



Rare & Fine Wine Tasting

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Notes:

E. Guigal Condrieu La Doraine 2021

1042458

Condrieu, Rhone Valley, France

750ml | \$126.70

Table 1

Mark Anthony

Coming from 5 of the most exceptional terroirs of this noble appellation, La Doriane is a wine of great intensity with a very wide aromatic bouquet. The palate is round, fleshy, and supported by a beautiful freshness.

The wine is vinified and aged exclusively in small new oak barrels for about 8 months. 100% malolactic fermentation. 100% Viognier from About 35 years old vines with a limited production of 6,000 bottles La Doriane is a pale golden yellow in colour that is bright and very clear.

This is a wine that fills the glass with aromas of white flowers, apricots, white peaches, that are in abundance being powerful and elegant with aromatic intensity.

On the palate "La Doriane" is marked by exceptional structural components that are fresh, round and lend to a finish of richness and fullness in the mouth. An assertive expression of the terroir. Very fine and very fresh giving Harmony between a pleasant low acidity and a fruit that bathes in a fleshy roundness.

99pts – Jeb Dunnuck

95pts – Decanter

95pts - James Suckling

Notes:

E. Guigal Cote Rotie Brune et Blonde 2020

1042455
Rhone Valley, France
750ml | \$106.13

Table 1
Mark Anthony

This classic of the house and of the Appellation is the archetype in the fine and racy expression of the Côte-Rôtie. Steep terraced plots, schist, and sand-limestone soils in Côte-Blonde and rich in iron oxides in Côte-Brune. The grapes are harvested by hand and sorted, followed by regular punching down and control of fermentation temperatures in stainless steel vats closed for nearly three weeks.

96% Syrah with 4% Viognier.
Aged for a minimum of 36 months in oak barrels. 50% new wood.

Brune et Blonde de Guigal is a dark ruby red colour.
This classic Rotie dominates the glass with notes of spices, red berries, and delicate aromas of wood.
On the palate this wine structured with round, melted tannins. Dominated with aromas of raspberries, blackberries, and vanilla. Truly a harmonious wine with imperceptible acidity and tannins that give it good ageing but are softened by prolonged maturation in wood.

95pts – Vinous
92pts – Jeb Dunnuck
91pts – Wine Spectator

Notes:

Francis Ford Coppola Winery Eleanor Red 2020

1042965
Sonoma, California, USA
750ml | \$88.76

Table 1
Mark Anthony

The 2020 Eleanor is a rich, full wine with extraordinary aromas and mouth-filling flavors that highlight the sophisticated levels of its complexity. Sonoma fruit provides this vintage with polish and a wealth of structure for the wine to further evolve in the bottle. Lively notes of mocha, white pepper, and tobacco on the nose are accentuated on the palate with impressions of chocolate, almonds, black cherry, clove, and currants. Firm tannins and a long, juicy finish are key components of this unforgettable vintage.

Eleanor has always been a true partner in all of Francis's endeavors. After fifty years of marriage, Francis wanted to honor her with 'Eleanor,' her own wine.

Blend:
42.5% Syrah
36.7% Cabernet Sauvignon
13.7% Petit Verdot
5.5% Petite Sirah
1.6% Other

91pts – Robert Parker
93pts – Wine Spectator

Notes:

Caymus Vineyards Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon
2019

1007665	Table 1
Napa Valley, California, USA	Mark Anthony
750ml \$230.15	

Each year, we set aside the best barrels of our Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley to produce Special Selection. Distinguished by extremely fine, velvety tannins and enjoyable upon release or with aging. A wine of structure with intense concentration of supple flavors and dark fruits. Special Selection is the only wine in the world honored twice as Wine Spectator magazine’s “Wine of the Year.”

This incredible Cabernet begins to yield profound aromatics of black cherry compote, blueberry pie and boysenberry along with creosote, black tar, milk chocolate and licorice all soaring from the glass. The mouthfeel is rich, voluptuous, and intense, as this wine offers exceedingly dense, concentrated flavors of black cherry reduction, blueberry pie, raspberry liquor, and boysenberry, alongside milk chocolate shavings and tar, all cascading on to the long mouth coating finish.

