# White Wines

# Chardonnay

Nozzole 'Le Bruniche' 2022 (Tuscany, IT)

55

Apple and pear character. Medium-bodied, crisp finish.

**Kendall Jackson Estates Collection 2018** 

(Santa Maria Valley, CA)

55

Rich and creamy with mango, pineapple, yellow peach. buttered biscuits and vanilla bean on the palate and finish.

Cambria 'Katherine's Vinevard' 2020

(Santa Maria Valley, CA)

56

Pink grapefruit, tangerine, citrus and apple flavors. The oak influence creates a nice mid-palate as the wine shows balanced acidity and a long finish.

Folie á Deux 2021 (Russian River Valley, CA)

56

Nicely balanced flavors of citrus, apple, pear, spice and toast come together on a well-constructed, medium bodied frame.

Chanson 'Vire-Clesse' 2016 (Burgundy, FR)

70

Pale gold color, refreshing citrus, grapefruit, fresh honey enhanced by a hint of minerality. Well-structured, beautiful minerality. Energetic aftertaste.

Napa Cellars 2020 (Napa Valley, CA)

59

Aromas of spice & home-baked apple crisp alongside flavors of lush pear, lemon, apple and a hint of pineapple.

Copain 2017 (Anderson Valley, CA)

6

Floral aromatics of jasmine, Meyer lemon with a pleasing texture and lively acidity and flavors of fuji apple and Asian pear.

Nielson 2019 (Santa Barbara, CA)

67

The palate shows pears and lemon that carries through to the finish.

Hess 2018 (Carneros, CA)

6

apple, pear and tropical fruits, honeysuckle. Rich and round

Concha y Toro 'Marques Casa Concha' 2017

(Limari, CL)

68

Richness with elegance and vibrancy this ripe, delicious wine serves up tasty pear, mineral notes and toasty hazelnut. Deeply concentrated with layers of pears and figs. Long.

Matanzas Creek 2018 (Sonoma, CA)

74

Medium straw in color, lily flowers, apricot skin, candied pineapple, bees wax, orange blossom, pear, pineapple, burnt sugar, peach skin., bright acidity

Diatom 2021 (Santa Barbara, CA)

78

meyer lemon, yuzu and tangerine flavors mingling with peppery white flower notes and an appealing thread of sea salt crunchiness. Energetic, showing plenty of verve on the finish.

Stonestreet 2017 (Alexander Valley, CA)

Q

Aromas of savory spice, vanilla bean and butterscotch. The palate has notes of lemon meringue and lemon

sugar cookie complimented by subtle salinity and a luxurious finish.

#### **Dutton Goldfield 'Dutton Ranch' 2019**

(Russian River Valley, CA)

86

nose with lemon, green apple and tangerine with a minerality, creamy with vivid citrus notes leading to apple, peal and mango. Long, lingering finish.

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# Chardonnay Continued

### Hartford Court 2020 (Russian River Valley, CA)

89

Precise and focused, featuring yellow apple, pear and lemon zest notes that are fresh and bright, with accents of lemon verbena and white tea on the finish.

### Domaine Dubuet-Monthelie 'Meursault' 2017

(Burgundy, FR)

95

Ripe and round, rich yet with balanced acidity and great length.

# Ramey Wine Cellars 2019 (Russian River Valley, CA) 98

Aromas of citrus peel, quince and almonds with a unique, super spicy undercurrent. The medium-bodied palate offers intense, ripe fruits in a seamless, silky package and if finishes long and lush. (95 WE) (93 RP)

#### The Prisoner 2019 (Napa Valley, CA)

98

Inviting aromas of honeysuckle, grilled white peach and apricot. A luscious entry of toasted hazelnut and mandarin are balanced by bright acidity and minerality.

#### Freemark Abbey 2020 (Napa Valley, CA)

110

Subtle toast and butter notes accent ripe melon and peach on

the nose, while the medium to full-bodied palate is and slightly oily, then clean and mouthwatering on the finish,

adding hints of grapefruit and green apple.

# Venge Vineyards 'Brown Ranch Vineyard' 2019

(Carneros, CA)

plump

135

This is a rich, rounded and full-bodied white wine, sizzling with outer reaches of freshness. Robust layers of caramel crème brûlée, pineapple cake and spicy oak

#### Ramey 'Ritchie Vineyard' 2015

(Russian River Valley, CA)

145

The highly rated Ramey wine comes from 42 year old vines that produce notes of citrus and lemon curd with a bit of salinity. Full body, rich, powerful and elegant. My favorite California Chard producer who trained in Burgundy.

Nickel & Nickel Truchard Vineyard 2021

148

#### (Carneros, CA)

Pear, lemon and tropical fruit, balanced by cooler climate acidity, a layer of vanilla cream from barrel fermentation that adds depth and texture to the wine. Excellent.

# Chenin Blanc

#### Terra d'Oro 2021(Clarksburg, CA)

58

Blended with viognier and has aromas of tropical fruit and fresh lemons, grapefruit and mango.

# Gewurztraminer

# Alexander Valley Vineyards 2020 (Mendocino, CA)

49

Aromas of grapefruit, nutmeg and ginger frame the crisp flavor of pear and citrus with floral notes.

# Dr. Konstantin Frank 2021 (Finger Lakes, NY)

58

rose, ripe apricots, and lychee, with a touch of white pepper and ginger, balanced with lively acidity and beautiful flavors of honeysuckle, orange blossom, cardamom, and lychee

#### Hubert Meyer 2019 (Alsace, FR)

68

lychee, exotic fruits and spices, sea spray, balanced acidity

# Gruner Veltliner

#### Dr. Konstantin Frank 2020 (Finger Lakes, NY)

58

expressive, while maintaining focus and precision, lime and green apple with a minerality, pepper on the finish.

# Kerner

(Hybrid of Riesling)

#### Sidebar 2018 (Mokelumne River, CA)

6

A dry, aromatic wine that's gently floral and spicy with a crisp and medium finish that is brightened by bracing acidity. Made by our friend David Ramey.

# Moscato

#### Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti 'Nivole' 2020 (Piedmont, IT)

49

Half bottle. Fresh and crisp with peach and limestone notes. Slightly sweet. Excellent.

#### Donnafugata 'Lighea' 2021 (Sicily, IT)

54

Sunny and bright. Fresh and fragrant mouthfeel that opens up to the flowery, fruity notes of Zibibbo. Orange blossom and pink grapefruit. Excellent.

#### Ruffino 2021 (Piedmont, IT)

55

Refreshing and sweet with aromas of citrus and elderberry, notes of peach and orange with frizzante.

#### Ceretto Moscato d'Asti 2021 (Piedmont, IT)

60

Organically farmed grapes, jasmine, peach, lemon blossom, sage, crushed stone. A favorite at our wine passport events.

# Muscadet

### Sauvion 2019 (Loire, FR)

59

Soft, textured, bright and fruity with good acidity, a lively lemon zest character and a clean finish

# Pinot Bianco

# Hubert Meyer 2019 (Alsace, FR)

58

Green pear and apple notes signal lightness and easy refreshment, superclean and invigorating.

# Kettmeir 2021 (Alto Adige, IT)

67

Floral fragrance of wisteria and a fruity sensation of green apples, dry, with good acidity, mineral.

# Pinot Grigio & Pinot Gris

### Barone Fini 2022 (Alto Adige, IT)

56

Bright acidity, minerality, lychee, and ripe apple

# Villa Pozzi 2020 (Sicily, IT)

49

Aromas of lemon, white peach and pear. Clean and well balance with bright acidity and the fingers lingers with notes of stone fruit and flowers.

#### Terlan 2020 (Alto Adige, IT)

6.5

Excellent wine with aromas of pear, lychee and melon. Balanced with exotic fruit nuances of melon and grapefruit.

#### Jermann 2022 (Friuli, Italy)

68

Notes of apple, Bartlett pear, fresh citrus fill the palate, with a crisp mineral edge, honey and melon, long finish.

# Riesling

#### Dr. Hermann 'Trocken' 2017 (Mosel, DE)

5

Scents of peach, lime and tangerine with mineral and herbal notes. Good acidity and fruity, well balanced with a mineral and long finish.

#### Gustave Lorentz 2020 (Alsace, FR)

65

citrus and white flower aromas, refreshing acidity and notes of lime, apple, great structure, clean, dry finish.

# Sauvignon Blanc

#### Decibel 2022 (Hawkes Bay, NZ)

58

From the winery of Philly local, Daniel Brennan. Rich and intense passion fruit with hints of elderflower and gooseberry, citrus and honeysuckle. Finish with a lingering, chalky textural note on the cheeks giving a zesty finish.

White peach, nectarine, juicy grapefruit, gooseberry, dry mineral finish, with mouthwatering acidity

### La Petite Perriere 2020 (Vin de France, FR)

65

Saget la Perriere has been a family owned winery since 1790 and this wine represents the heart of the Loire winemaking style produced with grapes from the South of France.

# Concha y Toro 'Terrunyo' 2018 (Casablanca Valley, CL) 69

fruit notes of gooseberries, lime and grapefruit, herb medium-full bodied wine with ripe citrus, herbs, and minerality. Crisp acidity is followed by a juicy, lingering finish.

#### Ziata 2019 (Napa Valley, CA)

96

jasmine, citrus blossom, lemon curd, minerality, stone fruit, body, roundness, grapefruit peel, length and complexity.

# Terlano 'Winkl' 2021 (Alto Adige, IT)

98

Intense fruity bouquet with flavors of citrus fruits and almond. Well balanced and smooth.

