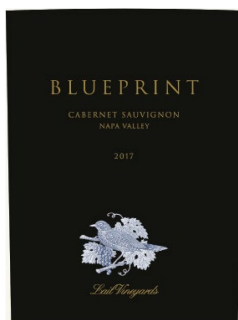


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97 Lail 2017 Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). Made by Philippe Melka and his team, this is a grippy, earthy wine, vibrant in blue fruit, plum and sage. Round, lush and opulent on the palate, it glides seamlessly across supple, integrated tannin and oak, effortlessly incorporating 11% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot. The vineyard sources range from the producer's Mole Hill Estate on Howell Mountain to the cooler reaches of Coombsville. —V.B.
abv: 14.9% **Price: \$80**

2



96 Trimbach 2017 Sélection de Vieilles Vignes Riesling (Alsace). Initial smoky notes of reduction make way for a pervasive, subtle but luminous lemon freshness on the nose of this wine. The palate shows exquisite concentration in lemon freshness. It's bone dry, vivid and fresh. Drink until 2045. Taub Family Selections. **Editors' Choice.** —A.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price: \$36**

3



97 Ciacchi Piccolomini d'Aragona 2015 Brunello di Montalcino. Enticing aromas of ripe wild berry, iris, camphor and sunbaked soil take shape in the glass. Full in feel and enveloping, the smooth, delicious palate doles out

juicy Marasca cherry, raspberry jam, licorice and tobacco while firm, velvety tannins provide support. It boasts concentration and structure but also balance, thanks to the fruit richness and freshness. Drink 2023–2030. Indigenous Selections. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$50

4



93 Luca 2018 Old Vine Malbec (Uco Valley). Concentrated black-fruit aromas alongside hints of cardamom and coriander open this lush Malbec. Blackberry, cassis and dark plum flavors are pure and agile on the palate. Enjoy through 2024. Vine Connections. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price: \$35**

5



94 Paula Kornell NV Brut Methode Champenoise (California). This inaugural release is stunning and incredibly impressive—a wine well worth stocking up on for the price and quality. A beautiful jasmine aroma leads to marzipan, peach and cherry flavors as lively acidity envelopes the palate. It's a blend of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir. **Editors' Choice.** —V.B.
abv: 12% **Price: \$22**

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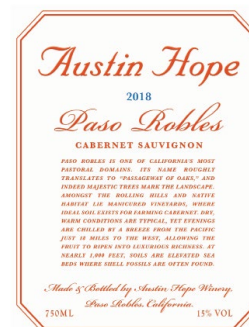


95 Domaine de la Solitude 2017 Red (Châteauneuf-du-Pape). Whiffs of dried strawberry and cherry mingle into darker notes of smoke and spice in this perfumed blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. A luscious, voluminous sip, it floods the palate with primary cherry and raspberry flavors but also a crush of minerals, too. This readily approachable wine with fine, silky tannins should gain earthier complexities through 2030. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. **Editors' Choice.** —A.I.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$48

7



95 Austin Hope 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles). Quite dark in the glass, this reliable crowd-pleaser begins with hearty aromas of black currant, black plum, lush oak and caramel, accented by a hint of olive and loads of clove and nutmeg spice. The mouthfeel is hearty and rich, with just enough tannic weight to balance the creamy black-cherry, caramel and chocolate-ice-cream flavors, which lead to an oaky finish. —M.K.
abv: 15% **Price: \$56**

8

93 Framingham 2019 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough). This Sauvignon sees a bit of skin contact and a short time in oak. The result is a highly aromatic nose that's unmistakably Marlborough but with individuality. There are aromas of gooseberry, pineapple rind, lime, black currant and grass, with a flicker of toasty oak at the back. The mouthfeel deftly balances a creamy texture with zippy acidity. There's fresh lime and a saline edge to the finish. A food-friendly

bottling, this could handle a wide range of richer dishes. Evaton, Inc. **Editors' Choice.** —C.P.

abv: 13%

Price: \$17

9



94 El Coto 2012 Coto de Imaz Gran Reserva (Rioja). Classic Rioja aromas of graphite, cherry, plum and oak are lightly toasted and spicy. On the palate, this offers chewy depth and impeccable balance. Ripe, heady plum, cassis and berry flavors are also nuanced and elegant, while this gran reserva from a ripe vintage tastes of vanilla and mild oak on the finish. For an affordable high-quality gem, look no further. Drink through 2028. Opici Wines. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

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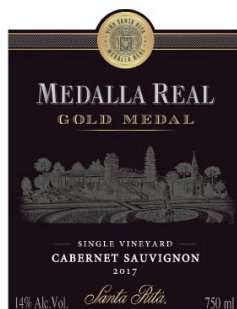


92 Elk Cove 2019 Estate Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley). Adam Campbell's Pinot Gris is one of Oregon's best, year in and year out. A lush and vivid mix of grapefruit, lemon curd and candied orange peel, this new vintage both surprises and delights. Such complexity is rare in a grape mostly centered around apple and pear flavors—both are here, but in a back seat role. This unique mix is deliciously irresistible. **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.

abv: 13%

Price: \$19

11



92 Santa Rita 2017 Medalla Real Gold Medal Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley). Plum, berry and cassis aromas give this single-vineyard sibling of Medalla Real Gran Reserva a riper nose than its brother. A fruity palate is fleshy and bursting with plum, berry and chocolate flavors, while this Cabernet is medium in depth on the finish. Drink now–2024. Delicato Family Wines. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.

abv: 14%

Price: \$20

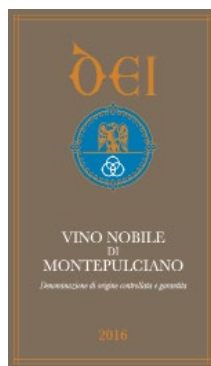
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94 San Simeon 2019 Estate Reserve Pinot Noir (Monterey). Fresh out of the gates, this bottling is singing in opulent aromas of Bing cherry pie, clove, mace and rosewater. There is a wealth of baking spice on the palate, from nutmeg to star anise, while the silky, smooth mouthfeel presents flavors of cherry and mulberry. —M.K.

