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# S P A R K L I N G

## ITALY

- 101 Brut, Bisol, "Jeio," Prosecco NV**.....50  
 100% Glera collected from some of the steepest plots in Valdobbiadene creates an aromatic citrus & floral nose with complex acidity. Named after the affectionate nickname given to Desiderio Bisol by his wife. "Jeio" is a pedigreed expression of this classic style of wine. Excellent with oysters!

## CALIFORNIA

- 103 Brut, Schramsberg, Blanc de Blancs, North Coast 2019**.....90  
 100% Chardonnay. Schramsberg's first claim to fame was being served at Richard Nixon's "Toast to Peace" in Beijing, China in 1972. It remains one of America's finest sparkling wines. Grapefruit, green apple, ginger, and honeycomb.

## FRANCE

- 104 Brut Rosé, Gerard Bertrand, "An 825," Crémant de Limoux 2018**.....55  
 Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Pinot Noir, Mauzac. Thomas Jefferson was a known collector of Crémant de Limoux.
- 109 Brut Rosé, Billecart-Salmon, Champagne NV** ..... 180  
 Chardonnay, Meunier, Pinot Noir. This is the benchmark for non-vintage rosé Champagne. Period.
- 105 Brut Rosé, Pol Roger, Champagne 2009** .....300  
 Founded in 1849 by Pol Roger who was 18 years old at the time. This property is still family owned and the vintage brut rosé is an exquisite expression of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay. With some of the Pinot coming from the Grand Cru villages of Ambonnay and Bouzy. The wine is expressive, open, and ready to drink now.



## S P A R K L I N G

- 114 Pas Dosé, David Léclapart, “L’Apôtre,” Trépail, Champagne NV ..... 490**  
David is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of his family to lead this estate located on the eastern side of the Montagne de Reims in the Premier Cru village of Trépail. While the Montagne is renowned for Pinot Noir this east facing village enjoys the early hours of sunshine for the day that creates the perfect micro climate that Chardonnay thrives in. This is a unique and expressive Blanc de Blancs from the “wrong” part of Champagne for Chardonnay. However, we think you will agree that there is nothing “wrong” here.
- 108 Brut, Chartogne-Taillet, “Cuvée Ste.-Anne,” Montagne de Reims NV ..... 165**  
This bottling is a blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Meunier. Alexandre Chartogne utilizes fruit only sourced from the village of Merfy highlighting notes of red fruits and almonds on nose, oyster shell, pear, quince, chamomile.
- 129 Brut, Duetz, Champagne NV..... 136**  
Duetz was established in 1838 in the Grand Cru village of Ay along the Marne river. This house demonstrates grace and elegance in their wines while maintaining tension and broad complexity for a beautifully balanced experience.
- 128 Brut, Duetz, Champagne NV (375 ml) ..... 68**  
In case you are looking for all of the things mentioned above but not in the mindset to commit to an entire bottle today!!
- 111 Brut, Delamotte, Blanc de Blancs Champagne NV ..... 165**  
100% Chardonnay. Chalk, English peas, lemon curd, and almonds.
- 122 Extra Brut, Suenen, “Oiry,” Champagne NV ..... 190**  
Aurélien Suenen took charge of his family’s estate in 2009 has been on a meteoric rise since. He is the first that I am aware of to highlight the Grand Cru village of Oiry in this bottling and the results speak for themselves. Located in Cramant, Suenen only works with Grand Cru Chardonnay for his Blanc de Blancs.
- 123 Extra Brut, Agrapart, “Minéral,” Avize, Champagne NV ..... 305**  
Pascal is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation winemaker at this historic property located in the Grand Cru village of Avize. His son, Amboise, has recently joined in the winemaking efforts. Minéral comes from pure chalk soils on the lower slopes of his vineyards in Avize. The wine is bright and sharp with dense minerality framed by the acid.

# SPARKLING

- 124 Extra Brut, Larmandier-Bernier, “Latitude,” Champagne NV ..... 148**  
 The fruit for this bottling is farmed biodynamically and is 100% Chardonnay from the 1er Cru village of Vertus in the southern part of Cotes des Blancs. 40% reserve wine is used for “Latitude” and the result is a breath taking expression in terms of purity of fruit, minerality, and acid.
- 106 Brut, A. Margaine, “Cuvée Le Brut,” Champagne NV ..... 155**  
 The Margaine’s have put the 1er Cru village of Villers-Marmery on the map for Chardonnay in the Montagne de Reims. The village is on the eastern facing slope of the mountain and gets the gentle morning and early afternoon sun that delicately ripens the Chardonnay here. Beautiful wine with intense minerality and finesse.
- 113 Extra Brut, Mouzon Leroux & Fils, “L’atavique Tradition,” Champagne NV ..... 190**  
 Sébastien Mouzon has become the unsung champion of the Grand Cru village Verzy. This is becoming more and more known as enthusiasts discover his intensely complex and delicious cuvées from the area in the Montagne de Reims. The resulting wines have a disorienting electric tension and energy that makes you want to keep reaching for the glass.
- 116 Extra Brut, Ulysse Collin, “Les Maillons,” Blanc de Noirs NV ..... 378**  
 Located in the village of Cognly in the southern reaches of Champagne. The Collins have long been touted as the premier wine producer here and the wines are always single vineyard expressions. This bottling is a blanc des noirs and is made with 100% Pinot Noir which lends power and hints of red fruits to this classic expression from the hands of one of Champagne’s most skilled winemakers.

## S P A R K L I N G

- 110 Brut, Dom Pérignon, Champagne 2012** ..... 450  
48% Chardonnay and 52% Pinot Noir. Dom Perignon is only released as a vintage wine. If the harvest doesn't warrant it, no vintage is declared. Almond, cocoa, dried flowers, lemon, pear, nectarine, and spice.
- 131 Brut, Laurent-Perrier, "Grand Siècle," Champagne NV** ..... 340  
Grand Siècle is the top bottling from this iconic Champagne house. All of the fruit is from Grand Cru villages and is 55% Chardonnay and 45% Pinot Noir with at least 8 years aging on the lees which provides great depth and richness.
- 118 Brut, Philipponnat, "Clos des Goisses," Champagne 2005** ..... 435  
65% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay from the Marne. First released in 1935 as the first single vineyard designated Champagne, this expression of terroir shows bright gold, with floral notes of linden tea, toasted cacao, and vanilla.
- 139 Brut, Salon, Le Mesnil-Sur-Oger, Champagne 2012** ..... 1,650  
This wine is quite special. The first vintage of Salon was 1905 when Eugène-Aimé Salon created this single parcel Blanc de Blancs from the village of Le Mesnil-Sur-Oger. However, the initial vintages were for his personal consumption only and was not available commercially until 1921. Only made in 43 years since 1905 the quality is unmatched and only equaled by the story. It is such an honor to share this wine with you.
- 130 Extra Brut, Jacques Selosse, "Initial," Champagne 2018** ..... 495  
There is no other name as revered and respected in Champagne than Selosse. Founded in 1947 with the first production in 1964. Anselme Selosse took the reigns in 1974 and has since been challenging the status quo in this iconic region. "Initial" is a blanc des blanc from the Grand Cru villages of Cramant, Avize, and Oger.

## ROSE

## OREGON

- 360 Stoller, Dundee Hills 2021 ..... 50  
100% Pinot Noir. Salmon pink & salmon safe, bursting with pink grapefruit & mouthwatering acidity.

## ITALY

- 367 G.D. Vajra, "Rosa Bella," Rosato 2021 ..... 40  
Most wine lovers have never tasted a Rosé quite like this. The deeper hue might lead you to think that this will be a big or cloying wine; in fact, it's the very opposite. Strawberry and salted watermelon flavors melt into hints of tangerine and Piemontese minerality. If you've ever wondered what Barolo producers drink when it's warm out, it's this.

## CALIFORNIA

- 365 Birichino, "Vin Gris," California 2017 ..... 45  
Primarily old vine Mourvèdre and Grenache. Spice, muscular structure, grapefruit, guava, and gunflint.

# LIGHT, CRISP WHITES

## A U S T R I A

- 138     **Veyder-Malberg, “Loibner,” Grüner Veltliner, Wachau 2017** ..... 154  
          Veyder-Malberg’s site specific expressions are true to form. The *Loibner* Grüner is pure Wachau Grüner Veltliner with savory spicy notes and crystalline minerality.
- 137     **Emmerich Knoll, Federspiel, “Loibner,” Grüner Veltliner, Wachau 2020** ..... 105  
          Established in 1825 and still family operated, the wines this property produces are supremely complex and can age for decades. This Grüner displays the pristine minerality the wines of the Wachau are famous for.

## P O R T U G A L

- 132     **Aveleda, Alvarinho, Minho 2020** ..... 38  
          Quinta de Avelada grows all of their own fruit on the estate and are extremely thoughtful in their farming. The resulting wine is packed with freshness. Floral aromatics with a touch of seaspray.

## F R A N C E

- 145     **Melon B, Domaine Pépière, “Merci,” Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 2020** ..... 44  
          One of the finest bottlings from one of the finest producers in this fine region. If you thought you knew Muscadet, one sip of this will make you see that perhaps you didn’t. This single vineyard bottling shines a light on the rounder and more generous side of the *Melon* grape variety. Think white flowers, rain water, and Meyer lemons.

