



“Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance.” - Benjamin Franklin

A note of Thanks to our Customers:

Luigi’s considers wine to be an integral part of the dining experience. We continually strive to bring our customers the best offerings available from regions all over the world. We have selections from the United States (which includes California, Oregon, Washington, and New Mexico), Australia and New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, France, Germany, and of course Italy. We will bring new offerings from other regions as well as we continue to spread our “love of wine” to our customers and friends. Thank you for choosing Luigi’s as your source for a wonderful dining experience!

“Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine so that I may wet my brain and say something clever.” -Aristophanes

A note about our wine list:

Because of our passion for Vino, we are serious about the wines we provide you. We are also passionate about the information we convey about those wines. We have attempted to bring you as much information as possible to assist you in making your decision. We have provided notes about many of the wines from professional resources such as *The Wine Advocate*, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, and *Wine Spectator Magazine*, as well as many of our own tasting notes to help you select the wine you are looking for. And please, don’t be afraid to ask your server for assistance should you require it. Wine is not something to fear, but something to enjoy!

Reviews: D- Decanter, WA – The Wine Advocate, WS – Wine Spectator, WE – Wine Enthusiast, V – Vinous, JS – James Suckling, JD – Jeb Dunnuck, PR – Pinot Report, WW – Wilfred Wong, ST – Stephen Tanzer, TA – Tim Atkin, NM – Natalie Maclean, KO - Kerin O’Keefe

We constantly strive to make sure this wine list is an accurate representation of all the offerings we keep in our cellar. However, please understand that we may have vintage rollovers and occasionally may run out of some items.

“Wine is the most civilized thing in the world.” -Ernest Hemingway

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Organic Wine and Biodynamic Wine

Due to the interest many of our guests have shown in the past regarding “organic wine”, we have chosen to identify those producers who are following the protocols established by the governing bodies in their respective countries that allow for these Organic and Biodynamic classifications to exist. They are displayed in the list as follows:



Organic Wine



Biodynamic Wine

Organic Wine: The term "organic wine" refers to wine made from organically-certified grapes, and since 2012 the winemaking process has also been regulated under the term ‘Organic Wine’. This means that they are grown **WITHOUT** the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers. All of the bugs, weeds, and pests are managed using all natural substances, and the fertilizers used to nourish the vines are also 100% natural. For example weeds can be removed mechanically, and natural composts can be used as fertilizers.

Note: While the EU (European Union) has common standards for ‘Organic Wine’, each country can have their own unique standards for "organic".

In the U.S. for example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture can certify that a wine is organic. These bottles are labelled and sold as "USDA-Certified Organic". In order to be certified organic, the grapes have to be grown according to organic farming standards, and in contrast to the EU rules, the wine cannot have added sulphites.

Biodynamic Wine: Biodynamic agriculture is a holistic approach to farming that goes beyond ‘organic’. It views the farm as a closed ecosystem, where nothing should be brought in from outside, and nothing wasted (the ideal farm is mixed use, with livestock providing manure for compost, but wine estates without livestock will purchase biodynamic compost).

While organic farming bans the use of synthetic products, biodynamics goes further by stipulating the use of eight ‘preparations’ to enhance the life of the soil. Minerals and herbs such as nettles and dandelion flowers mixed in water in very low concentrations are sprayed in the vineyards.

One important concept behind biodynamics is the belief that everything--the crops, the soil, the farmer, the universe - is interconnected. The sun, moon, planets, and stars all affect the growing of crops. Viticulturists growing grapes for biodynamic wine will try to balance the connection between the farmer, the vine, the earth itself, and the celestial bodies.

This may sound a bit unusual to some people, but it's a holistic form of agriculture that has become widely practiced in Europe, Australia, and the New World. Since its introduction in the 1920s, by Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner, it has become one of the most accepted forms of organic viticulture.

For a wine to be sold as "biodynamic", it must be certified by an organization such as Demeter or Biodyvin. Demeter certifies the majority of biodynamic wines, but a large number of French vineyards prefer to obtain the Biodyvin certification as well. To obtain certification, the wines must follow the viticulture and vinification rules established by these organizations.

Sparkling Wines by the Glass

All Sparkling wines by the glass are 4oz unless otherwise noted

259	Lyrarakis “ZaZaZu” Sparkling Demi-Sec, Crete, Greece NV	9.00
254	Ruggeri Argeo Prosecco Treviso Brut, Veneto, Italy DOC NV	9.00
257	Gruet Rosé, New Mexico, USA NV	10.00
265	Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve NV, Champagne, France	15.00

White Wines by the Glass

All still wines by the glass are 6oz unless otherwise noted

Sweeter Wines

203	Carl Graff Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2024	10.00
513	Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2024	10.00
505	Banfi “Rosa Regale” Brachetto d’Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2024	10.50
453	Cleto Chiarli "Centenario" Lambrusco Di Modena DOC, Emilia-Romagna	10.00

Dry Whites and Rosé

106	Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy DOC 2024	10.00
124	Sophie Bertin Rosé 2025, Vin de France	10.00
150	Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2024	10.50
116	Licia Albariño, Rias Baixas DO, Spain 2024	11.00
104	Goldschmidt Vineyards 'Embankment' Chardonnay, RRV, CA 2023	12.00

Red Wines by the Glass

435	Catena Paraje Altamira Malbec, Mendoza Argentina 2024	12.00
475	Vietti Barbera d'Asti “Tre Vigne”, Piedmont Italy DOCG 2023	11.00
368	Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy DOCG 2021	12.50
538	Zenato “Ripassa” Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, Veneto, Italy DOC 2020	14.50
671	Tolaini “Al Passo” Super Tuscan Blend, Tuscany, Italy IGT 2021	15.00
412	The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2024	13.50
633	Hahn SLH Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, California 2022	14.00
611	Bookwalter “Readers” Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington 2022	13.00
524	Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2023	11.00
328	Double Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington 2022	12.00
417	Harvey and Harriet Red Blend, Paso Robles, California 2023	16.00
448	Textbook Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet, Napa Valley, California 2022	17.00

Dessert Wines by Glass

511	Taylor Fladgate 10 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3oz	10.00
522	Taylor Fladgate 20 yr Tawny Port, Portugal	3oz	18.00
507	Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2017	3oz	11.00
501	Fattoria del Cerro Vin Santo Sangallo, Tuscany, Italy 2018	3oz	16.00

Half Bottles (375ml)

Sparkling and White

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

Reds

469	Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2022	31.00
332	Tenuta Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2020	44.00
539	Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2018	50.00
478	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018	71.00

Dessert Wines

507	Chateau Saint Vincent Sauternes, France, 2010	39.00
506	Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2019 (187ml)	58.00
352	La Giarretta Recioto Classico della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy 2005 (500ml)	55.00
500	Inniskillin Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2021	115.00

Other Formats

602	G. D. Vajra Barolo “Albe”, DOCG, Italy 2020	1.5 liter	155.00
495	“The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2022	1.5 liter	165.00
610	Clos Apalta “Le Petit Clos”, Apalta, Chile 2020	1.5 liter	203.00
517	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG, Italy 2018	1.5 liter	215.00
405	Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG Italy 2019	1.5 liter	280.00
392	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2022	1.5 liter	1275.00

Champagne & Sparkling Wines

Half Bottles (375ml)

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

Full Bottles (750 ml)

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| 259 | Lyrarakis ZaZaZu Sparkling Demi-Sec, Crete, Greece NV | 38.00 |
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ZaZaZu white sparkling wine is made from the varieties Vilana, Vidiano and Muscat of Spina. Light, festive wine with wonderful aromas of peach, lemon, apple cherry blossom and a hint of white flowers. You will enjoy it at any time of the day!

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| 260 | Lovo Prosecco Rosé Brut Millesimato, Veneto, Italy DOC NV | 40.00 |
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This artisanal Rose Brut boasts beautiful notes of lilac, raspberry, dried mint, and crushed gravel. The color is sunset-perfect - bright and delicate. Hard to imagine a more quaffable aperitif!

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| 254 | Ruggeri Argeo Prosecco Treviso Brut, Veneto, Italy DOC NV | 40.00 |
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The Ruggeri winery was established in 1950 by Giustino Bisol, whose family boasts a deeply rooted, centuries-old tradition in viticulture in the Valdobbiadene area. "A fresh, fruity sparkling with aromas of acacia, white peach, sliced apple and lemon. Medium bubbles and crisp acidity with a rounded finish." 90JS

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| 257 | Gruet Rosé, New Mexico NV | 42.00 |
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In 1983, the Gruet family was traveling through the Southwestern part of the United States, and while in New Mexico met a group of European winemakers who had successfully planted vineyards in Engle, near the town of Truth or Consequence, 170 miles south of Albuquerque. The land was inexpensive and the opportunity golden. In 1984, Gilbert Gruet, whose Champagne house, Gruet et Fils had produced fine Champagne in Bethon, France, since 1952, made the decision to plant an experimental vineyard, exclusively planted to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. His children, winemaker Laurent and daughter Nathalie, then relocated to the great state of New Mexico to begin their American wine making adventure.

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| 256 | Schramsberg Brut Blanc de Blancs, North Coast, California 2021 | 73.00 |
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Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine. Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs gained international recognition in 1972 when then President Nixon served the wine at the historic "Toast to Peace" in Beijing, China. It is 100% Chardonnay with a county composition of 54% Napa and 46% Sonoma. "Sumptuous yet vibrant and fresh, displaying elegantly layered Meyer lemon, star fruit and fresh ginger flavors that turn steely on the long finish. Drink now." 93 WS

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| 265 | Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Reserve, Champagne, France NV | 87.00 |
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Nicolas Feuillatte bought 12 hectares of vineyard in Champagne in 1972 and established Nicolas Feuillatte in 1976. Through the 70s and 80s the Nicolas Feuillatte brand grew, until in 1986 he made the decision to sell the to the Cave Vinicole de la Champagne cooperative, which acquired both his vineyards and his brand. It was a match made in heaven, as the brand has continued to

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

- 263 Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Rosé, Champagne, France NV 93.00**
"A lively sparkling rosé, with a bright, citrusy overtone to fruit-forward flavors of strawberry puree and black raspberry, showing accents of biscuit, walnut skin and gumdrop. Drink now through 2016." 91 WS
- 255 Taittinger Brut Réserve, Champagne, France NV 119.00**
Champagne Taittinger was established in 1931 by Pierre Taittinger on the foundations of Forest-Forneaux, itself established in 1734 and the third-oldest wine producing house of Champagne. Taittinger is today proprietor of approximately 600 acres of vines among which are included parcels in the one hundred - percent rated villages of Cramant and Avize in the Cote des Blancs; and Bouzy, Mailly, Ambonnay and Verzenay in the Montagne de Reims. The Taittinger Estate is one of the three most extensive in the Champagne district, and the firm's major holdings in Chardonnay vineyards are the physical expression of the Taittinger philosophy and style.
- 253 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Champagne, France NV 129.00**
Veuve Clicquot translates to the "Widow Clicquot". Born in 1777, Nicole Barbe Ponsardin married François Clicquot in 1798. Widowed at the age of 27, she took over her deceased husband's business. At a time when Europe was torn by war, she was shipping her wines throughout the world. The famous Yellow Label has come to be recognized throughout the world as a symbol of tradition, elegance, style in the art of living.
- 261 Duval-Leroy NV Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru, Champagne, France 2008 196.00**
Duval-Leroy NV Blanc de Blancs is a champagne that embodies elegance in every facet. Crafted entirely from Chardonnay, it presents a full-bodied and vinous character that aligns seamlessly with the contemporary pursuit of authenticity. Duval-Leroy NV Blanc de Blancs is a testament to the house's commitment to producing champagnes of exceptional quality and character, making it a delightful choice for those who appreciate the finer aspects of this renowned sparkling wine. "The 2008 Brut Blanc de Blancs, picked in the Côte des Blancs, underwent full malolactic fermentation and spent over ten years on lees. Lemon and wet chalk are distinct yet subtle on the nose, with their salty, bright, precise trail continuing onto the palate, where deeper saltiness reigns. This wine manages to be rich, smooth and sinuously slender and linear at the same time, with deep, delicious, umami-resonant savoriness. It is a wonderful wine of great elegance, with superb freshness and youthfulness. Lovely now, with nuance and even an overtone of licorice, but certain to evolve. Dosage is 3 grams per liter." 95 V
- 258 Dom Pérignon Brut, Champagne, France 2012 405.00**
"What a magnificent bouquet for this Dom Pérignon 2012! Pastry, a hint of smoke and autolytic notes provide a compelling counterpart to eager yet elegant aromas of citrus (lime, tangerine and kumquat) joined by those of fresh fruit, herbs, liquorice, and menthol. There is even a refreshing note of ivy. The palate is tense, vibrant, and very fresh despite its impressive density, which meets its match with an unending finish. This 2012 incarnates the very essence of Dom Pérignon with such a concentrated degree of intensity, along with a capacity for ageing, that it is surely destined for a second life in a P2 edition." 98 D, 97 JS, 97 V, 96 WA

Italian Red Wines

Southern Italy- Abruzzi, Puglia, Campania, Sicilia

-Abruzzo

- 526 Marramiero DAMA Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2023 38.00**
Marramiero has been growing vines since the turn of the last century, producing wines that can be easily recognized by the labels bearing the founder's unmistakable seal; the letters D and M intertwined in a root. DAMA is a line of wines that honors founder, Dante Marramiero, starting with the Montepulciano in 1994. The Dama Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is a glorious ruby red color with dark, brambly berry aromas enhanced by a touch of anise. It is rich and harmonious on the palate.
- 479 Masciarelli Marina Cvetic Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, DOCG 2020 46.00**
What happens when you try to force a wild montepulciano to wear the chains of the international style? You get something like Marina Cvetic, named for the winemaker's wife, who must be one hell of a woman. This is a dense red wine that's certainly not your typical Montepulciano. Think of it as a "Super Abruzzo" with supple fruit, rich tannins, and spiced aromas. Aged 12 months in mostly new French oak barriques. "The 2020 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva San Martino Rosso is darkly floral with a woodland-inspired bouquet that blends flowery underbrush with crushed ashen stones and dried black cherries. It's round and supple with ripe red and blue fruit complicated by a tinge of pepper. Violet inner florals swirl throughout. This tapers off with a pleasantly chewy sensation, long and staining." 93 V

-Sicilia

Producer Note: Passopisciaro

In 2000 Andrea Franchetti decided to restore an old farm and cellars on the slopes of Mount Etna, an active volcano in northeastern Sicily. The winery sits at about a thousand meters of altitude above the small wine town of Passopisciaro in the district of Castiglione di Sicilia, on the northern slope of the volcano. His first task was to clear and restore long-abandoned terraces of ancient vines on the northern slopes of the mountain, replanting at a density of 12,000 vines per hectare on thin lavic soil. His arrival on Etna helped to initiate the renaissance of viticulture on the mountain and an international discovery of the wines of Etna. Passopisciaro produces six different bottlings of Nerello Mascalese, the native grape to Mt. Etna, in order to showcase the profound differences in the terroir – lava flow, aspect, and altitude – of the various contrade that we work with. The vines are all between 70-100 years old, and the nerello harvest typically occurs at the end of October/early November. The wines undergo fermentation in steel vats, followed by malolactic and 18 months aging in large neutral oak barrels; this minimal intervention approach to winemaking allows the differences in terroir to shine.

- 316 Passopisciaro Passorosso, Etna Rosso DOC 2022 75.00**
Passorosso is a blend of Nerello Mascalese from different vineyards located at different altitudes on the northern side of Etna. In general, the highest districts lie on more gravelly soils to coarser grain, while the lower ones on the finer and deeper soils composed of older lava flows, now oxidized and reduced to lava dust. This wine concentrates the characteristics of different terroirs in a single bottle to offer a global idea of a territory. "Bright and shining ruby, showing aromas of wild strawberries, almond paste and smoky minerality. It is firm on the palate, with the dusty texture of nerello mascalese grapes, but also with quite a full body. Sternness on the finish is balanced by crisp acidity." 94 JS

The Contrada system on Mount Etna

Etna has an interesting system of named vineyards. The Contrade (as they're called locally) refers to an area or district, much like the single vineyards of other wine making regions. Each Contrade is important and each has its own character, much of which is influenced by sun orientation, elevation, and the volcanic soil. It's sort of like premier cru vineyards in Barolo and Burgundy, but not as codified yet. Most all of these vineyards have existed as named entities for generations used by the locals to understand and talk about the crazy volcano landscape they were farming.

312	Passopisciaro Contrada “G”, Etna Rosso DOC 2020	96V	135.00
438	Passopisciaro Contrada “G”, Etna Rosso DOC 2022	96V	135.00

Contrada Guardiola is an ancient domain between 800 and 1,000 m (2,600 to 3,300 ft) above sea level, on the edge of the lava flow from Etna's 1947 eruption. It produces a deep and complex wine with a rich taste of red fruit. We make this wine from a careful selection of some of our older nerello mascalese vines, which we started bottling separately beginning in 2011. We have around 7 hectares in this Contrada.

352	Passopisciaro Contrada “S”, Etna Rosso DOC 2022	97V	135.00
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Contrada Sciaranuova is located at 850 m (2,800 ft) above sea level on Mount Etna. In Sicilian, “sciara nuova” means “new lava flow.” The vines here are planted on relatively new lava flow from the 1600s that has turned into thick gravel. The wines produced from this site are bright, aromatic, and have a rich taste of fermented hay and a dusty herbal quality. We own 1 hectare of this tiny cru and produce about 2,000 bottles annually of our Contrada S.

348	Passopisciaro Contrada “R”, Etna Rosso DOC 2022	96V	135.00
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Contrada Rampante is our highest cru at 1,000 m (3,330 ft) above sea level. At the highest confines of viticulture on the northern side of Etna, Rampante is ancient contrada, producing one of volcano's finest, most aromatic wines because of the sandy character that the lava has acquired. Due to the altitude, it is typically the last contrada to ripen. We own and cultivate 1.4 hectares on this domain.

Central Italy- Tuscany, Umbria, Marche, Lazio

-Carmignano

490	Piaggia Carmignano “Pietranera” IGT 2023	46.00
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“The 2023 Pietranera pulls the taster down to earth with a classic blend of flowery underbrush and worn leather giving way to peppery florals, raspberries and hints of spice. This is energetic and racy in style, with crisp red and blue fruits cascading across a core of brisk acidity as a twist of sour citrus adds lovely contrast. Gently tannic yet mouthwatering, the 2023 tapers off with a pleasantly bitter tinge of blackberry that fades slowly. This has a savory mineral character that I quite enjoy. It's a sultry rendition of Pietranera.” 91 V

363	Piaggia Carmignano “Il Sasso” DOCG 2022	69.00
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Piaggia is located right in the heart of Carmignano. The total vineyard is approximately 15 hectares, divided between the area of S. Cristina a Mezzana and the municipality of Poggio a Caiano, both areas with a great potential for top quality wines. Mauro Vannucci founded the winery in 1990 because of his passion for great red wines and with the goal of producing wines up to the standard of Carmignano appellation. In its 30 years of existence, Piaggia has managed to solidly establish its place among the great wineries of the classic Tuscan DOC of Carmignano, being called by Gambero Rosso “one of the best wineries in the region of Carmignano, or rather,

in all of Tuscany.” “Dusty, floral and perfumed, the 2022 Carmignano Il Sasso lifts from the glass with a lovely blend of rose petals, incense, lavender pastille and dried currants. The longer it sits in the glass, the more aromatic complexity it gains. It's silky smooth and elegant in style with a slight peppery tinge that adds depth as ripe wild berry fruits slowly saturate throughout. This finishes with tremendous depth and length, punching well above its class as fine-grained tannins add a lovely framework and hints of licorice resonate.” 94 V. Piaggia is a practicing organic winery with integrated insect and disease control.

