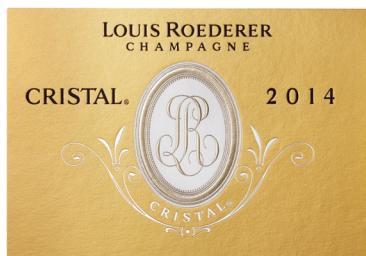


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97 Louis Roederer 2014 Cristal Brut (Champagne). Still young, with toast aromas and shining white-fruit flavors, the latest release of Cristal is just setting out. A dry, tight core of intense flavors are shot through with minerality from the pure chalk soil of the 45 individual parcels in the blend. Drink this wine from 2025. Organic. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$350

2



99 Tenuta San Guido 2019 Sassicaia (Bolgheri Sassicaia). Enticing aromas of blue flower, cassia, camphor and spice are front and center in this stunning red. The lithe, savory palate features black currant, red plum and star anise while tobacco notes linger on the long finish. Elegant, polished tannins and bright acidity keep it beautifully balanced and focused. Drink 2025–2044. Kobrand. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$255

3

98 Corison 2018 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena). From old vines planted nearly 50 years ago, this wine opens in violet and rose. On the palate are seamless layers of cranberry and currant, with an underlying strength of integrated spice, dried herb and oak. Complex and concentrated, this wine is elegantly built to age and evolve, beautifully styled throughout. Enjoy best from 2028–2038. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 13.6% **Price:** \$195

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95 Horsepower 2019 Sur Echalas Vineyard Grenache (Walla Walla Valley). Fruit for this wine was grown on stakes with the cobblestone soils plowed by horse. The aromas are gifted with notes of potpourri, raspberry, black olive, white pepper and herb. Pillowy soft red fruit follows, flavorful but reserved ramping up in intensity significantly with time open. Savory notes emerge. There's an impressive, minute-plus long finish. It's outrageously good—one of the standouts of the vintage. Best after 2026. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 13.2% **Price:** \$122

5



97 Bollinger 2014 La Grand Année Brut (Champagne). With the hallmark Bollinger richness that is derived from fermentation in wood and a high percentage of Pinot Noir in the blend, this grand wine is ripe, full of apple and spice flavors. It is drinkable now, but still young. Keep until 2024. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$190

6

96 Ridge 2019 Monte Bello Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Santa Cruz Mountains). Rich and smoky on the nose, this famed estate Cabernet Sauvignon, which is enhanced with 9% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc, offers aromas of roasted plum, mesquite, sandalwood and frankincense on the nose. Impressively polished tannins consume the palate, where roasted berry, black plum and toasted coffee flavors linger long. Drink now–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$245

7

98 Château Haut-Brion 2019 (Pessac-Léognan). The wine's richness give it the density for aging. The bold structure is mitigated by the wine's juicy acidity that cuts the structure with freshness. This grand wine has a solid character as well as plenty of juicy fruits. Drink from 2027. Multiple U.S. importers. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$681

8

98 Cardinale 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Fantastic vintage, fantastic winemaking and the addition of 10% Merlot make for a magical experience of structure and graceful complexity in this always impressive, collectible wine. Saline, dried herb, cedar, pencil and crushed rock provide a landscape of savory earthiness, while a hint of rich red fruit remains subtle and youthful in grippy intensity. Enjoy best from 2028–2038. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$325

9



95 G D Vajra 2018 Bricco delle Viole (Barolo). Heady aromas of violet, camphor, leather and tobacco lead the way on this fragrant red. On the palate, tightly knit, fine-grained tannins accompany ripe Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry and licorice. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced. Drink 2025–2035. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$95

10



96 Fontanabianca 2019 Bordini (Barbaresco). Truffle, camphor violet and ripe berry aromas come together on this fragrant red. Full-bodied and full of flavor, the delicious palate doles out juicy Morello cherry, raspberry compote, baking spice and star anise while firm, refined tannins provide support. Bright acidity keeps it balanced. Drink 2027–2039. Ethica Wines. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$70

11



97 Marqués de Murrieta 2011 Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva Especial (Rioja). Deep violet-red to the eye, this wine has a nose of raspberry, white chocolate and juniper berry. Still youthful on the palate, it offers ever-present tannins supporting flavors of dark plum, black cherry, caramel and violet that slowly fade into a soft cherry-pie finish. Drink through 2042. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.** —M.D.

abv: 14%

Price: \$229

12

98 Mayacamas 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mount Veeder). From the great estate at high elevation, this wine is substantially structured and built to age, with dusty graphite notes and grippy tannin. Sage, currant and bay leaf ride a lengthy palate of savory intensity, a mix of tobacco, lavender and plum that are immensely pleasing and complex. Enjoy best from 2027–2035. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.

abv: 14% Price: \$135

13

100 Château Troplong Mondot 2019 (Saint-Émilion). The magnificent Merlot in the blend has pushed up the alcohol, while also giving a velvet touch and power to the wine. This estate is now on top form, producing this generously ripe, black plum flavored wine. It is lifted by acidity while powering the wine's intensity. Drink from 2026. Multiple U.S. importers. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 15%

Price: \$118

14



100 Conti Costanti 2016 Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino). This perfumed wine opens with layers of scents, including violet, woodland berries, new leather, forest floor and warm spices. Smooth and elegantly structured, the savory palate boasts juicy black-skinned berry, blood orange, licorice, tobacco and the barest hint of coffee bean alongside taut, fine-grained tannins. Bright acidity keeps it impeccably balanced. Drink 2026–2046. Empson USA Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$220

15

100 Roagna 2016 Pira Vecchie Viti (Barolo). This beauty delivers enticing scents of woodland berry, rose petal, new leather and truffle that grow in intensity with time in the glass. The elegant palate features layers of raspberry compote, ripe Morello cherry, blood orange, licorice and baking spice. Taut, refined tannins and fresh acidity provide seamless support. Drink 2024–2046. Polaner Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$380

