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VINTAGES

Sunny wines from
SOUTHERN FRANCE

Grape or Grain?
6 FINE SPIRITS

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CHÂTEAU MAGNOL 2015
Cru Bourgeois, AC Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France
(Barton & Guestier)
384271 (XD)  750 mL  $27.95

TASTING NOTE: Dark berries, iron, and meat effuse from the glass and the wine here outshines its catch-all appellation. A Bordeaux that shines in the moment, this could cellar for another ten years and would be a great accompaniment to many red meat dishes. Extraordinary. Ultimate Recommendation. Score: 95 (Ultimate Wine Challenge, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity

JOSH CELLARS NORTH COAST RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016
North Coast, California
(Joseph Carr)
648875 (D)  750 mL  $24.95

TASTING NOTE: This Cabernet comprises fruit sourced from prime sites in Napa, Sonoma, Lake County and Mendocino. It’s fruity and well-balanced, with deep, dark, ripe cherry and purple fruit alongside mint, vanilla and earth. Perfectly pitched tannins. A wine with great character that would be a winner with steak or ribs. (Vintages panel, Nov. 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm
New at Vintages
welcome

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FRONT COVER: BASTIDE MIRAFLORS SYRAH/VIEILLES VIGNES GRENADE 2015 &
GÉRARD BERTRAND GRENADE/SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2015 (see pages 38 and 37)
Spring is around the corner, and what better way to embrace it than with vibrant wines from the picturesque South of France.

Striking coastlines, gorgeous beaches, rolling hills, rugged mountains, beautiful architecture and amazing wines – and oh, let’s not forget the sun. So much sun, seriously, just so much sun. No matter how you look at it, France’s Mediterranean coast is simply spoiled for wonderful. No wonder the varied, dynamic, modern wines of the Languedoc and Roussillon are some of the most stylish going and the roses from Provence effortless perennial classics. Take the chill off tonight with some bottled sunshine from one seriously hot wine region.
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In Languedoc-Roussillon, the Church of Our Lady of the Angels stands guard over the port of Collioure. This part of France is also ruggedly picturesque – jaw-dropping, really (check Google images. Stunning). Roussillon and Languedoc share a similar geological history: both were covered by a sea some 145 million years ago, which provides the wine-friendly limestone base to their soils, though Roussillon experienced more violent and dramatic tectonic upheaval that resulted in its more mountainous terrain. Similarly, Provence is notably hilly. This varied topography has given rise to tremendous diversity in the wines made here; a delicious fact that often makes it hard to pin down the wines of the South of France but is also why it’s such an exciting wine region to explore. A determined focus on quality winemaking has seen these lithe, complex, layered wines increasingly become the darlings of critics and consumers alike.

Stretching along the Mediterranean from the Spanish border to Nice, the South of France encompasses myriad soil types, mesoclimates and styles.
SOUS LA MONTAGNE
DSM VIN D’ALTITUDE 2016
AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages
(Sébastien Calduch, vign.)

Double Gold Medal winner at the 2018 Sakura Japan Women’s Wine Awards.

TASTING NOTE: The medium-bodied, spice-driven 2016 Vin d’Altitude is a blend of Carignan, Grenache, Syrah and Lledoner Pelut from high-altitude vineyards near the village of Ansignan. Red and green peppercorns are accented by red currants and tart cherries, while the tannins remain fine and silky on the long finish. Drink Date: 2018-2023. Score: 90 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, April 27, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
647925 (XD) 750 mL $20.95

BASTIDE MIRAFLORS SYRAH/VIEILLES VIGNES GRENACHE 2015
AP Côtes du Roussillon

TASTING NOTE: This wine is almost too good to be true. A blend of 70% Syrah and 30% Grenache that was brought up in concrete tanks (Grenache) and demi-muids (Syrah), the 2015 Bastide Miraflors Vieilles Vignes reminded me of a mini Syrah from California’s Manfred Krankl (yes I just compared a $14 [USD] Syrah to Sine Qua Non). It’s a ripe, sexy, heady beauty that exhibits a deep, purple color as well as killer notes of smoked meats, chocolate, blackberry and black raspberries. Deep, unctuous, open knit and layered, it continues to change in the glass, has a seamless and silky profile, and not a hard edge to be found. It’s a sensational value that needs to be tasted to be believed. Drink it anytime over the coming 2-4 years. Drink Date: 2017-2021. Score: 94 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, April 28, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
320499 (XD) 750 mL $19.95

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This, combined with the greater utilization and expression of the extensive terroir, has gifted wine lovers a treasure trove of superb wines of astonishing quality and value. **Grenache** imparts strawberry, raspberry and white pepper as well as leather, tar and toffee notes to these blends. **Carignan** brings black fruit, spice, licorice and savoury notes as well as adding body and colour to the blend. **Syrah** can add a lifted floral note to young wines, along with additional rich black fruit, earth and spice. **Mourvèdre** is beloved for the dark fruit, meat and herbal suggestions it adds.

**Southern French wine-makers are producing quality-focused, modern-styled red blends that are ripe and approachable.**
CHÂTEAU CASTIGNO SECRET DES DIEUX SAINT CHINIAN 2012
AP
TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Saint Chinian Secret du Dieu (translates to Secret of God) is an even split of Syrah and Grenache that was aged in 2-3-year-old barrels. Medium to full-bodied, elegant and silky, it has complex blackberry, pepper, kirsch, underbrush and spice-driven aromas and flavors. Fine tannin emerges on the finish and it’s a beautiful effort that should drink nicely for 4-6 years. Drink Date: 2014-2020. Score: 91-93 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, April 29, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
479626  (XD)  750 mL  $21.95  Organic product

Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.
GÉRARD BERTRAND GRENACHE/SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2015
AP Corbières
TASTING NOTE: A delicious spicy blend for under $20. Natural fruit spice abounds as to the exuberant floral aromatics. Highly pleasurable and effortlessly drinkable. Recommended. Score: 89 (Sara d’Amato, winealign.com, July 4, 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
394288 (XD) 750 mL
$17.95

CHÂTEAU LA BASTIDE 2016
AP Corbières
TASTING NOTE: Corbières is the largest appellation in the Languedoc and has a great variety of soil types and mesoclimates that give great depth and character to its wines. This one is mostly Syrah with equal parts Grenache and Mourvèdre in support. Sourced from vines around 30 years of age, this wine offers ripe black and red fruit tones with earth, forest floor and mineral, plus a charming hint of licorice on the finish. The texture and structure are top-notch. Try this with veal or beef meatballs. (Vintages panel, June 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
360487 (D) 750 mL
$13.95

Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.
Crafted from the same grapes responsible for the region’s red wines, southern France’s rosés are typically dry and zesty, bursting with sunny, ripe red fruit and spanning the style spectrum from aromatic and delicate to heady and robust. For many rosé lovers, Provence holds top billing in this colourful dance, but across the South of France winemakers are striking that delicate balance between vibrancy and vigour that has made these rosés the envy of the world.
CAVES D’ESKLANS WHISPERING ANGEL ROSÉ
AC Côtes de Provence
(Sacha Alexis Lichine)
Sssh, listen. Do you hear that? It’s the sound of benchmark quality. Sacha Lichine is a rosé specialist, and the refined, perfectly tuned grapefruit, peach and mineral tones in this tangy blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Rolle, Syrah and Tibouren don’t need to shout to get your attention. Enjoy this wine with salmon.
Medium-bodied & Dry
325076 (XD) 750 mL $29.95
A Vintages Essential

GÉRARD BERTRAND CÔTE DES ROSES ROSÉ
AP Languedoc
A classically styled blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah that always delivers a vibrant, complex array of citrus, red fruit and herbal tones. Consistency is as much its stock-in-trade as is the eye-catching rose-shaped bottle. It’s equally at home at a backyard barbecue with grilled chicken as it is being part of a more refined dining experience that calls for a bright, elegant touch at table.
Medium-bodied & Dry
373985 (XD) 750 mL $18.95
A Vintages Essential

CARTE NOIRE ROSÉ 2017
AP Côtes de Provence
(Les Maîtres Vignerons de la Presqu’île de Saint-Tropez)
Medium-bodied & Dry
319384 (XD) 750 mL $19.95
The Fontaine de Vénus has pride of place in Limoux’s main square.

The white wines of Roussillon and Languedoc are typically fresh, richly flavoured and textured, with good precision and focus. The wine featured here is a Chardonnay from Limoux, which is home to what many consider the finest Chardonnays in the Languedoc. Champagne may have honed sparkling wine production, but it’s southern France’s Limoux region that began the tradition. Their Crémant de Limoux is a value-driven, high-quality alternative to Champagne made using the same painstaking process. Crémants de Limoux are made with Chardonnay (from vines that are among the oldest in France), Chenin Blanc and Mauzac but can also include Pinot Noir.

CHÂTEAU RIVES-BLANQUES
ODYSSEE CHARDONNAY 2017
AP Limoux

Chardonnay does very well in Limoux; to many, these are the finest Chardonnays produced in the Languedoc. This one is layered and complex, fresh and crisp, with impressive fruit and a sharp Chablis-like acidity and refined minerality. Try this with your favourite shellfish course or serve as a classy aperitif.

