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**99 Marchesi Antinori 2016 Tignanello (Toscana).** This fragrant, savory red carries aromas of underbrush, plum, blue flower, cocoa and camphor on the nose. The polished palate boasts juicy Marasca cherry, ripe blackberry, licorice, tobacco and an appealing hint of game. Silky tannins and bright acidity keep it balanced and elegant. Drink through 2036. Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$130

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**100 Terre Rouge 2016 Ascent Syrah (Sierra Foothills).** This is a grand, ageworthy wine from consistently stellar Winemaker Bill Easton. It delivers flavors of smoked plum, dry-aged beef and blueberry-blackberry compote wrapped in a velvety structure of superfine tannins and a full feel, while lighter, intricate spice elements weave through from the first whiff to the lingering finish. Best from 2026–2036. —J.G.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$90

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**96 Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin 2012 La Grande Dame Brut (Champagne).** With a slight preponderance of Pinot Noir in the blend, this wine is rich and impressive. It is still young, with a crisp edge that makes the fruit shine. Apple and citrus flavors are integrated into a mineral vein. Drink from 2022. Moët Hennessy USA. —R.V.  
**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$150

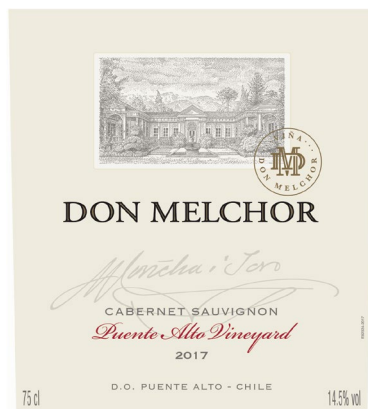
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**95 Château Carbonnieux 2017 White (Pessac-Léognan).** This wine's smooth texture is deceptive. Under this creamy guise, a taut, steely character promises long-term aging. Richness and fruitiness harmonize with complexity. Drink from 2022. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$45

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**100 Royal Tokaji 2013 Szt. Tamás Single Vineyard 6 Puttonyos Aszú First Growth (Tokaj).** Brilliant gold-flecked-amber in the glass, this Hungarian stunner hails from the Szt. Tamás Vineyard located on one of Tokaj's most iconic hills. It has aromas of wildflower honey, ripe peach, honeysuckle blossom, freshly sliced apricot and acacia flowers. It is an ethereal blend of Furmint, Harslevelű and Muscat. Silky smooth on entry, it offers enticing flavors of white peach, apricot preserves, honeycomb and acacia honey. It has beautiful heft on the palate, with balanced acidity and crisp minerality. The elegant sweetness is perfectly foiled by bracing acidity and crispness in the finish. This is how Hungarian Tokaj Aszú wine should be made. Drink through 2045. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —J.J.  
**abv:** 10% **Price:** \$135/500 ml

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**95 Viña Don Melchor 2017 Puente Alto Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Puente Alto).** A full, spicy nose is packed to the brim with smoky, toasty oak and earthy black-fruit aromas. A ripe, full and chewy palate is smooth in feel, while this classic Cabernet from Puente Alto in the Maipo Valley tastes of coffee, rich chocolate, toasty spices and blackberry. A lush, bold finish runs long, indicating that this will age well. Hold through 2040. Fetzer Vineyards. —M.S.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$120

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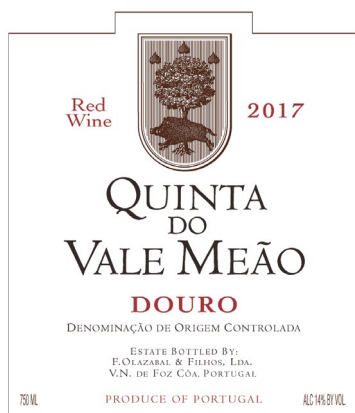
**96 Mayacamas 2018 Chardonnay (Mount Veeder).** Made from decades-old dry-farmed vines planted to the Wente clone in rocky, volcanic soils, this is a stunning wine, flinty, fleshy and expansive, with undeniable minerality. Lemon zest, meringue and pear contrast against persistent acidity and a lasting briny tone that lifts the palate further. Enjoy from 2026–2032. —V.B.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$50

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**96 Muga 2011 Prado Enea Gran Reserva (Rioja).** Earthy plum and berry aromas set up a palate with plush tannins and layers of depth. Befitting a hot year like 2011, dark berry and plum flavors are full, while this exhibits fine shape on the finish and only gets better the longer it sits. This is no doubt a delicious Rioja from one of the top wineries in Spain. Decant if drinking now. Enjoy through 2035. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. —M.S.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$95

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# 100 Quinta do Vale Meão 2017 Red (Douro).

This is the latest release from an estate that was founded in the 19th century by the legendary Dona Antónia Ferreira at a time when the upper Douro was almost inaccessible. This wine continues the line of magnificent wines created by her descendants. It is structured and dense yet poised. The rich dark fruit has melded with the tannins, although both will take much more time to fully develop. Drink 2023–2030. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$80

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# 99 Cavallotto 2016 Bricco Boschis (Barolo).

Aromas of woodland berry, underbrush, hazelnut and camphor form the nose along with a whiff of rose petal in this captivating, delicious wine. The full-bodied, structured palate is still young and primary but already shows raspberry compote, ripe Marasca cherry, star anise, tobacco and the barest hint of game. Tightly knit, noble tannins and fresh acidity provide the firm frame and impart serious aging potential. Hold for even more complexity. Drink 2026–2056. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$90

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# 97 Merry Edwards 2017 Meredith Estate Pinot Noir (Russian River Valley).

This was Edwards' first estate planting, begun in 1998. It shows incredible attention to detail and depth of site, opening with memorable floral, earthy and mineral-laden characters. Robust in structure, the dense, youthful power of the wine is robust in an intensity of plum, dark cherry and an inter-mixed swirl of vanilla and chocolate. It finishes on white pepper and will age beautifully. Enjoy from 2025–2030. —V.B.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$68

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# 98 Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona 2015 Pianrosso (Brunello di Montalcino).