Drink from 2024 - 2029
Organic certified
This wine has not been scored professionally

Notes:

Edouard Delaunay Meursault le Village 2021

1043287
Burgundy, France
750ml | \$130.98

Table 2
Philip Dandurand

Of the three Côte de Beaune villages that are world renowned for their great white wines, Meursault is the largest in surface area. Its calcareous clay terroir presents a variety of nuances depending on location.

Winemaking and Aging: The grapes from each plot were vinified separately to preserve the typicity of each terroir. The grapes were pressed gently, and the juices were allowed to settle, after which vinification was conducted entirely in barrels. Only a portion of the cuvée underwent malolactic fermentation. During the ageing period, regular and thorough stirring was performed to enrich the wine’s texture and lend subtle notes of brioche. Barrel ageing lasted at least 10 months.

Tasting: Gorgeous pale gold in colour. The first nose is intense and complex, and redolent of mineral notes (clay, iodine) that are rounded out by scents of vanilla, almond and peach. On the palate, this wine is rich, intense, and complex, and boasts citrus flavours, (lemon, pink grapefruit). The finish features a hint of sucrosity that is evocative of candied lemon. This grand wine is ideal for cellaring.

Only 2,504 Bottles Produced

Notes:

Edoaurd Delaunay Gevery-Chambertin le Village 2021

1038616
Burgundy, France
750ml | \$115.27

Table 2
Philip Dandurand

The vineyards of Gevrey-Chambertin are some of the oldest in Burgundy. Viticulture dates to the 1st century AD. As early as the 6th century, Gevrey was registered as being among the finest wines in Burgundy thanks to the founding of the Bèze Abbey in 640.

Winemaking and Aging: Our Gevrey results from a blend of selected grapes from five plots representative of the village’s different terroirs. The vinification for each is adapted to the characteristics of the grapes depending on their terroir. The final blend contains 10% of grapes that were not destemmed to lend freshness and elegance. Oak barrel ageing last 15 months (35% new oak).

Tasting: Dark in colour tinged with violet accents. Superb, powerful, classy nose evocative of cherry, licorice, coffee, and a touch of warm rhubarb tart. The same cherry and licorice notes are also evident on the finish and the oak is well integrated. Powerful on the palate with remarkable, gorgeous purity ending on a saline note.

Only 2,628 Bottles Produced

Notes:

Carpineto Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG 2020

1043102
Tuscany, Italy
750ml | \$52.99

Table 2
Philip Dandurand

Produced from estate grown grapes coming from a small cru of 2 hectares (5 acres) located in Dudda, Greve in Chianti, in one of the coolest areas of the appellation particularly suited for the production of wines of great structure, concentration and longevity.

Bouquet: Pronounced aromas of wild berries, interlaced with hints of vanilla and spicy notes on the finish: it's complexity will amplify during the extraordinary longevity of this wine.

Flavor: Palate sensations confirm and emphasize the olfactory complexity, revealing even greater strength, texture, and persistence. Its elegance is already evident, destined to turn into absolute harmony with cellaring.

Aging: Placed in French oak barrels (225 liters) for about 18 months.
Bottling: this wine was bottled naturally stabilized and unfiltered.

92pts – James Suckling “A mineral whiff to the vibrant red berries and plums with a hint of hazelnut and savory tobacco. Some black tea, too. Fine tannins nicely wrap the fruit on the fluid, full-bodied palate. Long and expressive finish.

92pts – Wine Spectator
91pts – Wine Align

Notes:

Carpineto Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2018

1043103
Tuscany, Italy
750ml | \$69.99

Table 2
Philip Dandurand

Carpineto’s Montalcino estate is one of the highest in the appellation at an altitude of 500 meters (1,600 ft) above sea level. The unique microclimate gives wines with intense bouquet, vibrant acidity, fine elegance, and great longevity.

Bouquet: decisive, fine, broad, and lingering with hints of vanilla, cherry, raspberry, and licorice.

Flavor: dry, warm, smooth, well-textured and lingering on the palate.

Vinification: medium-length steeping on the skins, with temperature-controlled fermentation. 3 years in large Slavonian oak with 6 months finishing in bottle prior to release.

