

#1

Poggio di Sotto 2018 (Brunello di Montalcino).

— 95pts, D.C.

The nose is metallic, earthy and stony, with cherry undertones providing levity. Cherries take a star turn on the palate, with strawberries and raspberries playing crucial supporting roles, while a tension between astringent orange and creamy mocha emerges on the lengthy finish. Robust tannins and fiery acidity prove ageworthy. Drink 2028–2033 or beyond. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$280

#2

Vega Sicilia 2012 Unico (Ribera del Duero).

— 97pts, M.D.

Milk chocolate, butterscotch and black cherry dominate the nose on this deep violet-colored wine. Rich flavors of black plum, black cherry, chocolate-covered espresso bean and lavender are nestled into a framework of deep-set tannins that drop off into a spice-filled finish. Drink now–2052. Europvin USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$620

#3

Domaine Jean-Michel Gerin 2020 Les Grand Places (Côte-Rôtie).

— 97pts, A.C.C.

With an intense and focused character, this wine exudes an enticing spiciness up front, accompanied by layers of dark, flashy fruit, concentrated plums, blackberries, Indian spices, wild violets and terra cotta. On the palate, the oak presence is apparent, revealing its power and intensity. Discover bold notes of black olives, green pears, boysenberry, cassis, blueberries, sandalwood and green peppercorn. Although hard to resist now, revisiting this well after 2028 should be rewarding. Taub Family Selections. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$159

#4

Walter Scott 2021 X-Novo Vineyard Chardonnay (Eola-Amity Hills).

— 98pts, M.A.

If perfection exists, this wine has to be in the ballpark. It's young, enthusiastic and brisk, with soaring acidity and an electric mouthfeel. Peach and nectarine aromas dance with traces of gunflint, bay leaves and Stargazer lilies. Flavors of lemon sorbet, salted cashews and fresh avocado are deeply satisfying. Enjoy 2024–2033. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$100

#5

Ramey 2020 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay (Carneros-Napa Valley).

— 99pts, J.G.

This full-bodied, incredibly rich and mouth-filling wine from a near-legendary vineyard saturates the palate with poached pears, marzipan, vanilla bean and crème brûlée flavors, while being subtly lifted by a slice of tangy citrus that keeps it well balanced. Best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$85

#6



Laurent-Perrier NV Grand Siècle Brut Itération No. 26 (Champagne).

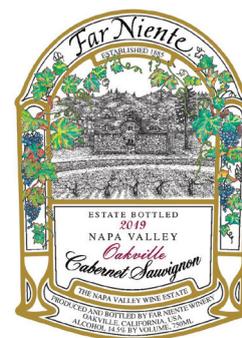
— 97pts, R.V.

Tautly textured, the Champagne is delicious with a poise between white and citrus fruits along with touches of maturity coming through. Drink this magnificent wine now for its great balance and intensity. Laurent-Perrier U.S. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$300

#7



Far Niente 2019 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville).

— 98pts, J.G.

Nicely restrained, like luxe dark chocolate, this well-balanced and brooding wine shows Far Niente at the top of its game, wrapping fine-grained tannins around superb cassis, black cherry and blueberry flavors that will expand and gain complexity with time. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$300

#8



Quinta do Vale Meão 2020 (Douro).

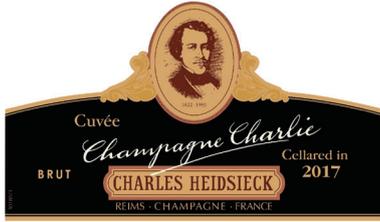
— 100pts, R.V.

This is another fabulous vintage of this iconic wine, aged for 16 months in wood. It comes from the spectacular Olazabal family vineyard in the Douro Superior. It shows powerful structure and dark, dense black fruits. The tannins and the wine's concentration point to considerable aging potential. Drink this impressive wine from 2027. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15%

Price: \$128

#9



Charles Heidsieck NV Champagne Charlie Brut (Champagne).

— 100pts, R.V.

The return with a new iteration of this iconic Champagne, first produced in the 1980s, and named after Charles Heidsieck, one of the great Champagne promoters of the 19th century, is to be welcomed. The wine itself lives up to the billing of its history, rich in the house style and with just a hint of maturity. This great wine, still full of white fruits, has so many years ahead. The wine is likely to mature gently for a decade at least. Folio Fine Wine Partners. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$700

#10



Masi 2013 Campolongo di Torbe (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico).

— 97pts, J.P.

The single-vineyard Campolongo di Torbe is an ever-evolving wine in the glass and on the palate. On the first pass, the wine is all violet candy, with ripe dark fruits. Then come savory herbs, dried figs and baking spice. The palate is structured and rich with fine tannins that will give this wine life for years to come. Drink from 2025–2040. Santa Margherita USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 16%

Price: \$190

#11

Ojai 2020 Solomon Hills Vineyard Syrah (Santa Maria Valley).

— 94pts, M.K.

Savory aromas of bacon, dried marjoram and oregano surround the tart red fruit core on the nose of this two-barrel bottling from a cool-climate vineyard. The palate balances charred

pork belly, more rosemary and bay leaf flavors with creamy, stewed fruit elements. This wine is intriguing now, but it's going to be lights-out with patience. Drink now–2045. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$70

#12



Louis Roederer 2014 Cristal Rosé Brut (Champagne).

— 97pts, R.V.

The epitome of great rosé Champagne, this is beautifully intense. The fruit and balanced mineral edge are united with mature red currant flavors in a wine that is perfectly aged. It is an impressive wine that is ready to drink. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$799

#13

Sadie Family 2020 Columella Red Blend (Swartland).

— 94pts, J.V.

Bright cranberry, raspberry and blackberry meet licorice and tobacco in the smooth fruit-driven midpalate. Excellent acidity and firm tannins shape a good structure. Although it's delicious now, this blend needs more time to show its full potential. Drink now–2034. Broad-bent Selections, Inc. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$175

#14

Domaine Santa Duc 2020 La Crau Ouest (Châteauneuf-du-Pape).

— 95pts, A.C.C.