Intense aromas of berry, iris, underbrush, botanical herb and camphor shape the enticing nose. Firmly structured, the taut, full-bodied palate offers juicy black cherry, raspberry, licorice and tobacco set against tightly knit, fine-grained tannins. Drink 2025–2035. Indigenous Selections. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$79

13

# 97 Julien Schaal 2019 Volcanique Rangen Grand Cru Riesling (Alsace).

Smokiness and the purest note of Amalfi lemon combine into an intriguing aroma on this wine's nose. The palate is a picture of concentrated, ripe lemon, buffered by stony austerity and channeled into the sinuous intensity. Right now, this wine brims with youthful fruit, but it also has stony depth. Drink 2025–2045. Distinctive Domaines. —A.K.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$49

14

# 100 Brovia 2016 Brea Vigna Ca' Mia (Barolo).

Rose, pine forest, wild berry, new leather and star anise are just some of the aromas you'll find in this drop-dead gorgeous wine. Firmly structured, elegant and thoroughly delicious, the radiant palate shows restraint and depth. It delivers juicy Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and tobacco against tightly knit, noble tannins, while fresh acidity keeps it impeccably balanced. It's focused and compelling, but hold for even more complexity. An absolutely stellar showing. Drink 2026–2056. Rosenthal Wine Merchant. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$106

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# 96 Palmento Costanzo 2016 Mofete Rosso (Etna).

Intensely fragrant, this radiant red has vivid aromas of Mediterranean brush, myrtle berry, wild cherry, rose and chopped mint. The linear palate boasts great mineral tension alongside flavors of juicy black cherry, blackberry, licorice, wild herbs and smoky minerals, all framed by taut, polished tannins. It's balanced, with bright acidity. Drink through 2036. Artisanal Cellars. —K.O.

abv: 13%

Price: \$29

16

# 100 Ferreira 2018 Vintage Port.

This impressively structured wine shows a perfect balance between its powerful, spicy fruits and tannins. Dense tones of dark berries and smoke are rich and flavorful, bringing the wine to a perfect conclusion. It's immensely ageworthy. Drink from 2030. Evaton, Inc. —R.V.

abv: 20%

Price: \$150

17

# 96 Gini 2016 Contrada Salvarenza Vecchie Vigne (Soave Classico).

Aromas of Spanish broom, acacia and yellow stone fruit mingle with whiffs of hazelnut in this stunning white. Elegantly structured, the radiant palate has depth and complexity thanks to volcanic soils and 100-year-old vines, delivering apricot, ripe pear and tangy mineral notes evoking oyster shell before a white-almond finish. Hold for even more complexity. Drink through 2026. de Grazia Imports, LLC. —K.O.

abv: 13%

Price: \$40

18

**97 Château Rieussec 2017 Sauternes.**

Intense and richly sweet, this wine is also balanced, with both botrytis and baked-apple acidity coming through. This essential dryness gives the wine a dense core and aging potential. A high proportion of Sémillon adds its weight at the end. Drink from 2020. Taub Family Selections. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$86

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**99 Comm. G. B. Burlotto 2016 Monvigliero (Barolo).**

Aromas of rose, red berry, dark spice, smoke and wild herb shape the nose of this structured red. Intense and loaded with finesse, the radiant, focused palate doles out ripe red cherry, cranberry, licorice, tobacco and menthol. Vibrant acidity and a mineral vein create youthful tension while firm, polished tannins lend seamless support. Drink 2024–2046. Bacchanal Wine Imports. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$100

20

**97 Dutton-Goldfield 2017 Devil's Gulch Vineyard Pinot Noir (Marin County).**

This wine pits superfocused fruit against a taut frame of fine-grained tannins and nervy acidity for excellent balance. Aromas of fresh black cherry, black tea and forest floor lead to lively rhubarb and sour cherry backed by richer nuances that emerge on the finish. Best through 2027. —J.G.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$72

21

**98 Palari 2014 Faro.**

Boasting structure, elegance and complexity, this compelling wine opens with aromas of wild berry, Mediterranean scrub, new leather and a whiff of tilled earth. Smooth and enveloping, the radiant palate shows a great depth of flavors including juicy red cherry, crushed strawberry and licorice offset by an energizing mineral tension. It's impeccably balanced, with taut, refined tannins and fresh acidity. Drink 2021–2034. Vinity Wine Company. —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$78

22

**100 Heitz 2014 Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).**

From the famous Oakville site, this aged wine spends three years in 100% new French oak, one in neutral oak and an additional year in bottle. Though it has had time to evolve, it has years to go to unfurl its core of eucalyptus, mint and cedar. It shows an

unmistakable crispness of red fruit, orange peel and stone, all honed by a grippy, generous palate. Enjoy 2024–2034. —V.B.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$275

23

**98 Kracher 2017 Nouvelle Vague Traminer Trockenbeerenauslese Nummer 2 (Burgenland).**

The heady aromatics of both fresh and candied Mandarin peel strike the nose immediately and demand a deep inhalation of that perfume. In the background there is a mellow vanilla note, lending an edge of spice. The palate adds an even mellower maple syrup and Demerara sugar sweetness while the citrus notions stay clear, pure, serene and continue to emanate their lovely perfume. Zesty freshness illuminates everything. Terlato Wines International. —A.K.

abv: 10.5%

Price: \$100/375 ml

24

**97 Alain Jaume et Fils 2016 Domaine Grand Veneur Les Origines Red (Châteauneuf-du-Pape).**

Crisp black fruit and dried lavender are restrained on the nose but gain richness and ripeness on the palate of this buoyant red. It's laden with plum and cherry flavors yet silky in mouthfeel, freshened by a crush of minerality. Firm, densely packed tannins offer a noble frame and should integrate better from 2021. This wine has vast potential for aging, likely far beyond 2030. Kysela Père et Fils. —A.I.

