —K.O.

abv: 12%

Price: \$70

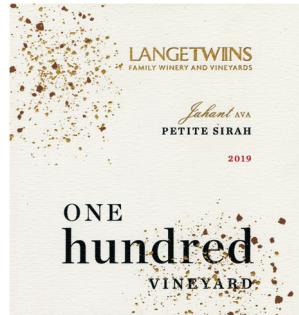
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94 **Emilio Moro 2017 La Felisa Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero).** Aromas of raspberry, roast grape tomato and cedar chest emanate from this black cherry colored wine. Bright fruit flavors of pomegranate and cherry fill the palate alongside notes of white chocolate, orange zest and caramel. Sturdy tannins take their time on the tongue before dropping off into a Valencia orange and toasted almond finish. Moro Brothers. —M.D.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$50

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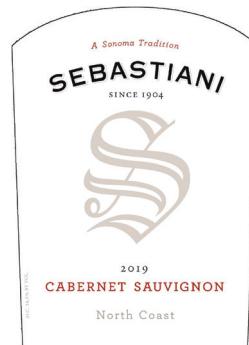


93 **LangeTwins 2019 One Hundred Vineyard Petite Sirah (Jahant).** This textbook Petite Sirah aged in neutral oak barrels shows the LangeTwins at their best. The wine reveals all the grape variety's inky color, intense black-fruit flavors and grippy tannins. Yet it also adds subtleties of dark chocolate, anise and red roses that emerge with repeated sipping. Best from 2025–2035. —J.G.

abv: 15%

Price: \$32

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92 **Sebastiani 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (North Coast).** Dark fruits and a silky texture combine elegantly in this full-bodied but sleek wine. Ripe black cherries and plump blueberries are lightly accented by mint and cocoa as mild tannins keep it smooth through the finish. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$18

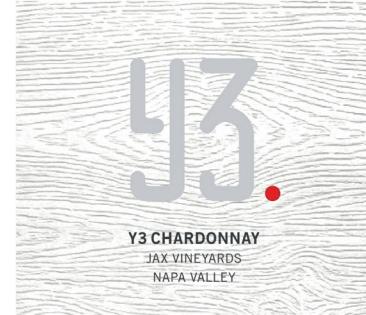
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93 **Frescobaldi 2019 Tenuta Perano (Chianti Classico).** Graphite, leather, blue flower and wild berry aromas waft out of the glass. Elegant and delicious, the fresh, supple palate doles out ripe black plum, cassis, mint and licorice alongside fine-grained tannins. Drink through 2027. Shaw-Ross International Importers. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

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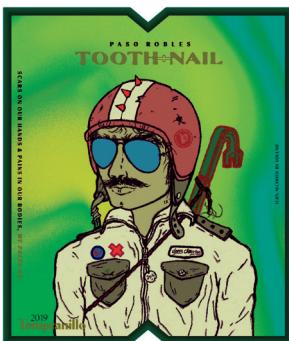


92 **Jax 2021 Y3 Chardonnay (Napa Valley).** Fermented in concrete and then aged in neutral oak, this value-minded white is wildly impressive, bright and fresh in good acidity, with light layers of lemon and pineapple that deliver plenty of flavor in an elegant package. **Editors' Choice.** —V.B.

abv: 13.3%

Price: \$20

74



92 **Tooth & Nail 2019 Squad Series Tempranillo (Paso Robles).** This bottling shows deep concentration. Aromas of mesquite-smoked black cherry gain pepper and tar accents on the nose. There is ample tension to the thick palate, where leathery tannins surround dark fruit and roasted oak flavors. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.
abv: 15% Price: \$20

75

93 **Mas Igneus 2019 M Red Blend (Priorat).** This deep violet colored wine has a bouquet of black currant, cocoa powder and coffee bean. It is savory on the palate, with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, braised fennel, roasted tomato and bittersweet chocolate. Deep-set tannins are uplifted by a bright fruit note that persists into the drawn-out finish. W. Direct. —M.D.
abv: 15% Price: \$85