# L I G H T , C R I S P W H I T E S

## I T A L Y

- 141 Pinot Grigio, Tramin, Alto Adige 2021 .....42**  
A richly styled pinot grigio, from low-yielding vineyards at the foothills of the Dolomites. This Alpine wine has a velvety texture and lingering finish.
- 146 Pinot Grigio, Vie di Romans, “Dessimis,” Friuli Isonzo 2020 .....85**  
An atypical expression of Pinot Grigio, this wine embraces the gregarious side of this often one-noted grape. Copper-hued in the glass and beautifully textured on the palate, here’s a wine that shows off flavors of baked apples, lemon meringue, and apricot.

## L I G H T , C R I S P W H I T E S

## S P A I N

- 151     **Can Feixes, “Blanc Selecció,” Penedès 2021**..... 42  
Parellada, Macabeo, Chardonnay, Malvasia. This is a still white wine made from the grapes that commonly go into Cava. It calls to mind Chablis. Aromas of lime zest, honeysuckle, and white pepper; palate of green apple and stony minerals.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC

## ITALY

- 165 Livio Felluga, Friuli Colli Orientali 2018.....78**  
 From the iconic Felluga property, this wine displays nuanced lychee, passionfruit, boxwood, sage, elderflower, tomato leaf.

## NEW ZEALAND

- 168 Greywacke, Marlborough 2022.....60**  
 Made by Kevin Judd, the founding winemaker of the iconic Cloudy Bay Winery. Greywacke is named after the prolific stone found all over New Zealand. Expect jasmine, abundant fruit, and that distinctive Marlborough zip.

## CALIFORNIA

- 203 Peter Michael, "L'Apres-Midi," 2020.....150**  
 Peter Michael and his son Paul have successfully established their family name to be associated with the highest quality wines from Knights Valley and Napa. This Sauvignon Blanc is no exception and is reminiscent of the most classic of white Bordeaux with evidence of the California sun resulting in beautiful ripe fruit notes that co-mingle with the new oak barrel spices.



## MEDIUM, AROMATIC WHITES

### ITALY

- 202 Pieropan, "La Rocca," Soave Classico 2019** ..... 68  
Intense and brilliant, but still elegant, this single-vineyard wine bridges the gap for Chardonnay lovers to Italian wines. Bursting with mango, vanilla and hazelnut, this wine also shows the texture and spice from the time it spends in barrel. Glorious, and even age-worthy.
- 206 Feudi di San Gregorio, Greco di Tufo 2020** ..... 60  
100% Greco. A textured and aromatic wine from Campania's iconic wine estate. Ideal to pair with raw fish or even fresh mozzarella or burrata. Apricots, ripe pears, mint and white balsamic.

### FRANCE

- 212 Sylvaner, Valentin Zusslin, "Bollenberg," Alsace 2016** ..... 115  
Sylvaner is often an afterthought in Alsace. However, if you look for quality focused producers such as Zusslin, you may be rewarded with a wine of weight and pedigree as we find here in this expression from the Bollenberg vineyard.
- 214 Gewürztraminer, Domaine Weinbach, "Cuvée Laurence," Alsace 2017** ..... 100  
From a storied estate that has been making wines for over 400 years, this bottle of Gewürztraminer may very well redefine the meaning of seductive. Effusive aromas and satiny textures frame this great bottle. White flowers, lychee fruit, Asian pears, and candied grapefruit are just a few of the flavors in this giving wine.

## MEDIUM, AROMATIC WHITES

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### CALIFORNIA

- 210 Pinot Gris/Pinot Blanc, Au Bon Climat, Santa Maria Valley 2021..... 55**  
60% Pinot Gris, 40% Pinot Blanc. Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat only makes wines in the Burgundian style. Honest and with minimal intervention. This expression is refreshing and dry with great texture from the time spent on its lees in the barrel.

# R I E S L I N G

## A U S T R A L I A

- 231 Pewsey Vale, Eden Valley 2021 ..... 48**  
 Located at high altitude in the Eden Valley and planted in 1847. This single vineyard estate has long been the flag bearer for the classic dry Aussie Riesling they produce.

## G E R M A N Y

- 235 Julian Haart, “1,000L,” Mosel 2021 ..... 68**  
 Julian Haart mentored under Klaus Peter Keller(Rheinhessen) and Egon Müller(Mosel) and the influence of both men is evident in Haart’s wines. This barrel selection changes fruit sources every year but always pulls from the famed Goldtröpfchen vineyard.
- 236 Maximin Grünhauser, Kabinett, “Herrenberg,” Mosel 2020 ..... 75**  
 From the iconic Grünhauser property located along the Ruwer river that feeds into the Mosel and from the iconic Herrenberg cru. This Riesling has vibrant notes of candied grapefruit, and a hint of mango with subtle herbs and spices with intense minerality.
- 237 Louis Guntrum, Kabinett, “Nierstein Bergkirche,” Rheinhessen 2017 ..... 54**  
 Originally established in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Louis Guntrum estate is a pillar in the Rheinhessen and Germany as a whole. The “Bergkirche” vineyard is on clay soils at 350 feet elevation and very close to the Rhine river. This wine is just slightly sweet and held in firm balance due to the bracing acidity.
- 238 Dr. Bürklin-Wolf, “Ruppertsberger Gaisböhl,” Pfalz 2020 ..... 218**  
 Bürklin-Wolf is one of the most iconic and historic producers in the Pfalz, just north of the German border from Alsace. Established in 1597 and is the largest German family-owned wine estate, Bürklin-Wolf was also a leading voice in the establishment of the Burgundian model of their vineyard classifications. Gaisböhl is not only of Grand Cru (Grosse Lage) status but also a monopole of the estate.
- 234 Egon Müller, Spätlese, “Scharzhofberger,” Mosel 2020 ..... 315**  
 There are Riesling producers and then there’s Egon Müller. Crystalline and precise, as if spring rains and sunshine were captured within each sip of this wine – the kind of bottle we’d happily recommend as single serving. The Scharzhofberger cru is so lauded it is exempt of being required to label in tandem with its village of Wiltingen.

## A U S T R I A

- 260 Emmerich Knoll, Smaragd, “Kellerberg,” Wachau 2019 ..... 160**  
 The Kellerberg vineyard is one of the most sought after expressions of Riesling in the world and is one of the warmer sites in the Wachau which allows the fruit to achieve full ripeness adding weight and richness to this Riesling.

## F U L L E R , R O U N D E R W H I T E S

### A U S T R A L I A

- 250 d'Arenberg, "The Hermit Crab," McLaren Vale 2021..... 38**  
65% Viognier, 35% Marsanne. This wine was named in honor of the shells of fossilized crustaceans that fill the limestone soils of McLaren Vale's vineyards. Of course, it's also meant to be a playful reference to Hermitage. White peach, sweet pineapple, ginger, candied citrus peel, almond.

### C A L I F O R N I A

- 251 Miner Family, "Simpson Vineyard," Napa Valley 2017 ..... 52**  
100 % Viognier made from grapes grown in a single, sustainably farmed vineyard. Citrus, honeysuckle, tropical fruit.
- 256 Massican, "Annia," Napa Valley 2018 ..... 68**  
48% Friulano, 41% Ribolla Gialla, 11% Chardonnay. Waxy lemon, apple skin, bitter almond.

### F R A N C E

- 261 Domaine Guiberteau, "Clos des Carmes," Saumur 2016 ..... 260**  
Guiberteau's expressions of Chenin Blanc are some of the most sought-after wines in the world. The balance of minerality and fruit while showing unique richness with laser sharp acidity is mesmerizing. The Clos des Carmes vineyard is their crown jewel.
- 252 Famille Joly, "Clos de la Coulée de Serrant," Coulée de Serrant 2020 ..... 365**  
The vineyard of Coulée de Serrant within the Savennières AOP has been recognized as its own appellation since 1952. There is good reason for this, the wines are produced by Nicolas Joly who is a staunch defender and advocate of biodynamic farming. His wines are legendary for the depth of flavor and electric intensity.
- 257 Domaine Huet, Demi-Sec, "Le Haut-Lieu," Vouvray 2020 ..... 135**  
This is "THE" producer in Vouvray. Domaine Huet has been the standard bearer of Chenin Blanc here since Victor Huet, a former bistro owner in Paris, purchased his vineyards in 1928. Huet now owns three of the finest vineyards in this appellation and they only produce one wine from each. This wine is off dry and has fruit, minerality, and acid for days to keep the sugar in check.

# CHARDONNAY

## FRANCE

- 303     Domaine Louis Michel, “Butteaux 1er Cru Vieilles Vignes,” Chablis 2017** .....98  
 Louis Michel is famous for using no oak throughout his vinification and élevage and the result may surprise you. The weight and intensity are among the most present from Chablis while maintaining nimble balance with finesse.
- 304     Domaine Chanson, Viré-Clessé 2019** ..... 52  
 An energetic Chardonnay from the Mâconnais. Refreshing grapefruit and lemongrass mingle with flavors of just harvested honey.
- 307     Domaine Leflaive, Mâcon-Verzé 2020** ..... 168  
 This wine expresses the meticulous detail and care that the Leflaive family is famous for putting into their vineyards. South of the Côte d’Or, the Mâcon is a wealth of high-quality Chardonnay terroirs that can and do provide the highest levels of complexity at an outstanding value.
- 305     Jean Marc Boillot, Mâcon-Lugny 2020** .....92  
 Jean Marc Boillot is from two of the finest wine producing families in Burgundy. His father was Henri Boillot and his maternal grandfather was none other than Etienne Sauzet and he inherited exquisite vineyards from both. Jean Marc’s wines are rich with deep fruit notes framed with structure and minerality.