Light & Crisp
486225 (XD) 750 mL $26.95
At our special Wines of France destination boutique (275 Rideau St., Ottawa) and online, you’ll find over 200 wines from France’s greatest regions – Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, the Rhône, Alsace, the Loire Valley, southern France and more! Many of the wines in this ever-growing collection are available for the first time in Canada outside of wine bars and restaurants.

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**ANTECH EXPRESSION BRUT**  
**CRÉMANT DE LIMOUX 2015**

Traditional method, AC, Languedoc  
(Georges & Roger Antech)

This blend of Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and Mauzac is crafted using the traditional method. There will be considerable intensity, with pear, citrus and mineral and an underlying toasty note. Crisp and lively with good length and structure, this will be a fine choice as an aperitif or with seafood mains.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful  
068239 (XD)  750 mL  $19.95
Dating back to 3,000 BCE, distillation is the process of heating wine or beer to a point where alcohol evaporates, then collecting the resulting vapours to create a distillate with a higher concentration of alcohol. Whether spirits are made from grapes (such as brandy) or grain (such as whisky), they offer a world of flavours and experiences for the beverage connoisseur.

Kindred Spirits: GRAPE & GRAIN

Six superb sips that highlight the wealth of expressions distillers can craft whether grapes or grains are the starting point.
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GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Most grape-based spirits are brandy, which is spirit made by distilling wine. The word comes from the Dutch *brandewijn* (“burnt wine”), referring to the heat involved in the distillation process. Cognac, Armagnac and Pisco are all forms of grape brandy.

Whereas Cognac is double distilled in a pot still, modern Armagnac typically uses single distillation in a column still, creating a more fragrant and flavourful spirit that is then aged in oak barrels.

Spanish brandy, either pot or column distilled, is typically aged in oaken ex-Sherry barrels and uses the solera blending-ageing system to create Solera Reserva (average age three years) and Solera Gran Reserva (average age 10 years) spirits with mellow, toasty flavour.

Pisco is brandy from Peru or Chile, with the Peruvian version made in pot stills and bottled undiluted after ageing, often creating a spicy, fruit-forward spirit.

Grappa is usually made from grape pomace (skins), resulting in what’s called a pomace brandy, and can range from quite neutral to nutty to fruity.

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**COMTE DE LAUVIA RÉSERVE ARMAGNAC**

Unchillfiltered, AC, France

Double-matured in new and old oak casks. Expect notions of dried orchard fruit and spice, with toasty undertones.

*Cocktail idea: d’artagnan*

*Gold Medal (San Francisco World Spirits Competition)*

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**New at Vintages**

**SANCHEZ ROMATE HNOS CARDENAL MENDOZA SOLERA GRAN RESERVA BRANDY**

Brandy de Jerez, Spain

Made from a base of Pedro Ximenez grapes. Honeyed, with sweet plum, orange peel, cedar, spice and caramel.

*Cocktail idea: brandy alexander*

*90 points (Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com)*

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**LA CARAVEDO PURO TORONTEL PISCO**

PDO, Peru

Made at the oldest distillery in the Americas from aromatic Torontel grapes, this is floral and perfumed, with exotic fruit.

*Cocktail idea: pisco sour*

*95 points (Ultimate Spirits Challenge)*

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*Be sure to try the other La Caravedo Pisco in this release: the Puro Quebranta (542654). See page 26 for tasting note and to order online.*

**MAROLO MILLA LIQUORE GRAPPA AND CAMOMILE**

Italy

(Distilleria Santa Teresa)

A liqueur made by infusing grappa with chamomile, this is sweet and balanced with floral, apricot and peach notes.

*Cocktail idea: cherub’s cup (in place of St. Germain)*

*92 points (Beppi Crosariol, theglobeandmail.com)*

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ARD Beg UIGeadAIL ISLAY SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
Unchillfiltered, Scotland
Matured in ex-Sherry casks. Intense, complex and smoky with an array of baked plum, cedar, vanilla and salt toffee.
Cocktail idea: old-fashioned
96 points (Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com)
660860 700 mL $172.95

601 BOURBON
New York
Here’s a rarity: Bourbon from New York. Smooth and rich, with buttered popcorn, vanilla, caramel and sweet spices.
Cocktail idea: manhattan
90 points (Los Angeles Spirits Competition)
634519 750 mL $57.95
New at Vintages
Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.

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GRAIN CHECK

If grape spirits are distilled wine, grain spirits are distilled beer. Whisky, like beer, can be made from a variety of different malted grains including barley, corn, rye and wheat. The word “whisky” (or “whiskey”) comes from the Gaelic uisce beathé (“water of life”).

Scotch whisky is distilled at least twice and is aged for a minimum of three years in oak casks. Malt Scotch whisky is made from a mash of malted barley, and “single malt” means it was distilled at a single distillery using a pot still. Scotch styles vary by location, with Islay often evoking suggestions of sea spray, peat and heather.

Bourbon is an American whiskey, most of it produced in Kentucky and Tennessee, made primarily (at least 51%) from corn and aged in new, charred oak vessels. There is no minimum ageing requirement, with the exception of Straight Bourbon, which must be aged at least two years. Bourbon tends to be smoky and intense with telltale flavours of the corn from which it’s made.
At Lakeview Cellars, a collaborative spirit drives the winemaking process from vine to bottle.

It takes a village to make a vintage. Specifically, it takes the winemaking team behind Lakeview Cellars, the premium-wine portfolio of Diamond Estates in Niagara-on-the-Lake, to make quality wines year after year. Vintages writer Douglas Webster sat down with winemaker Scott McGregor and assistant winemaker Jessica Wallace to hear their thoughts on collaborative winemaking.
How long have you been working together on Lakeview Cellars wines?

Scott: I’ve been with Diamond Estates since 2003.

Jessica: And I’ve been with Diamond since 2006. Our team that makes the Lakeview Cellars wines also makes the wines in the other Diamond portfolios.

Scott: Lakeview Cellars is the pinnacle brand at Diamond. They’re the “reserve” wines, in a way. We used to have a bunch of small properties with a bunch of small winemaking operations on them. The team would be all over the map (quite literally), going from property to property. It was a lot of hard work, and it was the team dynamic that kept everything together. In 2008, we moved all our operations to a central location in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Jessica: And if anything, the team dynamic is stronger than ever.

How does that team dynamic figure into your day-to-day winemaking?

Scott: There really isn’t a single aspect of the winemaking we don’t do collaboratively. If we’re tasting wines, we do that together and have a conversation about which barrels might be showing something special that could make a really exciting varietal wine. If we’re blending different barrels together, that’s a collaborative process with constant conversation about what’s working, what’s not, and what we feel is likely to create the best finished wine.

Jessica: We should also mention that while we look after the day-to-day winemaking as a duo, we’re part of a fantastic larger team that includes VP of winemaking and operations Tom Green, oenologist Emily Mallett, lead cellar hand James Keenan and bottling line manager Elton Wade.

Is collaboration something you learned on the job?

Jessica: For me, it’s just always been a part of the atmosphere of the winery. It just feels natural. It’s a great way to work.

Scott: I started in the industry in 1996. I had some excellent mentoring, including here at Diamond. In Niagara, you get to know everybody. It’s a very collegial atmosphere. In a sense, the collaborative spirit here extends to the entire local winemaking community.

What’s your key to successful collaboration?

Scott: A big part of it is trust. We’ve been working together for a long time and have found a rhythm that works. It’s based on mutual dedication to making great wine, mutual respect for one another and listening to each other’s opinions.

Jessica: Definitely. I always know that if I’ve got an idea I can always bring it to
LAKEVIEW CELLARS VIOGNIER 2017
VQA Niagara Peninsula
Aromatic and exotic with lifted floral tones, orange citrus, tropical fruit and a gorgeous mouthfeel.
Aromatic & Flavourful
646307 (D)
750 ml
$18.95

LAKEVIEW CELLARS SYRAH 2015
VQA Niagara Peninsula
Ripe and rich with blackberry and redcurrant fruit, plum, chocolate, spice and an underlying earthiness.
Medium-bodied & Fruity
049999 (XD)
750 ml
$24.95

LAKEVIEW CELLARS CABERNET FRANC ICEWINE 2017
VQA Niagara Peninsula
Ripe and rich with blackberry and redcurrant fruit, plum, chocolate, spice and an underlying earthiness.
Medium-bodied & Fruity
049999 (S)
750 ml
$24.95

LAKEVIEW CELLARS VIDAL ICEWINE
VQA Niagara Peninsula
Sleek and perfectly balanced, with notions of honey, peach cobbler and pear preserves. Great value.
Lusciously Sweet
529772 (S)
200 ml
$19.95

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Scott: Another key is that we're genuinely friends. Even after leaving work at the winery for the day, we and our colleagues like to spend time together socially.

Jessica: Working among friends makes the work that much more enjoyable and rewarding.
March Classics: Order now!