# Torrontes

### Bodega Norton 'Coleccion 1895' 2020 (Mendoza, AR)

Intense aromas of white peach, rose petal and jasmine. Pleasant and well balanced on the palate.

# Verdejo

(Similar to Sauvignon Blanc)

#### Torres 'Verdeo' 2020 (Rueda, ES)

48

Fragrant, clean and crisp with passion fruit and anise notes. Silky but firm on the palate with good acidity.

# Vermentino

### Cantine Mesa 'Primo Bianco' 2021 (Sardinia, IT)

57

Pale straw color with aromas of fresh citrus fruits and apricots, zesty and fresh with a crisp, clean finish.

#### Olianas 2020 (Sardinia, IT)

60

Aromas of grapefruit and apples that follow through to the palate along with pineapple and pears.

# Vinho Verde

(it's the region in Portugal made with indigenous grapes)

#### Vila Nova 2020 (Vinho Verde DOC, PT)

44

Made with three grapes you've never heard of...Loureiro, Arinto and Avesso. Floral notes and citrus fruits. Young and vibrant. I like it or I wouldn't put it on the list.

# Viognier

#### Bonterra Organic 2018 (Mendocino, CA)

54

Nectarine and peach aromas with floral notes of orange and honeysuckle. Complex fruit flavors of apricot and peach on the palate with notes of vanilla.

#### Zaca Mesa Cushman Block 2021 (Santa Ynez Valley, CA) 65

Estate viognier, celebrating 50 years as a family owned winery, honey blossom, and balanced acidity, spice, mineral

# White Blends

#### Donnafugata 'Anthilia' 2021 (Sicilia DOC, IT)

55

Mainly Lucido grape with blend of other indigenous varieties. Peach, plums, good acidity.

#### Terlan 'Terlaner Cuvee' 2022 (Alto Adige, IT)

75

A blend of Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Sauvignon with aromas of apple, lemon and white peach. Structured flavor derives from an interplay o freshness and minerality with a wonderfully persistent finish.

#### Prisoner 'Blindfold' 2015 (CA)

85

Inviting aromas of honeysuckle, grilled white peach, and apricot. A luscious entry of toasted hazelnut and mandarin are balanced by bright acidity and minerality. Finish is rich and creamy with flavors of lemon zest and caramelized sugar.

#### Terlan 'Nova Domus' 2020 (Alto Adige, IT)

145

The reserve wine that is a blend of Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Sauvignon, it conveys aromas of oak, lemon drop and candied fruits. The round palate offers intense but fleeting sensations of apples and butterscotch. Excellent Wine. (93 RP)

# Other Interesting Italian Whites

# Arneis | Fontanafredda 'Briccotondo' 2021

(Langhe, IT)

69

exotic fruit, ripe pears, acacia honey, crisp freshness.

#### Falanghina | San Salvatore 2021 (Campania, IT)

68

A light-bodied white, offering nectarine and clementine fruit flavors that are bright and juicy, with cherry blossom, sliced almond and pickled ginger accents. Chalk-tinged finish.

#### Fiano | Villa Matilde 2018 (Campania, IT)

6

Lawyer turned winemaker, Francesco Paolo Avallone, revitalized this winery in the 1960s, using a holistic approach to viticulture and cellaring. Indigenous Fiano grape, light floral, citrus.

#### Gavi | Batasiolo 2020 (Piedmont, IT)

58

Cortese grapes. Fresh and floral nose with good intensity and persistence. Dry and pleasant with notes of almonds,

# Greco di Tufo | Villa Matilde 2020 (Campania, IT)

Rich bouquet of ripe fruits, white peach to apricot, sweet almond that meld with mineral and citrus notes. On the palate, fresh with great personality.

# Grillo | Planeta 'La Sagreta' 2020 (Sicily, IT)

Clear yellow color with green reflections; on the nose after a first dash of a sea breeze, citrus, pears and oregano, floral. Fresh on the palate with fresh and taste of lemon tart.

57

# \*\*Please note that all Vintages are subject to change\*\*Vernaccia di San Gimignano | Rocca delle Macie 2020 (Tuscany, IT) 55

Zingerelli family has owned Rocca dell Macie for over 40 years, the son Sergio took over, and he and his

family live at the original restored winery. Bright, crisp, lemon, peach, almond, seaspray Soave (Garganega) | Pieropan 2021 (Veneto, IT) Aromas of almond and marzipan. Good depth of fruit, zingy acidity that enhances the long length Blush Wines - Sweet Canyon Road White Zinfandel 2022 (Sonoma, CA) Light-bodied with hints of strawberry, cherry, and watermelon flavors and a smooth crisp finish. Rose Wines - Dry Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Rose 2021 (Finger Lakes, NY) 58 strawberry, raspberry, cherry and kiwi fruit, The antitheses of the average rosé, great food wine. Pio Cesare 'Rosy' 2020 (Piedmont, IT) 58 Savory, fresh, spicy, great structure. Nebbiolo and Syrah. Cambria 'Julia's Vineyard' 2021 (Central Coast, CA) Pinot Noir rose: white peach, strawberry and citrus, watermelon and grapefruit. Champagnes & Sparkling Wines Avissi Prosecco NV (Veneto, IT) A beautiful balance of floral notes and luscious fruit makes it approachable. Soft, elegant bubbles flutter in the glass. Clean and crisp. Bouvet Brut NV (Loire, FR) 58 Fine pinpoint bubbles with a nose of toast and crisp citrus notes. Well-balanced, culminates in an elegant, persistent finish. Gloria Ferrer Brut NV (Sonoma, CA) First sparkling in Carneros. Mostly pinot noir. Delicate pear, and floral notes, with almond. Lively citrus, toast and apple flavors. Santa Margherita Rose Prosecco NV (Trentino, IT) Aromas of strawberries and citrus lead to an attractive palate with mixed berry fruits that linger to the finish. J Vineyards 'Cuvee 20' NV (Russian River Valley, CA) Vibrant, bright with noes of green apple, pear, fresh lemon and lime, hints of almond, touch of pastry. Mumm 'Brut Prestige' NV (Napa Valley, CA) Vibrant and crisp with citrus and raspberry aromas and appealing apple, cinnamon and spice flavors. Dr. Konstantin Frank Brut 2017 (Finger Lakes, NY) lively mousse, this smells of fresh apples and bread crust, baked apple, pear and melon, finish with

J Vineyards Brut Rose NV (Russian River Valley, CA)

91

fruity nose, well-made and memorable sparkler with good acidity and lasting freshness. Flavors of tangerine,

Classic, structured, full-bodied and bursting with pear and apple aromas, hints of citrus. Juicy pear to

edgy acidity, a mineral line and length. (91 RP)

citrus and grapefruit flavors with good mouthfeel and balance.

Piper Heidsieck Brut NV (Reims, FR)

# Champ & Sparkling Continued

# Ca' del Bosco 'Cuvee Prestige' Franciacorta NV

(Lombardy, IT)

95

Orange, apricot and citrus aromas, fresh, creamy and lively on the finish. An excellent Italian sparkler.

### Taittinger 'Prestige' Rose NV (Reims, FR)

120

Wonderfully expressive of raspberry, cherry and black currant. On the palate a velvety texture and full bodied with flavors of red fruits following through.

#### Beau Joie Brut NV (Champagne, FR)

125

Floral and yeast notes on the nose give way to crisp Fruit flavors of citrus and apple. Pinot Noir provides the firm body and structure, zero dosage

#### Gosset Brut NV (Champagne, FR)

160

yellow apple and highlights of granny smith. Beautifully subtle autolysis on the palate, creamy apple crumble, plum. Elegance, length and freshness are inherent and quietly convincing. (94 D) (93 WS) (91 WE)

### Taittinger 'Prelude' Grand Crus NV (Reims, FR)

18

Combines sophistication and complexity. Aromas of elderflower and touch of cinnamon. Hints of citrus on the palate, finish long, lasting rich and explosive.

# Tendil & Lombardi 'Rose de Saignee' NV

280

(Champagne, FR)

In this crisp, fresh, very dry rose champagne, the red fruits are laced with acidity and apple.

# Nicolas Feuillatte 'Palmes d'Or' Brut 2006

20

(Epernay, FR)

Apricot, cherry and lemon aromas and flavors. Great intensity and finesse and vigor on the finish.

# Lambrusco

#### Albinea Canali 'Metodo Ancestrale' NV

(Emilia-Romagna, Italy)

57

Intense rosé color and violet reflections. Fresh, fruity aroma that hints of bread crust. Semi-sparkling, dry and velvety texture with a refreshing tartness.

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Red Wines

Aglianico

Vinosia 'Neromora' 2015 (Campania, IT)

54

Deep dark fruits, round tannins, hints of toasted oak with substantial cherry and herbal fi nish that is smooth and velvety.

# Villa Matilde 'Rocca Dei Leoni' 2017 (Campania, IT) 65

dusty black cherry, sweet spices, white smoke, florals, blue and black fruits, tobacco, licorice

### Mastroberardino 'Radici' 2000 (Campania, IT)

145

black cherry, dried fruit, spice, cinnamon, mineral, soft tannins, developing with age, zesty and crisp on the finish. (91 WE)

# Barbera

#### Luca Bosio 2020 (Piedmont, IT)

57

Ruby red with purple reflections. Aromas are fruity, including plum, cherry, and spices, velvety and harmonic.