abv: 15%

Price: \$70

25

**96 Sol Rouge 2016 Petite Sirah (Lake County).**

Impossibly dark in color and gloriously concentrated in flavors, this full-bodied wine is impressive and utterly delicious. Earth, tobacco and blueberry crowd the aromas while dark chocolate, cassis, blackberry and cedar flood the palate. It is layered, well structured and deep, best enjoyed through 2030. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$45

26

**95 San Felice 2016 Il Grigio Gran Selezione (Chianti Classico).**

Classic varietal aromas recalling underbrush, blue flower, wild berry and crushed aromatic herb form the nose. Savory and smooth, the elegantly structured palate features juicy black cherry, cassis, dark culinary spice and tobacco alongside taut, refined tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced. Drink 2022–2036. Vision Wine & Spirits. —K.O.

abv: 13%

Price: \$50

27

**96 Domäne Wachau 2018 Ried Achleiten Riesling Smaragd (Wachau).**

A subtle but pure note of Mandarin orange rises from the glass. On the palate, a far more lemony flavor takes over, reminiscent as much of fresh, ripe Amalfi lemon peel as of candied lemon. It is pervasive and driven, filling mouth and mind with its citrus richness and allure. There is drive, concentration, ripeness and zest. The finish is long, dry and very appetizing. Drink 2025–2045. Gonzalez Byass USA. —A.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$50

28

**95 Halcón 2018 Esquisto (Yorkville Highlands).**

Arresting raspberry and rosemary aromas lead to lip-smacking, fresh crushed-berry flavors in this medium- to full-bodied wine made with an unusually high 40% of whole clusters. Its moderate tannins and good acidity lift the gorgeous fruit flavors nicely. Best from 2024. —J.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$32

29

**98 Arpepe 2009 Sassella Rocce Rosse (Valtellina Superiore).** Underbrush, camphor, forest berry and a potpourri of botanical herbs lead the way in this stunning wine. The chiseled, savory palate is loaded with finesse and intriguing tension, doling out pomegranate, blood orange, licorice and truffle while flinty mineral adds depth. Firm, refined tannins and bright acidity provide the elegant backbone. Drink through 2034. USA Wine West. —K.O.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$110

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**96 Epoch 2016 Estate Blend Red (Paso Robles Willow Creek District).** Dense in the glass, this blend of 58% Syrah, 19% Mourvèdre, 17% Grenache and 6% Tempranillo begins with intensely smoky dark fruits as well as blackberry jam, violet, wild sage and mint. The mouthfeel is full and rich, framed by smooth tannins that rise on the midpalate alongside flavors of mocha, gingerbread and black fruits. Drink through 2036. —M.K.  
**abv:** 15.6% **Price:** \$60

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**96 F X Pichler 2018 Ried Liebenberg Grüner Veltliner Smaragd (Wachau).** Dried moss, warm stone, ripe Russet pear and a gorgeous pithy citrus note spell concentration on the nose already. The palate then homes in on the zesty, concentrated core of savoriness: that salty, yeasty, zesty, peppery heart from which pulsating energy emanates. This is bold, vivid, energetic and warm. The finish rounds these notions out with its generous fruit ripeness, but there is no denying that this is bold, full and daring. Drink 2030–2045. Weygandt-Metzler. —A.K.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$53

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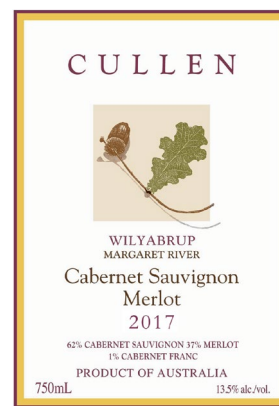


**97 J. Lohr 2016 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles).** Dense in the glass, this top-tier Cabernet Sauvignon includes small additions of Saint-Macaire, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Elegant layers of black currant, black cherry, milk chocolate and cappuccino show on the nose. An expertly chiseled structure is immediately apparent on the palate, where rich and deep yet balanced flavors of black-cherry cream and mocha latte prove luxurious. Drink through 2032. —M.K.  
**abv:** 15.1% **Price:** \$100

33

**100 Il Marroneto 2015 Madonna delle Grazie (Brunello di Montalcino).** Violet, iris, warm spice, new leather, earth and wild berry are just some of the aromas you'll find in this tantalizingly fragrant, gorgeous red. Linear and elegant, the radiant palate shows youthful tension, boasting red cherry, pomegranate, star anise, baking spice and orange zest framed in tightly wound, polished tannins and bright acidity. Drink 2025–2040. LLS–Winebow. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$300

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**95 Cullen 2017 Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot (Margaret River).** This blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Merlot is the essence of Margaret River. The cool vintage translates into an elegant perfume of cherries and currants, woven with dried herbs and flowers, tobacco leaf and briny sea spray. On the palate, the tannins are firm, fine and powdery, in harmony with the lifted acidity and pristine fruit. Drink 2022–2040. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.  
**abv:** 12.7% **Price:** \$40

35



**97 Ca' del Bosco 2010 Annamaria Clementi Dosage Zero Riserva (Franciacorta).** Drop-dead gorgeous, this radiant sparkler opens with lovely aromas of white spring flower, pastry dough and white stone fruit. Smooth and silky, the radiant palate delivers Bartlett pear, golden apple, lemon zest and minerals that lead into a bone-dry finish. Small, continuous bubbles provide the silky background while vibrant acidity lends energy and remarkable freshness. It's already fantastic but will continue to age beautifully for years. Drink through 2028. Santa Margherita USA. —K.O.  
**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$110



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**96 Henri de Villamont 2018 Sous les Puits Premier Cru (Puligny-Montrachet).** On the nose of this wine, smoky reduction carries a faint notion of walnut skin. Full of concentration, toned power and vigor, the palate holds promise of further development with all its inherent reduction. There is unquestionable power, the fruit subsumed in favor of soil, expression and depth. Drink 2025–2040. Wegmans. —A.K.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$70

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**97 Roagna 2014 Albesani (Barbaresco).** Camphor, rose and woodland berry aromas shape the nose of this structured red. The firm, full-bodied palate delivers juicy cherry, crushed raspberry and licorice alongside tight, noble tannins and vibrant acidity. It has incredible structure and a compelling purity of fruit. Give it time to fully develop. Drink 2022–2034. Polaner Selections. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$112