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$25

13



95 Dei 2016 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Fragrant blue flower, crushed aromatic herb and wild berry aromas form the nose of this smooth, full-bodied red. A blend of 90% Sangiovese and 10% Canaiolo Nero, it's savory and loaded with finesse, delivering juicy black cherry, ripe blackberry, truffle and cocoa before a star anise finish. Supple tannins and bright acidity provide seamless support and balance. Drink 2021–2031. Multiple U.S. importers. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$28

14

96 Brady Vineyard 2018 Zinfandel (Paso Robles). Dense aromas of black currant, red flowers and charred meat are wrapped in a rocky edge on the nose of this bottling. There is great cohesion to the palate, where rich red fruits are cut by crushed stone flavors, lifted by savory spice and framed by ample acidity and tannins. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.

abv: 15%

Price: \$24

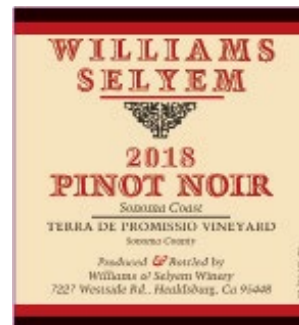
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99 Ramey 2017 Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay (Russian River Valley). Only the third vintage by this producer from a spectacular site, this elegant wine is brimming in tension and length. Delicate layers of Meyer lemon, Gravenstein apple and pear show an abundance on the palate, seasoned in salty oak, nutmeg and a hint of cardamom. **Editors' Choice.** —V.B.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$70

16



97 Williams Selyem 2018 Terra De Promissio Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast). The Petaluma Gap site shows its innate earthiness in droves here, opening in a rose petal aroma before evolving slowly to reveal dense, delicate layers of black tea, orange peel and allspice. The savory tones lead to a midpalate that bursts of rich berries, with soft, supple tannins framing it all. —V.B.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$65

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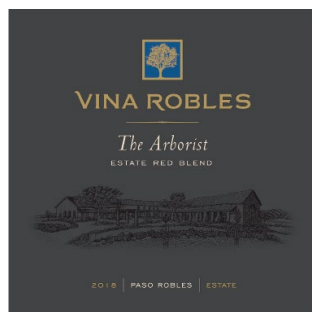
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95 **Lingua Franca 2018 Avni Chardonnay (Willamette Valley).** This is a stunning wine and a sensational value. Succulent, tangy and concentrated in ripe fruit, it explodes with flavors of lemon, peach, apricot and papaya lifted by a squeeze of lime. Fermented in a mix of concrete and neutral barrels, it was then aged in new puncheons and neutral barriques. **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.
abv: 13.3% **Price:** \$30

18

99 **Brovia 2016 Garblèt Suè (Barolo).** Wild berry, iris, menthol, star anise and new leather aromas follow over to the precise, full-bodied palate along with juicy cherry, raspberry compote and tobacco. Boasting elegance and structure in equal measure, it has taut, refined tannins and fresh acidity that will give this decades of drinking pleasure. Drink 2026–2056. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$92

19



94 **Vina Robles 2018 The Arborist Estate Red Blend (Paso Robles).** This is a screamingly good deal, offering both hedonistic pleasure and complexity through a blend of 41% Syrah, 35% Petite Sirah, 12% Grenache and 12% Tannat. Aromas of roasted cherry, smoked meats and cola spice lead into a hearty palate of black currant, roasted game and licorice. It's balanced by bright acidity, making for a sip that will satisfy many. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$18

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2019

95 **Massican 2019 Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley).** This is Winemaker Dan Petroski's nod to the Sauvignons of Northern Italy. Lemony and sleek, it conjures notes of wet stone, brine and complex, layered acidity, with lasting teases of green apple and lemongrass. —V.B.
abv: 13.3% **Price:** \$32

21

95 **Paltrinieri 2019 Radice (Lambrusco di Sorbara).** Made by carrying out the second fermentation in the bottle, this radiant, lightly sparkling wine opens with heady aromas of citrus, violet and a yeasty whiff of bread dough. Bone-dry and delicious, the energized palate delivers tart sour cherry, juicy pomegranate, pink grapefruit and white pepper alongside crisp acidity and a savory hint of saline. One bottle probably won't be enough. Lyra Wine. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$20

22

96 **Van Volxem 2016 Goldberg Riesling GG (Mosel).** Ephemeral compared with grand cru expressions from the Mosel that are increasingly stout, this finely etched dry Riesling offers invigorating lemon and yellow-plum flavors layered in smoke, flint and dusty minerals. It's lithe and steely but silky, too, with a bracing steel edge. Tasted in 2020, it's brilliantly fresh. Should continue to improve well through 2035 and hold further still. Vintus LLC. **Editors' Choice.** —A.I.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$40

23



96 **Castello di Neive 2017 Albesani Santo Stefano (Barbaresco).** Aromas of ripe black-skinned fruit, fragrant blue flowers, new leather and a whiff of menthol form the alluring nose. Full in feel and savory, the enveloping palate doles out fleshy Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, crushed mint and tobacco set against firm, fine-grained tannins. Drink 2023–2029. LLS—Winebow. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$40

24

95 **Giant Steps 2019 Chardonnay (Yarra Valley).** The latest vintage of this noteworthy producer's Chardonnay is singing. A harmonious, multifaceted nose offers notes of bright citrus, fresh melon and flowers, while a chorus of sun-baked stones and freshly baked bread linger behind. Beautifully textural and salty on the palate, it crunches with minerals and vibrant fruit. The oak is tucked away and the finish long and salty. Drink now–2030. Jackson Family Wines. —C.P.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$30