This generous expression has concentrated aromas of strawberry, cranberry and a hum of black fruit framed by wild mint. Uplifting acidity highlights a stony layer, followed by blackberries and plums. Initially linear, this full-bodied wine explodes with grace and purity, with round tannins that support its long pithy and saline finish. Martine's Wines. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$170

#15

E. Guigal 2018 Château d'Ampuis (Côte-Rôtie).

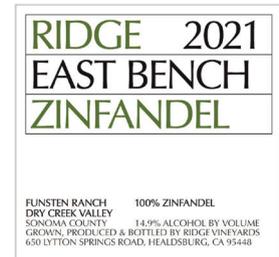
— 97pts, A.C.C.

A balanced nose of sweet, meaty barbecue topped with overripe plums, black olives, hoisin and black peppercorn induces hunger. The palate is deep and dark, marked by the delicacy of fresh plum, black olives, fresh bacon, and rosemary. Unrelentingly enticing with rolling acidity that washes the palate. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$185

#16



Ridge 2021 East Bench Funsten Ranch Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley).

— 95pts, J.G.

Supreme concentration and great depth characterize this powerful, structured and ageworthy wine. It boasts luscious dried plums and dried blueberries, plus plenty of black pepper and light woodsmoke accents, all backed by firm tannins. Best from 2025–2035. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$45

#17



Kumeu River 2021 Coddington Chardonnay (Kumeu).

— 97pts, C.P.

Concentrated notes of honeyed peach, pineapple rind and buttered toast pulse with drive and force. The richness comes from fruit ripeness; the oak is present but in a supporting role. With a mouthwatering acidity, it's shapely, long and elegant, and gives Meursault Premier Cru a serious run for its money. Wilson Daniels Ltd. **Cellar Selection.**

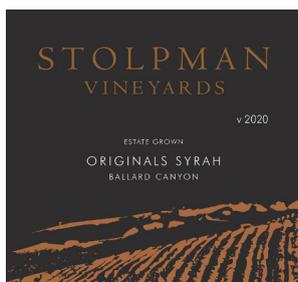
abv: 13.5%

Price: \$35

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#18



Stolpman 2020 Originals Syrah (Ballard Canyon).

— 97pts, M.K.

The 2020 vintage took this bottling from older vines to another level. Light game, plum paste, charred meat and white pepper aromas lead into a palate of pure meat, roasted elderberry and woodsmoke. The richness is balanced by firm tannins. Drink now–2040. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$42

#19

Catena Zapata 2019 Argentino Malbec (Argentina).

— 94pts, J.V.

This Malbec has a good balance of fruit and herbs with a delicate structure. The nose displays notes of berries and aromatic herbs that repeat on the palate. A smooth texture and lively acidity hold raspberry, blackberry and blueberry flavors with hints of smoke. It has an elegant finish with subtle notes of chocolate. Drink now–2029. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$120

#20

Taittinger 2012 Comtes de Champagne Grand Crus Blanc de Blancs (Champagne).

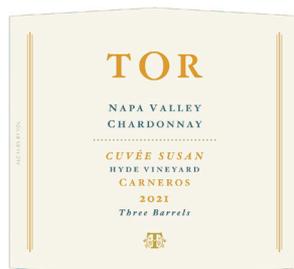
— 96pts, R.V.

Mature and beautifully textured, this magnificent Champagne is just right. The wine's minerality is tempered with acidity and touches of white fruits. This great wine is toasty and balanced, ready to drink. Kobrand. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$225

#21



Tor 2021 Cuvée Susan Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay (Carneros).

— 99pts, J.G.

This quietly lavish wine made in a tiny quantity is one to take time with and savor among good friends. Finely detailed aromas of poached pears, vanilla and butter lead to a palate impression that's quiet at first and then builds into layers of marzipan, golden apples, butter and macadamia nuts. Everything is backed by subtle, silky acidity that keeps it fresh through a long, lingering finish. Best through 2035. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.8%

Price: \$95

#22



Marqués de Murrieta 2019 Dalmáu (Rioja).

— 98pts, M.D.

This wine has an enticing bouquet of blackberry, black cherry, violet and clove. Dark berry flavors transition to the palate and are joined by notes of dark chocolate, coffee bean, lavender, anisette and a touch of butterscotch. Polished tannins glide into a lengthy spice- and floral-laced finish. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$249

#23



Allegrini 2016 Fieramonte Riserva (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico).

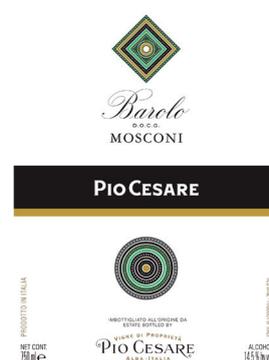
— 96pts, J.P.

The 2016 is bold on the opening with concentrated blackberry aromas giving way to macerated Bing cherries all coated in allspice, vanilla and hint of savory spices. As the wine develops, drying violets and dark-earth notes waft up. The palate is full in body with concentrated baked plums with cocoa and chalk finishing with firm tannins and lifted acidity. Drink 2028–2050. Maze Row Wine Merchant. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 16.5%

Price: \$499

#24



Pio Cesare 2019 Mosconi (Barolo).

— 97pts, J.P.

Macerated raspberries combine with wild roses and crushed chalk in this evocative wine that captivates from the first sniff. Mixed cherries emerge on the palate, dusted with anise, licorice and savory herbs, wrapping up with superfine tannins that build to an extended finish that I wish would never end. Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$199

#25

Gaja 2020 Gaia & Rey (Langhe).
— 95pts, J.P.

A wine that started a movement when it was first released in 1983, "Gaia & Rey" continues to set the standard of Chardonnay in the Langhe. Reserved at first, the wine opens with white floral aromas mixed with ripe orchard fruits that evolve into nutty and chalky mineral notes. The palate is well-balanced with vibrant acidity that keeps the wine lively with each sip. Drink now—2035. Wilson Daniels Ltd. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13.5% Price: \$366

#26

J. de Telmont 2013 Blanc de Blancs Brut (Champagne).
— 94pts, R.V.

This is a beautiful Champagne, balancing minerality with citrus and white fruits. It has a freshness to it as well as a fine structure so the bottling could still age. Drink from 2023. Remy Cointreau USA. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 12% Price: \$188

#27

Domaine Vincent Carême 2019 Le Clos (Vouvray).
— 93pts, R.V.