# CHARDONNAY

- 326 **Domaine Alvina Pernot, “Les Charmes 1er Cru,” Meursault 2020** ..... 418  
 Taking what she learned working with her grandfather, Paul Pernot, Alvina set out on her own in 2018. The results speak for themselves and her level of care and attention to detail show through her wines with intense complexity and depth.
- 306 **Thierry & Pascal Matrot, “Les Charmes 1er Cru,” Meursault 2018** ..... 225  
 A densely packed and seriously concentrated wine from arguably the most famous 1er Cru of Meursault. The wine expresses notes of citrus and menthol on the nose, followed by a long, electric finish framed by the acidity.
- 322 **Olivier LeFlaive, Meursault 2020** ..... 180  
 The LeFlaive family has been rooted in Burgundy since 1711. Olivier ventured out on his own in 1985 from the family Domaine. This classic and elegant representation of Meursault starts with a burst of green apple and lemon followed by vibrant minerality.
- 325 **Etienne Sauzet, “La Garenne 1er Cru,” Puligny-Montrachet 2020** ..... 320  
 La Garenne is one of the highest elevation 1er Cru of Puligny-Montrachet and shows great finesse due to this. That is not to discredit the power and nuance Sauzet easily coaxes from this famed site into this bottling.

## S O U T H A F R I C A

- 308 **Hamilton-Russell, Walker Bay 2020** ..... 72  
 A very rich nose of honeysuckle and pear lead to a palate that’s balanced with tension, energy, and precision. Quince and nutmeg round out the lengthy finish.

## C H A R D O N N A Y

## C A L I F O R N I A

- 311 Poseidon Vineyard by Molnar Family, Carneros 2018** .....58  
Poseidon Vineyard sits right next to the San Francisco Bay, giving the wine a flinty minerality. Hungarian oak imparts a gingery spice.
- 312 Morgan, "Highland," Santa Lucia Highlands 2018** .....62  
Incredibly food friendly expression with pronounced acidity. Fuji apple, pear, cinnamon stick, toasty oak, pineapple.
- 314 Shafer, "Red Shoulder Ranch," Carneros 2018** .....120  
One would never accuse this wine of being thin or lean. However, it achieves balance with a focused acidity and a little smoke to balance its richness and ripeness.
- 316 Wayfarer, Fort Ross-Seaview 2019** .....180  
Wayfarer Vineyard is an off-the-grid organic farm at the remote edge of the Sonoma Coast AVA. Originally scouted by Helen Turley, who realized the site's potential as a "grand cru" vineyard, it was eventually shown to Jayson Pahlmeyer who owns it today. White peach, apricot, toasted almond, crème fraîche.
- 310 Arista, "Ritchie Vineyard," Russian River Valley 2019** .....238  
Founded in 2002 by Al and Janis McWilliams with the belief of small production being most beneficial for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This ethos is continued today by their sons Mark and Ben, who have carried the quality to new heights. The Ritchie Vineyard is widely claimed to be one of the new worlds best sites for world class Chardonnay.

# CHARDONNAY

- 318 Hirsch Vineyards Estate, Sonoma Coast 2020**.....140  
In 1980 David Hirsch took a big risk by investing in a vineyard located on the extreme Sonoma Coast. That risk paid off! Today this estate is led by daughter, Jasmine, and produces some of the most sought after Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in California. Ripe apples and pears with intense minerality and rounded out with a beautiful light kiss of new oak spices.
- 320 Patz & Hall, Sonoma Coast 2018**.....105  
Truly a family affair with this wine. The Patz and Hall families founded this winery in 1988 and have not looked back since! Forging the property into one of the premier California Chardonnay producers. Apples, pears, toasty oak, and cinnamon intertwined with intense minerality.
- 334 Kistler, “Les Noisetiers,” Sonoma Coast 2020** .....140  
This Chardonnay from Sonoma Coast screams old world and is an exquisite wine. Kistler has been producing some of the best Chardonnay for site specific designations since 1978. The wine is packed with orchard fruit, elegant richness, and beautiful oak spices.
- 329 Freeman, “Ryo-Fu,” Green Valley of Russian River Valley 2017** .....110  
Husband and Wife team, Ken and Akiko Freeman, create beautiful wines from their Sebastapol estate in Sonoma. This Chardonnay is sourced from the most sought after cool climate vineyards in west Sonoma. The acidity in this wine is impressive and drives a beautiful balance between the structure and ripeness of tree fruits and citrus notes.
- 328 Hudson Vineyards, Carneros, Napa Valley 2020**.....90  
Lee Hudson is a farmer at heart that was trained in Burgundy. His ranch in Carneros produces some of the most beautiful Chardonnay in Napa Valley and he has long supplied top producers such as Kongsgaard and Kistler. This wine is incredibly rich with ripe apples and pears, lemon, toasty butterscotch, and new oak spice.

## O R E G O N

- 333 Big Table Farm, “The Wild Bee,” Willamette Valley 2021** .....88  
A collaborative project between winemaker Brian Marcy and Clare Carver. These two have been successfully creating true Willamette Valley wines since 2006. Their wines display stunning energy with tension and balance that speak to the place.



## L I G H T E R   R E D S

- 402 **Gamay, Château de la Chaize, Brouilly 2016** .....55  
Brouilly is the largest of the Beaujolais Crus, and this chateau is one of the oldest and largest in Beaujolais. Strawberry, raspberry, wild mushrooms.
- 404 **Gamay, Jean Foillard, Beaujolais-Villages 2020**.....68  
Foillard is probably the most famous of Kermit Lynch's "Gang of Four" (Foillard, Breton, Lapierre, and Thévenet), whom he dubbed the producers from Morgon that would resurrect the Beaujolais in the minds of quality focused consumers. They have done just that and then some.
- 411 **Pinot Noir, Mac Forbes, "Coldstream," Yarra Valley 2017** .....150  
Mac Forbes is a dynamo who is obsessed with delving deeper into the possibilities his native home of Yarra Valley in Victoria can achieve. The Coldstream vineyard yields sturdy wines from grey loam and clay soils with firm structure and tannins.
- 410 **Cabernet Franc, Martin Woods, Walla Walla Valley, Oregon 2018** .....94  
This husband and wife team are totally committed to sustainable farming and handle all of the fruit themselves. This Cabernet Franc shows a depth of elegance and balance only found in few places in the world.
- 407 **Xinomavro, Kir-Yianni, "Ramnista," Naoussa 2018** .....65  
For anyone that doubts the greatness of Greek wines, Kir-Yianni's *Ramnista* bottling is here to challenge assumptions and exceed all expectations. From the hard-to-pronounce Xinomavro(Zee-no-mav-row) grape comes a bold red wine that has more in common with world-class Barolo than Retsina. Full-bodied and earthy with fig and black cherry flavors.
- 405 **Cabernet Franc, Clos Rougeard, "Les Clos," Saumur-Champigny 2015**..... 415  
Clos Rougeard is one of the most sought after and difficult to source wines in all of France. The Cabernet Franc expressed from the vineyards here carry the pedigree of their Right Bank brothers along with the mineral backbone this area of the Loire Valley is famous for.

# PINOT NOIR AND BURGUNDY

## FRANCE

- 422 Nicolas Rossignol, Bourgogne 2018** .....110  
 Nicolas is a Rockstar based in Volnay and farms his vines with organic and biodynamic disciplines. His Bourgogne rouge is sourced from multiple parcels in Volnay, Pommard, and Pernand-Vergelesses. The result is classic and fresh expression of true Burgundian terroir.
- 426 Hudelot-Noellat, Bourgogne 2018** .....145  
 Hudelot-Noellat is located in Chambolle-Musigny and his Bourgogne rouge is a classic expression of what the northern villages have been known for. Elegance and power combined with tart red berry fruits and framed by sweet earth and firm structure.
- 464 Camille Giroud, "Les Crais," Gevrey-Chambertin 2019** .....235  
 This single parcel wine is from vines planted around 1970 from the northern and central part of the village. Camille Giroud was founded in 1865 and today is considered amongst the finest boutique négociants in all of Burgundy.
- 461 David Duband, "Les Broc 1er Cru," Morey-Saint-Denis 2017** .....265  
 David Duband took over the vines from Jacky Truchot after he retired and is a firm believer in the magic of whole cluster fermentation. Les Broc is composed of fruit from 4 different Premier Cru all located in the village of Morey-St.-Denis and illustrates the depths of aromatics that can be achieved from this magical place for Pinot Noir.
- 449 Laurent Ponsot, "Cuvée de la Violette," Chambolle-Musigny 2019** .....338  
 Legendary vigneron Laurent Ponsot left his family winery in 2017 to the shock of many. He is now wholly focused on his Laurent Ponsot wines. He has farmed this .31 hectare vineyard since 2002 and it is a classic and rich style of Chambolle.
- 428 Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret, "Grands Echézeaux Grand Cru," Flagey-Echézeaux 2019** .....580  
 The Grand Cru of Grands Echézeaux located just upslope from the famous castle of Clos de Vougeot is grander in style than its neighboring vineyard (or as some refer to it, the little brother) of Echézeaux. Mongeard-Mugneret puts on a dazzling display of complexity and depth with the vineyard with rose petal, Asian spices, red fruits and developed earth.