**THIS MONTH’S CLASSICS COLLECTION IS LOADED** with treasures that will put a spring in your step. Consider the seriously impressive 2015s from Burgundy; the Conti Costanti 2012 Brunello, from Tuscany, rated a perfect 100 points; or a fine vintage Port. For fans of New World wines, there’s much to admire, including a trio of old-vines Aussie wines and a quartet of prize Napa Cabs. Visit vintages.com/shop to order.
UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 25

E. Guigal Reception & Dinner
Meet Northern Rhône winemaker Philippe Guigal and sample seven gems from his family estate, including two vintages of the legendary “La La La” wines La Mouline and La Landonne. Tickets for this intimate, elegant dinner are limited; don’t miss out!
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MAY 5

Women in Wine
Join Vintages for an elegant brunch and wine tasting, plus a lively panel discussion moderated by master sommelier Jennifer Huether. Meet Ann Sperling of Southbrook Vineyards, Maria Larrea of CVNE, Anna and Valentina Abbona from Marchesi di Barolo, Laura Catena of Catena Zapata and Jill DelaRiva Russell from Cambria – the accomplished women behind many top wines.

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SPIRITS

BOURBON

601 BOURBON
New York
TASTING NOTE: Smooth and mouthfilling with notes of rich buttered popcorn, vanilla, caramel and sweet spices. Long, spiced finish. Sip neat, or pay tribute to this Bourbon’s home state with a manhattan. (Vintages panel, May 2018)

[LASC did not include a tasting note.] Score: 90
(Los Angeles Spirits Competition, 2017)

750 mL $57.95
634519

Featured in Grape & Grain

SCOTCH WHISKY

ARDBEG UIGEADAIL ISLAY
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY
Unchillfiltered, Scotland
TASTING NOTE: Light yellow amber colour. Intense, complex, smoky, sweet baked plum nose with some cedary-vanilla notes. Dry, medium bodied, well structured, intense yet harmonious, very bright, slightly spicy, ripe plum-caramel flavours with some salt toffee flavours and a lingering, crisp, smoky, vanilla-tinged finish. Recommended by Vintage Assessments! A Best Buy. Score: 96
(Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com, Oct. 27, 2018)

700 mL $172.95
660860

Featured in Grape & Grain

BRANDY

LA CARAVEDO PURO QUEBRANTA PISCO
PDO, Peru
TASTING NOTE: Clear and colourless. Attractive, intense, faintly spicy, dried ripe pear purée nose with a faint floral-herbal hint reminiscent of agave. Dry, medium bodied, slightly spicy, attractive, fairly intense, elegant, gentle ripe pear flavours with a lingering, fairly high acid, bright finish. It is rare to get two single grape premium Pisco “Puro” in a single Vintages release. Recommended by Vintage Assessments! A Best Buy. Score: 94
(Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com, May 12, 2018)

750 mL $41.95
542654
LA CARAVEDO PURO TORONTEL PISCO
PDO, Peru
TASTING NOTE: A seductive bouquet of linden, hawthorn acacia and cherry blossom is paired with dragon fruit, white cherry and grapes. The palate is just as perfumy and pretty as the nose with some additional citrus pith notes. Great for summer cocktails. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation. Score: 95 (Ultimate Spirits Challenge, 2018)
750 ml $44.95
542159
Featured in Grape & Grain

SANCHEZ ROMATE HNOS CARDENAL MENDOZA SOLERA GRAN RESERVA BRANDY
Brandy de Jerez, Spain
TASTING NOTE: Medium deep amber colour with a yellow edge. Slightly honeyed, sweetish, caramel-driven, plummy nose with some orange peel notes. Fairly sweet, medium bodied, smooth, intense, spicy, ripe plummy-Sultana raisins with a lingering, cedar-caramel finish. Score: 90 (Michael Vaughan, vintageassessments.com, Nov. 24, 2018)
700 ml $79.95
185280
Featured in Grape & Grain

ARMAGNAC
COMTE DE LAUVIA RÉSERVE ARMAGNAC
Unchillfiltered, AC, France
Made from a base of Ugni Blanc, Baco Blanc and Folle Blanche grapes distilled between 2001 and 2009, this Armagnac is double-matured in new and old oak casks. Expect notions of dried orchard fruit and spice, with toasty undertones.
[The San Francisco World Spirits Competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (San Francisco World Spirits Competition, 2017)
700 ml $64.95
635540
Featured in Grape & Grain

LIQUEUR
MAROLO MILLA LIQUORE GRAPPA AND CAMOMILE
Italy (Distilleria Santa Teresa)
TASTING NOTE: Digestif, anyone? ... made by infusing grappa — specifically distilled from Piedmontese nebbiolo grape pomace — with chamomile blossoms. There’s considerable sweetness here, too, but the balance is spot-on. Think of peach-apricot syrup mixed with chamomile tea and punctuated with the heady spice and bite of 35-per-cent alcohol. Score: 92 (Beppi Crosariol, theglobemail.com, Dec. 19, 2017)
700 ml $69.95
211433
Featured in Grape & Grain

FORTIFIED PORT
QUINTA DAS CARVALHAS LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORT 2011
Bottled in 2016, DOP
TASTING NOTE: ... Beautifully constructed this year, this is one of the best LBVs I’ve seen from Carvalhas ... Tightly wound, lush in texture and finishing with waves of fruit and flavor, it is delicious, very concentrated and nicely structured ... This is very nice and the price is certainly right. It’s a great value. Drink Date: 2016-2035. Score: 92 (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, Dec. 30, 2015)
Sweet
750 ml $22.95
644898

QUINTA DO CRASTO VINTAGE PORT 2015
Bottled in 2017, DOP
TASTING NOTE: ... from old vines (an average of 80 years) ... This has tightened dramatically ... more than a little astringent. Underneath, there is still that fine fruit, which eventually asserts itself ... The mid-palate shows good concentration, especially in the context of this lighter-styled vintage. It does have all the freshness I expect in the vintage, though. This is an excellent effort by Crasto, but it does need some rest ... Drink Date: 2026-2065. Score: 94 (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, Dec. 29, 2017)
Sweet
375 ml $29.95
644880
TORRES FLORALIS MOSCATEL ORO
Spain
TASTING NOTE: This gold-amber sweet moscatel has an amazingly lifted, fine nose of orange, mint, ginger, pine and dried figs. It is full bodied, sweet, soft and rich with all the balance provided by the 15% alcohol warmth and viscosity. This is delicious and massive value in the sweet wine genre. Should be sublime with creme brulee, or “hold the creme brulee” and go it alone. Score: 93 (David Lawrason, winealign.com, Sept. 8, 2017)

Sweet 500 mL (S) $16.95

ICEWINE

LAKEVIEW CELLARS CABERNET FRANC ICEWINE 2017
VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario
TASTING NOTE: Forget about your typical, gold-shaded icewine. This one has a vibrant raspberry glow and a very singular nose – ripe field strawberry, freshly cracked black pepper and a hint of green bell pepper. It flows on the palate in a luscious nectar bursting with ripened sweet strawberry and maraschino cherry flavours lifted with balancing rhubarb tartness and piquant peppercorn notes trailing into the endlessly delicious finish. No need for dessert, sip on its own after dinner to fully appreciate the complexity of this beauty. Score: 92 (Louise Boutin, winecurrent.com, Nov. 4, 2018)

Lusciously Sweet 200 mL (S) $29.95

LAKEVIEW CELLARS VIDAL ICEWINE
VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario
This Vidal Icewine is an amazing value and a go-to choice for Icewine cocktails. It’s sleek and perfectly balanced, with notions of honey, peach cobbler and pear preserves. Unforgettable with fresh fruit, blue cheese or foie gras.

Lusciously Sweet 200 mL (S) $21.95

CHAMPAGNE

MONMARTHE SECRET DE FAMILLE 1ER CRU BRUT CHAMPAGNE
AC
TASTING NOTE: From a sixth-generation family Champagne house, this is a vivacious bubbly imparting suggestions of red berries, McIntosh apple, flowers and honey, with lip-smacking acidity and a brioche note on the finish. It’ll pair well with all sorts of foods but will be particularly rewarding alongside pan-fried filet of sole with herbs and lemon butter. (Vintages panel, Feb. 2018)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (D) $47.95

SPARKLING WINE

ANTECH EXPRESSION BRUT CRÉMANT DE LIMOUX 2015
Traditional method, AC, Languedoc, France
This blend of Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and Mauzac is crafted using the traditional method. There will be considerable intensity, with pear, citrus and mineral and an underlying toasty note. Crisp and lively with good length and structure, this will be a fine choice as an aperitif or with seafood mains.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) $19.95

CANADA – WHITE WINE

CAVE SPRING CSV RIESLING 2016
Cave Spring Vineyard, VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment
TASTING NOTE: Produced from the estate’s oldest vines, this is a worthy reserve. This wine shows impressive depth and intensity, with powerful fruit flavors led by Satsuma orange and Meyer lemon. There’s a touch of spice and an underlying minerality. A sensational value ... Editors’ Choice. Score: 94 (Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast, May 1, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful 750 mL (XD) $29.95
FIELDING PINOT GRIS 2017
Estate bottled, VQA Niagara Peninsula
Ontario winemakers are showing increasing interest in Pinot Gris, one of the noble grapes of Alsace. Fielding is particularly adept with it, producing wines of considerable structure that express a great depth of fruit character. This one will be juicy and floral with honeydew melon, orchard fruit, citrus and spice. It has the freshness and zesty acidity to be enjoyed on its own but would be particularly great with a creamy seafood pasta.