- 419 Piaggia Carmignano Riserva “Piaggia” DOCG 2020 90.00**
-  *The Carmignano Riserva is the flag ship wine of Piaggia, showcasing a modern interpretation of Carmignano’s Sangiovese base blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Aging occurs in French oak for 18 months and racked before bottling, with no fining or filtration. “The 2020 Carmignano Riserva Piaggia impresses with its understated power, lifting up with a delicate blend of dried roses and black cherries, complicated by cedary spice and hints of dark chocolate. This is pure elegance on the palate, seamlessly silky and soothing with depths of polished red and blue fruits that swirl, all energized by vibrant acidity. A web of fine tannins wraps the senses in youthful poise as the 2020 finishes impossibly long and staining, leaving notes of white pepper, licorice and violet inner florals to resonate. This is a dark and radiant beauty. The 2020 is a showstopper.” 96 V*

-Chianti

- 460 Fattoria L’Arco Chianti, DOCG Tuscany Italy 2022 40.00**
- Fattoria L’Arco is in Vinci, a small medieval village where the famous Leonardo was born, twenty kilometres to the west of Florence in the heart of the Chianti region. The estate covers approximately 200 acres. Half of these are vineyards which include vines of innovative varieties for the area, introduced over the years through some different experimental phases. “Intense deep ruby red colour. Interesting, strikingly fragrant and healthy fruit aromas of cherries and raspberries, followed by lighter more complex hints of liquorice and coffee. Velvety sweet tannin on the palate with a fruit aftertaste in the finish, making this a very lingering and extremely enjoyable wine”*
- 368 Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico, DOCG 2022 46.00**
- “Here's a great, easy-drinking wine from beautiful Tuscany. The 2019 Chianti Classico is a full and generous wine with subdued aromas of toasted oak, espresso and baking spice. The tight palate offers prune, espresso and cocoa alongside assertive tannins that grip the finish. The wine is streamlined and elegant, but has intense fruit and oak spice in equal measure.”*
- 323 Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Nipozzano Riserva, DOCG 2022 46.00**
- From one of the most historic wine producing families in Italy, the Frescobaldis. They have over 700 years and nearly 30 generations of family dedicated to the quality of their products. This wine comes from the Nipozzano Estate in the heart of Chianti Rufina. “Aromas of blackberries, dark cherries, cloves, sandalwood and rosemary. Medium-bodied with very fine tannins and crispness giving it tension and brightness. Sangiovese with touches of malvasia and merlot. A sure bet for Tuscan red, with lower alcohol.” 92 JS*
- 503 Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico, DOCG 2022 52.00**
-  *Castello di Volpaia is located in an 11th century village that bears the same name. It sits on a hilltop just north of the town of Radda in Chianti, 2,024 feet above sea level, in the heart of the Chianti Classico region. One of the most historical wineries of the region, Volpaia is owned by the Mascheroni-Stianti family and benefits from some of the highest altitude southern exposure*

vineyards of the area, delivering certified organic Sangiovese-based wines of finesse and elegance with a terroir approach. “A delicious, well-rounded and velvety Chianti Classico with aromas of strawberries, raspberries and mild spices. Medium-bodied with finely grained tannins and texture. Juicy and velvety with elegance and a pure character. Fresh and delicious finish. From organically grown grapes.” 93 JS

- 636** **Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2021** **69.00**
-  There are few other wineries anywhere that have such an aura of vinicultural history as that of Badia a Coltibuono. In Europe, it is not too difficult to find wineries that have origins dating back one, two, three, even five centuries, but the edifice at Badia a Coltibuono has been watching over winemaking for almost a thousand years. Today, the Badia a Coltibuono estate in the Chianti Classico commune of Gaiole in Chianti is led by the fifth generation of family members: Emanuela, Paolo, and Roberto Stucchi Prinetti. “Notes of cooked strawberries, red licorice, blood orange and cedar. Medium body. Bright and racy with crunchy acidity and a flavorful finish.” 92 JS
- 339** **Castellare di Castellina Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggiale, DOCG 2022** **83.00**
- Made from 90% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo, and 5% Ciliegiolo grown in the Il Poggiale vineyard, the grapes come from an elevation of almost 1,500 feet above sea level. The combination of high elevation and low yields results in a wine that manages to simultaneously show both restraint and layered richness. This classic red holds great aging capability. “Super fresh and leafy in style, this Gallo Nero shows personality. Aromas of kiwi peel, red currants, strawberries, anise and subtle flowers. The attack is firm but refined, with velvety tannins, zesty acidity, a medium to full body and a tense, red-fruited finish. Drinkable now, but best from 2026.” 95 JS
- 516** **Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2020** 94 JS **92.00**
- 529** **Castello di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva, DOCG 2021** 95 WS **92.00**
-  Castello di Volpaia is located in an 11th century village that bears the same name. It sits on a hilltop just north of the town of Radda in Chianti, 2,024 feet above sea level, in the heart of the Chianti Classico region. One of the most historical wineries of the region, Volpaia is owned by the Mascheroni-Stianti family and benefits from some of the highest altitude southern exposure vineyards of the area, delivering certified organic Sangiovese-based wines of finesse and elegance with a terroir approach.
- 457** **Selvapiana 'Vigneto Erchi' Chianti Rufina Riserva, DOCG 2018** **97.00**
- Selvapiana is among the best-known and most respected of the two dozen growers in Rùfina—the smallest subzone of Chianti—and, as it happens, is also one of only two wineries to produce wine from the tiny Pomino DOC. “Extraordinary elegance and a silky suaveness complement the bold dark fruit character. Though aged in French barriques for 18 months, there’s not a hint of oakiness on the palate; you just feel its influence. A classic example of muscle and refinement, the wine delivers enlivening freshness and great length. The tannins remain polished and unobtrusive even after holding the wine in the mouth. It’s a youthful wine, to be sure, but its impeccable balance predicts a long life and glorious evolution.” 95 D

-Maremma

- 378** **Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere di Frassinello IGT 2020** **50.00**
- Rocca di Frassinello Le Sughere di Frassinello is a great value blend of 50% Sangiovese, 25% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (aged in French oak for one year). This wine boasts a proven track record for its consistent value and accessibility and can be counted on for both. “A lush yet solidly built red highlighted by cherry and blackberry flavors. Shows eucalyptus, rosemary and

menthol accents that lend complexity, along with a mineral underpinning. Offers fine balance and freshness. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2030.” 92 WS

-Montepulciano

335 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano “Silineo”, DOCG 2020 44.00

The name “Vino Nobile di Montepulciano” tells you two things about this acclaimed Italian red wine: that when it was first produced, centuries ago, it was meant to be served at the tables of the nobility; and that it hails from the ancient Tuscan hill town of Montepulciano. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano was designated Italy’s first DOCG wine in 1980, in an attempt to protect its traditional status and ensure its high quality. Italian law requires that these wines be at least 70 percent Sangiovese grapes (known in Montepulciano as Prugnolo Gentile) and aged for a minimum of two years. The result is a rich, red wine with great depth of flavor and complexity, but still bright with notes of red fruit. “Notes of cherries, olives, oranges and peach pits here, with some vanilla. It’s lively and balanced, with a medium body, nicely polished tannins and a long, firm yet supple finish.” 92 JS

310 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2020 52.00



In 1309 pope Clement V transferred the papal residence from Rome to Avignon, France. In 1377, when pope Gregory XI moved the papal residence back to Rome, some noble families of Avignon left France to follow him. It was at that time, in Italy, that one of those families became known as Avignonesi - probably to simplify an otherwise difficult, foreign name. Soon the Avignonesi family separated into three branches which settled in Rome, Siena and Montepulciano. It is not known exactly when Avignonesi's cellars were built, but they are doubtless among the most ancient in Italy. Palazzo Avignonesi was built according to a design by Jacopo Barozzi (called Vignola) in the second half of the XVI century and it has always been the cellars' seat. “A bright and vivid Vino Nobile with cherry, violet and hibiscus aromas and hints of peach and lemon that follow through to a medium body. There are fine and integrated tannins and a vivid finish with lots of energy. From biodynamically grown grapes. Vegan. Needs a year or two to show its true excellence, but already a beautiful and linear wine.” 94 JS

545 Dei Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG 2020 55.00

The Dei family produced their first wines from their estate in the heart of the historic appellation of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano in 1985. Now run by Caterina Dei, the estate has become one of the leaders in the region, producing lush, perfumed, fruit-driven wines that are exquisite expressions of the local Prugnolo clone of Sangiovese, blended with small amounts of Canaiolo, Mammolo, and Merlot. “Darkly alluring, the 2020 Nobile di Montepulciano lifts from the glass with rosemary and sage, complicating dried black cherries and hints of dark chocolate. This is pure elegance, soft and enveloping, flaunting its ripe vintage fruit with a core of zesty acidity that maintains fantastic balance. A coating of fine tannins tugs at the palate with youthful poise, and a tart cranberry concentration fades. This tremendous effort from the warm vintage should not be missed. That said, the production of Cantina Dei's Nobile was down by 50% due to the conditions of the year.” 93 V

-Vino di Tavola, Super-Tuscans, IGT

541 Podere Sapaio Pappolo Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2023 42.00

Podere Sapaio is located in the Bolgheri wine zone of the Maremma, a territory that runs parallel to the Tuscan coast in the province of Livorno and which is named after the town of Bolgheri. The owner of Podere Sapaio, Massimo Piccin, purchased the estate in 1999 and planted his vineyards one year later. The estate produces just two wines for the international market: Sapaio and

Volpola, both of which are cabernet based Bordeaux blends. Massimo also makes one special wine for a friend of his, Paolo Pellizari (Bacco Selections), who happens to be our supplier/importer. This wine is called Pappolo and it is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The wine is intense ruby red with blackberry, cherry, moist earth and vanilla notes. It is a modern and solid wine with great depth and an outstanding finish.

334 Ornellaia “Le Volte”, Bolgheri IGT 2022 48.00



Le Volte has always been a great introduction to Bolgheri blends as well as one of the best producers in the region: Ornellaia. "Very aromatic, with raspberry, orange peel and floral aromas. Nice transparency. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a crisp, crunchy finish." 93 JS

462 Ruffino Modus, Tuscany IGT 2021 52.00

Modus was first produced in 1997 from grapes selected in the vineyards of the Tuscan Estates of Ruffino. It was not, though, a new wine in the real sense of the term. Ruffino had, in fact, been experimenting with the cultivation of non-traditional grape varieties on Tuscan soil since the eighties. The wine's base has always been Sangiovese, blended with the non-traditional varieties Cabernet and Merlot. Modus' label features a compass that artfully represents the meticulous balance of all the elements that came together to give this wine its distinctive character: vines, sun, fruit, soil, dedication and the passage of time. The 2021 vintage is comprised of 46% Merlot, 31% Sangiovese, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon. "Deep dark berry aromas with hints of violets, cedar and licorice, following through to a medium- to full-bodied palate with polished, almost silky tannins and layers of delicious fruit. Refined and lingering, with flavors of graphite and black olives." 93 JS

671 Tolaini “Al Passo” Toscana, Tuscany IGT 2022 54.00



Pierluigi Tolaini, a native of Tuscany, immigrated to Canada in 1956. He planned to work a few years, make some money, then go back home, buy a farm, marry his high school sweetheart and make some good wine. It took Pierluigi 45 years before he returned with a clear vision of the high-quality wine he wanted to make. In 1998 he returned to his native land and purchased some of the best land in the region of Chianti Classico in the noted commune of Castelnuovo Berardenga. He constructed a state-of-the-art winery and hired famed enologist Michel Rolland and Tuscan agronomist Andrea Paoletti to make the best wines possible with one vitally unique ingredient - the terroir of Chianti Classico's southern most commune: Castelnuovo Berardenga. Tolaini wines are known internationally for their impeccable quality and incredible taste. With each new vintage they continue to innovate and impress. "The 2022 Al Passo, the estate's Sangiovese-based blend, is once again terrific. Bold, pliant and generous, the 2022 is impeccably done. Ripe plum, cedar, tobacco, dried herbs and crushed flowers take shape in a wine that marries the richness of the year with a good bit of energy. All the elements are so well balanced." 94 V

389 Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso, Bolgheri IGT 2022 58.00

Founded in 1977, and acquired by the Tipa Bertarelli Family in 2002, Grattamacco was one of first the two wineries in Bolgheri. A region typically known for Cabernet and Merlot, Grattamacco sets itself apart from surrounding wineries with its winemaking practices using 15% Sangiovese to impart quality and elegance in its wines. Grattamacco was not only the first winery in Bolgheri to use Sangiovese because of its high altitude despite its proximity to the coast, but also the first to plant Vermentino. Grattamacco wines are known for both their power, elegance and complexity that evolves with time. "A deep but youthful ruby color, the 2022 Bolgheri Rosso is beautiful on opening, with aromas of black raspberry, lavender, sweet herbs, and fresh leather. Pure and inviting, it's flush with plush tannins, even acidity, and a supple texture with a graceful, mineral-tinged backbone. It is a fantastic Rosso and hard to resist now, although it will certainly cruise over the next 8-10 years." 92+ JD

- 418 Tenute Sette Ponti Toscana “Crognolo”, Tuscany IGT 2023 67.00**
The estate of Sette Ponti lies in the heart of the Chianti zone, fifteen miles northwest of the city of Arezzo just past the village of San Giustino Valdarno. The name Sette Ponti, or "seven bridges," refers to the seven bridges crossing the Arno River on the road from Arezzo to Florence. Tenuta Sette Ponti's first release was the 1998 vintage Crognolo, named after a wild bush, Cornus, which grows on the estate. The blend of Sangiovese and Merlot from vines of an average age of 25 to 35 years yields a refined, elegantly stylish wine of fruit forward lushness. "This wine displays depth and polish, revealing freshness and focus with a core of vivid red and dark fruits layered with wild herbs, violets, spices and hints of cedar and graphite. It's firm and crunchy yet bright and juicy on the finish. Focused and balanced overall. From organically grown grapes." 94 JS
- 644 Podere Sapaio “Volpolo”, Bolgheri IGT 2023 75.00**
Podere Sapaio was born in 1999, after Massimo Piccin convinced his family to help him invest in the prized terroir of Bolgheri, creating a wine estate in what is one of Italy's most famed viticultural areas. Podere Sapaio now covers an area of 40 hectares, 25 of which are vineyards planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot; varieties that have made Bolgheri and its wines famous all over the world. Podere Sapaio's two wines total about 100,000 bottles per year, of which Volpolo Bolgheri DOC is around 80% and Sapaio IGT is around 20%. The wines are aged 14 months in French oak, both barriques and tonneaux, before the final blends are assembled. Volpolo is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (15%) and Petit Verdot (15%). "Firm and structured, yet with a lush and velvety flow. Aromas of succulent fruit layered with spices, cedar and walnuts. Full and broad on the palate, with a tightly framed, lingering finish. Chewy and long. From organically grown grapes. Try from 2027." 94 JS
- 346 Tenuta di Trinoro “Le Cupole”, Tuscany IGT 2022 89.00**
Located in a remote corner of southeastern Tuscany, Tenuta di Trinoro specializes in rich, age-worthy red wines made of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot. The 200-hectare estate sits in viticultural isolation in the Orcia Valley near Sarteano, where Tuscany meets Umbria and Lazio. Owner and winemaker Andrea Franchetti acquired the property in the 1980s and planted his first vines in the early 1990s. Placed under a mountain, Tenuta di Trinoro has a mosaic of soils. The vines, densely planted, are more than twenty years old and, with their extended root system, they are able to render a distinct taste from every terrain of the estate. Tight planting, high thinning, very low yields, extreme ripeness, and concentration of flavor characterize Andrea's winemaking style. "A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the Tenuta di Trinoro 2022 Le Cupole remains one of Italy's greatest value buys, especially for fans of concentrated, sun-drenched Tuscan reds. The fruit is ripe, but not overripe, and there are thick layers of blackcurrant and Morello cherry at the core. These are framed by toasted spice and cinnamon. The wine is medium to full-bodied, although the ample fruit weight gives this vintage a bigger overall mouthfeel." 94 WA
- 452 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana “Le Serre Nuove”, Bolgheri IGT 2022 95JS 121.00**
409 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana “Le Serre Nuove”, Bolgheri IGT 2023 95WA 135.00
A true 'Second vin' of Ornellaia, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia was first introduced with vintage 1997, resulting from the decision to carry out an even more rigid selection during the blending phase of the base wines which give life to Ornellaia. Produced primarily from the younger vineyards, the wine combines the pedigree of the flagship wine with freshness, accessibility and softness together with a structure, balance and intensity typical of the great terroir of the Estate. This wine is a remarkable performer year in and year out.

- 514 Tenuta San Guido “Guidalberto”, Bolgheri IGT 2023 94D 140.00**
Tenuta San Guido is hailed as the standard-bearer of Italian enology. Creator of the first-ever Super Tuscan—Sassicaia—first released to the market in 1968. Guidalberto is the Little brother to Sassicaia. It is composed of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot from the very historically significant winery Tenuta San Guido. Made with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, Guidalberto gives you a good taste of the same DNA that brings us one of Italy's greatest wines, Sassicaia, but it's offered in a more immediate style here (thanks to the addition of the Merlot).
- 518 Tua Rita Giusto di Notri, Toscana IGT 2021 96JS 160.00**
673 Tua Rita Giusto di Notri, Toscana IGT 2023 96 WA 160.00
Rita Tua and her husband, Virgilio Bisti, bought approximately 37.5 acres of land in 1984 and planted it with Cabernet and Merlot. They later purchased an additional 17.5 acres of land, bringing the total estate to 55 acres, of which about 45 are planted with vines. The winery released its first vintage in 1992, and soon began receiving praise and accolades from wine enthusiasts worldwide for its rich, full-bodied wines. In just five short years, its 100% Merlot had achieved cult-like status, receiving outstanding ratings from the world's most prestigious wine critics and publications. Critic Robert M. Parker Jr. said the 1999 Redigaffi was “as close to perfection as a wine can get.” The following year, he gave the 2000 Redigaffi a perfect 100 score. The winery's Bordeaux blend, Giusti di Notri, also garners near-universal praise. Little wonder that Tua Rita's wines are considered among the most difficult to find in Italy. Tua Rita is located in Suvereto, a small medieval town in the Tuscan province of Livorno, on the coast south of Bolgheri. The winery lies at just 300 feet above sea level, on clay, silty soil. Luca D'Attoma, the estate's winemaker, keeps yields to a minimum to ensure concentration of flavors. The estate's total annual production is currently just 3400 cases.
- 600 Castellare I Sodi di S. Niccolo, Toscana IGT 2020 179.00**
The Castellare estate is one of the best examples of tradition in the area. The winery's owner, Paolo Panerai, has closely studied the world's best wineries and applied this understanding and experience to viticulture in Italy. The Castellare property, located in Tuscany's Castellina in Chianti, has become a virtual refuge for wildlife, including many of the birds pictured on their labels. With each vintage, the Castellare label shows a different bird, symbolizing the estate's commitment to environmentally sound cultivation. The birds selected for the labels are among the rarest creatures in Chianti, and represent birds threatened by extinction, mostly due to synthetic chemical products and hunting, both of which are forbidden on this property. In the town of Castellina, one of Chianti's best locales, Castellare's vineyards are at 1200 feet elevation – only a few Chianti Classico vineyards are higher. The vineyards of this 46-acre property are found in a natural amphitheater in the heart of the Classico region. At Castellare, the yield-per-acre is very low, far lower than the maximum level allowed by Chianti Classico DOCG rules, which enhances the concentration of aromas and flavors. “The 2020 I Sodi di San Niccolò is fabulous. It is a rare wine that offers power, finesse and translucent energy at once. All the elements are in perfect balance. I can't remember a Sodi like this one, a wine that is so complete and alluring right out of the gate. Rose petal, lavender, spice, orange peel and sage open first. What impresses me most about the 2020 is the finesse of its tannin, something I have very rarely seen in Sodi at this early stage. Magical. This is remarkable in every way.” 97 V, 97 WS #35 Wine Spectator Top 100 of 2024
- 400 Antinori Tenuta Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri, Tuscany IGT 2022 237.00**
The Guado al Tasso estate is located in the small but prestigious Bolgheri DOC, on the coast of upper Maremma, about one hundred kilometers southwest from Florence. This appellation has a relatively recent history. DOC Bolgheri was approved in 1994 and since then it has become an

internationally recognized reference point for the Italian and international winemaking arena. This region has traditionally been planted with Bordeaux varieties. Guado al Tasso is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and occasionally a small amount of Petit Verdot to best represent the complexity and elegance of the Bolgheri terroir. This wine has been produced since 1990 from vineyards on alluvial soils whose composition ranges from clay-sand to clay-loam with rocky deposits known as "scheletro". "The Marchesi Antinori 2022 Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso (a blend of 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 25% Merlot) is an unexpected wine. I was prepared for more overt ripeness but instead was greeted by a delightful mineral note of graphite or lead pencil that gives much needed contouring to this full-bodied Tuscan red. The wine is velvety and richly textured at its core, but it is also seamless with very pleasurable sweetness. All new oak adds hints of vanilla and spice. If you follow this wine, you'll notice that the percentage of Cabernet Franc has been increasing in tiny notches over the years. "Blending is key to achieving balance in a vintage like this," says Marchesi Antinori Managing Director Renzo Cotarella." 96 WA

523 Antinori "Tignanello", Tuscany IGT 2022 263.00

First made in 1971, Piero Antinori's Tignanello is one of the catalysts of the Super Tuscan revolution (Tenuta San Guido's "Sassicaia" was the forefather). "Tignanello is an object lesson in how to make Cabernet work with Sangiovese, the two varieties balancing and enhancing one another in admirable symbiosis" notes Daniel Thomas of The Wine Advocate. The wine is consistently one of the benchmark Super-Tuscans and is undoubtedly one of Tuscany's most historically significant wines. "Rich and fruit-forward, the Marchesi Antinori 2022 Tignanello very much respects the vintage that tends to deliver more concentration and volume overall. It delivers extra fruit weight with a velvety, satiny feel over a generous mouthfeel. Tignanello offers blackcurrant and cherry, but there is a mineral note that keeps things focused. This is a beautiful expression of the vintage, with excellent work done to execute soft tannins, texture and length." 97 WA

480 Ornellaia Toscana "Ornellaia- La Proporzione", Bolgheri IGT 2020 97 WA 387.00

486 Ornellaia Toscana "Ornellaia- La Generosita", Bolgheri IGT 2021 98 WA 429.00

455 Ornellaia Toscana "Ornellaia- La Determinazione", Bolgheri IGT 2022 97 WA 400.00

In 1981, Marchese Lodovico Antinori breathed new life into Tenuta dell' Ornellaia, an estate whose potential had been ignored for decades. With the help of Andre Tchelistcheff, the famous agronomist, Antinori planted the first French vines in Bolgheri, which lies in the heart of Tuscany's coastal region, Maremma. The estate yields some of the finest Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc in Tuscany. In 2002, Marchesi de' Frescobaldi and Robert Mondavi became owners of Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, which is now owned exclusively by Marchesi de' Frescobaldi. Ornellaia has established itself among the iconic wine estates in Italy (and beyond). Beginning with the 2019 Vintage, the winery began sur-naming the wines by the characteristics that defined the vintage.