94pts – Wine Spectator
“A bright and focused red, revealing cherry, currant, spice and iron flavors. Lively and succulent on the almost puckering finish, showing terrific balance and a long aftertaste. Best from 2025 through 2043.”

93 pts – Jeb Dunnuck
92 pts – Wine Enthusiast

Notes:

Chateau Beaucastel Vieilles Vignes Roussanne

1043105

Table 3

Rhone Valley, France

Charton Hobbs

750ml | \$157.77

Considered as one of the greatest white wines in France, only 6000 bottles of this wine are produced. It's made with 100% very old Roussanne vines and harvested slightly over ripe. This exceptional wine must be drunk within 3 years or after 15 years. To be enjoyed with gastronomic cuisine.

Tasting: Superb deep and intense golden colour. Powerful and complex, the nose is particularly seductive, typical of Roussanne Vieilles Vignes, with notes of honey, very ripe, lightly stewed fruit such as apricots and peaches and brioche. Dense and complex, the palate continues with this rich and opulent character with a silky texture and superb notes of beeswax and citrus, remarkably balanced by a beautiful freshness, a touch of acidity and a delicate bitterness. A great vintage of Roussanne which flourishes wonderfully on this exceptional terroir.

95/100 "A big, expansive vintage of this wine, it's really quite juicy and fleshy. The acidity is well balanced, but this is considerably richer than 2021 and even 2020. The oak feels more noticeable at this stage, too. Quite a potent, rich year for this cuvée, with a long finish. An opulent, hedonistic Roussanne. Matured in barrels, 50% new, 50% one-year-old."

100pts – Jeb Dunnuck

97pts – Wine Advocate

95pts – Decanter

Notes:

Chateau Beaucastel CDPN Rouge 2009

1043106

Table 3

Southern Rhone Valley, France

Charton Hobbs

1.5L | \$283.96

Château de Beaucastel has long been regarded as one of the greatest wines in France. It is notorious for its elegance, balance, and ageing potential. Beaucastel has an exceptional terroir at the Northern limit of Châteauneuf du Pape, exposed to the Mistral wind. All thirteen varieties of the appellation have been organically grown since the sixties.

Tasting: Nearly black in colour. The nose is very delicate and powerful at the same time, with red fruit, blackcurrants, blackberries, spices, thyme and lavender. The bouquet is very elegant, rich and round, with figs, cherries, blackcurrants and stewed fruit, all with great acidity. The tannins are present but very delicate

Varietals: Grenache 30%, Mourvèdre 30%, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Muscardin, Clairette, Picpoul, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Roussanne 15%, Cunoise 10%, Syrah 10%, Cinsault 5%

96pts - Jeb Dunnuck
96pts - Wine Spectator
94pts James Suckling

Notes:

Casa Ferreirinha Quita de Leda 2019

1043104
Porto & Douro, Portugal
750ml | \$75.10

Table 3
Charton Hobbs

The Quinta da Leda Douro Tinto is a blend of Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinto Cão and Tinta Roriz grapes grown exclusively in Casa Ferreirinha's flagship 'Quinta da Leda' vineyard, located in the far reaches of the Douro Superior, close to the border with Spain.

The wines were then aged for 18 months in 225-litre and 500-litre French oak barrels, around 50% of which were new. After numerous tastings and analysis, the final blend was assembled by Luís Sottomayor and the winemaking team and was lightly filtered before bottling.

Quinta da Leda is a wine of great intensity, complexity, and elegance. On the nose, aromas of ripe red and black fruits combine with spicy notes of cocoa and tobacco box and subtle floral notes. Full-bodied on the palate, with ripe and velvety tannins and a refreshing acidity which carries the complex flavours onto the lingering finish.

95pts – Wine Enthusiast
93pts – Falstaff (Peter Moser)

Notes:

Silverado Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

1042943
Napa Valley, California, USA
750ml | \$70.37

Table 3
Charton Hobbs

Nestled in the hills on the Northwest side of the Stags Leap District, Silverado Vineyards Winery has been a favorite wine country destination and home to some of the Napa Valley's most-recognized wines for almost forty years. All of Silverado's wines are estate-grown, produced, and bottled.

