



WINE ENTHUSIAST TOP 100 BEST BUYS 2021

Discovering a tasty bottle of wine that delivers immense bang for its measly price is nothing short of transcendent. Yet, with so many options on the market, how do you know which bottles fall within that sweet spot?

Thankfully, *Wine Enthusiast* is here to help make sure that your hard-earned dollars are well spent. Each year, we create the Top 100 Best Buys list to help guide our readers to some of the highest-quality value wines on the market today. This year, we culled from more than 1,200 wines that earned our coveted Best Buy designation for bottles that fall within a specific price-to-score ratio and cost \$15 or less.

At the top of this year's list is a widely available Washington Cabernet Sauvignon that delivers the structure, intensity and finesse. Other domestic gems include Oregon Pinot Noir, Finger Lakes Chardonnay and even a unique blend of Grüner Veltliner and Riesling from California's Central Coast.

Wines from Europe are also well represented, with selections across Italy, Spain, France, Portugal and beyond. For those who choose to soak in the full breadth the vinous world has to offer, look to more unique bottles like a Torrontés blend from Argentina or a Ribolla Gialla from Slovenia.

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91 Chateau Ste. Michelle 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley). The aromas are unmistakably Cabernet, bringing full-on notes of black currant along with dried herb and a kiss of spice. The flavors are ripe, luxurious and remarkably fruit forward, with the oak pleasantly dialed back. It shows plenty of richness in the middle. —S.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15

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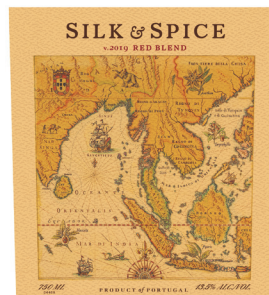
91 Four Vines 2019 Naked Chardonnay (Central Coast). This unoaked bottling carries all the tropical hallmarks of the style, starting with jasmine and guava flesh on the nose. The palate is generous in both acidity and flavor, showing pineapple, lychee, guava and stone fruit that linger into the grippy finish. —M.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$11

3



91 D'Arenberg 2017 The Stump Jump Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvèdre (McLaren Vale). Ripe, fleshy blueberries and raspberries drive this red blend without too much oak getting in the way. There's an underbelly of flowers, cinnamon and peppery spice. The tannins are typically muscular, while the fruit is juicy, silky and fresh. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$13

4



91 Sogrape 2019 Silk & Spice Red Blend (Portuguese Table Wine). This powerful, rich wine is succulently packed with black fruits. With its balance already assured between its spicy edge and silky tannins, it is ready to drink now. Evaton, Inc. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$13

5



92 Raimund Prüm 2019 Solitär Riesling Trocken (Mosel). Perfumed, sunny notes of mango, guava and honeydew lend tropical flair to this dry but intensely fruity Riesling. It's svelte and steely on the palate yet hedonistic and thirst quenching too, with a finish that's long and intently mineral. It's ready to drink now, but should hold well through 2025. Taub Family Selections. —A.I.
abv: 12% Price: \$14

6



91 Bogle 2019 Pinot Noir (California). Rich black-fruit notes fill the aromas and flavors of this saturated and full-bodied wine. Gorgeous black cherry and blueberry flavors are wrapped in fine-grained tannins for a mouth-filling effect. —J.G.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$11

7



92 Inkarrí 2019 Made with Organic Grapes Estate Bottled Malbec (Luján de Cuyo). Blueberry, cardamom and floral aromas are distinct on the nose and offer much more complexity than the average value-priced Argentine Malbec. A solidly built palate is balanced by juicy acidity, while this tastes of snappy currant and plum along with desert herbs. A fresh, popping finish lasts a while due to bright acidity. Drink through 2023. Natural Merchants, Inc. —M.S.
abv: 14% Price: \$15

8

92 L'Ecole No. 41 2019 Semillon (Columbia Valley). L'Ecole has been carrying the banner for this variety in Washington for decades. This wine has everything there is to love about the variety, with textural richness and flavor intensity along with plenty of acidity to back it up. —S.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15

9



92 Gnarly Head 2019 Merlot (Central Coast). This widely available bottling impresses on multiple levels, beginning with a ripe and rugged nose of boysenberry, cherry, leather, iodine and smoke. There's compelling texture to the sip, where smoked meat, mocha and coffee flavors sink into the deep, dark fruit. —M.K.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$12

10



90 Cigar Box 2019 Old Vine Hand Harvested Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley).

Lightly herbal blackberry and plum aromas are typical for quality Chilean Cabernet, while this feels full and fresh, with a seamless blend of pulpy fruit, tannins and acidity. Black cherry and cassis flavors are herbal and lightly chocolaty, while this finishes smooth and steady. Drink through 2023. Santa Rita USA Corporation. —M.S.

abv: 13%

Price: \$12

11

92 Greek Wine Cellars 2018 Flowers Agiorgitiko (Nemea).

Aromas of tomato, olive, dried herbs and cherry start this elegant red. On the palate, smoke, savory meats and fresh cherry flavors are both complex and easy to love. Nestor Imports. —S.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$13