#### Pio Cesare 2017 (Piedmont, IT)

62

The Barbera grapes grown in the Barolo area give full structure, plummy and complex flavor, with spicy and ripe fruit, blackberry aroma and a hint of toasted tobacco. (92 JS)(90 RP)

#### Renato Ratti 'Battaglione' 2022 (Piedmont, IT)

75

This smooth red is marked by bright cherry, blackberry and spice notes that show a hint of chocolate. Balanced, with a nice edge of acidity and bitter almond on the finish. (91 RP)(90 WS)

# Beaujolais

#### Louis Jadot 'Beaujolais' 2021 (Beaujolais, FR)

5

Light-bodied with red and black cherry fruit and a violet note as well. Slightly earthy and a firm finish.

# Georges Duboeuf 'Moulin A Vent' 2020 (Beaujolais, FR) 75

Aromas of blackberry and cassis create a deliciously fruity nose that follows to fresh, silky and balanced palate. Fine, elegant and sophisticated. Outstanding Cru. (92 WE)

# Bordeaux

#### Chateau Haut-Grelot 2019 (Bordeaux, FR)

54

Pleasant fruity nose of blackcurrant and raspberry. The mouth is supple and ample, concentrated where the fruit is generous with a soft attack.

#### Chateau Tour du Bel Air Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2020

(Bordeaux, FR) 98

Ripe fruit, intense aromas of red currant, blackberry and spice. Silky tannins that combine with lingering black cherry and coffee on the finish.

# Cabernet Franc

#### Cosentino Winery 'The Franc' 2021 (Lodi, CA)

48

vanilla, cedar, dried herbs, black cherry, currant, baking chocolate, cracked black pepper leads to the supple finish.

Alexander Valley 2021 (Alexander Valley, CA)

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# Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Penfolds 'Max's' 2021 (South Australia, AU)

54

Espresso, anise, and plum, wildflowers planted among sage and mint, dried fruits and Italian herbs underscored by cedar make for a structured red aged 12 months in French and American oak.

# Silver Totem 'Wallla Vineyard' Horse Heaven Hills 2017

(Columbia Valley, WA) 59

underripe red and black fruit, cherry, ceder, violet, lighter style cabernet, earthy, volcanic and mineral driven soils type

#### Robert Hall 'Paso Red' 2020 (Paso Robles, CA)

65

Fresh, bright fruit, a small hint of oak, baking spices

# Coppola 'Claret' 2017 (CA)

6.5

Smooth and fresh with plum, oak and spice. Fresh and balanced with nice dusty, mellow notes.

# Tomassi 'Poggio Al Tufo' 2019 (Tuscany, IT)

7

Intense bouquet of dark fruit, spices and licorice, well balanced and well structured, plenty of fruit and good length.

#### Alexander Valley Vineyards 2021 (Sonoma, CA)

75

Aromas of blueberries, blackberries and crushed sage. Full-bodied with silky tannins. Lean and focused on the palate with solid depth. Dry finish. (91 JS)

#### Banfi 'ASKA' 2017 (Bolgheri, IT)

8

Deep ruby red with violet reflections. Bouquet of red berries, blueberries and plum jam, tobacco, and licorice. velvety tannins and a persistent finish. (JS 93)

# Goldschmidt Vineyards 'Katherine' Stonemason Hill vineyard 2021 (Alexander Valley, CA)

88

juicy black fruit, black cherry, plum, espresso, oak spice

#### Tolaini 'Legit' 2018 (Tuscany, IT)

108

black cherry, blackberry, green herbs, tobacco (94 WS)

#### Penfolds 'Bin 407' 2017 (South Australia)

135

rosemary, sage and loam details that mingle with firm currant and dried cherry flavors, dense tannins, and a fresh green note. (93 JS)(93 WE)(92 WS)(91 RP)

#### Sequoia Grove 2017 (Napa Valley, CA)

138

dark berry alongside a touch of herbaceousness, soft midpalate, firm tannins and lasting oak (90 WE)

#### Stonestreet Estate 2016 (Alexander Valley, CA) 14

cassis, black cherry preserves, wild blueberries, chocolate, dried mint, grainy tannins, long finish. (93 JD) (RP 92)

#### Trinchero 'Mario's Vineyard' 2014 (Napa Valley, CA) 155

Shows soft tannins in an up-front, forward dramatic style. This wine has medium to full body, low

acidity and loads of black and red currant fruit.

### Mt Brave 'Mt. Veeder' 2015 (Napa Valley, CA) 185

A muscular, firm, dense, well-proportioned notes of dark berry, crushed rock and graphite. Impressively lively acidity with a red berry core. (WS 92)

### The Prisoner Wine Company 2021 (Napa Valley, CA) 185

black cherry, ripe plum, vanilla and baking spice, cdark fruit flavors culminate in lush, full mouthfeel and a lengthy finish.

### Swanson 'Alexis' 2012 (Napa Valley, CA) 185

crème de cassis, licorice and spice, medium to full body, round tannins, decent acidity and good balance as well as depth. (91 IS) (90 RP)

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### Freemark Abbey 2018 (Napa Valley, CA) 185

Fresh blackberries, blackcurrants and black plums, dark chocolate, menthol. Full-bodied, black fruits and great structure, soft tannin and spice (94 WE) (93 IS)

### Trinchero 'BRV' 2014 (Napa Valley, CA) 19

Lots of spicy, rich fruit to this red with a blackberry, boysenberry flavor plus hints of tar and licorice. Full body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. (93 IS)

# Carmenere

# Terrunyo 'Peumo Vineyard' 2018 (Rapel Valley, CL) 115

This shows superb aromas of blackberries, violets and spice with hints of rose petals. Cloves, too. Such purity. Full-bodied, tight and refined with fantastic texture and polish. Extremely long and caressing. Such a beauty. (94 IS)

# Chianti

# Ruffino 'Superiore' 2020 (Tuscany, IT)

59

fruity notes of fresh red and black fruits, well-structured, medium-bodied wine with plums, cherries and blueberries as well as hints of black pepper and spice.

#### Piegaia 'Classico' 2020 (Tuscany, IT)

61

Balanced, pleasing and lightly tannic, finishing with a velvety softness.

#### Banfi Classico 'Fonte Alla Selva' 2018 (Tuscany, IT)

Beautiful aromas of blackberries, dried cherries and violets. Full bodied with cherry tannins and a long finish.

65

#### Tenuta di Nozzole Classico Riserva 2018 (Tuscany, IT) 69

Cherry and violet aromas, persistent and rounded flavors of spices and mushroom. Great structure with elegant finesse.

(IS 93) (WS 91)

#### Volpaia Classico 2021 (Tuscany, IT)

79

Black-cherry, orange-peel, lead pencil, slate, fine tannins and firm acidity. From organically grown grapes. (93 JS)(92 WS)

# Luiano Classico Riserva 2015 (Tuscany, IT) 95

A rich and structured wine, with a complex and layered bouquet bursting with cherry and violet aromas, backed by leather and white pepper notes. (WS 95)

### Lamole di Lamole Classico 2017 (Tuscany, IT) 115

Aromas of plum and herry with hints of chalk and stone. Medium to full-hodied, cheny tannins and a flavorful finish.

### Villa Calcinaia 'Vigna Contessa Luisa' 2015 (Tuscany,IT)

rich and opulent, great tannic structure, probably resulting from the clayey nature of the soil. This wine is produced by our friend Sebastian Capponi.

# Dolcetto D'Alba

# Luca Bosio 2020 (Piedmont, IT)

55

Ruby red in color, red fruit, spicy notes, silky tannins that give it a smooth mouthfeel and a great structure well integrated with its body

#### Pio Cesare 2016 (Piedmont, IT)

68

easy to drink, cherry and plum, dusty earth, red rock, herbs

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# Etna Rosso

# Benanti 2020 (Sicily, IT)

69

Pale ruby color. Ethereal, intense aromas with hints of red fruits. Balanced, dry, medium bodied with pleasant acidity.

#### Donnafugata 'Sul Vulcano' 2018 (Sicily, IT)

95

Pale ruby red, offers an elegant bouquet with notes of red fruits (raspberries and blueberries) and flowery scents of violet, along with delicate spicy nuances of nutmeg. The palate is fresh and with a good structure with silky tannins and a balanced and persistent finish.

# Gattinara

### Travaglini 2018 (Piedmont, IT)

128

On the nose, aromas of red fruit, blackberry, plum and licorice with hints of vanilla and leather. Full bodied palate, with intense flavors of cherry, raspberry and spice culminating in a long and smooth finish.

#### Travaglini 'Riserva' 2016 (Piedmont, IT)

175

Great complexity and concentration, dominated by liquorice spices and juniper herries, balsamic sandalwood and abundant toasting. Followed by a fruity flavor of fruit preserved in spirits, strawberry and blackberry jam, finished off with hints of wilting flowers.

# Grenache

### Olianas 'Cannonau' 2020 (Sardinia, IT)

65

Strong notes of wild berries blend wisely with hints of dark chocolate and tobacco. Soft tannins on the palate and good concentration, it is well balanced by a pleasant acidity.

#### Orin Swift Shatter 2017 & 2021 (Languedoc, FR)

78

Aromas of cherry, leather and vanilla. Opens with red fruit flavors, leading to bright acidity and soft tannins on the mid-palate. Finish is long, concentrated with well-integrated oak. A collaboration between

# Lacrima di Morro

#### Velenosi 2018 (Marche, IT)

65

This is a fantastic red with crushed berries, black pepper and pumice. Some espresso, too. Full body, layered with pretty, ripe tannins and a flavorful finish

# Malbec

### Elsa Bianchi 2021 (Mendoza, AR) 65

ripe red fruit, violets, subtle minerality, round and soft tannins, balanced acidity, medium structure with elegant mouthfeel. A lighter, more easy going malbec experience.

