CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

BRUT

Michel Roux, The Waterside Inn Features medium empyreumatic, floral and fruity scents and offers fine and persistent bubbles. Refreshing acidity and offering a broad texture.	NV		500
Michel Roux, The Waterside Inn 37.5cl	NV		280
Barons De Rothschild, Brut The wine's brilliance and clarity show pale golden highlights, combined with fine bubbles that carry a abundant, persistent foam. This exceptionally fine exudes aroma of pear and nuts, almonds, white flower and faint toasty note strong assertive opening that leads into a well-rounded wine that is powerful contained.	cuvee s. A		570
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve This cuvée is rich, clean, and refreshing. The wine has a lot of pretty green a fruit, a creamy texture, and elegant, tiny bubbles. Their incredible commitmereserves from past vintages gives the wine depth and complexity while maintaining the racy, zesty, pure flavors that are synonymous.			490
Billecart-Salmon, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru, Brut Exhibiting aromas of citrus oil, tart stone fruit, freshly baked bread and whit it's medium to full-bodied, pillowy and layered, its sweet core of fruit frame acids and chalky structure. It offers delicacy and elegance in a persistent fin	d by racy	<u> </u>	880
Palmer & Co, Brut Reserve The nose, amazingly clean, is expressed through a rich palette of aromas, in citrus, pear and apricot, with some subtle notes of hazelnut and a discreet the buttery brioche. Succulent and substantial to the palate, yet with an unfetted freshness, this wine is eminently seductive: a model of perfect balance.	ouch of	a l a	360
Lanson, Black Label Brut Its fresh aromas combine the impression of vitality and spring-time scents, together with hints of toast and honey. On the palate, bouquets of ripe fruit citrus create a sensation of opulence yet lightness.	NV es and	6Î2	410
Jacquart, Mosaïque, Brut Fresh and delicate, with notes of white fruits, pear and peach, fresh apricot white flowers with roses. Dried fruit aromas reveal it is starting to mature. L generous and creamy. Beautiful exuberance driven by white fruits and lemo notes on the finish.	ush,	e ^l a	410
Moët et Chandon, Imperial Brut Its aromas are radiant, revealing bright white-fleshed fruits, citrus fruits, flor nuances and elegant blond notes. The palate is seductive, richly flavourful a smooth combining generosity and elegance, fullness and finesse, followed be delicately fresh crispiness.	nd		520

Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Yellow Label NV 520 Bold style of NV with plenty of deep-set aromatic complexity - think toasted almond, citrus blossom, honey and dried spices. The palate has fleshy depth and drive with bold stone fruit flesh and a rich phenolic presence to anchor the finish. 1200 Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Yellow Label - Magnum 150cl NV Bold style of NV with plenty of deep-set aromatic complexity - think toasted almond, citrus blossom, honey and dried spices. The palate has fleshy depth and drive with bold stone fruit flesh and a rich phenolic presence to anchor the finish. Taittinger Brut Réserve NV 390 Taittinger Brut Réserve - Demi 37.5cl NV Taittinger Brut Réserve - Magnum 150cl The nose, very open and expressive, delivers aromas of fruit and brioche. It also gives off the fragrance of peach, white flowers (hawthorn, acacia) and vanilla pod. The entry onto the palate is lively, fresh and in total harmony. NV Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs This elegant, fragrant wine offers up an array of smoke, toastiness, minerals, ripe pears and flowers. The medium-bodied NV Blanc de Blancs offers tons of clarity and precision at this level, with the lingering Ruinart sweetness on the finish. NV Krug Grande Cuvée 170ème Édition

A lovely, mouthwatering Champagne, with a vivid and finely detailed panoply of baked nectarine, lime blossom, ground coffee, mandarin orange peel, candied ginger and salted almond notes set in a lithe, limber frame. Seamlessly knit, with a sense of buoyant vitality, this has a harmonious, elegant frame for the richly expressive flavor range.

Armand de Brignac, Ace of Spades, Brut Gold Cuvée

NV

Peach apricot and red berry aromas are followed by crystalized citrus, orange

Peach, apricot and red berry aromas are followed by crystalized citrus, orange blossom and hints of brioche. The palate is rich with cherries, exotic fruits and a touch of lemon, vanilla and honey. The mouth feel is soft and creamy, with a hint of toastiness

DEMI SEC

Moët et Chandon, Ice Imperial

460

Powerful aromas of tropical fruits, stonefruits, and a note of raspberry. On the palate there is a flavor of fresh fruit salad, the sweetness of caramel and quince jelly, and the refreshing acidity of grapefruit and ginger notes.

ROSÉ

Louis Roederer, Cristal Rosé

Appears to be an effortless wine, a pleasure point somewhere between masculine strength and feminine beauty. Notes of crisp orchard fruit, white flowers, red berries, stone fruit, freshly baked bread and tangerine oil. Full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, the vintage's bright girdling acids are amply cloaked in exuberant, expressive and notably concentrated fruit.

Dom Perignon Rosé

2005

Offering up aromas of orange rind, dried white flowers and fresh pastry mingled with nuances of smoke and iodine, medium to full-bodied, vinous and fleshy, with a rich core of fruit complemented by sapid nuances that lend the wine interesting gastronomic potential. Broad, textural and delicately phenolic, it's a successful effort in a challenging Champagne vintage.

Laurent-Perrier, Cuvée Rosé

NV

Baked cherry and strawberry fruit flavors are ripe and juicy in this bright rosé, underscored by minerally smoke and chalk accents. Hints of candied orange peel, dried thyme and ground ginger play on the fruit range and ride the fine, lively mousse and lingering finish.

Billecart-Salmon, Cuvée Elisabeth Salmon, Brut Rosé

2009

Showing beautifully, delivering fragrant aromas of plums, stone fruits, petals, sweet spices and marzipan. Medium to full-bodied, fleshy and elegant, it's seamless and pillowy, with bright acids and a pure, precise profile, concluding with a bright, saline finish.

Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé

NV

Lacy in texture, with sleek acidity, this well-knit rosé Champagne offers delicate notes of blood orange glacé, pickled ginger and oyster shell, revealing a rich hint of grilled nut. The firm, almost crunchy finish is nicely spiced and lingering.

SPECIAL CUVÉE

Taittinger, Brut Millésimé

2015



This lively freshness feeds into a bouquet of white flowers - orange blossom, lime flower and honeysuckle - punctuated by the aroma of fresh fruits like lime and white peach, delicately accompanied by notes of lightly toasted almonds. This rich, fruity and smooth sensation, with a hint of citrus, provides an excellent balance between structure and finesse.

Moët & Chandon, Grand Vintage

2012



The nose reveals fragrances of fresh white flowers, delicious pastry notes, fresh walnut, hazelnut and rusk. A soft and delicate attack gives way to a seductive palate due to its texture, its beautiful acidity and its persistence. The finish harmoniously blends iodine and acidic notes with pink grapefruit aromas.

Billecart-Salmon, Vintage Extra Brut

2013



RP96



1560

Pinot dominant. A vibrant Champagne, finely balanced and lacy in texture, serving as an elegant canvas for layered flavors of yellow peach, chopped almond, cherry, toast point and preserved lemon. Minerally smoke, chalk and spice notes play on the finish.

Dom Pérignon Brut

Unwinding in the glass with notes of Anjou pear, smoke, toasted nuts, freshly baked bread and crisp stone fruit. Medium to full-bodied, deep and concentrated, it's still tightly wound, its incipiently fleshy core of fruit framed by racy acids and chalky grip, complemented by a classy pinpoint mousse.

Dom Pérignon, Chef de Cave Legacy Edition, Brut





The finest release of this iconic cuvée since the 1996 vintage. Complex bouquet of Meyer lemon, green apple, dried white flowers and oyster shell, with only subtle hints of the smoky. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, deep and complete, its notable flesh and amplitude controlled by incisive acids, with a youthfully exuberant but elegant mousse and a long, beautifully delineated finish.

Louis Roederer, Cristal





Rapierlike acidity, with finely meshed flavors of ripe black cherry and mandarin orange fruit, raw almond, anise and cardamom spice as well as a touch of honeycomb, which all unfurl and expand on the fine, creamy palate. Sleek acidity continues through to the finish, with additional racy character provided by a streak of minerally saline and chalk, which gains momentum through the mid palate and rings out on the well-cut, lasting finish

Louis Roederer, Cristal



A classic beauty, fresh-faced and focused today but with a harmonious grace of form suggesting a long career ahead. There's a creamy, viscous quality to the mousse that swathes the palate, carrying finely detailed flavours of poached quince, Mandarin orange preserves, toasted almond and oickled ginger.

SPECIAL CUVÉE

Salon, Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs

1999

RP95 44 .6580

Has youthful notes of chamomile and meadow flowers. Its flavor intensity, a force of nature pitting those vibrant, sunny floral notes against a resonant limestone earth tone, is something that could only have been achieved through all those years in bottle. While the mousse is persistent and as fine as a mist, the flavors are vinous, suggesting you serve this wine as you would a Corton-Charlemagne: with something equally luscious and rich.

SPARKLING WINE

FRANCE

Domaine Gustave Lorentz, Crémant de Alsace, Brut

Carefully selected, the Chardonnay, Pinot Nero and Pinot Bianco grapes. Touches of yellow apple and sponge cake entice on the nose. The palate adds ripe, friendly and appetizing notes of yellow plum and lemon alongside creamy fizz set against a softly autolytic background. This presents a lovely union of fruit, freshness and development. Full of flavor, is has a dry, lemony finish.

Guy Saget, Murano, Crémant de Loire, Brut

NV

210

Made from Chenin Blanc & Chardonnay. Has very fine and persistent bubbles. The pale gold color with green hues attests to a young wine. The nose sparkles with aromas of white pear and peach fruit mixed with white hawthorn and acacia flowers. The attack on the palate is round and well balanced. The final of Cremant "Murano" reveals notes of dried fruits and a beautiful aromatic persistence.

ARGENTINA

Chandon Garden Spritz

NV

300

Ready to chill, ready to share, Garden Spritz is the blend of an exceptional rosé sparkling wine and a unique bitters recipe crafted with navel and blood oranges macerated with dried orange peels, herbs and spices. Spicy character, zesty yet rich orange flavours, nice citric tension which balance the sweetness. Bitterness becomes more obvious at the end, to bring some taste lift which counterbalances the sweet character and invites to repeat the sip.

SLOVENIA

Movia, Goriška Brda, Puro

2016



Made from Pinot Noir. Highlighted aromas express raspberry, currant, red orange, and pomegranate. This is followed by pleasant perceptions revealing hints of the wine matured in barrique intertwined with autolytic perceptions. Aromas of brittle dough, vanilla, almonds, butter, bread crust, and the finish is reminiscent of Mediterranean herbs. The wine is bone-dry but offers plenty of softness. Its freshness is youthful, followed by a minerality that balances the taste. An intense wine with accentuated elegance and with just the right structure to call for another glass. In the mouth, it offers a long-lasting aftertaste with perceptions of red orange and wild strawberry tart.

SPARKLING WINE

finish.

Santa Margherita, Prosecco Superiore Di Valdobbiadene, Brut 200 Clean, pleasantly fruity bouquet, reminiscent of rennet apples and peach blossom. Its flavor is rounded and well-balanced. It has a very fine, persistent bead and scents of apples and pears that act as a prelude to the flavors of ripe stone fruit with a bit of melon and orange. Fresh and lively with a long, dry, yeasty finish. Bolla, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore, Brut NV The grapes for Prosecco are harvested early, preserving their natural acidity in this crisp, sparkling wine. It has a pale straw colour with clean aromas of lemon, apple and a hint of peach. Very refreshing in the palate. Villa Sparina Brut Blanc de Blancs Metodo Classico NV Fruity with a scent of peach, fresh and well balanced. A pure, rich sparkling wine with a full body and a round texture. Flavourful. Lots of character and beauty. Ca' del Bosco Cuvée Prestige Brut, Franciacorta DOCG NV 460 Offers a sophisticated and stylish presentation with exotic fruit, baked bread, peach cobbler and golden delicious apple. This pretty Cuvée offers a great sense of richness and creaminess that adds to the fine and silky nature of the perlage. Bellavista, Rosé Brut, Franciacorta DOCG 2017 530 Overwhelmed by its bouquet that starts off with faint sensations of white peach as its intense yet mellow character reveals the pleasing fragrances of wild strawberries, citrus fruit, golden delicious apples, and dog rose, with a lingering hint of toasted bread. **AUSTRALIA** Sidewood Estate, Isabella Rose, Adelaide Hills Fresh strawberries, red cherry and peach and is beautifully complemented by notes of brioche and biscotti. Pale blush pink in colour this wine identifies finesse with an attractive mousse. Sidewood Estate, Chloe Cuvée, Adelaide Hills 2014 280 Wonderful toasty brioche aromas enhanced by green fruits and zesty citrus. The palate has a harmonious balance of orange blossom, biscotti and green apple that complement the slaty, driving minerality balanced perfectly with an elegant creamy

ROSÉ

FRANCE

Marius Peyol, Côtes de Provence Fresh summer-fruit flavours with lemon and grapefruit peel note. restrained nose before leading to a fresh and mouth-watering pa greenguage and again, those lovely summer fruits. Seductive and poise and a whole lot of summer to boot.	alate of peach,	180
Fleurs de Prairie, Côtes de Provence Translates as wildflowers, bright and crisp rosé with flavors of rea a subtle note of tropical fruits on the finish. Delicate flavors of rea and a subtle note of tropical fruits on the finish. Its bright, refresh	d fruit and lemon,	190
Studio by Miraval Rose, Famille Perrin, Cotes de Provence Fresh red berries, honeysuckle and a hint of toasty lees on the de nose. on the palate, offering intense strawberry, blood orange an flavors and a deeper suggestion of white peach that builds with a blends richness and delicacy and finishes very long and precise.	nd gingery spice	210
M de Minuty Rosé, Cotes de Provence The blush wine is an instant hit with its intense aromas ranging fr to tropical fruit notes. It's vibrant and light on the palate with refi herbaceous notes.		260
Miraval Rosé, Famille Perrin, Côtes de Provence Aromas of wild raspberries and redcurrants play against a herbal refreshing, the wine's graceful texture is balanced by red-cherry of strawberry and fennel on the mid-palate.	-	260
Château D'Esclans Whispering Angel, Côtes de Provence Beautiful colour, the palest of pale roses, a silver-pink, lovely frag clean and fresh light summer fruits, a certain fleshiness and struct that shows the red grapes base, quite firm texture and fine dry fi	cture on the palate	320
Minuty Prestige Rosé, Cotes de Provence Shimmering pink with crisp aromas with yellow grapefruit, whitee and fresh berries such as raspberry. It's just as crisp, strong and with a lovely salty and zingy aftertaste. This is a vibrant wine that	clean on the palate	330
Domaines Ott, Château de Selle, Côtes de Provence Displaying an array of red berry and citrus fruit aromas and a sex Dry, stony and precise on the palate, offering sappy orange and flavours that flesh out slowly with air. Finishing with outstanding	redcurrant	490

ITALY

Torresella, Veneto, Rosé 2020 150

An elegant wine with a lovely floral aroma, masses of fresh fruit flavour on the palate and a rush of citrus acidity. On the palate it is light, vibrant and fresh yet full-flavored, with an engaging finish thanks to the underlying tangy vein. It is characterized by delicate hints of citrus fruits and wild berries.

Santa Margherita, Chiaretto Stilrose, Riviera del Garda

2018 4 190

Its delicate pink colour leads you in to floral fragrances of dog rose and fruity notes of orange and fraises des bois, along with hints of lychee and ginger, in a scent profile that is at once elegant and complex. On the palate in a fresh, succulent flavor, made vibrant by a tanginess that gives added dynamism to its almost crunchy nuances of wild berries and sweet spices.

WHITE

JAPAN

Grace, Yamanashi, Koshu

2021

360

Fairly intense aromas. On the nose, rose petals, ripe fruit aromas of golden delicious, pears, lychees, and mineralic aromas hinting minerals. Soft attack on the palate, dry, supple acidity, generous flavours of golden delicious and pears expand in the mouth.

FRANCE

ALSACE

Domaine Gustave Lorentz, Qui l'Eût Cru, Orange Wein

2022

Blend of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer & Sylvaner. A lovely pastel orange colour, with intense floral notes or rose and acacia, mandarin peel and a hint of mulled wine on the nose, the palate is dense, fresh with good tannic structure and good length.

Domaine Gustave Lorentz, Reserve, Gewürztraminer

2022

270

Has the pungent earthiness of braised wild mushrooms. That deep note is layered with a range of floral scents, from roses to orange blossoms. The flavors are concentrated, with sweet notes of tropical fruit and savory pastry hints from the lees. The wine is powerful, with minerality that lasts.

Domaine Gustave Lorentz, Évidence, Pinot Gris

2022

290

A hint of dried chamomile flower appears fleetingly on the nose before ripe pear notes emerge. Concentrated and juicy, the palate has the rounded yet fresh richness of red-cheeked Comice pear. A wonderfully dry finish follows the generous but clean-cut body.

Domaine Gustave Lorentz, Altenberg de Bergheim Grand Cru, Riesling



This wine is a study in contrasts. Petrol and a hint of smoke come through on the nose, accented by delicate lemon zest and white blossom. Altenberg Grand Cru wines are remarkable for the perfect balance between their subtle, distinguished aroma and their powerful, virile body. An exceptional wine that brings together strength and elegance. The nose has delicate citrus aromas, with a fine hint of minerality. The palate is elegant and expressive with a distinguished character, rich and well-balanced, a long and salty finish.

LOIRE

long finish.

Muscadet Sévre et Maine Sur Lie, Château du Cléray, Domaine Sauvion Fresh and functional as an apéritif white, and while it may not be as crisp and steely as some Muscadets, it holds its own. Plenty of lime and melon on the rather broad palate, and not overly acidic. It even has some soft, sweet Sauvignon Blanc character to it. Simple, but with its slate-and-citrus finish 2021 290 Blanc Fumé De Pouilly, Saget la Perrière On the nose, a rich array of aromas, opening with Conference pear, white peach and quince and then continuing with white flowers and boxwood. The wine reveals a lovely lively acidity with pear and peach aromas coming through again on the palate, followed by a hint of lemon on the finish. This is a rich wine with long lingering aromas. Sancerre, Domaine De La Perrière 340 The nose initially expresses rhubarb, undergrowth and peppermint aromas and then opens up to reveal notes of fresh citrus, lime, grapefruit and orange blossom. The wine is fresh and delicate on entry to the palate and then develops a lovely ethereal structure, in which even riper citrus notes (lemon, pink grapefruit) come through again. Sancerre, Domaine Vacheron 2021 Elegant and direct on the nose. It exhales a beautiful ripeness with aromas of white flowers, yellow fruit, citrus fruit and minerals. On the palate it is frank, full, mature and elegant. It is a wine in which the fruit and white flowers dominate but where these are compensated by its refreshing minerality and acidity. Its finish is persistent and fresh. Sancerre, Mégalithe, Domaine De La Perrière 460 Exotic and polished, it comes with high accolades. Aromas of candied lemons and spice with an herbal note. Lovely textured richness on the palate with lots of fresh citrus fruit and some more developed characters starting to come through. Very

BORDEAUX

Château Clarke, Le Merle Blanc

2021

Notes of crisp grapefruit, lemon sorbet, jasmine, lemongrass, peach, quince, acacia honey, delicate wood and a pinch of sea salt all combine in this gorgeous white Bordeaux, which manages to balance its ample richness with a crunchy freshness.

Clarendelle Blanc by Haut-Brion

2021

The wine is round, rich, and luscious on the palate. The bouquet features aromas often found in sweet white wines, with hints of apricot, white peaches, and grapefruit. The wine shows great minerality along with fresh, powerful fruit flavors, as well as the concentration and structure of a great white wine.

Château Saint-Robert Blanc, Graves

2020

Notes of struck flint and crushed rocks, giving way to a core of warm grapefruit, fresh pineapple and lemon meringue pie with a waft of honeysuckle. Medium-bodied, the palate has a crisp line cutting through the intense citrus layers with a lovely suggestion of creaminess and a long, mineral-tinged finish.

Château de Fieuzal Blanc, Graves

2016



Has a rich, tropical tinged bouquet with scents of guava, pineapple and mango, nicely defined. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, with subtle notes of orange rind and nectarine dovetailing into a lightly spiced, stem ginger finish.

Les Champs Libres Blanc, Lalande de Pomerol

2019



A rich nose, this smells evocative but also so fresh with white fruits - peach and apricot and some yellow flowers subtle but nuanced. Tension and juice on the palate, lovely clarity and texture on the tongue, the lemon, green apple, peach juice, pineapple and grapefruit settles and lingers - almost tangy with high acidity but also a lovely touch of minerality which nicely counters the exotic fruits. Excellent presence and character. A blend of mostly Sancerre Sauvignon Blanc vine genetics

BURGUNDY • BOURGOGNE

Bourgogne Aligoté, Long Du Bois, Moillard 2021 200

Intensely floral with acacia and elderflower with lovely notes of citrus, green apple and a hint of salinity. It's lean, steely, palate-cleansing

Bourgogne, Laforêt Chardonnay, Maison Joseph Drouhin 2020 310

Leesy, creamy biscuity notes fill the air around the glass, quickly followed by ripe stone fruits, hazelnuts and a crisp citrus edge. Plush creamy fruit tickles the taste buds supported by peach and nectarine flavours, interwoven with a crystalline acid thread giving freshness and a long linear finish.

BURGUNDY • MÂCONNAIS

Pouilly-Fuissé, Sous La Grotte, Moillard 2020 2020

Elegant nose with flint and lemon, grapefruit notes. The aromatic finesse finds its complexity with notes of roasted peanuts. The palate is rich and tense with a minerality that dominates the finish.

Pouilly Fuissé, Joseph Drouhin 2020 400

The color is golden, with some green reflections. Among the floral and fruity aromas, almond and ripe grapes dominate. On the palate, the wine is refreshingly pleasant, ethereal in its lightness. Long and refreshing aftertaste.

Pouilly Fuissé, Autour de la Roche, Domaine J.A. Ferret 2017 WS90 480

A dense center shapes this solid white, featuring white peach, lemon and apple flavors that take on spice and mineral accents. Intense and long, with a lingering, tangy finish.

Pouilly- Fuissé, Sur La Roche, Daniel et Julien Barraud 2015 750

La Roche unfurls to reveal aromas of green orchard fruit, fresh peach, wheat toast, smoke and clear honey. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, with a comparatively lavish, enveloping attack for this cuvée, but it displays excellent dry extract and tension at the core, concluding with a mineral finish.

Mâcon Villages, Les Éduens, Moillard 2021 220

Delicate springtime aroma of white flowers. Tender, balanced, good aromatic freshness, silky texture, an elegant, charming wine with a complex and fresh bouquet of scents.

Saint-Véran, Les Marnes, Moillard 2021 270

Green apple and pear flavors dominate in this fine, fresh, delicious wine. There's a touch of caramel, but the main feel is clean and delicate, with a some minerality to give structure.