38

**97 August Kessler 2015 Cuvée Max Pinot Noir (Rheingau).** From nose to finish, this is such a complex, compelling Pinot Noir. Notes of raspberry, rose and freshly tilled earth on the nose carry to richly concentrated flavors of black cherry and berry. It's delicate in tannin but has a thrilling acidic lift on the finish. This is lovely already but should gain earthen complexity through 2040 and hold longer still. Vineyard Brands. —A.I.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$120

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**95 Bien Nacido Estate 2018 Chardonnay (Santa Maria Valley).** Energetic aromas of lemon peel, crushed chalk, shiso leaf, crushed oyster shells and light mint show on the sizzling nose of this bottling. The palate is fascinatingly mineral-driven, offering wet rocks and more seashells, but also waves of tangerine cream and grapefruit peel. Drink through 2038. —M.K.  
**abv:** 12.6% **Price:** \$45

40

**95 Domaine Fouassier 2018 Les Romains (Sancerre).** This beautifully rich, superbly textured wine is made from biodynamically grown Sauvignon Blanc. It has a fine tension between crispness and ripe yellow and white fruits. There is great aging potential here. So while the wine is ready, it would be a shame not to wait until 2022 for full maturity. Opici Wines. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$45

41

**97 CVNE 2016 Pagos de Viña Real (Rioja).** Ripe, earthy berry aromas include spice notes and a hint of animal while forming the passageway to a great wine. A dense palate is tightly built and pure, with layers of ripe berry, plum and oak flavors that are ideally balanced. This is an extremely generous yet impeccably crafted Tempranillo from an outstanding year; drink from 2025–2040. Arano LLC. —M.S.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$125

42

**95 Roederer Estate 2013 L'Ermitage Estate Bottled Brut Sparkling (Anderson Valley).** A panoply of subtle aromas and delicate flavors wrapped in a silky, slightly crisp texture give this medium-bodied wine a great sense of elegance. Fresh ginger, biscuits, toasted almonds

and mild cherry nuances fill the palate. Enjoy this traditional-method sparkler through 2025. —J.G.  
**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$55

43

**96 Château Léoville Barton 2017 Saint-Julien.** This boldly tannic wine has a firm structure that gives it excellent aging potential. That's because the great blackberry fruits are just as prominent, offering a ripe, juicy character that is already succulent and delicious. Drink this wine from 2024. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$80

44

**95 Colomba & Garella 2015 Pizzagueria (Lessona).** Aromas of rose petal, botanical herbs, camphor, spice and wild red berry all mingle together in this enticingly fragrant wine. Reflecting the nose, the linear, vibrant palate delivers crushed strawberry, juicy sour cherry, star anise and white pepper alongside a mineral note evoking graphite. It's balanced and loaded with finesse and tension, with bright acidity and taut, polished tannins. Give it time and you'll be rewarded with even more complexity. Drink 2022–2035. Porto Vino Italiano. —K.O.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$47

45

**95 Brittan Vineyards 2016 Basalt Block Pinot Noir (McMinnville).** A sensational value from Robert Brittan, this marries rock-laden raspberry fruit to precise and vivid acidity. The lightly applied (roughly one-quarter) new French oak puts a touch of pretty toast into the mix. Taken all in all, it's a doctoral thesis in structure, definition and terroir. Drink through 2035. —P.G.  
**abv:** 14.4% **Price:** \$48

46

**100 Philipponnat 2010 Clos des Goisses Extra Brut (Champagne).** This famed Champagne comes from one of the steepest vineyards in the whole region, facing across the Marne river. With a blend of 71% Pinot Noir and 29% Chardonnay, the densely textured wine shows great richness and a magnificent sense of place. This is a very fine wine, a monument among Champagnes, one that will age for many more years. Drink through 2030. Banville Wine Merchants. —R.V.  
**abv:** 12% **Price:** \$386

47

**94 Best's 2018 Riesling (Great Western).** Best's rugged location in the Grampian ranges of western Victoria is as far from the hot, dry desert image of Oz as it gets. Combine the region's wet, cool climate with a unique and historic winery, and the results are generally excellent. This Riesling is young and austere but promises great things for the future. A slight petrol note on the nose is quickly followed by delicate honeyed nuts, bright lemon-lime, lavender and dried green herbs. The palate is a tightrope walk of pristine acidity, slippery texture and bright fruit. Drink 2021–2030, at least. Little Peacock Imports. —C.P.

abv: 11%

Price: \$25

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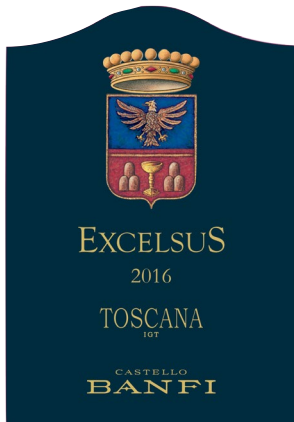


**95 Ferrari-Carano 2018 Sky High Ranch Pinot Noir (Mendocino Ridge).** This wine wraps beautiful, concentrated fruit and dark-spice flavors in a velvety texture. Focused flavors of black cherry and wild raspberry are accented with clove and cassis on the expansive palate and lingering finish. Best through 2025. —J.G.

abv: 14.4%

Price: \$52

49



**96 Banfi 2016 Excelsus (Toscana).** A blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, this red has alluring aromas of botanical herb, woodland berry, blue flower and a whiff of warm spice. Full bodied and loaded with finesse,

the smooth, delicious palate doles out juicy raspberry, black cherry jam, tobacco and licorice before a coffee-bean finish. Fresh acidity and a backbone of firm, fine-grained tannins provide balance and structure. Drink 2022–2036. Banfi Vintners. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$90

50

**95 Copain Wines 2018 Skycrest Chardonnay (Anderson Valley).** A tempting fresh-bread aroma tops this ripe, buttery and creamy-textured wine that is medium bodied and beautifully concentrated. It offers complexity of flavor, as notes of earth and mineral join in, and a rich lingering finish. Built to improve with age, it should keep gaining through at least 2028. —J.G.

abv: 13.1%

Price: \$50

51

**96 La Jota Vineyard 2016 Cabernet Franc (Howell Mountain).** This standout varietal wine is complex and lengthy in a wealth of juicy red and black fruit, with lasting accents of dried herb, sage, lavender and violet. Built to last, it should develop even more in bottle. Drink 2024–2026. —V.B.