This is a dry Vouvray although richness gives it a sweet side. From old vines, it was matured in wood, imparting concentration, richness and touches of spice. It is dense and now ready to drink, yet it will also age well. Organic. Cape Classics. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14% Price: \$40

#28

Robert Weil 2021 Kiedrich Gräfenberg Trockenbeeren Auslese Riesling (Rheingau).
— 98pts, A.Z.

Incredible unctuousness, this is complex and ethereal. Creamy in texture, yet elegant and vibrant, thanks to its powerful acidity. It shows intensely concentrated notes of apricot marmelade, honey, caramelized pear and vanilla spice. Picks up a smoky note on the finish, but leaving the essence of apricot to linger endlessly. The pinnacle of world's best sweet wines. Loosen Bros. USA. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 7.5% Price: \$700/375 ml

#29



Muga 2019 Aro (Rioja).
— 97pts, M.D.

This dark ruby-colored wine has aromas of brambly fruits of the wood, with touches of cedar and violet. Notes of clove and eucalyptus are joined by exquisite flavors of cherry, cassis, dark chocolate and orange zest. Downy tannins carry on into an enduring finish. Drink now through 2044. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.5% Price: \$400

#30

Château de Saint Cosme 2020 Le Poste (Gigondas).
— 95pts, A.C.C.

From vines planted in 1963, this expression of Grenache is powerful and intense. The precise wine offers deep notes of blackberries, fresh rhubarb, licorice, dried herbs and smoke that coat the palate with cheek-puckering tannins. While additional cellaring would be beneficial, the wine can be enjoyed with a proper decant. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 16% Price: \$160

#31



Aperture 2019 Estate 1912 Vineyard Red Blend (Russian River Valley).
— 97pts, J.G.

Concentration, focus and power are the hallmarks of this deeply flavorful, firmly tannic wine that should improve for decades. Intense oak toast, black currant, blueberry, graphite and dark chocolate flavors crowd into a mas-

sive, dense yet velvety tannin structure that holds them tight but also lets them cast their spell. Best from 2028-2040. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.4% Price: \$85

#32

Henschke 2018 Mount Edelstone Shiraz (Eden Valley).
— 95pts, C.P.

Mount Edelstone may not garner as much fame as this historic Hill of Grace vineyard, but with ungifted vines well over 100 years old, this is a treasure in itself. 2018 was a warm, plush vintage. It's demonstrated here via rich, layered aromas of plum cake and cherry cordial atop earthier, smokier notes like grilled beets, bay leaf and mocha. The palate is equally hearty but with balance and restraint. There's a lovely line of acidity and a fine frame of earthy tannins. Still young, this has several decades ahead of it. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.5% Price: \$246

#33

Domaine Antonin Guyon 2020 Grand Cru (Corton-Charlemagne).
— 97pts, A.C.C.

Perfectly ripe citrus fruit joins fresh almond on the nose, while the palate is as transparent as a clear sunny day. The wine is fresh, balanced and delicate, but finishes with pleasant notes of almond brioche. Taub Family Selections. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13.5% Price: \$260

#34

Casa Primicia 2017 Pensante Special Selection (Rioja).
— 96pts, M.D.

Deep ruby to the eye, this wine has a bouquet of black cherry, baking spices and caramel. It fills the mouth with intense flavors of black currant, black cherry, espresso and a hint of rose petal. Opulent tannins meander into a long, satisfying finish. Drink through 2042. W. Direct. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 15% Price: \$200

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#35

Elvio Cogno 2017 Vigna Elena Riserva (Barolo).

— 97pts, J.P.

Though it was a very dry year, this vintage still managed to keep its impressive elegance. The wine opens with enticing aromas of wild cherry, fresh and dried roses, incense, wild herbs and savory spice. The palate is an example of thoughtfulness and craft with a core of deep wild berries, black tea, and crushed stones that are all supported by supple tannins and lifted acidity. Drink 2025–2045. Wilson Daniels Ltd.

Cellar Selection.

abv: 15%

Price: \$140

#36

The Eyrie Vineyards 2019 Daphne Pinot Noir (Dundee Hills).

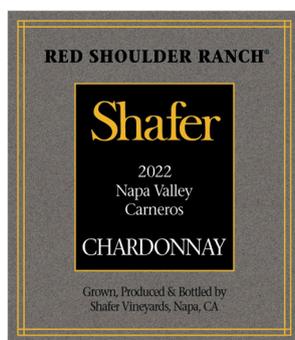
— 97pts, M.A.

Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and 4th of July fireworks-like acidity, Daphne has a long life ahead of her. Cranberry and hibiscus tea aromas are accented by lighter touches of grilled meat and figs. Dark raspberry, rosemary and black tea with lemon flavors soar. Enjoy now until 2039. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$90

#37

**Shafer 2022 Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay (Carneros-Napa Valley).**

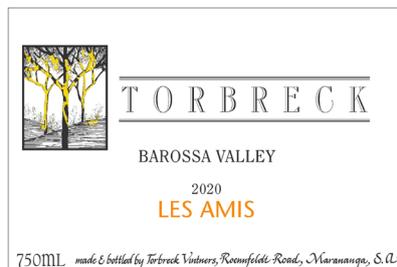
— 97pts, J.G.

All elegance and silk, this beautifully balanced wine offers a lively texture, subtle lemon, toast and kiwi flavors on a full body. The mouthfeel is graceful and mouthwatering, backed by lively acidity that perfectly meets the generous fruit flavors. Making a wine of this caliber in thousands of cases is quite an accomplishment. Best from 2027–2032. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.9%

Price: \$70

#38

**Torbreck 2020 Les Amis Grenache (Barossa Valley).**

— 93pts, C.P.

As the deep crimson hue suggests, this is not a light and airy Grenache, but it's a detailed and cellar-worthy one. Lucid aromas of mulberry, black cherry, raspberry compote are woven between green peppercorn and chocolate oak, with an amaro-like underbelly. The palate is voluptuous, with rich layers of fruit, floral and spice flavor and distinctively textured tannins, like a cat's tongue. Polished, with fruit purity and sculpted muscle, this should evolve over the next 8–10 years. Delicato Family Wines.