Saint-Véran, Joseph Drouhin 2021 290

It is stylistically close to Pouilly-Fuissé, with its golden hue, its greenish reflection and its refreshing taste. The aromas are reminiscent of the ripe Chardonnay grape, with subtle notes of musk. A pleasant roundness coats the palate.

BURGUNDY • CÔTE CHALONNAISE

Rully, Les Saint-Jacques, Domaine de Villaine

2018

This is an intense wine whose nose revolves around fresh fruits complemented by floral and spicy. Notes of yellow stone fruit, green apple, hazelnuts, and quince dominate this wine's dense yet saline-driven palate. Beyond this sensation of aromatic concentration the Rully Les Saint-Jacques express its terroir with elegance and finesse.

BURGUNDY • CHABLIS

Petit Chablis, Les Grappes d'Or, Moillard

2018

Nuanced and structured whites are dry, medium-dry or medium-sweet wines with characteristically mineral and herbal flavours and aromas. You can also discern citrus, gooseberry and blackcurrant notes in these wines. Crisp acids add the necessary structure.

Chablis, Coquillage, Moillard



A creamy hint to a nose of citrus and yellow apple. Mineral acidity provides drive and lift to the palate, unravelling buttered citrus, pineapple and dried apricot notes. Textured and long, a well-made beauty

Chablis, Olivier Tricon

2021

260

A pleasantly austere amalgamation of green apple, under-ripe pear, acacia, candied and a firm mineral backbone punctuated by crushed seashell and chiseled steel.

Chablis, Reserve de Vaudon, Joseph Drouhin

390

The first nose of the Chablis Réserve de Vaudon reveals limes, pomelo and pink grapefruit. The fruity components of the bouquet are complemented by even more fruity-balsamic nuances. Think zesty lemon and floral notes with a refreshing saline minerality. Its fresh citrusy flavours

Chablis, 1ér Cru Montmains, Olivier Tricon

2019

370

Initially soft in mouth and continues to soften thanks to the magnitude of this wine. Light aromas vaunting dried and ripe fruits. Its gold yellow, its surprising concentration and its richness turn it into an elegant wine.

Chablis, 1ér Cru Vaillons, Domaine Séguinot-Bordet

2018

The nose is a tornado of fresh perfumed flowers, leading the way to a summer fruit platter of peaches, pears and melon. Flowers and fruit compete in harmony with great balance achieved by fresh acidity.

Chablis, Grand Cru Vaudésir, Domaine Sèguinot-Bordet

2017

Has a lifted bouquet, with hints of yellow flower (dandelion consommé, perhaps) coming through with time. The palate is fresh on the entry, with a touch of orange rind neatly embroidered into the Granny Smith apple and granite notes that gently fan out on the finish.

BURGUNDY • CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Beaune, 1ér Cru Beaune du Château, Bouchard Père & Fils

2017

Offers up aromas of pear, white flowers, and peaches, framed by a deft touch of oak. Medium to full-bodied, rich, and enveloping, it's lively and textural, with good underlying acidity. This is a charming, expressive introduction to the vintage, appellation, and Maison

Chassagne-Montrachet, 1ér Cru Les Embazées, Moillard

2017

610

Expressive and forceful in the glass, with opulent notes of honey and crushed rock. On the palate, the wine is pure and well defined with notes of honeycomb, sweet citrus and candied pear fill the mouth; superb freshness and vibrancy enliven the depth of concentration attained in the vintage lending perfect balance to the cuvée.

Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Moillard

2018

1410

The nose has a great aromatic complexity that gains strength with aeration: candied orange, hawthorn, hazelnut, hot brioche. These greedy and generous flavors on the palate, alongside a nice acid characteristic of the vintage frame provide great length in the mouth and a good aging potential.

Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray

2007



Quite youthful with its wonderfully elegant, pure and high-toned nose that is quite floral with a pronounced citrus influence to the green apple and wet stone notes that border on a mineral-reduction character. The detailed and equally pure mineral-driven medium-bodied flavours possess a cuts-like-a-knife linearity on the bone dry and palate staining finish. This is like sucking on pebbles and while the flavours are still distinctly austere, the balance is impeccable.*

Meursault, Vieilles Vignes, Moillard

2020

520

The flavours of honeysuckle, fern, candied lemon, brioche, and toasted bread form the bouquet. The palate is tasty with some notes of almond paste and hazelnuts. The finish is both saline and crispy.

Meursault, Joseph Drouhin

2018



580

It has quite a steely bouquet, reserved at first and opening reluctantly with aeration to reveal strong gunflint aromas. The palate is well balanced with tempting pineapple and white peach notes drawing you in. Perhaps a little Chassagne-like in terms of weight, and quite persistent on the mint-tinged finish.

Meursault, 1ér Cru Les Perrières, Domaine Jean-Michel Gaunoux

2010

4 1460

With its aromas of pineapple, powdered stone and tea leaf, this smells a bit fruitier than the Genevrieres. Dense but light on its feet, with terrific inner-mouth perfume to the flavors of lavender, powdered stone and minerals. Taut, elegant, very dry wine with superb cut and rising length. A very clear expression of Perrières terroir.

Meursault, 1ér Cru Le Porusot, Deux Montille

2011

4 1630

A classic and very fresh Meursault nose of hazelnut, white peach, pear and acacia blossom gives way to round and surprisingly soft medium weight flavors that possess good volume but lack the same vibrancy as the better wines in the range. On the plus side there is very good persistence to the lemon-inflected finish.

Puligny-Montrachet, Vieilles Vignes, Moillard

2017

630

The nose perceives the aromatic notes of orange blossoms which delicately blend with the aromas of toasted bread and hazelnut. On the palate it is fresh and well defined, with a nice round and generous finish.

Puligny-Montrachet, Joseph Drouhin

2017

WS92

840

The aromas evoke trees in bloom and white flesh fruit, like white peaches. With age, the aromas evolve towards almond and lightly grilled dried fruit. On the palate, there is a sensation of fresh silkiness. Long and persistent in the aftertaste, ending on an exceptional wealth of flavors, both floral and fruity.

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Ramonet

2010



A notably elegant, pure and airy flashes a panoply of floral elements and in particular acacia blossom, along with spice and cool lemon-lime nuances. There is good richness to the seductively textured middle weight flavors that possess a caressing mouthfeel before culminating in a sneaky long and notably dry finish that also exhibits a touch of warmth though in this case it is more subtle.

Puligny-Montrachet, 1ér Cru Les Pucelles, Domaine Leflaive

2006

WS93 44 11480

A pure, elegant and refined nose that is openly exotic with honeysuckle, mango, apricot and spiced pear plus subtle lemon peel notes. There is fine volume to the rich, full, ripe and generous medium-bodied flavors that possess a silky mouth feel due to the impressive amount of dry extract present, all wrapped in a long, sappy and utterly classy finish. This is really lovely and while there is a bit more of the exotic character than I really prefer there can be no question that the overall quality is excellent.

Saint-Romain Blanc, Alain Gras

2018

650

Bursts with notes of fresh pear, citrus oil, pastry cream and hazelnut. On the palate, it's medium-bodied, bright and elegantly textural, with a delicately sun-kissed core of fruit, succulent acids and a chalky finish.

Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc, Albert Bichot

2009



Nicely composed white Burgundy from several parcels of 40 year old vines on average, with pretty meadow flower aromatics mingled with ripe citrus and white and yellow-fleshed orchard fruit. The palate is broad and ample without any heaviness and the depth of flavour and length are impressive indeed. This is a wine "toute en finesse", but also with power and palate presence. Fine wine

VALLÉE DE LA RHONE

Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Samorëns, Ferraton Père & Fils 2018 Fresh pear, nectarine and a touch of honey on the nose and in the mouth. Smooth

160

and open-knit, displaying a refreshingly juicy quality and a hint of bitter pear skin on the back half. Finishes on a subtly spicy note, leaving warm pit fruit and pear nectar notes behind.

Saint-Joseph Blanc, La Source, Ferraton Père & Fils 2018 350

The aromas are led by white florals, fresh-cut golden apple, sun-kissed Meyer lemon, and herbs. The mouthfeel is rich and integrated, with notes of beeswax and citrus riding on a seamless acidity that carries a long and memorable finish. It's a rare treat showcasing the Northern Rhône's regal Marsanne grape.

Condrieu Blanc, Invitare, M. Chapoutier 2020 520

100% Viognier. Lively, sharply focused aromas of fresh citrus and pit fruits and pungent flowers. A firm spine of acidity supports juicy tangerine and white peach flavors that deepen steadily as the wine opens up. A chalky mineral note adds cut to a nervy, sharply focused, persistent finish that leaves a zesty citrus fruit note behind

Viognier, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2018 RP94 390

Mirabelle, apricot, lime, orange blossom and honeysuckle, complemented by other fruity nuances. Opens pleasantly aromatic, fruity and balanced. Light-footed and multilayered, this dense white wine presents itself on the palate. The final of this youthful white wine from the wine-growing region of the Rhône Valley finally impresses with a good aftertaste.

Hermitage Blanc, Le Chevalier de Sterimberg, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2017 RP94 940

A composed and refined Hermitage with fresh, pear and apple aromas, as well as pastry-like, savory complexity. Plenty of interest here. The palate has a bright, tangy core of acidity and a nice, fine presence of cool apples, pears and white melon. Light, pastry notes to close. From organically grown grapes.

AUSTRIA

Salomon Undhof, Kremstal, Steinterrassen, Riesling 2015 200

Purest notes of ripe lemon zest, then comes a slight notion of yeast. There is a savoury timbre on all this gleaming citrus sleekness, adding extra interest and verve. Utterly linear and driven, this will relax into a sleek.

Elfenhof, Burgenland, Spätlese, Gewürztraminer 2019 240

Gorgeously sweet Gewurztraminer with moderately low alcohol and typically alluring diversity of aromas, including rose petals, pear, nutmeg and white lilies. Offers up an exquisite sweetness and a juicy, round, soft body.

Elfenhof, Burgenland, Grüner Veltliner 2021 190

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ITALY

a nice sour shoulder.

Angelo Gaja, Rossj-Bass, Chardonnay

VENETO Canaletto, Pinot Grigio 2021 Tropical fruit and spring blossom aromas lead the nose on this informal white. The extremely simple palate offers green apple and a hint of green melon alongside zesty acidity. Torresella, Pinot Grigio 2022 160 This light-bodied, one-dimensional wine features scents and flavors of white gumdrops, while aburst of citrus on the finish imbues it with some refreshing qualities. **PIEDMONT** Langhe Blanco, Prasué, Saracco Chardonnay 2016 200 Straw yellow with greenish reflections. On the nose this wine is intensely fruity with hints of bread crust. Flavours of apple and pineapple, long aftertaste, complete structure. Gavi del Commune di Gavi, Bersano 2018 The bouquet is characteristic and fragrant, with hints of pineapple and peach, and a note of apricot. Rich and full in the mouth with a long fruity and persistent aftertaste. Gavi, Principessa Gavia, Banfi 2021 Pale yellow color with shades of green. The perfume of boxwood combines with the flower notes of jasmine and the fruity aromas of melon and white peach. On the palate, the wine's pleasant sapidity supports its eminent drinkability. Gavi, Pio Cesare 2021 Rich in value and refinement, has a straw yellow color; the scent is characterized by a very floral and fruity smell, fresh and mineral. The taste is lively and sustained from

Filled with apple and pear flavors along with citrus fruit and honeysuckle on a medium-bodied palate. Roasted nut and fresh honey aromas add a hint of body.

2017

680

SPAIN

CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Marqués de Cáceres, Rueda, Verdejo

2021

160

Lovely white offers aromas of melon and lemon that are match on the palate with delicate vanilla and spice from the judicious use of oak.

Marqués de Riscal, Rueda, Sauvignon Blanc

2021

A very complex nose with hints of fresh grass over a mineral base which gives the wine added lift, and abundant citrus and tropical fruits such as pineapple and melon. It leaves a fresh, aromatic taste in the mouth and has a clean, long finish.

GALICIA

Vionta, Rías Baixas, Albariño

2021

230

Fresh and zesty Albarino with generous floral and fruit aromas. Soft and agreeably acid on the palate, giving way to a melange of ripe fruits but brought to a peak of green apple, apricot and kiwi. Lees maceration has given it a body and structure with great personality. A long finish, highly aromatic with just a touch of bitterness a classic characteristic of the varietal.

GERMANY

MOSEL

Ansgar Clüsserath, Steinreich, Trocken, Riesling

Wine typically expresses an intense and spicy minerality laced with a delicate salinity. It's refreshing, playful agility and marked minerality are balanced by fruity citrus aromas of pineapples and grapefruit. Structured and focused, the wine offers a complex body with clear acidity and a long, intense finish.

Ansgar Clüsserath, Trittenheimer Apotheke, Trocken Riesling

2019

It delivers a beautifully smoky and still restrained but very complex nose of smoke, anise, spearmint, greengage, thyme, rosemary, white flowers, and lime tree. The wine has great presence and density, while remaining fresh and comparatively light. The finish has intensity, focus, and depth and leaves a racy feel of herbs and lime wrapped in plenty of spices.

Ansgar Clüsserath, Trittenheimer Apotheke, Spätlese Riesling

2017

170

Fine aroma of apricot and citrus fruit; a elegant clear composition. Fine natural sweetness with a lively acidity; mineral tones from the shale; long mineral-rich finish.

Ansgar Clüsserath, Vom Schiefer, Feinherb, Riesling

2021



Has a delicate fragrance of ripe apricots, peach, passion fruit and citrus, beautiful minerality. An unusually dense organic wine with a creamy, almost velvety texture, reminiscent of late-harvest wines, but absolutely dry.

PFALZ

Dr Bürklin-Wolf, Gerümpel P.C., Trocken, Riesling

2014

310

Lemon, lime and a hint of flint on the fresh nose. Ample on the palate, with white fruit flavours joined by a saline quality on the persistently brisk.

RHEINHESSEN

Wittmann, Trocken, Silvaner Delivers a range of fine, floral aromas together with delicate hints of pine vanilla. Creamy and delicate on the palate with a range of refined fruit fla		250
Wittmann, Trocken, Weisser Burgunder Cherry blossom, fresh apples, poached pears and citrus nuances of mint, and ginger. Supple and soft on the palate with pliable acidity and a fruity finish, reminiscent of chamomile tea.	2019 black pepper	△ 170
Wittmann Trocken, Grauer Burgunder A Pinot Gris with a creamy body and delicate fruit. Lovely ripe-melon, capear and melted-butter character, full body, but with nice mineral freshmakes it feel lighter than it really is. Bold and well-balanced finish.		170
Wittmann, Westhofener, Trocken, Weisser Burgunder & Chardonnay A cousin of Chardonnay with brighter aromatics, higher acidity, medium Serious wine with aromas and flavors of jasmine, hyacinth, white peach, quince and talc. Really racy juice.	-	270
Wittmann, Westhofener, Trocken, Riesling The typical limestone minerality of the Premier Cru site mingles with graaromas and a delicate spice that draw on exotic fruits such as papaya and Beautiful freshness enhanced with a firm, fine saline minerality. Complex	nd lime.	№ 280
Wittmann, Westhofener, Trocken, Riesling (Magnum - 150cl)	2018	570
Wittmann, Niersteiner 1G, Trocken, Riesling Pronounced aromas. Notes of lemon zest, sun-ripened peach, grapefruit, redcurrant leaf. On the palate, this is complemented by a salty hint, a tou chamomile with some grip, juiciness, and energetic acidity. A persistent of the same property of the same proper	uch of	320
Wittmann Vom Kalkstein Trocken Riesling Bright floral notes followed by apple, apricot, grapefruit, chalky mineral well wet stone. Juicy with subtle apple notes, balanced and well-integrat		№ 340

The minerality is evident in the background. Unpretentiously good.

RHEINHESSEN

Wittmann Kirchspiel GG Trocken Riesling

2019 43

A finely-nuanced herbal scent on the slowly opening bouquet, followed by peach, yeast, reductive notes, and also some ripe tones. Initial citrus on the palate with hints of lime juice, dense concentration, powerful with good extract, and precise dominant acidity marked by fine phenolics. A supple finish with a slight oiliness.

Wittmann Brunnenhäuschen GG Trocken Riesling

19 480

In addition to peach and apricot, pleasant savoury notes and herbaceous tones emerge. Chalky-minerality. A streamlined example with a lot of substance: good volume, harmonious extract and pronounced, yet fine phenolics. The acidity is perfectly integrated. Finely crafted and yet quite punchy.

Wittmann, Morstein GG Trocken Riesling

2019

RP98 550

A warm and rich fragrance adds an usual but seductive notion of Ambrosia rice pudding to the more conventional aromas of ripe yellow fruit. The palate is packed with sweet and juicy fruit flavours, a hint of exotic spice and well-rounded acidity add subtle accents.

AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, Art Series, Riesling

2018

250

Freshly cut limes, lemon sorbet and hints of Granny Smith apples combine with pronounced floral notes, hints of sweet spice and fragrant kaffir lime leaf.

Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, Art Series, Chardonnay

2019

RP98

870

Succulent and distinctive, with crème fraîche, tahini and salted butterscotch notes up front that are aromatic and appealing, with fresh-grated ginger, mouthwatering acidity and a vibrant, juicy mouthful of dried pineapple, pomelo and yuzu flavors at the core. Ultimately, the tension between all the balanced elements creates a complex, stunning wine

Evans & Tate, Margaret River, Butterball, Chardonnay

2022

250

Juicy stone fruit, ripe melon and tinned pear with toasty oak, roasted spices and creamy, buttery notes. Ripe Chardonnay characters of peach, tinned pears and ripe melon framed with toasty oak, roasted spices and creamy, buttery notes that flood the nose and mouth. A delicious rich and complex Chardonnay..

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Massena, Eden Valley, Stonegarden, Riesling

2017

180

Textural, powerful, persistent. Lime juice and crystals, talc and spice, mineral. A hint of orange blossom. A trace of fruit sweetness. It's pretty and it's purposeful, and it feels soft as it extends along your tongue.

Rolf Binder, Eden Valley, Riesling

2018

145

A delicate riesling of lime juice and spring water, honey blossom and quince. The wine is of a slate-like texture, dry and balletic; drawn long and taut by juicy, everflowing acidity showcasing fine intensity of flavour.

Shaw & Smith, M3, Adelaide Hill, Chardonnay

2021



Kicks off with trace aromas of struck match and roasted cashew, then opens into grilled pineapple and peach. It's medium to full-bodied, providing a generous mid-palate of fruit, then tightens up and refocuses on the citrus-laden finish. Showing lovely balance and complexity.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Sauvignon Blanc

2022



The nose offers a smorgasbord of tropical fruits with piercing concentration. The palate abounds with textural grapefruit and lemon pith that pins back expansive passionfruit and boysenberry. The finish has a savoury textural grip and zesty acidity, will get even better over the short term.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Chardonnay

2022

200

Aromas of oranges and yellow peaches, backed by almondy mealy notes fill the glass. The palate is clean and balanced with layers of nectarines and grapefruit and a seam of minerality through the middle. Cleansing acidity prepares your for the next mouthful. A clean, well balanced Chardonnay with bright tropical fruit and nice acidity.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Mappinga Fumé Blanc

2020

250

Lifted aromatics and luxuriant mouth-filling flavours of intense ripe pear, mandarin and lemon pith with a hint of sweet honeysuckle. This complex wine spent time on lees in barrels, creating a creamy mid-palate, balanced by a lively clean citrus line.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Mappinga Chardonnay

2020

260

It's a complex number, showing plenty of winemaking and oak spice - there's some flint rock, smoke and popcorn, all alongside fresh white peach and zesty lemon. The palate is round but fresh, with some creaminess from the barrel, but ends with a kick of acidity.

NEW ZEALAND

NORTH ISLAND

Ata Rangi, Martinborough, Raranga, Sauvignon Blanc

2018

This wine has complex aromas of lemon curd, citrus blossom and white peach. There are also interesting notes of spiced apple pie. On the palate, there is a creamy texture obtained from the skin contact and barrel fermentation, intermingled with tangy lemon zest flavours on the finish.

Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay, Sauvignon Blanc

2016

160

Gentle flavors and aromas of lime, citrus and lemongrass compliment the distinct aroma of stone-fruit. The fresh acidity is balanced by a tiny amount of retained sweetness.

SOUTH ISLAND

Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc

2022

410

A wine full of fresh herbal aromas and layers of ripe guava and tropical fruit. Gooseberries and passion fruit on the medium-full body; the palate is succulent and crisp with a long flavoursome finish.

Cloudy Bay, Te Koko, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc

2020

WS93 580

Pristine aromas of sliced limes, lemons, green melon and hints of lemon grass follow through to a full body with dense fruit, yet framed by a lightly phenolic texture that holds the whole thing together, tightening the fruit in the center-palate. Beautiful finish.

Dog Point, Marlborough, Section 94, Sauvignon Blanc

2020

A 310

Impressively deep, with whiffs of smoke, white pepper, honeycomb and orange blossom that melt into apricot, dried mango and lemon curd flavors. Matcha green tea and nutmeg details linger on the long, expressive finish, with a delicate thread of acidity weaving in and out, keeping the flavors fresh.

SOUTH ISLAND

Misha's Vineyard, Central Otago, The Gallery, Gewürztraminer Classic varietal aromas of rose petal, lychee, ginger and cinnamon, thi has a gentle but full palate that balances sweet baked fruits with fresh		240
Neudorf, Nelson, Moutere, Riesling A lovely Riesling bouquet with aromas of Meyer lemon, mandarin, lime tangerine, apple and white blossoms. Dry on the palate with flavours of the nose, high acidity, loads of wet-stone mineral flavours and lengthy	that reflect	170
Neudorf, Nelson, Sauvignon Blanc Nose green papaya with some fresh ripe green, vibrant florals and a to The feel across the palate is weighty, juicy and opulent. The acid is ele the wine a cleansing spine.		155
Rimapere, Marlborough, Single Vineyard, Sauvignon Blanc Very defined Sauvignon Blanc with tremendous concentration. It delivation aromatics of lemon peel, sage, ripe lemon, passion fruit, grapefruit, pictively minerality. The palate despite being vibrant and fresh, has a rick is wonderful purity and complexity and a long intense finish.	ne needles and	250
Rimapere, Marlborough, Plot 101, Sauvignon Blanc Result of a joint venture between Baron Edmond de Rothschild and C Distinct lime & lemon notes, developing with fragrant white flowers ar oak complexities with a creamy "sur lies" overlay. Elegant texture, rich grapefruit flavours. Fine and long palate that demonstrates an elegan	romas, gentle h lemon and	33 0 33 0 3 30
Two Tracks, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc A wine by Wither Hills. Intense gooseberry, tomato leaf, fresh cut fenr capsicum characters underpinned by the classically pungent melon, g passion fruit aromatics immediately fill the senses. rs and a long supple	uava and	170
Wither Hills, Marlborough, Early Light, Pinot Gris Fresh classic aromas of bright white peach, grapefruit and pear with a character underlying the primary citrus fruits. Displays a wonderful lusgenerous weight and texture, with the fresh acidity enhancing the appropriate to the control of t	sh palate with	170
Wither Hills, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc Refined and elegant. Mouth-watering, textural acidity and a juicy core exudes notes of crunchy greens and tropical guava on the nose.	2022 of citrus fruit	230

U.S.A

Stags' Leap, Napa Valley, Viognier

RP90

430

Gives up seriously spicy notes of nutmeg, coriander seed and star anise with a core of baked pears, ripe apricots, honeysuckle and apple pie. Medium-bodied, the palate is wonderfully crisp and invigorating, pushing all that spicy perfume to a very long finish.