25

94 **Birichino 2018 Besson Vineyard Old Vines Grenache (Central Coast).** From vines planted in 1910, this wine impresses on multiple levels. Aromas of dark berry, strawberry, dried thyme and turned soil are both rustic and refined. The palate is framed by fresh acidity and a delightful rocky minerality, which give depth to the cranberry, raspberry and herbal flavors. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$25

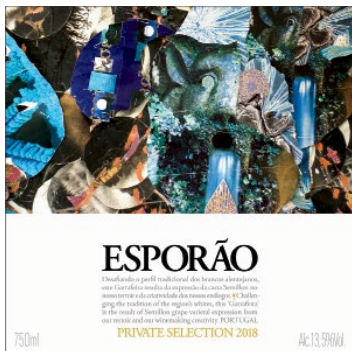
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95 Fontodi 2017 Chianti Classico. Fragrant and delicious, this opens with aromas of ripe black-skinned fruit, blue flower, leather, underbrush and a whiff of French oak. The full-bodied, enveloping palate delivers baked plum, Marasca cherry, licorice and a note of espresso framed in fine-grained enveloping tannins that give it a smooth texture and a weightless finesse. Vinifera Imports. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$39

27



95 Herdade do Esporão 2018 Esporão Private Selection Sémillon (Alentejano). This is a rare example of a 100% Sémillon wine from Portugal, perhaps inspired by Winemaker David Baverstock's Australian background. Wood aged and ageworthy, it is rich in tropical fruits, spice and toastiness. While it could be enjoyed now, it will be even better after 2023. Now Wine Imports. **Editors' Choice.** —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$30

28

97 Millton 2017 Te Arai Vineyard Chenin Blanc (Gisborne). Gorgeously textured, swinging between unctuousness and freshness, this is a soulful wine from New Zealand's godfather of biodynamics, James Millton. Millton's reputation for Chenin Blanc is equally mighty, and this honey-hued beauty lives up to it in every way. Highly aromatic, like a flower garden, it offers heady scents of jasmine, hyacinth and lavender combining with raw honeycomb, guava and pineapple rind. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. **Editors' Choice.** —C.P.

abv: 12%

Price: \$33

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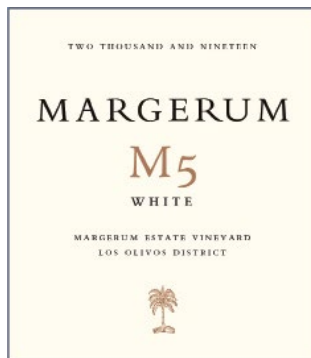
98 Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2018 Contrada R Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane).

Fragrant and loaded with finesse, this gorgeous red stuns with captivating scents of pressed rose, violet, red berry, white pepper as well as whiffs of smoke and balsamic notes. Boasting extreme elegance and intensity, the smooth, delicious palate delivers strawberry jelly, raspberry compote, cinnamon and flinty mineral framed in smooth, silky tannins. Made from some of the highest vineyards on Mount Etna and 100-year-old vines, it's endowed with bright acidity that keeps it superbly balanced. Drink through 2030. T. Edward Wines Ltd. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$90

30



94 Margerum 2019 M5 Margerum Estate Vineyard White (Los Olivos District).

Complex and yet utterly refreshing, this estate blend of 45% Grenache Blanc, 21% Marsanne, 14% Viognier, 13% Roussanne and 7% Picpoul Blanc begins with wet stone, chalk, nectarine, Rainier cherry and creamed pear on the crisp nose. The palate sizzles with acidity and ashy, chalky tension, delivering flavors of kiwi, lychee and more stone fruit. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.

abv: 12.8%

Price: \$29

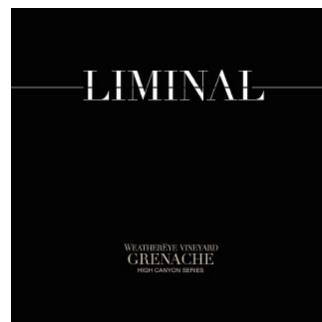
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96 Ata Rangi 2017 Pinot Noir (Martinborough). From extremely low-yielding, organic vines, this flagship Pinot, which sees 30% whole bunch and a native yeast fermentation, is beautifully expressive. Complex, harmonious and elegant, it ripples with pristine, brambly fruit, dried flowers, spices, river stone minerality and a savory, meaty nuance. The palate is silky, with crystalline acidity and laced with fine, chalky tannins. Still a baby, this needs a decanter to drink now but will age well through 2040. Verity Wine Partners. —C.P.

abv: 13%

Price: \$55

32



97 Liminal 2018 High Canyon Series WeatherEye Vineyard Grenache (Red Mountain).

The first thing one notices about this wine is the depth of color for the variety. Coming from the Amphitheater block, the aromas pop in notes of black raspberry, rose petal, pomegranate and crushed rock. Red and black fruit flavors undulate across the palate, showing deftness, richness and detail. The finish goes on as long—longer even than one cares to count. Throughout it all, it retains a sense of balance and freshness. It's a yardstick against which future Washington Grenache will be measured. **Editors' Choice.** —S.S.

abv: 15%

Price: \$75

33



95 Tornatore 2019 Pietrarizzo Bianco (Etna).

Made predominantly from Carricante with a drop of Catarratto, this smooth, stunning white offers delicate, enticing scents of Spanish broom, chamomile, ripe white-stone fruit and a whiff of smoke. Savory and loaded with elegance, the medium-bodied, focused palate features juicy Meyer lemon, ripe Bartlett pear, golden apple and tangy, saline mineral notes. Bright acidity lends tension and balance. Drink through 2025. LUX Wines. —K.O.