## PINOT NOIR AND BURGUNDY

- 423 **Henri Gouges, “Clos des Porrets-St.-Georges 1er Cru,” Nuit-Saint-Georges 2019** ..... 268  
 The Gouges family has produced estate bottlings in Burgundy for 50 years. Gregory Gouges recently made the decision to make his wines more accessible at the entry levels, and this is a fine, easy-drinking Nuits St. Georges. This 1er Cru is located in the famed southern sector of NSG of Premeaux-Prissey and the Gouges family owns and farms the entire vineyard.
- 466 **Jacques Frédéric Mugnier, “Clos de la Maréchale 1er Cru,” Nuits-Saint-Georges 2020** ..... 410  
 Founded in 1863 and today lead by 4<sup>th</sup> generation Frédéric(Frédy) Mugnier. *Clos de la Maréchale* is a monopole of the Mugnier’s and the largest in the Côte d’Or. On top of that this 1er cru is also the southernmost in the Côte des Nuits producing wines rich in depth and complexity.
- 425 **Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, “Corton Grand Cru,” Aloxe-Corton 2017** ..... 1,425  
 This estate is the crown jewel of Burgundy. These wines prove to be an elusive treasure and we are thrilled and grateful to have the opportunity to offer them to you. There may be some additional vineyard expressions from this Domaine available not listed in this book if you find your interest piqued.
- 462 **Domaine Parigot, “Clos de la Perrière,” Hautes-Côtes de Beaune 2018** ..... 78  
 This small domaine based just north of Saint-Romain and west of Pommard will surprise you. This single vineyard expression is classic in all senses. Spicy perfumed red fruits with underlying earth and mineral tones framed by soft and supple tannins with a crisp finish. Great value for Burgundy lovers!
- 424 **Vincent Girardin, “Vieilles Vignes,” Volnay 2019** ..... 111  
 Vincent Girardin is the 11th generation of his family to make wine in Burgundy. Rustic nose, strawberry, new leather, cedar, noble and feminine, powdery tannins, can be enjoyed young.
- 463 **Domaine Roger Belland, “Morgeot-Clos Pitois 1er Cru,” Chassagne-Montrachet 2019** ..... 125  
 The Belland’s have been producing wine since 1839 and are considered to be one of the top wine-making families in the village of Santenay where they are located. This monopole parcel of the world famous *Morgeot* cru is just north of Santenay in Chassagne-Montrachet and the wine is well structured and highly complex with deep flavors of cherry, raspberry, and brambly forest floor.

# PINOT NOIR AND BURGUNDY

## OREGON

- 431 Alexana, "Terroir Selection," Willamette Valley 2020..... 88**  
Houston's beloved Dr. Madaiah Revana owns this winery, and the esteemed Lynn Penner-Ash is his consulting winemaker. The Terroir Selection is a blend of five different AVAs across the Willamette Valley. Cranberry, cherry cola, spice, red licorice.
- 421 Bethel Heights, "Casteel," Eola-Amity Hills 2018..... 210**  
The Casteel family has been engrained in the Eola-Amity Hills in Willamette Valley since 1977. Their tradition continues to this day. You will see on the back of this label, "LIVE Certified Sustainable Wine," and the organization that works with mindful farmers in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho was actually created by the Casteel family.
- 455 Bergström, "Shea Vineyard," Yamhill-Carlton 2018 ..... 210**  
Josh and Caroline Bergström have been making wine in the Willamette Valley since 1999. They source fruit from the much sought-after Shea vineyard and produce a wine of stunning complexity with haunting aromatics. Beautiful spice notes with ripe red fruits rounded out with a subtle and balanced kiss of new French oak.

## CALIFORNIA

- 451 Joseph Swan, "Cuvée de Trois," Russian River Valley 2016 .....90**  
Joe Swan is a legend and his impact on Russian River Valley as a region known for quality is immense. After retiring from being an airline pilot, Joe decided he was ready to make Pinot Noir from this now famous area of Sonoma. First establishing his name for great Zinfandel he quickly mastered the art of growing and producing Pinot Noir.

# PINOT NOIR AND BURGUNDY

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- 434 **Truchard, Carneros 2021** ..... 68  
 Tony and Jo Ann Truchard are both Texas natives. Pinot Noir is the flagship wine from their property, where they grow, produce and bottle all wine on site. Bright black cherry, pomegranate, dry tea tannins, lots of acid.
- 472 **Littorai, “Les Larmes,” Anderson Valley 2021** ..... 165  
 Ted Lemon who is responsible for this property is an absolute legend. He was the first American to head winemaking at a Burgundian estate and not just any estate, Roulot in Meursault!! His commitment to biodynamics and mindful farming has been on consistent display since the mid 1980’s. “Les Larmes” is an intensely elegant and spicy Pinot Noir.
- 458 **Hirsch Vineyards Estate, “The Bohan-Dillon,” Sonoma Coast 2020** ..... 118  
 In 1980 David Hirsch took a big risk by investing in a vineyard located on the extreme Sonoma Coast. That risk paid off! Today this estate is led by daughter, Jasmine, and produces some of the most sought after Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in California. Ripe red berry fruits with firm oak spice framing this elegant expression of true Sonoma Coast Pinot.
- 468 **Domaine de la Côte, “La Côte,” Sta. Rita Hills 2020** ..... 328  
 DDLC has fast become a darling amongst the wine world and the wines speak for themselves. The results that Rajat Parr achieves each year somehow seems better than the previous mark which is more than impressive. La Côte is the highest elevation and most sought-after vineyard Parr works with and demonstrates the complexity and pedigree of the site.

## PINOT NOIR AND BURGUNDY

- 439 **Wayfarer, Fort Ross-Seaview 2018** ..... 210  
*Wayfarer* Vineyard is an off-the-grid organic farm at the far edge of the Sonoma Coast AVA. Originally scouted by Helen Turley, who realized the site's potential as a "grand cru" quality level vineyard, it was eventually shown to Jayson Pahlmeyer who owns it today. Dark cherry, menthol, flint, and sweet spice.
- 453 **Raen, "Home Field," Fort Ross-Seaview 2017** ..... 178  
 This is a special wine from the Mondavi brothers, Carlo and Dante. Following in their grandfather and father's footsteps, these two are making exquisite wine that can stand toe to toe with the best in the world in its category. Founded in 2013, the project is totally committed to sustainability and excellence. The wine is extremely elegant with notes of rose petal and crushed raspberry framed by damp/mossy earth tones with black cherry.
- 442 **Failla, "Occidental Ridge Vineyard," Sonoma Coast 2019** ..... 188  
 Failla is a small family run winery that was established in 1998 by Ehren Jordan and has been producing seriously complex wines ever since. This single vineyard has a reputation for showing the true Sonoma Coast.

## NEW ZEALAND

- 450 **Burn Cottage, "Moonlight Race," Central Otago 2020** ..... 110  
 Moonlight Race is named after a mountain fed stream that flows through Burn Cottage's property in the southern reaches of the South Island in New Zealand. Central Otago is the southernmost and first wine region to see the sun each morning. Uniquely allowing grapes to ripen while maintaining excellent acidity.

# SYRAH, GRENACHE, AND OTHER RHONE VARIETALS

## WASHINGTON

- 515 Reynvaan Family Vineyards, "In the Rocks," Walla Walla Valley 2019** ..... 288  
 These wines are serious. Reynvaan has achieved deeply complex and savory wines that mirror the best of the Northern Rhône and specifically in my opinion, Cornas, has to offer. Sourcing their fruit from The Rocks of Milton-Freewater AVA, they alongside a small group of like-minded producers are putting this area of the wine world firmly on Syrah lovers' radars.

## AUSTRALIA

- 501 John Duval Wines, "Entity," Barossa 2021** ..... 120  
 John Duval was the 3<sup>rd</sup> ever head winemaker at Penfold's implementing a number of their top bottlings and working with the iconic "Grange". He carries that knowledge into his family project today and we are the lucky beneficiaries of his skill.

## FRANCE

- 503 Domaine Fontaine, Corbières 2018** ..... 38  
 60% Carignan, 30% Grenache, 10% Syrah. mViolets, fresh berry and cherry, licorice, cocoa powder.
- 507 Famille Perrin, "Les Cornuds," Vinsobres 2018** ..... 45  
 Syrah & Grenache from the very north of the Côtes du Rhône appellation, where Syrah still rules. Violets/lavender, black fruits, black pepper, black licorice.
- 506 Maison Les Alexandrins, Crozes-Hermitage 2019** ..... 65  
 This is a collaboration between some of the most recognizable names in the Rhône Valley (Perrin, Jaboulet, Sorrel & Caso) who are working together to source fruit from exclusive sites and bring immense quality with the wines of Les Alexandrins. This expression of Syrah is classic in every way and ready to drink now!
- 511 Guillaume Gilles, Cornas 2018** ..... 215  
 100% Syrah per appellation law in Cornas. This wine is unbridled with intense dark fruits and granitic minerality. Gilles was mentored by the legendary Robert Michel and this wine comes from Michel's former fruit source for his most prized bottlings.
- 504 Franck Balthazar, "Chaillot," Cornas 2018** ..... 270  
 Chaillot is one of the main vineyard areas in Cornas and is renowned for quality. Balthazar is able to achieve and intensity and vigor in his wines that is truly rare. I would recommend decanting this one a couple times and watch the evolution and progression that takes place.