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $21.95

HIDDEN BENCH ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2016
VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment
TASTING NOTE: If you’ve never had the pleasure of a moment alone with a Hidden Bench chardonnay it is here where you’ve come to the right place, vintage and bottle for which to begin the relationship. As full, flavourful and generous of cool-climate chardonnay spirit as it has ever shown, the 2016 Estate work is pure, unbridled and effortless genius. What it exudes in energy is only eclipsed by a hidden grace ... creamy fruit, fine acidity and finer-spun texture ... Spend $10 more on Bench chardonnay like this and you’ll be drinking properly every time out. Drink 2018-2024. Score: 92 (Michael Godel, winealign.com, Feb. 21, 2018)

Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $29.95

LAKEVIEW CELLARS VIOGNIER 2017
VQA Niagara Peninsula
In Ontario, Viognier is gaining traction with consumers who are drawn to its complexity and the variety of styles it can offer, from the rich and bold to the fresh and lithe. This example is characteristically aromatic and exotic, with lifted floral tones, orange citrus, tropical fruit and a gorgeous mouthfeel. Pair it with roasted chicken or gently spiced grilled seafood.

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (D) $18.95

NEW
ORGANIZED CRIME THE MISCHIEF 2017
VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (D) $18.95

NEW
REDSTONE CHARDONNAY 2016
VQA Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: Another winner from Moray Tawse and his team, Redstone Winery was named for the large stones and red clay soils of the vineyard. This Chardonnay has sharply defined apple, citrus and mineral tones alongside vanilla and spice. Crisp, supple and creamy, this versatile wine will be a huge hit paired with grilled lobster or pork chops. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2018)

Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $19.95

VIENI ESTATES GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2016
VQA Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula
This Gewürztraminer is sourced from the cool, deep clay of the Vinemount Ridge. The soil conditions allow grapes to develop and mature slowly, acquiring a depth of exotic aromas and flavours without sacrificing freshness and balance. This wine will be intense, bold, complex and even a touch exotic. Look for lychee, rosewater, tropical fruit, citrus and delicate spice. Pair with spicy cuisine.

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $19.95

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CANADA – WHITE WINE CONT'D

BRITISH COLUMBIA

BURROWING OWL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016
Estate bottled, BC VQA Okanagan Valley
TASTING NOTE: This wine is from one of BC’s most prestigious family wineries. Half of the juice was fermented and aged in French oak, which gives the wine its toasty, spicy notes, while the rest was fermented in tank to preserve the more delicate fruit flavours. The resulting wine is balanced, fresh and crisp, with camomile, plum, grapefruit, melon, spice and an underlying restrained oak. Structured, long and really well done. Try this with smoked salmon. (Vintages panel, April 2018)
Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $34.95
609347

CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO

LAKEVIEW CELLARS SYRAH 2015
VQA Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: From a long-standing, well-respected name in Ontario winemaking, this Syrah is ripe and rich with blackberry and redcurrant fruit, plum, chocolate, spice and an underlying earthiness. Enjoy with lamb or barbecued ribs. (Vintages panel, Sept. 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $24.95
049999

USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

BONTERRA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
North Coast
Bonterra is a leading voice in organic winemaking and they’ve been farming the grapes for this Sauvignon Blanc organically since 1987. This is always an intensely aromatic wine, with good depth of characterful grassy and herbal notes atop bright ripe melon and citrus tones. A treat of a wine. Perfect with seafood or vegan “lobster” rolls.
Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $19.95
086249

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THIRTY BENCH WINEMAKER’S BLEND RED 2016
VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Escarpment
TASTING NOTE: Always a fine Bordeaux blend, this is again medium- to full-bodied with gently tugging tannins. There’s a wealth of dark and red berry throughout, along with cassis, mocha, sandalwood and sweet spice. Intense, rich, ripe, rounded and complex with a long finish. Really nice. Enjoy this with lamb stew or braised beef. (Vintages panel, Oct. 2018)
Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $24.95
320986

JOSEPH CARR CARNEROS CHARDONNAY 2016
Carneros
TASTING NOTE: The cool, foggy conditions in Carneros allow for grapes with superb freshness and acidity. This wine was barrel-fermented and offers a rich mouthfeel with apple, pineapple, sweet spices and mineral in an elegant, crisp, balanced frame. Try this with grilled chicken or lobster. (Vintages panel, July 2018)
Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $29.95
639583

BRITISH COLUMBIA

OAK BAY PINOT NOIR 2016
BC VQA Okanagan Valley
(Gebert Family, St. Hubertus Estate Winery)
The St. Hubertus and Oak Bay vineyards were first planted in 1928, making them among the oldest in the Okanagan. This wine was sustainably farmed and will deliver characterful notes of cherry, beetroot and woodsmoke, with earth and forest tones adding complexity and depth. Enjoy with cedar-planked salmon or braised beef.
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $19.95
267146
Sustainable product
KLINKER BRICK WINERY
ALBARIÑO 2017
Lodi
TASTING NOTE: This very dry and appetizing wine has a pale color and light aromas of apricot and almond, followed by crisp, fresh and relatively austere flavors that are mouthwatering and refreshing. It's a great antidote to rich and oaky wines. Score: 89 (Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast, June 1, 2018)
Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $21.95
639740

USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

BUENA VISTA
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015
Napa Valley
TASTING NOTE: Earthy-cherry aromas linger in this elegant, restrained red. Great acidity integrates with cranberry and sandalwood while red fruits abound. The finish sweetens the palate with a hint of maple but keeps things dry with violet petals. The luxurious mouthfeel can be attributed to 28 months of aging in French oak. Score: 96 (tastingpanelmag.com, Oct. 2018)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (D) $59.95
539106

MACMURRAY CHARDONNAY 2016
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
TASTING NOTE: A typical oaky California chardonnay with the oak spice aromas well integrated with apricot and ripe apple fruit plus some hints of toffee. The palate is delicately flavoured with fine acidity and very good focus. Very good length. Score: 90 (Steve Thurlow, winealign.com, May 31, 2018)
Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $25.95
282063

DECOY PINOT NOIR 2017
Sonoma County (Duckhorn Wine Company)
There's no hiding the fact that this Pinot from Duckhorn's Sonoma operation is one of the tastiest, most versatile wines out there. Ripe red and black fruit, sandalwood and peppery spice are hallmarks of this stylish offering. Not to be too on the nose about it, but this will be great with duck.
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $35.95
191833

WASHINGTON

MARYHILL WINERY
CHARDONNAY 2016
Columbia Valley
Chardonnay is the #1 white varietal in Washington, and wine lovers have been swept away by the crispness, delicacy, precision and refinement found in these wines. Heavy use of oak is a rarity here, as there is a collective emphasis on the purity of fruit expression. This Chardonnay from the award-winning Maryhill is from the interesting 2016 vintage, which started out warm but finished cool, creating whites of superb ripeness and freshness. Enjoy with seafood in a creamy sauce.
Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $19.95
635045

IRONSTONE MERLOT 2017
Lodi
The Ironstone Merlot is like an old friend that you know will answer when you call. This customer favourite is always big and bold, with black plum, campfire smoke and a supple, alluring temperament. It will make casual gatherings, mid-week burgers or grilled sausages sing.
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $17.95
704353
OREGON

MAISON NOIR O.P.P. PINOT NOIR 2016
Willamette Valley
TASTING NOTE: Founded in 2007 by sommelier André Hueston Mack, Maison Noir focuses on creating unique, distinctive garage wines. As if that wasn’t cool enough, Mack’s other operation is a line of T-shirts. All he needs now is a second-hand guitar and a band and he’s pretty much nailed the American dream. But seriously, this is a top-flight Oregon Pinot: earthy, with ripe black cherry, juicy red berry, and herbal undertones. This profoundly good wine is ideal for grilled salmon or duck. (Vintages panel, March 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL  (XD)  $29.95

WASHINGTON

INTRINSIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016
Columbia Valley
TASTING NOTE: A red with lots of sweet-tobacco and currant aromas and flavors. Medium to full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Harmonious and fine. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, May 16, 2018)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL  (D)  $29.95

ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

DOMAINE BOUSQUET RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2016
Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: 100% Chardonnay. Quite muted on the nose with notes of grapefruit, lemon and tangerine peel, plus some smoky/oaky hints on the creamy palate. Finishes lengthily. Score: 90 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017)
Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL  (XD)  $18.95

USA – RED WINE CONT'D

CALIFORNIA

JOSH CELLARS NORTH COAST RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016
North Coast (Joseph Carr)
TASTING NOTE: This Cabernet comprises fruit sourced from prime sites in Napa, Sonoma, Lake County and Mendocino. It’s fruity and well-balanced, with deep, dark, ripe cherry and purple fruit alongside mint, vanilla and earth. Perfectly pitched tannins. A wine with great character that would be a winner with steak or ribs. (Vintages panel, Nov. 2018)
Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL  (D)  $24.95