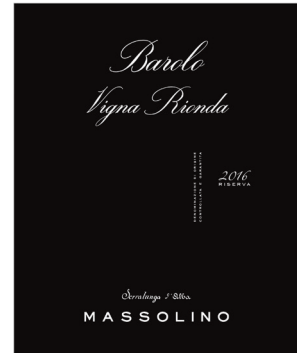
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95 Continuum 2019 Sage Mountain Vineyard (Napa Valley). From the mighty estate site on Pritchard Hill, this robustly muscular wine consists of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Cabernet Franc (the highest amount ever), 7% Petit Verdot and 6% Merlot. Herbal, it shows notes of violet, graphite and tobacco alongside layers of rich red and black currant. The tannins are substantial and grippy, not quite ready to play nice on the palate. Lay this one down and enjoy it best 2029–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.

abv: 14.7%

Price: \$300

17



97 Massolino 2016 Vigna Rionda Riserva (Barolo). Rose, ripe black-skinned berry and dark spice aromas mingle with camphor and forest floor on this full-bodied red. Combining structure and finesse, the firm palate delivers ripe Morello cherry, black raspberry and licorice. Bright acidity keeps it energized. Give it time to fully develop. Drink 2026–2046. Vineyard Brands. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$416

18

99 Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils 2019 Les Clos Grand Cru (Chablis). A champion of the celebrated Les Clos, this powerful, soul-reaching wine highlights the finesse of grand cru Chablis even in the hottest of vintages. Indisputably massive, unctuous even, it pulsates with yellow-cherry and peach flavors yet remains anchored in steel and breathtaking tension. It's explosive in fruit now but will gain deeper nuance and complexity with time. Hold till at least 2024—it should reward well through 2040. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.

abv: 13%

Price: \$125

19

100 Quintessa 2019 Red Blend (Rutherford). This is a winemaker's master class in blending and understanding of a long-standing site. Dried herb, cedar and pencil shavings accent lifted red fruit and brilliant acidity on the palate, with a supple yet still youthfully grippy texture that is framed by structured, graceful tannins. Enjoy from 2029–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$230

20

95 Pieropan 2019 Calvarino (Soave Classico). Enticingly fragrant, this gorgeous wine offers aromas of white spring flowers, ripe stone fruit and honeydew. The elegantly structured palate delivers creamy white peach, lemon drop candy, white almond and tangy saline mineral notes. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced. Drink through 2029. Maze Row Wine Merchant. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$40

21

96 Masseto 2019 (Toscana). Aromas of iris, raspberry, camphor and Mediterranean scrub mingle with oak-driven spice on this 100% Merlot. Enveloping and concentrated, it also possess remarkable, almost weightless finesse, delivering black currant, Morello cherry, fruitcake and star anise alongside smooth, velvety tannins. Fresh acidity lifts the finish. Drink 2025–2039. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$800

22

96 Arpepe 2013 Sassella Nuova Regina Riserva (Valtellina Superiore). Loaded with finesse and energy and still youthfully austere, this linear, structured red offers tart cranberry, blood orange and star anise sensations. A vein of salty mineral provides the backdrop while fine-grained tannins provide elegant structure and support. Racy acidity keeps it balanced. Give it time to fully develop and blossom into even more of a beauty. Drink 2025–2035. USA Wine West. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$110

23



98 Biondi-Santi 2016 (Brunello di Montalcino). Aromas of rose petal, dark spice, woodland berries and camphor form the nose on this fragrant, elegant wine. Loaded with finesse, the linear, savory palate features red cherry, orange zest, star anise and black tea alongside tightly wound, fine-grained tannins. Bright acidity keeps it impeccably balanced. It's still youthfully austere, with fantastic aging potential. Drink 2026–2041. Wilson Daniels Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$249

24

94 Chanin 2020 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills). The ethereal earthiness of this historic vineyard is on full display in this bottling, which offers aromas of crushed rock, dust, dried meat and a hint of berry. Soil and stone flavors make for a mineral-driven palate as well, meeting with hibiscus, red fruit and hard spice, which should sing even louder in the years to come. Drink now–2040. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$70

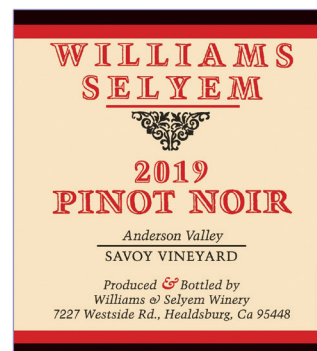
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95 Domaine Antonin Guyon 2019 Les Fournières Premier Cru (Aloxe-Corton). Hints of fur, truffle, candied cherries and rose petals perfume this fruity yet complex wine. The palate is weighty and rich, packed with flavors of brandied black cherries and plum preserves. A scintillating spine of acidity and earthen tea tannin lingers on the finish. This structured wine is best approached from 2025. It should improve well past 2035. Taub Family Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$90

26

93 Castello di Ama 2018 Vigneto Bellavista Gran Selezione (Chianti Classico). Camphor, dark spice, blue flower and a whiff of forest floor shape the alluring nose on this delicious red. Elegantly structured and all about finesse and flavor, the savory, focused palate delivers juicy Marasca cherry, orange zest, licorice and cassis alongside taut, ultrarefined tannins. Made with 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia Nera, it's beautifully balanced, with bright acidity. Drink 2025–2038. The Sorting Table. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$275