76

96 **Kracher 2018 Nouvelle Vague Grande Cuvée Trockenbeerenauslese Nummer 5 (Burgenland).** This is deeply colored and shows a lush and sweet profile, featuring candied mango, orange-blossom honey, dried apricot and maple notes. It is beautifully balanced, with layers coming at you in waves. It features a lively structure, despite all the sweetness, leaving a precise impression on the clean and long finish. It is really incredibly orchestrated. Drink through 2048. Terlato Wines International. —A.Z.
abv: 9% Price: \$110/375 ml

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94 **Saints Hills 2020 Le Chiffre Chardonnay (Istria).** This elegant Croatian Chardonnay is straw colored with gold reflections at the rim. It has aromas of lemon curd, apricot, white peach and a touch of acacia blossom in the enticing bouquet. It is soft upon entry with nice heft on the midpalate. It is very well balanced and there are flavors of lemon curd and caramelized pineapple before a nice burst of acidity in the finish. Massanois Imports. —J.J.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$60

78

94 **Viña Don Melchor 2019 Puente Alto Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Puente Alto).** The nose of this flavorful red opens up with raspberry, cherry, licorice and peppercorn aromas. Well-integrated tannins are smooth and provide a good structure to the palate. Black and red fruit appear alongside dried herbs and vanilla flavors. It has depth and is balanced, with a lingering spiciness on the finish. Fetzer Vineyards. —J.V.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$150

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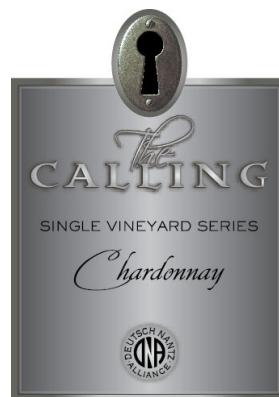
92 **Krone 2019 Borealis Cuvée Brut (Western Cape).** This wine opens with aromas of toasted apple slice, pie crust, crispy bread and lemon zest. It offers a creamy mousse, with a ripe-fruited but also vibrant palate of apple and citrus peel flavors that carry to the clean yet lingering finish. It's a lovely MCC that is drinking beautifully now, but should continue to mature well through 2027. Indigo Wine Group. **Editors' Choice.** —L.B.
abv: 11.5% Price: \$23

80



93 **Recanati 2019 Reserve Carignan (Judean Hills).** Dark ruby in color, this wine has a bouquet of dark plums, bramble berries and a hint of summer farm stand. It has flavors of blackberry, ripe cherry, bittersweet chocolate, espresso bean and olive tapenade wrapped up in supple tannins. There is a pleasant but unexpected note of jalapeño on the finish. Kosher. Palm Bay International. —M.D.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$49

81



93 **The Calling 2018 Searby Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River Valley).** A note of green olive opens the door to a light-bodied, fresh experience of structure and complexity in this white vineyard-designate. Hints of richness shine in the form of vanilla and crème brûlée, which remain subtle amid the enduring freshness. —V.B.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$51

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92 **Greywacke 2020 Wild Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).** Indigenous yeast and old oak barrels add a richness and complexity to this Sauvignon. It's pale straw in color, with reductive notes of nuts, charred toast and lemon pith, the grass and herbal notes taking a back seat. The palate is ready in texture, buoyed by crystalline acidity. There's length, balance and a long leamy finish. A solid pairing with rich, herb-flecked dishes. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$31

83

93 **Cho 2017 Laurel Vineyard Brut Rosé Sparkling Blend (Laurelwood District).** Sourced from a high-elevation vineyard in this new AVA, this is a deliciously flavorful wine with touches of raspberry, cream and vanilla. The flavors are already showing excellent depth and persistence, suggesting that this wine will continue to evolve and perhaps even improve. But it's already delicious, complex and powerful, so feel free to dive in. —P.G.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$65