543 Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia", Bolgheri IGT 2022 493.00

The Tenuta San Guido is a 7,500-acre estate located in the province of Livorno on the western coastal outskirts of Tuscany near the village of Bolgheri. Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta acquired it through his marriage to Clarice della Gherardesca in 1940. The legacy of Sassicaia began in 1944, when Mario Incisa acquired a number of Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc vine cuttings and planted them on a sloping hillside of the San Guido estate, called Castiglioncello after the 11th-century castle at the vineyard's upper edge. This tiny, 3.75-acre vineyard stood alone until 1965, when a second Cabernet vineyard was planted with cuttings from the Castiglioncello parcel; the gravelly, 30-acre plot would give the wine its name: Sassicaia, "the place of many stones". Sassicaia is today considered to be the new plus ultra of Italy's great red wines for its consistent

excellence and its intuitive spirit. Acclaimed by the wine world's most respected voices, Sassicaia remains the legacy of its creator, Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, and his son, Marchese Nicolò Incisa della Rocchetta. "The 2022 Sassicaia is simply brilliant in this vintage, showing a remarkable level of poise and freshness. It opens with a captivating bouquet of ripe blackberries, plum, florals and subtle herbs, underscored by a touch of spice, tobacco and minerals. On the palate, it is medium to full-bodied and well-structured, with velvety tannins and a lively acidity that provides perfect balance. Rich flavors of red/dark fruits, tobacco and spices unfold beautifully, leading to a long, persistent finish that is both refined and elegant. A stunning example of Sassicaia's pedigree and resilience to thrive year after year.." 98 IWR, 98 JS, 97 V

-Montalcino

- 414 Pian delle Querci Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2020 49.00**
Lighter-bodied and fresher (and easier on the wallet) than Brunello di Montalcino but often of very high quality is Rosso di Montalcino. Rosso di Montalcino is still made from the arid, infertile Sangiovese sites that produce Brunello, but it comes from younger vines. Rosso is traditionally released earlier, too, with only one year aging requirement, of which it must spend at least six months in oak—a testament to its accessibility as an everyday answer to Brunello. Pian delle Querci is owned by the Pinti family. The Pinti family have owned the estate for four generations. The estate is family run, with the great winegrowing experience of Vittorio Pinti. The wines are made using environmentally friendly practices.
- 481 Tenuta Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2020 50.00**
The Il Poggione estate has been in existence since 1890, and has been owned by the Franceschi family since 1900. The company's winemaking operations are supervised by Dottore Piero Talenti, who imposes a meticulous three-part selection process – first in the vineyards, second after pressing, and again after fermentation. Piero's attention to detail in the winemaking process has resulted in the acclaimed Brunellos for which Il Poggione is renowned. "Plum and berry with some smoky bark undertones. It's medium-bodied with delicious fruit and a crunchy finish." 92 JS
- 551 Antinori Pian delle Vigne Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2023 54.00**
The Antinori family of Florence, one of the world's oldest and most distinguished wine producers, has lived in Tuscany since the 14th century and celebrated its 625th anniversary as wine makers in 2010. "Vinous and fragrant nose of strawberries and fresh violets with touches of cinnamon, rhubarb and pepper. Light-bodied on the palate, it shows drinkability, silkiness, crisp acidity and a graceful aftertaste." 92 JS
- 477 Le Ragnaie Rosso di Montalcino, DOCG 2020 69.00**
Le Ragnaie is known for its elegant, terroir-driven wines that stand out in this Tuscan powerhouse category. The owner and winemaker, Riccardo Campinoti, acquired the property in 2002 and has expanded the estate to include 28 hectares covering three distinct parcels within Montalcino. The parcels Le Ragnaie and Petroso both are centered around the village of Montalcino and have the region's highest elevation vineyards and oldest winemaking history, respectively. At the time of the this printing, the 2020 has not been reviewed. Notes from the 2019 vintage: "This is elegance to the extreme, with ripe red berries and mineral underpinnings accelerated by zesty acids and savory spices that tease the senses. It's wildly fresh and long, staining the palate in youthful concentration, yet maintaining a pretty and refined personality. The 2019 is a knockout Rosso from Le Ragnaie." 93 V

- 357 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019 89.00**
Caparzo dates back to the end of the 1960s at the dawning of Brunello di Montalcino, when a group of friends, fond of Tuscany and of wine, purchased an old ruin with vineyards at Montalcino. The farm estate was renovated, modernized, and new vineyards were planted. In a short time, Caparzo made itself known in the Brunello market. In 1998, 30 years after the first rows of vines were planted, the farm estate came to a turning point when Lisabetta Gnudi Angelini purchased Caparzo. With the help of her son, Igino, and daughter, Alessandra, she immediately carried out her objective: combining tradition with innovation to create a high-quality wine that is the expression of an excellent Territory. "Pretty pure fruit to this with black cherry, black berry and light chocolate aromas. The palate is full and focused with very polished tannins and a long, long finish. Best after 2027." 95 JS
- 397 Tenuta San Giorgio Brunello di Montalcino "Ugolforte", DOCG 2019 109.00**
Tenuta San Giorgio is part of Guido Folonari's enological project, heir of a historic Italian wine family; three estates located in the most prestigious and renowned areas of Italy: La Morra, Bolgheri and Montalcino. Restored to its former glory, the estate is located in Castelnuovo dell'Abbate, in a beautiful setting of the territory of Montalcino. "Vibrant acidity and refined tannins seep into the fabric of this round red, which is laced with cherry, raspberry and floral aromas and flavors. Mineral and underbrush accents add depth as this plays out on the long, dusty finish. Best from 2026 through 2043." 95 WS
- 454 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2017 95 JS 111.00**
508 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019 95 JD, 95 WA 123.00
512 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2020 95 JS, 95 WA 123.00
Though the worldwide reputation of Brunello has encouraged a certain conservatism among Montalcino estates, Altesino has always been an innovative leader. The estate pioneered the technique of aging its IGT wines in small French oak barrels, limiting the time spent in oak to enhance each wine's personality. The resulting wines were a groundbreaking improvement over those produced by traditional methods. No longer overwhelmed by wood, they were able to display the unique characteristics of the fruit, with softened tannins and perfect balance. Altesino also was the first Montalcino estate to introduce the concept of "cru" wines, made with a special selection of grapes from a single vineyard.
- 499 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 93WA 125.00**
483 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2019 95WA 135.00
One of Montalcino's most historic brands located near Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Mastrojanni is today owned by the founders of Illy espresso coffee. The past decade has seen an impressive series of investments and improvements to quality.
- 390 Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG 2018 135.00**

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congratulated on maintaining a more moderate 13.5% alcohol content. Winemaking sees cement and large oak casks.” 94 WA

303 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuove, DOCG 2019 205.00

“In my mind, this is the wine that best represents the Casanova di Neri house style. With 30 months of aging in tonneaux, it shows enormous richness and texture, and the stellar fruit quality appears with more primary elegance compared to the more expensive Cerretalto that is released with an extra year of aging. That dynamic is especially pronounced in a comparison of the 2019 and 2018 vintages. The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova has a dark vein of toasted spice, black fruit, ink, blackberry compote, licorice and star anise. Dark as night, it is exceptionally well crafted with a robust delivery of concentrated fruit and solid tannic structure. You can count on excellent cellar potential, or at a minimum, serve it with a classic steak.” 97 WA

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

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

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

387 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino “Montosoli”, DOCG 2020 95WA 215.00

Amid the eastern hills of Montalcino near Siena in central Tuscany, stands the magnificently elegant 14th century-built Palazzo Altesi, home to the Altesino winery and a marvelous resort. Among fans of Brunello, Altesino needs no introduction. They have earned a reputation as a Montalcino institution and a global leader in innovative winemaking. Located at the top of Altesino's vineyards is the prestigious Montosoli vineyard where ancient limestone soils with the 360 degree exposure combine to yield a Brunello of exceptional style and elegance. This small vineyard produced one of Italy's first "cru" wines. “Montosoli lies above the morning fog line, allowing for greater exposure to the morning sun, and was the first single vineyard designated wine in Montalcino’s history with its first vintage in 1975.”

456 Tenuta Il Poggione “Vigna Paganelli” Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2019 227.00

One of the most highly regarded wineries in all of Tuscany, Tenuta Il Poggione makes incredibly powerful wines for collectors and everyday drinkers alike. Located in Sant' Angelo in Colle in the commune of Montalcino, Tenuta Il Poggione was established at the end of the 19th century by Lavinio Franceschi and is still owned today by the 5th generation of its founder, siblings Leopoldo and Livia Franceschi. “The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino pulls the taster close to the glass with its dark and earthy blend of crushed ashen stones, giving way to rosemary, cedar, exotic spice and a core of raspberry preserves. Enveloping and serene, this flows across the palate like pure silk, steadily building in tension as tart wild berries and orange hints give way to a sweet herbal thrust. The 2019 finishes with tremendous length and is classically structured, as crunchy tannins resonate and violet inner florals slowly fade over a tactile coating of minerality. Il Poggione has captured the radiance of the vintage, yet this is just a baby today.” 96 V- #80 Vinous Top 100 of 2024

-Umbria

422 Falesco Vitiano Rosso, IGT 2022 34.00

“A rich and caressing red with purple fruit and hints of dark chocolate as well as flowers. Medium body. Fresh and lively with energetic fruit at the end. Lots of primary fruit.” 92 JS

Northern Italy- Piedmont, Lombardy, Tre-Venezie, Emilia-Romagna

-Barbera, Dolcetto

- 475 Vietti Barbera d'Asti “Tre Vigne”, Piedmont Italy 2023 40.00**
The Vietti name is no stranger to those who know Piedmont wines. The history of the Vietti winery traces its roots back to the 19th Century and the wines are synonymous with quality. Ruby red color with mineral and vanilla notes. Medium-bodied, dry wine with a crisp acidity (perfect for the whole meal) and soft tannins. This Barbera is very well balanced, with a good complexity and a red cherry finish.
-  **360 G. D. Vajra Barbera d'Alba, DOC 2025 47.00**
The Barbera d'Alba DOC comes from ancient soils, traced to three different geological ages: Tortonian, Serravallian and Messinian. The resulting terroir produces a refined savory wine, charming and complex and easily combined with any meal. Great persistence and balance, with a velvet finish. Deep red color with purple hues refer to the sweetness of a dark fruit with refined elegance. Intense and rich on the nose, it is both fresh and harmonious: floral and fruity notes give way to hay, tobacco and spices. On the palate again fruits and graphite notes are rich and persistent.

-Langhe and Alto Piemonte

- 530 Boroli Nebbiolo Langhe “1661”, DOC 2023 48.00**
The Boroli family is a family of entrepreneurs, with roots in Piedmont dating back to 1831. Silvano and Elena Boroli started their winemaking business in 1997. Their son, Achille, stepped in to run the wine-growing and production side of the business in 2012. With the 2012 grape harvest Achille decided to radically change the methods used in vineyards and winery, aiming for the highest quality in Barolo and its crus. He cut production levels, updated the winemaking technology, and focused on low intervention methods to raise the quality of the Boroli wines be on par with the finest Barolo wines. The Langhe Nebbiolo is the pure expression of Nebbiolo: a fresh wine that conveys all the distinctive characteristics of the variety: fresh and pulpy fruit, intensity, and drinkability. The number on the label, 1661, in red, is a tribute to the farmers who have been cultivating the vineyards around the cellar for more than 4 centuries.
- 607 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe “Perbacco”, DOC 2022 55.00**
Vietti has long been an elite, reference-point producer in Piedmont but in recent years brothers-in-law Luca Currado and Mario Cordero have taken major steps to further elevate the quality of their wines across the board. Vietti's Perbacco is made from Barolo-designated parcels that don't meet the qualitative standard for the estate's multi-cru Barolo Castiglione. Perbacco is for all practical purposes a Barolo, but because it is bottled two months earlier than regulations permit, the wine is sold as Langhe Nebbiolo.
- 320 Le Piane “Boca”, Boca DOC 2010 95.00**
The Boca wine region, in the province of Novara, is the most eastern and highest (420-520 m) in Piemonte, situated between the Sesia Valley and Lake Orta nestled in the hills of the Lower Alps. It is here, that an almost forgotten wine producing area was revived in the late 1990's when Christoph Kunzli, originally a Swiss wine importer, was introduced to the tiny and little known region of Boca by Paolo di Marchi, owner of the famous Chianti estate, Isole e Olena. Since then,

-Barbaresco

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

437 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco DOCG 2021 89.00

This is the Barbaresco Normale, which is typically blended from several of the different vineyard sites. "A vibrant, well-defined red, offering rose, cherry, strawberry, white pepper and mineral flavors. Sleek and elegant, this firms up on the linear finish. Balanced and approachable now yet would benefit from a bit more time to knit together. Excellent length." 94 WS

Asili Vineyard: Aldo Vacca of Produttori di Barbaresco states that Asili is known for its elegance. "The vineyard is like a bowl, very protected and it gets very hot in the middle of the day. The wines have very fine grained tannins. And although they are very closed and tight in their youth, the wines of Asili open up with age to become the quintessential expression of finesse and elegance in Barbaresco."

612	Barbaresco "Asili" Riserva DOCG 2017	96 JS	135.00
372	Barbaresco "Asili" Riserva DOCG 2019	96 WS	141.00
423	Barbaresco "Asili" Riserva DOCG 2020	97 KO	145.00

Ovello Vineyard: "Ovello is the northernmost vineyard in the village of Barbaresco, higher on the sea level and dropping down to the river in a 300 foot, abrupt bluff. It is a relatively large area with a number of subzones with West and East exposure, all sharing a similar calcareous soils rich in clay. The extra clay and the cooler microclimate give the Ovello its exuberant and youthful quality in the fruit and its fuller body, which defines its distinctive personality. Explosive fruit on the palate and firm, sometime rough, tannins on the finish, these wines always bring a lot of joy to the palate and deliver powerful structure, that needs some years of bottle ageing to balance out."

471	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2011	94 V	105.00
370	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2013	96 V	110.00
459	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2014	95 WA	110.00
615	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2017	94 WE	135.00
349	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2019	96 KO	141.00
425	Barbaresco "Ovello" Riserva DOCG 2020	95 JD	145.00

Rabajà Vineyard: According to Aldo Vacca of Produttori di Barbaresco, Rabajà creates the most powerful of the Barbarescos. "Rabaja and Asili lie on the same ridge, but Rabaja is east of Asili and it is farther away from the Tanaro River. The farther you get from the river, the soil becomes more compact, reducing fertility, but increasing the intensity and body of the wine, with darker fruit and more tannic structure. It is less elegant and refined than Asili, but more robust and powerful."

431	Barbaresco "Rabajà" Riserva DOCG 2014	97 WE	110.00
386	Barbaresco "Rabajà" Riserva DOCG 2019	96 JS	141.00
426	Barbaresco "Rabajà" Riserva DOCG 2020	97 V	145.00

-Barolo

- 396 G. D. Vajra Barolo “Albe”, DOCG 2022 75.00**

Vajra's Barolo Albe is "Barolo di Barolo", a Barolo blended from vineyards only in the Barolo comune. Fosatti, Coste de Vergne and La Volta all have different southern exposures and add distinct qualities to the wine, they yield a complex and rich Barolo that will age gracefully for another 3 to 5 years, but is an absolute pleasure to drink now. In fact, not only is this our most approachable and open Barolo, but it is one of the best values on our list for all categories. "Medium ruby color, the 2022 Barolo Albe marks the 50th vintage of this cuvée. Aromas of fresh cherries, spice, and ripe orange peel lead into a medium-bodied palate with purity and polish. Already quite appealing, this is a wine I would happily order by the glass, and it should drink beautifully over the coming decade." 93 JD
- 617 Renato Corino Barolo “Commune La Morra”, DOCG 2021 85.00**
Azienda Agricola Renato Corino is a family-run boutique winery founded in 2005 in La Morra, Piedmont, Italy. Renato manages 8 hectares of prime vineyards, primarily in the renowned Arborina and Rocche dell'Annunziata crus. "The 2021 Barolo del Commune di La Morra is done in a delicate, restrained style that emphasises aromatics. Crushed flowers, sweet red berry fruit, cask and cedar are very nicely lifted. This nervy, vibrant Barolo has a lot to offer." 90 V
- 375 Vietti Barolo “Castiglione”, DOCG 2020 115.00**
Located in the heart of the Langhe hills, at the top of the village of Castiglione Falletto, the Vietti wine cellar was founded in the late 1800's by Carlo Vietti. The estate has gradually grown over the course of time, and today the vineyards include some of the most highly prized terroirs within the Barolo and Barbaresco winegrowing areas. With fruit sourced from various points within the Castiglione Falletto township, the Barolo Castiglione continues on its promise to offer a solid drinking experience based purely on quality Nebbiolo. This wine speaks more to the specific qualities of Nebbiolo, more than vineyard site. "Racy and focused. I like the aromas of lavender, violet and white roses alongside strawberry, cranberry and stone. Medium body, with firm and fine tannins that are long and succulent. It's fine and polished." 94 JS
- 351 Schiavenza Barolo “Ceretta”, DOCG 2013 135.00**

*Azienda Agricola Schiavenza is a highly traditional, family-owned winery in the heart of Piedmont's Barolo zone in Serralunga d'Alba. Founded in 1956, it takes its name from the local dialect for "sharecroppers". Known for organic farming and traditional, terroir-driven winemaking, it is currently managed by the second-generation Alessandria sisters, Maura and Enrica, and their husbands. "Truffle, new leather, wild berry, forest floor and balsamic notes are just some of the aromas you'll find on this fragrant, fantastic red. Fresh and juicy, the palate doles out Marasca cherry, raspberry, cinnamon and pipe tobacco set against a tannic backbone and fresh acidity. It's firmly structured but also boasts balance and elegance." Drink 2023-2043. *Editor's Choice* - 94 WE*
- 353 Pio Cesare Barolo, DOCG 2020 147.00**
Pio Cesare has been producing wine for more than 100 years. The tradition began in 1881, when Pio Cesare started gathering grapes in his vineyards and purchasing those of some selected and reliable farmers in the hills of Barolo and Barbaresco districts. At Pio Cesare, there has always been a conviction that great wine can come only from the finest grapes and the winery's output has always been limited through adherence to the highest standards. Pio Cesare limits its production by using only the most mature and healthy grapes. The ripening of the grapes is carefully

monitored and the harvest is rigidly controlled with each grape selected by hand. Today, the estate is managed by Pio Boffa, great-grandson of Pio Cesare. "Very primary fruit with beautiful aromas of peaches, strawberries, berries and flowers. It's medium- to full-bodied, with bitter citrus, cedar, chocolate and coffee bean character. Tight at the end. From five villages, primarily Serralunga, Monforte, La Morra, Grinzane Cavour, and Novello. Needs two or three years to open and will age for a very long time." 97 JS

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| 655 | G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2018 | 95WA | 140.00 |
| 373 | G. D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco Delle Viole", DOCG 2019 | 97JD | 149.00 |



"Aldo and Milena Vajra are among the quietest and most introspective of Piedmont's top echelon growers. It is the wines that do the talking here, and they do that ever so eloquently. The estate's continued focus on excellence throughout their entire range comes through in all of their releases. "From the Bricco delle Viole cru, or the vineyard most strongly associated with this historic estate, this is a versatile or "evergreen" wine that always delivers consistent results. The G.D. Vajra 2016 Barolo Bricco delle Viole sees fruit from a seven-hectare vineyard with high exposures positioned at 400 to 480 meters above sea level. This site shows characteristic Tortonian-era soils classified as Sant'Agata marl with fossils. These soils have an enormous capacity to regulate the ripening process, resulting in the longer growing seasons relished by the Nebbiolo grape. In a word, the profile here is classic."

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| 379 | G. D. Vajra Barolo "Ravera", DOCG 2019 | 97 WA | 149.00 |
| 410 | G. D. Vajra Barolo "Ravera", DOCG 2020 | 97WE | 151.00 |



The Vajra family has farmed Bricco delle Viole, the highest cru in Comune di Barolo, since the 1880s. At the young age of fifteen, Aldo Vajra embraced the dream to revive his family legacy. Displaying a vision and commitment belying his young age he took over the estate in 1968, turning a new page. Aldo soon acquired the first organic certification of the region (1971), created private biotype selections (selezioni massali) of Nebbiolo and Dolcetto, pioneered the renaissance of Freisa, a noble yet forgotten local grape (1980) and the cultivation of Rhine Riesling in Piemonte (1985). The Ravera cru, one of the estate's prized holdings (one of the most sought-after crus in the village of Novello), is known for its calcareous soil and old vines that contribute to the wine's depth and ageability.