12

93 Bonny Doon 2019 Le Cigare Volant Red (Central Coast).

A delicate color in the glass, this blend of 56% Grenache, 30% Cinsault, 13% Syrah and 1% Petite Sirah pops with bright raspberry, crushed rock, turned earth and lilac aromas on the nose. The palate is tense with rocky edges and yet zesty with pomegranate and strawberry flavors. —M.K.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

13



91 Kuranui 2020 Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).

A heady perfume of pineapple, lime leaf and passionfruit is backed by subtle green herb and grass notes. The juicy fruit feels cleansing on the tongue amid a slightly chalky texture. This is a tasty example of the style that put New Zealand wine on the map. Plume Ridge. —C.P.

abv: 13%

Price: \$13

14

90 Ryer Estate 2018 Red (California).

Broad, rich and mouthfilling, this full-bodied wine offers a tasty blend of ripe strawberry and raspberry flavors with stylish and light oak accents like ginger and nutmeg. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$10

15

88 Yellow Tail 2019 Pinot Noir (South Eastern Australia).

This wine offers ripe blueberry, blackberry, vanilla and licks of dried herbs and spices. The palate is thin yet ripe, with an unexpected bite of slightly astringent tannins. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —C.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$7

16

87 Firehouse Can Company NV Graham + Fisk's Wine in a Can with Bubbles White (California).

This soft, off-dry wine offers a foamy texture filled with light vanilla, coconut and almond flavors that segue to meringue on the finish. —J.G.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$4/250 ml

17

92 Gorgo 2020 Bardolino Chiaretto.

Downright delicious, this tangy rosato starts off with enticing aromas recalling black locust flower, peach and a whiff of acacia honey. The juicy palate offers strawberry compote, ripe peach and a hint of hazelnut alongside bright acidity. A sheer pleasure to drink, one bottle may not be enough. Ideal Wine and Spirits. —K.O.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$15

18



MURAL

DOC. DOURO RESERVA RED WINE. 2019

92 Quinta do Portal 2019 Mural Reserva Red (Douro).

Still young, this ripe and densely fruity wine is set for some fine aging. With its structured black fruits that are striated with minerality and cut by juicy acidity, it is dense and has a vibrant texture. Drink from 2022. M Imports, LLC. —R.V.

abv: 14%

Price: \$15

19

92 Chronic Cellars 2019 Suite Petite Sirah (Paso Robles).

A dense cassis aroma manages to be both ripe and balanced by floral undertones on the nose of this affordable offering. Hearty flavors of black currant and blueberry are spiced by caramel, vanilla and mace, providing a thorough experience. —M.K.

abv: 14%

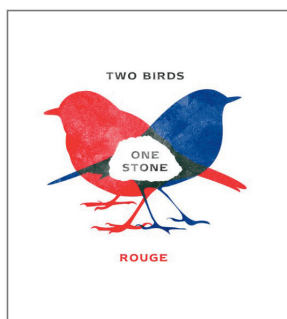
Price: \$15

20



87 San Pedro 2020 Gato Negro Sauvignon Blanc (Chile). Clean citrus and apple aromas precede a plump palate with juicy acidity. Green apple, orange and lime flavors lead to a steady, bright finish that makes this nice for everyday quaffing. Shaw-Ross International Importers. —M.S.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$5

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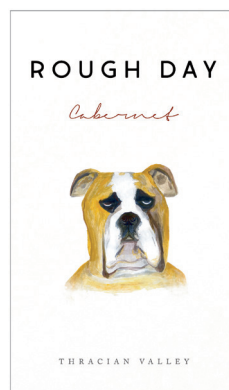


89 Two Birds One Stone 2020 Rouge (Vin de France). Aromas of blackberry, red currant, plum and a gentle peppery tingle shape the nose on this wine. Juicy flavors combine tart cranberry, goji berry and cherry, with light, subtle tannins and bouncy acidity. Wine Circle. —F.A.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$10

22

89 Amalaya 2020 Torrontés-Riesling (Salta). Fresh, inviting tropical aromas are on key and helped by the 15% Riesling in this Torrontés-based wine. A medium body is boosted by racy acidity, while lychee and citrus flavors are standard but nice. A slight oily feel shows on the finish of this highly quaffable patio white. Drink now. Folio Fine Wine Partners. —M.S.
abv: 13% Price: \$10

23



90 Rough Day 2019 Cabernet (Thracian Valley). A garnet color in the glass, this Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of vanilla, black plum and lavender. Flavors of black cherry and black raspberry unfold in the glass. The tannins are soft and well structured, with a pleasant astringency on the finish. G&B Importers. —J.J.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$12

24



90 Villa Wolf 2019 Gewürztraminer (Pfalz). Classic notes of lychee, white tea and honeysuckle extend from nose to finish in this gorgeously perfumed, fruity white. Just a lip-smacking shade off dry, it's a juicy, exuberantly fresh sip that's perfect as an aperitif or accompaniment to delicate spiced foods. It's a fantastic bang-for-your-buck find that's best enjoyed young. Loosen Bros. USA. —A.I.
abv: 12% Price: \$12