84

92 **Naveran 2018 Perles Roses Cuvée Antonia Sparkling Blend (Cava).** Medium peach in color with small, steady bubbles, this wine has a bouquet of clementine, green apple and honey-suckle. Flavors of green pear, nectarine, croissant and dried Mediterranean herbs coalesce in an orange-scented finish. Olé & Obrigado. **Editors' Choice.** —M.D.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$37

85



90 **King Estate 2021 Sauvignon Blanc (Oregon).** This is a delightful offering. Light aromas of melon, fresh herb, lemon and candied ginger lead to broad-feeling, fleshy flavors. Tart acidity ties it all together. There's a lot of enjoyment to be had. **Editors' Choice.** —S.S.

abv: 13.7%

Price: \$19

86



91 **Tribute 2021 Sauvignon Blanc (California).** A full body and rich texture carry ripe, fruity and savory flavors from honeydew melon to golden apple and hints of straw and almond. It's a big, smooth and concentrated wine. —J.G.

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$17

87

90 **Luigi Bosca 2019 De Sangre Malbec (Uco Valley).** Rosemary and cinnamon notes are followed by concentrated plum and black cherry on the nose. This fruit-forward wine has moderate complexity delivering juicy black-fruit and baking-spice flavors. Slightly rough tannins and fresh acidity provide a good structure. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —J.V.

abv: 14.6%

Price: \$29

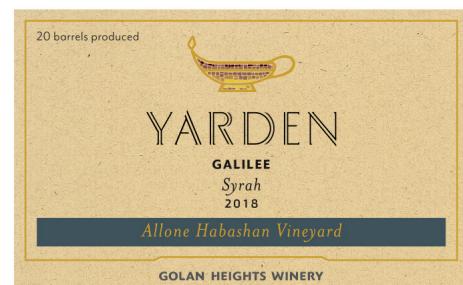
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93 **Dr. H. Thanisch (Erben Thanisch) 2020 Bernkasteler Badstube Kabinett Riesling (Mosel).** A Margarita-like rim of salt and smoke edges sun-drenched lime, lemon and green apple flavors in this true-to-type kabinett from the Middle Mosel. Luminous in fruit yet steely and spry, it's an immediately thirst quenching, hedonistic delight with a penetrating, long finish. Artisans & Vines. —A.I.

abv: 9.5%

Price: \$39

89



93 **Golan Heights Winery 2018 Yarden Allone Habshan Vineyard Syrah (Galilee).** This deep ruby wine has a nose of blackberry, vanilla and thyme. It feels good in the mouth with satin tannins and flavors of black cherry, raspberry, milk chocolate, anise, and violet. There is a touch of candied orange peel on the lingering finish. Kosher. Yarden Wines, Inc. —M.D.

abv: 15%

Price: \$80

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93 **Gut Oggau 2020 Joschuar (Rot) Red Blend (Austria).** This flows like satin, with a slightly firm feel to the pomegranate, plum and chalky shavings that add a mineral feel. A tangy floral edge emerges on the midpalate and hangs on to the acidity that streaks through so gracefully, giving this the spine together with fine-grained tannins that melt on the palate. Beautiful now, so no need to cellar unless you want tertiary notes. Jenny and François Selections. —A.Z.

abv: 12%

Price: \$80

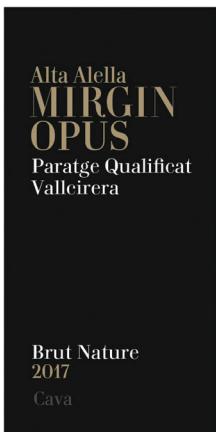
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92 **Viña Vilano 2017 Reserva Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero).** This deep garnet-colored wine has a nose of dark plum and anise. Satiny tannins play backup to flavors of pomegranate, cherry, dark chocolate, ouzo, clove and black pepper. Spice flavors dominate over fruit, but a sense of brightness remains on the palate into a finish marked with a splash of orange. Misa Imports. —M.D.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