J. Lohr, Cypress Vineyards, California, Chardonnay

2021

Inviting nose offers aromas of daffodil, ripe apple, and citrus, complemented on the palate by white peach, pineapple, and orange marmalade followed by a long creamy finish. Balanced acidity and rich texture

J. Lohr, Arroyo Seco, Monterey County, California, Chardonnay

2020

290

Exhibits youthful hues of light to medium straw. The enticing aromas are reminiscent of peach, nectarine, marmalade, yellow floral, baking spices, and honey. Those aromas echo on the palate and are complemented by orange and apricot, and balanced with a creamy texture from aging sur lie

The Hilt, The Vanguard, Santa Rita, Chardonnay

2017



Stony. White peach, rose petals, and green mango with subtle hints of oak. Peach and custard brioche. Silky texture with classic Vanguard lime zest character. Gains

richness and complexity as it begins to stretch its wings with time and air. Full of tension and defined by its reserve but wrapped in a luxurious package of velvet fruit.

CHILE

Alario, Central Valley, Sauvignon Blanc

2021

150

This sauvignon blanc over-delivers with lovely aromas and flavours of grapefruit, freshly cut grass, kiwi, gooseberry and chamomile. It is light to medium-bodied, extra dry, with a refreshingly balanced finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

Douglas Green, Western Cape, Chenin Blanc

2022

170

Exuberant passion fruit, ripe peaches and pineapple on first impression embellished with honey suckle grace that carries through to a generous yet well-tempered palate. Packed ripe fruit flavours freshened up by a tangy citrus acidity on the finish.

Ken Forrester, Old Vine Reserve, Stellenbosch, Chenin Blanc

2022



Full bodied, with melon and spicy baked apple aromas. Layered, with mineral notes enhanced by honeycomb and caramel flavours from lees contact. This wine is a great example of the harmonious balance which can be achieved between fruit and delicate oak/vanilla flavours, as they combine to form complex, soft flavours with sufficient body.

BULGARIA

Enira White, Bessa Valley, Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier

2020

180

Brilliant, light yellow color charm at first. Opulent bouquet reveals plenty of flavors such as pear, quince, elderberry, melon and lime. Round and soft body, dense texture and balanced acidity are felt in taste. Nice freshness and finesse at the end.

RED

CHINA

Ao Yun, Shangri-la, Yunnan

2015

RP94 44 1890

Heady aromas of black currant, black pepper, baking spices and eucalyptus set the scene for flavors of dark plum, cherry, black tea and ground pepper, with a touch of smoke. Tannins come on a touch strong at first, then subside into a mellow, spicefilled finish. Overall, the feeling on the palate is very luxurious.

Hu Yue by Lafite, Qiu Shan Valley, Shandong

2019



Hu Yue is defined by aromas of red fruits such as red currant and cherry, followed by spicy notes of licorice and white pepper revealing a complex and yet refined nose. The attack is fresh, with a balanced structure and an enveloping mouthfeel. The length, supported by silky tannins, is distinguished by light notes of cocoa, perfectly underlining the harmony of this wine.

Long Dai by Lafite, Qiu Shan Valley, Shandong

2019



On the nose, there is some lifted but very young dark fruit showing cassis, bramble, mulberry, black cherry and a hint of blueberry with a touch of violet as well as some slight herbaceous notes. These primary characters are complemented by some gentle new oak influence. On the palate, the 2019 Long Dai is austere in this youthful stage with fine-grained, coating tannins showing to the fore, some refreshing acidity—so typical of wines from this region. This structure is nicely fleshed out with the dark fruit and savory oak notes. With its relatively long length.

JAPAN

Grace, Yamanashi de Grace, Kayagatake Rouge

2020

370

Made of Muscat Bailey A. Rich nose with fruity aromas such as fresh blueberry and plum, floral aromas such as rose and lavender, subdued oak, accented with soft spice aromas such as nutmeg and clove. Dry on the palate, fine tannins and supple acidity very elegantly expressed, with flavours of blueberry and rose expand in the mouth. On the whole, a refreshing wine characterized by varietal purity.

ROMANIA

Alira, Concordia, Feteasca Neagra & Cabernet Sauvignon

2018

200

Red fruits, dominated by black cherries and blackberries, spices (vanilla, mint, coconut), notes of balsamic vinegar, sweet wood. On palate, filled with notes of bitter cherries and raspberries but also black chocolate. The body is strong, powerful but round, with pleasing tannins.

BULGARIA

Enira, Bessa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Petit Verdot

2015

180

The nose explodes with vanilla and menthol aromas, followed by strong blackberry and raspberry nuances. The mouth is starting with a round attack, followed by some structured woody tannins and a red fruits in the middle. This wine is ending with an amazing balance.

Enira Reserva, Bessa Valley, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit

WS91

380

Heady aromas of black currant, black pepper, baking spices and eucalyptus set the scene for flavors of dark plum, cherry, black tea and ground pepper, with a touch of smoke. Tannins come on a touch strong at first, then subside into a mellow, spicefilled finish. Overall, the feeling on the palate is very luxurious.

SYRIA

Verdot

Domaine de Bargylus, Red Lattakia

2014

440

"The Syrian Vineyard making the world's most dangerous wine" 60% Syrah and 20% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Packed with fruit and spice, it's a dinner party wine to impress, and what a talking point! Black pepper sprinkled summer fruits - bowls of plums and intense blackcurrant coulis, a dusting of cocoa and cinnamon with hint of truffle. Rich yet with great lift and precision to the finish, and fine tannins.

FRANCE

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Château Haut-Marbuzet, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

2014

RP92

480

Plush red cherry and strawberry fruit, a little warmth, almost a cozy bouquet that you could snuggle up in on a warm night. The palate is medium-bodied with plush tannin, good body and density with kirsch, orange rind and Chinese five-spice.

Château Haut-Marbuzet, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

2018

RP93 44 680

Has so much to offer. Sweet red cherry, blood orange, dried flowers and mint add layers of nuance, but it is the wine's balance that is most impressive. This 2018 has an extra kick of flavor intensity, not to mention tremendous character, with none of the quirky edges that have at times characterized this wine in the past.

Château Lilian Ladouys, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

It veers towards fleshy red berry fruit on the nose with hints of dried herbs and sous-bois lending personality, something to talk about. The palate is medium-bodied with tobacco infused black fruit, masculine in style with good backbone and impressive precision on the finish.

Château Lilian Ladouys, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

2017

RP90 44 370

Has a fragrant herbal waft on the nose with a core of baked red and black currants, Morello cherries, tilled earth and cedar chest. The palate is medium-bodied, delicately played and pleasantly chewy with plenty of freshness and lovely purity on the finish.

Château Ormes de Pez, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

2017

WS91

430

Features black cherries and cassis notions over a core of fragrant earth, stewed tea and tobacco plus a waft of forest floor. Medium-bodied, the palate is packed with juicy black fruit with a grainy texture and long, mineral-tinged finish.

Le Dame de Montrose, 2nd vin de Château Montrose

2014

The wine is powerful with fine tannins and concentrated black fruits. The dense texture is lifted by the acidity and beautiful fruit of the vintage. The tannins are dusty, tight and surrounded by beautiful fruit and acidity.

Le Dame de Montrose, 2nd vin de Château Montrose

Delivers a profound nose of baked plums, blackberry preserves and raisin cake with touches of dark chocolate, licorice, Chinese five spice and sandalwood. Full-bodied, rich and opulent in the mouth, it fills the palate with ripe, generous fruit, backed by firm, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and spicy.

Les Pagodes de Cos, 2nd vin de Château Cos d'Estournel

2016

Opens with notions of warm cassis, black cherries and smoked meats giving way to scents of charcoal, underbrush and cloves plus a waft of new leather. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the palate with generous black fruits and some compelling red fruit sparks, supported by ripe, grainy tannins and finishing long and spicy.

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Château Calon-Ségur, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

It has a deep garnet-purple color and nose of warm blackberries, cassis, black cherries and licorice with touches of roses and dark chocolate. The medium-bodied palate is firm and chewy with good concentration and a spicy finish.

Château Calon-Ségur, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

2008

Its sweet perfume of black currants, tobacco leaf, and licorice is followed by a wine with superb purity, good freshness, and a full-bodied style with ripe tannin as well as a long finish.

Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2009

RP100 445650

Features a gorgeous display of perfectly melded plum, red currant and blackberry fruit that flows beautifully over very creamy tannins. Still nearly all fruit, with flecks of warm stone and iron on the finish. This couls easily sit in this phase for some time, but will be hard to resist. Totally modern and beautifully done.

Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2011

WS93

1940

Bright ruby red color. Delicious black fruits on the nose, with spicy notes of black pepper and vanilla. Long and velvety, combining both power and elegance on the palate. Silky tannins

Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2015



Deep garnet-purple in color, it offers up black currants, spice cake, warm cherries and plum preserves with touches of chargrill and forest floor. Medium-bodied and very firm with ripe, grainy tannins, it has a good core of earthy fruit, finishing with loads of layers and freshness.

Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2016

RP100 44 3350

Reveal beautiful lilacs, rose hip tea, crushed stones and camphor nuances over a core of crème de cassis and mocha plus wafts of incense and wood smoke. The palate is simply electric, charged with an energy and depth of flavors that seem to defy the elegance and ethereal nature of its medium-bodied weight, featuring densely pixelated tannins that firmly frame the myriad of fruit and floral sparks, finishing with epic length.

Château Cos d'Estournel. 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2017



Revealing beautiful expressions of preserved plums, boysenberries, blackcurrant pastilles and wild blueberries with hints of Indian spices, menthol, lilacs and mossy tree bark plus a compelling suggestion of iron ore. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a solid backbone of firm, grainy tannins and well-knit freshness supporting the tightly wound blue and black fruits layers, finishing long and fragrant.

BORDEAUX • ST. ESTÈPHE

Château Montrose, 2ème Grand Cru Classe

A very fine wine showing a new level of quality at Montrose. With its almost velvet tannins inside the intense black fruits, the wine is rich, smooth and generous. Blackberry and black-plum fruits are to the fore along with the fine acidity and great structure.

RP96 4 1820

Château Montrose, 2ème Grand Cru Classe

2010

2015

2014

RP100 4270

A perfumed and pure Montrose, with lots of currants, berries and spies that evolve to chocolate and light coffee. Full body, with super racy tannins and bright and clean finish. Very fine and structured. A balance and freshness to it all as well as beautiful form and tension.

Château Montrose, 2ème Grand Cru Classe

core of muscular fruit and a long, earthy finish.

The deep garnet-purple colored 2015 Montrose opens with broody black fruits, menthol and anise notes with a core of cassis, blueberries and mulberries plus a touch of cedar chest. The medium-bodied mouth is firm and chewy with a good RP95 4 2070

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Château Lalande-Borie 2017 500

Predominantly Merlot, this wine has soft tannins while also having the rich elegance of a Saint-Julien. Structure and density come both from the tannins and the generous blackberry flavors.

Château Gloria 2018 RP94 № 740

Deeply colored with terrific cassis and blackberry fruits as well as ample leafy herbs and sappy flower notes, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, has polished, elegant tannins, and a great finish. It's a juicy, fruit-forward effort with good concentration and lots of class

Sarget de Gruaud-Larose, 2nd vin de Chateau Gruaud-Larose 2015 450

Great balance of cassis and brambles with crisp acidity and rather elegant, dry tannins. Attractive mid-weigh second wine from Gruaud-Larose.

Les Fiefs de Lagrange, 2nd vin de Chateau Lagrange 2016 460

Medium rich, bright, crimson colour, soft and grapey on the attack, with good spice and flavours of black cherries, blackberry and tobacco. There is nice weight on the palate and good, round tannins.

Amiral de Beychevelle, 2nd vin de Chateau Beychevelle 2016 540

Offers up compelling red and black cherry scents with a core of blackcurrants and blackberries plus wafts of lavender, wild sage and cumin seed. Medium-bodied with a firm, chewy frame, it has lovely freshness and purity, finishing on a mineral note.

Connétable de Talbot, 2nd vin de Chateau Talbot 2017

Displays the elegance that gives Saint-Julien its charm. Medium-bodied palate with alluring creamed loganberry fruit profile, inlaid with subtle graphite and apple wood accents. Hints of tar and savory show on the finish.

Clos Du Marquis, 2nd vin de Château Léoville-las-Cases 2014 RP92 820

It has layers of blackberry, raspberry coulis, incense and iris emerging from the glass whilst maintaining superb delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with a gentle grip on the entry. Graphite-infused red and black fruit on the front palate whilst the back is adorned with just a hint of blue fruit that lends this a more feminine allure. There is lovely balance here, fresh and focused with a touch of graphite

Clos Du Marquis, 2nd vin de Château Léoville-las-Cases 2018 RP94 910

Displays flamboyant scents of kirsch, crushed black cherries and warm cassis with hints of cinnamon stick, underbrush and chocolate box plus a waft of sandalwood. Full-bodied and built like a brick house with firm, grainy tannins and bold freshness supporting the muscular fruit, it finishes long and spicy.

La Croix, 2nd vin de Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2016 RP92 4 740

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 La Croix gives up aromas of cassis, earth, black plums, black cherries and mulberries with wafts of menthol, cigars and crushed rocks. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is lively and earthy with firm, grainy tannins, finishing long and mineral-laced.

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La Croix, 2nd vin de Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

It has a floral note on the nose: small black cherries, blueberry and wilted violets, the last becoming more intense as the initially tight-fisted wine opens in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannin. There is very well-judged acidity and its texture is harmonious and silky smooth. The quality is loaded more in the mouth than on the nose at the moment, but it is a seriously classy "deuxième vin" that just needs a little more persistence on the finish.

Le Petit Lion, 2nd vin de Château Léoville Las Cases

Racy, opulent and inviting, hits all the right notes. In this vintage, the blend includes all the old-vine Merlot off the property, which gives the Lion added texture, power and breadth. Those elements come through loud and clear. Crème de cassis, blackberry, spice, leather and menthol build to the cream, voluptuous finish.

Château Talbot, 4er Grand Cru Classe

Opening out to reveal notions of warm red and black currants, baked plums and mulberries with touches of sautéed herbs, tilled soil, fallen leaves and unsmoked cigars. Medium to full-bodied, it has commendably ripe, fine-grained tannins and restrained, earthy layers on offer in the mouth with an herbal lift on the finish.

Château Talbot, 4er Grand Cru Classe

Classic in style, offers lots of black fruits, smoked herbs, graphite and a touch of lead pencil on the nose. This is followed by a classically styled, medium-bodied, dense, and impressively concentrated.*

Château Beychevelle, 4er Grand Cru Classe

Displaying dark, roasted cedar and tobacco notes framing a core of steeped fig, blackberry paste and plum skin that rumbles through the tarry finish. Shows strong grip on the back end, with the briary edge extending nicely.

Château Lagrange, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Notes of singed alder, graphite and charcoal wrap around the core of intense blackberry paste, warm plum sauce and currant preserves. Turns sleek and racy on the well-knit finish despite the notable grip.

Château Léoville-Poyferré, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

On the nose and palate this red suggests red and black plums with cedar notes and hints of cloves. Full body, firm tannins, fresh acidity and an intense finish. Minerally, too. Polished tannins.

Château Gruaud-Larose, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The highest levels of tannins ever seen at Gruaud are quietened and second string to the dense yet beautifully focused, cool fruit. A powerful experience with waves of precisely defined blackberry fruit, super-fine tannins and freshness which will all help to see this become a long-lived wine and probably one of the best value wines of the vintage.

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Château Léoville Barton, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

Offers up notions of warm red currants, black raspberries and dark chocolate with wafts of cigar box, violets and bay leaves. Elegant, medium-bodied and sporting great freshness, the taut, tightly wound palate of intense red fruits and floral accents is well-framed with firm, grainy tannins, finishing on a lingering mineral note

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

RP97 4 2520

Showy, with layers of warmed fig, roasted mesquite, black tea, incense and Turkish coffee notes, followed by waves of lush cassis, blackberry and raspberry confiture flavors. This has a graphite grounding rod, a tarry spine and riveting licorice snap details to keep it driving along. A head-turner for sure.

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2012

RP93 44 2570

Offers up expressive, exuberant scents of warm kirsch, black raspberries and wild bleuberries with hints of sassafras, cedar chest, pencil lead and dried mint plus a waft of dried leaves. Medium-bodied, the palate has lovely freshness and a fair bit of chew, complementing the youthful black and red fruit layers, finishing on a lingering earthy note.

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Château Léoville-Las Cases, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

RP100 44 3810 2016

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One of the high points of this great vintage, the 2016 is a brilliant wine that unwinds in the glass with aromas of dark berries, pencil shavings, cigar wrapper, loamy soil and violets. Medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, it's concentrated and complete, with beautifully refined tannins, vibrant acids and a long, mineral finish. Even in this series of great wines, it stands out for its cool classicism and unerring precision.

Château Léoville-Las Cases, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

RP96 4 2510

Is a tightly wound classic that will delight purists. Mingling aromas of dark berries and cassis with hints of bitter chocolate, sweet spices, cigar wrapper, pencil shavings and sweet new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated, with tangy acids and a deep, firm mid-palate framed by rich, powdery tannins. Concluding with a long, penetrating finish

Château Léoville-Las Cases, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

WS100 4380 2000

Quite fabulous, magisterial Saint Julien that is only just beginning to flex its muscles. It has a very intense and beautifully defined bouquet with mineral rich blackberry and bilberry scents, outstanding focus and harmony, and very well-integrated oak. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, impressive backbone and focus in situ. There is a touch of mint infusing the fruit here, superb tension with a touch of mulberry and Hoi Sin lingering on the finish that still feels backward and sinewy. What was remarkable was to observe the melioration in the glass, achieving wondrous energy and delineation with time, still improving after a couple of hours. *

Château Léoville-Las Cases, 2ème Grand Cru Classé



Exceptionally pure, beautifully knit aromas of black fruits, minerals, vanillin and spice. On the attack, it is staggeringly rich, yet displays more noticeable tannin than its younger sibling. Exceptionally ripe cherry and cassis fruit, the judicious use of toasty new oak, and a thrilling mineral character intertwined with the high quality obtained by Las Cases.

Réserve de la Comtesse, 2nd vin de Château Pichon-Longueville 2013

A perfumed wine, this is full of black fruits that are shot through with acidity. It is bright, soft and only hinting at tannins. This wine will develop quickly and become an attractive, fruity wine

Les Griffons de Pichon Baron, 2nd vin de Château Pichon-Longueville 2016 WS91 600 Baron

Gives aromas of tar, sautéed herbs and earth over a cassis and baked cherries core. The palate is medium to full-bodied, firm and chewy, finishing with an herbal lift.

Fleur de Pédesclaux, 2nd vin de Château Pédesclaux 2016 410

Blossoming as soon as it is opened. With its richer concentration in merlot, this wine offers a softer, lighter touch with a warm and silky texture. Its fruity aromas are intense, crisp and pleasing on the palate.

Echo de Lynch-Bages, 2nd vin de Château Lynch-Bages 2018 RP92 770

With fragrant notes of candied violets, rose hip tea and fragrant soil over a core of crushed blackberries, warm blackcurrants and kirsch plus wafts of chocolate mint and crushed rocks. Full, rich, wonderfully concentrated and well structured, it has a solid backbone of firm, grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long.

Les Forts de Latour, 2nd vin de Château Latour 2000 WS93 3000

Has a very perfumed and floral bouquet, beautifully defined, precise and precocious; hints of eucalyptus emerge with time. The palate is well balanced and intense, delivering black fruit laced with mint and tar. The concentrated finish gently grips the mouth.

Le Petit Mouton, 2nd vin de Château Mouton Rothschild 2015 RP93 👫 .3120

Beautiful, elegant red, blue and black fruits (89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot) as well as some graphite and spice notes jump from the glass of the 2005 Lafite Rothschild. Medium-bodied, with superb purity and texture.

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, 5ème Grand Cru Classé 2016 RP93 4 .650

This has a very attractive bouquet with pure blackberry and raspberry coulis aromas, just that hint of pencil lead leading you towards Pauillac. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, plenty of sappy black fruit and a hint of tar and graphite towards the persistent finish.

Château Clerc Milon, 5éme Grand Cru Classé 2016 RP94 🕍 1210

A fresh and stylish version, with chalky minerality running from start to finish. Succulent plum and cassis fruit flavors coil around this and absorbs this easily at first. Then pretty violet and lilac notes guild the finish, with the minerality taking a slightly firmer stand.*

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2016

Has a clean, precise bouquet with nicely detailed blackberry, briar and tobacco aromas, touches of mint emerging with time, all utterly charming. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity, conveying a sense of symmetry throughout and leading into a deft, quite persistent finish.

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2015 WS94

1070

The bouquet reveals aromas of ripe black fruit and cassis complemented by spicy notes with great freshness. The palate is precise and dense, evolving into charming and well rounded tannins with good length and structure. The overall impression is one of purity and elegance.

Château d'Armailhac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2017

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Notions of baked plums, redcurrant jelly and crème de cassis plus wafts of violets, dark chocolate and fragrant earth. Medium-bodied, the palate bursts with energetic red and black fruits, framed by ripe, grainy tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing long and vibrant.

Château d'Armailhac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

RP93

750

Opens with gregarious crème de cassis, blackberry pie and mulberries scents with hints of chocolate box, roses and charcoal with a waft of dried sage. Medium-bodied, the palate has a rock-solid frame of firm, grainy tannins and wonderful freshness, finishing long and earthy.

Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2010

Roasted cedar, tobacco and bay leaf notes start off this structured but lively bottling, with intense currant, blackberry and black cherry flavors at the core. The iron-laced grip and pleasantly austere plum pit and licorice snap accents fill in on the tar-tinged finish. Great range, character and typicity.

Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2011

Vibrant, with a violet and cassis lead-in that then expands to include steeped black cherry and plum fruit as well as extra savory, iron and licorice root notes. Nice latent grip too, with a mouthwatering tug of earth at the very end. The fruit is so vibrant, it's a tease now, but there's structure here for the long haul, so be patient.

Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2016

Charging out of the gate with pronounced cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, mulberries and menthol notions, backed up by scents of garrique, tilled soil and a waft of tapenade. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fantastically concentrated, the generous fruit is superbly framed by firm, ripe, grainy tannins with tons of pepper, cinnamon and cloves layers coming through on the finish.

Château Pédesclaux, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2016

Nose of crushed red and black currants and blackberries with cigar box, new leather, pencil lead and crushed rocks. The palate is medium-bodied, elegant, fresh and lively with loads of mineral nuances and a lovely earthy finish.

Château Pontet-Canet, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

Fantastically expressive notes of black cherry preserves, black raspberries and blackcurrant pastilles plus touches of kirsch, wilted roses, tobacco, camphor and cinnamon stick with a waft of fragrant soil. Full bodied, the palate is laden with black and red fruit layers, supported by very firm, very finely grained tannins and provocative freshness, finishing with incredible length and stunningly perfumed.