25

88 Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi NV Pinot Grigio (California). Pretty aromas of lemon blossoms and Bosc pear meet nicely structured fruit flavors in this light- to medium-bodied wine. Good acidity gives it a refreshing bite on the palate. It's an amazing bargain that gains much of its interest from small amounts of Vermentino, Colombard and Viognier blended in. —J.G.
abv: 12% Price: \$8/1.5 L

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90 Freire Lobo 2020 Vigno Branco (Dão). Dominated by creamy Encruzado, this wine is ripe and packed with white fruits. Light minerality gives the wine a fine texture with a steely edge. Drink now. Beaune Imports. —R.V.
abv: 12% Price: \$12

27



90 Bieler Family 2018 Born To Run Cabernet Sauvignon (America). A ripe plum aroma is joined by the slightest hint of creosote on the nose. The palate echoes the nose, adding blueberry and cassis notes joined by dried tobacco and allspice. There is a firm grip of tannins that holds on tight but is eventually taken over by a wash of mouthwatering acidity on the plummy finish. —F.A.
abv: 13.9% Price: \$12

28

90 Jacques Bourguignon 2020 Pinot Noir (Vin de France). Bright cherry and currant form the nose of this wine. The palate is fruit forward and packed with acidity. Red plum and blackberry are ripe and easy. Lightly powdery tannins lead to a cranberry finish. Advantage International. —F.A.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$12

29



91 Plungerhead 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Lodi). Concentrated, focused and ultra-smooth, this well-polished wine is a winner. Velvety fine-grained tannins bolster deep blackberry and black-currant flavors while light oak spices of vanilla and cinnamon accentuate its complexity. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$14

30

89 Doudet Naudin 2020 Chardonnay (Vin de France). Naval oranges and marigolds combine to form a richly scented nose. The flavors include mandarin and apricot, with some zesty lime-juice acidity squeezed on the end. The rounded flavors lead to a dry, tugging finish. Fine Terroir Selections. —F.A.

abv: 13%

Price: \$10

31



90 McManis 2020 Estate Grown Certified Sustainable Viognier (River Junction).

Rich, aromatic and somewhat sweet, this full-bodied, luxurious and ripe-tasting wine pours out coconut, fig, vanilla and honeysuckle flavors that coat the palate and linger on the finish. —J.G.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$12

32



91 Domaine Bousquet 2020 Cameleon Made with Organic Grapes Malbec (Tupungato).

Dark plum and blackberry aromas are ripe and inviting, while this organic Malbec is generous and chewy in feel but elevated by well-integrated acidity. Blackberry, black plum and cassis flavors come with savory, saucy notes, while this is steady on a finish that's deep and smooth. WISD LLC. —M.S.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$15

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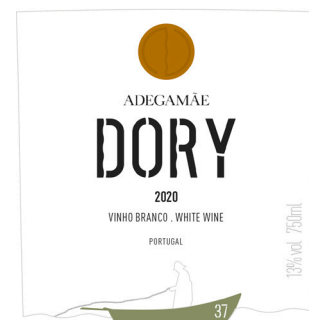
91 Louis Jadot 2019 Beaujolais-Villages.

This dense and fruity wine was made by a Burgundy negociant. Rich cherry fruits show balance against the dry tannins. Drink this ripe wine now. Kobrand. —R.V.

abv: 13%

Price: \$14

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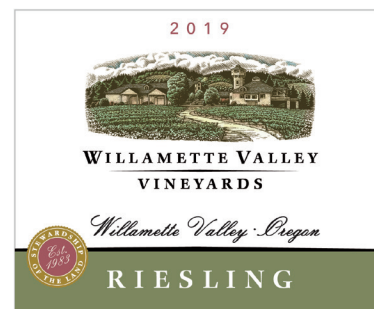
89 Adegamãe 2020 Dory White (Lisboa).

Viosinho gives this wine an attractive perfumed character. With top white-wine consultant Anselmo Mendes involved, the wine shows good balance and a fresh edge that is irresistible, along with a bright lemon aftertaste. Drink now. Aidil Wines/Old World Import. —R.V.

abv: 13%

Price: \$10

35



91 Willamette Valley Vineyards 2019 Riesling (Willamette Valley).

Honeysuckle, juicy apple and a touch of white peach all come through in a round and smooth wine with instant appeal. The finish remains bright and tangy. The back label indicates this is medium sweet, but it is so perfectly balanced between sugar and acid that it seems just barely off dry and could well accompany a spicy Thai noodle dish or other peppery entrée. —P.G.

abv: 9%

Price: \$14

36

89 Domaine Guillaman 2020 Colombard-Sauvignon Blanc (Côtes de Gascogne).

Currently run by the sixth generation, this estate brings out the natural freshness of the region's climate. In this attractive wine, bright white and yellow fruits harmonize with the lively acidity. Drink now. Calvert Woodley Fine Wines & Spirits. —R.V.