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$85

52

**100 Giovanni Rosso 2016 Ester Canale Rosso Poderi dell'Antica Vigna Rionda (Barolo).** This textbook, dream Barolo opens with quintessential aromas of underbrush, rose petal, dried herb and forest berry while the youthfully austere, delicious palate delivers juicy Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and menthol before a tobacco finish. Noble tannins give it a firm, polished backbone while bright acidity keeps it balanced and imparts ageworthy energy. Drink 2026–2066. Vias Imports. —K.O.

abv: 14%

Price: \$450

53

**95 Schauer 2017 Ried Gaisriegl Sauvignon Blanc (Südsteiermark).** A hint of smoke and a touch of flint on the nose slowly give way to a nutty, lemony note. The palate displays smoky hazelnut, lemon, apricot and a creaminess that still has to knit together. This is not ready yet but holds all the elements of future glory. The acidity is bright and luminous, the body balanced, the fruit vibrant and the finish dry. Drink 2023–2040. The Sorting Table. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$55

54

**95 Siete Fincas 2016 Gran Secreto Malbec (Mendoza).** Complexity not saturation and extraction describes the nose, which features aromas of desert scrub, plum, raspberry and rose petals. A racy palate is composed and balanced, while this is generous with its plum, berry and peppery spice flavors. A long, composed finish confirms that this is a superb Malbec from a wet year in Argentina. Drink through 2030. Copa Fina Imports CA. —M.S.

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$56

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**94 Domaine la Garrigue 2017 Osez le Détour (Vacqueyras).** Dare to detour, advises this gorgeous, mammoth blend of Syrah and Grenache. It's initially demure on the nose, softly perfumed with tart sour cherry and peppery herb notes. The palate takes that detour, plunging into undulating waves of richly extracted preserved-plum and cassis. A hulking wine with gripping, persistent tannins, it should yield and improve through 2030. European Cellars. —A.I.

abv: 16%

Price: \$29

56

**94 Ovum 2018 Base Line Bradley Vineyard Riesling (Elkton Oregon).** This tiny AVA is noted for its cool climate, here showcased in a riper-than-usual, fruit-driven display of pear, peach, papaya and pineapple flavors. As it lengthens into the finish, it's apparent that there's much more to it than just the fruit, and it has the acidity, power and grace to age. Drink through 2035. —P.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$30

57

**94 Vignobles Brumont 2017 Château Bouscassé (Madiran).** From the home estate of Madiran's guru Alain Brumont, the wine is a rich blend of Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Still so young but with great potential, it is a ripe, black fruit and spice flavored wine, a fine summation of greatness in Madiran. The tannins are still dense and the wine needs plenty of time. Drink from 2024. Regal Wine Imports Inc. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$30

58

**94 Domaines Dominique Piron 2017 Côte du Py (Morgon).** From one of the top producers in Morgon, this bottling combines great terroir and old vines to give a wine that has so much structure. The dry core is still keeping

the fruit in check, waiting to let it burst out in blackberry glory. Let this wine age and drink from 2022. Baron Francois Ltd. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$30

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**95 Casa da Passarella 2015 Villa Oliveira Touriga Nacional (Dão).** Touriga Nacional, native to the Dão region, here reveals both its structure and fine perfumed character. Solid black fruits and rich tannins combine into a major wine that could still age further. Drink through 2027. M Imports, LLC. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$60

60

**95 Maso Martis 2016 Rosé Extra Brut (Trento).** Creamy, delicious and loaded with silky finesse as well as depth, this gorgeous sparkler opens with refined aromas reminiscent of freshly made bread dough, woodland berry, pressed rose, chamomile and baking spice. The dry, savory palate delivers juicy strawberry, pomegranate, white pepper, crushed herb and a hint of pastry cream alongside vibrant acidity. A silky, continuous perlage lends even more elegance and keeps you coming back for more. Drink through 2028. Solstars. —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$60

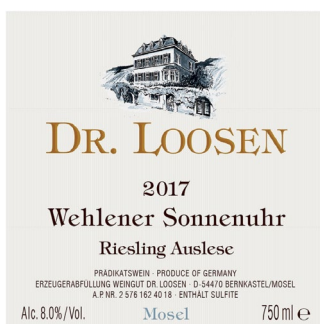
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**96 Château Troplong Mondot 2017 Saint-Émilion.** This wine is structured, with dense tannins as well as impressively ripe black fruit. Showing lifted acidity, succulent blackberry flavors and elegance, it has a good future and will be ready from 2025. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$110

62



**95 Dr. Loosen 2017 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese (Mosel).** While initially quite mineral, a bit of aeration introduces stunning, sun-drenched pineapple, mango and tangerine aromas. More tropical and honeyed than the producer's other 2017 auslesen, it penetrates deeply on the palate, augmented by zippy streaks

of acidity and a brisk cut of minerality. The finish is endless. Delicious already, but it is structured enough to improve through 2040. Loosen Bros. USA. —A.I.

abv: 8%

Price: \$64/375 ml

63

**96 Dominus 2017 Estate Bottled Red (Napa Valley).** A blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot, this classically structured red is luxurious in aromas of dried herb, cedar and clove. The palate balances rich fruit and dense oak with underlying freshness and longevity. The tannins are grippy yet seamless, and beginning to smooth out. Best from 2027–2037. —V.B.