# SYRAH, GRENACHE, AND OTHER RHONE VARIETALS

## FRANCE

- 508     Domaine Rostaing, “Ampodium,” Côte-Rôtie, 2019..... 215**  
René Rostaing started as a part time Vigneron in 1971 and fortunately for us quickly made it his career. He married Christine Dervieux whose father Albert and uncle Marius Gentaz were both legends in Côte-Rôtie. The famed Gentaz vineyards are now under the ownership and care of Domaine Rostaing.
- 519     E. Guigal, Château d’Ampuis, Côte-Rôtie 2016..... 400**  
93% Syrah and 7% Viognier from 40-50 year old vines in both the Côte-Brune and Côte-Blonde lend their complexities to this show stopper of Northern Rhône Syrah. Spicy and savory smoked meats with a foundation of toasted oak spice and black fruits show through here.
- 517     E. Guigal, “La Mouline,” Côte-Rôtie 2012..... 675**  
89% Syrah and 11% Viognier. Guigal’s *La Mouline* is the most approachable out of the three single parcels and was the first “*La La’s*” produced in 1966. Great acidity, ripe fruit, and polished tannin. This intensely aromatic, powerful wine is a great expression of terroir. Cured Meats, small red fruit, violet flowers.
- 518     E. Guigal, “La Turque,” Côte-Rôtie 2012..... 675**  
First produced in 1985, *La Turque*, is a perfect combination of herbaceous and ripe dark fruits and is a blend of 93% Syrah and 7% Viognier. Full-bodied, rich, and intensely aromatic, this wine is a great balance of power and elegance. Blackerry, Morello Cherry
- 512     Delas, “Domaine des Tourettes,” Hermitage 2013..... 185**  
This wine is made from 100% Syrah from 2 of the most famous vineyards on the hill of Hermitage; *L’Ermit* and *Les Bessards*. Classic in every sense with black pepper, smoked meats, lush plum and granitic minerality. This is a special wine from a very special place! Both 2011 and 2012 were strong vintages in Northern Rhone.
- 510     Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2009 ..... 260**  
Beaucastel famously uses all 13 legally allowed grapes for this bottling of CDP. The result is a transformational experience with intensity and concentration of fruit the vines evolution has provided through annual weathering of the intense southerly wind “the Mistral”. The sense of place comes through with herbs de Provence, rosemary, and thyme all delicately dancing around the glass. Enjoy a glass and perhaps plant the seed for your next trip to the south of France.



# ZINFANDEL

## CALIFORNIA

- 526 Rombauer Vineyards, California 2019..... 98**  
 Rombauer just celebrated their 40th anniversary and are as committed as ever to continue the legacy established by Koerner Rombauer. Now run by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, the wines show the level of care and attention to detail the Rombauers apply to their craft. This Zinfandel is sourced from top sites in El Dorado, Amador, Lake, Napa, and Lodi counties.
- 524 Ridge, "Geyserville," Alexander Valley, Sonoma 2019 .....110**  
 The 2017 vintage of the *Geyserville* is 68% Zinfandel, 18% Carignane and 12% Petite Sirah and displays very strong pedigree through ripeness and complexity. You would expect this from the legendary property that has been producing top field blend wines since 1966 that have always found consistency with power and beautiful balance.
- 525 Bedrock Wine Co., "Evangelho Vineyard," Contra Costa County 2019..... 88**  
 Morgan Twain-Peterson is a bit of a Rockstar. His father, Joel, founded Ravenswood and grew it to become one of the most recognized wine labels in the world. Morgan started Bedrock Wine Co. in '07 and hasn't stopped his quest to find historic vineyards with old vines and nurture them back to good health. The *Evangelho* vineyard was planted in the 1890's with Zinfandel, Mataro, and Carignan leading the blend.

# MALBEC

## ARGENTINA

- 530 Alma Negra, "M Blend," Mendoza 2018**.....42  
Malbec and Bonarda. A very sinister package reminds us of the "black soul" of Mendoza: Malbec. Black cherry, strawberry, blackberry, spring flowers, smoke.
- 531 Luigi Bosca, Luján de Cujo DOC 2018**.....52  
Single-vineyard Malbec from the Luján de Cujo DOC is fairly rare. This one is also from 80-year-old vines, and its grace and structure are evident. Cherry, ripe plum, blackberry tart, pomegranate, coffee, and spice.
- 532 Tinto Negro, "Limestone Block," Mendoza 2015**.....48  
Malbec with Cabernet Franc. The small amount of Cabernet Franc blended in ups this wine's violet aromas considerably. 9 months in oak adds nuanced vanilla, and the limestone soil of the vineyards give the wine very fine tannins and a distinct mineral component. Only 500 cases were made. Violet nose, minerality, vanilla, blackberry.
- 533 Bodegas Tapiz, "Black Tears," Mendoza 2017**.....100  
Named for the inky stains Malbec leaves in the glass, this wine is made from grapes grown in a single vineyard at 4000 feet elevation. It spends 24 months in oak. This wine is full bodied with ripe fruit and intense tannins held together with firm acid. Graphite, lemon peel, cedar, vanilla, coconut, blackberry.

## FRANCE

- 534 Clos la Coutale, Cahors 2019** .....42  
80% Malbec, 20% Merlot. Cahors is a beautiful town in Southern France, that was once part of the Roman Empire, and also served as a center of commerce during the Middle Ages. Its constant has always been its wine. The inky, black grape known as Côt(Malbec) in Cahors is quite a contrast to its South American brother. Intense and rustic, yet still quite drinkable, it's a wonderful pairing for the richness of duck fat or steak frites.

# MERLOT

## CALIFORNIA

- 552 **Amuse Bouche, Napa Valley 2011** ..... 400  
 96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc. Made by the legendary winemaker Heidi Peterson Barrett (Screaming Eagle, Paradigm, Dalla Valle), this is the 10th vintage of Amuse Bouche. Built to age, but also delightfully ready to drink right now. Black raspberry, coffee, chocolate mint, smokey, herbal, floral.
- 556 **Duckhorn, Napa Valley 2019** ..... 140  
 Founded in 1976 by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn. The Duckhorn's quickly established their Merlot as one of the iconic Napa Valley wines. Winemaking is now helmed by Renée Ary who has been with the Duckhorn's since 2003 and the wine is as nuanced and complex as ever.
- 554 **Pahlmeyer, Napa Valley 2019** ..... 175  
 100% Merlot that spent 22 months in mostly new French oak barrels. This is a velvety, plush and sultry Merlot, which could last for 15 years or longer in the cellar. The color is vibrant, the fruit is ripe, the acid is fresh, and the finish is savory. Black cherry, mocha, graphite and herbs.

## WASHINGTON

- 555 **Delille Cellars, "D2," Columbia Valley 2016** ..... 98  
 Merlot dominant with Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and a small amount of Petit Verdot for the 2017 blend. Lots of spice, dry floral, and savory herb qualities mixed with sweet cassis and cherry. Medium to full-bodied, balanced and supple.

# B O R D E A U X

- 578 Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, Pauillac 2016** ..... 145  
 In the 18th century Arnaud Ducasse bought a small house next to the Gironde River. Now that house is the Château to Grand-Puy Ducasse (and a rare one! very few châteaux are found off vineyard property.) With legendary neighbors such as: Mouton Rothschild, Lafite Rothschild, Pontet Canet and Château d'Armailhac this property is located in prime Pauillac territory producing classic, elegant wines.
- 565 Château Haut-Bages Libéral, Pauillac 2016** ..... 255  
 Just a step below the First Growths, this Fifth Growth consistently out performs that classification. Smoky, charcoal, blackberry, dried flowers, pencil lead, grippy tannins.
- 583 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 2014** ..... 355  
 This iconic Fifth Growth is another that has made a name for itself by constantly outperforming that classification. Founded in 1725, this property has been embroiled in some scandal in the past but Guy Tesseron of Cognac took control in 1975 and has rejuvenated this prolific Château.
- 584 Château Talbot, Saint-Julien 2015** ..... 275  
 Classified as a Fourth Growth in 1855, this property has been family owned for over a century since 1918 by the Cordier's. With over 100 hectares of vines on the property this Château is a pillar of consistency despite vintage variation.
- 572 Château Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien 2011** ..... 295  
 Gruaud Larose was rated as a Second Growth in the 1855 Classification and is located in the commune of Saint-Julien. Established in 1725 this property continues to produce pure wines from the left bank of the Gironde.
- 579 Château Cantemerle, Macau, Haut-Médoc 2017** ..... 138  
 One of the oldest properties in Bordeaux and located in the commune of Macau just south of Margaux. Château Cantemerle has documents from the monastic community dating back to the 12th century. This charming Bordeaux has a pleasant roundness with an approachable balance of dark fruit, acid, and spice.

# B O R D E A U X

- 580    Château Poujeaux, Moulis-en-Médoc 2015 ..... 120**  
 Château Poujeaux was first established in the middle ages and has recently been given “new life” due to their latest owners – The Cuvelier family. The estate has been modernized, adopting biodynamic and organic practices giving a clear expression of terrior in Moulis-en-Médoc. Poujeaux blends are some of the finest and most sought after in Médoc. Concentrated fruit, crisp tannin, spice, leather, tobacco.
- 564    Château de la Coste, Margaux 2018..... 78**  
 Black fruit, cinnamon, sandalwood; the smoky, herbal side of merlot.
- 566    Château Picque-Caillou, Pessac-Léognan 2019..... 94**  
 Always a solid producer, this winery is a stone’s throw from Château Haut-Brion. Gravel/pavement, bittersweet cocoa, plummy fruit.
- 560    Château Latour-Martillac, Grand Cru Classé de Graves, Pessac-Léognan 2017 ..... 180**  
 One of sixteen properties to achieve Grand Cru Classé de Graves in 1959. Latour-Martillac is a bench mark producer from this storied area. This wine shows notes of classic Left Bank Bordeaux with black fruits and cassis rounded out by earth and minty tobacco.
- 570    Château Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan 2012 ..... 1250**  
 65% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc. This is the most merlot ever in a Haut Brion blend. 2012 was a challenging vintage, with First Growth producers bottling only 38-40% of their total production. Nevertheless, this is a wine for the ages, with enough raw, animal power that it could stand a few years of taming. The dense core of red and black fruit drapes so beautifully over the fine-grained tannins though, it feels almost like its time could be now.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

## A U S T R A L I A

- 617     **Two Hands, "Sexy Beast," McLaren Vale 2020** ..... 68  
Founded in 1999 by two friends, Michael Twelftree & Richard Mintz, who have made Two Hands into a perennial top performer. Cocoa dust, scorched earth, lavender, bay leaf, dark chocolate, mint.