Tasting: Intense aromas of dark cherry and stone fruits. Full-bodied with great structure and balance. Perfectly ripe cherry and plum flavors and hints of apricot and toasted oak lead to a long finish.

Aged 17 months in oak, 42% new oak.
86% French, 10% Hungarian, 4% American

Varietal Composition
88% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc

91pts Decanter
90pts Wine Enthusiast

Notes:

Alain Corcia Monthelie Cru Riottes 2017

1043145

Bordeaux, France

750ml | \$71.95

Table 4

Marchands Des Ameriques

The wines from the 1st growth "Les Riottes", facing south and situated directly above the village, are considered to be the most powerful in Monthélie. After the harvest, the grapes are again sorted and completely de-stemmed on the estate. This is followed by a pre-fermentation maceration in a cool place before the wine ferments spontaneously in used wooden barrels and is aged for around 18 months in Burgundy oak barrels (15-20% new wood). The wine is then bottled and kept in the bottle until it reaches full maturity. One of the best values in Cote de Beaune.

Tasting: This Monthélie 1er Cru has a brilliant ruby-red colour with light garnet highlights. On the nose, aromas of red berries, blackberries, and black cherries, combined with spicy notes of licorice, sage, and a little pepper, enthuse. On the palate, the wine is red-fruited and dense, with velvety tannins and a racy acid structure. A deep, yet very approachable pinot noir that is a pleasure to drink.

Vines are 48 Years Old

Notes:

Domaine Tatraux Givry 1er Cru 2022

1043146

Table 4

Burgundy, France

Marchands Des Ameriques

750ml | \$71.95

Sylvain, with the help of his wife, manages the entire estate, which has been a small family business since 1763. Three-quarters of the vineyard is planted with old vines. The total surface area is 8 hectares, divided as follows: 3 hectares of red Givry 1er Cru, 4 hectares of red Givry Village and 1 hectare of white Givry Village. The vines are cultivated using the "lutte raisonnée" method, which involves working the soil, ploughing, and managing the vines in such a way as to control yields and optimize quality. The grapes are harvested by hand and vinified in the traditional way.

Type of soil: Our Givry comes from a small Clos, orientated south, with exceptional maturity due to hills protected from North and northeast winds. Age of the vine: over 40 years old Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir Winemaking process: Full destemming. Cold maceration. Once fermentation starts, foulages (treading) and remontages of lies for fermentation. To assure finesse and fruit, 14-day cuvaison. Temperature control for fermentation. After fermentation, 60% of the cuvee is aged in 20% new oak. 40% of the cuvee is aged in stainless tank (to keep the fruit). Total aging -> 16 months. Cuvees are blended. Bottling after light filtration.

Tasting: Serving temperature ->15°C. Brilliant color with purplish highlights. Nose evokes violets, strawberries, blackberries, spices (cloves, licorice). Hints of smoky red berries, licorice and violet. The tannins are light and mellow, with a fresh finish. A tannic palate that softens after 3 to 5 years. Firm structure.

Notes:

Chateau Malartic Lagraviere 2015

1043147

Bordeaux, France

750ml | \$110.00

Table 4

Marchands Des Ameriques

The cold, wet winter was followed by a historically warm, dry spring until the end of July. Some welcome rain contributed to a perfect development of the ripening phase in August. There was a magnificent period of late summer weather.

Uniformity and perfect health are the vintage's key characteristics. This result is a truly sublime expression of Malartic's mosaic of terroirs. Each plot has been able to reveal its full personality. The rich aromatic bouquet has been enhanced by a soft and tailor-made ageing that reinforced the expression of a very nice complexity.

Cabernet-Sauvignon 53%
Merlot 35%
Petit-Verdot 7%
Cabernet-Franc 5%

Hand picking - Sustainable farming - High Value Environmental certification*
Vinification Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation About 30 days - 28 to 30° C
Ageing Traditional on fine lies in French oak barrels - new oak 80%
Ageing period 18 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland

96pts – James Suckling
94pts – Wine Advocate
94pts - Decanter

Notes:

Chateau Arnould Comte d Arnould 2015

1043143

Table 4

Bordeaux, France

Marchands Des Ameriques

750ml | \$50.95

In the Médoc, upon the plateau of Arcins, between Margaux and Moulis, lying upon one of the finest Gunzian gravel hillcrests on the banks of the Gironde estuary, a place which has firmly established the renown of neighbouring estates, Châteaux Chasse Spleen and Poujeaux, we chose to conscientiously breathe new life into an exceptional wine and an outstanding terroir.