abv: 13%

Price: \$55

34

94 Michelini i Mufatto 2018 GY Malbec-Cabernet Franc (Tupungato). A pure and direct nose is highly exact and confident, with aromas of black fruit that are crisp and clean. A tight, juicy palate is balanced by ample roundness, while this delivers high-quality berry and plum flavors that are familiar to fans of Argentine Malbec. This is 60% Malbec and 40% Cabernet Franc. Drink through 2026. Brazos Wine Imports. —M.S.

abv: 13%

Price: \$30

35

94 Michele Chiarlo 2017 Cipressi (Nizza). Vinous aromas of just-pressed grapes, fragrant blue flower and mature blueberry form the inviting nose along with whiffs of graphite and underbrush. Chewy and delicious, the smooth, concentrated palate doles out succulent black cherry, crushed blackberry, star anise and a hint of game alongside velvety tannins. Drink through 2025. Kobrand. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$30

36

93 Abbazia di Novacella 2019 Sylvaner (Alto Adige Valle Isarco). Apricot, citrus and smoke aromas form the nose of this radiant, fragrant white. On the racy, delicious palate, vibrant acidity and flinty mineral notes lend tension and depth to ripe yellow peach, juicy grapefruit and ginger. Abbazia di Novacella USA. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$20

37

93 Anselmo Mendes 2019 Contacto Alvarinho (Vinho Verde). From the producer's home region of Monção and Melgaço, this wine is made, unusually for Vinho Verde, using skin contact. That gives it an extra dimension of richness and fullness. The wine's apple flavors have concentration and, along with the texture, suggest potential for aging. Drink ideally from 2021. Grape2Glass. —R.V.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

38

94 François Villard 2017 Les Contours de Deponcins Viognier (Vin de France). More floral and freshly fruited than the producer's Terrasses bottling, this sunny Viognier wafts of orchard peaches, rose petals and honeysuckle. It's a plush, sensual sip held upright by a crush of minerality and lingering tea tannins. Ready

to drink now, it will hold through 2030. Jack Edwards Collection. **Editors' Choice.** —A.I.

abv: 14%

Price: \$28

39

95 Patricia Green Cellars 2018 Freedom Hill Vineyard Dijon 115 Clone Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). A striking, dense and muscular wine, this is a standout among a slew of Freedom Hill designates from Patricia Green Cellars. Sappy blackberry and black-cherry fruit are streaked with highlights of red licorice, coffee and a whiff of charred wood. The tannins are polished and firm, and at 14 years of age, these vines are just entering their prime. **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.

abv: 14%

Price: \$48

40



95 Russiz Superiore 2016 Riserva Sauvignon (Collio). A benchmark for Italian whites, this wine opens with inviting aromas of honeydew melon, exotic fruit, aromatic herb and a whiff of baking spice. On the delicious, polished palate, fresh acidity accompanies ripe apricot, white peach, gooseberry, cantaloupe and pastry cream before a lingering lemon-drop finale. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$43

41

93 Mount Eden Vineyards 2017 Old Vines Chardonnay (Edna Valley). Pleasantly briny hints of sea spray and beach dew meet with golden nuts and dried lemon peels in the intensely complex nose of this bottling. The texture is compelling, leading into full flavors of lemon balm, salted macadamia nuts, orange rind and creamy guava peel. —M.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$23

42

94 Pascal & Alain Lorieux 2018 Thélème (Chinon). Rich with black fruits, this smoothly textured wine has a smoky character from wood aging. Still young and with tannins still present, it is just beginning to show its full richness. It will be best from 2022. Serge Doré Selections. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$35

43



93 De Stefani NV Rive di Refrontolo Brut Nature (Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore). Radiant and loaded with finesse, this lovely sparkler opens with floral and fruit aromas of hawthorn, acacia and yellow pear. The bone-dry, linear palate delivers mature green apple, white peach and a savory mineral note alongside a foaming mousse. Bright acidity keeps it balanced and energized. Ethica Wines. —K.O.

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$32

44



95 J. Lohr 2016 Cuvée Pau (Paso Robles). This is a dense and detailed wine, starting with rich, inviting aromas of dark berries, cherries, cocoa, vanilla and mocha on the nose. Those lavish tones carry to the palate, which is framed by chiseled tannins. But the most intriguing aspects are the wild array of oregano and dried herbs that decorate the blackberry-jam and cherry-juice core. —M.K.

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$60

45

93 Lieubeau 2017 Cru Goulaine (Muscadet Sèvre et Maine). From one of the designated cru villages, this wine is ripe with maturity. That gives the wine a rich, nutty character as well as hints of yellow fruits and a soft final texture. It is concentrated and ready to drink. European Cellars. —R.V.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$24

46

96 Alain Voge 2017 Les Vieilles Vignes (Cornas). Old vines averaging 60 years and long oak maturation (20% in new oak) lend spicy, sweet notes of cinnamon toast and clove to deeply concentrated black plum and blackberry

flavors in this wine. It's a creamy Syrah, balanced by tart cassis acidity and ripe but firm, lingering tannins. Delicious already, the wine should show even better from 2022 and improve through 2037. Citadel Trading. —A.I.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$85

47

93 Pflüger 2018 Bunstandstein Pinot Noir Trocken (Pfalz). Spicy notes of burnt caramel and black pepper accent intensely ripe black cherry and plum in this delightfully juicy, concentrated red. It's an immediately enjoyable, gorgeously red-berried sip but boasts a firm acidic backbone and subtleties of earth and herb. A fantastic value for such a satisfying wine. Valckenberg International, Inc. **Editors' Choice.** —A.I.

abv: 13%

Price: \$22

48

93 Laurent Gauthier 2018 Côte du Py (Morgon). Like so many producers in Morgon, this grower has a piece of the 100-acre Côte du Py. This structured wine is rich, laden with tannins as well as massive black fruits. It has the concentration to age well. Drink from 2021. American Northwest Distributors Inc. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