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| 403 | Damilano Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2018 | 94WA | 138.00 |
| 350 | Damilano Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2019 | 95JS | 155.00 |
| 547 | Damilano Barolo "Cannubi", DOCG 2020 | 95JS | 155.00 |

The origins of the Damilano family company dates back to over a century ago, when Guiseppe Borgogno, the great-grandfather of the current owners, started to grow and make wine from his own grapes. This tradition was kept up by Giacomo Damilano, the founder's son-in-law, together with his children, until it was passed on to his 4 grandchildren, who very attentively manage their forefathers' land today. The wines produced are renowned for their upright style and the estate is widely appreciated due to the strictness and passion that accompany all of the company's activities.

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| 491 | Luigi Baudana Barolo "Ceretta", DOCG 2020 | 96JD | 159.00 |
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Luigi Baudana is one of the smallest wineries in Serralunga, and one of the last garagiste estates in the Langhe. For over 30 years, Luigi Baudana and his wife, Fiorina, carried on a long family tradition of winemaking in Serralunga d'Alba. With only 2.6 hectares of vineyards and a humble production of just about 800 cases of Barolo, they were always one of the best-kept secrets in the Langhe. Baudana — a hidden gem — is really known only among Barolo aficionados. Just three single-vineyard bottlings are made from this cru, and Luigi Baudana may well be the only one exported to the United States. Baudana is the name of the vineyard, of the village, and of Luigi and Fiorina's family. Their roots run deep, and the family's legacy is important to this unique place.

-Gattinara

693	Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2009	94 JS	110.00
670	Travaglini Gattinara Riserva, DOCG 2013	95 WE	110.00

Travaglini is a family-owned wine estate in the tiny Gattinara appellation within the Piedmont region. Established in the 1920s by Clemente Travaglini, the winery is Gattinara's most esteemed producer of traditional, limited-production wines from the nebbiolo grape. Travaglini wines are easily recognized by their distinctive bottle shape, featuring a unique curve that fits naturally in the palm of the hand and serves to catch sediment during decanting. Designed by a glassmaker to celebrate the excellent 1952 vintage, the bottle was so well received that family decided to keep it as their trademark.

-Veneto

311	Allegrini "Palazzo Della Torre", IGT 2019		40.00
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The Allegrini farm is based in Fumane di Valpolicella. The Allegrini family has been handing down grape farming and wine producing traditions in this small but important town in the Valpolicella Classico area since the 16th century. The techniques used for this wine's production are completely innovative and untraditional. Palazzo della Torre is made from traditional Veneto grapes. 70% of the grapes are vinified immediately. The remaining 30% are left to dry until the end of December when they are vinified and then refermented with the wine from the fresh grapes giving the wine an extra dimension of richness and body "Intense nose with hints of coffee and black chocolate to the raspberry jam and dark cherries. Nicely dry and bitter with dark-chocolate character that extends to the long, polished finish with silky tannins. Drink or hold." 93 JS

601	Tenuta Sant'Antonio Valpolicella Ripasso "Monti Garbi", DOC 2020		48.00
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Tenuta Sant'Antonio has earned its reputation as a premium and progressive producer of Veneto DOC wines (Amarone, Valpolicella, Ripasso, Passito, Soave and Recioto della Valpolicella), as well as Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tenuta Sant'Antonio wines are made from 100% estate-grown fruit from its vineyards in Soave in the Val d'Illasi, and Monti Garbi, its 124-acre estate vineyard site in Valpolicella. "Aromas of nutty red fruit and vanilla follow through to a medium-bodied palate with some very fine-grained tannins that are sinking below the surface nicely. Bright, almost steely finish. Still needs another year to show its best. Try from 2024." 91 JS

634	Stefano Accordini Valpolicella Ripasso "Acinatico", DOC 2021		50.00
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This estate winery has deep country roots: the founders have been share-croppers, then landowners and finally wine-makers. The company is led by Stefano himself helped by his wife Giuseppina and his two sons, Tiziano and Daniele. The family estate extends over 4 hectares situated in Negrar, the heart of Valpolicella, in a place called Bessole. The Valpolicella Ripasso is obtained by "re-passing" of the Valpolicella wine on the dried grape skins of Amarone, still warm and rich in sugar. The Valpolicella remains in contact with the pomace of Amarone for 10/12 days; during this period, a second alcoholic fermentation occurs. Ripasso method gives to Valpolicella wine a better structure and a lower acidity, it is more rounded and it is suitable for aging in barrels for 18 months.

538	Zenato "Ripassa" Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, DOC 2020		54.00
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The Zenato winery possesses a strong link to the richness of its local history and culture, and continues to develop this connection today. The estate is based in a territory that surrounds Lake Garda, with an extraordinary microclimate that allows for an optimal growing season. Cherishing a 'frank and simple' approach to life, Zenato is committed to producing affordable wine of

exceptional quality. With a passion for the land and a dedication to vigorous research, innovation and quality improvement, Sergio Zenato strived to eclipse past results. He crafted wines that are known for their quality and consistency. Today, the winery operates under a philosophy and mission of *Quality* (from the vineyard to the bottle and consumer), *Passion and Tradition* (respecting the roots of the territory and local culture). “An aromatic, savory streak of tarry smoke and leather offers a subtle underpinning for the rich mesh of Amarena cherry, cured tobacco, licorice and warm spices on display in this harmonious red, with supple, well-knit tannins. Corvina, Rondinella and Corvinone. Drink now through 2030.”92 WS

640 L' Arco Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, DOC 2021

79.00



Founder and winemaker Luca Fedrigo continues in the tradition of his mentor, legendary Amarone producer Giuseppe Quintarelli. Luca crafts classic wines built on the Valpolicella's historical varieties with occasional twists: Corvina, Rondinella, and Molinara. With vineyards in the Classic zone, around the town of Negrar, Luca does everything himself, from vineyard to bottling, with help from only a handful of employees. A true artist, the results speak for themselves, wines that are expressive of the region and reflect the careful stewardship and attention to detail that only Luca can provide. The 2021 has produced a more elegantly styled Ripasso than recent years bottlings -and is better for it! The 2021 features complex fruit flavors of both dried and fresh varieties, including wild raspberry, plum, prune, and dried apricot. The palate is rich and lush, offering substantial weight with notes of cigar box, black pepper, and cinnamon spice. It delivers surprising depth and structure within an approachable profile.

Production Note: Amarone della Valpolicella

Amarone is one of Italy's treasured wines, not only because of the intensely flavored wines themselves, but also due to the fascinating production method that helps to create them. Amarones are produced in the Veneto region in northeastern Italy by the same producers who make Valpolicella, a light easy drinking red. Made from local varieties Corvina, Molinara, and Rondinella, winemakers were looking for a way to increase aromatic intensity, flavor profile, and age worthiness of their valpolicellas. In order to concentrate the natural sugars of the grapes, winemakers began drying their grapes after harvest, to remove water from the berries, while retaining sweetness and flavor (this process was originally used to make Recioto della Valpolicella, a sweet wine- the first Amarones were considered mistakes, Reciotos that were allowed to ferment too long). Once this drying process (called *appassimento* in Italian) is complete (typically three to four months), the grapes have lost a third of their water and have shriveled to raisins. The grapes are then gently pressed and the must is fermented to dry, yielding a very intense, high alcohol wine. They are usually aged in casks or barrels for a minimum 24 months before being released. The resulting wines are usually big, rich full- bodied wines that tend to have flavor profiles of dark chocolate, dried fig and raisin, and earth and the wines should be paired with heartier fare like meat roasts or aged cheeses. Amarones usually require several to ten years of bottle aging before their flavors mature and the wines can continue to develop for 20 years or more.

408 Luigi Righetti “Capitel de’ Roari” Amarone della Valpolicella, DOC 2022

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Located in Valgatara, right in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico zone, the Luigi Righetti estate has been a family-run winery since 1909. Gian Maria Righetti is the fourth generation in the Righetti family to carry on the wine-making tradition. The name *Capitel de’ Roari* refers to the various plots of vineyards where grapes are obtained for the Amarone della Valpolicella Classico. The vineyards, situated on the finest hills of the Valpolicella Classica, are well cultivated, limited in production and high in quality. Full bodied and rich with aromas of dried fruit, plums, black cherry and a distinct “earthy” note. The wine will continue to evolve in the bottle over the next 5 to 10 years.

- 603 Monte Zovo Amarone della Valpolicella, DOC 2018 91.00**
Mature black plum, leather, cocoa and cooking spice emerge from the glass. The dense palate offers blackberry jam, star anise and black pepper alongside velvety tannins and the warmth of alcohol. The wine is not overt in its raisinated character, showing enough balance to be a great food wine. "A deep crimson red sets the mood for this wine. The nose is a touch reserved, so give the wine a decant. Once you do you will be rewarded with rich and deep tones of black cherry, juicy ripe black plums, dusty earth and dried herbs. The palate is opulent, even decadent, with fig and black currents combined with spiced chocolate and vanilla ending with a lasting finish." 93 WE
- 366 Stefano Accordini Amarone della Valpolicella "Acinatico", DOC 2020 113.00**
This estate winery has deep country roots: the founders have been share-croppers, then landowners and finally wine-makers. The company is led by Stefano himself helped by his wife Giuseppina and his two sons, Tiziano and Daniele. The family estate extends over 4 hectares situated in Negrar, the heart of Valpolicella, in a place called Bessole. This wine is medium-dark ruby color with smoke, baked berry and tar in the nose. Intense on the palate with youthful, rich, ripe black fruit, licorice and dried blackberry. Superb finish with great length.
- 318 Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2019 114.00**
The Zenato winery possesses a strong link to the richness of its local history and culture, and continues to develop this connection today. The estate is based in a territory that surrounds Lake Garda, with an extraordinary microclimate that allows for an optimal growing season. "Very complex nose of bay leaves, dried prunes and blackberry jam, enhanced with leather and a bit of restrained chocolate. Velvety tannins flow on the palate, with a full body, zesty and cleansing acidity and a savory finish of toasted black pepper and chocolate. Drinkable now, but best from 2029." 95 JS
- 325 Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, DOC 2020 140.00**
Perhaps one of the most consistent performers in the entire region is Allegrini's exceptional Amarone. "The 2020 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico is surprisingly lifted and airy in the glass, showcasing bright strawberry and cherry tones complemented by nuances of cedary spice. It is juicy in style, with silken textures and masses of ripe red and blue fruits that coast along a stream of cooling acidity. This vintage communicates refinement through the long and structured finale, coming across as savory with excellent length. Beautifully done." 95 V

- Emilia-Romagna

- 453 Cleto Chiarli "Centenario" Lambrusco Di Modena DOC, Emilia-Romagna 36.00**
"The oldest producer in Emilia, Cleto Chiarli is better known for producing high-quality Lambrusco Secco, but this Grasparossa Amabile is just as captivating. Round and creamy but not cloying, touches of pepper and cinnamon complicate cherry jam flavours. Excellent acidity keeps the residual sugar in balance, underpinning a savoury and slightly grippy finish." 91 D

American Red Wines

Blended Wines

- 447 Ridge Three Valleys Red Blend, Sonoma County, CA 2023 54.00**
“Made since 2001 from a number of Sonoma County vineyards, the 2023 Three Valleys blends 71% Zinfandel, 16% Carignane, 9% Petite Sirah, 2% each Mataro and Alicante Bouschet from Alexander Valley, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Russian River Valley. Floral, it is complex and less rustic than usual, the vintage showing classic charm and elegance. Though it is one of Ridge's largest production wines, it is made in the exact same way as all its others, in open top tanks with real oak and native fermentations. It's meant to represent a vintage more than a location. A popular by-the-glass pour, order it when you see it.” 93 JD, 93 WS
- 417 Harvey and Harriet Red Blend, Paso Robles, California 2023 58.00**
Eric Jensen, the founder of “My Favorite Neighbor”, created Harvey and Harriet, a red blend with a Cabernet base. In a world of overpriced Cabernet blends, Eric’s hardworking, honest, salt-of-the-earth parents would have never been able to drink decent wine. Therefore, he created a world class wine with a reasonable price and named the wine after them. “The 2023 Red Blend is a total pleasure to take in as crushed blackberries and cherries combine with autumnal spices and nuances of licorice. Soft textured and round, it offers brisk acidity and ripe wild berry fruit that finds lovely contrast in a bitter tinge of dark chocolate toward the close. Gently tannic and pleasing to the senses, the wine carries through a long, balanced finish as a hint of tart blackcurrant fades.” 91 V
- 327 Chappellet “Mountain Cuvée” Red Blend, Napa Valley, CA 2023 69.00**
*Blended from the traditional Bordeaux varieties, including Chappellet's own coveted estate grapes, the Chappellet Mountain Cuvée Proprietor’s Blend builds on their decades of experience crafting great Napa County mountain-grown wines. A stellar Napa value, this blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, 14% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc is made for more near-term consumption.*
- 371 The Prisoner Wine Company “The Prisoner”, Napa Valley, California 2024 95.00**
The Prisoner is a modern-day wine success story, launched by Orin Swift founder Dave Phinney in 2000. The Prisoner is a Zinfandel-based blend with the balance in Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Syrah and just a splash of Charbono. It was sourced from well-known vineyards such as Somerston, Solari, York Creek and Hudson. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak before bottling. This eclectic crowd pleaser has found a following from lovers of fruit-forward and jammy wines, but it has enough substance to please those who prefer their California reds a bit more structured. Not just a cocktail wine, this hefty red pairs very well with braised meats and barbecue.
- 362 Ridge Vineyards "Lytton Springs" Dry Creek Valley, California 2020 91.00**
Ridge's history begins in 1885, when Osea Perrone, a doctor and prominent member of San Francisco's Italian community, bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He planted vineyards and constructed a winery of redwood and native limestone in time to produce the first vintage of Monte Bello in 1892. The historic building now serves as the Ridge production facility. Though Ridge began as a Cabernet winery, by the mid-60s, it had produced several Zinfandels including the Geyserville. In 1972, Lytton Springs joined the line-up and the two came to represent an important part of Ridge production. Known primarily for its red wines, Ridge has also made limited amounts of Chardonnay since 1962. “This seamless, polished

but also firm and well-structured wine achieves power with grace. Wonderful black fig, black olive and plump blackberry flavors ride a full body backed by good, well-integrated tannins. This classic from Ridge's Sonoma County property consists of 79% Zinfandel plus 11% Petite Sirah and 10% Carignan." 97 WE

- 319 Ridge Vineyards "Geyserville" Alexander Valley, California 2022 95.00**
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Cabernet Sauvignon

- 524 Purple Cowboy Trail Boss Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2023 40.00**
Terry Wheatley, creator of Purple Cowboy wines, comes from a background rooted in the western life and a close-knit ranching family. Her husband and son were both champion rodeo cowboys. A breast cancer survivor, Terry co-founded Tough Enough to Wear Pink in 2004, the western community's grassroots campaign against breast cancer, with pink-themed fundraising events at rodeos across the country. Terry is also a long-time wine industry executive, founding her own wine company in 2008. It was there she created Purple Cowboy wines with a commitment to give back to the cause she founded. 100% of the profits from the sales of Purple Cowboy wines go to support Tough Enough to Wear Pink. The wine is comprised of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot, and 4% Petite Sirah. Beautiful aromas of dark Bing cherry and black currant are accented with a hint of cedar and vanilla. Rich and full-bodied with black fruit flavors and cigar box spice.
- 328 Double Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA 2022 42.00**
With the goal of creating authentic estate-grown wines, Double Canyon was established in the heart of Horse Heaven Hills in 2007. Double Canyon's focus is crafting Cabernet Sauvignon that expresses the individuality of their namesake vineyard and captures the distinct character of Washington State's best appellations. Double Canyon's new state-of-the-art winery opened its doors for the 2017 harvest. "Distinctive for its origins in Washington, this Cab offers pleasantly leafy aromas and medium-bodied fruit with notes of dark cherries and moderately ripened berries. Structure from oak and tannins is proportional to the fruit's intensity, enabling this to pair successfully with anything from roast chicken to lamb chops." 92 pts Tasting Panel
- 336 Educated Guess Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2023 49.00**
Roots Run Deep Winery was founded in 2005 with the promise of producing unparalleled wine from the Napa Valley at prices everyone can afford. Grapes grown by the best producers in Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford and Carneros wine districts go into making these wines superb in quality and unmatched in value. Barry Gnekow, winemaker for Roots Run Deep Winery, is a

graduate of UC Davis and has over 30 years of winemaking experience. The unique label was designed to tell the story of how you can make an educated guess in winemaking. It shows you actual winemaking formulas that are either induced or naturally occur during a specific winemaking process.

- 645 J. Lohr “Hilltop” Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA 2022 56.00**
For two generations, the Lohr family and their team have been leaders in California winegrowing. Founder Jerry Lohr and his three children Steve, Cynthia, and Lawrence oversee one of the country’s most successful and trusted fine wine labels. With first plantings in Monterey in 1972 and then in Paso Robles in 1986, the J. Lohr team helped write the book on sustainable winegrowing on the Central Coast. “Red and purple fruit-syrup aromas meet with pencil shavings, violet, coffee and toasted nut aromas on the nose of this widely available and always reliable Cab. The palate is dry and layered in firm tannins that carry forth flavors of blackberry, oregano, coffee bean and marjoram, sliding into an elegant finish.” 94 WE
- 448 Textbook Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet, Napa Valley, California 2022 64.00**
Having travelled for many years to Italy and France, Jonathan and Susan Pey fell in love with the restraint of European wine, which was a striking contrast to the powerhouse wines of Napa Valley. They founded Textbook in 2004 with the idea of creating wines that married Napa Valley's richness and intensity and their beloved European restraint. “From lauded winemaker Jonathan Pey and his colleague Abigail Estrada, this is a most approachable, stylized Cab from Napa Valley Blended with the four other Bordeaux varieties and aged 16 months in (35% new) French oak, it's ripe and ready, clocking in at 14.1% ABV. Dark plum and mocha are elegantly framed by pleasingly playful tannins, and the mouthfeel is round and sumptuous, with notable balance.” 94 TP
- 646 Ride & Ridden “Ride” Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 75.00**
Steve Wrubel, founder of Ride and Ridden Wine Company, has devoted much of his life to traveling the world with his camera. But he has always found himself drawn to the untamed nature of the American West and in 2019 he began a journey of documenting one of its last living legends – the rodeo cowboy. These artistic images became part of the inspiration for the company and they find themselves on the labels of the company’s wines. “In its second vintage, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is fermented in open-top stainless steel tanks and then aged in (75% new) French oak for 14 months. Possessing bravado with a focus of blackberry freshness and mocha. Dusty, plum skin tannins ride side saddle with dense notes of leather and tobacco. It’s yippee ki yay on the palate with a juicy, yet muscular profile” 95-The Tasting Panel/ Somm Journal
- 415 Matthews Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley Washington 2021 84.00**
Established in 1993, Matthews Winery is located in the heart of the Woodinville Wine Country. The boutique winery is owned by a local family and focuses on maintaining production of Bordeaux-style and single varietal vineyard-designated wines. Blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15%Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec. “The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley is spicy, showing off a gentle peppery tinge and dusty rose tones that give way to dried black cherries. This is wonderfully crisp and refined, with silky textures and depths of dark red fruit propelled by juicy acidity. It tapers off long and structured, yet the tannins are quite sweet. The 2021 finishes with a pleasant crunch and a lingering licorice tinge.” 93 V
- 314 Bledsoe Family Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley Washington 2022 90.00**
The story of Drew Bledsoe's Bledsoe Family Winery begins with a return to his roots in the Walla Walla Valley of Washington after his NFL career. Bledsoe grew up in Walla Walla and remained closely connected to the region even during his years as a professional quarterback. After retiring from football in 2007, he and his wife, Maura, planted their first estate vineyard, called McQueen

Vineyard, and launched their first winery, Doubleback, focused on premium Cabernet Sauvignon. Since then, they established Bledsoe Family Winery, which carries a broader range of estate-driven wines from Walla Walla that combine premium quality with an approachable style." This cabernet is a blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot. "Deeply structured yet polished, with expressive flavors of blackberry and cherry highlighted by herbs de Provence and flint tones as this builds toward refined yet broad-shouldered tannins." 94 WS

- 338 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2023 93.00**
Founded in 1978, Pine Ridge Vineyards sits in the heart of the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley, tucked beneath a ridge of pines that speak to the dramatic geologic origins of our home and unique soils. For over 40 years the winery has become a pioneer farming and vinifying Bordeaux grapes with a focus on Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, Pine Ridge Vineyards farms a collection of 160 acres of Napa Green sustainably certified estate vineyards across Oakville, Rutherford, Howell Mountain and Carneros, including 47 acres in the Stags Leap District. "Pine Ridge's Napa Cabernet in 2023 is a pleasant wine that reveals blackberry and raspberry fruit alongside cola nut and mild Indian spices. These elements layer gracefully across the medium-bodied palate atop elongated black-tea tannins. Mocha and dried sage resonate on the finish." 93 D
- 445 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2022 99.00**