Cellar Selection.

abv: 15%

Price: \$180

#39

Wynns Coonawarra Estate 2019 John Riddoch Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra).

— 93pts, C.P.

From the oldest and biggest name in Coonawarra, this wine is currently dense and very young. If drinking now, give it plenty of time in decanter to allow it to show its plump cherry and blueberry fruit, soft florals, minerals and dusty, spiced personality. Tannins are massive but chiseled, chalky and well placed amid the plush fruit. Old school Aussie drinking until 2043 at least. J.J. Buckley Fine Wines. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$180

#40

Corison 2019 Helios Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Franc (St. Helena).

— 98pts, V.B.

Cathy Corison, the great producer, shows her singular style of powerful elegance and nuanced complexity in this wine. Aged 20 months in half-new French oak barrels, it displays layers of cocoa powder, dried herb and dusty black olive, with underlying hints of blueberry and currant. Integrated, lengthy, earthy and

perfumed, it stuns from start to finish. Enjoy best from 2029–2039. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13.8% Price: \$110

#41

Le Macchiole 2020 Paleo (Toscana).

— 98pts, D.C.

A riot of pepper lights up the nose, from cracked black to green peppercorn to hot chili. Flint and leather undertones empower the heat, while aromas of raspberry jam and vanilla provide balance. The palate stays spicy, with snappy, confident acid, but a sweetness lingers, and a finish of chili and chocolate ties everything together. Transcendent. Drink 2030–2040 or beyond. Vintus LLC. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$130

#42

Kirrenbourg SAS 2020 Schlossberg Essencia Grand Cru Riesling (Alsace).

— 95pts, A.Z.

Racy and elegant, this wears its sweetness gracefully, featuring intense honey, apricot and pineapple flavors at the core. It really builds in intensity without getting heavy, ending with a lingering aftertaste of dried apricot and citrus. It is never heavy or cloying, and spice, bergamot and dried tropical fruit flavors keep coming at you in waves. Well-balanced, it continues with the honey note on the finish. Drink now–2045. Vintage Wine Marketing. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 8.75%

Price: \$180

#43

Almaviva 2020 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Puenta Alto).

— 94pts, J.V.

With this vintage the winery celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend that includes Carménère and a splash of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot is ripe and has a delicate nose. Peppercorn and subtle aromas of black fruit rise from the glass. A velvety and elegant palate offers excellent acidity, backing oak-driven spices and plums that extend into a fruity finish. Drink now–2030. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15%

Price: \$168

#44

Kosta Browne 2020 Mt. Carmel Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills).
— 95pts, M.K.

A lighter hue in the glass, this bottling from an iconic vineyard atop the heart of this Santa Barbara County appellation begins with aromas of crisp raspberry and geranium on the restrained nose. There's a wet stone minerality to the palate, where berry jam and citrus rind flavors remain quite restrained, ready to emerge over time. Drink now–2040. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13.5% Price: \$165

#45

Vizcarra 2018 Celia (Ribera del Duero).
— 96pts, M.D.

Deep violet-red to the eye, this wine has aromas of fresh red berries, vanilla and clove. It is bright at first sip, opening with flavors of cherry and raspberry that are followed by notes of crème brûlée, fennel pollen and a touch of smoke. All is set into opulent tannins that wend their way to a long, smooth finish. Drink through 2043. Olé & Obrigado. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.5% Price: \$159

#46

Mayacamas 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mount Veeder).
— 96pts, V.B.

This is an earthy, classically structured wine of great pedigree and style. It goes against the grain of bigger and riper wines. Tangy red fruit, sage and pencil shavings make for an expressive, lengthy and complex experience of elegance and grace. This wine will do well in the cellar. Enjoy best from 2028–2038. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14% Price: \$150

#47

Penfolds 2019 St. Henri Shiraz (South Australia).
— 94pts, C.P.

This vintage of St. Henri opens with an opulent nose that you could dive into. Plump black currant, raspberry tart, mint and dusty pepper spice accompany barrel-derived notes like chocolate and charred vegetables. The palate is still tightly wound, even austere, with sandpaper-textured tannins and lifted acidity. Still in its infancy, cellar another five to seven years. Treasury Wine Estates. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.5% Price: \$150

#48

Marchesi Antinori 2020 Guado al Tasso (Bolgheri Superiore).
— 96pts, D.C.

The nose is rich with notes of blackberries, black cherry and soil, while a white pepper undertone provides pop. On the supple, warm palate, berries continue leading the way, before a salty, chocolaty finish with another kick of pepper. Stoic tannins are balanced by lively, persistent acidity. Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 14.5% Price: \$175

#49

Domaine de la Cote 2021 Sous le Chêne Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills).
— 96pts, M.K.

From a parcel grown beneath a massive oak tree, this block-designated bottling begins with aromas of dark berry, toasted sage, bay leaf and sansho pepper dust, with just a hint of wood spice. Green and purple olive tapenade flavors are cut by citrus peel and baked red-fruit flavors on the palate, which is loaded with umami qualities. Drink now–2041. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13.2% Price: \$125

#50

Wittmann 2021 Westhofen Morstein Trocken GG Riesling (Rheinhessen).
— 95pts, A.Z.

This is quite closed still, but it does allow for a sneak peek to what it is going to become with some cellaring. Lemon verbena on the nose opens it up to the flavors of Meyer lemon, quince, Bosc pear and white raspberry. The acidity is firm and makes a heavy imprint at the moment, but when coupled with the texture, it leaves a harmonious impression. The finish is very persistent. There is a lot of wine here—you just need to peel off the layers. Best after 2028. Loosen Bros. USA. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 12.5% Price: \$125

#51

Domaine des Pères de L'Eglise 2020 L'Héritage de Pollus (Châteauneuf-du-Pape).
— 95pts, A.C.C.