### Catena Vista Flores Vineyard 2020 (Mendoza, AR) 80

Tunuyun district in Mendoza, this historic vineyard site has 30 year old vines. rich and full with notes of sweet spice and leather, soft tannins with bright, crisp acidity, long finish

# Kaiken 'Ultra' 2018 (Mendoza, AR) 75

Intense aromas of ripe berry, sandalwood and dark chocolate follow through to a full body, with super integrated tannins and a blueberry and light vanilla character. Ultra serious.

#### Achaval Ferrer 'Quimera' 2018 (Mendoza, AR) 99

Mostly malbec blended with cab sauv, cab franc, & merlot, Deep shades, stony, earthy, dark fruit, delicate rosemary, feminine and high acid 95 pts James Suckling

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### Folie á Deux 2018 (Napa Valley, CA)

64

Juicy plum, bing cherry hints of vanilla, and toasted oak. Mouth-filling texture and lasting finish.

# Oberon 2020 (Napa Valley, CA)

6

Using Syrah and Zinfandel as blenders, adds a dark velvety feel to the lush berry flavor profile of the Merlot. Dense black fruit aromas followed by blueberry and chocolate flavors, and supple tannins on the palate.

#### Matanzas Creek 2017 (Sonoma, CA)

74

Dried blueberries, dried cranberries, black plums and cassis notes. Bittersweet chocolate and cocoa powder mingling with hints of cardamom.

#### St. Francis 2015 (Sonoma, CA)

8.5

This is a classic Merlot with rich, deep color and expressive—flavors. Full bodied, aromas and flavors of plum, currant, peppercorn, and savory spices before a long, silky finish.

#### Cotarella 'Sodale' 2018 (Lazio, IT)

87

inky black fruit, sweet spice, and mineral, juicy yet structured, abundant tannin, polished, supple in texture, balanced finish of medium length

#### Freemark Abbey 'Stage Coach' 2015 (Napa Valley, CA) 95

Aromas of dried cranberry, red raspberry, plum, dark cherry and plum are the primary flavors with a solid tannin structure with a long finish.

#### Napa Cellars 2019 (Napa Valley, CA)

95

Aromas and flavors of red currant and plum. It offers a lush and plus body and texture. Tannins coat the back of the palate as notes of mocha spark the finish. Woody in cedar and toasted oak. Excellent for

the vintage.

### Silverado Mt. George Vineyard 2014 (Napa Valley, CA)110

Fruit-driven, a soft, direct and appealing wine for its wealth of blackberry, cherry, plum, chocolate and leather flavors.

# Freemark Abbey 2018 (Napa Valley, CA)

Red ruby color, expresses red and blue fruits, composed of dried cherries, ripe strawberry, blue berry cobbler, fruit cake, red raspberry jam, and plum. Complexity, baking spice, leather, milk chocolate and arugula. The spicy oak is very well integrated. Entry and finish are very smooth, with cherry and plum nuances. A good overall balance of fruit, body, and tannin, with a long fruitful finish.

### La Jota 2016 (Howell Mountain, CA)

195

Best of the best. The wine is dense and exhibits loads of mocha, black cherry and plum in a full-bodied, opulent and dense style. This is a stick-to-your-ribs, mouth coating Merlot. (94 RP)

# Monastrell (Mourvedre)

### Volver 'Tarima' 2019 (Alicante, ES)

48

black raspberry, blueberry, lavender, sweet tobacco, vanilla and mocha. Full body, balanced tannins, savory finish.

# Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

# Riporta 2021 (Abruzzi, IT)

55

Ruby red color with garnet highlights. Intense, persistent and fruity, with a strong aroma of wild berries, full bodied, well balanced, clean, slightly tannic

#### Villa Medoro 2018 (Abruzzi, IT)

49

Lively and bright ruby red color with black cherry, red fruit and spices on the nose. Smooth with red fruit flavors.

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# Nebbiolo

#### Pio Cesare 'Il Nebbio' 2018 (Langhe, IT)

75

Nice spice notes of white pepper, anise and violet. Nice dark fruit, berry, and spices on the palate.

#### Renato Ratti 'Ochetti' 2018 (Langhe, IT)

85

Softly pliant and silky, shows fine and nuanced detailing with lots of genuine and delicate character of the grape. The fruit is subtle, but the bouquet affords more room to crushed stone, blue flower and powdered licorice. (90 RP) (90 JS)

# Negro Amaro

#### Copertino Riserva 2012 (Puglia, IT)

55

An intriguing red that's aging gracefully, with delicate notes of baked cherry and black fig fruit accented by dried thyme, incense and leather. Well-knit and focused, with light, silky tannins, this is still fresh thanks to its orange peel acidity and the tang of minerally iron and salt notes. (90 WS)

#### Cantele 'Salice Salentino' 2017 (Puglia, IT)

50

Streaks of garnet giving way to intense ruby red. Candied fruits and spices that evolve into clean

underbrush, tea, and amber notes. Enhanced by notes of red flowers, the aromas return on the palate transported by confident but not overbearing alcohol. The tannins and fresh acidity work in counterpoint to create a balanced, soft wine.

# Nero d'Avola

# Regaleali 2018 (Sicily, IT) 48

Bright ruby-red color, this wine offers layered notes of cherry, mulberry and raspberry. On the palate, it is complex and supple, with ripe berry flavors framed by silky tannings. A delicious Sicilian red at a great value!

### Duca Di Salaparuta 'Passo delle Mule' 2019 (Sicily, IT) 56

morello cherries and raspberries, complex with well-balanced scents of spices and vanilla. Rich, full and velvety, full-bodied, with typical austere but pleasant tannin.

### Donnafugata Sedara 2018 (Sicily, IT)

62

Intense aromas of cherry and strawberry. Delicate flower notes. Lively mouthfeel with pleasant tannins.

#### Feudo Maccari 'Nere' 2018 (Sicily, IT)

65

This wine shows expressive red berry aromas with herbal and fruity notes. On the palate, the flavors are structured and given balance by bright, cleansing acidity.

# Petit Sirah

### Foppiano Vineyards 2017 (Russian River Valley, CA) 68

Dark chocolate and blueberry jam form the center of this rich full-bodied wine. Raisin, leather and meaty black pepper follow the concentrated fruit.

# Girard 2018 (Napa Valley, CA) 95

Toffee, blackberry, fig, pepper, clove and cinnamon. The tannins are bold, ripe and integrated, a lingering finish.

#### Foppiano Vineyards 'Gianna's Block' 2018

(Russian River Valley, CA)

110

A very big red, rose petals, oil cured olives, river rock, cranberry, raspberry well integrated oak notes and velvety tannins.

#### Stags Leap 2018 (Napa Valley, CA) 130

Blackberry and blueberry jam, bacon, anise and pepper flavors that are extraordinarily rich.

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# Pinot Noir

Louis Jadot 'Aurum' 2019 (Beaune, FR) 62

A crisp red boasting strawberry and cherry fruit, accented by earth and spice. Aurum means gold.

#### Cambria 'Julia's Vineyard' 2021

(Santa Maria Valley, CA)

67

Herbal, green sage, kelp, cranberry, smoke and chiseled rock, baked red-cherry flavors hints of leather and wild thyme arise, as tannins hold everything together. (91 WE)

### Folie a Deux 2018 (Sonoma Coast, CA)

68

Deeply concentrated aromas of strawberry and black cherry with hints of cola and spice, framed by a palate of cherry, cranberry, toffee and tobacco.

#### Siduri 2021 (Santa Barbara, CA)

6

Aromas of black plum, fig, Cremini Mushrooms, and Rhubarb emerge from the glass. A rush of fresh blackberry, plum and savory herbs fill the senses after each sip. A broad, rich mid-palate, which is accented by fresh acidity and soft tannins.

### The Calling 2021 (Monterey, CA)

75

Plum and bright cranberry highlights are expertly balanced with a hint of earthiness. On the palate, lush, soft tannins marry with strawberry-rhubarb pie, cherries, white pepper.

### Etude 2017 (Carneros, CA)

78

Vivid strawberry and dried flower aromas here with hints of sandalwood. Medium to full body with firm, creamy tannins and a tangy finish. Pumice and black and white-pepper.

# Clos Pegase 'Mitsuko's Vineyard' 2015 (Carneros, CA) 85

A richer pinot with strawberry, cedar, leather and orange-peel character. Full body, round tannins and a tangy finish. (91 IS)

### Decibel 2018 (Martinborough, NZ) 85

From the winery of Philly local, Daniel Brennan. Silky and plush features a delicate interplay of cinnamon and clove with cherry and pomegranate. It glides easily to a long finish with a hint of smoke. (92 WE)

#### Jermann 'Red Angel' 2018 (Frivili, IT)

88

Aroma is well-orchestrated, and slightly herbaceous. The Pinot Nero variety stands out with elegant finesse. Its taste is delicate, elegant, and full-bodied and balanced. (91 WE)

### Belle Glos 'Clark & Telephone' 2022

#### (Santa Maria Valley, CA)

95

Intriguing aromas of sun-warmed blackberries, ripe plums and black licorice. Dark berry fruit on the palate with flavors of dark chocolate and vanilla and cedar undertones. (90 WE)

#### Bravium 2018 (Anderson Valley, CA)

9

Aromatic nose of ripe red currants with succulent raspberry, red cherry and cranberry fruit and a perfect dose of smoky leather. Soft tannins, elegant, long finish.