abv: 15%

Price: \$199

64

**95 Beekeeper Cellars 2017 Montecillo Vineyard Zinfandel (Sonoma Valley).** From a volcanic site high atop the Moon Mountain region above Sonoma Valley, this impressive knockout of a wine is thick and tightly wound in its youth, yet still imparts deeply etched components of sanguine currant, dried herb and earth. Balanced and powerful, it is structured and graceful, with a juicy core of blackberry and raspberry. This will do well in the cellar; enjoy from 2027–2030. —V.B.

abv: 14.75%

Price: \$65

65

**95 Château Kirwan 2017 Margaux.** A full wine, this comes from an estate at the top of its form. The balance between tannins and blackberry fruits is just right, offering density and richness. Drink from 2024. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$65

66

**96 Château Pontet-Canet 2017 Pauillac.** The perfume intensity of this wine is remarkable. Firm yet velvety at the same time, the tannins are the prelude to the pure, opulent blackberry fruits and balanced acidity. The lines of the wine are clear and direct, a true promise for aging. Drink from 2024. —R.V.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$115

67

**95 Netzl 2017 Ried Bärnreiser Anna-Christina Red (Carnuntum).** Dark plum, chocolate and graphite on the nose still need to unfurl fully. The dense palate, filled to the brim with these flavors, is tightly wound and bound in

its firm but fine structure of drying, taut tannins. This is elegant, sinuous and serious—serious in intent, and serious in the pleasure it offers. Drink 2025–2040. KWSelection.com. —A.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$69

68

**95 Domaine Gresser 2015 Wiebelsberg Grand Cru Pinot Gris (Alsace).** On the nose of this wine, the ripeness and headiness of Williams pear notes are immediately apparent. It also offers freshness and the gorgeously open aroma of that pear suffused with lime zest. On the palate, the concentration is immense but elegant. Gentle sweetness is balanced by freshness and backed by ample fruit. The finish is balanced. Lovely now, this powerful but precise wine is certain to evolve further. Drink through 2035. Wine Symphony, Inc. —A.K.

abv: 14%

Price: \$70

69



**96 Horsepower 2017 High Contrast Vineyard Syrah (Walla Walla Valley).** The aromas explode from the glass, with notes of fire pit, potpourri, black olive, wet stone, dried porcini and stone. The palate is sumptuous, layered, elegant and intensely flavorful, showing abundant savory notes. A lingering black olive and earthy finish caps it off. Best after 2025. —S.S.

abv: 13.8%

Price: \$121

70

**95 Lavinea 2017 Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir (Eola-Amity Hills).** Among the finest examples (among dozens made) of this iconic vineyard's wines, this opens with sweet spices around rich blackberry fruit, wrapped in a swath of caramel. Further accents of thyme and tarragon add aromatic and flavor interest, as the wine penetrates through a full midpalate and into an extended finish. It's a robust, expressive mix of fruit and herb, with silky tannins. Drink through 2030. —P.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$75



71

**95** **Hickinbotham 2017 Brooks Road Shiraz (McLaren Vale).** Thanks in part to the relatively cool year, this is a wine that manages refinement, restraint and beautiful expression of place. The nose is a neatly woven basket of aromas: crushed flowers, red and blue fruit, pepper, mint and cigar box. The palate is full figured and highly textural. There's a line of powdery, spicy, ultrafine tannins and a streak of high-end oak. Set up for a long and beautiful life, drink from 2022–2045 at least. Majestic Imports. —C.P.  
abv: 14.5% Price: \$75

72

**95** **W. & J. Graham's 2018 Quinta dos Malvedos Vintage Port.** This fine Port is balanced between plenty of firm, ageworthy tannins and great fruits. The style is elegant, rich and full of jammy black fruits, always with a dry core that will allow it to age for many years. This vineyard on the Douro river is always the core of a Graham's Vintage. Drink from 2029. Premium Port Wines, Inc. —R.V.  
abv: 20% Price: \$75

73

**94** **Calluna 2017 Aux Raynauds Merlot (Chalk Hill).** Blended with 14% Cabernet Franc, this is an herbal, classically structured wine, with enduring elegance and class. Tart and tangy red fruit is lifted by underlying acidity and girded in a pushy tannic structure that is still unwinding. Enjoy 2025–2030. —V.B.  
abv: 14.2% Price: \$40

74



**95** **Bella Union 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).** Sinewy, earthy and full of spice, this well-made wine is lush and sumptuous, with firm, focused tannins and integrated oak. Black cherry, cinnamon and nutmeg meld on the structured, full-bodied palate, with a graceful hint of dark chocolate on the finish. This will do well in the cellar; enjoy 2025–2030. —V.B.  
abv: 14.5% Price: \$80

75

**96** **Château de Pommard 2017 Clos Marey-Monge Monopole (Pommard).** The wine's nose is subtle and the first whiff is of graphite and calf leather. For now, no fruit breaks through in this tightly coiled wine. The palate immediately strikes with exquisitely fine texture that sits between creaminess and silk. Very fine tannins show a creamy unity, sometimes inflected with a hint of chocolate. The red cherry fruit at the core of all this is apparent, but it just takes time to reveal itself. Freshness, concentration and exquisite texture all ensure that it will have the most gorgeous backdrop. Drink 2025–2050. Famille Carabello-Baum Inc. —A.K.  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$141

76



**96** **Bollinger 2012 La Grande Année Brut (Champagne).** Still young for a wine of this caliber, this rich Champagne has an immense future ahead of it. The freshness of the wine will mature into the rich toastiness that is such a hallmark of this brand. Oak fermentation and aging have added to the great promise of this fine wine. Drink from 2022. Vintus LLC. —R.V.  
abv: 12% Price: \$175

77

**100** **Biondi-Santi 2012 Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino).** This is the final Riserva to benefit from the late Franco Biondi Santi's masterful hand. It boasts enticing scents of rose, underbrush, red berry, new leather and crushed mint. The chiseled palate features succulent Morello cherry, pomegranate, orange zest, star anise and a hint of tobacco, all framed in taut, polished tannins. Firm acidity lends youthful tension and keeps it impeccably balanced. Drink 2024–2062. Wilson Daniels Ltd. —K.O.  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$655