Aromas of fresh black cherries, white flowers, cut green pears, violets, wild thyme, and granite make for an intriguing nose. The palate is luxurious with red cherry skin, thyme, and black

peppercorn with granitic intensity. Aerate this wine immediately to enjoy with thick cuts of steak or cellar well through 2035+ before revisiting. Bruno Lafon. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 15% Price: \$95

#52



Tua Rita 2020 Redigaffi Merlot (Toscana).
— 96pts, D.C.

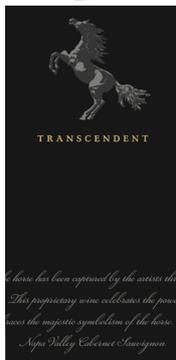
The nose begins sweet and classic, like berries dipped in vanilla and chocolate, and then expands to include a riot of wild herbs. On the palate, the interplay between chocolaty berries and savory undertones continues, before a burst of acid and tannins that are so fine-grained and smooth they're almost ethereal. Magical now but no doubt even better after some time. Drink 2024–2038. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 15.5% Price: \$330

#53

Tolpuddle 2021 Chardonnay (Tasmania).
— 95pts, C.P.

In what has become an unmistakably Tolpuddle (and heavily Burgundy-influenced) style, this is a rich, intensively reductive Chardonnay that's set for the long haul. For now, there's a sulfuric potency, like a just-struck match combined with roasted cashews and buttered toast. Somewhere in the mix, a fruity note like pineapple rind or peach skin emerges. The palate is similarly toast-driven, but it wears it well, a testament to its inherent power: textural weight, lifted acidity and depth of flavor. You could drink it now but it'd be a shame. Best to cellar several more years until straight through the 2030s. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**
abv: 13% Price: \$87

#54



Black Stallion 2018 Transcendent Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).

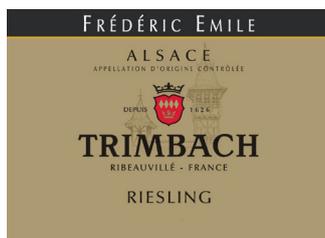
— 95pts, J.G.

Dark and plush, this velvety tannic wine fills the nose with dark chocolate and cooked blueberries, and the palate with more chocolate, cloves, espresso and black currants. While impressive now for its power and richness, it should drink best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15.5%

Price: \$150

#55



Trimbach 2016 Frédéric Emile Riesling (Alsace).

— 94pts, A.Z.

This shows signs of development, with very subtle notes of beeswax and white truffle, but its core is packed with juicy Korean pear, lemon verbena and orange zest. Crackling acidity holds the firm structure, while sea-salt notes add to the intrigue. Taub Family Selections. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$115

#56

Philippe Colin 2020 En Remilly Premier Cru (Chassagne-Montrachet).

— 96pts, A.C.C.

Citrus aromas entwined with acacia and honeysuckle perfume impress the nose. The palate is refreshed with mouthwatering acidity, adding delicacy and refinement, leading to a persistent mineral finish. Cape Classics. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$110

#57

Prager 2021 Ried Achleiten Smaragd Riesling (Wachau).

— 98pts, A.Z.

This intensely mineral version has a light golden hue, which hints at concentration, but its acidity makes it incredibly graceful. Integration of elements is seamless, and its lively profile is decorated with rich flavors of melon, clementine and peach that are sprinkled with meringue and fleur de sel. The succulent, mouthwatering finish flows across the palate, inviting you for another sip. Best 2025–2045. Winebow Imports. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$85

#58

Linne Calodo 2020 Overthinker Rhône-style Red Blend (Paso Robles Willow Creek District).

— 93pts, M.K.

Intense, dark and rich on the nose, this blend of 52% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 8% Mourvèdre shows pure aromas of blueberry, açai, crumpled flowers and baking spice on the nose. The palate is taut with fine-grained tannins, presenting muddled black plum and peppery spice flavors. Drink now–2034. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15.4%

Price: \$98

#59



J Vineyards & Winery 2014 Late Disgorged Brut Sparkling Blend (Russian River Valley).

— 95pts, J.G.

Evolved and enticing aromas are backed by a mouth-filling mousse and generous, layered and complex flavors in this creamy-textured bottle of bubbles. Crisp apples, white peaches, toast and ginger nuances are fascinating to savor, while the dry balance and refreshing acidity lead to a lingering finish. Best through 2030. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$110

#60

Elephant Hill 2019 Airavata Syrah (Hawke's Bay).

— 92pts, C.P.

The densely packed nose opens with a slight meaty, mushroomy funk, alongside green peppercorn and other savory spice. They dress the ripe dark berry fruit and violet-like florals. Powerful, savory tannins structure the luscious fruit on the palate. A big but balanced wine that would benefit from a decant now, but should age gracefully for several decades. Smith Wine & Spirits. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$110

#61



Epoch 2019 Block B Syrah (Paso Robles Willow Creek District).

— 98pts, M.K.

This bottling is a revelation, showing impressive density and darkness without veering anywhere near overripeness. Aromas of toasted blackberry, milk chocolate, violet and toasted wood entice the nose, drawing into a palate wrapped in chiseled tannins. Flavors are loaded with toasted walnut, espresso, chocolate cream and elegantly minty herb. The finish goes on forever. Drink now–2045. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15.1%

Price: \$105

#62

Cheval des Andes 2019 Chateau Cheval Blanc & Terrazas de Los Andes Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Luján de Cuyo).

— 95pts, J.V.

Made with equal parts Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, this blend shows balance, depth and strength. It has a firm palate with a chalky texture and savory notes of rosemary, bay leaf, tobacco and berries in the background. Remarkable acidity drives the flavors through the long finish. It's delicious now, but it will develop more complexity in the years to come. Drink now–2035. Moët Hennessy USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$100

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#63



Sol Rouge 2018 Mélange Rouge Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Red Hills).

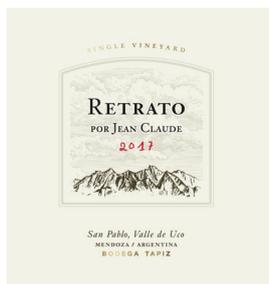
— 94pts, S.B.