27



95 Williams Selyem 2019 Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noir (Anderson Valley). A complex oak-spice aroma and vivid, focused red- and black-cherry flavors have rarely tasted so good. This vibrant and full-bodied wine offers cinnamon, toasted baguette and clove on the nose before the vivid fruit flavors kick in. Moderately tannic and well-balanced, it will be best from 2025. Kosher. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.
abv: 13.8% **Price:** \$85

28

97 Louis Jadot 2019 Grand Cru (Clos de Vougeot). Ripe and muscular in body, this powerful red reflects the luscious black-cherry and cassis flavors of an exceptionally ripe vintage, along with the cool edges and deeply mineral undertow of Clos Vougeot. Delicate and perfumed yet grounded and mouthdrenching, the wine still needs time to develop. Approach from 2025. It should improve well through 2040 and hold further. Kobrand. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$230

WINES BY STYLE

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98 Schramsberg 2012 J. Schram Sparkling Blend (North Coast). A wonderful complexity lifts this bottle way above the pack. A beautiful perfume of marzipan, lemon, toasted baguette and ginger lead to crisp and substantial citrus, green apple and fresh ginger flavors that pique the palate and linger for minutes on the finish. While already showing benefits of age, this Chardonnay-based cuvée will continue maturing nicely through at least 2026. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.

abv: 12.4% Price: \$130

30

96 The Messenger 2018 181 Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville). Dense with flavor and rather tightly wound, this well-concentrated wine has the right stuff for aging. Pure blackberry, cassis and blueberry flavors are lightly accented with oak spices like cedar and clove, while a wrapping of fine-grained tannins holds them snugly. Best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$90

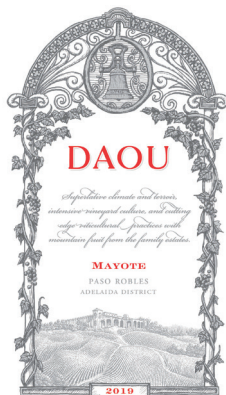
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94 Quinta do Portal 2019 Grande Reserva (Douro). Eighteen months in old wood have left a wine that has firm tannins and rich fruit. Its concentration from the blend of Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Franca, is impressive, a powerfully expressive wine. It will be ready from 2025. M Imports, LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$60

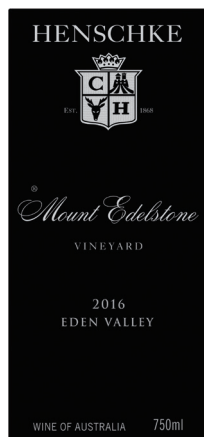
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97 Daou 2019 Mayote Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Adelaida District). Intense aromas of scorched earthy, dark berry, cassis, graphite and toasted husk show on the nose of this blend of 49% Cabernet Franc, 34% Merlot and 17% Petit Verdot. Perfectly firm tannins deliver flavors of rich cassis, nutty coffee bean, savory soy and a mineral-driven graphite on the palate. Drink now–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.

abv: 14.7% Price: \$125

33



96 Henschke 2016 Mount Edelstone Shiraz (Eden Valley). Mount Edelstone is a deep well of aromas from ripe cherry to wild strawberry; from licorice to cracked pepper; from violet to vanilla bean. The concentrated fruit is held in a firm grip of spicy, fine, charcoal-textured tannins, the oak tucked neatly away. This is a beautifully crafted wine—expressive of both Eden Valley and Henschke—that should cellar well into the 2040s. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$225

34

97 Domaine du Pegau 2018 Cuvée Réservee (Châteauneuf-du-Pape). The Cuvée Réservee is Pegau's crown jewel, a profoundly ripe yet deeply nuanced wine made from a Grenache-dominant blend regional grape varieties. Its black

plum and cherry are sonorous and piercing, accented by whiffs of black pepper, leather and sage. It will improve through 2040. Hand Picked Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$125

35

95 Domdechant Werner 2020 Hochheimer Kirchenstück Trocken GG Riesling (Rheingau). While demure on the nose, this complex, chiseled dry Riesling offers ebullient white-peach and yellow-cherry flavors edged by veins of stone, salt and earth. It's gloriously fresh-fruited yet intensely mineral too, a wine with finesse and dimension that should be held till at least 2025. It will gain texture and nuance well through 2035 and beyond. Miller Squared Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.

abv: 12.5% Price: \$49

36

96 Domaine Pinson 2019 Les Preuses Grand Cru (Chablis). Delicate wisps of smoke, white pepper and allspice accent fleshy grapefruit and white-peach flavors in this wine. It balances sun-soaked yellow-fruit flavors against an earthen, salty undertow. Stunning already, the wine should gain depth and nuance with time. Approach from 2024. The wine should reward well through 2035. Skurnik Wines, Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$90

37

95 Paolo Scavino 2018 Cannubi (Barolo). Wild herb, iris, red berry and oak-driven spice aromas come to the forefront. Full-bodied but with so much finesse it seems almost weightless, the taut, tense palate features ripe Morello cherry, raspberry compote, coconut and licorice before closing on a hint of espresso. Tightly knit, close-grained tannins provide firm support while bright acidity keeps it vibrant. Drink 2028–2038. Skurnik Wines, Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.

abv: 15% Price: \$106

38

94 La Jota Vineyard 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Howell Mountain). Reductive and forceful in mountain-grown power, this full-bodied wine is bursting in graphite, iron and crushed rock. The grippy tannin profile intensifies on the palate, adding weight and breadth to the experience as highlights of red fruit, dust and oak weigh in. Enjoy best 2028–2038. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.