78

**93** **Aveleda 2018 Solos de Granito Alvarinho (Minho).** Grown in the granite-based soil which is so common in the Vinho Verde region. This is full with white fruits, structured and textured with a firm underlying character that will allow this rich wine to age. Drink from 2021–2025. Aveleda Inc. —R.V.  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$21

79

**95** **Salcheto 2016 Vecchie Viti del Salco (Vino Nobile di Montepulciano).** New leather, forest-berry and rose aromas shape the enticing nose of this radiant red along with a balsamic whiff of camphor. The firm, elegantly structured palate features ripe Marasca cherry, black raspberry, licorice and crushed mint framed in tightly wound, fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. It's linear and still youthfully austere, with great aging potential. Drink 2023–2036. Massanois Imports. —K.O.  
abv: 14% Price: \$85

80

**96** **Leonetti Cellar 2017 Reserve (Walla Walla Valley).** Cabernet Sauvignon makes up 58% of this wine, followed by an impressive 32% Petit Verdot and 10% Malbec. The aromas pull you into the glass, with notes of dark cherry, coffee, flower, plum, graphite and bittersweet chocolate, showing a pleasing sense of complexity. The flavors are supple, textured and richly flavorful. Everything is in perfect proportion, with spot-on balance. It drinks beautifully now, with an open texture, but has the acid and tannin structure for the long haul. Best from 2030–2037. —S.S.  
abv: 14.7% Price: \$150

81

**94** **Château Malartic-Lagravière 2017 Red (Pessac-Léognan).** This ripe, structured wine is dense with tannins as well as acidity and black fruits. The weight and concentration promise well for the future, offering a richly juicy wine that will be ready to drink from 2023. —R.V.  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$50

82

**94** **Domdechant Werner 2017 Kirchenstück GG Riesling Trocken (Rheingau).** Smoke and slate mingle into pristine white peach on the nose of this steely dry Riesling. It's light bodied but creamy and voluminous, offering crisp red apple and apricot flavors catapulted by spine-tingling lime acidity. Tasted in spring 2020, it's still nervous in its youth. Hold till 2022—

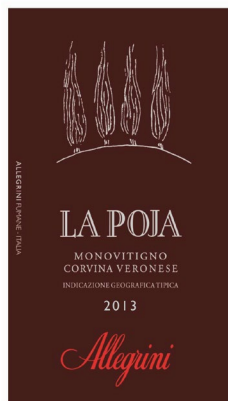


it should improve well through 2035 and hold further still. Miller Squared Inc. —A.I.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$49

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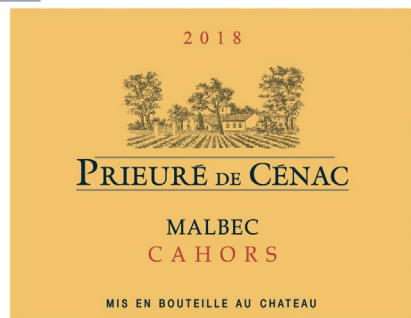
### 94 Allegrini 2013 La Poja Corvina (Veronese).

Made from 100% Corvina, this structured, velvety red opens with enticing aromas of black-skinned berry, cedar and tobacco. The full-bodied, balanced palate offers blackberry jam, Morello cherry, licorice and black pepper alongside fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Drink through 2031. LUX Wines. —K.O.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$95

84



### 93 Les Vignobles Saint-Didier Parnac 2018 Prieuré de Cénac Malbec (Cahors).

From a vineyard at one of the highest points of Cahors, this wine is impressive in both richness and mineral structure. Big tannins permeate the wine and demand time to soften. When they do, this wine will shine. Drink from 2022. Misa Imports. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$24

85

### 93 Buty 2018 Sémillon-Sauvignon-Muscadelle (Columbia Valley).

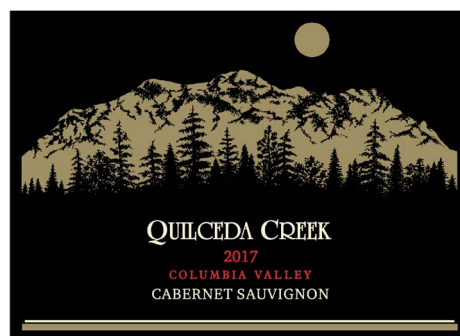
Most Bordeaux-style white wines from Washington are Sauvignon Blanc heavy. This one flips the script, along with a heavy dose of Muscadelle that a few wineries

in the state are working with. The aromas bring immediate appeal, with notes of whole orange, fig, herb and lees. A full-feeling, textured, flavorful palate follows, redolent with fig flavors. A lingering finish caps it off. It's glorious with a long life ahead of it. Hard to keep your hands off now but will be best after 2023. —S.S.

abv: 14.3%

Price: \$25

86



### 96 Quilceda Creek 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley).

This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, with fruit coming from Horse Heaven Hills sites Champoux, Lake Wallula, Palengat, and Wallula. It's aromatically brooding out of the gate, with notes of cherry meats, barrel spice and incense, not yet ready to reveal its charms. Dense, focused, layered, almost creamy-feeling fruit flavors follow. It is coiled up tightly right now but has all of the stuffing to go the distance and then some. Best from 2030–2037. —S.S.

abv: 15.2%

Price: \$200

87



### 94 Domaine Serene 2018 Evenstad Reserve Chardonnay (Dundee Hills).

This is a standout among the winery's very strong Chardonnay portfolio. It's densely packed with flavors of lemon, lime, grapefruit and pineapple, offering a posh mix of citrus set against zippy acidity. A hint of citrus peel puts a frame around the finish and sets this up for cellaring. Enjoy through 2028. —P.G.

abv: 13.6%

Price: \$65

88

### 94 René Muré 2018 V Pinot Noir (Alsace).

The cherry nose of this wine is made even more appetizing and aromatic by the rare presence of pure raspberry notes. Purity indeed is the watchword on the sinuous, slender but concentrated palate with its incisive freshness and insistent aromatics. The power of this elegant and seductive wine lies entirely in its understatement. Garguille Collection. —A.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$60