## C H I L E

- 602     **Ventisquero, "Gray Single Block," Maipo Valley 2015** ..... 48  
Intensely fruity, with an elegant body, soft tannins and nice acidity. Consider decanting to allow the ripeness of the fruit to really express itself. Strawberry, raspberry, black pepper, tobacco.

## I T A L Y

- 731     **Mazzei "Philip," Cabernet Sauvignon, Tuscany 2019** ..... 100  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Named for an ancestor of the Mazzei family, owners of the Fonterutoli estate in Chianti for 24 generations. Filippo Mazzei was invited by Thomas Jefferson to plant a vineyard at Monticello, and wound up inspiring the Founding Father with his views on equality. The statement that "all men are created equal" was paraphrased from Fillipo's writing. Grapes for this wine come from Maremma and Chianti Classico. Dark fruits, chocolate, coffee, black cherry, balsamic, bold, exotic, ripe.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

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## SOUTH AFRICA

- 618 Stark-Conde, Stellenbosch 2019** ..... 65  
85% Cabernet, 8% Petite Verdot, 3% Cab Franc, 2% Malbec, 2% Petite Sirah. This brooding wine unfurls slowly, peeling back layers of South African terroir to reveal warm, ripe fruit. Charcoal, tobacco, plummy fruit, chocolate.

## WASHINGTON

- 614 L'Ecole No. 41, Columbia Valley 2019** ..... 72  
L'Ecole No. 41 is housed in an historic Walla Walla schoolhouse, depicted on its label. Dark fruit, earth, coffee, baking spice, floral, plum.
- 615 Pepper Bridge, Walla Walla Valley 2017** ..... 125  
Founded in 1998 by Norm and Virginia McKibben. Pepper Bridge has quickly become one of the biggest stars of the Walla Walla Valley. Savory, salty, meaty; clove, coffee, cocoa; rose brambles, black cherry; vanilla cola.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

## CALIFORNIA

- 603 Bishop's Peak by Talley Vineyards, Paso Robles 2017** .....46  
85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 3% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc. Candied apple, plum, cinnamon spice, graphite.
- 604 True Myth by the Niven Family, Paso Robles 2019** .....48  
Paso Robles is known to have the largest swing between daytime and nighttime temperatures of any California wine region, making it an ideal place to grow Cabernet. The Niven Family has farmed there for more than 4 decades. Blackberry jam, cola, exotic spices.
- 620 Corison, Napa Valley 2018** .....234  
This Napa Cabernet Sauvignon is shaped by Cathy Corison whose deft approach is one she has been mastering in this area since 1978. Rich fruit flavors of black cherry, blueberry, cassis, and blackberry.



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

## CALIFORNIA

- 611 Mount Veeder Winery, Napa Valley 2019** ..... 115  
Dark berry pie, allspice, vanilla, rosemary, bay leaf.
- 612 Frog's Leap, Estate Grown, Napa Valley 2019** ..... 164  
Frog's Leap always shows the hallmarks of classic Rutherford Cabernet with deep cassis fruit and earth. Dry farmed, even during drought years and one of our favorites. Cassis, sweet red cherry, chocolate, dust, cedar, olive, velvety tannin.
- 624 Stout Family Vineyard, Napa Valley 2017** ..... 160  
From Houston's own Guy Stout. This Cabernet is classic Napa with wild berries, dried herbs, and truffle on the nose, blend with a firm palate of cassis, dark chocolate, and cedar spice. Heavily structured tannins and acid make this a great partner for any steaks on the menu.
- 626 Mt. Brave, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley 2018** ..... 215  
Chris Carpenter formerly of Lokoya and Cardinale is crafting beautiful high elevation Cabernet from Mt. Veeder with his fruit coming from 1,800 feet above sea level. This wine remains classic Napa with firm structure yet retains graceful elegance with earth and floral nuances framing the ripe black fruits that display Port like intensity and concentration.
- 610 Heitz Cellar, Napa Valley 2018** ..... 172  
Joe Heitz founded this estate in 1961 and it has since become a benchmark wine for Napa Valley. The property is now owned by the Lawrence family whose commitment to sustainable farming is admirable. With 100% of their vineyards certified organic and moving to Biodynamic the Lawrence family is committed to continuing the Heitz legacy.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET BLENDS

- 633 **Heitz Cellar, “Martha’s Vineyard,” Napa Valley 2015** ..... 498  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The density and weight of this vintage is slightly out of character for the normally nuanced *Martha’s*. Mint, pine, eucalyptus, sweet tannins, succulent.
- 649 **Shafer, “Hillside Select,” Stags Leap District 2018**..... 520  
This iconic wine made by Doug Shafer is a legend from Napa. Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the very best sites from the Stags Leap District down to the cluster is truly a top expression from this terroir. Aged for 3 years in new French oak barrels it shows ripe black fruits with tobacco and menthol with tons of fresh tilled earth and vanilla oak spice.
- 653 **Opus One, Napa Valley 2018**..... 755  
This iconic joint venture has proven to be a wise one. Robert Mondavi and Baron Phillippe de Rothschild established Opus One in Oakville in 1979. The first few vintages the property was called Napa-Médoc until the pair landed on Opus One in 1982. This Bordeaux and Napa partnership was a game changer for Napa Valley and remains one of the world’s top wines in this style.
- 656 **Bond, “St. Eden,” Napa Valley 2017** ..... 1,460  
Started with a similar concept as Harlan Estate yet a slightly different approach to create “Grand Cru” wines from unique hillside vineyards, intending to show the land's diversity. St. Eden was established by Bond in 2001 and has iron-rich volcanic soils high in the Vaca mountains in Oakville. The wine gives itself to crushed blackberries and cassis, freshly tilled earth and savory spice tones.
- 627 **Vérité, “La Muse,” Sonoma 2010** ..... 935  
This property is the crown jewel in the Jackson Family collection. Jess Jackson is an absolute legend in the wine industry and his Vérité property in Sonoma matches that level of pedigree lead by winemaker Pierre Seillan. The *La Muse* is his ode to Pomerol highlighting the Merlot and Cabernet Franc grapes. This wine is highly complex and starting to show its true potential at 11 years of age and will continue to develop grace over time.

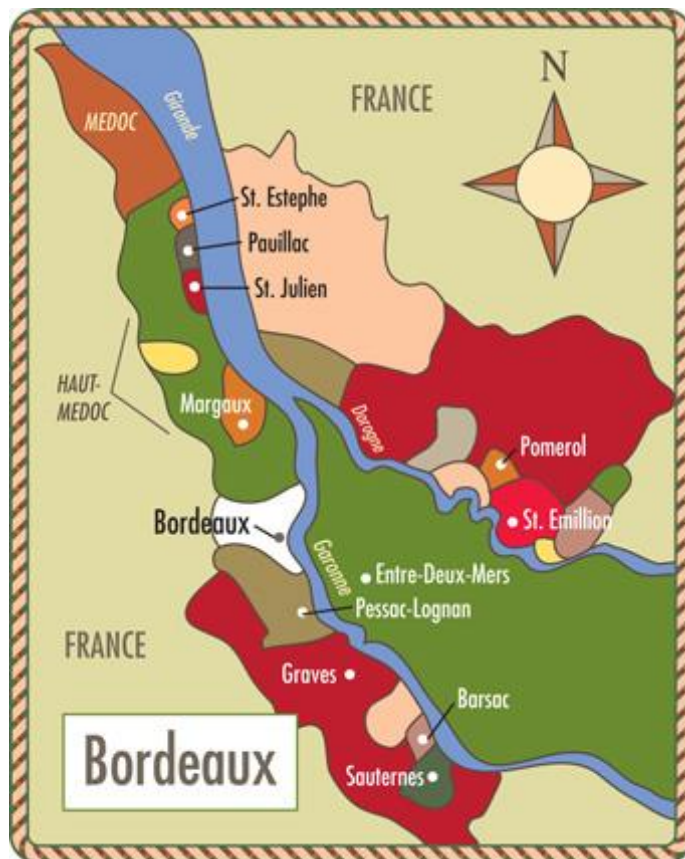
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- 652 **Trefethen, "Halo," Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley 2017** .....375  
The Trefethen family owns 600 acres of land in the Oak Knoll District and are delightful people. This is their top bottling from the finest lots of their Hillspring vineyard and is named for their children Hailey and Loren who now run the estate.
- 651 **Dalla Valle, "Maya," Napa Valley 2015** .....650  
This estate vineyard named after the bottling is a jewel in Dalla Valle's immense crown. This proprietary Bordeaux blend is aged primarily in new French oak and really shows the sites exquisite Cabernet Franc. Only 500 cases made.
- 654 **Lokoya, Howell Mountain 2016** .....800  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Only 260 cases of this wine were made. The winemaking team was patient during cooler weather conditions at harvest, and they were rewarded with this wine of great intensity, firm acid, and early drinkability. Sweet tannin, crushed stone, pencil shavings, mulberry.
- 657 **Harlan Estate, Napa Valley 2017** .....2,800  
The vision of William Harlan has always been to create a "First Growth" quality of Bordeaux style blends out of Oakville soil. Founded in the western hills with only forty acres under vine devoted to 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot. This vintage is dense with black and dark fruits, roasted apple wood, and nuances of espresso spice.
- 658 **Harlan Estate, Napa Valley 2018** .....3,000  
Harlan Estate has been producing Bordeaux style wines of "First Growth" esteem since 1990. This property in the western hills of Oakville are divided amongst forty acres planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot varieties. The 2018 expression is full bodied with ripe black fruits, ample baking spice, licorice, and savory earth tones.