QUILT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016
Napa Valley (Copper Cane by Joseph J. Wagner)
TASTING NOTE: Joseph Wagner founded Copper Cane in 2014, the same year he first released this accessible Napa Cabernet. He made 7,000 cases of it that year and it sold out in three months. The 2015 vintage received a 91-point score from James Laube (winespectator.com, June 30, 2018). This 2016 is just as impressive. It’s big, rich and concentrated, with cassis, juicy dark fruit, sandalwood, vanilla, mocha and big tannins. Enjoy this long, structured wine with steak grilled rare. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2018)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL  (D)  $59.95

Z. ALEXANDER BROWN UNCAGED PROPRIETARY RED BLEND 2016
North Coast (Delicato Family Vineyards)
TASTING NOTE: Bold aromas of minerals, baked earth, and black fruit. Velvety soft in the mouth, flavors of black currant jam, juicy red plum, and crushed pink peppercorn are balanced between earthy and fruity. The fine grained tannins keep the texture soft throughout. Excellent. Highly Recommended. Score: 90 (Ultimate Wine Challenge, 2018)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL  (D)  $21.95

Organic product
ARGENTINA – RED WINE

DESQUICIADO MALBEC 2016
Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: Desquiciado means “crazy” in Spanish, and there’s something unusual about this blend of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Grenache from organically grown grapes in Tupungato. Perfumed, balanced and complex with subtle spices, a hint of whole bunch sap and a long finish. Drink Date: 2018-2022. Score: 93 (Tim Atkin, MW, timatkin.com, Argentina Special Report 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $15.95

CHILE – WHITE WINE

ERRÁZURIZ ACONCAGUA COSTA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
DO Aconcagua Costa

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $19.95

CHILE – RED WINE

CASAS DEL BOSQUE GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017
Maipo Valley
This wine is sourced from the gravely soils of sites throughout the southern part of the Maipo. It typically offers the mint associated with Maipo Cabernet, along with cassis, black fruit, smoke and meat notes and some chocolate and vanilla tones. Look for great length and a ripe finish. Try this tonight with grilled steaks or gourmet sausages or put it aside for 3+ years.

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $24.95

AUSTRALIA – WHITE WINE

FOREST HILL HIGHTBURY FIELDS CHARDONNAY 2016
Mount Barker, Great Southern, Western Australia
TASTING NOTE: From Blocks 5 and 6 on the dry grown Highfields Vineyard, mainly Gin Gin clone, but with some Dijon clones 76, 95 and 96, crushed and pressed straight to 50%/50% French barriques and stainless steel, some wild yeast fermentation at cool temperatures, partial mlf left 7.08g/l acidity. Tightly structured, with unsweetened citrus flavours, grapefruit to the fore. Needs time. Drink By: 2021. Score: 91 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2017)

Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $18.95

ARGENTINA – RED WINE

LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE BONARDA 2015
Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: Sweet black and red cherry fruit, dried strawberries and sugar plums. Fresh and fruity with round tannins and a sweet-fruited finish. Drink now. Score: 89 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, April 5, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $14.95

CHILE – RED WINE

MI TERRUÑO EXPRESIÓN MALBEC 2014
Mendoza
TASTING NOTE: Aromas and flavors of chocolate and spices with hints of fruit. Medium body, integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Drink now. Score: 91 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, June 21, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $15.95
HEARTLAND WINES
HEART & SOIL SHIRAZ 2014
Langhorne Creek, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: The team that founded Heartland Wines includes winemaker Ben Glaetzer, who is one of Australia’s most revered winemakers. The majority of the fruit for the 2014 Heart & Soil Shiraz came from the sustainably farmed Angas Vineyard in Langhorne Creek, with some coming from the estate-owned Wirrega Vineyard in Limestone Coast. This Shiraz shows plenty of dark fruit, spice, dates, plums, herbs and eucalyptus and is beautifully integrated and balanced, with a creamy texture. A great value that’s perfect for roasted meats. (Vintages panel, March 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $19.95

HEWITSON MISS HARRY 2015
Barossa Valley, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: A light, brilliantly coloured blend of grenache, shiraz, mourvedre, cinsaut and carignan. A finely wrought and balanced wine with just about every spice and every red berry you can imagine from this Southern Rhone blend. A truly wonderful trattoria wine that soars on the gently savoury finish. Drink By: 2030. Score: 95 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Nov. 1, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $24.95

LADIES WHO SHOOT THEIR LUNCH
WILD FERMENT SHIRAZ 2016
Victoria (Fowles Wine)
Please see this wine’s product page on lcbo.com for the story behind its name.
TASTING NOTE: From the Grampians, matured in new and used French oak. The cool climate comes through strongly, giving the black fruits focus and length, coupled with overall balance; the finish is fresh and vibrant. Drink By: 2031. Score: 95 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, Feb. 1, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $21.95
WAKEFIELD JARAMAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015
Coonawarra/Clare Valley, South Australia
Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $24.95

SOUTH AFRICA – RED WINE
DUNCAN SAVAGE UNTAMED SHIRAZ 2017
WO Swartland
TASTING NOTE: Ripe and floral with impressive balance and ripe dark fruit, plums, vanilla and spice. Crafted in a juicy, crowd-pleasing style that finishes long and creamy. Quite simply, this is a tasty little wine. A great choice for lamb kebabs or burgers. (Vintages panel, April 2018)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $16.95

NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE
SAINT CLAIR WAIRAU RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
Marlborough, South Island
Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $32.95

NEDERBURG THE BREW MASTER 2015
WO Western Cape
TASTING NOTE: Cabernet-led 5-way Bordeaux blend has plenty of direction & structure, with ripe but firm tannins surrounding melange of black stonefruit – plums and cherries – & classic blackcurrant, cedar & vanilla. 24 months French oak. Score: ★★★★★ (Platter’s South African Wine Guide, 2018)
Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $21.95

CROATIA – RED WINE
TE AWA LEFT FIELD PINOT GRIS 2017
Hawke’s Bay, North Island
TASTING NOTE: The Maori name “Te Awa o Te Atua” means “River of God” and refers to the subterranean streams that run under this area. This Pinot Gris is refreshing and spicy, with ripe apple fruit, pear and a touch of honeysuckle. The acidity here provides superb balance. Try this with roast pork, or chicken in a creamy sauce. (Vintages panel, May 2018)
Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $19.95

VINA LAGUNA TERRA ROSSA 2016
Istria
TASTING NOTE: This wine blends 50% Merlot with 30% Teran (a.k.a. Terrano) and 20% Blaufränkisch. It’s lively and easygoing, with plenty of black cherry fruit along with a subtle earthy-umami note reminiscent of soy sauce. Pour with steaks, or beef or mushroom burgers. (Vintages panel, March 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (D) $15.95
FRANCE – WHITE WINE

BURGUNDY

DOMAINE LAROCHE LES VAUDEVENE
CHABLIS 1ER CRU 2017
AC

Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $38.95

WILLIAM FÈVRE CHAMPS ROYSAUX
CHABLIS 2017
AC
TASTING NOTE: ... The must was handled by gravity, and maturation continued principally in stainless steel, with ten percent in French oak barrels. The result is a shiny Chablis, well-made and seamless ... Its aromatics are pineapple-y, with a breezy whiff of sage and green grass, yellow citrus, the sea. The body has medium weight; not too sharp and not too ponderous, mostly just right. The wine vanishes in a flourish of lemony chalk. Pair it with fresh and young cheeses, shellfish, salads tossed with fruity olive oil, poached chicken, or picnic sandwiches slathered with green olive tapenade and aïoli. (Meg Houston Maker, terroirreview.com, Sept. 24, 2018)

Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $27.95

Languedoc

CHÂTEAU RIVES-BLANQUES ODYSSEEE
CHARDONNAY 2017
AP Limoux
Chardonnay does very well in Limoux; to many, these are the finest Chardonnays produced in the Languedoc. This one is layered and complex, fresh and crisp, with impressive fruit and a sharp Chablis-like acidity and refined minerality. Try this with your favourite shellfish course or serve as a classy aperitif.

Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $26.95

FRANCE – RED WINE

Bordeaux

CHÂTEAU DE LA GRAVE 2015
AC Côtes de Bourg
TASTING NOTE: Made from mostly Merlot aged for nine months in barrel, this offers blackcurrant and plum fruit along with suggestions of sweet spices. An affordable taste of Bordeaux’s 2015 vintage that’ll impress alongside beef tenderloin with a reduction of red wine and rosemary. (Vintages panel, May 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $17.95

CHÂTEAU HOURTOU
CÔTES DE BOURG 2015
AC
TASTING NOTE: This is very structured for this appellation with steely tannins and a generosity of plum and currant fruit. Full-bodied, round and savory. Flavorful finish. Drink or hold but better in 2020. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Feb. 2, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $18.95

CHÂTEAU MAGNOL 2015
Cru Bourgeois, AC Haut-Médoc
(Barton & Guestier)
TASTING NOTE: Dark berries, iron, and meat effuse from the glass and the wine here outshines its catch-all appellation. A Bordeaux that shines in the moment, this could cellar for another ten years and would be a great accompaniment to many red meat dishes. Extraordinary. Ultimate Recommendation. Score: 95 (Ultimate Wine Challenge, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $27.95

Featured as our Wine of the Month

Featured in Sunny Side Up
LANGUEDOC

CHÂTEAU CASTIGNO SECRET DES DIEUX SAINT CHINIAN 2012
AP
TASTING NOTE: ... an even split of Syrah and Grenache that was aged in 2-3-year-old barrels. Medium to full-bodied, elegant and silky, it has complex blackberry, pepper, kirsch, underbrush and spice-driven aromas and flavors. Fine tannin emerges on the finish and it's a beautiful effort that should drink nicely for 4-6 years. Drink Date: 2014-2020. Score: 91-93 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, April 29, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $21.95

Featured in Sunny Side Up 
Organic product

Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.