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$10

37



90 Sterling 2019 Vintner's Collection Chardonnay (California).

A generous Bartlett pear aroma and quite ripe flavors of pear and banana are accented by butter and vanilla notes in this full-bodied, well-balanced and smooth-textured wine. It's one of many great values in Sterling's current Vintner's Collection line. —J.G.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$12

38

91 Villa di Corlo 2019 Primevo (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Dry and tangy, this sparkler has aromas of violet, red berry, grapefruit and a whiff of baking spice. Reflecting the nose, the savory, quenching palate doles out juicy sour cherry, strawberry and white pepper, alongside a foamy mousse and crisp acidity. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 11% Price: \$15

39

89 Pacific Rim 2020 Sweet Riesling (Columbia Valley). The aromas are bright, with notes of freshly cut apple and white peach. Sweet but well-balanced fruit flavors follow, with Nestea Lemon Iced Tea notes on the finish. —S.S.
abv: 7% Price: \$11

40

91 Zacharias 2019 Assyrtiko (Peloponnese). A nose of citrus, powder and salt starts this pale white from Greece. On the palate, it's viscous but tart, with juicy citrus fruit and a mineral backbone. It shows elegance with a tasty sea-salt finish. Stellar Importing Company, LLC. —S.K.
abv: 14% Price: \$15

41

89 Castello di Gabbiano 2017 Cavaliere d'Oro (Chianti Classico). Aromas of black-skinned berry, violet and Mediterranean brush lead the nose on this 90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot and 5% Colorino blend. The savory palate offers dried black cherry, star anise and ground pepper alongside smooth tannins. Drink through 2025. Treasury Wine Estates. —K.O.
abv: 14% Price: \$11

42



91 Oak Ridge 2019 Ancient Vine Estate Grown Zinfandel (Lodi). Smooth, supple and concentrated, this lavishly fruity and jammy wine coats the palate with blackberry syrup, maple and boysenberry flavors. It's velvety and viscous, and might best be appreciated after dinner. —J.G.
abv: 14% Price: \$15

43



91 Underground Wine Project 2020 And Why Am I Mr Pink Rosé (Columbia Valley). There's just a tinge of color to this wine, so little that some might mistake it for a white wine. The aromas offer pleasing notes of strawberry and rhubarb alongside a whiff of bubblegum. The palate is bone-dry and richly flavored, with a blast of puckering acidity tying it all together. —S.S.
abv: 12.7% Price: \$15

44



91 Malvira' 2020 Roero Arneis. Made with organically grown grapes, this has delicate, enticing aromas reminiscent of ripe white stone fruit, crushed mint, pineapple and freshly made bread dough. On the linear, savory palate, notes of bitter almond and ginger accent a core of Bartlett pear and lemon drop before a tangy mineral close. Indigenous Selections. —K.O.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

45

91 Tatomer 2019 Hinter der Mauer White (Central Coast). This unique, twist-top blend of 80% Grüner Veltliner and 20% Riesling is Graham Tatomer's white table wine, and it begins with aromas of dried lime peels and rocky seashore. The palate also shows dried lime and orange peels, as well as unique flashes of white pepper and thyme. —M.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

46

91 Quinta da Alorna 2017 Reserva Touriga Nacional-Cabernet Sauvignon (Tejo). Produced from a selection of fruit, this rich, wood-aged wine is densely textured. Its firm black fruits are maturing well, moving from pure fruitiness to spice and perfumes. This is a fine, ageworthy wine that will be ready from 2021. American B.D. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15

47

90 Pratsch 2019 Grüner Veltliner (Niederösterreich). Ripe pear on the nose comes with touches of honey and yeast. The palate is easy, dry, vivid and savory, with lifted notions of pear and lemon. The finish is vivid and fresh. Winesellers, Ltd. —A.K.
abv: 12% Price: \$13

48

90 Barossa Valley Estate 2018 G-S-M (Barossa Valley). This cherry-hued blend is fresh and modern. Despite some jammy characters, the strawberry and pomegranate fruits are bright and appealing, underpinned by floral and more meaty, savory spice tones. The juicy, silky fruit continues on the medium-weight palate, held in place by talc-like tannins. Chill down slightly and drink with barbecue fare on a warm day. Delegat USA, Inc. —C.P.
abv: 14% Price: \$13

49



90 J. Lohr 2020 Flume Crossing Sauvignon Blanc (Arroyo Seco). This widely available Sauvignon Blanc delivers all that's needed for a crisp sip, starting with aromas of pear, peach, green pepper and grass. The palate amplifies the grass notes, leading to white pepper, crushed stone and apricot flavors. —M.K.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$14

50

90 Domaine Labouré-Gontard NV Brut (Crémant de Bourgogne). Cream, yeast and lemon form a perfect trinity on this wine's vivid nose. The fresh palate is lively with bubbles, rounded with breadly yeastiness and comes with a gentle texture. It is dry, appetizing and refreshing on the finish. Boisset Collection. —A.K.
abv: 12% Price: \$14