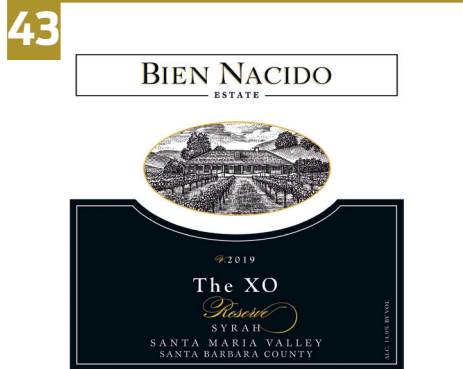
abv: 14.5% Price: \$150

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95 **Alphonse Mellot 2019 La Demoiselle (Sancerre).** With a steely edge, this tight, taut wine is still maturing. It has a rich future, with generous white-fruit flavors. Textured and intense, the wine is concentrated and worth keeping. Drink from 2023. Organic and biodynamic. Elite Wines Import. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$55

40
93 **Mt. Brave 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mount Veeder).** Reductive on the nose, this age-worthy wine shows a ton of structure and elegant power, finessed in tight, youthful tannin and earthy underbrush. Sage, dust and oak support a framework of dense red fruit that should develop further in the cellar. Enjoy best from 2028–2035. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

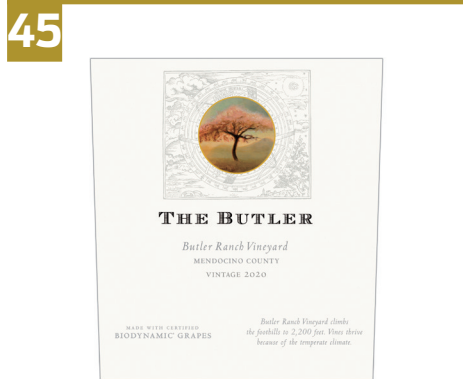
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95 **Quilceda Creek 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley).** This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, with fruit coming from Champoux and Mach One vineyards in the Horse Heaven Hills. Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak, the aromas offer notes of dried and fresh herb, incense, cassis, bittersweet chocolate, barrel spice and dark fruit, all still locked up tightly but well delineated. Rich, layered flavors follow. It shows the grace of the vintage but also the intensity of the producer and appellation. Best after 2030. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$200

42
96 **Quinta do Vale Meão 2019 Vintage (Port).** An initial impression of open fruits soon gives way to the firmness of seriously ageworthy tannins. This Port has an impressive structure and dark fruits that leave it on the dry side. It has so much potential for long-term aging. Drink from 2030. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 19.5% **Price:** \$99



96 **Bien Nacido Estate 2019 The XO Reserve Syrah (Santa Maria Valley).** There's a fascinating show of savory qualities on the nose of this bottling, from charred beef and tar to pepper and thyme, but with an underlying boysenberry-juice component. The savory display carries onto the palate, with thyme, white, black and green peppercorns, muddled mulberry and charred beef flavors. Drink now through 2039. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$100

44
94 **Tolpuddle 2020 Pinot Noir (Tasmania).** This vintage is highly aromatic: a vineyard floor-like reduction is tangled up with layers of brambly currants, wild blueberries and black cherries, dark chocolate and a wallop of savory, spiced meat and mushroom. The palate is concentrated, with polish, if somewhat, drying tannins. Flavors are tightly wound and oak is on display, but this should age until the late 2030s. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$76



95 **Bonterra 2020 The Butler, Butler Ranch Vineyard Red Blend (Mendocino County).** Big, broad aromas of black fruit, black pepper and wood smoke give way to well-saturated black cherries, tar and singed rosemary flavors in this dramatic and concentrated wine made from Biodynamic grapes. Tightly knit tannins add great structure to the mouthfeel, setting the wine up for a long life. Made from 63% Syrah, 18% Petite

Sirah, plus Mourvèdre, Grenache and Viognier. Best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$60

46
95 **Drew 2019 Valenti Ranch Syrah (Mendocino Ridge).** This savory, smoky beauty pulls together blackberries, charred beef and singed rosemary aromas that lead to complex flavors of black pepper and sour cherry on an elegant, moderately tannic texture. Its diverse flavors of fruit, spices, char and herbs are just fascinating. Best from 2025. Kosher. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

47
93 **DeLille 2018 Grand Ciel Cabernet Sauvignon (Red Mountain).** This is a single-vineyard, single-varietal wine. Aged 20 months in 100% new French oak, the aromas bring notes of cocoa, vanilla, chocolate, black currant, mineral and dark fruit. There's richness and intensity to the dark-fruit flavors, with plenty of structure behind them while still keeping it all in balance. It's polished and classy. Best from 2028 to 2035, with plenty of life beyond that. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$160

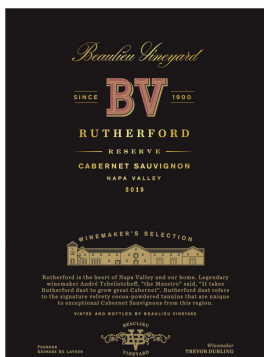


95 **Masi 2016 Costasera (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico).** Ripe black-skinned fruit, blue flower and baking spice aromas form the nose of this full-bodied red along with a whiff of cedar. Concentrated but possessing a weightless elegance, the smooth, enveloping palate delivers prune marinated in spirits, black cherry, licorice and cocoa framed in velvety tannins. Drink through 2036. Santa Margherita USA. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$60

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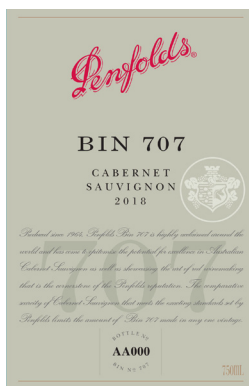
95 St. Urbans-Hof 2020 Nik Weis Mehringer Layet GG Gold Cap Riesling (Mosel). Sourced from grey-blue Devonian soils, there's a seductively spicy, smoky tone on the nose of this sharply honed dry white. Yellow plum and grapefruit flavors are pristine and spine tingling, a touch tightly wound in youth but likely to gain richness and breadth with time. Hold till 2026 at least, it should reward well through at least 2040. HB Wine Merchants. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$60