Nestled in the hills on the North West side of the Stags Leap District, Silverado Vineyards Winery has been a favorite wine country destination and home to some of the Napa Valley's most-recognized wines for almost forty years. In 1981, Ron and Diane Disney Miller and her mother, Lillian Disney, established Silverado Vineyards to make wines from the historic sites of the estate the family owns. The winery was named in honor of the Silverado Vineyard, one of the first four in Stags Leap District to plant Cabernet in the 1960s. "This is effusive and fruity, almost sweet in its ripeness and ready to drink soon. Sunny aromas of sweet cherries and strawberries lead to dark cherries and plums on the palate, backed by moderate tannins on a full body." 91 JS
- 648 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2023 105.00**
A decade after the first release from his Quintessa estate, Agustin Huneeus felt the thrill and excitement of a new endeavor beckon. The underlying premise for all of the wines he has ever produced has been that great wines must be a reflection of a great vineyard. Faust is not. Instead, Faust is a tribute to Napa Valley's noblest grape—full-bodied, decadently rich and unctuous Cabernet Sauvignon. Faust also honors the legend of Dr. Faust, a scholar and respected man of society who was tempted by the Devil to seek new renewed passion and youth in exchange for his soul. The defining characteristics of Faust come from the backbone of fruit sourced from their own Coombsville Estate, complemented by grapes from hillside and cooler regions of the Napa Valley. "Aromas of red and dark fruit, crushed stones, dried herbs, flowers and salt-cured meat. The palate is tightly woven with a silken mouthfeel, fine tannins and a succulent, minerally finish. A wine of real nerve and approachability young, with ample aging potential. A good example of what a cool vintage in a cool appellation can produce." 96 JS
- 468 Reynolds Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2021 119.00**
Reynolds Family winery's 9-1/2 acre home vineyard sits in the shadow of Atlas Peak, just south of Stags Leap, where it enjoys cool breezes from San Pablo Bay to the south. The growing conditions here are ideal for producing big, rich, complex wines. The vineyard was first planted in 1996 using 'bench grafted vines' which were quite new back then. With bench grafting, the plants are raised at the nursery for one to two years before planting. This cuts about a year off the vine's development, allowing it to deliver usable fruit in its fourth leaf rather than its fifth. The estate is planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon. "An aromatic lift of musk and violets swirl around a core

of dark fruits and oak spices. This Cabernet Sauvignon is full of flavor and full-bodied with palate coating tannins and a long finish.” 93 WE

305 Orin Swift “Papillon” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2021 125.00

Orin Swift Cellars, led by winemaker Dave Phinney, is a brand known as much for its creative and evocative expression of art on the front of the bottle as it is the bold, yet finessed styling within the bottle. Based out of Saint Helena, within the prized Napa Valley, Orin Swift features a portfolio of wines that appeal to a variety of senses. “The 2021 Papillon Red Wine is a five-variety Bordeaux blend (Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot) that spends 13 months in 44% new oak. While not that complex, it does offer up bold cherry and cassis aromas on the nose, while the palate is full-bodied and velvety, with a long, almost zesty finish. Best After 2024” 93 WA

476 Frias Family SMD Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain District, CA 2021 145.00

In 1977 Manny Frias Sr. purchased 100 acres at the base of the iconic Spring Mountain District in Napa Valley. In 1985, five of those acres were planted, and FRIAS Family Vineyard was born. The first vintage was 1991, and since then, the vineyards have expanded to over 13 acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon. FRIAS also produces wines from single vineyards in Oakville and Yountville from families with whom they have long-standing relationships. Only 400 cases produced- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon- 21 months in 60% new French oak “An alluring version, with an aromatic display of warm red currant, plum and cherry notes infused with black tea, singed anise and pine forest accents. A racy, minerally spine gives the finish cut and energy. Best from 2026 through 2040.” 94 WS

430 Col Solare Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA 2020 91 V 149.00

519 Col Solare Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, WA 2021 94 D 149.00

Col Solare is the partnership between two influential wine producers who are recognized leaders in their respective regions: Tuscany's Marchesi Antinori and Washington State's Chateau Ste. Michelle. From its inaugural 1995 vintage, Col Solare's mission has been to unite these two unique viticultural and winemaking cultures to produce a world-class Cabernet Sauvignon-based red wine from the very best Washington fruit.

345 Shafer TD-9 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2023 151.00

TD-9 is a proprietary blend that celebrates a bold move. In 1973, in the space of a few months, John Shafer went from riding morning commuter trains in Chicago to teaching himself to drive a TD-9 tractor in our Napa Valley vineyard. He'd never grown grapes or made wine in his life. He now leads one of the most acclaimed wineries in all of California. The TD-9 is the red blend that replaced the winery's single varietal Merlot. The 2022 TD-9 is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 4% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot, aged in 100% new French oak “Not yet bottled, the 2023 TD-9 is the same blend as the 2022 and is still resting in 100% new barrels. Red and black fruits, new leather, graphite, and some floral notes all define the aromatics, and it's medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, layered, and has a great finish.” 95 JD

411 Chappellet “Signature” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2022 155.00

The "Signature" Cabernet Sauvignon has been Chappellet's flagship wine for more than three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley; full of structure and ageing potential, yet seductively forward in its concentrated varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of the Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavored grapes. For Napa Valley standards, this is about as good as it gets for the money. “A killer wine and great value, the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Signature reveals tons of cassis and darker, almost blue fruits intermixed with sappy spring flowers, crushed stone, and lead pencil nuances. Based on 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9%

Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec, and 2% Merlot, it's balanced and medium to full-bodied, with beautiful tannins." 93 JD

- 380 Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2024 165.00**
Charlie and Lorna Wagner, with their son Chuck, launched this winery's legacy as a Napa Valley icon in 1972. This wine certainly needs no introduction. It may be one of the most well known of all Napa Cabernets. Caymus has a signature style that is dark in color, with rich fruit and ripe, velvety tannins. This Cabernet offers layered, lush aromas and flavors, including cocoa, cassis and ripe dark berries.
- 552 Carter Cellars "The Haze" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2023 169.00**
Founded in 1998 by entrepreneur Mark Carter, Carter Cellars is a boutique Napa Valley producer famous for its ultra-premium, single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. The winery produces just 2,000 to 3,000 cases annually. "There are 235 cases of the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon The Haze, a 100% varietal from a mix of sites. Cassis, graphite, smoky oak, and a Graves-like scorched earth and smoky character all shine here, and it's full-bodied, has a pure, elegant, layered mouthfeel, sweet yet building tannins, and outstanding length." 97 JD
- 464 Guarachi "Meadowrock Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2023 181.00**
Founded in 2007 by Chilean immigrant and former soccer star Alex Guarachi, Guarachi Family Wines is a boutique California producer known for award-winning Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons and Sonoma Coast Pinot Noirs. The Meadowrock Cabernet Sauvignon is Guarachi's flagship estate-grown red wine that comes from the rugged Atlas Peak AVA. Known for its intense, structured mountain character, the wine is cultivated on a steep 60-acre estate perched between 1,400 and 1,760 feet in elevation. "Deep, dark and intense with aromas of black currants, graphite, earth, black olives, dried herbs and coffee beans. The full-bodied palate is tightly wound with fine-grained yet firm tannins and balanced acidity. Poised, structured and taut. Drinkable now but best from 2030." 95 JS
- 473 La Pelle Red Hen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Oak Knoll, CA 2019 195.00**
La Pelle ~ French ~ The Shovel noun 1. Used by Winegrower and Winemaker alike 2. From the shovel's first plunge into the vineyard soil to its last scrape of the fermentation tank, La Pelle wines are equally crafted in the vineyard and in the cellar. La Pelle Wines was founded in 2016 by industry veterans Maayan Koschitzky, Miguel Luna, and Pete Richmond. "The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Hen Vineyard from the Oak Knoll District in the southern part of the valley is similarly inky purple/ruby-hued to go with more elegant, medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of crème de cassis, black raspberry, spring flowers, and cedar pencil. It's fresh, lively, focused, and beautifully balanced, and can be drunk any time over the coming 20-25 years." 96 D
- 369 Mt. Brave Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, CA 2019 203.00**
Mt. Brave is a tribute to the pioneering spirit of those who settled the rugged terrain of Mt. Veeder during the 1800s and an homage to the Wappo Indians, "the brave ones," who were the original inhabitants of this extraordinary place. Mt. Brave vineyard is formerly the Chateau Potelle Vineyard. "The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Mount Veeder wine loaded with strong savory and mineral accents. Black fruit, graphite menthol and licorice lend complexity to this huge, explosive Cabernet Sauvignon. The tannins are pretty fierce at this stage, so readers should plan on being patient." 97 D
- 388 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, Napa Valley, CA 2023 210.00**
Shafer Vineyards in Napa Valley, California, is an iconic family-owned winery, named one of the top 25 vineyards in the world by wine publication Wine & Spirits and "one of the world's greatest

wineries” by wine critic Robert M. Parker, Jr. Since 1978 the Shafer family has produced wine in the Stags Leap District, one of the most highly-regarded winegrowing regions within Napa Valley. The small winery is managed by father and son team John and Doug Shafer. Elias Fernandez is winemaker. Shafer cultivates more than 200 acres of estate vineyards. “From the landmark 2023 vintage, One Point Five is an exceptional expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at its peak. Cassis, spring flowers, graphite, and subtle scorched earth notes, as well as some classic Pauillac-like lead pencil notes, all define the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five, a medium to full-bodied, pure, layered, silky barrel sample.” 96 JD

690 Doubleback Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla, Washington 2023 240.00

Launched in 2008, Doubleback Winery was founded by former NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe in his hometown of Walla Walla, Washington. Driven by the goal to craft America's best Cabernet Sauvignon, the name is a nod to Bledsoe returning to his roots after a 14-year football career. “Inviting aromatics of perfumed red cherry adorn the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon, which has 4% Malbec, sourcing the grapes from McQueen, LeFore, and Schaefer estates. Refined tannins coat a lengthy, full-bodied palate of well-nuanced oak.” 94 JD

553 Carter “Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa, CA 2023 295.00

Estate Notes: From a great valley floor site in the southern part of the Oakville AVA, this wine shows a deep and profound purple color. Notes of fresh dark fruit, lavender, graphite and rounded spicy oak all leap from the glass. An opulent and full-bodied wine, it shows great balance and a medley of textures on the palate – a mixture of great fruit, rounded ripe tannins and natural acidity that results in a lengthy finish with a savory quality. “Saint-Julien-like aromatics of cassis, flowers, graphite, and sweet tobacco all emerge from the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard, another absolutely seamless 2023 from this team that has so much to love. I always find a Bordeaux-like vibe from this site, and this is no exception. With full-bodied richness, a pure, layered, elegant mouthfeel, and ripe, polished tannins, it should drink nicely right out of the gate yet still have a decade of longevity.” 98 JD

342 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2019 96D 300.00

356 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, CA 2020 95JS 300.00

Silver Oak was started in 1972 with a simple driving philosophy - to focus production on only one varietal, Cabernet Sauvignon. What's more, they resolved to create a wine with a style all its own: not another hard, tannic red wine requiring years of aging to enjoy, but a wine of fully developed flavors and a velvety soft texture on the day it is released for sale. Silver Oak produces Cabernet Sauvignon from two appellations, Napa Valley and Alexander Valley. The Napa is the top wine, although both wines merit their own stellar track record. The Napa Valley derives its fruit from both owned and contracted vineyards, and is produced entirely at their Oakville winery. Beginning in 1994, small amounts of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot have been included in their Napa blend to add complexity and softness.

484 Fe Wines Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain Distric, CA 2021 345.00

Fe (pronounced FEE) is the atomic symbol for iron, a substance that saturates our ruddy soil. Inspired by our iron-rich earth, Fe is a wine of strength and beauty, forged for the ages. “Fe Wines has been producing some of the most exciting wines from Napa and the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is no exception. This is another exceptional wine from Fe that begins with perfumed aromas of ripe blackberries and dark cherries, violets, gravel, iron and hints of earth, savory mountain herbs that captivate the senses. On the palate this reveals a luxurios full body with a tapestry of dark cherries, black currants, dusty gravel and suggestions of spices and dark cocoa flavors that are framed by beautifully polished, yet structured tannins. Its expressive personality continues to emerge as it delivers a layered, supple mouthfeel with incredible concentration and depth that is underlined by

the signature Spring Mountain minerality which highlights its terroir all the way through the enveloping finish. Napa enthusiasts looking for a high-quality wine that brings together the power, sophistication, structure and concentration of Mountain Cabernet should look no further than this stunning Cabernet from Fe Wines.” 100 IWR

404	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2018	98 JD	455.00
542	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2019	99 WA	473.00
535	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2021	99 D	485.00
535	Chappellet Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard, Napa CA 2022	99 D	485.00



For more than four decades, the Chappellet family has been crafting world-class wines from fruit cultivated on the steep, rocky slopes of Napa Valley's renowned Pritchard Hill. As one of the first wineries to pioneer high-elevation hillside planting, and one of the few remaining great family-owned Napa Valley wineries, Chappellet Vineyard and Winery has influenced generations of vintners. Throughout its history, Chappellet has also established an enduring legacy as one of California's most acclaimed producers of Cabernet Sauvignon.

420	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2015	98+ WA	460.00
450	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2016	100 V, 100 WA	475.00
546	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2017	98 WA, 98 JD	480.00
340	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2019	98 WA	613.00
308	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2021	98 WA	625.00
377	Shafer Hillside Select, Napa Valley, California, 2022	97 JD	625.00

“Shafer’s flagship wine is the 2,000 case cuvee of Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged 32 months in 100% new French oak prior to bottling, it is one of the world’s great Cabernet Sauvignons, and especially to fans of California Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine needs no introduction. It is, quite frankly, one of California’s benchmark wines, exceptional in every vintage, and marked by characteristics that make it such: gorgeous dark inky color, intense and complex aromas of black currants, black cherries, charcoal, a multi-layered and fleshy mid-palate and superb opulence. The finish is always one to be remembered. It is a flamboyant wine that speaks of pure California.” Wine Advocate

653	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2017	96 D	645.00
515	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2018	99 JS	700.00
472	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2019	99 JS, 99 WA	675.00
341	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2021	99 JS, 99 JD	680.00
344	Opus One, Napa Valley, California 2022	97 D	685.00

A joint venture established in 1979 by Robert Mondavi and Baron Phillipe de Rothschild, Opus One may be considered the most widely recognized California wine in the world. In 1981, a single case of the joint venture wine sold for \$24,000 at the first Napa Valley Wine Auction- the highest price ever paid for a California wine. Opus One is sold in more than 65 world markets and still commands premium prices.

Merlot

611	Bookwalter “Readers” Merlot, Columbia Valley, WA 2022		48.00
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The story of J. Bookwalter Winery is a story of family heritage, deep roots and a centuries-old commitment to the land. Ten generations of the Bookwalter family have been involved in American agriculture. But it was Jerry Bookwalter, generation nine and father of current company president John Bookwalter, who led the family into viticulture. “This Merlot is showing a little heat at 15% abv, but it doesn't detract too much from the wine's other qualities. Blackberry and vanilla cupcake

aromas are joined by wisps of fresh basil and wet slate. The wine's ripe blueberry and orange pekoe tea flavors are ably supported by silky tannins and just enough acidity.” 90 WE

309 Januik Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2020 54.00

Since his first Columbia Valley harvest in 1984, acclaimed winemaker Mike Januik has led in Washington wine quality and innovation. Januik is dedicated to crafting high quality, limited release wines by working on a small scale with fruit from the state’s best vineyards and concentrating on the details of winemaking, from fermentation through blending, that transform winemaking from a science to an art. “This has aromas of grilled plums, orange peel, peach pits, tobacco and cedar. Polished and medium- to full-bodied, with fine-grained tannins and an elegantly spiced, pretty finish.” 92 JS

322 Northstar Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2021 69.00

Northstar Winery, located in Walla Walla, Washington, is dedicated to the production of ultra-premium Merlot that will be considered among the world’s best, showcasing the Columbia Valley’s star grape variety. Well into his third decade as the winemaker, David “Merf” Merfeld produced one of the most promising Merlots of our judging as Northstar celebrates the 20th anniversary of its vinification facility south of Walla Walla. A pair of Walla Walla Valley vineyards — Anna Marie and Spring Valley — were blended with acclaimed Shaw on Red Mountain and Four Feathers near Cold Creek. “A delicious red with enveloping layers of mulberries, black cherries, chocolate and coffee beans. It’s full-bodied with broad, berry-soaked tannins. 82% merlot and 18% cabernet sauvignon.” 92 JS

394 Shafer Merlot, Napa Valley, California, 2023 151.00

Shafer has a Merlot tradition going back to 1981, making it one of their oldest legacy programs. However, due to shifting market dynamics—and a broader domestic decline in standalone Merlot popularity—Shafer discontinued its dedicated Merlot bottling after the 2014 vintage. They repurposed those high-end grapes into TD-9, a proprietary Bordeaux-style red blend where Merlot took a supporting or co-starring role alongside Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. However, the decision to bring back a 90% Merlot-dominant standalone bottling for 2023 boiled down to two things: the 2023 Napa vintage is considered the vintage of a lifetime and Winemaker Elias Fernandez and the Shafer team realized that the pristine estate-quality fruit coming out of their Yountville and southern Vaca Mountain foothill sites in 2023 was simply too spectacular to blend away. “Based on 90% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Malbec and aged 18 months in 100% new French oak, the 2023 Merlot offers up an outstanding bouquet of black cherries, graphite, spicy wood, and incense. Medium-bodied, with a round, supple mouthfeel and a great finish, this delicious, balanced, impeccably made Merlot will keep for 10-15 years.” Drink 2025-2040. 93 JD

Pinot Noir

-California

632 Alma Rosa Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills, California 2023 54.00

Founded in 2005 by California wine pioneer Richard Sanford, who planted the first Pinot Noir in the region back in 1971, Alma Rosa sits in the Sta. Rita Hills of Santa Barbara County and focuses on organic, cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The winery is celebrated for its commitment to sustainable farming. The 2023 Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir, sourced primarily from Alma Rosa’s own El Jabali estate vineyard. “Open-knit and expressive even this early in its evolution, there is a

pureness and generosity to the fruit of this polished wine, with brandied cherries, black raspberry-seamed ganache and minerals. Black-tea tannins promise successful aging in the cellar.” 94 JS

- 324 J. Lohr Vineyard Series “Fog’s Reach” Pinot Noir, Arroyo Secco, CA 2023 60.00**
Founded more than three decades ago by Jerry Lohr, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines crafts an array of acclaimed wines from estate grapes. Still guided by Jerry today, this pioneering estate vineyard program is comprised of almost 3,000 acres of vines in Monterey County, Paso Robles and Napa Valley. “Muddled cherry and baked strawberry aromas meet with toasted tanbark touches on the nose of this bottling. The palate is fairly ripe but wrapped in firm tannins, offering bold boysenberry and cardamom flavors.” 93 WE
- 427 Walt Pinot Noir “La Brisa”, Sonoma County, California 2022 83.00**
In the world of Napa Cabernet, Kathryn Hall needs no introduction. Her impact in California’s wine industry through Hall Vineyards has been felt since the 1970’s. Walt is her maiden name and it is also Hall’s Pinot and Chardonnay project. Walt celebrates Kathryn Hall’s parents, Bob and Delores Walt, whose family dedication to viticulture remains the inspiration for their winegrowing efforts. LaBrisa is Spanish for “The Breeze,” pays homage to the brisk coastal breezes that cool their prized Sonoma County vineyards. “Redolent of cinnamon, Bing cherry and sarsaparilla on the nose, this Pinot gains depth, purity and focus as it hits the palate. Flavors of dried raspberries, fried shiitake mushrooms, fresh mint and pithy tangerine peel along a seamless and vibrant finish.” 93 WE
- 616 Walter Hansel “North Slope”, Russian River Valley, CA 2022 89.00**
“The Walter Hansel 2022 Pinot Noir North Slope Vineyard is quite dark and brooding in feel. Black cherry, plum, spice, leather, lavender, game and mocha add to an impression of somber intensity. Give this a year or two to soften. Clone 777 Pinot yields a wine of notable breadth here.” 92 V
- 608 Auteur Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, CA 2021 102.00**
Auteur strives for excellence to create pure, profound and authentic wines. Owners Kenneth & Laura Juhasz value the inherent traditions of the old world while integrating the freshness and vitality of new world roots. “Rich, with a creamy texture to the concentrated plum tart, cherry pastry and cooking spice flavors. Deep, toothsome currents of forest floor emerge on the enveloping finish. 325 cases made.” 94 WS
- 463 Guarachi "Sun Chase Vineyard" Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, CA 2021 119.00**
Guarachi Family Wines, founded in 2007 by Alex Guarachi, is a family-owned winery with a unique history rooted in both Chile and California. After immigrating to the US on a soccer scholarship and later developing a successful wine importing business, Alex Guarachi established his own winery, focusing on high-quality Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley and Pinot Noir from Sonoma Coast. “Lively, focused black fruit, bay and redwood aromas lead to just-ripe black cherries, blueberries and black tea in this well-concentrated, well-balanced and complex wine. Good acidity and moderate tannins complement the vivid flavors and bode well for further aging. Best from 2025-2032.” 95 WE - Cellar Selection
- 416 Bien Nacido Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, Central Coast, CA 2020 135.00**
In 1969, brothers Bob & Steve Miller, the fourth generation of a Central Coast California farming family, found a piece of land they instantly knew had vineyard potential. Formerly used for grazing, it was part of one of the earliest Spanish land grants. However, the shale soil and unique climate from the transverse mountain range provided a lens into its potential. The vineyard was planted in 1973. Bob and Steve called it Bien Nacido, meaning “well born” in Spanish, because of

the passion and commitment they shared in bringing it to life. "I loved the nose on the 2020 Estate Pinot Noir, which offers a wild assortment of red and black berries, sappy herbs, flowers, iron, and exotic baking spices. These carry to a medium-bodied, concentrated, focused, age-worthy Pinot Noir with beautiful depth of fruit, ripe tannins, and a great finish. Give it a year or two and enjoy over the following decade. I followed this bottle for multiple days, and it only got better. It's unquestionably a thrilling, brilliant wine. This was all destemmed and spent 16 months in 43% new French oak." 96 JD