# Angela Estate 2013 (Willamette Valley, OR)

98

tangy raspberry fruit, black cherry, mocha and caramel (92 WE) (90 WS)

#### Dutton Goldfield 'Dutton Ranch' 2019

#### (Russian River Valley, CA)

120

Black cherry, strawberry, raspberry and nutmeg on the nose. Fresh berry fruit, then the soft, broad tannins carry notes of cranberry, nutmeg and coriander through a lingering finish. (92 WS) (92 WE)

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# Pinot Noir Continued

# Domaine Antonin Guyon Savigny-les-Beaune 'Les Goudelette' 2013 (Burgundy, FR)

North of Beaune, near Aloxe-Corton, Guyon's grapes cover 2.13 hectares in this area, very small production, hand harvested, long fermentation, red fruits, black cherry, fine tannins, developing

# Louis Jadot Pommard 2015 (Burgundy, FR)

Firm and tightly wound, offering a mix of cherry, earth, iron and tobacco flavors. A core of sweet fruit sits at the center, wrapped up in dusty tannins. This comes together in the end. (90 WS)

#### 150 Maggy Hawk 'Stormin' 2012 (Anderson Valley, CA)

An intense nose of blackberry, nutmeg, sandalwood, and espresso bean reveals a structured, but velvety and round wine with notes of dark chocolate, plum, and sassafras.

# Rosso di Montalcino

# Poggio San Polo 2020 (Tuscany, IT)

fresh berries, sour cherry, blackberries, black cherries, hint of vanilla, warm, smooth and a medium-bodied with finely-balanced tannins. (90 RP)(91 D)

### Banfi 'Poggio Alle Mura' 2018 (Tuscany, IT)

Fresh and fruity with tpical varietal notes of cherry and blackberry, enriched by more complex hints of licorice and hazelnut.

# Val di Suga 2016 (Tuscany, IT)

Aromas of underbrush, grilled her and blue flower. The palate offers sour cherry, pomegranate and roasted coffee bean alongside rather grainy drying tannins. (91 IS)

# Donatella Cinelli Colombini 2019 (Tuscany, IT)

cherries, raspberries, blackberries, floral hints especially violets. Full bodied, silky tannins well balanced by the intensity in the mouth. (90 WS)

# Sangiovese

# Banfi 'Collepino' 2020 (Tuscany, IT)

Sangiovese and Merlot blend. Fresh and vibrant red fruit. Soft tannins keep the fruit afloat until arriving at a comfortable finish.

# Sassoregale 2019 (Maremma, IT)

and elegance.

On the nose, hints of morello cherries, wild berries and a moderate spiciness. On the palate, it reveals a full and firm flavor, expressing all its intensity

Fattoria di Magliano 'Sinarra' 2014 (Maremma, IT)

Aroma of fruity, with intense hints of violets and red fruits. Taste is persistent and intense having hints of succulent cherries, definitely full bodied.

# Shiraz, Shiraz Blends, Syrah

#### Penfolds 'Max's 2020 (South Australia)

Aromas of fresh red fruits, cranberry and red currants. Textured wine, evenly balanced with bright acidity

#### Copain 'Tous Ensemble' 2018 (Mendocino County, CA)

lavender, pie crust and wild blackberry, blueberry, anise and black cherry

# Syrah Continued

#### Gust 2018 (Petaluma Gap, CA)

110

Dry, chalky tannins lead to dusty dark chocolate as well as meaty blackberry and licorice notes. The wine's exceptional depth is marked by brown sugared plum preserves and enhanced by crushed violets, slate, black pepper, and tar.

K Vintners 'Milbrandt' 2016 (Wahluke Slope, WA)125 Compelling, aromatic dark plum, briny olive, spice cake. Focused, fresh and exciting to drink. Black cherry, deep red rose petals, cool earth. Deep...seriously good Syrah. Made by our friend Charles Smith. (92 JS) (91 RP)

Penfolds 'Bin 389' 2012/2014/2016 (South Australia) 135 Ripe fruit aromas, with a thin blanket of tannins around a supple core of blackberry, smoke and spice flavors.

# Super Tuscan

#### Brancaia 'Tre' 2018 (Tuscany, IT)

65

A dense matrix supports black cherry, earth, tobacco and coffee flavors in this beefy red. Tips toward the tannins in the end, but stays in line. (90 JS)

#### Argiano 'Non Confunditur' 2020 (Tuscany, IT)

Intense aromas of red fruits like plums, cherries with raspberry, black currant and green bell pepper and hints of coffee. On the palate is dry with medium alcohol and well-integrated tannins. The aftertaste is long and persistent.

(93 JS) (90 WS)

#### Ruffino 'Modus' 2019 (Tuscany, IT)

gc

Intense ruby red. Intense and intriguing with a complex bouquet of blackberries and established flowers that evolves into cinnamon and clove notes. A rich and enduring wine, with soft tannins and an impressive structure. (94 JS)

#### Luce della Vite 'Lucente' Toscana 2020 (Tuscany, IT) 90

Lush bouquet of raspberry and blackberry, followed by roast espresso with hints of mint and sage. Tasty fruit with a pleasant hint of nutmeg to finish.

#### Arceno 'Il Fauno di Arcanum' 2019 (Tuscany, IT) 95

Blackberries, plums, dried figs, herbs and dark chocolate on the nose. It's full-bodied with chewy tannins and a grainy texture. Some toasted nuts on the finish. (94 D) (90 JS)

#### Tolaini 'Al Passo' 2018 (Tuscany, IT)

95

Strawberry and plum with hints of earth. Full-bodied with soft, round tannins and a decadent finish. (91 WS)

Black currant, blackberry and mint aromas. Fruity yet savory. Medium body with firm and silky tannins. (91 JS)

# Grato Grati 'Vecchia Annata' 2000 (Tuscany, IT) 110

Nose is rich on bright fresh red cherry, aged leather and clove. On the palate, juicy & vibrant acidity with deep fresh cherry flavors, dark spice, clove, violet & silky tannin.

# Le Macchiole Rosso 2019 (Tuscany, IT)

114

Ruby in color with aromas of red fruit. Medium bodied with tasting notes of vanilla and spices. Ripe tannins and refreshing acidity.

#### San Guido 'Guidalberto' 2016 (Bolgheri, IT)

155

Generous bouquet and a beautifully rich and velvety appearance. Dark cherry and blackberry, spice, leather and sweet fruit at the end. The mouthfeel is elegantly shaped, silky and nuanced. (95 JS) (94 RP) (93 WE) (91 WS)

### Ornellaia 'Le Serre Nuove' 2019 (Bolgheri, IT)

225

Complex aromas of dark chocolate, cola, vanilla, cedar and currant. Full-bodied yet ultra refined, with dense, seamless, caressing tannins. Superb. (94 RP)

# Tempranillo

# Quinta Sardonia 'Sardon' 2019

(Castilla y Leon, ES)

59

Good aromatic intensity, fresh nose of blackberries and raspberries with a touch of spice. The palate is very fruity and fresh yet also has flesh and volume. The tannins are soft and give way to a refreshing, mineral finish with good persistence.

# Vaza 'Crianza' 2016 (Rioja, ES)

6

Aged in French and American oak barrels this wine has spice, vanilla and coffee added to floral notes of violet and geranium with classic raspberry and strawberry fruit.

# Valpolicella

#### Masi 2020 (Veneto, IT)

52

Fresh lively aromas of ripe fruit with a hint of cherry. Velvety with firm structure and long finish.

#### Allegrini 2022 (Veneto, IT)

68

Well-structured wine, with a soft, long and persistent finish. Brilliant ruby red in color, with a pleasant scent of wild berries. Dry and velvety on the palate, it is characterized by a bitter almond finish. (91 JS)

# Buglioni 'Il Bugiardo' Classico Superiore Ripasso 2019 (Tuscany, IT)

Intense and elegant armoas of ripe fruit and spices, with a slight hint of vanilla and tobacco. Persistent and warm flavor, velvety and harmonic.

# Zinfandel

#### Bonterra 2019 (Mendocino, CA)

48

Aromas of blueberry, stone fruit and black pepper. Polished tannins and flavors of berries, vanilla, black pepper and toasty oak lead to an elegant, balanced and rich long finish.

#### Terra d'Oro 2016 & 2017 (Amador, CA)

52

raspherry jam, clove, cedar, anise, orange zest, rainier cherry, pomegranate, black currant, round tannins.

Steele 'Pacini Vineyard' 2017 (Mendocino County, CA) 68

The nose is full of ripe cherry and blueberry with undertones of toasted hazelnut and vanilla. The palate is full of ripe wild berries, spice, and cherry cola, with dusty cocoa and light tannin on the finish. The wine has great structure, and is well balanced. (WE 91)

### Artezin 2019 (Mendocino, CA)

69

Big, bold, full-bodied, rich with deep chocolate and black raspberry flavors. Excellent quality and intensity.

### Mount Peak 'Rattlesnake' 2018 (Sonoma, CA) 110

Rich, textured with an alluring juicy quality. It's layered with robust and ripe fruit tones including plum, black cherry and blueberry tied together with black pepper, licorice and cocoa. The luscious, lasting finish adds spice and vanilla to frame the fruit.

# Novy 2016 (Russian River Valley, CA)

118

Lively cranberry fruit, this wine smells like the essence of Zinfandel. On the palate, loads of vibrant fruit, a wonderful mid-palate that fans out on an expansive finish. (91 WS) (90 RP)

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# Red Blends

# Gundlach Bundschu 'Mountain Cuvee' 2018

(Sonoma, CA)

52

Refreshing aromas of black cherries and blackberries lifted by vanilla and warm baking spices lead into a light-to-medium bodied palate of more dark fruit, savory cocoa and earth, while dusty tannins and mouthwatering acidity leave a lingering freshness.