50



94 Beaulieu Vineyard 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Rutherford). Deep black-fruit flavors, moderate tannins and a sense of good density make this wine from one of Napa's oldest producers impressive. Cloves, cedar, blackberries and a touch of anise combine for good complexity on the palate. Best from 2026–2032. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.
abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$85

51



93 Penfolds 2018 Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon (Australia). Bin 707 is, as always, a gargantuan Cab that's still in its infancy. But all is in place for a long life in cellar, from the lucid aromas of semidried plums and berries, earthy, peppery spice, graphite and dark-chocolate oak characteristics to the fine, muscular, tannins. There's harmony throughout despite the wine's

current enormity. Don't open until 2025 at the earliest or cellar until 2040 at least. Treasury Wine Estates. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$450

52

91 Signorello 2018 Padrone Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Blended with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, this estate-grown wine is earthy in compost, with a firmness of tannin. Black cherry, currant and orange rind accent a core of substantial concentration and lingering oak. Enjoy best from 2028–2033. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$175

53

98 Giuseppe Rinaldi 2017 Brunate (Barolo). It'll need a few minutes in the glass but then this stunning wine takes flight, revealing enticing scents of wild berries, violet and camphor. The palate is still youthfully austere, delivering red cherry, blood orange, licorice and dark baking spice and a hint of tobacco set against firm but well integrated tannins. It has great energy and youthful tension. Drink 2027–2042. Vinifera Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$249

54

98 Mouchão 2013 Mouchão Tonel No. 3-4 Alicante Bouschet (Alentejo). A single-vineyard Alicante Bouschet wine aged in tonels 3 and 4, two handsome wood casks big enough to walk through. The wine is only released in selected years. This vintage, now almost mature, shows both aging potential and great power as well as elegance. There is a fine juicy character that gives it unique freshness while it matures. Drink now or just wait until 2024. Wine In-Motion. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$250

55

96 Cullen 2019 Diana Madeline Wilyabrup Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Margaret River). Cullen's biodynamic home-block red is a deep well of terroir-driven aromas and flavors. Concentrated yet lucid, it conjures wild West Aussie bush and coastal notes. There's eucalyptus, dusty red earth and the blossoms of local Marri trees amidst tart cherry and red currant. It's briny, savory and spicy. The tannins are muscular but ultrafine, sappy and textural. Drink 2024–2042. Old Bridge Cellars. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$109

56

95 Domaine des Baumard 2018 Clos du Papillon (Savennières). Slowly developing, this wine from the butterfly (papillon) shaped vineyard is impressive. Its mineral character and its tight acidity are harbingers of long-term aging. The white fruits and tight texture will soften over time. Drink this fine wine from 2025. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$65

57

97 Ramey 2016 Pedregal Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville). Co-fermented with 15% Petit Verdot, this wine has been given a nice amount of time to mature in bottle and years still to go. Cedar, pencil shaving, crushed rock and firm tannin accentuate its savory, complex nature of concentration and intensity. Black olive, grilled meat and game contribute additional flavor and texture. Enjoy best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$200

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93 Alexana 2019 Fennwood Vineyard Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton). Cherry, licorice, Red Vine, flower and herb aromas lead to structured, fuller feeling black tea flavors. There's depth, intensity and balance to the flavors. What more could one want? Decant or enjoy after 2024. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 13.3% **Price:** \$65

59

95 Monteraponi 2018 Il Campitello Riserva (Chianti Classico). Forest floor, baked plum, new leather and tobacco aromas shape the nose. Elegantly structured and savory, the taut, linear palate is all about focus and finesse, featuring ripe black cherry, crushed raspberry, star anise and grilled herbs framed in tightly knit, refined tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced. It's still youthfully austere and promises great aging potential. Drink 2024–2038. Grand Cru Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$80

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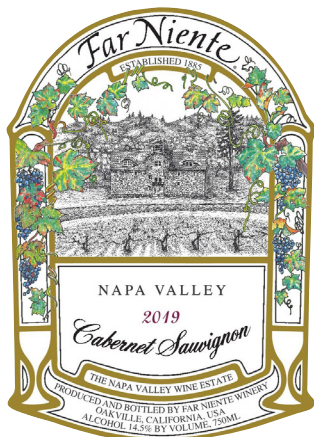


96 Guado al Tasso 2019 (Bolgheri Superiore). This gorgeous, full-bodied red opens with layers of aromas including camphor, pipe tobacco, oak-driven spice and ripe black-skinned fruit. Boasting structure and finesse, the intense palate delivers ripe black plum, juicy cherry, licorice and menthol framed in ultrarefined tannins and fresh acidity. Drink 2026–2039. Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$140

61

94 Domaine Laporte 2020 La Comtesse (Sancerre). This fine, aromatic wine is one of the top cuvées from this producer. Its fruit is soft, full-bodied and densely powerful. The structure is shot with minerality and citrus and kiwi fruits. It is well-balanced, intense and will be ready from 2023. Organic. Martine's Wines. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$42

62



96 Far Niente 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). With a slight nose of reduction, this wine offers grippy tannin and sizable oak. Blueberry, currant, cedar and sage give it an elegance and classic structure of understated power, finishing in notes of tobacco and clove. Enjoy from 2029–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$150

63

95 Prager 2020 Wachstum Bodenstein Smaragd Grüner Veltliner (Wachau). This is crafted with laser precision, delivering inviting aromas that draw you into the glass, where flavors of dragon fruit, papaya, quince and lemon dance together harmoniously. Velvet and silk come to mind when you think of its texture, while the wet stone and quinine notes embrace the lasting finish. Best from 2024–2035. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —A.Z.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$90