330 Paul Lato "Suerte" Solomon Hills Vineyard Pinot Noir, SMV, CA 2022 141.00

Paul Lato's story is as exceptional as his wines. Born in Poland, Lato was a successful sommelier in Toronto, but harbored a dream of becoming a winemaker. After short stints working for Jim Clendenen (proprietor of famed California Pinot pioneer Au Bon Climat) and as a cellar-rat at Bien Nacido, Lato began making his own wines in 2002 with a scant 500 cases of Pinot Noir and Syrah (two notoriously difficult grapes to work with). Fast forward two decades, including a chance meeting with Robert Parker, some fortuitously-timed help from Thomas Keller and Paul Lato Winery is now widely considered one of California's top producers of Burgundian and Rhone varietals. "Ripe black cherries, leafy underbrush, iron, black raspberries, and floral nuances all shine in the 2022 Pinot Noir Suerte Solomon Hills Vineyard, a rivetingly pure, medium-bodied 2022 that has fine, integrated tannins, a layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel, and a great finish. It's layered, nuanced, and complex, with an incredible sense of purity and class. Drink bottles any time over the coming 8-10 years" 96 JD

343 Paul Lato "Seabiscuit" Zotovich Vineyard Pinot Noir, SMV, CA 2020 147.00

"Looking at the Sta. Rita Hills releases, the 2020 Pinot Noir Seabiscuit Zotovich Vineyard has a complex bouquet of spiced red berry fruits as well as forest floor, loamy earth, baking spices, and some sea-like brine and iron nuances. Beautiful on the palate, it's tight, structured, and focused, with medium to full-bodied richness, present tannins, and a great finish. It needs a year or two, but this is brilliant juice.....I continue to be blown away by the wines of Paul Lato, and these are unquestionably some of the most profound and exciting wines coming from the Central Coast today. The lineup has grown substantially over the past decade, and Lato now releases upwards of five Chardonnays, six Pinot Noirs, two Grenaches, three Syrahs, a Sauvignon Blanc, and a Malvasia. Despite the number of wines, quality hasn't slipped an inch, and the wines show incredible site and varietal typicity always paired with sensational fruit and balance. In short, don't miss these wines!" 96+ JD

374 RAEN Sea Field Vineyard Pinot Noir, Ft. Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast 2020 175.00



RAEN Winery was founded in 2013 by Carlo & Dante Mondavi, the two sons of Tim Mondavi. After working with their father in building Continuum, they decided to go off on their own and produce world class Pinot Noir on the western hills of the Sonoma Coast. RAEN currently focuses on making three Pinot Noirs, from three unique sites on the Sonoma Coast. "Cranberries, rose stems, rose petals, crushed rocks, iron and stone. It's full-bodied, yet so tight and racy, with superb length. This came from only the top part of the vineyard, because of pressure from the fires. A wonderful young pinot, but needs time to show its true self." 98 JS

304 Sea Smoke "Southing" Pinot Noir, Sta Rita Hills, California 2022 201.00



Sea Smoke is the Santa Barbara County wine brand with a cult-like following that helped put the Sta. Rita Hills appellation on the map. The winery is named after the cooling fog that rolls in from the Pacific Ocean, creating a unique microclimate. "From the south-facing slopes on the Sea Smoke Estate Vineyard, this expresses the site and the reliable, long growing season of the Sta Rita Hills. Ripe and audacious Pinot Noir showing smashed raspberries and red plums with warm baking spice aromatics and a hint of tobacco. The palate is generous, with sweet cherry flesh and

dried lavender framed by an array of savoury wild herbs, and a tinge of smoky sea salt brightens the finish with a gleaming minerality. Aged for 16 months in French oak, 42% new, bottled with no fining or filtration.” 94 D

- 306 Sea Smoke “Ten” Pinot Noir, Santa Rita Hills, California 2022 201.00**
 *Sea Smoke is the Santa Barbara County wine brand with a cult-like following that helped put the Sta. Rita Hills appellation on the map. The winery is named after the cooling fog that rolls in from the Pacific Ocean, creating a unique microclimate. “The 2022 ‘Ten’ Pinot Noir is a stunning effort that is already beautifully evolved from this slightly warmer vintage. Winemaker Don Schroeder. makes this wine from its 10 “clones” of Pinot Noir. The palate is deep, fresh and fragrant with serious weight, texture and tension. Red rose petal water combines with bright cranberry and red cherry fruits alongside salty soils on the palate. Full-bodied and absolutely delicious, enjoy now and over the next ten plus years.” 95 Owen Bargreen*

-Oregon

- 412 The Four Graces Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2024 50.00**
Steve and Paula Black began the pursuit of a dream when in 2003 they purchased the 110-acre vineyard located in the Red Hills of Dundee and created The Four Graces. The Four Graces is aptly named after their four daughters – Alexis, Vanessa, Christiana, and Jillian. Brother Nicholas is recognized on the Reserve as “Keeper of The Four Graces.”
- 326 Colene Clemens Pinot Noir “Dopp Creek”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022 58.00**
Colene Clemens was founded in 2005 by Joe and Victoria Stark with the express purpose of making exceptional pinot noir, and named the property in honor of Victoria’s mother. Located in the western end of Dopp Road where the Chehalem Mountains converge with Ribbon Ridge, this 122-acre property was acquired in 2005 and first planted in 2006. ““This expressive red is dynamic, yet retains a sense of elegance and refinement, showing pomegranate and blueberry flavors underscored by river stone and dusky spice accents. Builds tension toward lively tannins. Drink now through 2032.” 94 WS
- 691 Illahe Pinot Noir “Bon Sauvage”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022 75.00**
ILLAHE, pronounced Ill-Uh-Hee, is a local Chinook word meaning “earth” or “place” or “soil”. At Illahe, the goal is to make wine as naturally as possible from soil to bottle. Illahe is one of Oregon’s few horse-powered vineyards; they utilize a team of Percheron draft horses to mow and deliver grapes to the winery at harvest. They work by hand on small lots with age-old techniques and materials. The focus is to grow and make quality Pinot Noir and white wines that express the vintage and their varietal characteristics. They don’t use enzymes or additives. Some of the wines are made entirely by hand, with no electricity or modern mechanization. They use a gentle wooden basket press and age the Pinot Noir in French and Oregon oak. Bon Sauvage explores the wild side of the vineyard and winemaking at Illahe. Savory and dark fruited, it lives up to its name. Intensely aromatic forest floor and sweet black fruit set the stage for ripe black cherry, smoky minerals and herbs, all wrapped up in a long finish.
- 364 Eveningland Pinot Noir “Seven Springs Vineyard”, Will. Valley, Ore 2021 79.00**
Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman stand at the vanguard of the new world wine. Together they steward the historic Seven Springs Vineyard into its fourth decade. At Evening Land Vineyards, they strive to grow and vinify fine Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Gamay from their historic Seven Springs Estate Vineyard in Oregon’s Eola-Amity Hills. Totalling 85 acres under vine; their east-facing vineyard, farmed biodynamically since 2007, was first planted in 1984, and sits atop rocky,

volcanic soils. “A lovely, delicate Pinot, with aromas of fresh violet opening to elegantly multilayered raspberry, guava and forest floor accents, which glide on the graceful finish.” 94 WS

- 474 Le Cadeau Pinot Noir Estate, Chehalem Mountains, Oregon 2023 83.00**
Le Cadeau Vineyard (which translates to "The Gift" in French) is an elite, highly specialized estate producer located at the southern tip of Parrett Mountain in Oregon's Chehalem Mountains AVA. Founded by Tom and Deb Mortimer, it is widely celebrated by collectors as one of the most distinctive "terroir projects" in the Willamette Valley. The Estate Pinot Noir (often called their Red Label Estate) is a composite blend. Instead of featuring just one slope or clone, the winemakers select barrels from across the entire vineyard to provide a classic representation of the entire estate. The 2023 Red Label has a highly lifted, fresh nose dominated by red and black fruits, layered with subtle oak integration, baking spice, and a hallmark touch of rocky minerality. Medium bodied, balanced texture where dark plum, raspberry, and black tea notes are supported by finely integrated tannins. Distinctly old world in character. 92 V, 92 JS
- 652 Argyle Pinot Noir “Nuthouse”, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2022 87.00**
Since 1987, winemaker Rollin Soles and viticulturist Allen Holstein have teamed up to produce world-class method champenoise sparkling wines, barrel-fermented Chardonnay, and silky-textured Pinor Noir from low-yielding vines that are winery farmed on some of the best hillside slopes and elevations. Argyle wines have received a total of 11 Wine Spectator Top 100 designations - more than any other winery in Oregon. “Ripe cherries, church candle aromatics, dark, dusty, and seductive fruits with a hint of smoky rose petals. From black cherries to black tea intensity on the palate. Smoky clove and spicy chicory root with turned earth and dark umami tones that show the way to a stony mineral finish.” 93 D, 93 JS
- 461 Le Cadeau “Rocheux” Pinot Noir, Chehalem Mountains, Oregon 2019 95.00**
Tom and Deb Mortimer are brave souls. Back in the mid-1990's they bought a piece of forested land high up in the Chehalem Mountains, they cleared it, and they began the tedious process of planting vines on it. Today, the Le Cadeau vineyard is known as one of the rockiest in Oregon, and these rocky soil stress the vines and lead to very compelling wines. Crafted from the rocky Western slope of their estate vineyard, the 2019 Le Cadeau Rocheux Pinot Noir is a beautiful expression of the Pommard and Dijon 777 clones originally planted in 1999. "Mineral-accented raspberry and cherry aromas are complemented by building floral, baking spice and cola nuances. Juicy and tightly wound on entry, offering cherry and red fruit flavors that deepen and ripen through the back half. Dusty tannins lend grip to a long, smoky, penetrating finish that echoes the mineral and floral notes." 93 V
- 302 Elk Cove “Clay Court” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 97.00**
Elk Cove Vineyards is one of Oregon's oldest and most respected wine producers. Founded in 1974 by Pat and Joe Campbell, their focus has always been to produce handcrafted, estate-grown wines that can rival the best in the world. Estate vineyards now cover nearly 400 acres on six separate sites in the Northern Willamette Valley. Steep south-facing slopes of Willakenzie, Laurelwood and now Jory soil types provide excellent drainage, which are the perfect environment to grow world-class wine grapes. Winemaker Adam Campbell joined forces with his parents in 1995 and now directs the production of outstanding Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Riesling and Pinot Blanc. The name "Elk Cove" was derived from the Roosevelt Elk, which roam nearby, and migrate into the valley each spring. “Medium ruby-purple, the 2021 Pinot Noir Clay Court has scents of wild berries, orange peel, charcuterie and forest floor with streaks of Christmas spice. The medium-bodied palate offers concentrated, layered fruit on a soft, juicy frame, and it has a long, spicy finish. It's easy to drink now, but it will benefit from another 2-3 years in the bottle.” 93 WA

- 307 Elk Cove “Mount Richmond” Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2021 97.00**
“The 2021 Pinot Noir Mount Richmond has a medium ruby-purple color and is scented of black cherry and plum, tobacco leaves, smoked meats and orange peel. The medium-bodied palate is silky and refreshing, with generous, perfumed fruit and spicy accents driving the long finish.” 94 WA
- 428 Martin Woods “Jessie James Vineyard” PN, Eola-Amity Hills, OR 2023 110.00**
The 2023 Martin Woods Jessie James Vineyard Pinot Noir from the Eola-Amity Hills stands as a profound expression of site and vintage, uniting elegance with intensity. Aromas unfold slowly, layering black cherry compote, rose petal, and cedary herbs with undertones of forest floor and iron-rich earth. The palate is commanding yet silken, offering waves of red currant, pomegranate, and savory bay leaf set against a finely etched mineral spine. Firm yet polished tannins structure the wine without overwhelming its purity of fruit. With air, subtle hints of cocoa and truffle emerge, adding another tier of complexity. The length is striking, carrying flavors in a seamless arc that resonates for over a minute. It feels like stepping into a candlelit piano bar where every note lands with intention and energy. Kudos to Evan Martin! Highly recommended and editor’s choice. 98 Int’l Wine Review, 98 JD
- 482 Le Cadeau “Merci” Pinot Noir Reserve, Chehalem Mountains, Oregon 2019 121.00**
“The Merci Reserve cuvee is our unique release crafted from estate plantings of “heirloom” or “heritage clones” of Pinot noir – clippings from Mt. Eden, Calera, Swan, Hanzell, and Vosne-Romanée (Côte de Nuits, Burgundy). This special bottling is a fitting tribute to those that have labored to make these extraordinary clones available to us, and to whom we express our deepest thanks.” “Crushed black raspberry, dusty violet florals and hints of clove make the 2019 Merci Reserve impossible to ignore. This balances silky textures with ripe wild berry fruits and juicy acidity to create a wonderfully harmonious impression on the palate. Notes of sweet lavender linger above a bed of fine tannins as the 2019 tapers off dramatically long and remarkably fresh.” 94 V
- 443 Soter Pinot Noir “Mineral Springs Ranch”, Will. Valley, Oregon 2021 139.00**

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

Zinfandel

- 424 Seghesio Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California 2023 46.00**
The Seghesio family first planted Zinfandel back in 1895, and their Sonoma County blend continues to be a benchmark of quality Zin. The 2012 vintage saw a return to the long, warm and mild growing conditions that Zin loves. To manage the large crop that was produced that year, Seghesio managed their vineyards with extensive crop thinning and canopy positioning. Combining spicy, briary, and lush Zin fruit characteristics from vineyards in the Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys, this wine was aged for 10 months in 60% American oak barrels (15% new) and 40% in neutral French and Hungarian oak. It's 87% Zinfandel, with the balance composed of typical Zin companions Petite Sirah, Carignane, and a splash of Syrah. For good reason, Seghesio Zinfandel is often seen on Sonoma County wine lists. "Zesty and approachable, with wild berry, licorice and roasted herb flavors that end with perky tannins." 90 WS
- 421 Ridge "East Bench" Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, California 2023 81.00**
"A 100% Zin from a single-vineyard estate of organically grown grapes in iron-rich soils, the 2023 Zinfandel East Bench is one of the producer's only 100% Zins, and it is special at that. With mind-blowing structure, medium-body and remarkably light on its feet, it has classic brambly berry fruit, dusty tannins, and seasonings of baking spice, a fantastically elegant representation of the appellation when in the right hands. Enjoy now through 2033." 95 D
- Producer Note: Turley**
"Probably no one in Northern California has done more for the renaissance and resurrection of old vine Zinfandel than Larry Turley. He started Turley Cellars after selling most of his interest in Frog's Leap Winery to his original partner, John Williams. The Turley Cellars project was founded in 1993, and is now over 20 years of age. The great thing about Larry Turley is that he's quick to admit he's never met an old vine he's not fond of. As a result, they farm and buy fruit from 35 different vineyards, with some of them dating back to the late 1800s, long before Prohibition. There are at least 30-plus separate wines, and some super-talented winemakers have worked for Turley – first Ehren Jordan and more recently Tegan Passalacqua. I have praised these wines from the beginning and, to my surprise, older vintages of 10 to 15 years – much older than I generally recommend drinking Zinfandel – have aged remarkably well. While Turley's Petite Syrahs are probably 50-year wines, most of the Zinfandels are best drunk for their exuberant and robust fruit and personality in their first 8-10 years of life." -Robert Parker
- 444 Turley Zinfandel Juvenile, California 2022 71.00**
"Though the vast majority of Turley's wines are single vineyard designates, Juvenile is actually composed of a variety of young vines that have been replanted in several of our old vine sites. We tag the vine when we replant it so as not to mix the brand new vine with its much older neighbors, then pick these young vines separately and make a distinct wine. The vines that make up Juvenile range in age from about 6-25 years, and we pull from 15 of our vineyards across California, including Hayne, Ueberroth, Pesenti, Salvador, and Vineyard 101." "A jammy bomb of fruit, offering cherry pie and ripe raspberry flavors accented with toasty spice and briar notes as this energetic Zin zips along the zesty finish. Drink now through 2032." 93 WS
- 432 Turley Zinfandel "Del Barba", Contra Costa, California 2021 88.00**
"The 2021 Zinfandel Del Barba emerges from a site that formerly was used for the Duarte bottling. Bright and punchy, with gorgeous purity, the 2021 is positively stellar. Bright red/purplish Zinfandel fruit, blood orange and exotic spice abound. This is such a compelling wine. The 2021 hugely overdelivers." 94 V

- 446 Turley Zinfandel “Cedarman”, Howell Mountain, Napa California 2023 96.00**
“The 2023 Zinfandel Cedarman is a very serious wine in this vintage. Dark and imposing, with serious gravitas, the 2023 packs an intense punch. Wild cherry, lavender, licorice, menthol, mocha and dried herbs all power through. This is a stellar botting and a great value, too.” 93 V, 93 WS
- 381 Turley Estate Zinfandel, Napa Valley California 2021 105.00**
“The 2021 Zinfandel Turley Estate is bright, punchy and intensely savory. This St. Helena Zinfandel delivers the goods. Powerful and deeply resonant, the Estate is absolutely compelling. This Zinfandel, in reality a Zinfandel-based field blend of 24 varieties, is full of dynamism and character. It will likely need a few years to come together, but then watch out.” 94 V
- 631 Turley Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard, Sonoma County California 2021 110.00**
“The 2021 Zinfandel Fredericks Vineyard is a virile, explosive wine. Black cherry, plum, licorice, lavender and mocha infuse the Fredericks with tremendous depth and raw power. Tasted next to the Monte Rosso, it shows a bit more unbridled intensity and breadth. This is one of the best recent vintages of the Fredericks I can remember tasting.” 96 V

Syrah and Petite Sirah

- 315 Paul Lato Il Padrino Syrah, Sta Maria Valley, CA 2021 155.00**
Paul Lato’s story is as exceptional as his wines. Born in Poland, Lato was a successful sommelier in Toronto, but harbored a dream of becoming a winemaker. After short stints working for Jim Clendenen (proprietor of famed California Pinot pioneer Au Bon Climat) and as a cellar-rat at Bien Nacido, Lato began making his own wines in 2002 with a scant 500 cases of Pinot Noir and Syrah (two notoriously difficult grapes to work with). Fast forward two decades, including a chance meeting with Robert Parker, some fortuitously-timed help from Thomas Keller and Paul Lato Winery is now widely considered one of California’s top producers of Burgundian and Rhone varietals. ‘the 2021 Syrah Il Padrino Bien Nacido Vineyard is more masculine and feral, with ripe black fruits, cracked black pepper, leather, iron, and spring flowers. Medium to full-bodied, it has a similar level of polish but is a touch more concentrated and lengthy on the palate, with ripe, building tannins and awesome length. Drink this spectacular Syrah over the coming 10-12 years.” 98 JD
- 393 Shafer “Relentless” Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2017 94 JD 170.00**
609 Shafer “Relentless” Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2019 96 JD 173.00
398 Shafer “Relentless” Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2022 96 JS 173.00
This wine honors long-time Shafer Winemaker Elias Fernandez and his relentless pursuit of quality. Sourced from a single ridgetop vineyard adjacent to the southern border of Stags Leap District, the grapes for Relentless are a proprietary blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah. “Shafer’s Relentless project has been a huge success since the debut. Blending Syrah and Petite Sirah, aging it for a long time in French oak, and not compromising on any element of the winemaking process has put them at the top of the Rhone Ranger sweepstakes.” Robert Parker
- 313 Cayuse “Cailloux” Syrah, Walla Walla Valley, Washington 2021 205.00**

Christophe Baron grew up among the vineyards and cellars of his family's centuries-old Champagne house, Baron Albert. His sense of adventure, however, led him to become the first Frenchman to establish a winery in Washington State. While visiting the Walla Walla Valley in 1996, Christophe spotted a plot of land that had been plowed up to reveal acres of softball-sized stones. This stony soil, this terroir, was just like that of some of the most prestigious French appellations. The difficult ground would stress the grapevines, making them produce more mature,

concentrated fruit. He named his vineyard after the Cayuse, a Native American tribe whose name was taken from the French *cailloux*--which means, rocks. Hours of back-breaking work later, Cayuse Vineyards has become five vineyards encompassing 41 acres. "It's only appropriate that a wine named after pebbles should have a distinct post-rain wet patio slate quality backing up aromas of blackberry, lilac and lychee. The thick palate is blessed with sturdy tannic structure and complex flavors of bone marrow, black cherry, peach and sweet Sun Gold tomatoes." 97 WE

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



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

French Red Wines

- Bordeaux

521 Château Fombrauge Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2020 93.00

A Grand Cru of Saint-Emilion, the Chateau Fombrauge 2020 is made from a blend of Merlot (90%) and Cabernet Franc (10%). A Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classe, Chateau Fombrauge is located on the right bank of Bordeaux. Its vineyard is one of the oldest in Saint-Emilion.