CHÂTEAU TEYSSIER 2015
AC Montagne-Saint-Émilion
TASTING NOTE: Fresh plum and damsons on the nose, then a sleek and silky palate with a concentrated structure. Not a brash style; has some finesse. The oak is well judged and shows charm on the finish. A big, bold Merlot for a hearty stew or roast. Stéphane Derenoncourt consults. Drinking Window: 2019-2026. Score: 92 (Tasting panel, decanter.com, Jan. 16, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $24.95

Featured in Sunny Side Up

Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.

CHÂTEAU VRAI CAILLOU 2016
AC Bordeaux Supérieur
Will the real Caillou please stand up? This wine is not, in fact, named for a Canadian cartoon character. Instead, it’s named for the Bordeaux estate Vrai Caillou, which has belonged to the Pommier family since 1863. Moreover, the wine is grown on vines aged over 45 years. Expect an intriguingly complex red blend showing plum, cherry, raspberry, forest and meaty notes, and pour with beef, bison or mushroom burgers.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $15.95

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GÉRARD BERTRAND GRENACHE/SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2015
AP Corbières
TASTING NOTE: A delicious spicy blend for under $20. Natural fruit spice abounds as to the exuberant floral aromatics. Highly pleasurable and effortlessly drinkable. Recommended. Score: 89 (Sara d’Amato, winealign.com, July 4, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $17.95

Featured in Sunny Side Up
FRANCE – RED WINE CONT'D

RHÔNE

ALAIN JAUME CLOS DE SIXTE LIRAC 2015 AC
TASTING NOTE: The 2015 Lirac Clos de Sixte comes from an appellation that shares a similar terroir with Chateauneuf du Pape, yet is located just across the river, on the western side of the Rhone. It's a serious, large scaled, voluptuous effort that has lots of ripe tannin, a [big] mid-palate and copious amounts of blackberries, black cherries, scorched earth, licorice and roasted herbs. One of the bigger boned and concentrated reds in the lineup, it will have a decade of longevity. Score: 91-93 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, Oct. 28, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $26.95
076349

DOMAINE LA CRAU DES PAPES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2016 AP
(Pierre Puget & Fils, prop. - récolt.)
TASTING NOTE: The full-bodied 2016 Chateauneuf du Pape Domaine la Crau des Papes is a fine effort from this widely distributed négociant. Garrigue, tea and floral notes accent raspberry and cherry fruit in this silky-textured wine, which remains lively and fresh through the long finish. Drink Date: 2018-2027. Score: 91-93 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, Aug. 31, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $39.95
499186

LOUIS BERNARD VACQUEYRAS 2016 AP
TASTING NOTE: I also loved the 2016 Vacqueyras and it’s a more rounded, opulent, full-bodied effort that shines for its texture and richness. Plums, blueberries, violets, and garrigue all emerge from the glass of this outstanding barrels sample, and it’s another notable value worth your time and money. Score: 90-92 (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, Oct. 19, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $24.95
546051

XAVIER CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2016 AP
TASTING NOTE: The 2016 Côtes du Rhône is a winner. Blackberries, flowers, violets, hints of pepper all give way to a fresh, yet rich, beautifully textured red that has fine tannin and the purity of fruit that’s common in the vintage. Score: 90 (Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, Aug. 28, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $17.95
297317

ROUSSILLON

BASTIDE MIRAFLORS SYRAH/VIEILLES VIGNES GRENAЧE 2015 AP Côtes du Roussillon
TASTING NOTE: ... reminded me of a mini Syrah from California’s Manfred Krankl (yes I just compared a $14 [USD] Syrah to Sine Qua Non). It’s a ripe, sexy, heady beauty that exhibits a deep, purple color as well as killer notes of smoked meats, chocolate, blackberry and black raspberries. Deep, unctuous, open knit and layered, it continues to change in the glass, has a seamless and silky profile, and not a hard edge to be found. It’s a sensational value that needs to be tasted to be believed. Drink it anytime over the coming 2-4 years. Drink Date: 2017-2021. Score: 94 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, April 28, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $19.95
320499

Featured in Sunny Side Up

SOUS LA MONTAGNE DSM VIN D’ALTITUDE 2016 AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages (Sébastien Calduch, vign.)
Double Gold Medal winner at the 2018 Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards.

TASTING NOTE: The medium-bodied, spice-driven 2016 Vin d’Altitude is a blend of Carignan, Grenache, Syrah and Lledoner Pelut from high-altitude vineyards near the village of Ansignan. Red and green peppercorns are accented by red currants and tart cherries, while the tannins remain fine and silky on the long finish. Drink Date: 2018-2023. Score: 90 (Joe Czerwinski, robertparker.com, April 27, 2018)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $20.95
647925

Featured in Arrive in Style and in Sunny Side Up
CAVES D’ESCLANS WHISPERING ANGEL ROSÉ
AC Côtes de Provence (Sacha Alexis Lichine)
Sssh, listen. Do you hear that? It’s the sound of benchmark quality. Sacha Lichine is a rosé specialist, and the refined, perfectly tuned grapefruit, peach and mineral tones in this tangy blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Rolle, Syrah and Tibouren don’t need to shout to get your attention. Enjoy this wine with salmon.
Medium-bodied & Dry
750 mL (XD) $29.95
325076
A Vintages Essential
Featured in Sunny Side Up

ITALY – WHITE WINE

ALTO ADIGE/TRENTINO

LUNA NUDA PINOT GRIGIO 2017
IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti
TASTING NOTE: A soft nose of ripe pear, honeydew melon, and soft flowers are coaxed from this refreshing light wine. In the mouth orchard fruits take charge lending a crisp complement of apple skin to the more exotic flavors for a dry finale. Excellent, Highly Recommended. Score: 91 (Ultimate Wine Challenge, 2018)
Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $16.95
401232
A Vintages Essential
Featured in Sunny Side Up

FRIULI

MARCO FELLUGA JUST MOLAMATTA FRIULI BIANCO 2017 DOC
TASTING NOTE: The subalpine terrain of Friuli is perfect for growing brilliantly aromatic white wines. This crisp, clean blend of Pinot Bianco, Tocai Friulano and Ribolla Gialla is brimming with peach and pear embroidered by pretty floral notes. Sip with chicken scaloppine. (Vintages panel, June 2018)
Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $21.95
631663

UNIVERSITY OF ROESELIEU LES VINGT MARCHES TAUTAVEL 2015
AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages
TASTING NOTE: ... a hidden gem in this vintage. Made from mostly Syrah, with 20% Grenache and 10% Carignan, this full-bodied, deep and voluptuously textured red is loaded with notions of plums, violets and spice, with some Syrah meatiness developing with air. Completely destemmed and aged all in tank, I’d enjoy bottles over the coming 4–6 years. Drink Date: 2017-2023. Score: 93 (Jeb Dunnuck, robertparker.com, April 28, 2017)
Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $29.95
645358
Featured in Sunny Side Up

FRANCE – ROSÉ WINE

MIDI

GÉRARD BERTRAND CÔTE DES ROSES ROSÉ
AP Languedoc
A classically styled blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah that always delivers a vibrant, complex array of citrus, red fruit and herbal tones. Equally at home at a backyard barbecue with grilled chicken as it is being part of a more refined dining experience that calls for a bright, elegant touch at table.
Medium-bodied & Dry
750 mL (XD) $18.95
373985
A Vintages Essential
Featured in Sunny Side Up

PROVENCE

CARTE NOIRE ROSÉ 2017
AP Côtes de Provence (Les Maîtres Vignerons de la Presqu’île de Saint-Tropez)
Medium-bodied & Dry
750 mL (XD) $19.95
319384
Featured in Sunny Side Up
**ITALY – WHITE WINE CONT'D**

**VENETO**

**PIEROPAN SOAVE CLASSICO 2016 DOC**

TASTING NOTE: Savory and fresh, this opens on alluring aromas of white flower, orchard fruit, citrus and a whiff of crushed rock while the palate offers creamy white peach, apple and lemon drop. A saline mineral note lingers on the finish. Editors’ Choice. Score: 92 (Kerin O’Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Feb. 1, 2018)

Light & Crisp
750 mL (XD) $19.95

**ITALY – RED WINE**

**PIEDMONT**

**GIACOSA FRATELLI BUSSIA BAROLO 2013 DOCG**


Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $51.95

**PUGLIA**

**TOMMASI MASSERIA SURANI ARES PRIMITIVO/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 IGT Puglia**

TASTING NOTE: An unconventional combo of 70% Primitivo (a.k.a. Zinfandel) with Cabernet Sauvignon, this is soft and savoury, with notions of stewed fruit and herbs and a nice, long finish. It’ll go great with pizza, or meatballs in tomato sauce. (Vintages panel, July 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (D) $15.95

**SICILY**

**FIRRIATO CHIARAMONTE NERO D’AVOLA 2015 IGT Terre Siciliane**


Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (D) $15.95

**TUSCANY**

**TRAVAGLINI GATTINARA 2014 DOCG**

TASTING NOTE: Very attractive, floral, red-berry and tea-leaf nose, then an elegant harmony of moderately dry tannins and bright acidity within a sleek frame. Classy nebbiolo from northern Piedmont. Drink or hold. Score: 92 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Sept. 24, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $31.95

**BANFI ROSSO DI MONTALCINO 2016 DOC**

TASTING NOTE: This is all smooth edges, with cherry flavors and a note of licorice. The tannins are refined and the finish conjures up hints of leather and tobacco. Drink now through 2022. Score: 90 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Oct. 15, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $23.95
VENETO

FAMIGLIA PASQUA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2013 DOCG
Awarded ★★★ in the 2018 Gambero Rosso: “The Pasqua family have highlighted the wine’s most open and harmonious nature, made possible by savoriness and grip.”