64

94 Château Carbonnieux 2019 Bordeaux-style (Pessac-Léognan). The estate is noted for white wine, and this latest release lives up to the reputation. This textured, mainly Sauvignon Blanc wine has tight acidity set against wood aging and ripe citrus and white-fruit flavors. Drink the wine from 2024. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$49

65



94 Mark Ryan 2018 Lost Soul Syrah (Yakima Valley). The aromas offer notes of blue fruit, blackberry and plum, with a smoked meat note in the background. The palate pulls no punches, with deep, dark, rich, seamless fruit flavors. There's plenty of structure behind it—so much so that it needs some time to unclench. The finish is lengthy. Best after 2026. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$50

66

95 Brezza 2015 Sarmassa Vigna Bricco Riserva (Barolo). Aromas of new leather, camphor and pipe tobacco take shape in the glass along with ripe dark-skinned berries and a whiff of blue flower. Firmly structured and youthfully austere, the tense palate features raspberry compote, Morello cherry and licorice alongside a backbone of noble tannins. Give it time to fully develop. Drink 2025–2040. Coeur Wine Co. **Cellar Selection.** —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

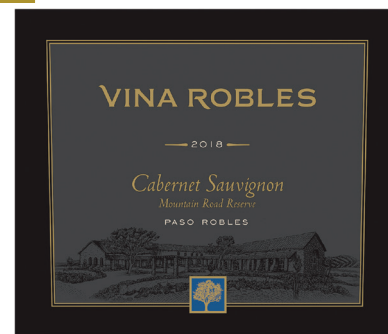
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95 Shea 2018 Homer Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). Homer is the winery's barrel selection reserve. It's got muscle and depth, dark fruits and thick, chewy tannins. Aged in 54% new French oak, the fruit still shines through, and more than holds its own. Black cherry almost touches on cassis, with streaks of coffee and dark chocolate. Drink now through the mid-2030s. **Cellar Selection.** —P.G.
abv: 14.6% **Price:** \$105

68

94 Sogrape 2018 Quinta dos Carvalhais Reserva (Dão). This is an impressive wine from this major estate in the Dão region. Strong minerality is allied to rich tannins to underline the wine's potential. Black fruits, acidity and solid tannins are showing beautifully. Drink from 2024. Evaton, Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$60

69



94 Vina Robles 2018 Mountain Road Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles). Ripe, inviting and juicy aromas of blackberry and milk chocolate draw the nose immediately into this bottling. Those rich qualities are quickly greeted with very sandy tannins on the palate, which give a firm structure to cassis and espresso bean flavors that will evolve over many years. Drink 2024–2038. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$62

70



94 Louis M. Martini 2018 Monte Rosso Vineyard Cabernet Franc (Sonoma Valley). Generous tannin and oak frame this full-bodied wine, with an intense core of earth and herbs grounding it all. Black licorice, black pepper and smoked meat come forward on the palate alongside rich cassis and plum flavor, leading to an intense, lengthy finish. Enjoy from 2028–2035. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 15.2% **Price:** \$65

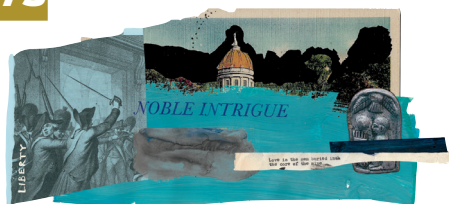
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97 Arietta 2019 Hudson Vineyards Merlot (Napa Valley). Always a standout from this winning combination of site and producer, this is a 100% varietal vineyard-designate, from the cool landscape of Carneros. Rainier cherry, cassis and a dusting of baking spice highlight a seamless body of integrated tannin and oak, the wine offering power but also enduring elegance. While enjoyable now, it will benefit from further aging; enjoy best 2029–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$85

72

94 Quinta do Monte Xisto 2019 (Douro). The latest release from this spectacular vineyard is very much in line with previous vintages. It is densely ripe while also showing elegant structure, minerality and perfumed black fruits. The wine will age well, and will be ready to drink from 2025. Bowler Wine. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$65

73



94 ONX 2019 Noble Intrigue Bien Nacido Vineyard Syrah (Santa Maria Valley). Deep aromas of elderberry and acia are dusted in herb and shaved game jerky on the nose of this bottling. The palate is complex and rather wild, jumping from kelp to elderberry jam to oak, as acidity drives through the vanilla finish. Will grow more seamless with time, so drink 2023–2033. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 15.7% **Price:** \$70

74

95 Pierre Meurgey 2019 Les Grands Epenots Premier Cru (Pommard). Piercing bites of boysenberry and blackberry are shaded with graphite and black pepper in this fruity yet firmly anchored Pinot Noir. A product of a hot, dry vintage, its bright, berried flavors are enticing young but the solid frame of Pommard remains properly intact. Approach the wine from 2024 at the earliest. It should improve through 2035. Banville Wine Merchants. **Cellar Selection.** —A.I.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$150

75

95 Sierra Cantabria 2016 Amancio (Rioja). This inky violet-red wine has aromas of black currant and clove. It feels heavy on the palate at first, but then brightens considerably as flavors of pomegranate, strawberry, anisette, butterscotch and dried Mediterranean herbs arise. Grippy tannins slowly recede into a rich fruit-filled finish. Drink through 2031. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —M.D.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$160