Very deep, dark ruby colour with nice shimmering reflections. The nose combines notes of beeswax, cinnamon stick, Madagascar vanilla and licorice. The palate is marked by an almost perfect balance and overall indulgence. The finish is already smooth, with complex aromas of black fruit, bramble. A vintage that is already attractive with its harmonious, smooth, and very aromatic profile

35% Cabernet Sauvignon

65% Merlot

Gold Medal – MUNDUS VINI

Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2018

Notes:

Chateau le PUY Marie Cecile 2022

1043129	Table 5
Bordeaux, France	Mainbrace
750ml \$74.98	

15 generations of Amoreau have worked our very special land to produce wines in respect of a family expertise which has been patiently acquired and passed down. We have sought to create a harmony with our environment by systematically refusing the use of chemical products. From the micro-organisms living in the soil to the various plants, animals, and insects on the estate, we maintain and preserve that balance right to the glass of wine on your table.

Marie-Cécile is produced exclusively from semillon grapes. The wine is vinified and matured in used barrels, by dynamisation in line with certain lunar cycles. This sulphur-free dry white is the archetype of a natural white wine.

With a robe which can vary from sparkling gold to amber according to the year, a very fruity nose and aromas of pear and exotic flowers, Marie-Cécile offers a full-bodied palate which begins with a supple attack and a tight texture. It has a long, delicately mineral finish.

Marie-Cécile vintages are best drunk young, mainly with seafood, fish, or blue cheeses, tommes and other strong-flavoured cheeses.

Notes:

Piastraia Bolgheri Rosso Superiore DOC 2020

1043151
Bolgheri, Italy
750ml | \$69.97

Table 5
Mainbrace

The Michele Satta 2020 Bolgheri Superiore Piastraia is a fine and delicate wine, especially on the Bolgheri playlist that tends to offer more blown-out or bigger wines. Here, instead, you get generous fruit tones and rich layers with a slightly more tapered and streamlined mouthfeel that is always the signature of this producer. Michele Satta remains committed to finding the proverbial silver lining to Bolgheri. The wine ends with soft cherry fruit and dark berry confit that reflects the hot vintage. There is a nice spicy element on the close." WINE ADVOCATE

The wine rests in French oak barriques (1/5 new) for a period of 18-24 months.

Cabernet Sauvignon 50%
Merlot 30%
Sangiovese 20%

94pts – Wine Enthusiast
92pts – Wine Spectator
92pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Piquena Dilema DOC Douro Branco 2021

1043133
Douro, Portugal
750ml | \$49.98

Table 5
Mainbrace

The Wine: Produced from two Symington family vineyards: Tapadinha (at 580m in the Torto River Valley) and Chões (at 520m in the Pinhão River Valley). The terroir of these two river valleys, particularly with regard to altitude, is key. Altitude allows more moderate temperatures and a balanced maturation.

Grape Varieties: 45% Viosinho, 30% Arinto, 15% Gouveio, 5% Alvarinho, 5% Verdelho. The Tapadinha (Rio Toro Valley) and Chões (Rio Pinhão Valley) vineyards.

Tasting Notes: Flinty, smoky character with some apple combining with hints of banana and charming, understated vanilla validating refined wood integration. The creamy texture on the palate, infused with peach and white plum, is counterbalanced by interesting toasty notes which underwrite a refined, elegant structure.

Vinification: After gentle destemming, the grapes (still whole) are relayed to the press. To ensure the most favourable fermentation conditions, the must is fined at very low pressure and then clarified. Fermentation begins in vats and then passes to a variety of barrels, new and used.

This wine has never been exported out of Portugal before.