"From vines surrounding one of Saint-Emilion's most beautiful château, this wine is massively rich with dense tannins, dark chocolate and rich berry flavors. Obviously, it has a fine future, ripe with powerful fruits and structure." 95 WE

391 Château Lassègue Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2020 117.00

The picturesque road that winds from the bottom of Saint-Émilion towards Saint Étienne-de-Lisse passes by a beautiful 17th-century "Chartreuse" (Château), about 1.5 miles from Saint-Émilion along the Côte de Pavie, hidden behind a few trees and bearing the discreet sign for Château Lassègue. This superb estate in Saint-Émilion today is infused with new life thanks to the passions of two couples and their families: Jess Jackson and his wife Barbara Banke, California visionaries in the world of wine, and Bordelais Pierre Seillan and his wife Monique. The 60 acres of vineyards at Château Lassègue are bathed in sunlight from dawn through dusk due to a remarkable south/south-west sun exposure and are protected from chilly northern winds. The Chateau and the wine's label are both adorned with a vibrantly painted sundial, a reference to the estate's sunny aspect. "Wide, powdery, fine but firm tannins; a lovely density to this. Concentrated and intense, very straight and streamlined. Finessed and focused. Clearly powerful, the energy is apparent, but all the elements are kept quite tight and controlled, so you're not getting so much expansion or nuance necessarily. Still, well worked with clarity to the fruit and tannins. Wet stone, liquorice, toasted caramel all giving elements of wood but integrated and supportive. Feels like a sleeping giant, will be good in time, sleek and stylish." 95 D

466 Lynch Bages "Echo de Lynch Bages", Pauillac 2020 137.00

Château Lynch Bages is one of the most well-known estates in Bordeaux. It was classified as a Fifth Growth in 1855, and less than a hundred years later was acquired by the legendary Jean-Michel Cazes. He bought Château Lynch Bages shortly before World War II and the property has stated within the Cazes family ever since. The team at Lynch Bages chose the name Echo de Lynch

- Burgundy

Domaine Pierre Gelin is the leading wine producer in the small village of Fixin (pronounced "Fees-an"). The family domaine was founded in 1925 by Pierre Gelin and is today in the hands of Pierre's grandson, Pierre-Emmanuel. Pierre-Emmanuel farms organically and works to minimize the impact on the environment in both vineyard and cellar. "Cherry jam and spice flavors reign in this succulent red. Features a solid edge of tannins, and all the elements dissolve on the lingering finish." 90 W

It has now been several years since Simon Goutard and Jeanne Joillot took the reins at this small Pommard domaine. The late Jean-Luc Joillot, who produced rather structured, old-fashioned representations of Pommard, was a nurseryman by training and resisted ripping up old vines; so today, the estate's patrimony is rather enviable. In the last few years, winemaking has been dialed in, with gentle extraction and more integrated new oak (sourced from Trémeaux, Cavin and Chassin) to lend the wines more immediate appeal. "The 2023 Pommard Vendanges Entière is produced from a visual selection of the estate's most attractive fruit—including its premiers crus. Four barrels were produced, and it has turned out very nicely, offering up pretty aromas of petals and sweet red berries, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and suave palate that's melting and fine-boned." 92 WA

- Rhone

Wine has been produced on the site of Saint Cosme since Roman times, evident by the ancient Gallo-Roman vats carved into the limestone below the chateau. "A juicy, pulpy and fruity red, showing plums, currants, herbs and baking spices. Medium-bodied with chalky tannins and texture. Crunchy berry character and more dark cherries to the peppery lift. The flavorful finish has excellent length." 92 JS

Château de Rouanne is a historic estate with a 12th century medieval castle, situated on a classified Roman site located in the southern Rhône Valley. The name of the estate comes from "Rugius", which is said to be the name of the original Roman owner. The estate totals 177 acres (72 hectares), including 153 acres (62 hectares) of vines. Château de Rouanne was purchased by Louis Barruol, owner and winemaker of Château de Saint Cosme, in May of 2019. Barruol sees enormous potential in Château de Rouanne, having worked with the previous owners for years as a source for some of his négociant wines. "It reminds me a lot of Saint Cosme when I took it over in 1992. It's an unknown sleeping beauty waiting for a vigneron to truly love it." Château de Rouanne is located in the appellation of Vinsobres, which was established in 2006. The appellation is situated in the northern part of the southern Rhône. Like Gigondas, it is a relatively cool-climate region thanks in part to the "Pontias", a cold, nocturnal wind that blows down from the Alps into the valley through the town of Nyons and into Vinsobres. Vinsobres is particularly known for producing outstanding Syrah-based wines. "Delivers a nice saturated feel without being heavy,

letting cherry and plum paste notes unfurl slowly, along with violet, licorice root and warm humus accents, which all blossom steadily through the savory finish.” 92 WS

- 550 Château du Trignon Gigondas, 2020 72.00**
Château du Trignon is a historic estate in the Southern Rhône Valley of France, spanning over 90 hectares across six appellations. Originally a traditional Provençal farm, it was acquired by the Roux family in 1896. Over five generations, the Roux family gradually shifted the estate's focus entirely toward viticulture. In 2007, Château du Trignon was purchased by the Quiot family, notable winemakers from Châteauneuf-du-Pape with a history in the Rhône Valley dating back to at least 1748. “Bright ruby. Showcases expansive red and blue fruit, floral and exotic spice aromas, along with hints of licorice and mocha. Lush and pliant in the mouth, spice-tinged cherry-cola and blueberry flavors show very good clarity and turn sweeter with air. Finishes long, broad and smooth, with discreet tannins and resonating spiciness.” 92 V, 92 D
- 407 Domaine du Vieux Lazaret Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 2022 83.00**
The origin of the name Vieux Lazaret dates back to the 18th century when there existed in the centre of the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape a hospice or Lazaret. This offered comfort and shelter for the poor and infirm, provided by the Lazarists, who were a silent order of monks founded in 1625 by St Vincent de Paul to look after the sick and the needy in the French countryside. They took the name Lazarists from the Priory of St Lazare in Paris, where the original order had been formed in 1632. The vineyards of Domaine du Vieux Lazaret are spread over 93 hectares (230 acres), split into 38 different parcels of vines throughout A.O.C. Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It is today amongst the largest domaines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. “Steeped black cherry and singed anise notes are fluid and smooth in this streamlined red, layered with lavender, roasted apple wood smoke and charred herbs. Ripe, with good freshness, this ripples with chalky minerality, adding textural intrigue. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Carignan, Counoise, Terret, Picpoul, Muscardin, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Clairette and Roussanne.” 92 WS
- 528 Château de Saint Cosme Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2023 96.00**

Famous for its full-bodied, seductive and spicy reds with flavor and aroma characteristics reminiscent of black cherry, baked raspberry, garrigue, olive tapenade, lavender and baking spice, Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the leading sub-appellation of the southern Rhône River Valley. Large pebbles resembling river rocks, called "galets" in French, dominate most of the terrain. This CDP is 50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsault.
- 527 Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas, 2022 103.00**

Chateau de Saint Cosme is the leading estate of Gigondas and produces the appellation's benchmark wines. Wine has been produced on the site of Saint Cosme since Roman times, evident by the ancient Gallo-Roman vats carved into the limestone below the chateau. The property has been in the hands of Louis Barruol's family since 1570. “Expressive notes of pomegranate and raspberry show pretty lavender perfume alongside wafts of apple wood smoke and black pepper. Fine yet substantial tannins hold a firm grip, with graphite power building. Concentrated and firmly structured on a sleek, powerful frame.” 94 WS - #47 Wine Spectator Top 100 of 2025
- 440 Château de la Font du Loup Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2023 111.00**
Château de la Font du Loup was established in 1942 when it was purchased by the Mélia family. Located in the historic Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation of France's Southern Rhône Valley, for the first few decades, the harvest was sold entirely to negociants. It was not until 1979 (under Charles Mélia) that the estate began bottling and selling wines under its own label. “Harmonious and perfumed, the 2023 Chateauneuf du Pape from Château de la Font du Loup is a real success, evoking aromas of peonies, dark berries and flowers intertwined with a spicy touch. Medium- to

full-bodied, round and sappy, it's elegant and fresh with good depth at the core and a long, velvety, ethereal finish. This is a blend of 60% Grenache Noir, 20% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah and 5% Cinsault, all rooted in sandy soils, which explains its tensile, ethereal profile.” 92 WA

Spanish Red Wines

- 467 Bodegas Atalaya "La Atalaya del Camino" Almansa 2020 34.00**
“This is a blend of 85% Garnacha Tintorera and 15% Monastrell from dry-farmed, head-pruned vines that are planted on limestone soils and average 45 years of age. It fermented in open-top stainless steel vats with neutral yeasts and matured in French oak barrels for one year. This feels harmonious and integrated, still young and a little creamy.” 92 WA
- 536 Viña Real Rioja Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2017 54.00**
Owned by the CVNE family, Viña Real dates back to 1920. Today this winery is not only a winemaking pioneer in ageing Rioja Alavesa but a timeless brand that has always remained faithful to its roots, with authenticity and sincerity at the fore. Rioja Alavesa grapes are at the very heart of this winery. Rioja Alavesa is the smallest of the three wine-producing sub-regions in Rioja. The winery's name was inspired by the proximity of its vineyards to the old Camino Real. “A juicy red with lots of blackberry, chocolate and light oak aromas and flavors. Mushroom and cedar, too. It's full-bodied, layered and very rich with a flavorful, savory finish” 94 JS
- 429 Marques de Murrieta Rioja Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2021 67.00**
Marques de Murrieta is named after Luciano de Murrieta, one of the founding fathers of modern Rioja winemaking, who established the estate in 1852 in the world-renowned Rioja region of Spain. Today V. Dalmau Cebrian-Sagarriga, Count of Creixell, leads the family-owned company. With a vision of innovation and respect for tradition, Marques de Murrieta is rooted in strong, historical fundamentals that shape the vision and philosophy of this iconic Spanish brand. “Their flagship wine comes from one of the finest vintages in recent times. The 2021 Marqués de Murrieta was previously called the Reserva and still qualifies as such, but it's not included in the name now. It was produced with 86% Tempranillo, 8% Graciano, 4% Mazuelo and 2% Garnacha Tinta from their 300 hectares of vines in their Ygay estate on limestone and clay soils with alluvial influence. The grapes were picked between the 27th of September and the 15th of October, and each plot and variety was vinified separately in stainless steel, matured in American oak barrels for 26 months, then blended and kept in concrete for a few months until bottling, which was a longer élevage this year. It's very spicy, peppery, with a combination of berry fruit and some incipient tertiary aromas, hints of forest floor and truffle. It's very Rioja, with clout, elegance and freshness and the elegant tannins that are the signature of 2021. It comes in at 14.3% alcohol with a pH of 3.6, denoting ripeness and balance. It's delicious, fresh and available. Bravo!” 95 WA
- 667 Alto Moncayo Veraton, Campo de Borja, Spain 2020 69.00**
Bodegas Alto Moncayo is a winery located in the Campo de Borja D.O. It was founded in 2002 with the aim of turning it into a world reference for Garnacha wines of the highest quality, crafted from some of the oldest native vine clones in the area. The Garnacha grapes of Alto Moncayo undergo very strict vineyard selection, from vines planted as far back as the early 1900's through the 1970's. Only the most perfectly mature clusters are selected and carried in small crates to prevent crushing, where they are further sorted and selected at triage tables. “Slightly tarry on the nose with roasted spices to the dark cherries and strawberries. Medium to full body on the palate with more innate fruit allures and tannins. Shows good balance and length with some fine-grained tannins. Drink or hold.” 92 WS

Southern Hemisphere Red

Argentina

- 435 Catena Appellation Paraje Altamira Malbec, Mendoza 2024 44.00**
Bodega Catena Zapata is one of Argentina's high altitude Malbec pioneers. The Catena family began making wine in Mendoza in 1902. Nicolas Catena, third generation family vintner, was one of the first to see the potential of Mendoza's mountain vineyards for producing high quality Malbec. "Another highlight of the Catena Appellation range is the 2022 Appellation Paraje Altamira Malbec, opening with the region's signature purple-flower note and accented with fresh herbs and a citrus-driven zest quality. On the palate, it combines a svelte, seamless purity with lifted, focused energy that runs through the crunchy, high-toned finish." 92 WA
- 638 El Enemigo Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2022 54.00**
El Enemigo (Spanish for "The Enemy") is a renowned Argentinian winery located in Mendoza. Founded in 2009 by historian Adrianna Catena and acclaimed soil expert/winemaker Alejandro Vigil, it was born out of a desire to break traditions. Their vision is famously inspired by the idea that the greatest battle we ever fight is the internal one, hence the name. "The 2022 Cabernet Franc is high-toned, fresh, and mineral-driven, with supple tannin and unobtrusive oak. Medium-bodied, it's well put together and a screaming value for the modest price. This will age well given its natural mouthwatering acidity and firm structure; cellar through 2037." 95 JD
- 643 Catena Zapata Argentino Vineyard Malbec, Mendoza 2022 175.00**
Bodega Catena Zapata is one of Argentina's high altitude Malbec pioneers. The Catena family began making wine in Mendoza in 1902. Nicolas Catena, third generation family vintner, was one of the first to see the potential of Mendoza's mountain vineyards for producing high quality Malbec. "Elegant and perfumed nose with violets, spices, fresh blackberries, blueberries and touches of chiles, chocolate, cigar box and white pepper. Super juicy on the palate with compact, fine tannins and an extremely long finish." 98JS

Australia

- 433 Seppeltsfield Grenache, Barossa Valley 2022 44.00**
The Seppeltsfield Barossa Grenache is the result of an evolution of the estate's prized Great Terraced Vineyard. The vineyard lies on the Western boundary of the Seppeltsfield estate itself and is planted in contoured rows. The vineyard includes blocks of Shiraz and Palomino, however the majority is gnarly, thick-trunked Grenache. The Barossa Grenache is crafted in a 'joven' style – released young and without oak maturation. The Grenache was vinified through the historic 1888 Gravity Cellar. Built into the hillside on a series of terraces, gravity guides the flow of fruit down through the winery to deliver gentle extraction of colour, flavor and tannin.
- 434 Shaw and Smith Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2021 73.00**
Founded in 1989 by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill-Smith MW, Shaw + Smith create Adelaide Hills wines that express their site and season. They focus on cool-climate wines sourced from their own vineyards in Balhannah and Lenswood. The winery is known for its commitment to quality, hand-picking grapes, and sustainable vineyard management. "The 2021 Shiraz is ever the silky, svelte wine, never more than in this elegant, restrained vintage. It has cool, mineral detail overlaid by bright blue fruits and exotic spice. The tannins are very fine and serve to shape the fruit rather than intrude. It is perfumed, supple and seamless. It has by far the best concentration and complexity of all the vintages tasted here today (2015-2021). It has notes of raspberry, mulberry,

licorice, beetroot, cranberry and redcurrant as well as white pepper, clove and star anise. Lovely wine here! It has sweet oak and is perfumed and shapely.” 93 WA

- 395 Ashton Hills Estate Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills 2021 75.00**
Ashton Hills is a three-hectare vineyard that lies in the Piccadilly Valley sub region of the Adelaide Hills on a ridge just below the summit of Mount Lofty. The estate was founded by Stephen George in 1982 and since that time it has built a reputation as one of Australia’s finest proponents of pinot noir and cool climate whites. “Fermented with 18% whole bunches, matured in new and seasoned French oak for 9 months. The 2021 vintage was widely considered to be an excellent vintage in Piccadilly Valley. Pinot was a standout. Here, it delivers an exotic edge to an impressively vibrant red-garnet hue, with a mix of black cherry, cranberry and red berries, forest notes, a hint of musk here, bitter wild herbs there. All dressed up in fine tannins and ready to go.” 95 Australian Wine Companion
- 436 Torbreck “The Struie” Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2022 91.00**
Founded in 1994 by Dave Powell, Torbreck was named after a forest in Scotland where he worked as a lumberjack. Torbreck is known for its commitment to producing rich, structured, and long-aging wines. “The 2022 The Struie is composed of 79% Barossa Valley and 21% Eden Valley fruit. It is impenetrably dense in the glass and aromatic and rich in the mouth. It’s totally concentrated with impressive flavor penetration on the palate. This is an epic wine, as usual, and... it represents sensational premium Barossa Shiraz drinking. It’s all velvet and volume, with detail and varietal definition. It could only come from one place on the planet, as it speaks as much to its red dirt origins as it does to the variety, Shiraz.” 96 WA
- 470 Timo Mayer Cabernet Sauvignon, Yarra Valley 2022 99.00**
Timo Mayer grew up in Germany, where his family have been making wine for over 400 years. He moved to Australia and studied winemaking at Wagga Wagga, before working at De Bortoli and Gembrook in the Yarra Valley and establishing Mayer Wines in 2000. Mayer produces hand crafted, single vineyard wines. They believe that wines are made in the vineyard and therefore try to interfere with the natural winemaking process as little as possible. All of their wines are unfinned and unfiltered to reflect the true expression of the land. “Cabernet from a north-facing slope on Hans and Anna Orth’s vineyard in Coldstream. A combination of crushed fruit, whole berries and whole bunches. Matured in hogsheads (10% new). Fragrant with cranberries, boysenberries, plum skins, a little olive tapenade and well-judged florals from the whole bunches. Medium bodied, this juicy red is neither forced nor extracted and the sinewy, fine and long tannins are already in perfect harmony with the fruit. A delicious and atypical Cabernet.” 95 The Australian Wine Companion

Chile

- 651 Lapostolle Cuvée Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 56.00**
Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle (DBL) is one of Chile’s most dynamic and influential winemakers. The Lapostolle family began producing fine wine and spirits in France in 1827. In 1994, Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle, sixth generation family member, and her husband Cyril de Bournet, were one of the first to see the potential of Apalta Valley’s terroirs in Chile for producing high quality red varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Merlot. The goal is simple; to create world-class wines using French winemaking philosophy and the superb terroirs of Apalta. “A fresh nose full of fruit. Dark cherries, fresh blueberries, spices, crushed stones and olives. A touch of graphite, too. Well-structured and vertical on the palate, but there is also fluidity in the center palate filled with fruit. Tight grip of crunchy tannins at the end before a long, fruit-expressive finish. Drink from 2025.” 94 JS

- 384 Clos Apalta “Le Petit Clos”, Apalta, Chile 2020 99.00**
 *Le Petit Clos is intended to be a different interpretation of the Clos Apalta Terroir, using the mastery of blending that is the heart of the winemaking philosophy from the Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle. The 2019 blend is 49% Carmenère, 30% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot. “A beautiful delivery of Petit Clos with spiced black cherries, cassis, olives and some red capsicums to the nose. Chalky tannins are densely packed on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Tight, structured and fine-grained. Very long.” 95 JS*
- 329 Viña Montes Purple Angel, Rapel Valley Chile 2018 145.00**
Dark, full-bodied, and herbaceous with a spicy kick, Carménère has found great success in Chile, far from its birthplace of Bordeaux. Although Carménère once accompanied Malbec and Petit Verdot as a minor blending grape in Bordeaux, it is now virtually extinct there, though it has been thriving since the mid-nineteenth century in Chile. Originally mistaken for Merlot, it is now successful of its own accord and plantings continue to increase. It is bottled both on its own and as part of Bordeaux-inspired blends. “The 2018 Carménère Purple Angel by Montes is a blend of Carménère with 8% Petit Verdot from Colchagua, aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, four-fifths of them new. Rich purple in the glass with a garnet shimmer. The mentholated, thyme-infused nose delivers plum chutney and clear layers of white pepper and smoky wood. A delicate, juicy wine with good volume in the mouth; the lush feel and muscular but loose tannins run on to a finish of power and flavor.” 93 V
- 361 Lapostolle la Parcelle 8 Cabernet, Apalta, Chile 2015 98 JS 182.00**
487 Lapostolle la Parcelle 8 Cabernet, Apalta, Chile 2018 99 JS 245.00
458 Lapostolle la Parcelle 8 Cabernet, Apalta, Chile 2020 99 JS 255.00
Tucked away in the Colchagua Valley, near the town of Santa Cruz, the Apalta Valley was the place selected by a visionary in the 1910s who, using a unique French massal selection, planted this amazing vineyard. In 1994, Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet discovered these hundred-year-old ungrafted Cabernet Sauvignon vines whilst visiting Apalta. The aim of La Parcelle 8 is to bring the finest expression of a Cabernet Sauvignon from their own vineyards. La Parcelle 8 has its origins in the Clos Apalta estate in the Apalta Valley, known throughout Chile for the quality of its red wines. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 451 Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo, Chile 2019 98 JS 205.00**
385 Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo, Chile 2020 97 JS 205.00
Don Melchor, named after Concha Y Toro’s founder, is among Chile’s most-acclaimed wines and a Cabernet that belongs in every conversation about world-class interpretations of this singular varietal. Made from 181 lots covering 151 different vineyard parcels, it’s a pure, refined expression of the Andes-cooled Puente Alto terroir. Winemaker Enrique Tirado says of his vision for the wine, “Don Melchor’s style, complexity, and elegance are the extension of the perfect balance between the rocky soils in Puente Alto, the cold winds that slide down from the Andes Mountains, the generous climate of the Maipo Valley, the number of years the vines have taken to yield their best grapes, and the meticulous and caring work of the human hand.”
- 367 Clos Apalta, Apalta Chile 2018 98 JS 229.00**
359 Clos Apalta, Apalta Chile 2019 99 JS 231.00
354 Clos Apalta, Apalta Chile 2021 100 JS 235.00
 *Everything started in 1994 when Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet first arrived in Chile’s Colchagua Valley. They quickly realized its potential for producing world-class wines. This ideal setting, which was revitalized in 1995, was home to vines originating from pre-phylloxera rootstock brought from Bordeaux in the middle of 19th century. Today it is Charles*

de Bournet Marnier Lapostolle, seventh generation of the family, who holds the reins of the Winery. Together with him is Jacques Begarie, Technical Director & Winemaker, under the advice of the famous winemaker Michel Rolland, who is personally involved in the whole production of Clos Apalta. In its short history, Clos Apalta wines have consistently ranked among the highest rated wines by reputable wine trade publications, a testament of the rigorous standards implemented at the winery to produce outstanding wines.