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Château Duhart-Milon Rothschild, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

Deep colour. Strong fragrance of cedar and tobacco with a touch of black fruits. Very structured and balanced. A touch austere.*

Château Duhart-Milon Rothschild, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

Displays some of Lafite's classic notes of lead pencil shavings, cedar and blackcurrants along with more earthy, roasted herb, and spice box characteristics. Rich, full-bodied & dense.

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 2ème, Grand Cru Classé

Offers a suave and seductive nose of warm red and black currants, black plum preserves, truffles, tapenade and rose hip tea with touches of sandalwood and Chinese five spice plus a waft of iron ore. Medium to full-bodied, firmly structured and packed with mineral and exotic spice-laced black fruits,

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de la Lalande 2ème Grand Cru Classé

Revealing floral notes of lilacs and lavender over a core of black raspberries, warm blackberries and forest floor plus touches of star anise and stewed black tea. Mediumbodied, the palate is a bundle of energy and tension with softly played tannins and beautiful floral and black fruit layers, finishing with a long-lingering whisper.

Château Lafite Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

There are layers of blackberry and boysenberry fruit, still that hint of juniper berry, certainly a more extrovert Lafite-Rothschild compared to recent vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, very focused and quite linear, again with plenty of black fruit laced with cedar and tobacco. It begins to clam up towards the saline finish

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Château Lafite Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2000

RP100 46360

A blend of 93.3% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Merlot, an extraordinary aromatic expression of liquid minerals/stones interwoven with the tell-tale graphite notes mulberry black currants caramel and tobacco. In the mouth it is remarkably light on its feet but somehow seems to pack intense flavors into layer upon layer of fruit and richness that cascade over the palate. A compelling wine with extraordinary precision great intensity and a seamlessness in spite of what are obviously elevated levels of tannin this wine was provocatively open and beautiful. *

Château Mouton Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2005



Evolving into unabashed, flamboyant notes of Christmas cake, plum preserves, chocolate-covered cherries, eucalyptus and crème de cassis with beautifully fragrant wafts of potpourri, incense, Indian spices and cigar box. Full-bodied, the palate performs vinous pirouettes with dazzling exotic spice, floral and earthy nuances, framed by firm, grainy tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing very long and mineral laced. *

Château Mouton Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2009



Gives up bold earthy notions of underbrushm tilled soil and fungi over a core of crème de cassis, plum preserves and Indian spices with a waft of camphor. Full-bodied with a firm, velvety tannin texture and packed with black fruit preserves and exotic spice layers, it has seamless freshness and a very long, decadently fruited finish

Château Mouton Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2015



7610

Has a deep, almost opaque color. The nose is very intense and extraordinarily backward: blackberry, graphite (in fact, more like a big box of pencil shavings), hints of blueberry, violet and a splash of Indian ink. It must surely constitute one of the most penetrating aromatics this vintage. The palate is medium-bodied with saturated tannin that forms the arching structure of this Mouton, with layers of rich black fruit reined in by the killer line of acidity. This is ineffably pure and delineated toward the finish with an effervescent finish

Château Mouton Rothschild, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2010



This remains the stunner, a battleship of a wine, brimming with cassis, blackberry and fig fruit that has melded together now, with the backdrop of alder, bay leaf and menthol starting to emerge a bit more. The long finish is loaded with grip, pulling the fruit and other components together. And then there's that flash of iron at the very end.

Château Latour, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2010

12700

Deep garnet in color, and—WOW—it erupts from the glass with powerful crème de cassis, Black Forest cake and blackberry pie scents plus intense sparks of dried roses, cigar boxes, fragrant earth and smoked meats with aniseed and crushed rocks wafts. Full-bodied, concentrated and oh-so-decadent in the mouth, it has a firm, grainy texture and lovely freshness carrying the rich, opulent fruit to an epically long finish. *

Château Latour, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

2005

RP98 47610

Brilliant, intense aromas of mineral, blackberry and currant, with hints of Indian spices and cigar box, lead to a full-bodied palate, with ultrafine tannins and a beautiful balance of blackberry, raspberry and mineral. There's subtlety, yet also great depth. Lasts for minutes on the palate.

Historical XIXth Century by Château Palmer

2016 It is elegance with depth that seems to capture the soft and welcoming fruit of

Margaux combined with the spice and mineral side of the Rhône. We are talking nuances of juicy black fruit, plums, violets, a touch of black licorice, roasted meats, and spice.

Historical XIXth Century by Château Palmer

2013

4490

Unique blend of Cabernet & Syrah from Rhone. Beautiful medium body, cassis, red cherry fruit with a hint of pencil shaving. A lovely spice note flows through on the back palate. A fluid, beautifully elegant and poised Bordeaux.

Margaux du Château Margaux, 3rd vin de Château Margaux

990

Wine has an immediate freshness, charm and elegance on the palate. The delicate, floral and fruity nose gives way to a gentle and smooth mouthfell and finishes on a tighter note - a reminder that this is a concentrated with a bright future ahead of it.

Margaux du Château Margaux, 3rd vin de Château Margaux

Bursting with seductive notes of black berries, crème de cassis, pressed rose petals, lavender, sappy sandalwood and hints of sweet Cohiba cigar tobacco spice. Medium full-bodied flavour packed mouthful, delivering a lush black berry seduction, hints of black forest gateau and a tight knit vein of finely polished spicy tannins which melt away into a fresh, inviting acidity

BriO de Cantenac Brown, 2nd vin de Château Cantenac Brown

2016

Solid, medium-bodied, elegant wine that's very much in the style of the vintage with its elegant profile. Lots of Merlot-driven black cherry, violet, and tobacco notes flow to a medium-bodied that has light tannins and a clean, juicy finish.

Blason d'Issan, 2nd vin de Château d'Issan

2017

Opens with crushed blueberries and black plums notes with hints of cassis, licorice and violets. Medium-bodied with a firm and finely grained frame, it has oodles of freshness lifting the ripeblack and blue fruits to a long, perfumed finish.

Confidences de Prieuré-Lichine, 2nd vin de Château Prieuré-Lichine

2016

The red fruit is very appealing here with a wealth of raspberries and mulberries, as well as redcurrant notes. The palate has attractively juicy and succulent red berries and a chalky, piercing finish.

Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, 2nd vin de Château Margaux

2010

RP94 44 1940

Dense and structured. There are hints of bitter chocolate, along with tarry fruit. It is very textured, just hinting at extraction. The tannins are rounded and velvet-like in character.

Château Labégorce, Cru Bourgeois

2013

Lovely, very pure and sensual bouquet with lifted redcurrant and wild strawberry scents, The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well - judged acidity, good concentration with a satisfying raspberry preserve-infused finish that demonstrates superb persistence.

Château Siran, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels

2017

This is rather lovely, with excellent aromatics and fine tannins with a feeling of flex and precision. Features alluring black cherry and plum puree flavors gliding through, inlaid with subtle alder, lilac and black tea notes. The palate is medium-bodied with rounded tannins and plenty of juicy fruit, finishing with a pleasant bit of chew.

Château du Tertre, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

WS93

680

Medium to deep garnet-purple in color with a nose of baked cherries, blackberries and dried herbs with a waft of potpourri and fallen leaves. The medium-bodied palate is delicately styled with perfumed red and black fruits supported by firm, grainy tannins and it finishes with a refreshing herbal lift.

Château Prieuré-Lichine, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

2017

Lovely, very pure and sensual bouquet with lifted redcurrant and wild strawberry scents, The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well - judged acidity, good concentration with a satisfying raspberry preserve-infused finish that demonstrates superb persistence.

Château Kirwan, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

2017

RP92

580

Has a warm blackberries and black raspberries nose with hints of kirsch, roses and sandalwood. The palate is medium-bodied with plush tannins and plenty of freshness supporting the elegant fruit, finishing perfumed and very pretty.

Château Ferrière, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

2019



A greater density of fruit and a richer seam of freshness for this vintage. Blackberries, blackcurrants, violets, bitter chocolate, clay and gravel on the nose. It's medium-bodied with firm, very fine and integrated tannins. Beautiful texture. Structured, yet with a soft, supple feel.

Château Cantenac Brown, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

Offers an extraordinary nose of crème de cassis, caramelized cherries, flowers, and spices. This medium to full-bodied effort has plenty of tannins, as well as toasty oak, yet is perfectly balanced and has a great mix of both freshness and richness. It's a tour de force

Château Cantenac Brown, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Wafting gently out of the glass with fragrant scents of redcurrant jelly, Morello cherries, plum preserves and fresh blackcurrants, plus suggestions of red roses, cedar chest and pencil lead. The medium-bodied palate has a sturdy frame of grainy tannins and plenty of freshness supporting the delicately styled red and

2018

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2016

Château Giscours, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

black fruit flavors, finishing savory.

Opens with expressive cassis, blackberry and red currants on the nose with touches of cedar chest, roses and pencil lead. Medium to full-bodied with a good core of muscular fruit and firm, grainy tannins, it finishes long

RP94 1070

Château d'Issan. 3ème Grand Cru Classé

It has vibrant black cherries and blackcurrants notes with chocolate mint, beef drippings, black olives and cigar box. Medium-bodied with a well-sustained, intensely flavored mid-palate, it has a rock-solid, grainy frame and long savory finish.

RP94 820

Château d'Issan, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Complex aromas of sweet tobacco, chocolate, cedar and plums. Undertones of blackcurrants and dark chocolate. Dense and tight with a beautifully and tightly knit palate, yet this shows so much intensity and length. Love the wet-earth and berry character on the finish.

2014

Château Desmirail, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Features woody/oaky notions to start, opening out to reveal Black Forest cake, blackcurrant cordial and forest floor scents with a waft of Marmite toast. Medium-bodied, the palate is quite chewy with notable oak and just enough fruit, finishing a tad firm and abrupt.

2017 530

Château Malescot St. Exupéry, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Lovely steeped plum, fig and blackberry fruit is melded thoroughly with notes of alder, lilac and warm tar, giving this both treble and bass, while velvety tannins carry the finish with ease. Offers a long sanguine detail through the finish.

WS95 44 1030 2015

Château Palmer, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Emerging hints of violets, cigar box, black tea, sandalwood and Sichuan pepper. Medium to full-bodied, wonderfully rich and concentrated, the palate literally grows in the mouth, revealing layer upon layer of black, blue and red fruits and tons of floral sparks, framed by super ripe, incredibly fine-grained tannins and finishing with epic length.

2016

2010

Château Palmer, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Riveting, withterrific tarry grip coursing underneath layers of smoldering baby leaf, warm olum confiture, freshly brewed espresso, dark cassis and well-steeped black tea. The charcoal and tabacco backdrop is gorgeous and should move forward through the core of fruit over time.

Château Rauzan-Gassies, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2018

Rocks up with flamboyant notions of kirsch, blackberry preserves, warm cassis and Chinese five spice with touches of black tea, red roses and menthol plus a waft of molten chocolate. Medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of ripe, fine-grained tannins and fantastic freshness, it has a solid core of rich fruit

Château Rauzan-Gassies. 2ème Grand Cru Classé



Powerful and dense, but also a touch rustic and rough around the edges. Smoke, leather, tobacco and grilled herbs make up the distinctive flavor signatures, and the wine offers good depth in the glass, although some hard contours remain.

Château Brane-Cantenac, 2ème Grand Cru Classé



very classy bouquet, very well defined with blackberry, cedar and tobacco scents, that trademark graphite scent emerging with a few swirls of the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, well-judged acidity, graphite and cedar towards the linear finish

Château Durfort-Vivens, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

RP92

990

Cabernet Sauvignon aromatics and structure play off the natural intensity of the year beautifully. Blackberry, grilled herbs, licorice, leather and crème de cassis are all vividly sketched in this layered, expressive Margaux. Expect a dark, exotic Margaux that stands a bit apart from the norm for the appellation.

Château Durfort-Vivens, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2015

RP94 🕍 990



Initially firm and dry, this wine blossoms quickly with its delicious fruit and penetrating acidity. Fine tannins sustain this black-currant and berry fruit along with the complex texture and structure. Produced from biodynamic grapes.

Château Rauzan-Ségla, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2010

RP96

1420

Offer notions of underbrush, black truffles, smoked meats and tar over a core of baked black cherries, prunes and crème de cassis plus touches of iron ore and crushed rocks. Full-bodied, concentrated and jam-packed with savory/earthy fruit, it has a rock-solid structure of firm, grainy tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing with great length and expression.

Château Lascombes, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

2016



Features beautiful candied violets, Black Forest cake, cassis and menthol with hints of underbrush, cloves, pencil lead and tar. Medium-bodied with good intensity and firm, grainy tannins, it finishes long and perfumed.

Château Margaux, 1èr Grand Cru Classé



10520

Beautifully rendered, with a lush and seamless flow of cassis, steeped cherry, warmed raspberry and gently mulled blackberry fruit flavors gliding through. Light lilac, savory, mesquite and mineral accents underline the finish, adding additional texture and length. Deep and long, with sublime definition and gorgeous fruit. Finishing wonderfully fragrant and incredibly long.

Château Margaux, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

Bay and menthol hints lift a core of crushed plum and warm cherry confiture notes while the background fills steadily with black tea, singed alder and iron elements. Turns a little darker on the finish, with a coating of bittersweet cocoa powder and roasted vanilla bean accents, while the minerality stays buried for now. Remarkably

dense and packed, yet refined, especially for the vintage.

Château Margaux, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

A complex, multilayered, magnificent marvel; it really does posses true majesty. It has a real grace and power that has you fumbling for words to describe its quality with any degree of sophistication. There is layer upon layer of perfect dense red fruit wrapped around a kernel of ultra-fine, ultra-dense ripe tannins. *

Château Margaux, 1èr Grand Cru Classé

Strong contender for wine of the vintage. It offers everything you desire from this First Growth. It is blessed with breathtaking delineation and freshness on the nose, understated at first and then blossoming with mineral-infused black fruit, hints of blueberry, crushed stone and violet. The palate is perfectly balanced with filigree tannin, perfect acidity, a wine where everything seems to be in its right place. Blackberry, crushed stone at the front of the mouth, just a touch of spice towards the finish that shows supreme control. This is a Margaux that seems to light up the senses.

2012

2010

1996

RP100 44 10470

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN & GRAVES

Le Petit Haut Lafitte, 2nd vin de Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2020 RP93 560 Rolling out of the glass with alluring scents of blackberry preserves, Black Forest cake and warm cassis, plus wafts of red roses and cinnamon toast with a hint of

dried mint. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers plush tannins and soft acidity to support the generous, juicy black fruits, finishing on a lingering minty note.

Château Carbonnieux, Pessac-Léognan

A refined bouquet of brambly black fruit, cedar and subtle bay leaf aromas that gently unfolds in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannin

and a crisp line of acidity. Saline and spicy toward the second half, with a feisty but focused finish that lingers in the mouth.

Château Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac-Léognan

2012 A beauty, with a dense ruby/purple colour, a fabulously plush, opulent texture and medium to full-bodied flavours of cassis, spicy earth and blueberry. Quite rich, yet

Château Malartic-Lagravière, Pessac-Léognan

light on its feet, with wonderfully velvety tannins.

Succulent plum, cassis and raspberry pâte de fruit flavors mixed together, lined with licorice and anise details, showing a well-integrated apple wood note on the finish, backed by a light scoring of tar. Exhibits lots of compact energy

Château Larrivet Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan

Leaps with kirsch, warm blueberries and black plums plus wafts of earth, herbs and cedar and a touch of tar. Medium-bodied, the palate is fine, fresh and delicately expressive, finishing long and savory.

Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan

Has a wonderful bouquet with pure blackberry, raspberry coulis and iodine-tinged aromas that seem to envelop the senses. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, superb acidity with underplayed power and a lot of subtle nuances on the long finish.

Château Pape Clément, Pessac-Léognan

It opens with profound notes of crushed red and black currants, black cherries and cassis with touches of mocha, baking spices, menthol and lavender plus a hint of new leather. Medium-bodied, firm and concentrated with tons of tightly wound black fruit and earth layers, it has a grainy frame and refreshing lift on the long finish.

Château Pape Clément, Pessac-Léognan

Intense, with vivacious cassis, blueberry and boysenberry confiture notes, while tar, anise and warm fruitcake flavors pulse underneath. Offers seriously flashy toast at the end.

2017

2017

2014

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2016

490

RP92



RP96

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PESSAC-LÉOGNAN & GRAVES

Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Graves

RP97 4 1430 2017

Out of the gate with bold expressions of warm redcurrants, baked blackberries and crème de cassis with hints of spice cake, dried roses, underbrush and pencil lead plus a waft of candied violets. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a fantastic core of densely packed red and black fruits, framed by wonderfully ripe, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and perfumed.

Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Graves

2015

This pumps out some serious blackberry, boysenberry, raspberry and black currant fruit flavors, with the texture of compote and a racy edge thanks to a terrific bolt of graphite that runs throughout. Waves of anise, roasted apple wood and tobacco drive the finish, with the fruit keeping pace easily.

La Chapelle La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan

RP94 1080 2016

Sings of red roses, black tea and tilled black soil with a core of crushed blackberries, Morello cherries and cassis plus a hint of cinnamon stick. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers a great intensity of ripe black berries and floral layers, framed by soft, silken tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and mineral laced.

La Chapelle La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan

2015

It absolutely sings of red roses, black tea and tilled black soil with a core of crushed blackberries, Morello cherries and cassis plus a hint of cinnamon stick. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers a great intensity of ripe black berries and floral layers, framed by soft, silken tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and mineral laced.

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan

2010

Chewy and brambly, but integrated, this carries a very hefty core of espresso, ganache, mulled plum and blackberry fruit. The purity starts to shine through on the finish, which drips with cassis and it threaded with a long warm paving stone note.

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan

2014



Charming, quite intense bouquet with layers of blackberry, raspberry coulis, black olive and melted tar scents that soar from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well-judged acidity, harmonious and focused with superb density and precision towards the finish. This is a classy number.

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan

2015

RP97 44 1900

Offers up a tantalizingly savory nose of smoked meats, chargrill, tapenade, unsmoked cigars and black truffles with a core of black currants, black cherries and wild blueberries plus wafts of iron or and bouquet garni. Medium to full-bodied, very firm and yet wonderfully plush with a powerful core of fruit.

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan

RP94 44 1380

It has a very intense bouquet with scents of blackberry, bilberry, cedar and a touch of pencil lead. This is very well defined and focused. The palate is medium-bodied with quite firm tannin, certainly on of the most structured Pessac-Léognan wines that I have encountered, yet it is struck through with wonderful balance and focus.

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN & GRAVES

Château La Mission Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan

2015

RP98 47550

Tour de force that has everything you could want from Bordeaux. A huge nose of smoke tobacco, gravelly earth, graphite, cassis, and blackcurrants gives way to a full-bodied, concentrated, perfectly balanced beauty that has incredible depth of flavor and intensity, yet with no weight. It has incredible elegance and length *

Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan

2014

One of the stars of the vintage, the 2014 Haut-Brion is an exceptionally beautiful and vivid wine. Super-ripe dark cherry, plum, tobacco and menthol are some of the notes that run through the 2014. Just as it did from barrel, the 2014 boasts tons of opulence, intensity and richness. Dried flowers, tobacco, menthol, licorice and smoke wrap around the huge, baritone-inflected finish.

MEDOC & HAUT MEDOC

260 2011 Clos Manou This is tarry and focused, with good grip along the edges, offering dark liquorice, crushed plum and steeped black currant fruit that pumps through the finish, where a twinge of anise echoes. Clos Manou 2016 390 It has lifted notions of red and black currants, chocolate-covered cherries and spearmint with hints of lilacs and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied, elegant, fresh and uncomplicated with a pleasant chew to the finish. 2017 Château de Lamarque, Cru Bourgeois Pure, aromatic fruit, black and red fruit to the fore, scented with violets. Fresh cherries and red fruit prevail, sherbet and white pepper spice. Attractive, perfumed finish with a decisive mineral streak. 2016 Goulée by Cos d'Estournel WS90 430 Opens with youthful notes of crushed red and black plums, cherries and blackberries with touches of chocolate mint and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of juicy red and black fruits, framed by soft tannins and finishing with a minty lift. Château Sociando-Mallet, Cru Bourgeois 2014 WP92 460 Produces full-bodied wines with a deep, dark colour. Their complex bouquet is usually dominated by black fruit aromas with a touch of minerality and wellintegrated, elegant oak. They are fresh, straightforward and have a wonderful length. 2012 Château Potensac, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels Wet forest, cedar and cassis, firm, bright and classic, with a tannic, crisp, cassis and cranberry note in the finish. Château La Lagune, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Has wonderful black raspberries, black cherries and mulberries scents with an earthy undercurrent and a waft of bay leaves. The palate is medium-bodied with lovely freshness, a soft texture and plenty of poise.

Château Cantin 2019 350

Rich and modern nose with a plethora of dark berries, blackberry, cherry, new oak, coffee and spice. The palate is very rich and concentrated with opulent texture, warm and viscous with sweet dark fruit, roasted and spicy notes, good length and ripe tannin

Château Cantin - Magnum 150cl

2018 590

Beautiful garnet colour with ruby tints. The nose, powerful and fruity, offers ripe fruit scents and a spicy note. On the palate, the wine is expressive and well-balanced with persistent tannins. The attack, ample and round, delivers cherry, black fruits and coffee notes.

Magrez Fombrauge 2006 WS92 44 790

Full-bodied, powerful, opaque purple-hued effort offering notes of graphite, blueberries, blackberries, chocolate, and hints of smoke and kirsch. Sexy, opulent, and fleshy, it is surprisingly approachable for a young vintage of this cuvée.

N3 D'Angélus 2019 40

Elegant and silky, with the aromatics of the Cabernets very much in evidence. Crushed flowers, sweet red berry fruit, blood orange, cinnamon and dried flowers all grace this beautifully understated Saint-Emilion that leans into a realm more like Burgundy in its mid-weight structure.

Le Dragon de Quintus, 2nd vin de Château Quintus 2015

Reveals a medium to deep garnet color with notes of crushed black currants, black cherries and mulberries plus touches of garrigue, dried herbs and rose hips. Medium to full-bodied with loads of juicy black fruit and earthy layers supported by ripe, grainy tannins and a lively backbone, it finishes with great persistence.

Annonce de Bélair-Monange, 2nd vin de Château Bélair-Monange 2017 920

Compelling notions of Morello cherries, black raspberries and baked plums, with hints of pencil lead, bay leaves, damp soil and spice cake. The full-bodied palate delivers seriously impressive freshness with a fine-grained texture and bags of juicy red and black fruits, finishing long and spicy.

Arômes de Pavie, 2nd vin de Château Pavie 2016 RP93

Has a deep garnet-purple color and is a little closed to begin, slowly revealing notes of crushed red and black cherries, raspberry preserves, plum pudding, blueberry pie and prunes with touches of espresso, star anise, cumin seed and wood smoke plus a waft of dusty soil. Full, firm and grainy structured, the rock-solid frame supports all the generous black and red fruit preserves with plenty of exotic spice nuances.