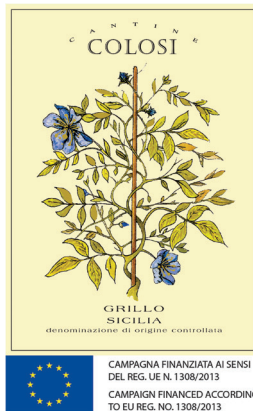
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89 Wirra Wirra 2019 Scrubby Rise Shiraz (McLaren Vale). Wirra Wirra's workhorse wine is a touch reductive when first poured, but it soon reveals typical South Aussie Shiraz notes of plump plum, ground pepper, chocolate, mint and licorice. It's full-bodied, with dusty tannins and a baked earth character amid the plushness of the fruit and peppery spice. Negotiants USA—Winebow. —C.P.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$12

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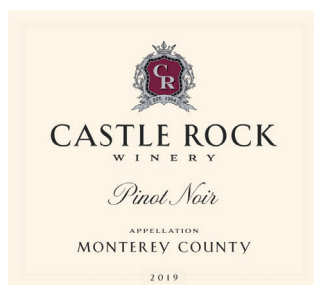
90 Wine by Joe 2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley). A pretty rose-copper hue, this appealing rosé mixes scents of orange blossom and lemon oil, and it opens into a fairly broad palate with tart strawberry as its anchor. Threads of citrus and stone run through it, with herbal accents as well. It's well-balanced and shows interesting nuances on through a lingering finish. —P.G.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$14

53



90 Colosi 2020 Acacia Grillo (Sicilia). Certified vegan, this bright, savory white offers aromas of lime, white spring flower and Mediterranean herb. On the refreshing, tangy palate, crisp acidity accompanies juicy pink grapefruit, orange zest and peach before a salty finish. Vias Imports. —K.O.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

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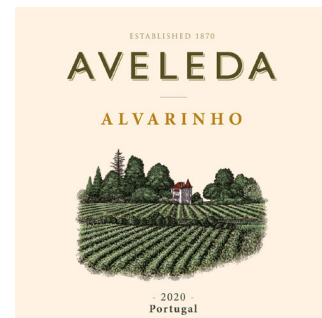


90 Castle Rock 2019 Pinot Noir (Monterey County). There's a hefty amount of raw meat funk on the nose of this bottling, which also exhibits aromas of baked cherry, star anise and cardamom. Toasted oak flavors lead the palate through the roasted cherry, dried meat and hickory spice flavors. —M.K.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$14

55

90 Château Guiot 2020 Rosé (Costières de Nîmes). Elegant strikes of graphite and basalt lend freshness to this brightly berried, cherried blend of Grenache and Syrah. Plump on the palate but dry in style, it's a mouthwatering, fresh-fruited rosé ideal for poolside quaffing. Misa Imports. —A.I.
abv: 14.1% Price: \$14

56



90 Aveleda 2020 Alvarinho (Minho). Alvarinho at its ripe and creamy best, this is bright with apple fruits that give the wine freshness. The mineral texture adds a touch of steeliness and complexity to a white that is very ready to drink. Aveleda Inc. —R.V.
abv: 12% Price: \$14

57

90 Sierra Cantabria 2020 Rosado (Rioja). More white than pink, this traditional blend of 55% white Viura with red Garnacha and Tempranillo smells flowery and lightly honeyed, with minerally notes. A medium-bodied palate delivers modest heft alongside flavors of waxy apple and citrus. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. —M.S.
abv: 13% Price: \$14

58

89 Giesen 2020 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough). Once the reductive onion and seashell aromas blow off, the pungency of this quintessential Marlborough Sauvignon remains. The wine also offers citrus and tropical fruit along with more vegetal ones like shelled peas and tomato leaf. The palate shows a lovely balance of freshness and textural weight. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits. —C.P.
abv: 13% Price: \$14

59

90 Doña Paula 2018 Estate Black Edition Red (Luján de Cuyo). Aromas of wild brush, black olive, rubber and wild blackberry comprise the nose. This Malbec-led blend feels lively and fresh, with blackberry, cassis and lightly toasted flavors. A steady finish offers no significant changes as it fades with ease. Prestige Beverage Group. —M.S.
abv: 14.1% Price: \$14

60



90 Marqués de la Concordia 2018 Lagunilla Crianza (Rioja). This crianza feels flush while displaying agility. Earthy berry and cherry aromas are spicy and show a note of tobacco. Flavors of dark plum and berry fruits are backed by a hint of café mocha. The wine keeps its form across a dry and steady finish. United Cellars, Inc. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% Price: \$14

61

88 Monte Antico 2016 Toscana. Made with Sangiovese and drops of Cabernet and Merlot, this has aromas of dark-skinned fruit, underbrush and baking spice. The medium-bodied palate shows ripe black plum, tangerine zest and sage alongside smooth tannins. Empson USA Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 13% Price: \$10

62

90 Underwood 2019 Pinot Noir (Oregon). Grapes for this humble Pinot are sourced from all over the state. Such diversity is unheard of in a budget wine, as is aging in 15% new French oak, also part of the process. Pretty cherry and brambly blackberry fruit shines most of all, with an elegant transparency. It's a light and almost delicate wine, but offers sensational value and plenty of flavor. —P.G.
abv: 13% Price: \$14