A perfectly balanced, hearty blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Cabernet Franc. Find vivacious aromas and flavors of black cherry, black plum, prune, cacao, roasted coffee, vanilla, nutmeg, black pepper and fennel. Course, grippy tannins are well-met by fruit concentration and balanced by a solid acidic backbone. Oak tones are well-integrated. Enjoy now or cellar. Best at least through 2028 and probably beyond. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.3%

Price: \$100

#64



Tapiz 2017 Retrato Por Jean Claude Single Vineyard Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Mendoza).

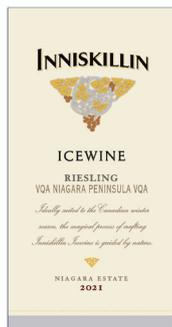
— 95pts, J.V.

Jean-Claude Berrout, former winemaker of Château Pétrus, has been working with Tapiz as a consultant for more than a decade. This is the second wine that he personally made for the winery. It's an elegant Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend from San Pablo in Uco Valley. The enchanting nose offers aniseed, black olive and truffles. It has depth and delicious ripe flavors of plums and blueberries wrapped in chocolate, while hints of mushrooms and truffles add to its complexity. Lively acidity and firm tannins suggest good aging potential. Drink now–2033. **Vino Del Sol. Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$100

#65



Inniskillin 2021 Icewine Riesling (Niagara Peninsula).

— 96pts, M.A.

This is a glorious icewine where acidity and sugar are in perfect harmony. The candied orange peel, ginger, straw and toasted walnut are a mere preview of what's to come. These intense flavors of apricot jam, pumpkin pie and lemon drops are matched by electric acidity. Enjoy now–2035. **Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. Cellar Selection.**

abv: 9.5%

Price: \$99/375 ml

#66

Devaux 2012 D Millésime Brut (Champagne).

— 93pts, R.V.

A soft, mature Champagne, this is also rich, balancing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in a ripe combination. It has layers of acidity with more generous white fruit and toast flavors. Drink now. **Prestige Beverage Group. Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$95

#67



Marqués de Riscal 2018 Baron De Chirel (Rioja).

— 97pts, M.D.

This deep garnet-colored wine has a bouquet of cassis, Mission fig, dark chocolate and saddle leather. Luxurious tannins coat the tongue

and gums, bathed in vibrant acidity and joined by blackberry, Luxardo cherry, chocolate-covered espresso bean and violet flavors with a soft hint of black olive paste that lingers on the taste buds with a note of orange zest. Drink through 2048. **Shaw-Ross International Importers. Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15%

Price: \$90

#68

La Pelle 2021 Block X Bien Nacido Syrah (Santa Maria Valley).

— 96pts, M.K.

Fresh, bright and clean aromas of purple fruit and flower are layered in a wet clay minerality on the nose of this bottling from an iconic vineyard. The palate is very firm, loaded with acidity and quite spicy, offering white pepper, restrained açai and a hint of violet. Expect the savory elements to arise over time. Drink now–2041. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$65

#69

Patz & Hall 2021 Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay (Carneros).

— 96pts, J.G.

After the light, complex oak spice aromas, the next thing that strikes you about this medium-bodied wine is an unusually appetizing, even grippy texture from good acidity and possibly oak tannins. The wine is structured, concentrated and a good candidate for further aging. Best from 2025–2030. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$65

#70

Fattoria Le Pupille 2019 Saffredi (Toscana).

— 95pts, D.C.

This Bordeaux blend has a celebratory nose, like eating a slice of birthday cake in a comfortable armchair. Cherries, blackberries, vanilla, spice and leather emerge on the palate, alongside candied orange peel and dark chocolate, with herbs and soil at the end. There's a lot of room to breathe with tannins this tightly wound. Drink from 2024–2037. **Ethica Wines.**

Cellar Selection.

abv: 15%

Price: \$87

#71

Christian Tschida 2022 Laissez-Faire Riesling (Austria).

— 94pts, A.Z.

Delicious and complex, this unfiltered white has a lacy texture and finesse. It peels off in layers, with flavors that range from bergamot, kumquat and gooseberry to spring blossom and savory mineral. Really alive and invigorating, with a long, floral-tinged finish, it will show even more in a few years. Best after 2025. Jenny and François Selections. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$84

#72

**Mandois 2008 Clos Mandois Brut (Champagne).**

— 94pts, R.V.

A ripe, mature Champagne with a fine balance between age and younger fruit. This is a fine wine, textured with a mix of toast and spice. It is delicious and ready to drink. Albert Bichot USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$384

#73

Burmester 2020 Vintage (Port).

— 93pts, R.V.

This is a dry style of Vintage Port with structure and the added spirit to the fore at this very young stage. The wine has richness, a dry core and dense black fruits. It will age, of course. Drink this fine wine from 2029. Wine In-Motion. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 20%

Price: \$80

#74

Thistledown 2020 Charming Man Grenache (McLaren Vale).

— 95pts, C.P.

From a cool site in McLaren Vale's Clarendon subregion, and with some vines over a century old, this showcases both Grenache's fruity ap-

proachability and its ability to age. Plump, juicy red and blue fruit is underpinned by notes of cedar, toasty spice, chocolate and florals. As it opens, there's a cocktail bitters-like nuance and a mineral streak. The almost surprising (considering the variety) lift of acidity beautifully balances supple fruit and fine, granular tannins on the palate. Long, concentrated and ultra elegant. Drink now–2033. Southern Starz, Inc. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$75

#75

Long Shadows 2019 Pirouette Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Columbia Valley).

— 94pts, M.A.

This Cabernet Sauvignon-driven blend maintains a sense of balance with surprisingly lively acidity and muscular tannins. The aromas are a heady mix of cassis, thyme, graphite and steaks grilling over hot coals. The wine feels lively on the palate, with flavors of black currants, dark chocolate and cedar filling the mouth. Enjoy now–2034. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.8%

Price: \$70

#76

Gérard Bertrand 2018 Clos d'Ora (Minervois La Livinière).

— 93pts, J.T.

A concentrated bouquet of strawberry, pomegranate and vanilla is on the nose. The palate is wonderfully layered with black cherry, raspberry, dark chocolate, acacia, herbes de Provence and velvety tannins. Though you can drink it now, it'll be best after 2025. USA Wine West. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15.5%

Price: \$300

#77

Dariouh 2019 Signature Series Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley).

— 95pts, J.G.