49



94 Quinta do Crasto 2016 Reserva Vinhas Velhas (Douro). A blend of 30 grape varieties from vines aged at least 70 years old, this wine boasts density and a firm structure. It's powered by tannins, dark black-fruit flavors and great concentration, and is an impressive wine that needs much more time. Drink from 2022. Folio Fine Wine Partners. **Editors' Choice.** —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

50

96 Château la Gaffelière 2017 Saint-Émilion. This wine has good structure, delicious black-currant fruits and powerful tannins. Its dry core will drive this wine forward as it matures. The aftertaste brings out the fruitiness of the vintage. Drink from 2024. K&L Wine Merchants. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$85

51

93 Failla 2018 Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). You'll have to search far and wide to find a Willamette Valley Pinot this good at this price. Winemaker Ehren Jordan is a proven Pinot master, and works his magic here, using fruit from top Chehalem Mountain and Eola-Amity sites. This offers a well-integrated mix of fruit and barrel flavors, blackberries, black cherry, mocha and coffee. The ripe and focused tannins add notes of espresso and toasted hazelnuts; the wine is a sheer joy to drink. **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$28

52

97 Gunter Triebaumer 2018 Ruster Ausbruch (Burgenland). A hint of musk, a touch of vanilla and the promise of creaminess starts this off. On the palate, this vision blossoms into apricot-scented sweetness and concentrated richness of apricot compote. All this is pervaded by equally concentrated freshness, piercing through with lemony brightness. Circo Vino. —A.K.

abv: 9%

Price: \$54/375 ml

53

93 Château Vincens 2018 Origine (Cahors). Still totally young, this dense, structured and tannic wine shows strong wood aging flavors. Licorice and bitter chocolate emphasize the wine's youth and fine future. Drink from 2023. W. Direct. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$28

54

93 Vignobles Brumont 2016 Château Bouscassé (Madiran). Mainly Tannat with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine comes from the home estate of Madiran leader Alain Brumont. It balances bold tannins from all three grapes with the power of black fruits, acidity and density. It needs to age and will be ready from 2022. Regal Wine Imports Inc. **Editors' Choice.** —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$25

55

93 Hermann J. Wiemer 2018 Reserve Dry Riesling (Seneca Lake). Sourced from three estate vineyards (15% HJW, 20% Magdalena and 65% Josef), this reserve offers ripe aromas of apple, pineapple and apricot that are delicately perfumed with ginger and blossoms. Rounded in feel, the palate shows pineapple and peach, lifted by reverberating jolts of lemon peel and white tea. It shows great texture and depth, ending dry and stony. —A.P.

abv: 12.7%

Price: \$29

56



92 Summer Water 2019 Rosé (Central Coast). A pale salmon-pink color in the glass, this widely available bottling of 85% Grenache and 15% Syrah delivers a fantastic nose of melon, bubblegum and soft rose petals. It's clean and chalky on the palate, with a light cantaloupe flavor and a surprisingly long finish. **Editors' Choice.** —M.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

57

92 Markus Huber 2019 Terrassen Grüner Veltliner (Traisental). A subtle tone of yeast on the nose has a bright edge of lemon zest. The palate also combines savory, textured yeast with tingling, zesty lemon, resulting in a lovely combination of richness and tangy freshness. The body is slender, concentrated, dry and vivid. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —A.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$18

58

93 Zuccardi 2018 Poligonos del Valle de Uco San Pablo Cabernet Franc (Uco Valley). This racy Cabernet Franc from winemaker Sebastián Zuccardi is made entirely in concrete. Plum and berry tones are full and fresh on the nose and palate, while flavors of black fruit, herbs, tea and tomato linger on the smooth finish. Drink through 2024. Winesellers, Ltd. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$30

59



93 Clover Hill NV Tasmanian Cuvée Méthode Traditionnelle Rosé (Tasmania). Clover Hill's sparklers show off Tasmania's prowess when it comes to serious, traditional method bubbly. With this golden, rose-tinted wine, the nose opens with yeasty, honeyed, baked pear notes with just sprinkles of ground clove, ginger spice and cherry blossoms. The creamy texture is lifted by persistent bubbles. There's a slight bitterness to the finish, and it lacks a little depth of flavor, but overall this is quite the classy drop. Little Peacock Imports. —C.P.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$30

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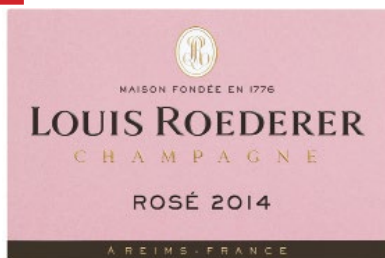


92 Dos Almas 2015 Apogeo de Apalta (Colchagua Valley). Blackberry and blueberry aromas meld with a bit of tar on the nose. A full and layered palate brings the intensity, while this Cabernet Sauvignon-lead blend tastes of blackberry, chocolate and a touch of green herbs. Toasty oak lends smokiness to a finish that fades with grace. 1821 Fine Wines & Spirits. *Editors' Choice.* —M.S.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$50

61

94 Château Bouscalt 2017 White (Pessac-Léognan). A rich, creamy wine, this is perfumed, textured and full of tangy orange and lemon flavors. Fruit is just part of the package, with the toast, spice and light tannins adding further complexity. Drink from 2021. Joanne Bordeaux USA. —R.V.
abv: 14% Price: \$50

62



95 Louis Roederer 2014 Brut Rosé (Champagne). The Roederer style has become drier as the fruit has become riper and this finely balanced Champagne is an excellent example. Taut and textured, with great freshness allied to the mineral and fruit tones, this wine just hints at tannins as it moves towards maturity. Drink from 2022. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. —R.V.
abv: 12% Price: \$89