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- 757 Continuum, Napa Valley 2019** .....565  
The 2016 Continuum has a dense purple robe, red highlights and a vibrant violet rim and is from the Mondavi's family estate on Pritchard Hill. With notes of black cherry, and mulberry fruit, combined with complex flavors of graphite and espresso spice.
- 781 Peter Michael, "Les Pavots," Knights Valley 2019** .....465  
The Peter Michael Winery is committed to 100% family ownership for at least 100 years. That will put this storied property firmly in the Michael's care until at least 2082. *Les Pavots* is their single vineyard at the base of their property on the western face of Mount St. Helena and is a subtle powerhouse. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 13% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot.
- 782 Paul Hobbs, "Beckstoffer to Kalon Vineyard," Oakville 2012** .....850  
The hills in Oakville act as a choke point in the air, bringing cooler nights to *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard*. The tannins obtained as a result make it one of the best vineyards in the world. 2012 was a truly exceptional vinatage in Napa Valley, and this wine does not disappoint. Blueberry, blackberry, incense, green olives, cracked pepper, charcoal.

## BORDEAUX FEATURE



It's hard to think of another major wine region in the world as impacted by vintage variation as Bordeaux's left bank. The names and Châteaux of the Haut-Médoc for many of us served as our introduction into the world of fine wine. Awe for these wines was swiftly followed by sheer confusion about the 1855 Classification, which today remains codified exactly as it was when introduced at that year's World's Fair in Paris—outside of one single adjustment made in 1973. That year, Château Mouton Rothschild was elevated from a Second Growth to a First Growth (after much persuasion and lobbying at the behest of Baron Phillippe Rothschild). This lack of change has been a constant challenge for over achieving lower classified properties. Like many other systems in life, Bordeaux's is imperfect. However, the classification has staying power, and at least allows us a starting point for navigating and discovering our preferences. We search for consistency rather than trusting in a system blindly. Below is a specially curated list of Châteaux that we feel are top performers from the first decade of the 2000s. We hope you enjoy!

## B O R D E A U X   F E A T U R E

- 585    Château Calon-Ségur, Saint-Estèphe 2001..... 590**  
 At one point the owner of Calon-Ségur also owned Lafite, Latour, and Mouton. Marquis Nicolas-Alexandre de Ségur was known as the “Prince of Vines” in his time and was not shy about expressing where his heart truly lied amongst his world-famous Châteaux. That was with his prized property and most northern Classified Cru, Calon-Ségur.
- 569    Cos d’Estournel, Saint-Estèphe 2009 ..... 825**  
 Established in 1811, Cos d’Estournel is a stones throw away from Lafite-Rothschild in Pauillac to the south. This Château is hands down the most prestigious in Saint-Estèphe and leads the pack of the famed “Super Second” Growths. 2009 was a once-in- a-lifetime vintage on the Left Bank and was clearly the vintage of the new century/decade...until the follow up powerhouse that was 2010. A long, warm summer with cool, refreshing nights resulted in voluptuous ripeness with enough high tone acid to keep the fruit in check, all rounded out by refined new French oak spice.
- 573    Cos d’ Estournel, Saint-Estèphe 2010 ..... 825**  
 The stellar 2010 vintage proved to be an embarrassment of riches for the Left Bank, as it came off of the widely lauded 2009 powerhouse. The years were similar in style, but 2010 brought a bit more brooding strength and tannic grip that still needs time to soften and really show at its best.

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- 582    Château Palmer, Margaux 2009** ..... 970  
Château Palmer is a Third Growth, but is nevertheless considered among the “Super Seconds” in its quality and consistency. This Château blends equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Petit Verdot. 2009 was a textbook “great” vintage for the Left Bank with a long, warm growing season and fall rains kept at bay.

# ITALY

## TUSCANY

- 708 Selvapiana, “Bucerchiale,” Chianti Rufina Riserva 2018** ..... 94  
The Rufina sub-zone of Chianti is known for its elegance and this single vineyard expression from the region’s top producer nails it. Ripe berry fruits, new leather, dark spice, and balsamic drive this highly complex wine from Sangiovese.
- 710 Badia a Coltibuono, Chianti Classico Riserva 2019**..... 72  
This producer always makes Chianti that is so expressive of its terroir. Firm and grippy in the finish. Iris, violets, black pepper, cherries, plums, tar, and spice.
- 711 Castello di Fonterutoli “Mix 36,” Chianti Classico 2011** ..... 175  
100% Sangiovese. A mix of 36 different sangiovese clones planted on the Fonterutoli property. Silky and refined, it spends 18 months in oak. Mature, but has the potential to age for 10 more years. Wild berry, lingering smoke, integrated tannins.
- 712 Il Poggione, Brunello di Montalcino 2017**.....150  
Tenuta Il Poggione is one of the three original producers of Brunello di Montalcino. Established in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century this property remains family owned. Ideally located north of the Orcia river valley and Mt. Amiata with some of the oldest Brunello vines in the appellation. Il Poggione continues to produce authentic Brunello wines.



## I T A L Y

## PIEDMONT

- 704 Marchesi di Barolo, “Ruvei,” Barbera d’Alba 2016**..... 45  
85% Barbera, 15% Nebbiolo. The sweetness this wine exhibits is due to the moderate acid level and the delicacy of the tannins. In short, it’s very easy drinking! Fresh, ripe fruit, well-integrated oak, and soft acidity make it perfect to pair with spicy foods.
- 714 Sandrone, Barbera d’Alba 2017** .....76  
Barbera, in the Piedmont, is the everyday drinking wine for the locals and vigneroni. However there is nothing ordinary about Sandrone’s expression of this grape from this hallowed ground. Spicier and fuller bodied than its more noble counterpart Nebbiolo, this wine can hold its own and shows classic Piedmontese terroir with dried roses and tar.
- 718 Sandrone, “Valmaggione,” Nebbiolo d’Alba 2019** .....122  
Luciano Sandrone founded his eponymous estate in 1978 in the commune of Barolo. His mastery of terroir extends further than that as we see here with the *Valmaggione* expression. The Nebbiolo for this wine comes from north of Barolo in the Roero hills. The result is a fragrant and floral expression of the Nebbiolo from this distinct winemaking region.
- 719 Azelia, Nebbiolo, Langhe 2020** ..... 70  
Luigi and Lorenzo Scavino are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the family to run this estate that is located in Castiglione Falletto in the heart of the Barolo region. This producer is still yet to be discovered as a jewel of the area and a Barolo lover’s dream.
- 702 Pelissero, “Nubiola,” Barbaresco 2016**..... 138  
Established in 1960 and still holding true to the “Langhe farmer” approach. Pelissero delivers quality and classic examples of this famed DOCG as consistently as any producer I have had the pleasure to enjoy. Elegance and rusticity tamed and woven together beautifully.
- 749 G.D. Vajra, “Albe,” Barolo 2018** .....90  
“Albe” is always an ode to the traditional Barolo as a blend of Nebbiolo from multiple high altitude vineyards. Aldo Vajra established the winery in 1972 and was an early adopter of organic farming from the start. G.D. stands for his father’s name, Giuseppe Domenico, who sent him to Barolo in 1968 to work on his grandparent’s farm after getting into some trouble in Turin. That summer planted the seed that would drive him to establish this iconic family winery.

# ITALY

## LOMBARDY

- 703 Nino Negri, "Quadrio," Valtellina Superiore 2016** ..... 45  
 90% Nebbiolo, 10% Merlot. A lesser-known region for Nebbiolo than Barolo and Barbaresco, located in Lombardy, Valtellina produces wines of extraordinary value. Roses and violets on the nose, dried mint and thyme, chewy red cherry, and raspberry.

## VENETO

- 701 Brig'Aldara, Valpolicella 2019** ..... 52  
 With ties to winemaking in the Veneto back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Brig'Aldara is recapturing the classic style of Valpolicella with drinkability and freshness. This area of the wine world has become known for concentration and intensity and there are innumerable top examples of that style to enjoy. This wine however will show you the elegance Corvina, Corvinone, and Rondinella can attain.

## UMBRIA

- 713 Tenuta Bellafonte, "Collenottolo," Sagrantino di Montefalco 2013** ..... 120  
 100% Sagrantino. Sagrantino is one of the most tannic grape in the world, yet this wine manages to remain elegant. Winner of Gambero Rosso's Tre Bicchieri award. Intense aromas of forest floor, leather and balsamic lead into ripe blackberry, spicy plum, savory herb, and big, big tannins.