Generous, deep, black-fruit flavors are wrapped in a warm blanket of velvety tannins in this dark, concentrated wine while cocoa, graphite and mint nuances animate the aroma and stick around through the lingering finish. It's elegant and balanced despite its powerful intensity. Best from 2028–2040. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 15.4%

Price: \$125

#78

Stags' Leap Winery 2020 The Investor Red Blend (Napa Valley).

— 97pts, J.G.

Red blends of this type rarely shine as brightly. This ultra concentrated and smooth-textured blend including Merlot, Petite Sirah and Malbec is inky dark in color, aromatic in blueberries, blackcurrants and mint followed by oak spices and dark chocolate on the palate. Creamy in texture, it is laden in massive but melted tannins. Best from 2026–2036. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.6%

Price: \$70

#79

Antiquum Farm 2021 Alium Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley).

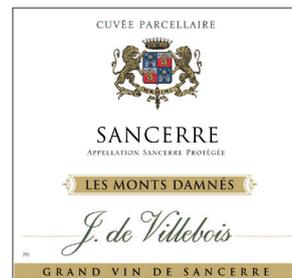
— 96pts, M.A.

This is a Pinot Gris made with intention. The amber-hued Alium, with 40 days of maceration, dazzles the eye while aromas of dried apricots, peach skins and chalk dust spout poetry. Tart kiwi, walnuts and herbs like oregano and thyme paint a savory flavor masterpiece. Enjoy now–2032. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.8%

Price: \$45

#80

**J. de Villebois 2020 Les Monts Damnés (Sancerre).**

— 93pts, R.V.

The iconic slope of Les Monts Damnés vineyard in Chavignol has produced a ripe while also textured wine. It is concentrated, with tense acidity behind the white fruits. The wine will be ready later this year. Vineyard Brands. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$66

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#81

Ken Wright 2021 Bryce Vineyard Pinot Noir (Ribbon Ridge).

— 94pts, M.A.

Aromas of ripe raspberries, dried rose petals, vanilla, and macadamia nuts form a potent perfume. A massive tannic structure and bright acidity provide ample support for the wine's black cherry, black lavender tea and cedar flavors. Enjoy now–2033. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.4%

Price: \$65

#82

Jurtschitsch 2020 Ried Käferberg Erste Lage Grüner Veltliner (Kamptal).

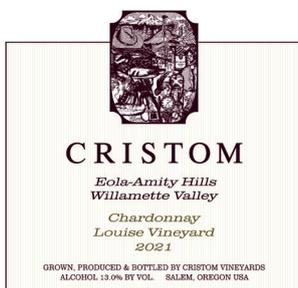
— 94pts, A.Z.

This is incredibly elegant, yet very expressive, with firm, bracing acidity that keeps it intact, but also gives it energy, creating a mouthwatering impression. There is an intense mix of ginger, tangerine and persimmon upfront, while notes of jasmine and strawberry mint emerge toward the finish. It lingers on the palate, inviting you for more. Bowler Wine. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$60

#83



Cristom 2021 Louise Vineyard Chardonnay (Eola-Amity Hills).

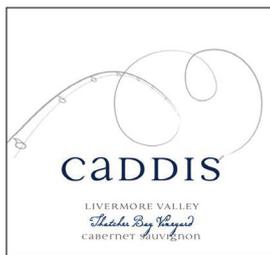
— 93pts, M.A.

Aged 11 months in French oak, 24% new, this majestic Chardonnay sports aromas of fresh-cut grass, slices of chilled Gravenstein apples, pear and a cup of chamomile tea with lemon. Green apples, ginger and lime zest drive the flavor train. The acidity is energetic and the wine's mouthfeel positively vibrates. Enjoy now–2035. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$60

#84



Caddis 2020 Thatcher Bay Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Livermore Valley).

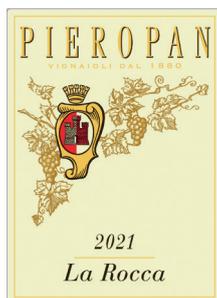
— 93pts, S.B.

Give this big, bold red 30 to 40 minutes to open and be rewarded with a plethora of aromas and flavor: blackberry, black currant, black cherry, cedar wood, anise, tarragon, fennel, olive tapenade, black pepper, tomato leaf, unsweetened cacao. Full-bodied and rich with mouth-coating tannins and voluptuous fruit structure, flavors continue to evolve throughout the lengthy finish. Enjoy now or, even better, after 2028. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.4%

Price: \$55

#85



Pieropan 2021 La Rocca (Soave Classico).

— 95pts, J.P.

Rich yet linear, it is a wine of such profound balance that it can weaken the knees. The 2021 opens with rich and golden apples, honeysuckle, roasted hazelnuts and fresh clover honey. As the wine develops, the minerality shines and brings more nuance to the wine. The palate is textured, layered and so well-structured that you might forget that this is wine, not art. Apricots, baked pear and sweet spices drive the palate toward that mineral edge on the finish. Maze Row Wine Merchant. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$55

#86

Quinta da Romaneira 2020 Vintage (Port).

— 94pts, R.V.

While the wine is full of black fruits, it is the quality of the tannins and the fruit compote

sweetness that make it stand out. The wine is finely textured and rich. Drink this fine Port from 2029. Vias Imports. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 19.5%

Price: \$52

#87

Warwick 2019 The Blue Lady Cabernet Sauvignon (Stellenbosch).

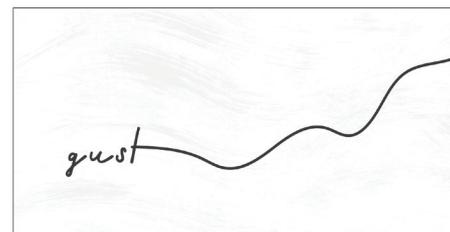
— 93pts, J.V.

Peppercorn aromas are bright on the spicy nose while dark cherry, plum and vanilla add complexity to the bouquet. It's full-bodied, with vibrant acidity and firm tannins backing layers of plum, cherry and blackberry. Dried herbs and well-integrated oak flavors complement the palate. It's well balanced and finishes with oak spice. Let this red breathe before drinking. Elektra Wines LLC. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$50

#88



Cline 2019 Gust Syrah (Petaluma Gap).