63

93 Quinta da Rede 2018 Grande Reserva White (Douro). Arinto and Rabigato in equal proportions and nine months in wood have produced an impressively rich, creamy, spicy wine. It is dense from lees aging, ripe and full of white fruits that are touched by citrus. Drink this fine wine from 2021. M Imports, LLC. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 13% Price: \$32

64

92 Tiberio 2019 Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo. This richly hued pink wine starts off with a nose of freshly pressed cherries and blackberries—stems and all. While the fruit is intense and concentrated, there are earthy base notes of herbs and bramble that tie it all together. It's full yet fresh on the palate, showing amazing purity to the berry fruit flavors. Slicks of crushed stone and herbs keep this lifted and energized. It's an excellent offering from this estate winery located in the Pescara province of Abruzzo. Drink now–2021. The Sorting Table. *Editors' Choice.* —A.P.
abv: 14% Price: \$20

65

93 Wilson Foreigner 2018 Rancho Chimiles Valdigüé (Napa Valley). This is a beautifully complex, beguiling and lifted red wine, tasting of plum and dark cherry dappled in white pepper and dried herb. Fermented in concrete tank and aged in neutral oak, the grapes are grown on the ranch owned and farmed by the Wilson

family in the far reaches of the eastern Napa Valley. —V.B.

abv: 12.7%

Price: \$34

66

93 William Fèvre 2018 Champs Royaux (Chablis). A subtle hint of tangerine on the nose dissipates to leave ripe lemon brightness. The palate is beautifully concentrated, juicy and fresh, brimming with lemon-edged Mirabelle fruitiness. A chalky depth anchors everything in more coolness despite the ripe, rounded vintage. Maisons and Domaines Henriot. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$35

67



93 González Byass NV Nectar Dulce Pedro Ximénez (Jerez). A smooth nose deals typical P.X. aromas of chocolate, fig and raisin. On the palate, this is thick and a touch chewy but that's not abnormal for this type of wine. Rich flavors of café mocha and chocolate finish long, sweet and satisfying. Gonzalez Byass USA. *Editors' Choice.* —M.S.
abv: 15% Price: \$25

68

92 Involuntary Commitment 2018 Red (Columbia Valley). This side project from the folks at Andrew Will is consistently one of the best values in the state. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, with coffee, cherry and savory herb aromas out front. The palate brings a sense of balance, intensity, depth, purity and sophistication. —S.S.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$20

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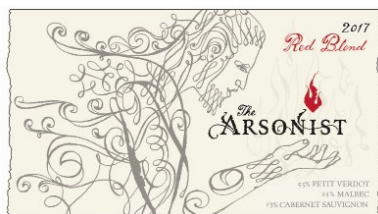
92 Penley Estate 2018 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra). Tannin hounds rejoice, this quintessential Aussie Cab is awash with plump currant and plum fruit, with bay leaf, olive, tobacco and eucalyptus tones all cinched by muscular, leathery tannins. It's a powerful but balanced wine crying out for a slab of rare steak. Drink now–2035. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.
abv: 14% Price: \$20

70



92 Biokult 2019 Naken Made With Organic Grapes White (Burgenland). Pink-hued and funky, this skin-contact orange wine brims with clementine and orange peel notes on the nose, supported by an overtone of honeysuckle. The light palate has a texture reminiscent of citrus pith and tingles with freshness, while clementine and white pepper notes are highlighted by the bone-dry nature. It is compelling and wonderfully light. Natural Merchants, Inc. —A.K.
abv: 10.5% Price: \$20

71



92 Matchbook 2017 The Arsonist Red Blend (California). This wine is superconcentrated and complex in its array of red and black fruit flavors, with subtle oak spices and a rich texture. A blend of Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, it has a mouthcoating effect and a lingering gorgeous finish. —J.G.
abv: 13.9% Price: \$22

72

92 Tement 2019 Kalk & Kreide Sauvignon Blanc (Südsteiermark). Flinty reduction hovers on the still shy nose. The palate comes in with ease and gentle spritz, presenting vivid, pure lemon and a certain fragrant creaminess without tipping over into obvious varietal flavors. This is a Sauvignon Blanc about texture, with a juicy, dry, mouthwatering finish. Weygandt-Metzler. —A.K.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$20

73

92 Caliterra 2017 Tributo Carmenère (Colchagua Valley). Berry and black plum aromas meld with and herbal accent in this typical Colchagua Valley Carmenère. On the palate, this is full and dense, with just enough lively acidic pop. Toasty, spicy flavors of smoky oak accent a

core of blackberry and cassis, while this is long and slightly tannic on a well-focused finish. Drink through 2024. Seaview Imports. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$20

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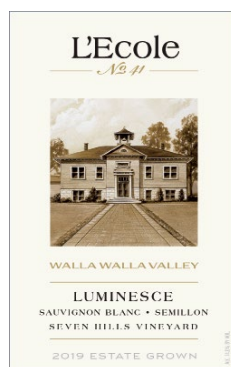
92 Moulin de la Roque 2016 Les Adrets Red (Bandol). This elegantly perfumed wine is almost entirely Mourvèdre. Flavors of mint and rich blackberry are well integrated, giving a wine that still brings out fruit while just moving into a mature, complete phase. Drink now. Scoperta Importing Co. Inc. **Editors' Choice.** —R.V.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$21

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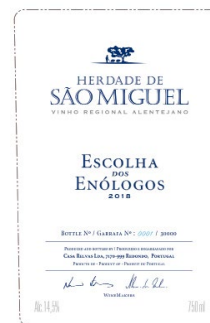
91 Bonterra 2018 Made with Organic Grapes Merlot (California). The black-fruit flavors in this full-bodied and moderately tannic wine go deep and broad, filling the palate with rich berries and black cherries. Hints of cocoa and dark chocolate add interest and complexity, too. —J.G.
abv: 13.9% Price: \$16