# ITALY, RESERVE WINES

- 759 **Bartolo Mascarello, Dolcetto d’Alba 2019** .....258  
 Dolcetto translates to “little sweet one” and though this wine is fully dry it does carry that indicative weight and richness. This classic Piedmont grape in the hands of one of Italy’s greatest wine making families will not disappoint.
- 772 **Paolo Scavino, “Bricco Ambrogio,” Barolo 2017** .....155  
 This estate works with 19 different vineyards in the Barolo zone and makes 5 of them into single vineyard wines. *Bricco Ambrogio* is located in Roddi just north of La Morra. This expression shows ripe strawberries and fresh bramble on the nose with bright tannins and a spicy finish.
- 773 **Paolo Scavino, “Bric Del Fiasc,” Barolo 2017** .....237  
*Bric del Fiasc* in a small cru within the largert *Fiasc* vineyard located in Castiglione Falletto. This wine displays pure notes of strawberry jam and ripe plum give way to delicate rose petal and a satisfyingly dusty, leathery finish.
- 707 **Prunotto, Barolo 2016** .....160  
 100% Nebbiolo. Young and tightly wound with assertive tannins and nervous acidity. Morello cherry, alpine herbs, white pepper.
- 715 **Elio Altare, Barolo 2017** .....152  
 Elio took over the estate from his father Guiseppe in the 1970’s. After a trip to Burgundy in 1976 he returned home and radically altered the way this property approached winemaking. He is a pioneer of the modernist movement in Barolo with incorporating shorter macerations, temperature controlled rotary fermenters and aging in French barrique which caused his father to disinherit him and made massive waves in the Barolo world.
- 733 **Roccheviberti, “Bricco Boschis,” Barolo 2018** .....238  
 Located in the heart of Castiglione Falletto commune of Barolo, Bricco Boschis is one of the most recognizable names when it comes to world class Barolo. Classic notes of fresh and dried red fruits, leather and tar spice rounded out with dried rose petal aromatics.
- 756 **Massolino, “Parafada,” Barolo 2017** .....215  
 With roots dating back to 1896 in the Barolo area. The Massolino’s are an established pedigree when it comes to their Barolo wines. The cru of Parafada is located in Serralunga d’Alba which is a village known for a more rustic and powerful wine and this expression is true to that.

# ITALY, RESERVE WINES

- 716 **Elio Altare, “Arborina,” Barolo 2017**.....218  
 One of the pioneers of ‘forward-thinking’ winemaking in Barolo, these wines possess a polished finesse that is so seductive a second bottle is usually needed. The *Arborina* bottling hails from the La Morra neighborhood of Barolo – think silk and power.
- 752 **Bartolo Mascarello, Barolo 2018** .....315  
 This wine is legendary. Simply put this is the most sought after Nebbiolo in Barolo. Bartolo was a staunch traditionalist with long macerations and all aging in old botti and a believer that Barolo was best expressed through blending vineyards. His fruit comes from some of the most revered crus in Barolo but you will never see them on the label. Established in 1918 and run today by Bartolo’s daughter, Maria Teresa Mascarello. Her approach and philosophy mirror those of her father.
- 754 **Gaja, “DaGromis,” Barolo 2018** .....220  
 100% Nebbiolo. Gromis is the name of the family that farmed this land before Gaja purchased it, hence the name DaGromis, meaning “with the Gromis family.” Angelo Gaja is dedicated to making only estate-grown wines. Hints of violets and vanilla, dried herbs, licorice, and earth.
- 751 **Guisepppe Mascarello, “Monprivato,” Barolo 2017** ..... 430  
 This icon from Castiglione Falletto is one I’ve only had the pleasure to read about until now. We are very proud and humbled to offer you the opportunity to enjoy Nebbiolo from this legendary vineyard and producer whose family has produced wine from this cru since 1904.
- 762 **Oddero, “Riviera di Castiglione,” Barolo 1998**.....445  
 The Oddero’s have been making wine in Barolo since 1878 and pull on that vast knowledge of experience for all of their wines. The family is highly respected amongst their peers. This wine is really settling into a sweet spot and showing all of the classic notes of traditional Barolo with dried roses, leather, and tar with red fruits and firm tannins.
- 763 **Fontodi, “Flaccianello,” Colli Toscana Centrale 1999**.....525  
 Fontodi is located in Greve in Chianti, one of the 4 original villages of the Classico zone, and was one of the pioneers in Tuscany for 100% varietal wines. Their iconic *Flaccianello* is one example with 100% Sangiovese sourced from select vineyards and aged in new French oak barrels.

# ITALY, RESERVE WINES

- 755 Marchesi Antinori, “Guado al Tasso,” Bolgheri Superiore 2018** .....250  
55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc. The *Guado al Tasso* estate takes its name from the badgers, or “tassi,” that are seen crossing the streams on the property. In addition to wine, the estate produces sunflowers, wheat, corn and olives. This is a stunning wine from the moment you open it, even in its relative youth. Black cherry, cured meats, spice, cedar, mocha, wild herbs. Velvety!
- 732 Tenuta San Guido, “Sassicaia,” Bolgheri Sassicaia 2014** .....425  
Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. We would never tell you not to drink this wine now, if you wish. But it holds so much in store for the next few years. Sassicaia is a bit angry when it’s young, but as it matures its depth and complexity become more evident. Blackberry, cola, rosemary, almonds, ash, and dried cherries.
- 775 Le Ragnaie, Brunello di Montalcino 2016** .....170  
Located in the heart of Montalcino from some of the highest elevation vineyards in the DOCG. The Le Ragnaie property has a newly remodeled winery on the estate and the wines are magnificent. Classic Brunello with haunting depth and complexity with tart red fruits giving way to smoky, spicy, savory earth notes driven by pristine acidity on the finish.
- 776 Gaja, “Pieve Santa Restituta,” Brunello di Montalcino 2017** .....180  
100% Brunello from the iconic Gaja family. This wine is incredibly complex with earth tones of leather and tar with lifted aromatic spices.
- 777 Valdicava, Brunello di Montalcino 2008** .....475  
Martini Bramante founded this iconic estate in 1953 and became one of the founding members of the Consorzio del Vino Brunello di Montalcino. Today Valdicava is run by his grandson, Vincenzo Abbruzzese, who farms organically and tends to the Sangiovese(Brunello) planted in their prime vineyard holdings of Madonna del Piano, Pratea, and Poggio just to name a few. Traditional winemaking techniques are used with fermentation and aging taking place in large Slavonian oak botti.
- 753 Caparzo, “Vigna La Casa,” Brunello di Montalcino 2004** ..... 395  
Caparzo was among the first to produce a single “vigna” bottling in 1977 with “La Casa”. La Casa sits on the Montosoli hill on the famed galestro(schist/clay/marl) soils that is sought out for the world’s best Sangiovese. This is a wine of deep and subtle complexity.

# SPAIN

- 802 **Cellar Piñol, “Finca Morenillo,” Terra Alta 2013** .....235  
 100% Morenillo, all organic. This wine is the only 100% Morenillo produced in the world, and only 40 cases of it are produced annually. The vines, an indigenous varietal, were planted in 1945. Aged for 15 months in new French oak. A truly unique and special wine! Hoisin sauce, spicy wood, clove, cherry.
- 803 **Cellar Piñol, “Mather Teresina,” Terra Alta 2017** .....130  
 50% Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, 20% Morenillo. Vines are 50-60 years old, all organic. Wine is aged in French and American oak for 20-24 months. Only 264 cases produced. Iron, sweet graphite, cherry pie, mushroom, spice/licorice... so much going on!
- 808 **Dominio de Pingus “Flor de Pingus,” Ribera del Duero 2019**..... 245  
 Peter Sisseck founded “Pingus” in 1995 and made an instant and massive splash for Ribera del Duero wines. Flor de Pingus is the property’s second label(as in Bordeaux where Sisseck worked previously) and is 100% Tempranillo aged in a mix of new and used barrique for over a year. Ripe red and black fruits dripping with minerality framed gently by new oak spices of nutmeg and cardamom.
- 805 **Cellar Vall Llach, “Embruix,” Priorat 2014** .....80  
 Garnacha dominant but also contains Cariñena, Merlot, and Syrah in the blend. Embruix is Vall Llach’s most popular offering from 30 year old or younger vines from the famous llicorella soils that lends a distinct mineral component to these youthful and fruit forward blends.
- 812 **Clos Erasmus, Priorat 2018** .....400  
 As one of the original 5 “Clos” wines from Priorat, Clos Erasmus, splashed onto the wine world stage in the mid 90’s after Daphne Glorian established the property in 1988. With hot, dry summers, and cold, windy winters, this region is able to produce very unique and highly intense wines.

# SPAIN

- 811 **CVNE, “Viña Real,” Rioja, Reserva 2015**..... 90  
 Tempranillo, Graciano. Many flavors and aromas emerge from the over two years this wine spent in barrel. The tannins are sweet and well-integrated. Coffee, spices, candied fruit, and nuts.
- 813 **R. Lopez de Heredia, “Viña Bosconia,” Rioja, Reserva 2010** ..... 98  
 This family owned and operated estate located in the heart of Rioja country in the town of Haro has been that way since its inception in 1877. The *Bosconia* and *Tondonia* vineyards have been in the family for over a century! *Bosconia* is known for being a bit fuller bodied and earthier than *Tondonia*.
- 814 **R. Lopez de Heredia, “Viña Tondonia,” Rioja, Reserva 2009**..... 130  
 As mentioned above this family owned and operated estate has long set the benchmark for great Rioja wine. *Tondonia* is their prized single vineyard and the wines it produces are fruit driven with powerful structure making it a perfect food wine.
- 815 **Bodegas Ontañon, Rioja, Gran Reserva 2010**..... 80  
 85% Tempranillo and 15% Graciano showing lush ripeness of black and purple fruits from plum to cherry. The oak influence strongly frames these flavors rounding them out with dill and sweet chocolate.
- 816 **Bodegas Urbina, Rioja, Gran Reserva 2004**..... 128  
 90% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano and 5% Mazuelo. This wine comes from the Estate’s best fruit and spends 24 months on oak. Notes of dried red and purple flowers with baked earth and coconut/oak spice. The tannins are still quite firm and this wine still has years ahead of it.

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