— 95pts, J.G.

Effusive aromas of black figs, toasted oak, espresso beans and turned earth lead to dense, layered flavors of blackberries, woodsmoke, black pepper and star anise. This is a fascinating, complex and rather tannic wine that's sure to keep improving with time. Best 2027–2037. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$48

#89

Reinhold Haart 2011 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Spätlese Riesling (Mosel).

— 97pts, A.Z.

Impressive integration of elements marks this beautifully aged Spätlese that shows subtle power and density. The mix of passion fruit, mango, white raspberry and star anise all mingle at the core, complementing each other as they unravel in layers. It shows impeccable balance, hence its impression is effortless. Ethereal finish doesn't let you put the bottle down. Drink through 2035. The German Wine Collection. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 8.5%

Price: \$48

#90

Château des Jacques 2020 Clos de Rochegrès (Moulin-à-Vent).
— 93pts, R.V.

The potential of this solid, dense wine is enormous. With rich black fruits and dense concentration, it has a fine future. Drink from 2025. Ko-brand. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$47

#91

Lesehof Stagård 2020 Ried Steiner Pfaffenberg Riesling (Kremstal).
— 95pts, A.Z.

This phenomenal wine shows a somewhat idiosyncratic style at first. It is soft-spoken and needs time to unravel, with hints of lavender and jasmine. White raspberry notes emerge midpalate, intermingled with sea salt, coriander and tarragon, all tied to a vivid structure. It is pure and precise, with a tactile finish. Aging will help reveal the wine's facets even more. Best through 2035. Schatzi Wines. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$45

#92

Altos Las Hormigas 2019 Appellation Malbec (Gualtallary).
— 94pts, J.V.

The Appellation series shows the terroir's characteristics of subregions in Uco Valley. This one comes from limestone soils in Gualtallary. Violets, blackberry and cherry meet with hints of salt and oak spices on the nose. Well-structured, the delicate palate features excellent acidity and chalky texture. Plum, blackberry and cherries merge with aniseed and tobacco. It's delicious now, but is ageworthy. Drink now–2029. Skurnik Wines, Inc. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$45

#93

Farm Cottage 2021 Trout Gulch Vineyard Chardonnay (Santa Cruz Mountains).
— 95pts, M.K.

Wet river-stone, lemon-blossom and light honeysuckle aromas draw the nose into this delicate bottling that will age with grace and poise. The stony, mineral-driven palate picks up touches of chalk, tangerine and vibrant Meyer lemon freshness. Drink now–2038. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13%

Price: \$42

#94

Fritz Haag 2021 Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Spätlese Riesling (Mosel).
— 95pts, A.Z.

Silky and suave, it features gorgeous notes of acacia honey, violet and mineral that frame the juicy core of nectarine, mango and passion fruit. It is pretty concentrated, yet graceful and shows great definition, partly because of its acidity, that flows almost unnoticeably before its emergence toward the finish, where it leaves your mouth watering after a wave of spice and floral notes. Drink through 2045. Loosen Bros. USA. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 7.5%

Price: \$42

#95

Meyer Family Cellars 2019 Summerwind Vineyard Petite Sirah (Yorkville Highlands).
— 92pts, S.B.

Another nuanced expression of Petite Sirah coming from Meyer Family in Yorkville, which deftly integrates primary fruit notes with delicate oak tones. Enjoy aromas and flavors of black plum, cherry and currant with strong savories of cumin and coriander spices, fennel and tarragon herbs, and a dusty earthiness. Give the wine 30–40 minutes to unwind. Or, if patient, cellar to enjoy from 2027 and beyond.

Cellar Selection.

abv: 13.6%

Price: \$42

#96

Château du Coudray Montpensier 2018 Gaudéamus Cuvée d'Excellence (Chinon).
— 93pts, R.V.

The wine comes from three small parcels that have produced a dense, concentrated wine. Its dark tannins and youthful texture suggest a wine that will age. Berry fruits and a smoky edge from wood aging have increased the wine's potential. Drink from 2024. USA Wine West. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$35

#97

Quinta do Pessegueiro 2019 (Douro).
— 92pts, R.V.

Grapes foot-trodden in open stone fermenters give this wine its dense and concentrated character. It is a rich wine with dark fruits, still young. The wine needs to age further, so drink from 2026. Cognac One, LLC. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 14%

Price: \$33

#98

Hermann J. Wiemer 2021 Reserve Dry Riesling (Seneca Lake).
— 92pts, C.P.

There's a sun-kissed orchard feel to this, like ripe white peaches, pears and citrus still dangling from the trees. Rewind a few months and their spring blossoms are there, too, along with a honeyed scent. Intensely citrus acidity, like a squeeze of lemon to the tongue, is matched by concentrated fruit and texture; a lingering orange peel note to the finish. Picked later—and therefore riper—this is an opulent wine with the ability to age for several more years. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 12%

Price: \$32

#99

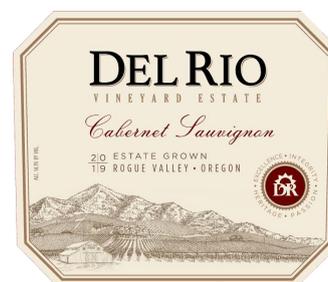
Birichino 2022 Old Vines Besson Vineyard Grenache (Central Coast).
— 94pts, M.K.

This young bottling will have a long cellar life, thanks perhaps to the old-vine attributes. Aromas of amaro-like myrtle and eucalyptus leaf meet with stewed strawberry and raspberry on the nose. The palate is loaded with acid, chalky in tannins, and spicy in cracked white pepper, with a core of pomegranate and black raspberry fruit. Drink now–2032. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$30

100

**Del Rio 2019 Del Rio Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Rogue Valley).**
— 91pts, M.A.

This powerful Cabernet Sauvignon offers blackberry and smoked brisket aromas that are likely to trigger hunger pangs. Brawny tannins and crisp acidity provide a nice structure for gobs of marionberry pie, blueberry, mint and cigar box flavors. Enjoy now–2031. **Cellar Selection.**

abv: 13.9%

Price: \$32