76



92 L'Ecole No. 41 2019 Luminesce Estate Grown Seven Hills Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon (Walla Walla Valley). This wine is equally split between the two varieties. Pleasing aromas of pear, citrus, fig, mineral and herb are followed by rounded, textured flavors that lead to a warm finish. The acidity is heightened compared to recent vintages, making the flavors snap. Give it a few years in the cellar to see it at its best. **Editors' Choice.** —S.S.
abv: 14% Price: \$22

77



92 Casa Relvas 2018 Herdade de São Miguel Escolha dos Enólogos Red (Alentejano). Taken from a selection in the cellar, this wood-aged wine is a rich blend that includes Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bouschet, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and others. It has structure as well as powerful black fruit flavors that come through the dark chocolate and spice accents. Drink from 2022. Quintessential Wines. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$23

78

92 Dalton 2017 Alma Crimson (Galilee). Dark red-violet in color, this wine has aromas of black plum and violet, with the faintest touch of green pepper. It feels good on the palate, with subdued but ever-present tannins and flavors of black cherry, cassis, caramel and thyme that continue into a lively finish. Kosher. Allied Importers, USA, Ltd. —M.D.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$23

79

92 Cave L'Aurance 2015 Brut Millésemé (Crémant de Bourgogne). Notes of ripe Mirabelle and dried apricot point to some evolution on the nose. The fine foam and richness on the palate carry the same, presenting mellow freshness and fine, smooth, salty, yeasty autolysis. While elegant and smooth, the palate has a spine of freshness. Allied Beverage Group. —A.K.
abv: 11.5% Price: \$24

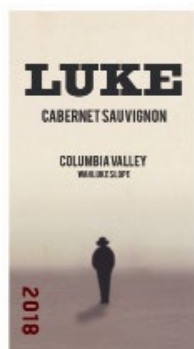
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92 Bodegas Riojanas 2016 Viña Albina Reserva (Rioja). Mild reduction on the nose leaves room for earthy plum and berry scents as well as floral aromas. This reserva from a great vintage is lively and juicy on the palate, with rubbing tannins that should soften in short order. Cherry, cassis and wood spice flavors finish dry and firm, with residual red fruit notes. Drink through 2025. Bodegas Riojanas. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$24

81

91 **Chateau Ste. Michelle & Dr. Loosen 2018 Eroica Riesling (Columbia Valley).** The aromas are vibrant, with notes of lime leaf, whole lime and wet slate. Medium-bodied, off-dry lime and white-peach flavors follow, with mouthwatering acidity upping the interest. Nestea Iced Tea notes linger on the finish. Pair it with shrimp ceviche with diced mango and lime juice. **Editors' Choice.** —S.S.
abv: 12% Price: \$20

82



92 **Luke 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Wahluke Slope).** Aromas of fresh raspberry, bitter-sweet chocolate and dried herb pop on the nose. The palate is ripe, delicious, fruit filled and lip-smacking, displaying a lot of density, intensity and texture. Give this beauty a short decant if drinking in the near term. **Editors' Choice.** —S.S.
abv: 14.4% Price: \$25

83

92 **CVNE 2017 Monopole Clásico Viura (Rioja).** Aromas of lightly oxidized white fruit open this white Rioja. A full and complex palate is supported by core acidity, while this Viura-based classic tastes salty and woody, with apple, leesy yeast and dry oak notes driving a smooth finish. This contains some Manzanilla Sherry in an ode to how the wine was made 75 years ago. Drink through 2024. Arano LLC. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$30

84

90 **Hecht & Bannier 2019 Rosé (Côtes de Provence).** A rich wine full of ripe raspberry flavors, this spicy blend includes Grenache and Cinsault along with a touch of Vermentino. Drink now for best enjoyment. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$20

85

93 **Glenelly 2013 Lady May (Stellenbosch).** This is a beautiful, expressive wine, with loads of potpourri, dried floral and cinnamon-spice notes that lead on the nose and ride atop the decadent fruit tones of blackberry, boysenberry and black plum flesh. The palate is full and smooth, yet not overdone or overly opulent, with more of those ripe black fruit flavors that are partnered with tones of tilled earth, licorice, light char and freshly ground coffee. The tannins are structuring, yet well integrated into the mix, with a long finish to seal the deal. Cape Classics. —L.B.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$55

86

92 **Day 2016 TNT Tannat (Applegate Valley).** Sourced from the Layne Vineyard, this makes a strong case for Tannat in the Applegate Valley. Winemaker Brianne Day does not shy away from risk in pursuit of natural, unmanipulated wines, with wild yeast and no fining or filtering. The lush midpalate is loaded with berries and cherries, and the finish is threaded with details of citrus and herbs. One-third whole clusters were used, along with one-third new oak (a Russian oak puncheon). **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.
abv: 13% Price: \$33

87



92 **Michael David 2017 Inkblot Petit Verdot (Lodi).** This big but seductive wine is immensely flavorful and tannic but also polished in feel. It's brimming with ripe, lush blackberry and blueberry flavors that are deftly accented by vanilla, chocolate and nutmeg. Best through 2026. —J.G.
abv: 15% Price: \$35

88

91 **Wittmann 2018 100 Hills Dry Pinot Blanc (Rheinhessen).** Vibrant, transparent grapefruit and pear flavors extend from nose to finish in this fantastic value Pinot Blanc. Full bodied and juicy on the palate, it's balanced by zesty tangs of lemony acidity and a lingering note of smoked hazelnut. Enjoy now–2022 to maximize its vital style. Loosen Bros. USA. **Editors' Choice.** —A.I.
abv: 13% Price: \$16