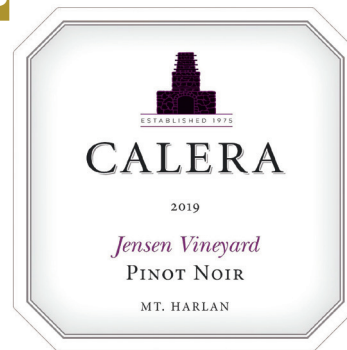
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95 Mas Igneus 2013 Costers De Pobleda (Priorat). Deep ruby to the eye, this wine has aromas of bramble berries, butterscotch and dark chocolate. It is soft at first sip, with flavors of blackberry and black cherry, clove, eucalyptus, mocha and dried Mediterranean herbs. Opulent tannins settle onto the palate and slowly dissolve into a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Drink through 2038. W. Direct. **Cellar Selection.** —M.D.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$175

77

93 Frankland Estate 2018 Isolation Ridge Dry Riesling (Frankland River). Despite a bit of bottle age, this vintage of the renowned single vineyard, Isolation Ridge, is quite young and reductive, still wanting for more time in the cellar. It leads with heady notes of burnt rubber, struck match and kerosene. Wax, seashell, lemon oil, lavender and lime leaf follow. The palate shows lovely texture that's sliced through the middle with ravier, citrusy acidity. There's depth, length and harmony here, it just needs more time in bottle to blossom. Drink from 2023 and easily for several decades beyond. Vinedos Imports. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$38

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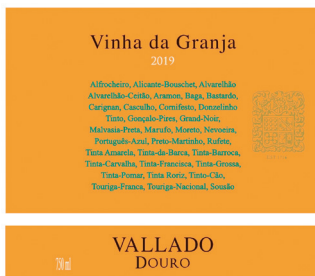


94 Calera 2019 Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). Rugged cherry aromas meet with earth herbs, star anise and gamy charcuterie on the nose of this bottling, which was grown in true limestone at 2,200 feet. That rugged character rolls through the palate, featuring wild plums, salted meat, bay leaf and wood oil, with enough texture and acidity to last awhile. Drink now–2039. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$105

79

93 Big Basin 2017 Coastview Vineyard Grenache (Monterey County). A lighter hue in the glass, this bottling begins with crushed stone, dark hibiscus tea, white pepper and elegant plum aromas. A sizzling acidity sails through the palate, where cherry, sumac and rose flavors are still very energetic five years into the cellar. Drink now–2030. **Cellar Selection.** —M.K.
abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$48

80



95 Quinta do Vallado 2019 Vinha da Granja (Douro). Three acres of vines planted in 1929 are the basis of this seriously impressive wine. Its rich density, concentration and the spice from wood aging all contribute to its potential and power. The wine, with its dark black fruits, will age. Drink from 2026. Quintessential Wines. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$270

81

97 Dutton-Goldfield 2019 Azaya Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir (Petaluma Gap). This effort from a very cool Marin County vineyard is a classic, blending delicious black-fruit and red-fruit flavors with the haunting complexity of tea leaves, rhubarb and redwood forest on a lively, snappy texture that's also layered and creamy. This captivating wine will be best from 2026–2032. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.

abv: 13.7% Price: \$65

82

98 Quinta do Noval 2019 Nacional Vintage (Port). This iconic Port comes from a small parcel of ungrafted vines close to the house at Noval. This latest incarnation is wonderfully perfumed, with powerful, ageworthy tannins. It is dry and boldly structured, with a rich plum core that's bolstered by piercing acidity. Don't drink before 2032. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 19.5% Price: \$1125

83



93 Plaimont 2019 Crouzeilles Côte Abeilles (Madiran). A fine blend of Tannat and Cabernet Sauvignon, the Cabernet adding its own structure and juicy black currant flavors to the firm Tannat. The wine is perfumed, ripe with

great fruits and texture. It needs time, drink from 2026. Serge Dore Selections Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$60

84



94 Santa Rita 2018 Casa Real Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley). A smooth and attractive nose is anchored by plum and cassis aromas. The palate on this benchmark Chilean Cabernet is electric in feel and boosted by firm but supple tannins and bright acidity. Plum, cassis and cherry flavors are dreamy, while piqued energy reemerges on a vigorous finish. Best from 2023–2029. Santa Rita USA Corp. **Cellar Selection.** —M.S.

abv: 14% Price: \$150

85

93 Château la Coste 2017 Grand Vin Rouge Provence (Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence). From selected parcels of old vines and aged in new wood, this perfumed wine is only now beginning to show its true richness and promise. Its tannins and dense texture bring out spice as well as a polished edge from the wood aging. Drink this impressive wine from 2024. Organic. American Spirits Exchange Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$65

86

93 Nicolas-Jay 2018 Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). The aromas are completely enchanting, with notes of earth, forest floor, raspberry, mushroom and cherry, showing a lot of nuance. The flavors are full in feel, exquisitely balanced, with lightly chalky feeling tannins and juicy acidity. It's flat-out gorgeous, hard to resist now but will only get better with some time in the cellar. Best after 2025. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$65

87

93 Stella Bella 2019 Luminosa Cabernet Sauvignon (Margaret River). The top red of this southern Margaret River estate is an aromatic and characterful bottling destined for the cellar. Tangy red currant, wild blueberry, violets, beets, eucalyptus and distinctly earthy

spices are softly framed by chocolatey oak. The palate is distinctly shaped, broad across the tongue with powerful, powdery tannins. There's a lot of left here for now, but the tangy fruit and spice aren't entirely lost. This promises a lot for the future. Drink 2024–2039. M Imports, LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.

abv: 13.9% Price: \$65

88



93 CheckMate 2019 Silent Bishop Merlot (Okanagan Valley). The aromas are forward, with notes of dark raspberry, fruit rollup, cedar, tar, dark plum and a whiff of mesquite smoke. The flavors are palate coating, showing depth, intensity and impressive freshness, with tart acidity. There's plenty of tannic structure around it all. It's beautiful. Best after 2026. CheckMate. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$80