# Domaine De La Sangliere 'Juliette' 2020

(Provence FR) with the vine is direct, ideally balanced High Heaven Vintners 'Roaming Elk' 2018

#### (Columbia Valley, WA)

5

Lavender, violets, raspberry and cranberry aromas are balanced with spice, smoke and cedar. Complex and nuanced, yet well-balanced with refined tannins and an uplifting acidity. Blackberry, lavender and savory flavors with a supple long finish.

#### Recanati 'Yasmin Red' 2022 (Israel)

58

The wine is rich in fruit flavors and carries the aromas of black plums, spices and oak. It has a refined body and balanced acidity allowing the consumer to enjoy it while it is still young.

#### Ca Maiol 'Giome' 2019 (Lombardy, IT)

5

Medium-bodied with very balance hints of wood. The fragrance resembles berries with a hint of tobacco and spice.

#### Clos de los Siete 2018 (Valle de Hugo, AR)

75

Michel Rolland's outstanding blend of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Cherry, dried berry, current, spice box flavors. Rich, textured finish lingers with creamy notes. Excellent value. (93 JS) (91 WS) (90 RP)

#### Catena Zapata 'Historico Tinto' 2019 (Mendoza, AR) 90

Alluring array of ripe red-berry and plum aromas with a floral, violet-like edge and appealing oak influence, too. The palate has a very plush, open feel with medium body and a fresh, juicy finish. Poached red-berry finish.

### Emiliana 'Coyam' 2013 (Colchagua, CL)

Dark plums, walnuts, cedar, black pepper and spice aromas. This is an excellent blend of Syrah, Carmenere, Cabernet, Merlot, Mourvedre, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Certified Biodynamic. (91 WE) (93 JS)

# Venge Vineyards 'Scout's Honor' 2019

(Napa Valley, CA)

110

raspberry pie, kirsch, spice, dusty soil, tobacco, dried herbs, chewy tannins, anise (WE 93)(RP 90)

95

#### Stag's Leap 'Investor' 2020 (Napa Valley, CA) 11

A soft, round red with lots of dark berries and chocolate, as well as hazelnut flavor. Medium body, lovely fruit and balance. (92 JS)(92 RP)

### Hourglass 'HG III' 2015 (Napa Valley, CA)

spiced plums, vanilla pod, chocolate, cinnamon stick. pure black fruit flavors, with soft and plush tannins paving the long, spicy finish. (90 RP)

130

# Robert Mondavi 'Maestro' 2016 (Napa Valley, CA) 135

Spicy, herbal and peppery, this wine is blended Cahernet is blended with Merlot, Cahernet Franc, Malhec and Petit V erdot. Back currant highlight the hearty palate that shows a real sense of density and power. (93 WE)(92 WS)

#### Cenyth 2016 (Sonoma, CA) 135

Nose of black cherry, currant, mocha, peppermint, cigar box, vanilla notes. Full bodied, with silky tannins and a velvety palate of vibrant red fruits. Excellent!

### DeLille Cellars 'D2' 2018 (Columbia Valley, WA) 142

Full of polish and class. The aromas are charming, with notes of black cherry, dark raspberry, flowers and bittersweet chocolate. Structure and finesse. (92 WE)

# L'Ecole 'Pepper Bridge Apogee' 2014 (Walla Walla, WA) 145

Elegant and complex wine has aromas of black cherry, cocoa, nutmeg and leather. Flavors of tobacco, dark fruit, chocolate with smooth tannins on rich, long finish. (94 RP)

#### K Vitners 'The Creator' 2013 (Wahluke Slope, WA) 148

Cabernet and Syrah. Distinctive mineral layers over plum fruit, Great structure and true sophistication. Lingering on the Finish. Outstanding. (92 WS)

#### Beaulieu Vineyard 'Tapestry' 2017 (Napa Valley, CA) 195

Opens with crème de cassis and blackberry tart notes over hints of menthol, incense and Christmas cake, plus a waft of dark chocolate. Blended of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Merlot with dollops of Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. (95 JS)

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# Reserve List Red Wines

# Amarone

### Bertani 2008 (Veneto, IT)

295

A subtle red, with a hint of smoky mineral

underscoring the dried cherry, cocoa powder and dried thyme notes. Fresh and elegant, framed by fine tannins and offering a lingering, silky finish. (91 WE)

# Buglioni 2016 (Veneto, IT)

155

Dark ruby-red color. Intense and elegant

aromas of ripe fruit and spices with hints of vanilla and tobacco. Warm, persistent flavors, velvety and harmonious.

### Remo Farina 2017 (Veneto, IT)

150

A nose of redcurrants, plums, spices, nuts and mocha. It's medium-to full-hodied with chewy tannins. Balanced and focused with a nice structure and a creamy texture on the palate. Flavorful finish with delicious length. Supple. (93 JS)

#### Tomassi 2015 (Veneto, IT)

195

A rich, layered Amarone with lots of fruit. Bright, sliced dried citrus to the ripe and juicy fruit. It's full-bodied and compact with a beautiful finish and transparency. (94 JS) (90 WE)

# Del Forno Romano Superiore 2013

850

(Veneto, IT)

Absurdly intense on the nose, saturated in dark-plum essence, vanilla, tar, ash, mocha and light raisins. Somehow, this still manages to be fresh and elegant — that's thanks in part to the fine nature of the tannins, which on the surface seem brash and burly. Full-bodied and very, very long, casting dark fruit deep and ingrained. A stunning blockbuster of a wine. (98 RP) (97 JS)

### Barbaresco

### Gaja 2013 (Piedmont, IT)

450

Dark fruit with spice, grilled herb, licorice and leather. In keeping with that trademark Gaja, those transitions feel polished, long and smooth. The pleasure factor is high on this wine, thanks to the robust concentration and the beautifully velvety texture. (96WE) (94 IS) (93RP)

#### Gaja 2019 (Piedmont, IT)

850

It immediately brings out notes of rose and wild strawberries followed by lighter notes of marzipan, wild fennel and a hint of juniper. Tasting saline, the wine has good length and a perception of crisp red fruits balanced by bright acidity. Together with the freshness and a tense structure, they define the main

characteristics.

#### Michele Chiarlo 'Reyna' 2018 (Piedmont, IT)

135

Lots going on on the nose, with dried cherries and strawberries, colored by sous-bois elements, such as dried leaves and grilled mushrooms. Some brighter dried-flowers, too. Very nebbiolo and compact. Medium-bodied with lightly firm, dusty tannins and a nicely controlled finish. (94 WE)(93 JS)

# Barbera

### Michele Chiarlo 'La Court' 2018 (Piedmont, IT)

165

Purple with ruby hues, this intense yet elegant wine offers notes of black cherry, cocoa, and coffee. A velvety wine with a long, silky finish. Produced only in excellent vintages with very limited quantities. (90 WS)(90 RP)

# Barolo

# Pio Cesare 2003 (Piedmont, IT)

135

Aromas of plum, licorice rose and a whiff of oak-driven spice lead the nose. Cherry, pomegranate and clove. Firm palate with assertive tannins and vibrant acidity. (92 WS)(91 RP)

#### Pio Cesare 2009 (Piedmont, IT)

135

There's an impressive purity of fruit with strawberry character and hints of cream and flowers. White pepper too. Full body, with polished, integrated tannins and a long flavorful finish. Beautiful fruit. Nougat with fruit. Orange peel. Polished and refined. (92 IS)(93 RP)

### Pio Cesare 2014 (Piedmont, IT)

13

Bright and complex with licorice, tar and rose petals. Hints of plums, too. Medium to full body and cheny, round tannins. Plenty of dried meat, spices and berries. A pretty finish. Shows intensity for the vintage. (91 WS)(93 RP)(94 JS)(WE 90)

#### Michele Chiarlo 'Tortoniano' 2017 (Piedmont, IT) 140

Earthy and delicious, this opens with aromas of ripe dark-skinned berry, new leather, truffle and crushed botanical herb. The structured, expressive palate delivers crushed black cherry, mature raspberry, tobacco and the barest whiff of game alongside tightly knit, velvety tannins. It's well balanced, with fresh acidity. (95 WE)(93 WS)(93 RP)(93 IS)

#### Ratti 'Marcenesco' 2017 (Piedmont, IT)

145

This is so perfumed and beautiful with cherries, strawberries and dried flowers that follow through to a medium to full body with firm, fine tannins and a long, energetic finish. All about length and finesse. (96 WE) (95 WS)

#### Ratti 'Marcenesco' 2018 (Piedmont, IT)

145

This stunning, delicious red boasts enticing scents of camphor, rose petal, small red berry and spice while the delicious palate stuns with strawberry compote, baking spice and star anise. Smooth, silky tannins and fresh acidity keep it perfectly balanced. (96 WE) (93 RP)(92 JS)

# Bordeaux

### Château Leoville Barton 2016 (St-Julien, FR)

490

Number 1 on Wine Spectator's Top 100 of 2019! Plum, blackberry, black currant and blueberry flavors, all carried by a perfectly integrated brambly spine. The finish has extra kick while everything stays within the mouthwatering roasted apple wood frame. Both regal and rambunctious, this is St.-Julien to a T. (97 WS) (97 JS)