Le Carillon de l'Angélus, 2nd vin de Château Angélus 2018 RP94

Comes bounding out of the glass with bold notes of crushed blackberries, black raspberries and wild blueberries plus hints of spice box, damp soil, smoked meats and fallen leaves plus a waft of menthol. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-coating black and blue fruits with firm, rounded tannins and lovely freshness, finishing long and earthy.

Le Carillon de l'Angelus, 2nd vin de Château Angélus

2015

RP90 44 1540

Spicy nose of cloves, cinnamon and fenugreek over core of warm red fruits and freshly crushed blackberries plus wafts of rose hips and fragrant earth. Medium to full-bodied, very fresh and delicate in the mouth, it offers soft tannins with a savory, slightly chewy finish.

Le Petit Cheval, 2nd vin de Château Cheval Blanc

2019

Exhibiting aromas of plums, sweet wild berries, rose petals, spices and cigar wrapper, medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless, with supple tannins and succulent acids. Pierre-Olivier Clouet explains that his aspiration is to produce 100% Cheval Blanc and that, as a result, this cuvée simply represents anything that doesn't belong in the grand vin's blend.

Château Quintus, Grand Cru Classé

2011

Boasts a deep blue/purple colour along with copious raspberry, spring flower and herb characteristics intermixed with hints of gun flint and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, surprisingly complex and silky smooth.

Château de Valandraud, Grand Cru Classé

2006

Notes of white chocolate, crème de cassis, blackberry fruit and lively background minerality, it has great precision, acidity, sweet tannin and a voluptuous full-bodied mouthfeel. It is very vigorous, young and backward, but bursting with potential.

Château Pavie-Macquin, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

Has a concentrated bouquet with layers of blackberry and raspberry coulis, infused with potpourri and incense. There is something almost forbidding about the aromatics at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with supple ripe red berry fruit, a fine line of acidity, although it feels a little soft on the finish.

Château Troplong Mondot, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2014

This wine seduces by its ruby-tinted deep, dense and dark red colour. Characteristic of the terroir, the nose gives off liquorice and ripped fresh fruit aromas, with a delicate spicy hint.

Château Troplong Mondot, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2013

True to the Estate's signature style, this is a powerful, luscious wine. It's ripe with plum and berry fruits, layered with dark, firm tannins. There is a juicy elements as well as black-coffee flavours from the enthusiastic use of wood.

Château Troplong Mondot, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2016

RP95 44 1900

This deep purple-hued effort offers a smorgasbord of powerful blue and black fruits, smoked earth, truffle, chocolate, and licorice. Full-bodied, deep, and opulent on the palate, it's a truly great wine as well as one of the superstars in 2016.

Château Canon, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2014

Very well-defined, precise bouquet with ebullient raspberry and wild strawberry scents infused with minerals. The aromatics here are utterly captivating. The palate is mediumbodied with fine tannin and very well-judged acidity. There is tension and poise to this Saint Emilion, gently fanning out with a delicate spicy finish that lingers long in the mouth.

Château Canon, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2010

Features wonderfully expressive notes of dried mulberries, stewed plums and baked black cherries with hints of mocha, bay leaves and fallen leaves. Full-bodied, opulent and super spicy, it has a plush texture with a racy line supporting the hedonic fruit, finishing with jaw-dropping persistence.

Château Canon, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2002

Lifted black fruits on the nose, touch of cassis, smoke and blackberry leaf. The palate is medium-bodied, fine silky tannins, good structure, very elegant. Macerated black cherries, a touch of spice developing counterpoised by edgy citrus fruits. Clean and focused on the finish. Very fine.

Château Figeac, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

Builds on its promise from barrel and delivers a very fulfilling bouquet with red plum, crushed strawberry, cedar and light graphite aromas that I suspect will close down for a period after bottling. The palate is very well defined with a crisp line of acidity, sorbet fresh in the mouth and fanning out towards its structured, tensile finish. It is a great Figeac, a superb forerunner to the brilliant 2015 and it should not be underestimated.

Château Figeac, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

Tobacco and soft brambled fruit on the nose, this is delicate and enticing, at a sweet spot for drinking. Expect touches of white truffle, campfire smoke, saffron strands, black pepper, blackberry and raspberry puree, and fresher pulses of cranberry and white pepper.

Château Pavie, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2017

Rolls slowly and sensuously out of the glass with growing scents of Black Forest cake, black plum preserves, blueberry compote and fruitcake plus suggestions of melted chocolate, licorice, crushed rocks and Indian spices with a waft of violets. Full-bodied, the palate packs a powerful punch, laden with electric layers of energetic black and blue fruits. All this decadent fruit is supported by fantastic freshness and very, very ripe, velvety tannins, finishing with epic length.

Château Pavie, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

RP100 44 5260

Slowly unfurling to reveal a fragrant perfume of violets, chocolate-covered cherries, crushed blueberries and eucalyptus over a core of preserved plums, kirsch, black raspberries and crème de cassis plus hints of licorice and char-grilled meat. Full-bodied and built like a brick house, it has a solid foundation of firm, super ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness interknit with the black fruit preserves and minerally layers, finishing very long and very decadent. Superb!

Château Pavie, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2015

Featuring beautifully rendered layers of fig, boysenberry and plum pâte de fruit flavours coursing through. The structure is refined and integrated, with a light chalky edge adding tension and vivacity while being absorbed by the fruit. The finish has pyrotechnics of anise, black tea and singed mesquite that are formidably long.

Château Pavie, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2010

RP100 447800

Delivers tantalizing suggestions of candied violets, star anise and tapenade over a core of prunes, blueberry compote, Morello cherries and fruitcake with touches of underbrush and bouquet garni. Full-bodied, rich and exotically opulent, tha palate has a rock-solid texture of velvety tannins and bold freshness supporting the generous palate of black and blueberry preserves, finishing long and fragrant.

Château Angélus, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2015

Dense, dark and muscular, featuring waves of warmed fig,plum and black currant paste that roll in with warm ganache, baker's chocolate and espresso accents. A huge swath of smoldering tobacco is brewing on the finish, which has a brooding feel, thanks to tannins that hit like a thunderclap at the end.

Château Angélus, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2012

Forward and generous bouquet of mulberry, boysenberry, orange rind and slithers of tangerine. It is undoubtedly detailed and energetic, a subtle marine scent surfacing with continued aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with rounded and supple tannin, slightly honeyed in texture yet with a keen line of acidity running through it. Impressive body and mass, yet primal, surly and broody. Perhaps only now is it starting to flex its muscles.

Château Angélus, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2010

Extravagantly rich aromas of black raspberry, blueberry, bitter chocolate and coconutty oak. Like liquid silk in the mouth, but with outstanding verve to the huge, palate-saturating flavours of blueberry, violet, espresso and minerals. This is almost too much of a good thing today in a Napa cult wine way, but the wine's molten, slowly building tannins and outstanding finishing power promise a long and glorious evolution in bottle.

Château Angélus, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2000

Comes galloping out of the glass with a powerful nose of fragrant earth, damp soil, iron ore and cigar box over a core of prunes, blackberry jam and dried mulberries. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegantly styled with great freshness and loads of earth and mineral-inspired layers, framed by grainy tannins, finishing with a lingering menthol lift.

Château Ausone, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2014

Reveal mineral-rich red berry fruit, oregano, orange blosson and later on blackcurrant winegums. It displays superb delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with filigree tannin. There is an almost sorbet-like freshness conferred upon this Saint Emilion by the growing season, very harmonious and poised with one of the most precise and tensile finishes that you will find this vintage.

Château Cheval Blanc, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2012

WS95 4 7460

This wine is gorgeous in all facets, offering a simultaneously loamy and creamy mouthfeel, seamless layers of red and black currant, cherry, raspberry and blackberry fruit, and a long, tobacco-fueled finish that features alluring hints of black tea and incense. The fruit and terroir shine in this broad, deep and defined style.

Château Cheval Blanc, 1ér Grand Cru Classé

2014

RP96 46330

The rich and elegant bouquet reflects an impressive intensity, evolving into a cedar-wood bouquet. The black- and red-berry fruits presents an harmonious blend. It also had heady, fruity and floral overtones, reminiscent of roses. The initial impression on the palate is clean and powerful - even opulent. The mid-palate is bursting with fruit and has an unctuous texture, with a richness that perfectly envelops the density and tightness of the lovely, ripe tannins. The fresh and elegant aftertaste is remarkably long.

MONTAGNE-SAINT-ÉMILION

Château de Malengin, Cuvée Eve

2019

370

Owned by the Edmond de Rothschild family of Château Clarke in Listrac. Aged though ancient technique with Amphoras, the wine is polished, rich with black fruits. Licorice and bitter chocolate need to soften as the wine matures and it becomes powerful and generous.

POMEROL

Espérance de Trotanoy, 2nd vin de Château Trotanoy

2014

RP99 44 1200

Chock-full of Merlot floral character as well as ripe plum and the first hint of some sexy new oak. On the palate the wine is limpid and caresses the palate and here you really do get a luxury texture and intensity of fruit. Dark berries on the nose, with an exciting ferrous charge and fine chalky mineral detail. The palate is more densely fruited than the nose suggests, rather taking you aback in both its grandeur and its resemblance to the great grand vin itself. There is a beautifully cohesive viscosity here, which drives powerfully through to a long, perfumed finish.

Château Nénin 2017

The density and drive to this is certainly impressive for the vintage with blueberry and stone character to the dried violet and sandalwood undertone. Medium to full body. Tight and compressed with freshness and length. Bright and exciting.

2017 Château Clinet

This is brimming with raspberry and boysenberry compote flavors, while mouthwatering anise and pain d'épices notes fill in the background. Reveals a flash of ganache, a streak of tar and an echo of bramble through the finish, adding range while the gorgeous fruit holds center stage.

2011 Clos L'Église

A fleshy, crowd-pleasing style, with Black Forest cake and roasted anise notes out front, followed by mouthfilling plum sauce, blackberry paste and fig flavors. Picks up a slightly chewy toast edge on the finish, but this will progress quickly thanks to the ripe fruit.

Château Gazin 2016

Features a beautifully perfumed nose of violets, Ceylon tea, cigar box, sandalwood and fallen leaves over a core of plum preserves, kirsch and blackberry preserves plus a waft of aniseed. Medium-bodied and elegant, with compelling restraint, it has a seductively plush texture, finishing with bags of poise, perfume and persistence.

Château La Conseillante 2012

Stunning sweet tannins embrace a full-bodied opulent Pomerol with beautiful, floral-infused black raspberry, blueberry and cassis fruit. Full-bodied, yet elegant, this is a brilliant marriage between finesse and power. Stunningly pure.

Château La Fleur-Pétrus

Has a mint-fresh bouquet, vigorous and vivid, with delineated red cherry, raspberry and cassis fruit under which is a strata of wet limestone. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin. This is a more understated Pomerol but there is real nuance here, black truffle and leather tinging the introspective black fruit. Yet behind that is harmony and finesse, notwithstanding impressive length and sustain. It may be slightly overshadowed by the sensational Trotanoy, but Pomerol-lovers will lap up this fantastic La Fleur-Petrus

POMEROL

Château L'Evangile 2015

It absolutely leaps from the glass with complex, gregarious notes of blackberry pie, plum preserves, smoked meats/charcuterie, mocha and licorice plus suggestions of cloves, black soil and unsmoked cigars. Full-bodied, rich, opulent and jaw-droppingly sexy, it has beautifully plush yet firm tannins with a lively backbone and a very long, spicy finish

Vieux Château Certan 2015

Opens with profound notes of blueberry compote, dried mulberries, black forest cake, licorice, violets and garrigue with wafts of black truffles, sandalwood and rose hips. Medium to full-bodied, very earthy/savory and beautifully layered with very plush yet present tannins, it offers lovely freshness and a very long minerally finish.

2018 Château Trotanoy

Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it slowly unfurls to reveal a jaw-dropping perfume of Black Forest cake, black raspberries, blackberry pie and kirsch, followed by hints of cast-iron pan, violets, woodsmoke, Chinese five spice and eucalyptus, with a waft of tree bark. The full-bodied palate explodes with exotic spice and mineral fireworks, grounded by a concentrated, black and red berry preserves core and framed by firm, grainy tannins, finishing with epic length and depth. It will need a good five years in bottle to tame some of the youthfully overt, showy fruit and allow the mineral and earth nuances to emerge

Le Pin 36650

The 2018 Le Pin is made of 100% Merlot. Offering glimpses of tar, fertile loam and truffles with slowly emerging notes of baked black cherries, stewed plums, mulberries and underbrush plus hints of black pepper, hoisin and chargrill with a waft of garrigue. Full-bodied, the palate is loaded with taut, muscular fruit and heaps of earthy accents, with a firm frame of ripe, rounded tannins and just enough seamless freshness, finishing very long and wonderfully savory. *

RP100 50990 Château Pétrus

A prodigious Pétrus, this wine has that extra level of intensity and complexity that is monumental. The magic is clearly Pétrus, and the 2000 will always be an interesting vintage to compare to another legend in the making, the 1998, or more recently, of course, the 2005, 2008, and 2009. Extremely full-bodied, with great fruit purity, an unmistakable note of underbrush, black truffle, intense black cherries, licorice, and mulberry, the wine seems to show no evidence of oak whatsoever. It has a sumptuous, unctuous texture, plenty of tannin, but also vibrancy and brightness. This is a remarkable wine that seems slightly more structured and massive than the 1998, which comes across as slightly more seamless, as if it were haute couture. *

LALANDE-DE-POMEROL

Château La Fleur de Boüard

2008

Quite toasty, with lots of coffee and warm cocoa notes, followed by mulled fig, plum and black currant fruit and a healthy dose of maduro tobacco on the broad, fleshy finish. Not shy in style, but good underlying acidity keeps it all together.

CÔTES DE CASTILLON

Château d'Aiguilhe

2018

RP91

400

Exuberant notes of plum preserves, Black Forest cake and blackberry pie, plus hints of potpourri, hoisin and forest floor. The medium to full-bodied palate has a soft texture and oodles of freshness supporting the mouth-coating black fruit preserves, finishing with loads of exotic spice layers.

BEAUJOLAIS

Saint-Amour, La Coudree, Moillard

2021

220

Offering up aromas of cherries, raspberries, rose petals and licorice. Medium to fullbodied, fleshy and charming, with lively acids, powdery tannins and a seamless, nicely integrated profile

Brouilly, Les Fees, Moillard

2021



A deep coloured wine, showing great finesse and fruit intensity. Ripe berry and currant flavours, soft tannins and balanced acidity on the finish.

Morgon, Les Collines, Moillard

2021

210

Deep red colour, with cherry compote infused with star anise on the nose. The concentrated palate is serious and densely fruity, and well structured tannins

BURGUNDY • CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Aloxe-Corton, Les Affouages, Moillard

2021

460

Beguiling nose of cherry stone with some intriguing spice notes. The palate has good medium weight of red berry fruit and a pleasant, chalky structure that gives a long, palate- cleansing finish.

Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Jean-Marc & Hugues Pavelot

2015

760

Slightly medicinal scents of black cherry, mocha and licorice; a bit less exuberant on the nose than the Chorey. A subtle note of five-spice powder gives this wine a slightly cool quality for the vintage but it also comes off as a bit lower in acidity than the Chorey. Shows a bit less middle-palate stuffing for its broad, dusty tannins but finishes with good length.

Corton, Grand Cru Les Renardes, Albert Ponnelle

2015



A markedly floral nose of notably ripe but fresh red and dark currants is liberally laced with distinctly earthy and sauvage elements that are also trimmed in moderate toast. There is excellent size, weight and muscle to the energetic and much more mineral-driven flavors that coat the palate with dry extract on the very serious, youthfully austere and beautifully long finale.

Corton Clos des Meix Grand Cru Monopole, Domaine Comte Senard

2005



A wine full of charm: bright ruby colour and a nose rich with aromas of red fruit. On the palate, the wine is pleasant, fruity and refreshing, with light tannins and great elegance.

Corton, Grand Cru Clos du Rol, Albert Ponnelle



A prominently earthy and sauvage-inflected nose reflects notes of black cherrFy, plenty of spice and an attractive range of floral characters. The intense, broadshouldered and tautly muscular flavors possess a slightly finer texture and more evident minerality on the clean, linear and serious finish. This needs to add depth to achieve the upper end of my projected range.

Corton, Grand Cru Corton-Renardes, Domaine Michel Gaunoux

2007



The bouquet is starting to show some lovely secondary layers of complexity, offering up scents of cherries, spiced meats, stony soil tones, and incipient notes of coffee and sous bois, a touch of iron, bonfires and lovely Corton spice elements in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and blossoming beautifully, with a good core, fine-grained tannins and excellent balance and grip on the complex and focused finish.

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge, Jean-Claude Ramonet

2017

1370

Aromas of spicy cassis, cherries and dried flowers introduce the Chassagne-Montrachet Village Rouge, a medium-bodied wine with a crunchy core of fruit and a light framing of youthfully chewy tannins.

Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge, 1ér Cru Clos de la Boudriotte Jean-Claude Ramonet

2017



Elegant aromas of various red berries that also flash hints of pepper, earth and spice. In the same fashion as the Boudriotte, there is acceptable density to the lighter weight flavors that retain good precision on the nicely complex finale that is also mildly warm and just a bit tangy without being dry or short

Chorey-Lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut

A blend of two sites in the south and north of the appellation has a pleasant raspberry and wild strawberry bouquet, light earthy notes filtering through with time. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy red berry fruit, a dash of white pepper and a well-

2015

490

830

Les Cras produces wines with a densely concentrated palate, marked by sweet blueberry and plum fruit, fine yet powerful tannins and a long minerally finish.

Pommard Les Cras Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Lucien Muzard

Pommard, Domaine Kuheiji

defined finish.

2019

2019

<u>.</u> 75

Red fruits such as red currants and raspberries, leaf mulch and mushrooms make you feel as if you are taking a walk in a deep forest. It has a soft fruit flavor and Pomard's rusty minerality, giving it an elegant yet firm-bodied flavor.

Pommard Les Pruniers, Maison François Martenot

2015

580

Aromas are redolent of blackberry and ripe plum with white pepper underlying notes. Often, wild and leather notes develop with age. Display firm delicate structure, its fruit-filled mouth, and its chewy tannins which by then will be properly smoothed down.

Pommard, Vivant Micault, Château de Pommard

2014

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1120

Vivant Micault takes its name from founder, the first guardian of the estate, and the first man to lay down life-long roots in Pommard. Youthful nose and palate full of strawberries, red cherries, and sweet spices, such as white pepper. The finish is long, while the tannins are thin, creating a velvety texture. Alongside acidity and alcohol, they create a balanced and harmonious structure that will enable this wine to age elegantly.

Santenay, 1ér Cru Clos Faubard, Domaine Lucien Muzard

2016

10

430

Ruby color, dark, spicy nose and hints of very ripe fruit, cherry. The beginning of the palate is tender then evolves towards a fleshy texture, supported by present and elegant tannins, a complete wine which persists in mouth.

Santenay, 1ér Cru Les Gravières, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey

2017

1110

Wines with more richness and tannic structure. This smells of fresh strawberry, dilute raspberry jam, Darjeeling tea bags, and potting soil mixed with a little dried paint, with a light dusting of cassia, cumin, and dried rose petals. On the palate the surprisingly punchy bright red fruits meld seamlessly with pleasantly rustic round tannins and Swiss mocha-esque oak. Get a further sautéed almond note said to be diagnostic of good Santenay, and wonderful spicy aromas of cola and star anise that rather captivate against the tannic earthy fruit punch that is the base, rendering this beast more than worthy of some focus in this lifetime

Saint-Romain Rouge, Alain Gras

2019

650

A bright and deep red colour enlightened with notes of violet. An expressive nose with aromas of red fruit and cherries, and only a discrete touch of oak. The palate shows supple tannins, with good fruit and freshness, and an elegant finish.

Volnay, 1ér Cru, Albert Ponnelle

2018

A bowl of ripe red cherries on the nose with touches of violet. Refined and sleek mineral core wrapped in warm fleshy fruit, a juiciness that is brought into check with structure and framing acidity that has some drying tannins finishing long.

Volnay, 1ér Cru Les Chevrets, Domaine Henri Boillot

2010

This is perhaps the most elegant wine in the range with its plum, raspberry, cool red currant and agreeably spicy nose. The medium-bodied flavors possess a wonderfully silky and seductive mouth feel as the supporting tannins are exceptionally fine, all wrapped in a pure and lacy finish. This is very much cut from the cloth of classic Volnay as it is most decidedly a wine of finesse. In a word, gorgeous.

Volnay, 1ér Cru Les Taillepieds, Domaine de Montille

2012

Quite meaty and modern reductive nose with plenty of oak spices. The fruit smells ripe, touching into dark, rich cherries and plums with hints of graphite. The oak is assertive on the palate, ripe tannins roll in layers, and this twists into riper plum and teacake territory.

Volnay, 1ér Cru Santenots du Milieu, Domaine des Comtes Lafon

2014



An elegant, cool and beautifully complex nose displays a discreetly spicy array of red berries plum, violets, tea and a wisp of warm earth. There is really lovely delineation to the concentrated and vibrant medium-bodied flavors that exhibit a taut muscularity while remaining refined and well-balanced on the firm but not austere finale. *

Chambertin, Clos de Bèze Grand Cru, Domaine Robert Groffier Père & Fils 2019

8830

It has an incredibly intense and powerful bouquet with layers of blackberry, sage, sous-bois and charcoal. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and sufficient fruit to easily soak up the new wood. Fresh and quite citrus-like, it is beautifully proportioned on the finish with a lingering hint of pepprtiness on the aftertaste.

Chambertin, Grand Cru, Domaine Louis Remy

Powerful, aromatic and perfumed nose of ripe red fruits, with a touch of BBQ smoke and "fresh" autumn leaves and earthiness. On the palate this was beautifully "sweet" with lots of ripe red fruits balanced by both a good level of acidity and also the aforementioned tertiary notes of smoke, earth. Certain meatiness in a good way, along with some subtle exotic spices too. A rather powerful wine yet felt also elegant.

Chambertin, Grand Cru, Domaine Trapet Père & Fils

2017

Offering up a pure and aristocratic aromatic constellation of red and black cherries, bitter chocolate, black plums, grilled meats, a very complex base of soil, mustard seed, a touch of anise and a fine base of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, fullbodied, structured and very, very complex, with a great core of fruit, stunning transparency, ripe, seamless tannins and great grip and focus on the very, very long, magical finish. *

Chambolle-Musigny, Joseph Drouhin

2014



Soaring from the glass with a lovely bouquet of raspberries, red cherries, spices, orange rind and coniferous forest floor, it is medium-bodied, velvety and supple, with succulent acids, melting tannins and a fragrant core of fruit.

Chambolle-Musigny, 1ér Cru Les Sentiers, David Duband

2014

290

Red cherry liqueur on the ripe nose, leavened by tart red berries and spices. Fat, plush and sweet; in a very supple style, with no shortage of concentration. In its impression of volume without weight. Finishes rich, sweet, ripely tannic and very long, with palate-saturating fruit and late floral lift.