89

94 Grant Burge 2016 Meshach Shiraz (Barossa). This is a powerful, dense and still very young wine despite a bit of bottle age. After some time in the glass, it reveals concentrated red and black berry fruit, dried violet, mint, dusty, scrubby Aussie bush notes and a prominent line of polished mocha oak. The muscular tannins are dominant on the palate, tightly cinching the silky fruit. The acidity is well pitched and the finish long. Give this several more years in the bottle. Drink 2025–2035. Accolade Wines. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$200

90

92 Château Haut Selve 2019 (Graves). A velvet texture backed by serious tannins sets the scene for richness and density in this wine. Black-plum flavors and ripe acidity presage plenty of aging potential. Drink this wine from 2025. Baron Francois Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.

abv: 14% Price: \$28

91

94 Kanonkop 2017 Black Label Estate Pinotage (Simonsberg-Stellenbosch). Opaque garnet in the glass, this dense, intense and concentrated pour offers assertive aromas of graphite, blackberry, black raspberry, licorice, fennel and tobacco leaf on the nose. This is quite big and bold right now, so try holding for added mellowed maturity and complexity; enjoy after 2026 and through 2041. Cape Classics. **Cellar Selection.** —L.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$275

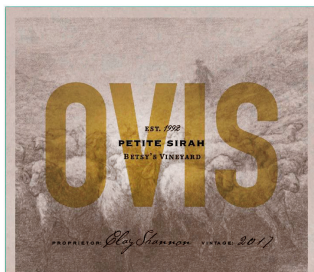
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92 Ponzi 2018 Pinot Noir (Laurelwood District). The aromas are reserved, with notes of baking spice, cherry, dark raspberry and plum. Full-bodied, well-balanced peppermint and raspberry flavors follow. It's direct enjoyment. Best after 2025. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$45

93

92 Soter 2019 Estate Grown Chardonnay (Willamette Valley). Aromas of toast, peach, clarified butter and crème brûlée lead to medium bodied flavor with a textured feel. Lemony acidity backs it up. The long finish kicks it up a notch. Variety and style marry beautifully. Give it some additional time in bottle to see it at its best. Enjoy after 2024. **Cellar Selection.** —S.S.
abv: 13.2% **Price:** \$60

94



92 Shannon Ridge 2017 Ovis Betsy's Vineyard Petite Sirah (High Valley). A big structure of tannins and full body are totally up to the task of framing the huge blackberry and blueberry flavors of this mouthfilling wine. But it's the added nuances of cocoa, tobacco and graphite in the aromas that seal the deal. Best from 2025. **Cellar Selection.** —J.G.
abv: 15.8% **Price:** \$60

95

92 Five Stones 2018 Virtuous Dry Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Judean Hills). Deep ruby red to the eye, this wine carries aromas of fruits of the wood, juniper and portobello mushroom. It starts out savory on the palate, with notes of tobacco, dark chocolate and Mediterranean herbs, followed by flavors of pomegranate and cherry. Opulent tannins skate into a cranberry-tinged finish. Best from 2024 through 2029. Kosh. Happy Hearts Wine LLC. **Cellar Selection.** —M.D.
abv: 14.3% **Price:** \$90

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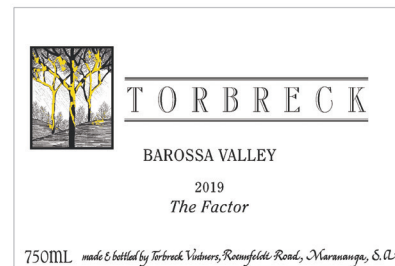
92 Angove 2017 The Medhyk Shiraz (McLaren Vale). High-toned raspberry and cherry fruit are laced with savory spice, mocha, licorice and a roasted beetroot note. The palate sees concentrated fruit neatly cinched by powerful, well-placed tannins. Amid the muscle, some freshness and elegance peaks through the cracks. Needs plenty of decanting now but will reward a few more years in the bottle until 2035 or so. Trincherio Family Estates. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

97



92 Duckhorn 2018 Three Palms Vineyard Merlot (Napa Valley). This is an intensely layered and powerful wine, burly in sage, tobacco and dried herb. The brawny concentration continues in the form of dark cherry, cacao nib and toasted oak. Tight in its youth, this wine will benefit from time in the cellar. Best enjoyed 2028–2033. **Cellar Selection.** —V.B.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$115

98



92 Torbreck 2019 The Factor Shiraz (Barossa Valley). Plush heady notes of plum, currants and licorice open this powerful and polished Shiraz. There're also hefty helpings of savory, peppery spice. The palate is cinched by massive, drying, spicy tannins amidst the silky fruit. A plate of protein is a requirement if drinking now, but this really needs a few years—from 2035 onwards—in cellar before opening to soften those tannins. Then it could age gracefully for a decade beyond that. Delicato Family Wines. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$120

99

91 Château Beauséjour 2019 Cuvée Spéciale Bordeaux-style (Puisseguin Saint-Émilion). This Merlot-inspired wine is rich in tannins and blackberry fruits. Wood aging for 18 months has not subdued the fruit flavors while underlining them with smoky tannins and a polished texture. Drink from 2025. Organic. T. Edward Wines Ltd. **Cellar Selection.** —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$36

100

91 Fromm Winery 2018 Clayvin Vineyard Pinot Noir (Marlborough). From one of Marlborough's most well-known single vineyards in the Brancott Valley on clay soils, Fromm's version is restrained and at times austere but promises a good life in cellar. At the moment it offers notes of currant, violet and gentle spice that feel fresh and harmonious with a mineral core. The palate shows less depth of flavor than one would hope, but there's nevertheless an appealing crunch to the fruit, which is wound in chiseled, precise tannins. Elegant and taut, this Pinot can look forward to its best years, which still lie ahead of it. Drink 2023–2033. Marquee Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —C.P.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$100

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