89

### 94 Betz Family 2017 La Côte Rousse Syrah (Red Mountain).

For the first time, this wine is blended with a touch of Viognier (3%). It was partially fermented in concrete, and the aromas are lifted with notes of huckleberry, raspberry, herb, orange peel, black pepper and abundant minerals. The blue-fruited palate is silky, soft and fresh, with a fine sense of acidity and tannin structure. It brings a lot of finesse as well. Best after 2024. —S.S.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$62

90

### 94 Mvemve Raats 2016 MR de Compos-tella (Stellenbosch).

Cassis, blackberry and boysenberry fruit all mingle seamlessly with spicy, herbal tones of licorice root, Maduro tobacco, lightly charred cedar and wood spice on the nose and mouth of this robust wine. The palate is plush and bold in feel, with spicy, well-structured tannins that provide ample support to the ripe black fruit tones and a lingering grip to the close. It's well balanced and all in equal measure, suggesting a wine that's built for the long haul. Drink 2024–2030. Cape Classics. —L.B.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$75

91

### 94 Guastaferrero 2014 Primum (Taurasi).

Wild berry, new leather, smoke and balsamic notes of eucalyptus shape the nose on this fragrant red. The smoky note carries over to the racy, youthfully austere palate along with Marasca cherry, pomegranate, flint and ground clove. It's ethereally elegant, with mineral tension and a backbone of firm acidity. Tight fine-grained tannins keep it balanced. Drink 2024–2034. Vinifera Imports. —K.O.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$75

92

**94** **Domaine Philippe & Vincent Jaboulet 2016 Hermitage.** Heady layers of cinnamon, toast and vanilla lend an extravagant feel to succulent black-plum and preserved cherry flavors in this wine. Matured in 50% new oak for two years, it's lavish and profoundly ripe but preserves a backbone of firm acidity throughout. Gripped by firm tannins on the finish, the wine will benefit from cellaring and drink well through 2035. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —A.I.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$80

93

**95** **Louis Jadot 2018 Clos Saint Jacques Premier Cru (Gevrey-Chambertin).** This wine opens with a subtle blend of black and Morello cherry on the nose, surrounded by a slight smokiness. Ripeness is evident in the black cherry note and also manifests itself on the juicy but firm palate. A hint of chocolate and an edge of tar back the dark intensity of the fruit that is bedded in dense, ripe tannins. It's an elegant, full-bodied wine with gorgeous aroma and a promising future. Drink 2025–2040. Kobrand. —A.K.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$230

94

**92** **Tablas Creek 2017 Esprit Blanc de Tablas (Adelaida District).** Baked pear, sea salt, yellow peach and daffodil aromas arise on the nose of this ageworthy blend of 68% Roussanne, 17% Grenache Blanc, 7% Picpoul Blanc, 4% Clairette Blanche and 4% Picardin. There's a good sizzle of acidity to the sip, where botanical flavors meet with zesty lemon-lime elements. Drink through 2028. —M.K.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$45

95

**94** **Matervini 2017 Finca Malbec (Perdriel).** Former Achaval-Ferrer principals Santiago Achával and Roberto Cipresso crafted this Malbec from a vineyard planted in 1938. It offers a dense cassis aroma alongside notes of tire rubber, raw oak, graphite and vanilla. It feels structured and juicy on the palate, with firm tannins providing grip. Flavors of cassis, spiced plum and blueberry are notably oaky but never lose their focus. Drink through 2028. La Granja Winery. —M.S.  
**abv:** 13.8% **Price:** \$90

96

**93** **MontGras 2017 Intriga Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley).** Hefty dark-fruit aromas are earthy, moderately complex and exhibit total ripeness. On the palate, this is full but fresh, with a nice balance between tannic grip and purity of fruit. Blackberry, dark cherry, oak spice and chocolate flavors are focused on a dry, firm finish. Drink through 2030. Guarachi Wine Partners. —M.S.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$40

97



**93** **Bodegas Faustino 2009 Faustino I Gran Reserva (Rioja).** Classic Rioja aromas of vanilla, spice, tobacco and dried berry fruits carry this wine. On the palate, this warm-vintage gran reserva has energy from well-stored acidity, while the flavors include cherry, plum, mocha and a plethora of spices. Chocolate and tobacco flavors along with general warmth crowd the finish. Drink through 2030. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —M.S.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$40

98

**94** **Rippon 2016 Mature Vine Lake Wanaka Pinot Noir (Central Otago).** From one of New Zealand's most celebrated wineries, located on the pristine shores of Lake Wanaka, this Pinot is made for the long haul. Brambly fruit and spice center on an earthy, spicy core. Dense, nearly impenetrable on the palate, a powerful line of taut, fine tannins cinch the fruit and spice. While just starting to show some age, this remains an austere but laser-focused wine that requires patience, but should reward in spades with time in cellar. Drink through 2035. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. —C.P.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$62

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**93** **Prospice 2017 Merlot (Walla Walla Valley).** This is one of the inaugural releases from the winery, with most of the fruit coming from Golden Ridge Vineyard. The aromas are reserved, with notes of dark chocolate, red fruit, earth and spice, not yet fully ready to reveal their charms. The palate, on the other hand, has it all—texture, layering, structure, sophistication and detail. An extended finish caps it off. It's a knee-buckler. Give it some additional time in the bottle. Best after 2024. —S.S.  
**abv:** 14.4% **Price:** \$50

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**92** **Di Giorgio Family Wines 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra).** Made by one of Coonawarra's most experienced winemakers, Peter Douglas, this sturdy, cellar-worthy wine needs some time in decanter to reveal its character now (currants, blackberries, dried flowers and a plethora of dried herbs and earthy spices) but with its finely wound, chalky tannins, purity of fruit and oak spice, this polished wine hints at great things to come, which, for the price, makes it a bargain. Drink through 2034. Grantham Distributing. —C.P.  
**abv:** 13.8% **Price:** \$29