Chambolle-Musigny, 1ér Cru La Combe d'Orveau, Perrot-Minot**

1997

RP93 44 9040

Revealing a dark color and a deep, floral, gamey, and kirsch-infused nose, this wine is special. This offering's medium-to-full-bodied, velvety-textured, powerful, and highly-structured personality has mouth-coating wild blueberries, brambleberries, blackberries, earth, sauteed mushrooms, roasted herbs, and Asian spices. The firm but beautifully ripe tannins found in its extremely long finish.

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Lignier-Michelot

Offers up notes of plum, dark berries and pungent earth, all of which is trimmed in discreet hints of wood toast and menthol. There is good muscle to the powerful and almost painfully intense big-bodied flavours that offer excellent richness and drive on the strikingly long and seductively textured finish where a touch of bitter cherry surfaces.

Latricières-Chambertin, Grand Cru, Domaine Trapet Père & Fils

2015

RP95 44 5180

A discreet application of wood frames the even more complex nose of high-toned, cool and airy aromas of red and dark cherry, forest floor, rose petal and spice elements. The sleek, intense and once again highly sophisticated middle weight plus flavours brim with both minerality and dry extract that buffers the even firmer tannic spine shaping the hugely long and impeccably well-balanced finale. This is relatively succulent for a young Latricières but I suspect that the present inviting mouthfeel will be replaced in short order by something firmer and more austere.

Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Domaine Dujac

2017

RP94 48780

The bouquet is flamboyant and sappy this year, soaring from the glass in a great blend of cherries, red plums, a touch of blood orange, cocoa powder, a very complex base of soil, woodsmoke, roses and spicy oak. On the palate the wine is pure, fullbodied, complex and sappy at the core, with great soil signature, refined focus and grip, perfect balance and huge, stunning backend energy on the long and ripely tannic finish. A great, great vintage of Clos de la Roche!

Clos de Lambrays, Grand Cru, Domaine des Lambrays

2016

RP95 6840

The stunning bouquet delivers a complex combination of red and black cherries, black plums, pigeon, dark soil tones, raw cocoa, woodsmoke and a touch of nutty oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and shows off beautiful depth at the core, with plenty of sappiness in reserve, a great soil signature, ripe, suave tannins and a very, very long, nascentlycomplex and vibrant finish.

Clos de Tart, Grand Cru Monopole, Domaine du Clos de Tart

2016

RP99 449570

Very pure but reserved aromas of raspberry, crushed rock, rose petal, spices, mocha and tobacco, lifted by a calcaire pungency. Compellingly silky and seamless but with terrific energy and subtle intensity to its dense flavors of red berries, dark cherry, spices and powdered stone, complicated by a saline quality. This wonderfully complex, perfumed, penetrating wine is distinctly red in character for a Burgundy. Finishes suave, complete and classically dry, with outstanding slow-building length and great class.*

Clos de Tart, Grand Cru Monopole, Domaine du Clos de Tart

Very pure, youthful aromas of raspberry, garrigue and pungent minerals; this smells like a five-year-old Burgundy. Round and sweet in the mouth, showing excellent volume for the vintage but also captivating tangy acidity to frame and intensify the flavors of red berries, minerals and black mushroom. Wonderfully suave, seamless wine with great class--and incredibly fresh and youthful for the vintage. Finishes with palate-staining persistence and pungent red fruits. This remarkable wine.*

Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru, Domaine Méo-Camuzet

2014

WS95 41040

Once again there is first-rate complexity to the cool and well-layered array of soft floral-inflect aromas of red berries, earth and a discreet whiff of tea. I very much like the sense of underlying tension on the supple and relatively refined middle weight flavors thanks to the fine-grained tannins that shape the balanced and harmonious finish.*

Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine Kuheiji

2019

This is a discreet but well made Gevrey, showing light red fruit aromas, raspberries, some earthy and mushrooms notes and no noticeable oak. The palate is the highlight here, fresh acidity, super light tannins and airy, but with an interesting minerality and very good length. Quite unusual style, and very light extraction, but well balanced and pleasant.



2440

RP91

2014

2013

2014

2020

2013

Gevrey-Chambertin, 1ér Cru Aux Combottes, Domaine Arlaud

A strikingly elegant and gorgeously pure nose presents a pretty array of various red berries, tea, spice and a hint of smoke. The restrained, intense and well-detailed medium weight flavors display a subtle minerality before culminating in a harmonious and linear finish that delivers first-rate length. The supporting tannins are like those of the Ruchots in that they're dense but fine. In short this is a classic Combottes of grace and refinement.



Gevrey-Chambertin, 1ér Cru Aux Combottes, Hubert Lignier

Complex, alluring perfume of red cherry, spices and flowers. Silky, concentrated and seamless, with dense, dark flavors of black raspberry, blackberry, violet and minerals showing impressive medicinal reserve. There's an almost chocolatey ripeness but the wine does not come across as especially sweet. Firm and rocky but not dry on the finish.



Marsannay, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Collotte

It has a tightly wound bouquet that needs coaxing to open up. The palate is quite firm and obdurate on the entry with foursquare tannins. This is a little austere at the moment although there is plenty of length with satisfactory freshness on the finish.



Marsannay, Les Meurgers, Moillard

This elegant red is bursting with berry patch goodness, with fresh-picked raspberries and blackberries on the nose and flavours of crisp fruit. Balanced with mild oak and melted tannins with a lingering finish.

Morey Saint Denis, 1ér Cru Aux Chezeaux, Domaine Lignier-Michelot

There are plenty of sauvage and earth elements on the softly spiced aromas of plum and dark currant. The big-bodied and ultra-intense flavors possess terrific energy while terminating in a beautifully persistent finish that is shaped by dense but relatively fine tannins on the impressively complex finish.

830

260

370

Nuits-St-Georges, Domaine Kuheiji

Displays pure, uncluttered flavors of fruit, carried by a skilfully matured harvest. A few floral notes of strawberry, cherry, blackcurrant, and licorice combine here with a dense, vigorous, full-bodied, very persistent body which, true to the house style,

never falls into excess.

Nuits St. Georges Les Muriers, Maison François Martenot

2017

2019

2012

It evokes rose and liquorice with intense cherry fruit and macerated prune. Evolves in leather and truffle when maturated. The taste is long in the mouth, and has a well-balanced and robust structure.

Nuits-St-Georges, 1er Cru Les Murgers, Domaine Lignier-Michelot

44

Sets off a spicy, fresh and cool nose that is composed by notes of assorted red berries, dried flowers and touches of game and earth. There is fine volume to the lush, even opulent middle weight flavors that manage to retain reasonably good detail on the mineral-inflected, intense and wonderfully long finale.

Vosne-Romanée, Moillard 2017 660

Fresh and clean with pretty aromas of wild strawberries, cherries, floral and exotic spices. This has balance and lots of nice acidity keeping things live and energetic. Berry and spice linger on the silky finish..

Vosne-Romanée, Bouchard Aîné & Fils

2021

Å 92

Their dominant mellowness is balanced by discrete tannins and a touch of acidity. These fleshy, highly persistent wines are highly aromatic, with unique perfumes of cherry, strawberry and undergrowth.

Vosne-Romanée, 1ér Cru Les Beaux Monts, Domaine Jean-Jacques Confuron 2014

2360²

A mildly toasty character is present on the attractively fresh and layered nose of floral, spice, red cherry and raspberry aromas. There is lovely detail and plenty of energy to the stony and precise middle weight flavors that culminate in a dusty, balanced, complex and refined finish. This is lovely and textbook Beaux Monts.

Échézeaux, Grand Cru Les Rouges du Bas, Domaine Méo-Camuzet 2018

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The bouquet is deep, ripe and flamboyant, delivering scents of black raspberries, black plums, roasted meaty tones, woodsmoke, a complex base of soil, Vosne spices and cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very sappy at the core, with beautiful complexity and grip, suave tannins and outstanding length and grip on the vibrant finish. This is a big wine, but impeccably balanced and full of wonder and delight.

Richebourg, Grand Cru, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

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The restrained and markedly cool nose displays an impressive variety of floral and spice hints that add a sense of elegance to the stunningly complex ripe dark berry fruit and plum aromas. While this is almost always a muscular and at times even robust wine young, in 2010 it offers a truly remarkably sophisticated mouth feel because like the RSV, the tannins are refined and fine-grained. Moreover, there is the same knockout complexity that the nose displays on the intensely mineral-driven finish and overall, this is a complete wine of simply fantastic length.*

Grands Échézeaux, Grand Cru, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

2003

RP96 4439160

A stunningly pure and distinctly floral black pinot fruit nose that displays spice, plum and hints of smoke and animale that introduces round yet structured, muscular yet accessible flavors of phenomenal richness and power. This is a big wine that combines power and finesse though it is a good deal less elegant than it usually is but it is forceful, powerful and exceptionally long.*

La Tâche, Grand Cru, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti

2002

RP97 48200

Reveals a nose that is exceptionally fine and pure with fantastic aromatic detail and an almost diaphanous transparency of expression that reveals all of the kaleidoscopic La Tâche spice box nose, including anise, clove, plums, high-toned black cherry, crushed red raspberry and more. The broad, expansive and powerful flavors are still on the strict side with a mid-palate of massive depth yet the finish is round, generous, sappy and superbly complex culminating in a finish that lasts for minutes. Despite the aromatic fireworks and opulent character, there is an underlying tenderness here that will allow this La Tâche to be approachable now*

VALLÉE DE LA RHONE SOUTHERN RHÔNE

Côtes Du Rhône, Bouquet du Comtat

2016

145

Focused, aromatic and harmonious. It develops aromas of cherry and ripe fruits, coupled with prune. The tender attack is quickly relayed by an evolution and a final a little firmer.

Côtes du Rhône, Belleruche Rouge, M. Chapoutier

190

Rich aromas of dark fruit, earthy minerals and spice. Soft and round on the palate with smooth tannins, rich blackberry and cherry fruit, hints of liquorice.

Gigondas, Romain Duvernay

2016



Youthful, pure and ripe nose blending red and dark berries with tobacco, pepper and leather notes. The palate is very dense and concentrated, fine proportions between acidity, tannin and fruit, really mouth filling and fresh sensation, lush dark fruit, a fine spiciness and very long powerful finish.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine des Sénéchaux

2019



Dark, with a muscular core of blackberry, black current and black Mission fig flavors that rumble through, laced with charcoal, cast iron and licorice root notes. Features a broad swath of tobacco and savoriness on the finish, lending cut and drive.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel

2014

RP94

1240

Potent smoke and peppery spice-tinged cherry and black raspberry aromas are complemented by suggestions of licorice, smoked meat and candied flowers. Densely packed and taut on entry, unfolding quickly to offer sweet black raspberry and cherry-cola flavors that are given vivacity and spine by juicy acidity. Concentrated yet energetic in style.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

Crozes Hermitage, Les Meysonniers, M. Chapoutier

2019

310

The nose is powerful and shows great finesse. The alternation of strawberry jam aromas and spicy/peppery notes creates a very pleasant bouquet. Floral then spicy (pepper) notes on entry. The wine displays a superb tannic structure and lovely long-lingering flavours.

Cornas, Les Grandes Terrasses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

2014

On the nose, a complex and powerful bouquet awaits you. Aromas of blueberries, blackberries and flower sweets as well as touch of freshly ground pepper combined with a smoky mineral side.

Saint-Joseph, La Croix des Vignes, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

2017

Expressive dark fruit aromas are complemented by suggestions of candied flowers, olive and candied locirice, and a bright minerals nuance adds vivacity. Freshly and open-knit, offering appealingly sweet blueberry and cassis flavours that show very good depth as well as energy and spicy lift.

Hermitage, La Maison Bleue, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

2017

Is flat-out sexy stuff, full-bodied, plush and generous without being overripe or unstructured. Licorice, cassis and Asian five-spice powder burst from the glass in a complex whirl of scents and flavors. Sourced from the eastern end of the appellation, it offers immediate gratification and admirable quality at a fraction of the price of the La Chapelle.

Hermitage, La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

2017

RP98 44 1720

The icon is in dangerously seductive form. Such pristine dark cherries, blackberries and dark plums, dark chocolate, finely crushed spices and plenty of crushed dark stones on offer. The palate is very intense, very slick and fine tannins deliver an almost playfully soft impression. The oak is super integrated. Like La Maison Bleue, this approachability is an aberration, as it has immense power, concentration and length with such regal and alluring swagger at the finish.

Hermitage, La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

2006

Powerful scents of red and dark berry preserves, smoked meat, violet and minerals offer impressive clarity and expand in the glass. Velvety in texture, with deep, liqueur-like red berry flavors, gentle tannins and a strong undercurrent of lively minerals. The smoky note repeats strongly on the lush, seductively sweet finish.

Ermitage, L'Ermite, M. Chapoutier

2013

WS97 4 2530

Powerful, deeply pitched cherry pit and blackcurrant aromas open up slowly to reveal complicating suggestions of black cardamom, licorice and black pepper. Sweet and expansive on the palate, with densely packed dark berry liqueur and cola flavors and a touch of smoky minerality adding vibrancy. At once rich and lively, finishing with serious punch and chewy, slow-building tannins.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

Côte-Rôtie, La Turque, E. Guigal

2014

RP96 3760

Very dark, lush and alluring, this lets waves of Turkish coffee, warm ganache, melted black licorice, fig and plum sauce roll through while a light mesquite frame melds nicely along the edges. A tug of earth at the end keep this grounded while the fruit pumps along.

Côte-Rôtie, La Mouline, E. Guigal

2014

Offers aromas of small red fruits, blackberry and violet. It is intensely aromaticpowerful, but full of finess. On the palate, the wine is supple, with balance between the finess of aromas and an explosive richness due to the wine's concentration. Greatly expressive of the terroir.

LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

RP90 44 260 Agly Brothers, Jasper Hill & Michel Chapoutier, Carignan, Syrah, Grenache A smoky overtone to almost paste-like compression of fresh blackberry with tartness of skin and crunch of seeds. Hints of anise, vanilla, and bitter chocolate add alluring complexity to this firm, finely tannic cuvée, which while it's hardly long on charm, it is certainly impressive long period. **VALLÉE DE LA LOIRE** 190 Bourgueil, Vignes Centenaires de Minière, Château de Minière 2014 Deep colour. Nose of cassis and toast. On the palate the wine is both fresh and structured. Long and very aromatic finish with hints of spice and leather.

220

Saumur Puy-Notre-Dame, La Maison Cassée, Domaine de la Paleine 2013

Morello Cherries with black tea on the nose. Attractive in texture with a full body, refreshing acidity and liquorice notes to finish, less earthy, hardly any herbal notes compared to other Loire Cabernet Francs. This is very refreshing for its bright, juicy fruit, soft tannins, and lovely minerality.

GERMANY

Wittmann, Rheinhessen, Trocken Rotwein 2018 230

The nose is quiet here suggesting trace hints of toast and smoky mineral, but the palate of this spry, fresh-footed Pinot Noir offers bold strokes of zippy black cherry and raspberry. Freshly concentrated and edged by fine-grained, silky tannins

2016 Wittmann, Westhofener, Rheinhessen, Trocken Spätburgunder

It has a fine aroma of dark berries and herbs atop a full, yet delicate texture on the palate. Well structured and mouth filling, with a minerally acid edge that gives it a lively finish.

PORTUGAL

Quinta de S. Sebastião, Q.S.S. Rare, Tinto

2021

With part of the proceeds going to preserve wildlife, this wine is a rich blend of Touriga Nacional, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Firm tannins and rich black fruits are laced with lifted acidity and spice from wood aging.

Silk and Spice 2020 240

Blend of Touriga Nacional, Baga, Alicante Bouchet & Syrah. The grapes selected come from the regions Dão, Bairrada, and Lisboa, and are vinified separately. Characterized by intense aromas of ripe red and black fruit, such as blackberries and ripe plum. A spicy character evokes vanilla, black pepper and pink peppercorn, combined with hints of mocha. It is full-bodied with a balanced taste, very soft tannins and a long and balanced finish. Celebrating the Portuguese explorers of the East Indies in the Age of Discovery.

SPAIN

RIBERA DEL DUERO

Valdubón

Displays a deep, intense red color with a violet rim which shows its excellent ageing. The nose is rich in ripe red fruit mixed with nuts, spices, toasted flavors and liquorice. On the palate it is powerful, joyful, thanks to its good acidity, and full of ripe tannins. The attack is elegant, with an excellent evolution and intense finish.

VivaltuS 2017

Working with Jean-Claude Berrouet, winemaker at Chateau Petrus. Brambled bilberry, loganberry and cassis fruits, the dark tight flesh with well-developed acidity that you have come to expect from this wine, touch of bitter black chocolate on the finish. This is a slow build, well integrated, and the power is subtle rather than overt, at least in comparison to the usual style of Ribera del Duero.

Flor de Pingus by Dominio de Pingus

2019

2017

A sleek, finely meshed red that's graceful overall but compact, with notes of baked black raspberry, kirsch, brambly herbs, violet and mandarin orange peel slowly unfolding on the palate. This has an underlying streak of minerally iron, smoke and sinewy tannins that emerge on the spiced finish.

RP98 44 5170 2009 Vega Sicilia, Único

Good ripeness and deep fruit-presence on the nose with rich red and dark plums, subtly earthy spice, cedar and fresh tobacco. There's terrific concentration on the palate and very ripe dark-plum, blueberry and cherry flavors. The tannins are fresh, very long and carry flavors deep. Natural freshness and effortless power,

Vega Sicilia, Único 2011

Very ripe with plum, spice and dried-flower aromas, as well as chocolate, fresh flowers and sandalwood. Coffee and hints of meat. Sort of decadent. Full-bodied with round, creamy tannins and an intense, juicy feel. Unique cedar and walnut undertones.

COSTERS DEL SEGRE

Castell del Remei, 1780 2012 310

A very expressive, intense and clean aroma, smoky and spicy notes with balsamic nuances. Gives intense notes of red fruits, and pleasantly roasted mineral notes. An elegant entry with volume and marked by a profound mature tannins.

SPAIN

RIOJA

2018 190 Marqués de Cáceres, Crianza

Attractive colour with luminous highlights. Soft spice and refined oak on the nose with a depth of jammy red berry fruits. Luscious and Intense on tasting with pleasant tannins that mingle with fresh and mature fruit. Finishes with long-lasting flavours.



El Coto, Coto de Imaz, Reserva 2017

Supple and graceful tannins encase the cherry tart, violet and cola notes of this mocha-tinged red. Accents of loamy earth, anise and herb sail on through the finish.



270

330

430

El Coto, Coto de Imaz, Gran Reserva

Mature and elegant, its aromatic richness is changing and subtle, undressing as the wine breathes. Toasted notes and coconut that are followed by tertiary aromas (leather, wet earth), and red fruit and nuts. Round and clean tannins, complex and persistent aftertaste.



RP93

2017

2017

Marqués de Murrieta, Finca Ygay, Reserva

Incredible depth and intensity on the nose with chocolate, walnut, blackberry and wet-earth aromas. Some iodine, too. All this follows through to a full body with very silky tannins that give the wine depth and length. It's really framed beautifully.



Marqués de Riscal, XR Reserva

Smoked, spicy aromas appear, with black liquorice, ripe red and black fruits and balsamic notes, with very good intensity. Perfectly integrated oak. There is tension on the palate, great youthfulness and an outstanding creamy texture that fills the mouth. The tannins are lively, polished and very fine. Broad and long and meaty.



Marqués de Riscal, Finca Torrea

This wine is more modern in character, with more impact of fruit and fewer balsamic properties. On the palate it still has the Riscal style, perhaps with more structure, but still fresh, elegant and easy to drink. Cherry red with good depth of colour and few signs of evolution. Intense nose, with hints of dark fruit, spices and slight toasted

nuances. Elegant on the palate with good structure, round, long with a fresh, fruity finish.

450

ITALY

TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE

Cantina Lavis, Trentino, Pinot Nero

2018

170

Has an intense bouquet with hints of sweet and marasca cherry, and a pleasant and characteristic lingering aroma of forest fruits. On the palate, is delicate and fruity, with dense, silky tannins that deliver a full and agreeably lasting taste.

VENETO

Valpolicella Classico, Nicolis Angelo

2016



A perfumed red wine with aromas and flavours of ripe cherries and plums. It's full-bodied with a long, slightly savoury aftertaste.

Amarone della Valpolicella, Tedeschi

2019



Underbrush, steeped prune, blue flower, exotic spice and vanilla aromas come together on this impressive, robust red. The round chewy palate delivers raisin, blackberry extract, tobacco, clove and licorice. Firm velvety tannins provide support.

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Ambrosan, Nicolis Angelo

2008

700

Underbrush, steeped prune, blue flower, exotic spice and vanilla aromas come together on this impressive, robust red. The round chewy palate delivers raisin, blackberry extract, tobacco, clove and licorice. Firm velvety tannins provide support.

PIEDMONT

Dolcetto d'Alba. Cordero di Montezemolo

2020

260

This pure, picture-book Dolcetto is presented in a brick red. The youthful red wine, which deliberately dispensed with long wood storage, reveals a bouquet of herbal and cinnamon aromas. On the palate, it captivates with its lively fruit with distinct cherry and lilacberry nuances.

Barbera d'Alba, Cordero di Montezemolo

2020

280

Revealing a wine that is defined by the sheer power and richness of the naked fruit. Blackberries, plums and black cherries are the protagonists, but the wine also delivers earthy tones with some spice and faint mineral accents. The finish is soft and velvety with bright primary fruit flavors

Barbera d'Alba, Pio Cesare

2018



Full structure, plummy and complex flavor, with spicy and ripe fruit, blackberry aroma and a hint of toasted tobacco. It ages quite well. Vinous, this classic Barbera has a very well balanced acidity and really represents the traditional character of the Barbera grape.

Nebbiolo, Cordero di Montezemolo

2021

300

Expressive, the nose combines fruity (plum, blackberry) and floral (violet) fragrances with subtle notes of tobacco, cocoa beans and sweet spices. Full and seductive, the mouth reveals supple and velvety tannins.

PIEDMONT

Barbaresco, Mantico, Bersano 2013 WS90 🚱 370

This wine is smooth and supple, wrapping its acidity in cushions of herb-scented tannins and dark truffle notes. It has a modern feel without being focused on fruit.

Barbaresco, Pio Cesare 2006 RP91 44650

Attractive, mid-weight wine. Red berries, sweet spices and crushed flowers are some of the nuances that emerge from this plump, juicy Barbaresco. With a little air, this is already drinking quite nicely. Sweet notes from new oak linger on the pretty finish.

Barolo, Monfalletto, Cordero di Montezemolo 2019 RP93 470

Intense garnet in colour, the nose shows floral and spicy notes perfectly blended: tobacco, cherries, cocoa and fresh raspberry highlights. The palate is rich, full bodied and elegant.

Barolo, Bricco Gattera, Cordero di Montezemolo 2017 RP94 740

Aromas of scorched earth, toasted nut, grilled porcini and camphor form the nose. The full-bodied palate offers dried cherry marinated in spirits, licorice and dried botanical herbs alongside assertive, close-grained tannins that grip the close.

Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba, Fontanafredda 2014 630

The nose is juicy and upfront, with stylish red fruits. Shows black truffles, wet earth, dried rose petals, cedar and orange rind. A sleek attack leads into a silky but concentrated palate, with ripe tannins and good weight of fruit. It's solid but not too extracted, with a firm mid-palate and no lack of structure.

ABRUZZO

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Canaletto

An enjoyable dry red fruity wine, with cherries and sweet spices combined with a soft, well balanced and fruity body. Gentle, with a good acidity, very appealing.

PUGLIA

Primitivo di Puglia, Ponte Villoni 2019

Fragrance is open and complex with mainly influences of cocoa, coffee and vanilla. Well balanced and powerful, but it has a surprisingly soft structure or tannins.

2020

Bolgheri, Aska, Castello Banfi

2018

370

A very pretty Bolgheri red with currant, chocolate and hazelnut aromas and flavors. It's full and layered with firmness and freshness. Tight at the end, with a lovely texture and finesse to the tannins.

Bolgheri, Tenuta San Guido, Le Difese

2019

490

enticing aromas of cassis, black tea, violet and wild herbs. Savory and elegantly structured, the medium-bodied palate shows ripe blackberry, star anise and a hint of coffee bean framed in lithe, polished tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced.

Bolgheri, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia

2020

WS93

Generous and darkly toned red blend that has the extra fruit fiber, sweetness and generous plumpness of a warm vintage. The fullness of the fruit is on full display, but in a very relaxed and natural manner. The wine never feels like too much. The tannins are yielding and velvety, and this purebred Tuscan red wraps thickly over the palate. It's poised for near- and medium-term drinking.

Bolgheri, Tenuta dell' Ornellaia

2020

Aromas of black cherry, liquorice, dark chocolate, cedar and damp earth make for a fragrant wine, accompanied by menthol and balsamic streaks which run through the wine and impart plenty of freshness. It finishes with a stony and salty element along with some chocolatey and woody hints. Tight and moreish, its ripeness of fruit combined with freshness and structure adeptly tells the story of this earlier-ripening vintage.

Bolgheri, Tenuta dell' Ornellaia

2019

It's a gorgeous wine in every facet, offering a translucent ruby hue as well as a gorgeous bouquet of redcurrants, black cherries, tobacco, dried herbs, and loamy earth. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has remarkable purity as well as depth, spot-on balance, ripe, building, yet perfectly integrated tannins, and a great, great finish.

Bolgheri, Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia

2007



Bold fruit, spice, leather and tobacco-like aromas that emerge from the bouquet with energy and force. The aromas are complete and genuine. The palate, however, offers more space for interpretation and review. It is finessed and nuanced, thus requiring more time to fully comprehend and appreciate. Silky tannins are followed by fine textural smoothness and a long finish.

Bolgheri, Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia

2014

Aromas of red berry, blue flower, menthol, exotic spice and a whiff of French oak take shape on this impeccably balanced radiant red. The palate is vibrant and focused—almost ethereal—delivering raspberry compote, Marasca cherry, star anise and cinnamon framed in elegant tannins. Weightless and loaded with finesse, it's an incredible result for what was a cool wet vintage in most of Italy.

Caiarossa 2018 RP95 № 740

Owned by the Albada Family of Château Giscours. Blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Sangiovese, Syrah and Alicante, with the saturated and dark fruit aromas of the Cabernet grapes in pole position. A deep core of black fruit is backed by exotic spice, tar and sweet licorice at the back. The finest work here is to the tannins, which remain very smooth and taut, giving the wine an elegant but determined backbone.

Giusto di Notri, Tua Rita 2016 RP97

Spectaculary rich and explosive, the 2016 red is a real thrill to taste. The intensity of the fruit it simply remarkable. It's hard to say how long the 2016 will retain this level of voluptousness, but today the Giusto is an interstingly beautiful, layered wine full of character.

Keir, Tua Rita 2017 RP93 № 1240

Keir spends about six months in the famed terracotta amphorae made with Tuscan clay. The nose opens with ripe plums, cherries and crushed dark berres, while the first sip reveals a vivacious freshness, gentle tannins and a firm structure.

Per Sempre, Tua Rita 2015 RP95 1680

100% Syrah. The bouquet was initially shy and reticent. Slowly and surely, it started to deliver dark fruit intensity with smoke, cured meat and spicy tobacco. The wine performs beautifully in the palate, however, and a big part of my score was inspired by the excellence of the mouthfeel. It is nuanced, rich and velvety.

Mazzei, Siepi 2017 RP91 № 1020

The polish and finesse to this gorgeous, rich wine is really impressive with a full-bodied, dense and layered palate and a soft, caressingly textured finish. The chocolate, berry and hazelnut character is all integrated beautifully.

Petrolo, Galatrona 2017 RP95 4 1020

100% Merlot. Well-executed, reductive edge; it opens with rosemary, thyme and tea leaves, before moving through blackcurrants, dark cherries, brambleberries, ash, tobacco and citrus. Dense, full-bodied and very chewy, this remains incredulously fine and elegant. Robust and enveloping tannins coat the mouth and mold the wild fruit into a sleek, pliable package. Finally, a string of refreshing acidity lifts the finish long and complex.

Marchesi Antinori, Tignanello 2018 RP98 4 2290

Fragrant and incredibly refined, this classy red exhibits enticing scents including ripe berry, fine tobacco blend, camphor and dark spice. Smooth and enveloping, the delicious palate boasts a winning combination of creaminess and vibrancy, delivering juicy black cherry, red cherry, licorice and dried mint framed in polished, fine-grained tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it well-balanced.

Marchesi Antinori, Solaia 2019 WS98 3000

Another blockbuster success from Tuscany's leading wine estate. The blend sees a slightly higher percentage of Cabernet Franc and a slightly lower percentage of Sangiovese. Complex array of blackberries, black cherries, cocoa, dried herbs, slate, tobacco, olives and charred bark. Some dried roses and iodine, too. Medium-to full-bodied with firm yet refined tannins. Powerful, in an understated way.

Bibi Graetz, Testamatta

2018

RP94 4 1070

Shows elegant Sangiovese purity and transparency. In the glass, releases alluring scents of fragrant blue flowers, wild berries, pipe tobacco and menthol. Made from the grapes of old vines of Sangiovese sourced from five top estate vineyards, the vibrant, elegant palate features juicy raspberry, Morello cherry, licorice and toasted nuts alongside taut, fine-grained tannins. It's still young and primary, with bright acidity.

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, Masseto

2007

WS97 449070

Impressive tannic structure. Displays, in addition, an overwhelming elegance and complex wealth of aromatics, boasting impressions of perfectly ripe red and dark berry fruit, along with balsamic notes of wild herbs, smooth spices, and cocoa. The mouthfeel is dense, rich, intense, with glossy, silk-smooth tannins. A very long, leisurely finish reveals a good vein of acidity and concludes clean and fresh. *

Chianti, Cecchi 2021

Light ruby-garnet colour. Appealing aromas of rye bread, red currant, chestnut, spice and floral notes. Medium bodied palate with soft tannins and moderate acidity. Shows juicy clean lees, red currant, nuts and spice flavours with a floral hint on the finish.

Chianti Classico, Basilica Cafaggio Single Estate, Villla Cafaggio

2020

180

170

Aromas of sour cherry, baking spice, a little leather and cranberry. Tasting reveals more sour but juicy cherry and lovely spice notes featuring hints of vanilla and cinnamon. It's all wrapped up in an extremely tasty, smooth and silky texture.

Chianti Classico Riserva, Villa Caffagio

2013



It has a full, concentrated and intense flavour. On the palate there is a very pleasant flavour of mature cherries, which lingers for a long time, with sweet tannins that blend in perfectly with the structure of the wine. *

Basilica Del Cortaccio, Villla Cafaggio

2010



This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is an incredible Super Tuscan. The bouquet offers full-force black fruit with shadings of spice and cedar. The wine's Tuscan side is also very apparent thanks to those Mediterranean aromas of summer cherry and Italian rosemary and dried oregano. The tannins are soft and well-integrated into the thick fiber of this medium to full-bodied Tuscan red.

Chianti Classico, Duelame, Lamole di Lamole

2019

220

Floral bouquet of iris and violets, along with scents of red berries and hints of aromatic herbs. It is fresh and generous on the palate, with extremely fine-grained tannins that integrate splendidly with its tangy notes and crisp red fruit. Suggestions of underbrush linger on the aromatic finish.

Chianti Classico Riserva, Brolio, Barone Ricasoli

2019

320

A modern style, with a touch of new oak lending spice and structure to the plum, cherry, leather and wild herb flavors. Succulent and balanced on a lean frame, this finishes long, with plenty of grip.

Chianti Classico, Querciabella

2019

Plenty of sweet berry and cherry character with hints of stone and fresh mushrooms. Chocolate, too. It's medium-bodied with a solid core of fruit and a chewy yet refined texture. Flavorful finish. Solid and very integrated.

Chianti Classico Riserva, Marchesi Antinori

2019

RP94

580

Generous and open-knit wine with pretty plushness and dark fruit flavors of cherry, plum and dried currant. It ages in barrique with a lot of secondhand or otherwise neutral oak, and that's why the fruit comes through with such clarity. This is one of the big surprises of this flight, and this vintage certainly punches above its price point. These results show depth, harmony and lasting fruit flavors.

Brunello di Montalcino, Granducato

2016

420

Rich and noble with spicy woodland notes. Open flavour of musk and underwood. Full, rounded with fine tannins. A long warm finish with notes of liquorice and elegant boisé.

Brunello di Montalcino, Poggio Antico

2013

Delivers dried cherries, cumin, terracotta, rust and bark. The full-bodied palate presents an intricately detailed tapestry of finely interwoven tannins, interspersed with compressed, vibrant cherries and gilded in colorful, gleaming acidity. The finish is vivacious and polished and very long.

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA Chatsworth Estate, Black & Gold Label, Cabernet Merlot 2020 150 The typical blackcurrant, mint and herbal characters of this variety are balanced with ripe strawberry, jammy aromas. A layer of sweet American and fine French oak adds complexity and depth. The fruit bouquet is complemented by a rich, full palate with ripe tannins and a long finish. 2019 150 Jack Estate, M-R Series, Cabernet Sauvignon Blackberry, earthy, savoury and subtle mint combined with a touch of spice and old

Jack Estate, M-R Series, Merlot

ensuring a refined and poised finish.

Bright red with hints of purple. Raisins and pied berries with hints of white pepper and 5 spice finishing with subtle mocha oak. Generous flavours of plum, black currant with subtle spicy cigar box, finishing with soft red fruits and fine tannins.

English garden herbs. A sturdy medium to full bodied wine with plums, mocha and textural tannins. Perfectly balanced fine grain French oak, integrated with the fruit,

JC's Own, Barossa Valley, Ferine, Grenache

Massive nose of strawberries, cherries, plums and cassis. There is real richness but it's so light on its feet with plenty of crunchy acid and slippery tannins.

Massena, Barossa Valley, Dadds Block, Primitivo

Morello cherry, black pepper, dried oregano and tobacco leaf make this a dry red that is atypical for the Barossa climate with its high end aromatics. The sweet, soft and round tannin palate brings back the familiarity of this warm climate and early released wine. Flavours of grilled meats, dried herbs and a menthol coolness.

Henschke, Barossa Valley, Henry's Seven, Shiraz Blend

A striking bouquet of ripe plum, raspberry, blueberry and notes of blackberry intertwine with savory notes of cracked black pepper, flowering herbs, fresh tarragon and bay leaf. Dark plum, berry compote, rhubarb and raspberry flavors lead to a peppery mid-palate of vibrant red berry acidity and fine-grained tannins, finishing with lingering flavors of mulberry and black pepper.

Henschke, Barossa Valley, Keyneton Euphonium, Shiraz Blend

Leads with toasted herbs and touches of tobacco and peppery spices, which add an appealing savory element, while details of cumin and bay leaf mix with a core of cassis and blackberry on a plush, elegant frame.

Torbreck, Barossa Valley, The Steading, Grenache Blend

Ripe, round and supple, is foudre aged, so the oak signature is minimal. Mixed cherries and berries abound, mixing in hints of caramel, plus more savory notes of dried herbs, espresso and black olives. Medium to full-bodied, it's soft and easy to drink, but it has enough concentration.

Robert Oatley, McLaren Vale, Signature Series, Shiraz

Matured for 10 months in French oak and sourced from fruit from around the subregion of Blewitt Springs, this Shiraz is opulent, fleshy and textured with flavours of blueberries and spice with a lingering, soft finish.

150

2019

2018

2018

2021

2018

2018

2020

340

190

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Wirra Wirra, McLaren Vale, The Absconder, Grenache

2019

Incredible fruit concentration, and complexity. Delicious. Mid garnet crimson colour. Earthy spice, wild bramble, strawberry and leaf litter on the nose. Complex amalgam of ripe dark cherry with layers of bakers spice and minerally tannins. Rich yet light on it's feet, long & juicy

Penfolds, Bin 707, Cabernet Sauvignon

2018

Perfect cabernet sauvignon representation of Penfolds 'House Style'. Expressing a Penfolds understanding of multi-vineyard, multi-region fruit sourcing. Features plenty of vanilla on the nose, backed by concentrated cassis fruit. Texturally, the fine weave of a tapestry - a thread of rhubarb/cranberry natural acidity, wrapped around a mesh of slinky tannins. Complexingly, a dark chocolate graininess, cedar and a savoury disposition contribute to the layering and length.

Penfolds, Grange, Bin 95, Shiraz

2014

RP98 4230

Rich, concentrated and intense. Purely indulgent wine, with gobs of creamy, milk chocolate-laden maraschino cherry, raspberry framboise and Earl Grey tea aromas. Then wave after wave of elements start filling in, with toasted cumin, peppermint oil, Kalamata olive and white pepper notes, combining into an almost overwhelming amount of details.

Penfolds, Grange, Bin 95, Shiraz - Magnum 150cl

2015

Distinctive and powerful, yet still elegant, showing restraint despite the dense and generous flavors. Precise notes of dark chocolate, maraschino cherry, mahogany and toasted coconut complement the core of wild blackberry and blueberry fruit. The tannins are smooth and polished, delivering some tug on the finish, which persists as subtle hints of dried lavender and white pepper linger.

NEW SOUTH WALES

GlenFion, Canyonleigh, Syrah

2014

Typical cool climate nose of white pepper, violet and blueberries. Very lifted and intense. Generous palate that offers sweet plum and red berry fruits with a mineral or tapenade backbone. Dried herb characters give a savoury edge to the wine that compliments the fresh plumy red fruit. Stone/mineral acidity gives length and focus.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Salomon Estate, Fleurieu Peninsula, Finniss River, Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 200 Elegant Cassis notes. Deep red in colour, with a expressive aroma. Fine, concentrated blueberry and blackcurrant on the palette, with hints of dark chocolate. Well-structured and velvety, with fine tannins and a long, nuanced finish. Salomon Estate, Fleurieu Peninsula, Finniss River, Shiraz 2013

A cuvée in the tradition of the northern Rhone Côte-Rôtie region. A deep ruby hue with a bouquet of floral tones, dark berries, tobacco, and soft leather. A lush fruitiness on the palette, with well-meshed tannins. A wine with depth and the utmost elegance, finely fruity and complex in finish..

2019 Ashton Hills Estate, Adelaide Hills, Pinot Noir Lifted red cherry, plum and fig are matched with florals and baking spices as well as hints of savoury, earthy notes. The palate features red cherry and cranberry notes which are framed with lovely natural acidity and long fine tannins. A

beautifully textured wine with plush, persistent length.

Shaw & Smith, Adelaide Hill, Shiraz 2021 RP93 460

A forest of berries, a walk through flowers, peppers flung through and rubs of woodsy spice; the combination of fruitiness, savouriness, seriousness and fun is a highway to pleasure, built on wine. For all that the tannin is another dimension in itself; fine, lacy, assertive and savoury at once, complete with its own twiggy spice notes. It's drinking beautifully and it will continue to do so.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Pinot Noir 2021 250

Displaying complex aromas of raspberry, sour cherry and hints of forest floor. The palate is seamless and elegant with flavours of strawberry, dark cherry and rhubarb over layers of mushroom and truffle. Ample but delicate tannins with a creamy palate delivering a generous and delightful length.

2020 170 Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Shiraz Displaying aromas of red fruits, blackcurrant, dark chocolate and an elegant spiciness

which lead to a palate with generous flavours of white pepper, leather and raspberry. Rich and silky tannins linger on the palate with seamless persistence.

Sidewood, Adelaide Hills, Mappinga Shiraz 2015 320

Complex and elegant, it has lifted aromas of rich dark fruits, violets and toasted cinnamon and displays a luscious palate of blackcurrants and fresh dates and a long lingering finish with hints of liquorice and cocoa bean.

200 Taylors, Wakefield Estate, Clare Valley, Shiraz 2017

The wine has a seductive, lifted aroma characterised by plum, blackcurrant and dark cherry fruits along with subtle chocolate and a touch of oak derived spice. The palate is rich, luscious and round with intense, perfectly ripened fruit characters. Mocha coffee and subtle spice characters complement generous fruit flavours of plum and blackberry. Medium to full-bodied with a soft mid-palate and supple tannins.

VICTORIA

Jasper Hill, Heathcote, Emily's Paddock

2017

4540

Has a full-on gorgeous nose of crème de cassis, kirsch, plum preserves and dark chocolate with underlying spice box and licorice hints. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, the palate has lovely harmony with a refreshing backbone and chewy tannins, finishing with a savory edge.

Robert Oatley, Signature Series, Yarra Valley, Pinot Noir

2016

<u>4</u>200

Lovely varietal intensity in the wild strawberry and cherry, lightly savoury spectrum, vibrant and juicy, with gentle French oak influence.

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH ISLAND

Akarua, Central Otago, Pinot Noir

390

Nose of ripe raspberries, blackcurrant and struck flint. The palate derives of black plum and ripened black cherry with notes of wet leaves, charred wood and smoky mushroom. Chalky tannin accompanied by lively minerality lengthens the wines savoury characteristics throughout the finish.

Akarua, Central Otago, The Siren, Pinot Noir

2019

660

Savoury developing nose of charred wood, caramelised black plum & cured meat. The palate reveals concentration, producing notes of blackcurrant & mulberry. Notes of vanilla & star anise accompany the rich fruit flavour. Silken tannin give the palate a full weight and rounded mouthfeel. Balanced acidity and the spice notes of Szechuan pepper and fennel seed give the wine a long, persistent finish.

Dog Point, Marlborough, Pinot Noir

2020

WS92

460

Elegant, plush, plump plum and black cherry flavors are accented by black tea, spice and licorice notes. Gains momentum on the finish, where shadings of cedar and date bread add another level of richness.

Dog Point, Marlborough, Pinot Noir - Magnum 150cl

2017



The nose is perfumed with red berry fruits and bright, violet aromas. The fruit is supported by dried herb and characteristic brown spice notes and complex smokiness. Offers a dense core of juicy fruit and bold, fine grained, ripe tannins. A fresh thread of fine acidity emerges and carries the intense flavors through the palate, finished very long. This wine has all the makings of a long lived Marlborough

Durvillea by Astrolabe, Marlborough, Pinot Noir

2018

260

Aromas of light red cherry then red plum and raspberry, some violet and soft stony mineral moments. Lighter weighted on the palate with a mix of ripe and tart red fruit flavours. Medium acidity and fine easy tannins. There some tension and grip still showing this wine will age for a while longer

Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, Pinot Noir

2019



Raspberry liquorish entices further along with wild strawberry, dark cherries, tobacco & spice. Good tension between acid and fine tannins offers a well-rounded palate with appealing length.

Greywacke, Marlborough, Pinot Noir

2020



A virtual compote loaded with black plums, boysenberries and redcurrants, lightly infused with cinnamon and cloves. An intensely perfumed Marlborough pinot with fruit sweetness, floral highlights and a distinct smoky fragrance. The full-flavoured palate has dark fruit richness with great length and freshness - finishing with a hint of Middle Eastern spice.

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH ISLAND

Wither Hills, Marlborough, Taylor River Vineyard, Pinot Noir

Complex and developing, aromas of plums and dark cherries, stony minerality, red apple and some strawberry notes before aromas of barrel spices and a touch of wood smoke. On the palate - complex and dry, layers of tannins, a core of fruit, plenty of acidity and a velvet textures. Tannins are fine through moderate with a chalky texture coating the palate

NORTH ISLAND

Ata Rangi, Martinborough, Crimson, Pinot Noir

2022

330

Wonderful blend of bright fruit aromas and more dark seductive notes of dark cherry, thyme and mulberry. The palate opens to more savoury notes of soy, tahini and burnt orange, which gives a depth of flavour. Combined with fresh acidity that gives energy and fine tannins that drive a sustaining finish.

Craggy Range, Martinborough, Te Kahu, Merlot Cabernet Malbec

2013

Vibrant deep colour with purple hues. Fresh aromatics of dark cherry, plum and dried herbs. The palate is lithe with balanced acidity and rich tannin providing a youthful backbone to the lovely sweet fruited core.

Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay, Gimblett Gravels Syrah

2018

WS90

220

Has a deep and youthful vibrant crimson color. Wild raspberry, blueberry, cracked pepper and hints of vanilla bean show on the nose. Powerful and balanced ripe tannins give the wine great savory structure.

U.S.A

J. Lohr, Cypress Vineyards, California, Zinfandel

2018

160

Has a medium-dark color with a youthful purple hue. Black cherry, cola nut and brambly aromas turn to notes of cranberry and pomegranate on the palate. T his wine delivers intense red fruit flavors with a soft, bright finish.

Etude, Grace Benoist Ranch, Carneros, Pinot Noir

2015

WS92 44 390

Bright, vibrant red cherry and cranberry-scented nose with underlying rose hip tea, cinnamon stick and dusty earth hints. Medium-bodied, it has a firm, fine grained backbone and great freshness supporting the exuberant berry flavors, finishing with a lovely perfumed lift.

Stags' Leap, Napa Valley, Petite Syrah

2017

RP90

360

Bursts from the glass with exuberant scents of prunes, baked black cherries and mulberries with hints of candied violets, unsmoked cigars and new leather plus a hint of spice cake. The medium-bodied palate has a firm level of chewy tannins with plenty of freshness to support the bombastic black fruit preserves.

Stags' Leap, The Leap, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon

2017

Reveal notes of cassis, fresh blackberries, mulberries and tobacco leaf with hints of new leather, bay leaves, pencil lead and espresso. Medium-bodied, the palate has great intensity and freshness with a firm frame of ripe, grainy tannins and loads of soft-spoken savory nuances poking through the black berry layers.

The Mascot, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon Blend

2018

PD95 44 1/10

Reveals itself first in the deep, brooding aromas of dark fruit, black tea, and herbal notes. The texture expands around a lifted structure, as powdery tannins gently resolve. This diffused, enigmatic softness is anchored on the mid-palate by a gratifying density, which prepares the senses for a flourish of hidden energy and vivid detail that illuminates the finish.