#### Château Latour Pomerol 2014 (Pomerol, FR)

450

The tannins and density of this wine are impressive. With its strong structure and concentrated fruit, the wine is ripe and likely to age well. Blackberry and red-cherry flavors dominate a wine that is going to be ready to drink from 2021. (93 WE)

# Brunello di Montalcino

### Altesino 2016 (Tuscany, IT)

155

Fresh violet, forest-floor and some pear-skin aromas, underneath brambleberries. Fresher style of Brunello. It's medium-bodied with silky tannins and a great balance between fresh-fruit and forest flavors. (95 IS)(95 RP)(95 WS)(95 D)(92 WE)

# Banfi 2010 (Tuscany, IT)

175

Fabulous aromas of dried rose petal, orange peel, oyster shell and hints of dark fruits. Full body, very fine tannins with a mineral, berry and orange-peel and Tuscan-dust undertone. A structured, salty, savory finish. (95 JS) (92 RP) (92 WS)

# Banfi 2015 (Tuscany, IT)

175

So many spices line the nose here including cinnamon, cardamom, aniseed and walnuts. But there's no shortage of red plums and dried cherries either. Balanced and suave, this is a sophisticated Brunello with a sleek frame of tannins and subtle yet persistent acidity. (94 IS) (93 RP) (93 WS)

#### Banfi 2016 (Tuscany, IT)

174

Camphor, rose and new leather aromas form the nose along with a whiff of baking spice on this vibrant red. Polished and taut, the savory palate offers spiced cranberry, red cherry and star anise before finishing on a coffee note. Lithe, refined tannins and fresh acidity provide balanced support. (95 IS)(94 RP)(92 WE)(92 WS)

#### Banfi 'Poggio Alle Mura' Riserva 2013

#### (Tuscany, IT)

195

Intense aromas of blackberry and black bruffle follow through to a full body, firm & silky tannins, with a gorgeous finish of dried cherry. Pretty and focused.

(96 [S])

#### Banfi 'Poggio All'Oro' Riserva 2012 (Tuscany, IT) 325

Smooth and lush, with a ton of berry, cherry and smoke character. Chocolate and spice mixed into the prime cherry and berry palate. Fine tannins and a long finish. The best of Brunello. (94 WE) (94 WS)

# Carpineto 2013 (Tuscany, IT)

225

Classic Sangiovese aromas of violet, wild berry, baking spice and a whiff of new leather meld together on this. The structured full-bodied palate delivers black cherry, crushed raspberry, clove and star anise set against firm acidity and a backbone of tightly wound tannins that grip the finish.

(92 WE)(90 WS)(90 RP)

### Donatella Cinelli Colombini 2016 (Tuscany, IT)

There is plenty of ripe black cherry, black currant and plum fruit buried within the muscular structure of this red. Balanced, vibrant and resonant, with a long earth- and mineral-tinged aftertaste. (94 WS) (95 RP) (91 WE) (94 IS)

350

# Sassetti 2010 (Tuscany, IT) 290

Beautiful sensorial experience that brings you immediately to varietal tones of pressed cherry, dried blackberry, spice and tobacco. The most compelling notes however are those polished mineral tones of crushed granite and pencil shaving that add sharpness and focus. This is not a timid Brunello and you can taste the sheer power and the quality of the fruit on hand. The mouthfeel is polished and smooth with fine and exact textural richness. Bravo (100 JS) (97 RP)

# Cabernet Sauvignon

# Beaulieu Vineyard 'Georges de Latour' Private Reserve 2013 (Napa, CA) 295

Extraordinary nose of créme de cassis and kirsch, licorice, cedarwood, and a touch of underbrush, the wine hits the palate with a full-hodied, powerful, concentrated, dense style, has great acidity, moderately sweet tannin, and a long, long finish. (98 RP) (95 WS)

# Beaulieu Vineyard 'Georges de Latour' Private Reserve 2014 (Napa, CA) 295

Extremely complex aromas of currant, coffee, basil and spearmint. Fantastic structure, full-bodied, firm and chewy tannins. The palate is packed with muscular frit lifted by herbal accents. (JS 96) (96 RP)

# Beaulieu Vineyard 'Georges de Latour' Private Reserve 2015 (Napa, CA) 295

Complex with black currants, forest floor and mint aromas. Full bodied with ripe tannins that roll on the palate. Very harmonious and precise. Impressive. (98 JS) (97 D) (96 RP)

# Beaulieu Vineyard 'Georges de Latour' Private Reserve 2017 (Napa, CA) 295

The nose is open and ready for business, featuring notions of redcurrant jelly, black raspberries, boysenberries and spice cake with touches of red roses, camphor, dark chocolate and new leather. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers bags of fragrant red and black fruit preserves, framed by plush tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing long and perfumed. (97 JS) (94 RP)

#### Beringer 'Private Reserve' 1999 (Napa, CA) 295

Complex aromas of currant, tobacco, olive and cedar lead to flavors of cherry, brown spice, slightly earthy, cedar. Pretty, elegant with sweet fruit. Medium body, good finish.

(93 WS) (WE 91)

### Beringer 'Private Reserve' 2001 (Napa, CA) 295

A spectacular effort for the vintage. Dense and concentrated with fine structure and firm chewy tannins. Currant, sage and wild berry flavors. (97 RP)

#### Beringer 'Private Reserve' 2006 (Napa, CA) 295

Rich and complex with strong notes of blackberry, currant and oak. Very dense on the palate with a long and silky finish. Full-bodied, powerful and layered. (93 RP)(91 JS)

#### Beringer 'Private Reserve' 2015 (Napa, CA) 295

The spice and walnut aromas are so enticing. Undertones of blackberries and black truffles. Full-bodied, dense and layered with fantastic tension and seamless tannins. It goes on for minutes. All about classic structure and beauty.

### Beringer 'Private Reserve' 2017 (Napa, CA)

295

This shows really beautiful purity of fruit with polish and sophistication. The currant and cassis aromas are so enticing and really reflect the name of the wine. Medium to full body. Extremely fine tannins. Shows a level of freshness and agility that caresses the palate. Delicate and beautiful. (94 RP)(98 IS)(95 WE)(92 WS)

### Chateau Montelena Estate 1997 (Napa, CA) 350

Dense, full-bodied personality, displays abundant cassis, mineral, and earth notes. This brilliantly made, super-concentrated, pure, blockbuster possesses sweet tannin as well as a terrific finish, outstanding wine (98 RP) (95 WS)

### Chateau Montelena Estate 2002 (Napa, CA) 350

Dark and powerful with great density and saturation. Luscious and ric on the nose with notes of violets, cassis and rich dark cherry, all riding over cocoa and molasses. The palate opens with raspberry and black currants building to ripe cherry. (96 RP) (93 WE)

#### Chateau Montelena Estate 2005 (Napa, CA) 350

Dark and powerful with great density and saturation. Luscious and ric on the nose with notes of violets, cassis and rich dark cherry, all riding over cocoa and molasses. The palate opens with raspberry and black currants building to ripe cherry. Excellent wine. (91 RP) (90 WE)

#### Chateau Montelena Estate 2006 (Napa, CA) 350

Complex notes of blackberry, clove, cocoa and black currants on the nose. Palate follows with lots of red and black fruits, dusty, loamy soil undertones and hint of tobacco leaf, fine grain tannins (93 JS) (91 RP)

### Chateau Montelena Estate 2010 (Napa, CA) 350

Extremely attractive aromas of asphalt, blueberry and rose petal. Full body with very well-integrated tannins and a long, long finish. Montelena estate shows a refinement and balance one expects in traditional Napa cabernet sauvignon. (93 JS)(94 RP)(91 WS)

#### Chateau Montelena Estate 2014 (Napa, CA) 350

Blackberry, vanilla and allspice leap out of the glass yet gracefully yield to notes of dried plum, coffee and perfume. Dense and concentrated, finish is elegant and balanced. Great wine.

#### Don Melchor 2019 (Maipo Valley, CL) 385

The Don Melchor Vineyard lies at the foot of the Andes on the northern bank of the Maipo River, over 2,000 feet above sea level; this wine reflects that dramatic terrain. The velvetlined curtains open with streamlined notes of black coffee before plum and chocolate take center stage with spice and cedar. A magnificent performance featuring kirsch on the finish and cameos by Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. (98 [S) (95 WS) (93 RP)

#### Freemark Abbey 'Bosche' 1998 (Rutherford, CA) 240

Amazing aromas of black raspberry, vanilla, toast and cedar, while on the palate things get berry berry, along with black pepper plus soft tannins and a very long finish.

#### Hewitt Vineyard 2011 (Rutherford, CA) 22

Rich core of dark berry, mocha, chocolate, dusty oak and loamy earth. Gains depth and refinement on the finish, where the flavors linger pleasantly. Excellent Wine.