TASTING NOTE: This is a smokey and savory expression from Valpolicella in Northeast Italy. The 2013 Amarone della Valpolicella Famiglia Pasqua is a very attractive wine that offers ample power and intensity along the way. This is a big-boned effort with thick layers of dark fruit, prune, raisin and blackberry preserves that peel back with slow layering. Exotic spice and moist chewing tobacco appear on the close. Drink Date: 2017-2027. Score: 91 (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, May 31, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $39.95

FEUDI SAN PIO RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2016 DOC
You know those times when you just want to wrap your palate in cozy goodness? Well, here you go – this classic Ripasso is just the ticket. You will find it to be dark and chocolaty with concentrated dried fruit, vanilla, coffee, smoke and a vivid, food-friendly acidity. This will go great with comfort foods such as sausage pasta or beef stew.

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $17.95

MASI SEREGO ALIGHIERI MONTE PIAZZO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2014 DOC
TASTING NOTE: Generous black fruit aromas are joined by some blossomy sweetness. This is pure and long, the inherent austerity of the grape varieties emerging as clearly as their sweet-fruitied charm. The result is challenging and provoking, but satisfying. An excellent account of place and vintage. Drinking Window: 2019-2024. Score: 91 (Tasting panel, decanter.com, Jan. 9, 2018)

Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $21.95

SAN FABIANO CALCINAIA CELLOLE GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013 DOCG
TASTING NOTE: Extremely fragrant red with roses, lilacs and violets as well as red fruits. Full body, soft and silky tannins and a bright finish. Well structured. Delicious now. So fine and beautiful. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 21, 2016)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $42.95

POGGIO VERRANO DRÒMOS 2010 IGT Maremma Toscana
TASTING NOTE: The Tenuta Poggio Verrano 2010 Dròmos shows a slightly evolved personality with dark fruit, campfire smoke and licorice that reach a pretty balance. The wine boasts elegance and power with distinctively Tuscan accents of dried oregano and wild sage. Cured tobacco and cured meat or smoked bacon also appear. The blend is 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Alicante, 10% Sangiovese and 5% Cabernet Franc. Drink Date: 2017-2026. Score: 94 (Monica Larner, robertparker.com, Nov. 30, 2017)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $43.95

MAZZEI FONTERUTOLI N. 10 2015 IGT Toscana
TASTING NOTE: In the early 13th century, Fonterutoli was the location of two peace treaties between Florence and Siena. This harmoniously balanced wine, based on Merlot and Sangiovese, offers evocations of blackcurrant, raspberry, savoury herbs and vanilla wrapped in big, chewy tannins. Pair with bistecca alla fiorentina or pork loin roasted with rosemary, garlic and wild fennel seeds. (Vintages panel, Jan. 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
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QUADRUS RED 2013
DOC Douro
TASTING NOTE: Just over half of Quadrus is touriga nacional, just under a third is tinta roriz and the rest, souzão. It's a brambly blend based on ropey and tangy red fruit in the way of let's say, Lodi zinfandel with a warmth and a grip that belies the warmth. This has hit its perfect stride and this coming summer’s outdoor fun sessions by the BBQ would do well to include some units of this energetic '13. Sits in the sweet spot in so many ways, least of not which are price for the quality and window of opportunity.

MONT’ALEGRE CLÁSSICO TINTO 2015
DOC Trás-os-Montes
TASTING NOTE: Grown in the hills north of Douro, this wine would likely be considerably more expensive if it were from a fancier neighborhood. As it stands, it’s pretty chic – silky in its texture, sunny in its flavors. Its red fruit tastes of crushed strawberries while a cool, earthy tone of rocks and minerals infuses that fruit, lending it depth and persistence. Grab a case to drink this winter; the wine should really begin to open by spring. Best Buy. Score: 90 (Joshua Greene, wineandspiritsmagazine.com, Feb. 2018)

ITALY – RED WINE

VENETO
PROVOLO CAMPOTORBIAN RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2012 DOC
TASTING NOTE: Smoky notes and pipe tobacco provide segue for a rich, ripe and luscious wash enveloping the palate, infusing the lingering finish and aftertaste – dried currant, dark raisin and fig interlaced with espresso roast and dark chocolate. It’s mid-plus weight with silky smooth mouthfeel and fully flavoured from cork pop to last drop. Just about as good as Ripasso gets at this or double the price. Score: 92 (Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, June 29, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (D) $19.95

PORTUGAL – WHITE WINE

HERDADE DO ROCIM MARIANA BRANCO 2017
Vinho Regional Alentejano
TASTING NOTE: 60% Antao Vaz, 30% Arinto, 10% Alvarinho. Youthful but complex with a long finish. Aromas of quince and yellow apple. Sleek frame, but with good flavour intensity. Score: 92 (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2018)

Aromatic & Flavourful
750 mL (XD) $13.95

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SYMINGTON FAMILY ESTATES
ALTANO 2016
DOC Douro
Vintage after vintage, this blend of Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca is styled to be a modern, bright, easygoing interpretation of the Douro – and vintage after vintage, it offers excellent value. Look for a wine that’s bursting with tangy red fruit and will be a fine companion to roast beef sandwiches.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $13.95

ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

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BALBÁS RESERVA 2006
DO Ribera del Duero
This beautifully mature wine is poised to drink well now through 2020.

TASTING NOTE: The 2006 Balbas Reserva has fine delineation on the nose with blackberry and blueberry fruit, the Cabernet Sauvignon (10%) lending an attractive graphite edge. The palate is well defined with good backbone and a vivacious, edgy finish that demonstrates crisp acidity and superb poise. This is aging very well. Drink now-2018+. Score: 91 (Neal Martin, robertparker.com, Feb. 27, 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth
750 mL (XD) $24.95
FINCA SAN BLAS PARCELA LAS HORMAS 2013
DOP Utiel-Requena
TASTING NOTE: Gently herbal red berries, cassis and red currants leading to a bright, light and juicy palate with strawberry-compote flavor. Drink now. Score: 90 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Aug. 2, 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $23.95

FINCA BESAYA CRIANZA 2015
DOCa Rioja
TASTING NOTE: Aged for 18 months in a mix of French and American oak casks, this wine offers lovely floral, mint and vanilla character around a core of dark fruit. Pair with mutton chops or burgers. (Vintages panel, July 2018)

[The Berliner Wein Trophy competition did not include a tasting note.] Score: Gold (Berliner Wein Trophy, Feb. 2018)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $15.95

CASTAÑO CASA CARMELA 2015
DO Yecla
TASTING NOTE: The 2015 Casa Carmela, made in conjunction with their U.S. importer Eric Solomon, is a wine they wanted to reflect the long history of viticulture and tradition of the Monastrell grape from the Yecla Mediterranean region. It is fermented in stainless steel with part of whole clusters and indigenous yeasts, and the wine matured in mostly French and mostly used barriques for six months. This is the first vintage for this cuvée, and it’s super classic but clean, with some French and American oak. There is obviously some meaty Mediterranean character that you get in the best Bandol but without any of the animal aromas. This is completely different from the entry-level Monastrell, earther and with more tannins, in need of food. Again, the quality is mind-boggling for the price. Drink Date: 2018-2020. Score: 90 (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Dec. 29, 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $13.95

FAUSTINO I GRAN RESERVA 2005
DOCa Rioja
(Bodegas Faustino Martinez)
TASTING NOTE: A wine that is evolving slowly, leaving behind a complex savoury character which mingles with red plums, vanilla and full grainy tannins. A benchmark for a long ageing Rioja with quality. Drinking Window 2017-2025. Score: 93 (Tasting panel, Decanter, March 2017)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $35.95

ZUAZO GASTON FINCA COSTANILLAS 2015
DOCa Rioja

Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $19.95
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#### RED WINE

**USA – OREGON**
- 487900 MAISON NOIR O.P.P. PINOT NOIR 2016
- 493379 INTRINSIC CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

**USA – WASHINGTON**
- 631820 DESOLICIADO MALBEC 2016
- 629626 LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE BONARDA 2015
- 629816 MI TERRUÑO EXPRESIÓ MALBEC 2014