92



92 **Alta Alella 2017 Mirgin Opus Paratge Qualificat Vallcirera Brut Nature Sparkling Blend (Cava).** Deep straw in color and with a soft effervescence, this wine has aromas of Red Delicious apple, canned peach and almond blossom. It offers flavors of toast with lemon curd, lime zest, grated coconut and a soft hint of mocha that are followed by a burst of citrus on the finish. Avant Garde Wine & Spirits.
Editors' Choice. —M.D.
abv: 12%
Price: \$66

93



93 **Belle Glos 2020 Balade Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills).** This lush, luxurious Pinot Noir begins with hearty aromas of baked black cherry, clove, nutmeg and smoke on the nose. There is undeniable power on the palate yet also some finesse, presenting flavors of black cherry laced with mace as layered tannins and acidity carry through the finish. —M.K.
abv: 14.6%
Price: \$55

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91 **Ana Beirut 2018 Grande Réserve Mount Lebanon Red Blend (Bekaa Valley).** Inky garnet in the glass, this wine has aromas of raspberry, cassis and roasted nuts that are joined on the palate by flavors of black cherry, blackberry, aniseed, roasted fennel bulb and juniper berry. Deep-set tannins recede into a violet scented finish. J Tek LLC. —M.D.
abv: 14.5%
Price: \$35

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91 **Nicosia 2019 Rosato Sosta Tre Santi Metodo Classico Brut Nerello Mascalese (Etna).** Wild herb, red berry and a whiff of hay form the enticing nose. Bright and tangy, the savory palate features crushed strawberry, tart cherry, baking spice and a hint of saline set against a polished perlage. Bright acidity keeps it balanced. FX Magner Selection. —K.O.

abv: 11.5%**Price:** \$35

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90 **Heron Hill 2018 Reserve Macri Vineyard Oaked Chardonnay (Finger Lakes).** Ripe pear and yellow apple meet juicy lemon and gentle warm spice on the nose. Broad and textured on the palate, it melds ripe fruit tones with easy toast and butter elements, yielding a cohesive outcome that will please many. —A.P.
abv: 13%
Price: \$18

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90 **Alexakis 2020 Assyrtiko (Crete).** Textured and glossy, this Crete bottling has bright, balanced notes of citrus and melon on the nose and palate. It's easy-drinking but substantial enough to pair with a meal, especially if shellfish is on the table. Diamond Importers Inc. —E.S.
abv: 13.5%
Price: \$19

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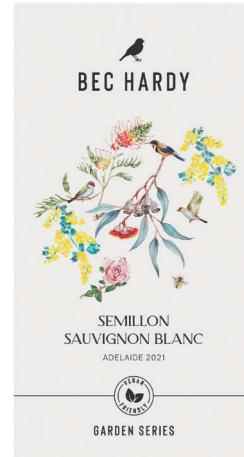
90 **Howard Park 2018 Miamup Cabernet Sauvignon (Margaret River).** Heady fruit aromas of black cherry and red currant take the lead supported by dark chocolate, eucalyptus and ocean brine notes. Margaret River's distinctive tannins—granular yet fine and chiseled—work in harmony with lifted acidity. The characters of the nose linger on the palate as well. Drink now–2028. Winebow Imports. —C.P.
abv: 14%
Price: \$23

99

90 **Torricino 2020 Raone Riserva Greco (Greco di Tufo).** This mineral-driven white has aromas recalling struck match, crushed stone and a yeasty whiff of bread dough. Fermented in steel with indigenous yeasts and aged on its lees for six months, the racy palate features ripe pear, juicy lemon and saline mineral notes framed in crisp acidity. It closes on a suggestion of brewer's yeast. Premium Brands. —K.O.

abv: 13%**Price:** \$25

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90 **Bec Hardy 2021 Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc (Adelaide).** There are oodles of crowd-pleasing floral and fruit aromas on this Semillon-Sauvignon blend. Honeysuckle, lime blossom, peach and lemon drops are underpinned by gingery spice. The palate is weightier than one might expect, although it's still in the light- to medium-bodied spectrum. Flavors are delicate but persistent. There's freshness and a pretty, summer-sipping vibe. Drink now. Liquid Innovation. —C.P.
abv: 12.5%
Price: \$28

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