South Africa

- 441 Raats Red Jasper, Stellenbosch, 2020 37.00**
Red Jasper is a tribute to Bruwer Raats' late father, Jasper, who was one of Raats' founders and the viticulturist for nine years. This complex Cabernet Franc-driven Bordeaux blend shows blackberry and black cherry on the nose, along with the perfume and violets one would expect from an 60% Cabernet Franc wine. The blend is 60% Cabernet Franc, 31% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot, and 2% Merlot
- 300 Kanonkop Kadette Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2023 40.00**
From the decomposed granite and Hutton soils of Stellenbosch comes this savoury and deeply hued Pinotage. Stewed plums and blackberries are the primary fruit notes, but more interesting are the tertiary coffee and roasted hazelnut characters which add complexity and body. A blockbuster red.
- 465 Taaibosch Crescendo Red Blend, Stellenbosch 2019 80.00**

Nestled on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, Taaibosch benefits from an exceptional terroir that shapes the wine's distinct personality. The vineyards, rooted in granite-rich soils, impart a striking minerality, while the cooling maritime breezes from nearby False Bay ensure a gradual ripening process. This balance of soil and climate contributes to the wine's natural vibrancy and layered complexity, making each vintage a reflection of its environment. Taaibosch is committed to the most rigorous organic principles to both their viticultural and oenological practices. "Very attractive nose of red plums, currants, nutmeg, orange peel and chopped herbs. Medium-bodied and polished with fine-grained tannins. Excellent length. Subtly spicy. 65% cabernet franc, 26% merlot and 9% cabernet sauvignon." 94 V
- 605 Glenelly Estate Lady May Red, Stellenbosch 2017 93.00**
Located on the southern slopes of the Simonsberg, Glenelly is owned by May-Eliane de Lencquesaing, Bordeaux doyenne and former owner of Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande. Struck by the tremendous potential of South Africa's terroir and the beauty of the country, Mme de Lencquesaing decided to embark on a French adventure on African soil. She purchased Glenelly in 2003, and subsequently planted 66 of the property's 128 hectares to vineyards. Lady May is Glenelly's flagship Estate wine. "Right up there with the best Stellenbosch Bordeaux-style blends from the exceptional 2017 vintage, this is a distinguished, patrician wine where everything is in place: tannins, acidity, oak and fruit concentration. Marrying Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, it has iodine and mint aromas, red berry and cassis flavours, subtle vanilla spice and impressive underlying structure. A red to cellar. 2024-35" 97 TA

White Wines and Dry Rosé

Dry Rosé

- 124 Sophie Bertin Rosé 2025, Vin de France 36.00**
Sophie Bertin Rosé is a crisp, dry Vin de France from Domaine Eric Louis (Loire Valley), typically blending 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Malbec. It features vibrant red berry, tangerine, and white pepper notes with high acidity, mineral-driven, and a light-bodied, refreshing finish. The wine is fined (bentonite / vegan) and lightly filtered.

Chardonnay

- 104 Goldschmidt Vineyards 'Embankment' Chardonnay, RRV, CA 2023 44.00**
A very unique Chardonnay from the oldest Chardonnay vineyard in California. The age of these vines, over 50 years old, gives the wine beautiful tropical flavors and a natural balance.
- 108 Talley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley, CA 2023 53.00**
The signature white wine of Talley Vineyards, the Estate Chardonnay represents a pure expression of the calcareous soils and cool maritime climate of the Arroyo Grande Valley produced in a classic old-world style, incorporating barrel fermentation and aging. This bottling dates to the inaugural vintage of 1986 and was the first Chardonnay produced in the Arroyo Grande Valley. "From the cool climate, Talley Vineyards in the SLO Coast is a sterling example of saline minerality and finely etched citrus fruits that true coastal regions can produce. Aromatics of grilled lemon, sea air, petrichor, and crushed slate. The palate is linear, with intense Meyer lemon pulp, flinty lime peel, and tangy grilled pineapple flesh. A gorgeous intensity." 94 D
- 120 Hartford Court Four Hearts Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, CA 2021 85.00**

Hartford Family Winery was founded in 1993 as a result of Don and Jennifer Hartford's appreciation for the wines, the people, and the unique vineyards near their Russian River Valley home. Located in the Sonoma County town of Forestville, the winery is about 15 miles from the cool Pacific Coast. The Hartford Family makes wines under two marks, one of which is Hartford Court. Hartford Court bottlings are small lots of high-personality single vineyard Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays that express the distinctive qualities inherent in each vineyard's terroir - the interplay of soil, slope, exposure and climate. "A rich golden hue with a slight haze, the 2021 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards is a bit more inward aromatically at the moment but has a darker tone, with warming notes of toasted cedar, spice, and ripe, baked orchard fruits. Full-bodied, with a nutty texture and notes of ripe yellow pear, tangerine, and almond, it has a pithy texture and meatiness throughout." 93 JD
- 102 Paul Hobbs Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, CA 2022 110.00**
Pioneering winemaker Paul Hobbs established his namesake winery in 1991 with the vision and dedication to sustainably craft wines with minimal intervention and meticulous care to capture the purist concept of place. Widely recognized for forging new paths in pursuit of excellence, Paul Hobbs Winery is the pinnacle reflection of our desire to showcase the individuality of new and historical sites in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. "The 2022 Chardonnay (Russian River Valley) is a delight. Tangerine peel, butter, ripe pear, apricot and white flowers open effortlessly. Medium

in body and vibrant with terrific depth, the Russian River Chardonnay is a beautiful introduction to the range.” 93 V, 94 JS

- 110 Talley “Rosemary’s Vineyard” Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley, CA 2022 112.00**
Talley Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery that specializes in estate grown Chardonnay and Pinot Noir ideally suited for the climate and soils of the Arroyo Grande and Edna Valleys. The Talley’s farming history in the area dates to 1948 when Oliver Talley began growing vegetables in the Arroyo Grande Valley. Guided by this legacy and a commitment to long term sustainability, Talley Vineyards focuses on attention to detail in all aspects of farming and winemaking operations. The goal is to produce distinctive wines of consistently high quality that best express the unique character of each of the Talley family’s six vineyard sites in the two valleys. Overlooking the Pacific Ocean and surrounding Rosemary Talley’s home, Rosemary’s Vineyard is the coolest site at Talley Vineyards, has distinctive chalky shale soils and produces chardonnay marked by refreshing acidity. It produces the winery’s most ageworthy and highly regarded wines. “A stunningly beautiful Chardonnay, the Rosemary’s is from the coolest site, the cool Talley Estate. Planted in 1987 to complement the Pinot Noir planted across the estate driveway. Within three to five years, this wine will become ethereal. Beguiling aromatics of lemon verbena, English hawthorn and concentrated grilled fleshy pineapple with a kiss of herbaceous wild tarragon. The texture is extraordinary, and 14 months of sur lie elevage in 30% new French oak has imparted intense lemon curd flavours, lemon oil and grilled lemon peel. There’s a soaring minerality marked by briny sea air, bright white pepper and savoury notes of cardamom mark the finish.” 95 D
- 165 Shafer Vineyards “Red Shoulder Ranch”, Napa Valley, CA 2023 130.00**
Shafer’s single-vineyard Carneros-grown Chardonnay is produced from small-clustered clones of grapes selected for their low yields and distinctive flavors. Fermentation takes place within individual oak and stainless-steel barrels using native yeasts. The wine matures on the lees for 14 months and since it undergoes no malolactic fermentation this Chardonnay retains a lively natural acidity. The vineyard is named for its Red-shouldered Hawks and other birds of prey, who play an important role in Shafer’s natural farming practices. “So ripe, full and generous, with a full body and a big presence. Lovely apple blossom and lemon zest aromas with juicy apple and Bartlett pear flavors on a foundation of lively acidity. An element of chalky, mineral notes adds complexity and freshness, giving a linear feel to this big, bold wine.” 96 JS

Other American Whites

- 166 Chateau Ste. Michelle “Eroica” Riesling, Washington State 2023 39.00**
Eroica is the result of a special partnership of German and American wine makers to craft an extraordinary Riesling from Washington State grapes. This is more than a blend of two estates, Dr. Loosen from the Mosel and Chateau Ste. Michelle from the Columbia Valley: It is an intermingling of Old World and New World philosophy and technique. Named for Beethoven’s Third Symphony, Eroica is truly a concert of Old World and New World Riesling.
- 111 Rombauer Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, North Coast, CA 2025 50.00**
Founded in 1980 by Koerner and Joan Rombauer, Rombauer Vineyards has been producing acclaimed wines from Napa Valley, Sonoma County, the Sierra Foothills, and the Santa Lucia Highlands ever since. “Our winery is known for its high-quality wines, exceptional vineyard sites, family-style hospitality, and commitment to sharing the Joy of Wine with the world.” “Generous, fresh and vibrant, with white pepper, stone fruit, lychee and sliced lemon. The palate is mid-weighted with balanced acidity and textured mouthfeel with a linear, bright finish and freshness.” 91 JS

Whites from around the World

Italian White

- 106 Gemma di Luna Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy DOC 2024 36.00**
Clear white gold color. Fruity aromas of white peach and mango taffy with a satiny, crisp, dry-yet-fruity light-to-medium body and a smooth, medium-length sweet yogurt, lime zest, and underripe strawberry finish with soft, fruit tannins and no oak. A friendly Pinot Grigio with elegant, plush fruit.
- 115 Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy DOC 2024 36.00**
Founded in 1848, the Tiefenbrunner Castel Turmhof Winery owes its name to the ancient castle known today as the home of the Tiefenbrunner family. The winery is in the hamlet Entiklar, in the town of Kurtatsch, which is in the South Tyrolean province of Bozen amid the awe-inspiring Italian Alps. The philosophy of the Tiefenbrunner family, in the vineyards and in the cellar, is to relentlessly improve the grape quality and to highlight the varietal character of each wine. "Straw yellow in color with lemon reflexes, this Pinot Grigio is youthful and lively. In the nose this wine has aromas of citrus, white blossoms, pears, apples and meadow grass. There is a fresh, crisp minerality and a clear finish. Wonderful as an aperitif as well as a wine that pairs well with butter-poached fish, scampi's, and pasta dishes such as pasta primavera." Winemaker's Notes
- 113 ColleStefano Verdicchio di Matelica, Marche DOC 2025 38.00**
*Pale straw-green. Knockout aromas of quince, pear, white peach and white flowers are complicated by lemony minerality on the vibrant, captivating nose. Rich and broad on entry, then explosive in the middle palate, saturating the mouth with bright, lively floral and fresh citrus flavors that are intensified by penetrating acidity. Finishes extremely long and creamy-rich, expanding to coat the palate and teeth with lingering white peach and floral flavors.*
- 126 Tommasi "Le Fornaci" Lugana DOC, Lombardia-Veneto DOCG 2023 40.00**
The small Lugana DOC has largely kept to itself over the years, but it has an impressively long history. Lugana is one of Italy's oldest protected wine growing areas; historians can trace cultivation of vineyards back to Roman times. The region attained DOC status in 1967 and is one of the few Italian wine regions that crosses over two regions, Lombardy and Veneto. And should you find yourself in northern Italy, the Lugana region is located on the edge of northern Italy's largest lake, Lake Garda, which radiates some of Italy's most stunning scenery. "This Lugana is a ripe and mineral expression of the local Turbiana variety. Aromas of lemon leaf, subtle apricot skin and sweet, creamy yellow fruits mingle with a smoky nuance. Intense and pithy, fresh and floral, its succulent yellow fruit flavours develop notes of citrus peel on the finish. Gorgeous" 91 D
- 109 Broglia Gavi di Gavi "La Meirana", Piedmont DOCG 2024 44.00**
This is the most representative and classic wine produced by the Broglia farm and it is for this reason that its label carries the name of the farm: Meirana. As a matter of fact, the very oldest document which states the origin of the name "Gavi" is preserved at the Record Office in Genova and mentions vineyards and chestnut woods on a spot called Meirana. This document dates back to 971 A.D. Therefore the grape-growing tradition of the Meirana began at the dawn of the history of the village of Gavi. "Aromatic and inviting, with yellow pear and apricot leading to refreshing acidity and almond on the palate." 90 Decanter

- 170 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, Trentino Alto Adige DOC 2024 50.00**
Santa Margherita was the first company to vinify the pinkish Pinot Grigio grapes as white wine. This dry white wine is pale straw-yellow in color. The clean, intense aroma and dry flavour with pleasant golden apple aftertaste make Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio a wine of great character and versatility.

German White

- 203 Carl Graff Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2024 31.00**
Lively and refreshing aromas. Flavors of apples and peaches with a mineral tone and a crisp mouthwatering finish. Pairs well with salads light seafood spicy cuisine and as an aperitif.
- 112 St.-Urbans-Hof Riesling QbA, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer 2024 40.00**
Although vineyards had belonged to the Weis family for centuries, Nicolaus Weis (vintage 1905, Nik Weis' grandfather) founded the winery in 1947. Today, the winery is run by Nik Weis, Nicolaus' grandson. They still employ time honored traditions which have been used in the Mosel and Saar Valleys for centuries, some of which date back to the Roman times.

New Zealand White

- 158 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2025 34.00**

Allan Scott is synonymous with wine in Marlborough: he has worked every harvest since 1973 and is credited with planting some of the region's most famous vineyards, including the very first. In 1990, Allan and his wife Catherine established Allan Scott Wines as one of the first independent wineries of Marlborough. Since its inception, the winery has produced wines consistent in flavor and quality year after year while continually evolving to keep ahead of the changing demand of the market. "Spicy and a little green on the nose, offering white berries, currant leaves, white roses and hints of crushed stones. Very fresh and juicy on the palate, with a medium body, crunchy acidity and a tense and mineral finish." 91 JS
- 150 Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough New Zealand 2024 38.00**
Kim Crawford Wines started out in a small Auckland cottage in New Zealand. Since its launch in 1996, the label has gained critical acclaim around the globe. Kim Crawford wines capture the true aromas and flavors of New Zealand in each bottle. The established leader of luxury-priced Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, Kim Crawford combines a passion for excellence in winemaking with a vision of exploring new boundaries.
- 105 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2025 73.00**
Cloudy Bay was established in 1985 and its first Sauvignon Blanc was a turning point for the New Zealand wine industry - an iconic wine was born, people just couldn't get enough (and still can't) of this brave, clean, zingy, incredibly aromatic wine. New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc was launched, and Cloudy Bay propelled the grape variety and New Zealand into the limelight. For many, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc has become the standard bearer for the variety and Cloudy Bay is its first ambassador.

South African White

- 103 Buitenverwachting "Bayten" Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2025 32.00**
Buitenverwachting was part of the original Constantia estate founded in 1685 by Simon van der Stel, the first governor of the Dutch Colony at the Cape. One of South Africa's premier estates, this

beautiful farm is situated on the east-facing slopes of the magnificent Constantiaberg Mountain, just south of Cape Town and a few miles from False Bay. Today under the guidance of current proprietor Lars Maack, the winery has earned a reputation as the source of some of South Africa's most exquisite, mineral-tinged white wines. Buitenverwachting is a Dutch word that means "beyond expectation."

Spanish White

- 116 Licia Albariño, Rias Baixas DO, Spain 2024 39.00**
Jose Limeres, a native of the Galician town of Pontevedra and owner of several successful restaurants in Madrid, entered the wine business in 1985 when he was searching for a reliable supplier of quality wines for his restaurants. He bought his first property in O Rosal and planted native varieties that flourished in the area's unique climate and soil. The resulting wines proved a hit, particularly his Albariño, which strikes just the right balance of sugar and acidity. Bodegas La Val is located in the DO of Rias Baixas, in Galicia. His wines undergo cold maceration and fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Licia Albariño has strong varietal characteristics with hints of grapefruit, candied fruit, quince jelly, notes of fresh herbs, green apples, and minerals. It is full bodied and well balanced, highlighting the aromas of citrus and green apple, with a long and persistent finish. This wine pairs deliciously with grilled fish—or any kind of seafood—rice dishes, salads and grilled vegetables.

Dessert Wines

- 513 Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2024 28.00**
Umberto Fiore Moscato d'Asti is an aromatic semi-sparkling wine with half the carbonation of a typical sparkling wine. Extremely aromatic, with a famously complex perfume, Moscato d'Asti has a mild level of sweetness, counterbalanced by vibrant acidity.
- 507 Château Saint Vincent Sauternes, Graves, Bordeaux, France 2017 (375ml) 40.00**
Gorgeous aromas of dried pineapple and apricot follow through to a full-bodied palate, with sweet fruit and a long, long finish. The wine has a fresh and crystalline vibrancy at the finish.
- 505 Banfi "Rosa Regale" Brachetto d'Acqui, Piedmont, Italy 2024 37.00**
A unique red sparkling dessert wine. Aromatic with a hint of rose petals, raspberry and strawberry. Sweet with a hint of acidity for balance. A cheesecake with strawberry topping and a glass of this wine create a brilliant combination.
- 506 Jackson Triggs Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2019 (187ml) 58.00**
This richly textured wine displays fresh tropical aromas of papaya, mango and apricot. Bold fruit flavours balanced with fine acidity caress the palate and conclude with an exquisite silky finish.
- 500 Inniskillin Icewine Vidal, Niagara, Canada 2021 (375ml) 115.00**
Inniskillin Icewine, recognized as one of the world's great wines, is truly winter's gift to wine lovers. Harvested at the pinnacle of Canada's crisp winter, the grapes are naturally frozen on the vine and picked when the temperature drops to -10°C. Only a few drops of luscious nectar can be squeezed from each bunch, which is then expertly guided through fermentation to achieve the rich and alluring specialty wine known as Icewine.

Port

- 511 Taylor Fladgate 10 year Tawny Port, Portugal 71.00**
"It is my opinion that Taylor's tawny ports are the best of their type. When tasted against other tawnys, they all exhibit more aromatic personalities, greater fruit and ripeness, and a wonderful sweetness and length. The Ten Year Old Tawny is a personal favorite, as well as a great bargain among many ports." 93 WA
- 522 Taylor Fladgate 20 year Tawny Port, Portugal 111.00**
"On first taste, this was simply Taylor: big, concentrated and serious. It was all that and a bag of chips, but over a couple of day it also demonstrated far more elegance. It seemed arguably better balanced than the 10 year old Tawny this issue. Simply filling the mouth on first taste, this shows fine complexity for its age and it does everything else rather brilliantly. Succulent and inviting, it finishes with waves of concentrated flavors. The fruit remains lifted and and it has a bright, transparent feel. It is hard to resist, often seeming like a bit of an overachiever." 93 WA
- 504 Fonseca Vintage Port 2003, Portugal 165.00**
"Sporting an opaque, black-colored robe with dark purple trim, the 2003 Fonseca Vintage Port exhibits a nose of profound depth. Its sweet black mass of dark fruit and spice aromas leads to a character of immense depth, richness, and weight. Full-bodied, viscous, and almost impenetrable, this dense, backward port is powerful and exceptionally long in the finish. Possibly the most masculine Fonseca I've ever encountered, it coats the taster's palate with licorice, jammy black fruits, and notes of chocolate that last for over a minute. This blockbuster will require at least three decades to fully blossom." 96 points Wine Advocate
- 502 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port 2003, Portugal 175.00**
"The 2003 Taylor Fladgate Vintage Port improved each time I raised it to my nose or mouth. It displays a black color and a salty, graphite-laced nose packed with sweet black fruits that is reminiscent of a stellar vintage of Chateau Latour. With air, notes of molasses, burnt sugar, spices, and jammy plums emanate from the glass. Full-bodied, hugely dense, immensely rich, as well as thick, this behemoth is also amazingly balanced and harmonious. Raisins, molasses, licorice, black cherries, plums, and a distinctive note of violets are found in its complex, seamless character. Its interminable finish reveals additional notes of chocolate, kirsch, red as well as black currants, dark cherries, and rose blossoms. Armed with exceptional power, depth, and purity, this Taylor will proudly stand shoulder to shoulder with the finest ever crafted by the Fladgate Partnership. Projected maturity: 2035-2060." 98 points Robert Parker