**ARGENTINA**
- 353086 CASAS DEL BOSQUE GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

**CHILE**
- 731620 BAROSA VALLEY ESTATE E&E BLACK PEPPER SHIRAZ 2014
- 632620 DONT TELL GARY SHIRAZ 2016
- 632539 HEWITSON MISS HARRY 2015
- 243592 LADIES WHO SHOOT THEIR LUNCH WILD FERMENT SHIRAZ 2016
- 142398 WAKEFIELD JARAMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

**AUSTRALIA**
- 634659 DUNCAN SAVAGE UNTAMED SHIRAZ 2017
- 634881 NEDERBURG THE BREW MASTER 2015

**CROATIA**
- 450437 VINA LAGUNA TERRA ROSSA 2016

**FRANCE – BORDEAUX**
- 630079 CHÂTEAU DE LA GRAVE 2015
- 630038 CHÂTEAU HOURTOU CÔTES DE BOURG 2015
- 384271 CHÂTEAU MAGNOL 2015
- 309831 CHÂTEAU SIAURAC 2010
- 226035 CHÂTEAU TEYSSIER 2015

**FRANCE – LANGUEDOC**
- 479626 CHÂTEAU CASTIGNO SECRET DES DIEUX SAINT CHINIAN 2012*
- 360487 CHÂTEAU LA BASTIDE 2016*
- 394288 GÉRARD BERTRAND GRENACHE/SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2015

**FRANCE – RHÔNE**
- 076349 ALAIN JAUME CLOS DE SIXTE LIRAC 2015
- 499186 DOMAINE LA CRAU DES PAPES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2016
- 546051 LOUIS BERNARD VACQUEYRAS 2016
- 297317 XAVIER CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2015

**FRANCE – ROUSSILLON**
- 320499 BASTIDE MIRAFLORES SYRAH/VIEILLES VIGNES GRENACHE 2015
- 647925 SOUS LA MONTAGNE DSM VIN D’ALTITUDE 2016
- 645358 VIGNERONS DE TAUTAVELE MONTES MACHES TAUTAVELE 2015*

**ITALY – PIEDMONT**
- 344721 GIACOSA FRATELLI BUSSA BAROLO 2013
- 713354 TRAVAGLINI GATTINARA 2014

**ITALY – PUGLIA**
- 635763 TOMMASI MASSERIA SURANI ARES PRIMITIVO/CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

**ITALY – SICILY**
- 121145 FIRRITIO CHIARAMELLE NERO D’AVOLA 2015

**ITALY – TUSCANY**
- 681262 BANI ROSSO DI MONTALCINO 2016
- 574095 MAZZEI FONTERUTOLI N. 10 2015
- 107338 POGGIO VERRANO DRÒMOS 2010
- 411389 SAN FABIANO CALCINARCA CELLOLE GRAN SELEZIONE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013*

**ITALY – VENETO**
- 646596 FAMILGIA PASQUA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2013
- 181446 FEUDI SAN PIO RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2016
- 661306 MASI SEREGO ALIGHIERI MONTE PIAZZO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2014
- 974402 PROVOLI CAMPOTORBIAN RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE 2012

**PORTUGAL**
- 632232 MONTALEGRE Clássico Tinto 2015
- 440305 QUADRUS RED 2013
- 579862 SYMINGTON FAMILY ESTATES ALTANO 2016

**SPAIN**
- 085183 BALBAS RESERVA 2006
- 639930 CASTAÑO CASA CARMELA 2015
- 976662 FAUSTINO I GRAN RESERVA 2005
- 642793 FINCA BESAYA CRIANZA 2015
- 645523 FINCA SAN BLAS PARCELAS HORMAS 2013
- 644864 ZUZAO GASTON FINCA COSTANILLAS 2015

**ROSSÉ WINE**

**FRANCE – MIDI**
- 373985 GÉRARD BERTRAND CÔTE DES ROSES ROSÉ

**FRANCE – PROVENCE**
- 319384 CARTE NOIRE ROSÉ 2017
- 325076 CAVES D’ESCLANS WHISPERING ANGEL ROSÉ

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*Late arrival. Product may not be available at release time.*

All bottles are 750 mL unless otherwise specified. *(K) = Kosher, *(KP) = Kosher for Passover, *(KPM) = Kosher for Passover & Mevushal
A characterful and stylish California Cabernet with rich blackberry and cassis. Easy-going and approachable, it’s perfect for casual evenings with mild chicken wings or sausage-and-pepperoni pizza.

THE RINGLEADER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017
California
639922 (XD) 750 mL
$17.00
Medium-bodied & Fruity

A ripe and sexy blend of Grenache and Syrah that brings concentrated black cherry, violets, lavender, raspberry and mineral notes to the table. Great with lamb cassoulet.

PESQUIÉ ÉDITION 1912M VENTOUX 2016
AP, Southern Rhône, France
636159 (XD) 750 mL
$17.00
Full-bodied & Firm
93 points (jebdunnuck.com)
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PEDRONCELLI SIGNATURE SELECTION CHARDONNAY 2017
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California
Creamy, with fine balance and acidity. Notes of apple, peach and tropical fruit.
Full-bodied & Rich
750 mL (XD) $25.00

CHATEAU ST. JEAN CINQ CÉPAGES 2014
Sonoma County, California
Crushed blackcurrants and blackberries with touches of garrigue, lavender, herbs and chocolate.
Full-bodied & Firm
750 mL (XD) $130.00

SONOMA-CUTRER RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2015
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California
Baked cherry, raspberry, kirsch, baking spices and earth. Great intensity, long and lively.
90 points (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, robertparker.com, June 29, 2018)
Medium-bodied & Fruity
750 mL (XD) $40.00

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<td><strong>LA SPINONA BRICCO FASET BARBARESCO 2013</strong></td>
<td>DOCG, Piedmont, Italy</td>
<td>Hints of smoke, wild herbs, menthol, dried rose petal, leather, licorice and camphor in this complex, powerful, austere wine.</td>
<td>92 points (Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Oct. 2017)</td>
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<td><strong>ABACELA FIESTA TEMPRANILLO 2015</strong></td>
<td>Umpqua Valley, Oregon</td>
<td>Ranked #61 in Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 Wines of 2018. Meaty and plummy with black cherry and cassis.</td>
<td>92 points (Paul Gregutt, Wine Enthusiast, Dec 1, 2018)</td>
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<td><strong>L'ECOLE NO. 41 APOGEE PEPPER BRIDGE VINEYARD PROPRIETARY RED 2014</strong></td>
<td>Walla Walla Valley, Washington</td>
<td>Concentrated and balanced, with black fruit, spice and savoury notes framed by fine-grained tannins.</td>
<td>93 points (Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017)</td>
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<td><strong>TERRALSOLE SOLISTA SYRAH 2006</strong></td>
<td>IGT Toscana, Tuscany, Italy</td>
<td>Subtle yet complex aromas and flavours of roasted meat, dark fruit and light toasty oak. Drink through 2028.</td>
<td>93 points (James Suckling, winespectator.com, Oct 31, 2010)</td>
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<td><strong>ROUX PÈRE &amp; FILS LES VALOZIÈRES ALOXE-CORTON 1er CRU 2015</strong></td>
<td>AC, Burgundy, France</td>
<td>Sweet cherry, licorice and that beautiful, indefinable autumn-leaf spiciness. Drink through 2026. 16.5 out of 20 (Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, Nov. 25, 2017)</td>
<td>Medium-bodied &amp; Fruity 750 mL (XD) $87.00</td>
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<td><strong>TORONTO BOUTARI LEGACY 2007</strong></td>
<td>Naoussa, Greece (John Boutari &amp; Son)</td>
<td>A single-vineyard Xinomavro with plenty of finesse and a big, intense finish. Drink 2020-2045. 92+ points (Mark Squires, robertparker.com, Aug. 30, 2016)</td>
<td>Full-bodied &amp; Firm 750 mL (XD) $60.00</td>
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<td><strong>WAKEFIELD ST. ANDREWS CHARDONNAY 2016</strong></td>
<td>Clare Valley, South Australia</td>
<td>Toasty and nutty, with ripe peach and melon. Rich and flavoursome. 92 points (Steven Creber, winecompanion.com.au, Aug. 1, 2018)</td>
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<td><strong>CONTINO RESERVA 2014</strong></td>
<td>DOCa Rioja, Spain</td>
<td>Subtly balsamic, with incense, dried flower petals, spices and a touch of ripeness. Drink through 2024. 92 points (Luis Gutiérrez, robertparker.com, Feb. 28, 2018)</td>
<td>Medium-bodied &amp; Fruity 750 mL (XD) $42.95</td>
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<td>Megalomaniac Narcissist Riesling</td>
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<td>Upshot Red Blend</td>
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<td>Tawse Spark Limestone Ridge Sparkling Riesling</td>
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Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand (277707)

BOGLE VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016
California (904565)

ARRIVE IN STYLE
TORRES CORDILLERA CARMENÈRE 2014
DO Peumo, Cachapoal Valley, Chile (389692)

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Arrive in style

Sous la Montagne
DSM Vin D’Altitude 2016
AP Côtes du Roussillon-Villages, Roussillon, France
(Sébastien Calduch, vign.)

647925 (XD) 750 mL

$20.95
Full-bodied & Smooth

90 points (robertparker.com)

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