63

89 Château Bois Malot 2020 Bordeaux Blanc. Softly textured, this smooth wine offers flavors of creamed apple and citrus. Its bright fruitiness makes it an enjoyable pour. Drink now. Main Street Wine Imports. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$12

64

89 Cantina Frentana 2020 Vallevó Costa dei Trabocchi Rosato (Terre di Chieti). Made predominately from Montepulciano, this rosato offers a cohesive mix of lemon blossom, apricot and white grapefruit. There's a gentle creaminess on the medium-bodied palate, with a blend of ripe and tart fruit that's perked up by a brisk stony note. This would be a welcome pour alongside grilled vegetables or seafood. Wine Emporium. —A.P.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$12

65

88 Viña Casablanca 2020 Céfiro Cool Reserve Pinot Noir (Casablanca Valley). Cherry and candied berry aromas form the opening, while this everyday Pinot from a hot year displays rubbery tannins on an otherwise sound palate. Cassis and plum flavors finish with commendable freshness, with hints of natural spice as well as oak spice. Carolina Wine Brands USA. —M.S.
abv: 12.5% Price: \$10

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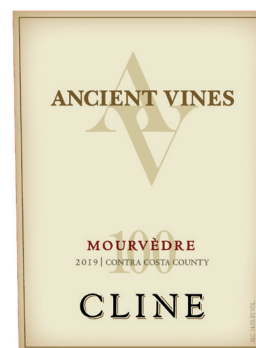
90 Famille Lançon 2018 La Solitude Red (Côte du Rhône). Delicate whiffs of singed anise and peppercorns accent bright red-plum and black-cherry flavors in this easy-drinking but refined red. A freshly concentrated blend of 50% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, it's a juicy wine edged by fine-grained, pleasantly charry tannins and lingering hints of bramble and black currant. Best now—2024. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —A.I.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$15

67



90 Ruggeri 2020 Argeo Rosé (Prosecco). This light-hearted, savory sparkler has delicate, inviting aromas of green apple, red berry and tropical fruit. Dry and crisp, the delightful palate offers crushed pomegranate, pear and citrus alongside tangy acidity and a foaming mousse. WinesU. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% Price: \$15

68



90 Cline 2019 Ancient Vines Mourvèdre (Contra Costa County). Quite ripe and packed with black-fruit flavors, this full-bodied, smooth wine also adds notes of chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon for extra complexity. It's mouth-filling and luxurious in texture. —J.G.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$15

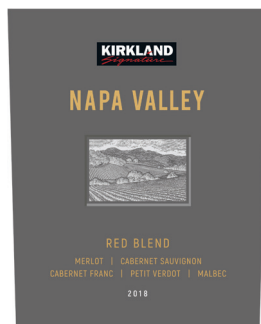
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89 St. Urbans-Hof 2019 Nik Weis Urban Riesling (Mosel). Notes of pine frond and mint lend a cooling, vital freshness to this feather-light Riesling. Off dry in style, it's a pristine, lemony sip that finishes long on a delicately earthen tone. Best now—2023. HB Wine Merchants. —A.I.
abv: 10.5% Price: \$13

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90 SoDo 2019 Wingman G-S-M (Columbia Valley). This wine is over half Grenache, with the rest Mourvèdre and Syrah. The aromas offer notes of dark raspberry, black pepper, plum and herbs. It's a rich mouthful of a wine, redolent with dark fruit flavors and spice, with light smoke and coffee notes on the finish. —S.S.
abv: 13.7% Price: \$15

71



88 Kirkland Signature 2018 Red Blend (Napa Valley). This is a brawny and earthy blend of 47% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec. Together, they offer a seamless core of oak and blue fruit in a serviceable, affordable package. —V.B.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$11

72

90 Delas Frères 2019 Saint-Esprit White (Côtes du Rhône). Whispers of cashew and crushed stone accent lemon and white-peach flavors in this dry, full-bodied blend of Grenache, Clairette, Bourboulenc and Viognier. Unoaked in style, it's a juicy, fruity white that finishes with a chalky mineral cling. Best enjoyed now–2024. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. —A.I.
abv: 14% Price: \$15

73



87 Broadbent NV Vinho Verde. The freshly sliced apple fruitiness combined with citrus acidity give this fruity wine an attractive, lively character. It is tangy, crisp and ready to drink. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —R.V.
abv: 9% Price: \$10

74

90 Bodegas Riojanas 2017 Monte Real Cuvée Crianza (Rioja). Sunbaked berry and prune aromas are ripe but sound, with a vanilla oak backing. A full palate with muscular tannins reflects a hot and dry vintage, while oaky spice and cocoa flavors dress up core black-fruit flavors. Warmth and ripeness are draped all over this value Rioja. Drink through 2022. Bodegas Riojanas. —M.S.
abv: 14% Price: \$15