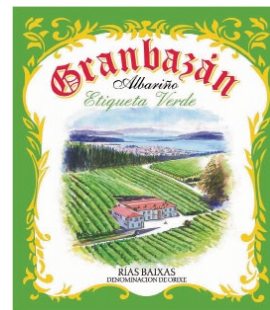
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91 **Produttori di Manduria 2017 Lirica (Primitivo di Manduria).** Cohesive aromas of tilled earth, tobacco and peppery spice are well-integrated into a rich cherry jam core on the nose. This is full, rounded and juicy in feel, showing luscious fruit jam flavors that don't falter or loose definition, thanks to lifted acidity and a firm framing of polished tannins. Tobacco, earth and violet tones bring added depth, with a cherry skin tone lingering on the close. Massanois Imports. **Editors' Choice.** —A.P.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$16

90

92 **Navarro 2019 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer (Anderson Valley).** This gorgeously sweet wine is well balanced enough to serve before or during a meal as well as with dessert. It offers wonderful rose-petal and grapefruit flavors, a rich texture and a touch of brisk acidity to counter the sweetness. —J.G.
abv: 11% Price: \$25/375 ml

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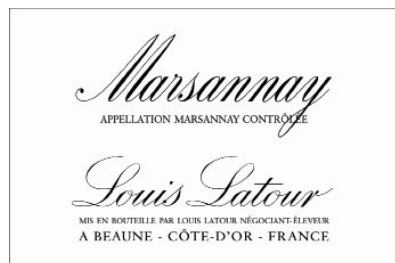
91 **Granbazán 2019 Etiqueta Verde Albariño (Rías Baixas).** Apple and other white fruit aromas come with a touch of lanolin, while this is fresh yet rounded on the palate. Nice flavors of golden apple, white stone fruits and sea salt finish with good length. Drink this rock-solid Albariño through 2021. Europvin USA. —M.S.
abv: 13% Price: \$18

92



91 Kettmeir 2019 Pinot Bianco (Alto Adige). Hawthorn and yellow pear aromas form the nose. The aromas segue over to the smooth, crisp palate, along with white peach, baking spice and a hint of white almond. Vibrant acidity lifts the creamy, delicious flavors. Santa Margherita USA. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$20

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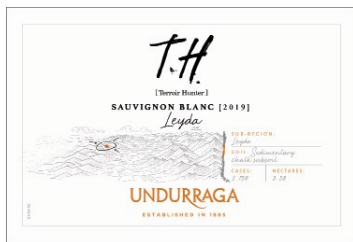


91 Louis Latour 2018 Marsannay. The flinty promise of slight reduction is the first notion on the nose of this wine, followed by a bright, juicy red-cherry tone. The palate also has that appetizing flintiness surrounding ripe, almost fleshy cherry that sits around a core of freshness. Subtle, juicy tannins appear on the appealing finish. Louis Latour Inc. —A.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$32

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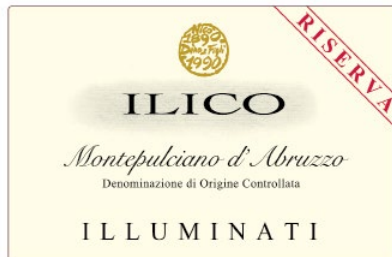
92 Cossart Gordon 2008 Colheita Single Harvest Verdelho (Madeira). At 12 years old, this wood-aged Madeira has plenty of fruit to go with lifted acidity. Orange and candied lemon-peel flavors are preserved by the wine's total freshness and spicy. Drink now. Vineyard Brands. —R.V.
abv: 19% Price: \$48/500 ml

95



91 Undurraga 2019 T.H. Terroir Hunter Sauvignon Blanc (Leyda Valley). A bright nose delivers a shot of fresh lime backed by cilantro, vanilla and sea spray. A sleek and juicy palate is cut by piercing acidity, while lime, tangerine and tarragon flavors wrap up on a cleansing finish. This shows all the attributes of Chilean Sauvignon Blanc at its best. Freedom Beverage Co. **Editors' Choice.** —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$22

96



91 Illuminati 2017 Ilico Riserva (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo). A dense core of red-cherry coulis is lifted up by bright mentholated herbs and tobacco on the nose of this riserva. Medium in weight, there's a tangy cherry tone to the palate, with firm, finely knit tannins and pulsing acidity providing the frame. More herbs and a slight granite twang linger on the finish. Montcalm Wine Importers. **Editors' Choice.** —A.P.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$24

97

90 Robert Oatley 2017 Shiraz (McLaren Vale). The Oatley reds are often tightly wound, even austere, at first. But give this wine time in a glass or decanter and it becomes a much more vibrant and elegant drop. Plums, brambly berries, dark chocolate and licorice are backed by earthy, savory spices. Power and elegance play together, wound by savory tannins. Overall, this is a balanced and restrained bottling. Drink now—2027. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —C.P.
abv: 14% Price: \$20

98

90 Nasiakos 2018 Agiorgitiko (Peloponnese). This wine starts with red fruit, warming spice and cedar aromas. On the palate, it brings an elegant balance of forest fruit, spice and smoke. The wine's style is soft and rich, with a lingering blackberry finish. Pair with lamb or soft cheeses. Stellar Importing Company, LLC. —S.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$17

99



90 DFJ Vinhos 2017 Aluado Reserva Alicante Bouschet (Lisboa). This rich, dense wine is powered by dark black fruits and ripe tannins. It exudes structure and concentration, with big blackberry fruits that keep freshness very much upfront. Drink now. Lionstone International. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$18

100



91 Cave Spring 2018 Riesling (Niagara Peninsula). Balance is the watchword for this wine, reaching across the dynamic tension between the residual fruit sugar and the searing acidity. In the mix are tangy flavors of apple, white melon, lemon and tangerine. **Editors' Choice.** —P.G.
abv: 11% Price: \$17

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