The Mascot, Napa Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon Blend

2017

RP95 44 1410

Emerging from distinct hillside vineyards, specifically from the comparatively younger vines of BOND, Harlan Estate, and Promontory. The nose draws forward notes of red fruit and elements-earth, warm spice, leather-often deferred to the finish. Lithesome tannins and vibrant acidity attend a crystalline structure that is finely wrought and radiantly transparent.

Othello by Dominus Estate, California

2018

Made under the supervision of the Dominus Estate winemaking team, Othello is rich, elegant, and refreshing, expressing bright aromas of red fruit and round, silky tannins. Lovely Cabernet Sauvignon wine with touch of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. This wines shows notes of raspberries, blackcurrant as well as black pepper and laurel. Lovely minerality on the finish.

U.S.A

Overture by Opus One, California

NV

Is a blend this year of the 2014, 2015 and 2016 vintages, with a dominance of 2016. This is supple with clear ripe berry fruits, generous and fully ripe, tempered by white pepper spice and smoked cedar notes. It has a gentle but confident tannic frame and mouthwatering lift on the finish. This is focused and ready to drink and impresses with its rippling silk texture

Trinite Estate, Acaibo, Sonoma Country, Cabernet Sauvignon

2014

Offers aromas of black currant, slate, violet and lilac, and full bodied flavours of berries, plums, and hints of spice. This wine is beautifully polished with its silky tannis and it delivers a great balance between power and elegance.

Beringer, Private Reserve, California, Cabernet Sauvignon

2012

Has complex layers of black fruit and notes of cocoa powder, graphite and light smoky oak. Notes of bittersweet chocolate and blackberry pastry complement each other.

Jonata, La Sangre de Jonata, Santa Ynez Valley, California, Syrah

2016

Wonderfully dense, savory nose of cracked black pepper, cassis, blackberry pie, cocoa and licorice with boysenberry preserves, peppered meat and graphite. Full-bodied, dense and lush, it's framed by firm, pleasantly chewy tannins and good freshness, finishing long and minerally.

Quintessa, Napa Valley

2018

This is beautifully polished with firm, dusty tannins to the blue fruit, as well as chocolate and cedar character. Some much earthier character, too, from mushrooms to bark, Forest flowers, Perfumed, It's full-bodied with round tannins and a soft, creamy finish. Some iron and iodine to this. So attractive at the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes.

Dominus Estate, California

2014

Loads of dark tobacco aromas with blackcurrants and black olives. Boysenberries, too. Full to medium body, ultra-fine tannins and lots of flavors of smoke, dried roasted chillis, black truffles, mushrooms and fruit. Bright acidity on the finish. Sexy and subtle austerity. Alluring.

Opus One, California

2014

RP96 44 3100

Exudes subtle aromas of fragrant florals, fresh garden herbs and forest floor that give way to a concentrated blend of red cherry, blackberry and black currant. Fine-grained tannins offer a velvety texture and complex structure that builds to a long, vibrantly fresh finish with a touch of mocha.

Opus One, California

2010

RP96 4380

Offers both a rich, supple, seamless core of earthy dark berry and touches of rustic loam and dried leather scents, the latter of which give this a drying sensation on the palate. Ends with dried herb, olive and savory notes. *

U.S.A

Bond - Pluribus, Napa Valley

2018

Reveals a deep garnet-purple. Youthfully reticent, it needs a fair bit of coaxing to reveal gorgeous notions of wild blueberries, ripe black plums and warm cassis plus hints of tilled earth, truffles, menthol and tobacco leaf. The full-bodied palate is densely packed with tightly wound black and blue fruit layers, supported by firm, grainy tannins and great tension, finishing very long with loads of earthy/savory sparks.

Bond - Vecina, Napa Valley

2018

Displays a deep garnet-purple color and offers slowly emerging classic notes of black currants, black cherries, blackberry pie and cedar chest with hints of charcoal, tar, pencil lead and fragrant earth. The full-bodied palate has a rock-solid structure of firm, grainy tannins and tons of freshness supporting the generous black fruits,

Bond - St Eden, Napa Valley

finishing on a lingering mineral note.

2018

WS99 44 5710

Deep garnet-purple in color. The nose is a little closed at this nascent stage, offering broody glimpses at blackcurrant jelly, boysenberries and black raspberries before opening out to a spicy undercurrent of cloves, black pepper and cumin seed. The palate is built like a brick house with a solid structure of ripe, grainy tannins and a lively backbone framing the full-bodied, muscular fruit, finishing long and layered.

Bond - Quella, Napa Valley

2018

WS98 45590

Has a deep garnet-purple color and opens with the most gorgeous perfume of violets, red and black plums, Morello cherries and cassis plus hints of iron ore and crushed rocks. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers lovely energy and tension, framed by fine-grained tannins and finishing with beautiful purity.

Harlan Estate, Napa Valley

2018

RP100 411380

Deep garnet-purple in color, it needs a fair bit of swirling to reveal a wonderfully fragrant perfume of blueberry pie, chocolate-covered cherries, mulberries and black currant pastilles with hints of cumin seed, rose oil and black olives. Medium to full-bodied, the taut, grainy-textured palate delivers remarkable energy with compelling tension and a long, graceful, earth-laced finish.

Screaming Eagle, Napa Valley

42040

The 2011 is a sexy, upfront, precociously styled wine exhibiting a dense ruby/purple color as well as lots of licorice, camphor, black currant jam, new oak and spice box characteristics. Dense, rich and impressive, the early drinking charm of the 2011 vintage gives it immediate appeal.

Screaming Eagle, Napa Valley

RP100 43940

Leaps from the glass with notes of freshly crushed black currants, black cherries and blackberries with suggestions of cigar box, black raspberries, red currants, chocolates, pencil lead and cast-iron pan plus a touch of potpourri. Medium to full-bodied with a rock-solid backbone of ripe, grainy tannins and oodles of freshness, it features the most incredible black and red fruit layers and finishes with incredible vibrancy and depth.

ARGENTINA

Aguaribay, Mendoza, Malbec

2019

170

Intense aromas resemble ripe cherries and raspberries that combined with the slight vanilla give elegance and fineness to this wine. In mouth, it appears soft and silky, with rounds tannins. It is a wine of a medium structure, thought for a short guard, because the freshness and smoothness are its major virtue.

Flechas De Los Andes, Mendoza, Gran Malbec

2017

RP92 280

With floral and varietal aromas, ripe but still fresh for a warmer year and nicely balanced. This comes from their best plots, and they keep it for four years before it's released. The wine is now balanced, polished and ready for prime-time drinking. It has a medium to full-bodied palate and fine tannin's with a clean and dry finish.

Flechas De Los Andes, Gran Corte, Mendoza

430

Primarily composed of Malbec, along with Cabernet Franc and Syrah. Clean and compact aromas, delicate and not very expressive, with slight hints of fruit and smoke and with notes of recent aging. Good volume and freshness, consistent and honest palate. Compact with structure and good character, fine but firm tannins. Still young and fresh, with a consistent and fluid finish.

Catena Zapata, Nicolas, Mendoza

2019

This has a complex nose of baked blackberries, grilled plums, dried earth, moss, pine cones, sandalwood, charcoal and cloves. It's medium-bodied with firm, tightly knit tannins. Wow. So much going on. Layered, seamless and silky. Incredible length.

Catena Zapata, Adrianna Vineyard, Mundus Bacillus Terrae, Mendoza

2016

RP97 44 1890

Aromas of brambly crushed blackberry and boysenberry, wild herbs and tropical bitter chocolate verge on exotic, but that's because this is one of Argentina's finest sites--and not just for Malbec. Thick and utterly seamless but with a weightless quality and razor-sharp definition that come from the limestone and calcaire-covered rock underneath a thin layer of marine deposits. Incredibly silky, concentrated wine with powerful saline minerality, a firm spine of mounting noble tannins and subtle chocolatey sweetness.

CHILE

2021 150 Alario, Central Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon A crowd-pleasing, food-friendly red, anticipate appealing upfront aromas and flavours of mixed berries, coffee, spice and herbs. Medium-minus bodied and smooth, it has velvety tannins with a balanced finish. Chateau Los Boldos, Central Valley, Tradition Resérve 2020 150 Blend of Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah. Pleasant aroma of violet, raspberries, cherries and plums. Also, some spicy notes of tobacco with a bit of black pepper. In the mouth a lot of ripe cassis fruit, youthful freshness and velvety tannins. Viña Ventisquero, Casablanca, Reserva, Carménère 2021 160 The nose is intense and attractive with upfront fresh black and red fruit aromas, such as blueberries, blackberries, blackcurrants, strawberries and cherries, as well as spicy and earthy notes that blend harmoniously with hints of chocolate and vanilla. Well-rounded, velvety tannins, which lend it great volume. An elegant, clean finish. 2021 Viña Ventisquero, Casablanca, Reserva, Pinot Noir A juicy pinot very much in line with its varietal character, it has flavors of ripe red fruits and flowers. The body is rather light, the tannins are highly polished tannins, and the acidity is good. 260 2020 Carmen, Frida Kahlo, Colchagua Valley, Gran Reserva, Carménère A delicious, yet lesser known grape varietal, Carmenere results in fantastically beautiful, medium-bodied, fruit-forward wines. With gentle tannins, and deep crimson colors, you can expect an array of berries, red fruits, spice, smokiness. 260 Carmen, Frida Kahlo, Colchagua Valley, Gran Reserva, Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 Luscious and jammy reds are medium-bodied, full-bodied or very full-bodied wines that combine ripe berry notes and pronounced jammy flavours. There are discern notes of cherry jam, wild berry jam or dark plum in these wines. Viña Seña, Aconcagua Valley 2018 Offering up impressive cassis and darker berry fruits as well as notes of violets, truffle, damp earth, tobacco, and candied orange peel, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a great, seamless texture, no hard edges, and just about flawless RP97 44 2980 Viñedo Chadwick, Maipo Valley 2019 Classical Cabernet Sauvignon from Puente Alto, one of the best zones within Maipo. There are showy aromas reminiscent of tangerine and flowers, ripe red berries and a spicy twist from the oak but nothing herbal or balsamic that one could expect given the moderate ripeness. The grapes were picked very early, and the wine follows the

path of the 2016, the coolest vintage so far, with juicy fruit, elegance and great tension.

This feels exceptional and transcends the style of the year.

SOUTH AFRICA

La Motte, Franschhoek Valley, Syrah

2012

Balance, complexity, freshness and finesse. Intense perfume and rose petal aromas are backed up by cranberry fruit and aniseed spice. The palate shows a juicy entry with raspberry fruit, chalky tannin and a hint of fresh mint in the finish.

Ken Forrester, Stellenbosch, Petit Pinotage

2021

150

This cheerfully Petit Pinotage reflects the modern fruit driven wine style that is in huge demand today. Classic Pinotage aromas of spicy mulberries, plum pudding and cherries, supported by smoky bacon nuances. Juicy and accessible with soft palate and delicious fruit concentration.

Ken Forrester, Pat's Garden Reserve, Stellenbosch, Merlot Blend

2018



Attractive mulberry and strawberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with ripe tannin, moderate complexity, fleshy on the palate with touches of leather and dried herbs sprinkled over the finish.

DESSERT

FRANCE

Bonnezeaux, Château de Fesles Apricots and dried fruits, good purity nice balance of sweetness and acid.	2011	425
Jurançon, Les Amours de la Reine Intense aromas of jammy pineapple and honey, complemented by notes of and spice.	2017 of cinnamon	145
Sauternes, Réserve du Ciron, Calvet Ripe apricot and creamed-apple flavors give this wine a crisp edge. Under plenty of ripe honey and spice is cut with acidity, giving balance to the will bright at the end and never cloying.		4 99
Sauternes, Château d'Yquem Gregarious scents emerging of underripe mangos, fresh pineapples, poac, and candied peel plus nuances of waxed lemons, fungi, musk perfume and Wonderfully poised, the seductively intense fruit is offset by beautiful fres supporting layers of savory nut and baked-bread notions with the tantaliz fruits coming through on the long finish.	d wet clay. chness,	RP98 🗳 3480
Pineau Blanc 5, Château de Beaulon Delicate, Fresh, fruity with notes of white flowers, honey and vanilla, savor mandarin and dried apricots.	NV urs of	≟ 220
GERMANY		
Wittmann, Rheinhessen, Auslese, Riesling 50cl In the nose a lot of sweet fruit, such as citrus fruit and dried yellow fruit. Ce the beautiful game between sweet and sour. The wine remains drinkable concentration. Long aftertaste there is also a sublime mineral touch.		△ 170
Ansgar Clüsserath, Neumagener Rosengärtchen, Auslese, Riesling Clear, medium yellow. On the nose there is ripe fruit, tangerine, peach blo but still slightly restrained. The palate comes with a lot of traction, ripe frugrippy acidity, harmonious sweetness, tangerine notes, fine minerality, spand densely integrated.	ıit,	≜ 280
Wittmann Albalonga Rheinhessen, Trockenbeerenauslese Riesling 37.5cl Dried orange zest and lanolin lend a spicy earthen tone to lush pink-grape flavour. It's unabashedly bold on the palate, with a delicious sleek mineral cut with intense lemon-lime acidity.		△ 1200

DESSERT

ITALY

La Gioiosa Moscato NV 160

Pale straw yellow with a fine, delicate perlage; intensely fruity and aromatic bouquet reminiscent of exotic fruit. Sweet and round in the mouth, with a persistent, pleasant fruity aftertaste.

Paolo Saracco Moscato d'Asti 2021 190

Tantalizing scents of citrus blossom, yellow peach and aromatic herb. The creamy, foaming palate offers apricot, candied tangerine zest, lemon drop and a note of crystallized ginger. Bright acidity and a hint of thyme lift the rich flavours.

AUSTRALIA

Mount Horrocks, Clare Valley, Cordon Cut Riesling 37.5cl

2009

Succulent and juicy, candied citrus fruits with hints of ginger, vanilla and other heady spices, trademark minerality and balancing fresh acidity.

PORT

220 Barros, Tawny Port

Brick colour with reddish nuances. Bouquet of ripe fruits, dried figs and plums and a touch of wood and spices. Fresh and velvety in the mouth. It is a Tawny Port of medium density and fruity tannins.

Taylor's, Late Bottled Vintage Port

2016

Blackberries with some dried fruit and hints of sultanas. Slightly lifted. It's mediumbodied with lovely sweetness and a lightly chewy and grippy ending that turns sweet and slightly dry at the end.

Graham's, Late Bottled Vintage Port

2017

A lovely honeysuckle fragrance as well as hints of mint, often present in Graham's wines, along with bright, attractive tropical fruit notes in the background. Sumptuous ripe black fruit flavours on the palate combining with hints of kirsch. The fine-grained tannins give the wine balance and structure, whilst good acidity underscores the wine's freshness.

Graham's 10 Year Old Tawny Port

This has a zesty, sweet floral aroma, with delicate, well-spiced flavors of apple tart, flan and cocoa powder. The plush, mouthfilling finish of cream, vanilla and raspberry is fresh and balanced

SHERRY

Gonzalez Byass, Tío Pepe, Fino Muy Seco, Palomino Fino - Extra Dry 37.5cl On the nose sharp yet elegant aromas of the yeast from the flor balanced with toasted almond notes typical of the Palomino variety. On the palate completely dry with reminders of almonds.	△ 110
Gonzalez Byass, Alfonso, Oloroso Seco - Dry 37.5cl Tasty, structured and persistent wine. An "oloroso" with an amazing range of aromas that go from the typical toastings to notes of truffle, vegetation, and the vanilla of the American oak.	4 110
Gonzalez Byass, Leonor, 12 Anos, Palo Cortado Seco - Dry 37.5cl The bouquet reveals intense, multi-layered aromas of walnuts and hazelnuts - accompanied by notes of the finest oak wood and subtle hints of bitter orange. On the palate, this sherry is wonderfully dry and presents a velvety, soft texture that harmonizes perfectly with the aromas of the nose. The long, aromatic finale is accompanied by a nutty touch.	1 10
Gonzalez Byass, Cristina Oloroso Medium - Sweet 37.5cl Cristina is a medium Sherry with a small addition of PX. It shows a bright amber color and on the nose clean aromas with subtle notes of raisins and figs from the PX. On the palate slightly sweet with hints of oak and a long finish. Should be served slightly chilled. Ideal as an aperitif with cheese or paté or enjoyed on its own.	△ 4 110
Gonzalez Byass, Solera 1847, Oloroso Dulce - Sweet 37.5cl Intense aromas of raisins, dried figs and fine oak notes flatter the nose. The palate is taken by this sherry from a full-bodied, soft body with juicy sweetness. Dry plums blend with nutty aromas and elegant Solera oak to create an elegant fullness. The aromatic finale comes with a never-ending reverberation.	△ 110
Gonzalez Byass, Nectar, Pedro Ximenez Dulce - Sweet 37.5cl On the nose, it offers extremely rich aromas, with a predominance of sweet notes of dried fruits such as raisins, figs and dates, accompanied by aromas of honey, syrup and candied fruits, accentuating the toasted tones over time. A palate that is velvety and unctuous, with an acidity that mitigates the extreme sweetness and warmth of	△ 110

the alcohol, and a very long and tasty finish.

ZERO

In a society that is becoming increasingly health conscious and that is significantly reducing the consumption of alcohol, non-alcoholic wines are aimed for the wine drinker who appreciates all the flavour and complexity of the best wines, but is looking for an alternative without alcohol as a healthy option.

This non-alcoholic wine is directly produced from high quality wine from which alcohol is removed through non-aggressive methods. Regardless of the semantic debate on whether or not this is wine, the facts make it clear that this wonderful product is wine, and preserves all its qualities and characteristics from which has been removed only one component: the alcohol.

SPARKLING

Señorio de la Tautila, Espumoso Blanco, Spain

Made by 100% Airen grape variety. Is an excellent sparkling wine perfect for any special occasion, and as an original and perfect combination with any food. This sparkling wine has a great taste, very refreshing and very fine bubbles of long duration.

Señorio de la Tautila, Espumoso Rosado, Spain

300

Señorio de la Tautila, Espumoso Rosado, Spain - 20cl

100

Is an excellent light sparkling wine with a great refreshing taste and characterised by its very fine longstanding effervescence. Complex in its visual presentation, the sparkling wine may come in varying light shades and hues even despite being made from the same Tempranillo grapes as the bold red wine

ROSÉ



Señorio de la Tautila, Rosado, Spain

Will delight the senses with its generous fruity and and floral expressions. Leaving a fresh aftertaste, this Rosé is made from Tempranillo grapes grown lovingly in the vineyards of La Mancha in Spain. Made from the same grapes as Señorio de la Tautila's range of red wines, the Rosé is differentiated by its pale pink colour and light intensity.

WHITE

Señorio de la Tautila, Blanco, Spain

250

Airen grapes, which combine the sweetness and aroma of its origin with the necessary density to make this wine a great companion. Scented, frank and good intensity, citrus note. Fresh, aromatic and lively with a pleasant bitter aftertaste.

RED

240

Señorio de la Tautila, Tinto, Spain

Is distinctive for its abundant fruit expression which are rich in notes of plum and berries. Despite its strong ripe cherry colour, the wine is of a mild intensity, surprising tastebuds at the first instance with its bold fruitiness. This red wine, made from Tempranillo grapes grown in Castilla-La Mancha in Spain

SAKE COLLECTIONS

SAKE Shichiken Yamanokasumi Sparkling, Yamanashi 410 Pronounced aromas of rare cheesecake, butter, pineapple and coconut cream. Super malty on the palate with a touch of salinity and a well-balanced refreshing sweetness. Depth and sophistication produce a velvety texture in the mouth. The long, umami-fueled finish leaves you thirsting for more. Iwa 5 1520 Blended sake by former Dom Perignon cellar master Richard Geoffroy. Through precise orchestration, five classes of elements sing in unison to create IWA 5. A sake with notes of plum, almond, butter and orange. Great presence, from the first glance down to the very last sip, through the seamless flow of a wide spectrum of characters. Perfectly balanced, weightless yet profound, intense and persistent. Tanaka 1789 X Chartier Junmai, Miyagi - 50cl 990 Semi-dry. Acidity, texture, umami: all will slowly continue to evolve into nutty and subtle raw sugar aromas. This inaugural blend "crafted for food" by Chartier awakens the taste buds with a unique natural fresh acidity reminiscent of the elegance of the best white wines of the world. Tatenokawa 33 Junmai Daiginjo, Yamagata 520 Tatenokawa polished it down to 33% of the original grain size, opening the brew up to sweetness, umami, and acidity. Nose is ripe fruit, and the first sip is as soft and light as silk. As it slides over your tongue the flavor expands and blossoms, so that by the finish your mouth and heart both feel equally beautiful. Alcohol: 15% Polishing: 33% Smv: -3 (Semi sweet-Light) Acidity: 1.5 330 Tatenokawa Seiryu Junmai Daiginjo, Yamagata A light bodied filled with fresh fruit fragrance of melon & Japanese pears on nose. The palate has a slight hint of acidity, followed by a gentle smooth finish.

Yamamoto Pure Black Junmai Ginjo, Akito

Alcohol: 14.5% Polishing: 50%

320

A modern, fresh style of junmai ginjo by maverick brewer Yamamoto with aromas of rockmelon, kiwi, pineapple, grapefruit and natural wet stone. This sake is bottled just a few days after pressing, leaving a slight spritz on the palate sherbet, citrus peel, honeydew, pink grapefruit and minerals predominate. Short, clean finish with food friendly acidity.

Smv: +3 (Dry-Light)

Alcohol: 16% Polishing: 55% Smv: +2 (Dry-Rich) Acidity: 1.8

Acidity: 1.4

SAKE

KID Tokubetsu Junmaishu Karakuchi, Wakayama

340

It is made according to the "binkan hiire" method: the sake is bottled but the bottles are not completely closed. They are first heated to + 65 ° C. This low pasteurization preserves taste and scents to the beverage and a nice freshness. This Karakuchi Kid have soft taste and flavor of rice with a crisp finish.

Alcohol: 15%

Polishing: 50%

Smv: +6 (Dry-Light)

Acidity: 1.5

KID Junmai Ginjo, Wakayama

380

With Kishu's soft and friendly taste of water, this sake is soft & tender, with a sense of transparency. It uses Gohyakumangoku & Yamadanishi rice for this sake. the elegant scent coupled with the soft & gentle mouth feel makes this a gloriously elegant sake. Alcohol: 15% Polishing: 55% Smv: +4 (Dry-Rich) Acidity: 3.0

FLAVOURED SAKE

Heiwa Shuzo Tsuru-Ume Yuzushu, Wakayama

280

Made with 50% of pure and sour yuzu juice, this yuzu-sake is very refreshing and whilst it has a little sweetness in the finish, it is very well balanced and not overpowering. It's fruity and refreshing with punchy citrus fruits leading the way yuzu, lime, mandarin, lemon and notes of grated ginger are all present. Fresh & vibrant. Alcohol: 7.5%

UMESHU

Hoshiya Mutenka Joto Umeshu, Kagoshima

180

Using top quality japanese plum and shochu, the plum is aged in shochu for at least 1 year of more without any artificial plum flavours, colourants or acidulants, resulting in a plum wine with a refreshing acidity. Raw honey and brandy are added to give layers to the wine, with a definite sweetness to the palate. Alcohol: 14%