75

89 Umani Ronchi 2019 Podere (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo). This tasty red begins with intense aromas of blood orange, juiced red cherry, tobacco and thyme. There's ample concentration to these tones on the medium-bodied palate, with fresh acidity and soothing tannins framing it all. This is a solid weekday red to enjoy solo or alongside pizza, pasta and other casual fare. Vineyard Brands. —A.P.
abv: 13% Price: \$13

76



90 Vignobles Ravel 2020 Château Montaud Rosé (Côte de Provence). Bright fruit and tangy acidity are hallmarks of this crisply textured wine. Freshness and acidity make the wine ready to drink. It comes in a skittle-shaped bottle, traditional but rare to see now. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

77



90 Highlands 41 2019 Black Granite Red (Paso Robles). Big, booming aromas of black cherry, vanilla, caramel, cappuccino and dark soil show on the nose of this ripe, powerful blend. Black cherry and blackberry jam are rich on the palate but also comforting. This is sure to satisfy those seeking robust flavors. —M.K.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$15

78

90 Foris 2020 Pinot Gris (Rogue Valley). Bright and fresh flavors of Bartlett pears are at the core of this elegant effort alongside accents of arugula and cucumber. It's a stylish and refreshing wine, with a fine balance of fruit and acid. —P.G.
abv: 13.4% Price: \$15

79



90 Ryder Estate 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé (Central Coast). Ground up gravel and soil aromas meet with berry fruits on the earthy nose of this bottling. It's somewhat smoky on the palate, where strawberry, sea salt and light oak flavors make for a savory style. —M.K.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

80

90 Château La Rose du Pin 2019 Red (Bordeaux). Light stalkiness from the black-currant flavors of this young wine promise well for the future. With ripeness and a good balance of acidity and texture, this attractive wine is likely to be ready from 2022. Multiple U.S. importers. —R.V.
abv: 13% Price: \$15

81

90 Wagner 2020 Dry Estate Bottled Riesling (Finger Lakes). Bright lemony fruit mixes with lime zest and white blossoms in this zesty, dry Riesling. It offers vibrancy and lift thanks to juicy acidity, with a crushed stone note trailing off on the finish. —A.P.

abv: 12.8%

Price: \$15

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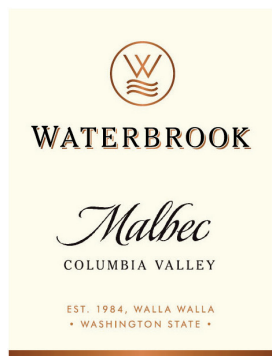


90 Grounded Wine Co. 2020 Space Age Rosé (Central Coast). A lovely shade of pink, this rosé booms on the nose with strawberry and raspberry-sorbet aromas that are cut by a citrusy edge. The acidity is bold on the palate, slicing through the ripe stone-fruit and cherry flavors, as tangerine pith provides a counterpoint. —M.K.

abv: 13%

Price: \$15

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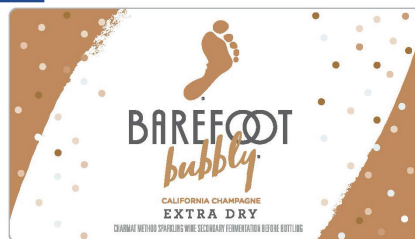


90 Waterbrook 2019 Malbec (Columbia Valley). This wine announces itself as Malbec. Aromas of whole orange, plum and spice are followed by plush, elegant purple fruit flavors that show pleasing balance and finish well. It's a textbook example of the variety at a great price. —S.S.

abv: 13.44%

Price: \$15

84



87 Barefoot Bubbly NV Extra Dry (California).

This light, smooth and somewhat sweet bubbly offers crisp apple aromas, a fine bead of carbonation and relatively soft, fruity flavors that fill the palate. —J.G.

abv: 10.5%

Price: \$10

85



90 Ego Bodegas 2019 Goru Verde Made with Organically Grown Grapes Monastrell (Jumilla).

Spicy plum and berry aromas come with a level of roasted wildness that's familiar to well-made Monastrell from Jumilla. This is tight and well structured, especially for the variety. Roasted, savory black plum and blackberry flavors finish smooth and easy. Drink now. Tri-Vin Imports. —M.S.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$15

86

89 Cantina di Venosa 2018 Bali (Aglianico del Vulture).

There's good concentration to the aromas of bramble berry, wild cherry, violet and hibiscus, offering an enticing mix of fruit and earth elements. The medium-bodied palate is juicy in tart cherry and blackberry flavors, with pretty floral accents on the sides. The tannins are resolved yet supportive while bright acidity and a tangy mineral note push everything along. Bacchanal Wine Imports. —A.P.

abv: 14%

Price: \$14

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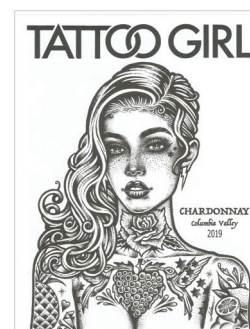
90 Matchbook 2019 Red Gravel Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon (Dunnigan Hills).