#### Hewitt Vineyard 2013 (Rutherford, CA) 22

Brilliant wine with firm, rich, gutsy style that's dense, layered and persistent, driven by dusty, loamy earth notes and dark berry, cherry currant and anise flavors. Most impressive on the finish where the flavors run deep and long. (95 RP) (95 JS) (93 WS)

#### Hewitt Vineyard 2016 (Rutherford, CA)

225

A big nose of sweet blueberries, plums, dark chocolate, tobacco, and spice. It wears its ripe fruit well, showing full-bodied richness, good purity, and a lively feel on the palate. (97 JS)

#### Penfolds 'Bin 707' 2001 (South Australia)

550

Rich, refined, powerful, cedary, earthy, slightly leathery, blackberry and currant fruit, hinting a mint and a touch of eucalyptus on the long generous finish. (91 WS)

### Penfolds Bin 707 2010 (South Australia)

550

Aromas of cassis, plum, olive, cloves and earth. The palate, juicy plums and berries. Very structured by firm, grainy tannins, concentrated and muscular with excellent freshness through the long and layered finish. (97 WS) (95 RP)

### Pine Ridge 2014 (Napa, CA)

250

Rich, powerful wine that is ultra-vibrant in its wild blackberry character, with a lingering finish. Tobacco leaf, spicy oak, firm tannic structure and synchronicity of all the elements is superb. (93 WE) (93 D)

# Meritage Blends

### Alexander Valley Vineyards 'Cyrus' 2012

(Sonoma, CA)

170

black cherry, oak, vanilla, plum, cassis, eucalyptus, dark chocolate and nutmeg on the palate with a firm structure and long finish. Bordeaux Blend. (93 RP) (90 WE)

# Alexander Valley Vineyards 'Cyrus' 2015

(Sonoma, CA)

170

Layered, earthy aromas of cassis, dark cherry, chocolate, and hints of toasty oak and vanilla. This is a silky wine with flavors of cassis, chocolate, cherry, and blackberry. The 2015 CYRUS has elegant texture, excellent balance and a long structured finish. As this wine sits in the glass it just keeps building on itself.

### St. Jean 'Cinq Cepages 2015 (Sonoma, CA)

22

Opens with crème de cassis, warm plums and blackberry pie notes plus nuances of lavender. The palate is medium-hodied and wonderfully elegant in the mouth with plenty of vivacity to the fruit and a finely played, grainy frame, finishing long and lively. (95 JS) (93 RP)

### Stonestreet 'Legacy' 2007 (Alexander Valley, CA) 280

Beautiful, with fabulous concentration and purity, a dense purple color, a gorgeous blueberry and licorice nose. The wine is full-bodied and opulent with wonderfully integrated, toasty new oak, layered and rich.

# Joseph Phelps 'Insignia' 2004 (Napa, CA)

450

Ultrarich and smooth, with a mouthfeel that's pure velvet, it's fairly thick in tannins. Huge in blackberry, dark unsweetened chocolate and spicy plum fruit, and a long finish with depth and richness. Proprietary Bordeaux Blend. (97 WE) (98 RP)

#### Joseph Phelps 'Insignia' 2008 (Napa, CA)

450

Wonderful, complex, with a deep core of ripe currant, sage and blueberry and blackberry fruit, shaded by lightly toasted, cedary oak. Intense and concentrated. (96 IS) (97 RP)

# Pinot Noir

Sea Smoke 'Ten' 2014 (Central Coast, CA)

290

Richer expression of Pinot kicks off with vanilla and cherry on the nose, along with a bit of caramel. Red currant, raspherry on the palate, with a hint of cherry and cola. Smooth and lasting finish. (93 WE) (92 WS)

# Shiraz

250

### Penfolds 'St. Henri' 2016 (South Australia)

Stunning, complex fragrant, spicy edge with roasted coffee, core of very fresh blackberries, dark cherries and blueberries. The palate has a stunning array of deeply fleshy fruit flavors, superb length. Powerful, refined, silky and elegant. (98 IS)

### Penfolds 'Grange' 1999 (South Australia) 950

Outstanding wine. Pretty mint and anise aromas come through. Tremendously classy, plum, blackberry and currant fruit, on the palate. Pretty tannins with great cedary oak long finish. (95 RP) (94 WS) (93 WE)

### Penfolds 'Grange' 2001 (South Australia) 950

Great vintage of this wine. Deep, rich and concentrated, blackberry, plum and licorice, chocolate aromas and flavors, hinting at coffee, dark chocolate and spice as the finish lingers. Stunning, impeccably balanced with great structure (98 RP) (93 WS) (93 WE)

# Penfolds 'Grange' 2015 (South Australia) 95

The nose is open and expressive, with waves of aromas ranging from licorice, currant and plum to baking spice, furniture polish, freshly picked olive, mushroom and vanilla. The mouthfeel is satiny in texture, awash with fruit and spices of all shapes and sizes, all wound by fine tannins. (98 RP)(97 WS)(97 WE)(100 JS)(95 D)

# Super Tuscan

#### Cecchi 'Coveo' Toscana 2011 (Tuscany, IT)

Aromas of blackberry, cherry and roasted coffee beans. The palate offers dried black cherries, prunes, clove and tobacco set in a framework of tightly woven tannins. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot.

(92 JS) (91 RP) (90 WE) (90 WS)

# Castello di Bossi 'Corbaia' 2009 (Tuscany, IT) 190

A richly layered red that reveals elegant tones of red rose, cherry and dried blackberry. A firm tannic backbone surrounded by fleshy fruit, bitter chocolate and exotic spice. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. (95 RP) (92 WE)

#### Fonterutoli 'Siepi' 2006 (Tuscany, IT) 29

Intense and deep red, with aromas of cherries and plums, with notes of vanilla and licorice. Very elegant and balanced with a beautiful structure, supported by muscular and persuasive tannins. Sangiovese and Merlot. (95 WS)

# Le Macchiole 'Paleo' 2014 (Bolgheri, IT)

220

Really beautiful black fruit with freshly roasted coffee-bean aromas that follow through to a full body with silky and lightly chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Decadent. (97 WE) (97 RP)

# Ornellaia Masseto 2005 (Bolhgeri, Italy) 950

Aroma of ripe fruit, cherry, chocolate mousse and cherry jam. Full-bodied with chewy tannins and a rich,

fruity finish. Powerful and structured Merlot with layers and layers of everything. (96 WS) (95 WE) (94 RP)

# Ornellaia Ornellaia 2015 (Bolhgeri, Italy) 495

A great vintage. Great texture and intensity. A fruity scent that is ripe and fresh at the same time with spicy hints. Rich palate, dense and full-bodied, with exceptional tannic texture that's velvety, great refinement. Long finish that concludes with firmness and hints of spice. Bordeaux Blend. (98 JS) (97 WS)

### Ornellaia Ornellaia 2019 (Bolhgeri, Italy) 495

A youthful red, concentrated and balanced, with blackberry, plum, earth and spice flavors gaining lift from the vibrant structure, while tannins envelop the lively fruit components. The finish is shored up by fine-grained tannins. This has all the components in the right place. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc.

(97 RP)(98 D)(97 JS)(96 WS)

# San Guido 'Sassicaia' 2005 (Bolgheri, Italy) 475

The cahernet franc (15 percent) here seems to wrap the cassis and black cherry richness of cahernet sauvignon with the spiciness of fresh red peppercorns. Savory, this becomes silky and elegant with air, the rich fruit supported by firm, earthy tannins. (94 D) (93 RP)(94 WS)

### San Guido 'Sassicaia' 2009 (Bolgheri, Italy) 475

Intense, concentrated and deep ruby-colored, this wine offers elegant, complex aromas of red fruit. In the mouth it is rich, dense, harmonious, with sweet, balanced tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. (98 JS) (96 RP)(93 WS)

### San Guido 'Sassicaia' 2017 (Bolgheri, Italy) 475

The balance and beauty to this is impressive, offering sweet, ripe currants and flowers with some crushedstone and dry-earth undertones. Full-bodied with soft, polished tannins and a long, creamy-textured finish. It's polished, yet concentrated. (97 D) (97 WE) (96 JS) (95 WS)

#### San Guido 'Sassicaia' 2019 (Bolgheri, Italy) 475

Supple and beautifully defined, with black cherry, black currant and blackberry fruit augmented by tobacco, iron and thyme. Firmly structured, tightening up as this lingers with an aftertaste of dark fruit, graphite and spice. Shows a sense of elegance as well as power and intensity. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

(98 RP) (100 D) (99 WE) (99 JS) (98 WS)

# Sette Ponti 'Oreno' 2010 (Tuscany, Italy) 245

The wine is ruby red with violet reflections and spicy aromas of blackberry, red currants and dark truffles. On the palate, ripe berries lead to spices and sweet oak. Full-bodied, with beautifully crafted tannins that are creamy and seamless. Very impressive. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. (96 JS) (94 WS)

# Terriccio 'Lupicaia' 2005 (Tuscany, Italy)

300

Elegant, complex and layered with intense aromas of currant, blackberry, cherry, spice follow through to a full body with chewy tannins and a long finish. Beautiful! Cabernet, Merlot and Petite Verdot. (93 WE) (91 WS)

# Valpolicella

# Dal Forno Romano 'Superiore' 2006 (Veneto, Italy) 295

Lightly cherry tannins and aromatic subnotes of pencil shavings, dried thyme and smoke support flavors of candied cherry, licorice string, dried cranberry and bresaola. This is supple overall, and the tannins provide modest structure to the creamy finish. (91 RP)(91 WS)

### Dal Forno Romano 'Superiore' 2010 (Tuscany, Italy) 295

Amazing aromas of dried fruits, burnt orange and walnut skin. Full-bodied, chewy and very rich and dry, with wonderful tannin-fruit tension. It's layered, textured and complex. A triumph. (95 JS)(95 RP)(92 WS)

### Dal Forno Romano 'Superiore' 2013 (Tuscany, Italy) 295

A remarkably concentrated red, redolent of dark-cherry ice cream, stuffed with chocolate-chip flakes that turn into meatier, earthier nuances of steak tartar and forest floor. Full-throttle and lavishly chewy, the tannins pucker all sides of the mouth with mesmerizing intensity; nevertheless they remain polished and acutely detailed, like an extravagant, wool-woven, Moroccan veil. (95 JS)(95 RP)

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