This full-bodied and moderately tannic wine is well-packed with ripe blackberries and blueberries on a velvety, mouthcoating texture. Good concentration and ripeness bring a warm, rich impression to the palate. —J.G.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$15

88



89 Tattoo Girl 2019 Chardonnay (Columbia Valley).

Aromas of yellow apple and pear are followed by medium-bodied flavors. Apple skin notes linger on the finish. It has a pleasing juiciness, with no oak in sight. There's a lot of quality and value to be had. —S.S.

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$13

89



89 Fox Run 2019 Doyle Family Chardonnay (Seneca Lake).

Bright aromas of orange blossom and lily grace the nose of this Chardonnay that's blended with a tiny amount of Traminette. The palate is ripe and juicy in flavors of pineapple and peach, cinched up by a pleasing textural grip and bright acidity. This is a solid buy for those looking for a fruity yet balanced medium-bodied white. —A.P.

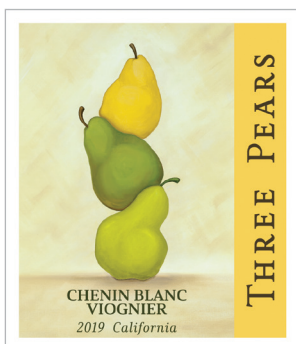
abv: 12.9%

Price: \$13

90

88 **Château les Croisilles 2020 Croizillon Malbec (Cahors).** Produced in a style that brings out the fruit, this blackberry and currant-flavored wine bursts with brightness and a lively texture. With soft tannins and plenty of acidity, the wine is ready to drink. Garber and Co. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$11

91



89 **Three Pears 2019 Chenin Blanc-Viognier (California).** Light-bodied, crisp and fruity, this refreshing wine has a racy, lean texture and tempting Pippin apple, lemon and kiwi flavors. —J.G.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$14

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87 **Stemmari 2019 Estate Grown Sustainably Farmed Nero d'Avola (Sicilia).** Bright and juicy, this easygoing red has aromas of black-skinned berry, carob and a hint of baking spice. The aromas follow over to the soft, accessible palate alongside pliant tannins. Drink now. Prestige Wine Imports Corp. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$11

93

88 **Villa Brici 2019 Ribolla Gialla (Primorska).** This white offers aromas of freshly picked mushrooms and gooseberry. On the palate, there is a pleasant fruit ripeness, with flavors of peach and canned apricot. Laureate Imports. —J.J.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

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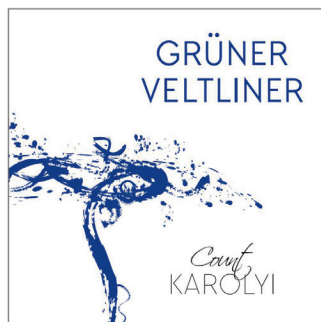
87 **Schlink Haus 2020 Riesling Spätlese (Nahe).** Soapy floral tones perfume flavors of preserved peach and white grapefruit in this vibrantly fresh, fruity Spätlese. Medium-sweet and forward in style, it's a juicy white wine backed by squirts of tangerine acidity. Best consumed young. Wein Bauer Inc. —A.I.
abv: 8% **Price:** \$12

95



87 **Oak Grove 2019 Family Reserve Winemaker's Red (California).** This rich and full-bodied blend based on Cabernet Sauvignon is packed with blackberry, chocolate and blueberry flavors on a smooth texture. It's light in tannins and easy on the palate. —J.G.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$9

96



88 **Count Karolyi 2019 Grüner Veltliner (Pannon).** This Hungarian Grüner Veltliner offers aromas of lemon rind, apricot and fresh peach. It has balanced acidity on the palate, with flavors of peach and lemon pith. The finish is pleasantly bright. Quintessential Wines. —J.J.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$12

97



88 **Concha y Toro 2019 Casillero del Diablo Reserva Carmenere (Central Valley).** Spicy, minty green notes are a big part of this Carmenere's blackberry and black plum aromas. A full and solid palate is round and generous. Mint and blackberry flavors blend with peppery notes that spice up the finish. Fetzer Vineyards. —M.S.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

98

88 **Golan Heights Winery 2019 Mount Hermon Red (Galilee).** Black cherry to the eye, this wine features a bouquet of raspberry and Red Delicious apple peel. It is easy on the palate, with soft tannins, flavors of cherry, blackberry, vanilla and clove and a note of orange peel on the finish. Kosher. Yarden Wines, Inc. —M.D.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$13

99

87 **Legado del Moncayo 2019 Garnacha (Campo de Borja).** This wine opens with black plum, currant and cherry aromas that lead to a lively palate. Plum and wild berry flavors are fruity, with a touch of cocoa. It finishes with juicy acidity keeping things fresh. Grapes of Spain. —M.S.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$12

100

86 **Sun Garden 2018 Sweet Red Dornfelder (Rheinhessen).** Flavors of red cherry, menthol and preserved plum are accented by a hint of burnt caramel in this luscious sweet-style Dornfelder. Plush in texture and edged by very soft, feathery tannins, it's an easy-drinking, welcoming red best consumed young. Scoperta Importing Co. Inc. —A.I.
abv: 9.5% **Price:** \$11