Notes:

Tedeschi Ansari Amarone della Valpolicella 2019

1043152
Veneto, Italy
1.5L | \$139.95

Table 5
Mainbrace

This wine is made from grapes harvested in various vineyards located on hills in the Valpolicella area (Mezzane and Tregnago hills). Amarone Ansari is a blend of three different barrels, each one is the result of a careful selection by Antonietta, Sabrina and Riccardo, who have collaborated in synergy in the cellar to create an Amarone of great personality, faithful to the Tedeschi style, which is handed down in the family for generations. The symbol on the label relates to the name ANSARI formed by the combination of the two initial letters of Antonietta, Sabrina, and Riccardo Tedeschi.

Bouquet: intense fruity notes of black currant, blueberry, ripe cherry, plum, fig, well blended with notes of coffee, pepper. The balsamic character, the hallmark of the wines produced by the family, is mixed with these notes,

Flavor: balanced wine with good structure and a warm sensation. The wine is well-balanced. The retro-smell confirms the notes on the nose. It is a long and persistent wine.

95pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Tedeschi Ansari Amarone della Valpolicella 2019

1043134
Veneto, Italy
750ml | \$58.99

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95pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Villebois Sancerre Griottes 2022

1043117	Table 6
Loire Valley, France	Viking Imports
750ml \$56.25	

The 2022 vintage was exceptionally mild which allowed for evenly maturation of the berries before harvest on September 10th, the wines were fermented in large 300L Acacia Barrels that allows for freshness and complexity to shine more so than the wood ageing of this wine, elevating floral and spicy characteristics. Battonage was performed throughout the 8 months prior to bottling which lends to a finished wine expressing tension and richness with excellent balance.

Pale yellow robe with subtle golden reflections. The nose is powerful, revealing notes of Passion fruit, Candied Pineapple, Fresh Mango, and gentle spicy notes of Curry and Tumeric. On the palate, there is a pronounced Terroir-driven notes of Chalk and baked clay.

This wine is a true expression of “Les Griottes” in Sancerre leaving an impression that is “Fine and Indulgent.”

92pts – James Suckling
90pts – Wine Enthusiast

Notes:

Borgo Paglianetto Verdicchio DOCG 2019

1043140
Tuscany, Italy
750ml | \$59.99

Table 6
Viking Imports

Borgo Paglianetto organic winery is located in the heart of the Marche region, in the valley that extends between Fabriano and Camerino. Inserted in the heart of production area of Verdicchio di Matelica DOC and DOCG, Borgo Paglianetto aims to make quality the essence of its being. The evocative Matelica area preserves history, art, and tradition. In fact, the vine represents part of the millenary culture of Matelica.

A soft and tasty profile, aged for a long time in steel and then in the bottle. Its name originates from the runic alphabet of Germanic origin and means "harvest" or "climate change", to underline the announcement of a new positive event. Citrus aromas of citrus fruits, vegetal hints, floral fragrances, notes of green apple, white peach, fennel, and iodized sensations accompany a smooth and long-lasting sip, sprinkled with a fresh and saline vein.

94pts – Robert Parker
Decanter – GOLD
Organic Certified

Notes:

Tenuta le Colonne Rosso Bolgheri DOC Superiore 2019

1043118
Bolgheri, Italy
750ml | \$75.50

Table 6
Viking Imports

Tenuta le Colonne Bolgheri Superiore comes from a beautiful vineyard just a stone's throw from the pine-lined coast. Intense, impenetrable ruby red. On the complex bouquet, dark fruits with distinct notes of blackcurrants and blueberries, accompanied by spicy notes, coffee, and graphite. On the palate, energetic and refined at the same time, concentrated and powerful, just as complex yet beautifully balanced as on the nose and very long-lasting as it progresses. Organic Certified

"Ruby red and leafy-scented, full of fresh notes of rosemary and lavender, pipe tobacco and a balsamic touch. Multifaceted and complex, dense, and fresh, it shows a delicate rose aroma with dense, youthful, and crisp cassis and red cherry. It's edgy, but the toasty flavours make for a lovely finish." DECANter

"The Tenuta le Colonne 2019 Bolgheri Superiore is a small production of 6,000 bottles from a site with sandy, gravelly soils. It shows pure aromas of black fruits, dried blueberries, toasted oak, cherry, and gravel. Soft-textured and medium to full-bodied, this red also shows lovely hints of earth, forest floor and delicate blue flowers." WINE ADVOCATE

95pts - Wine Advocate
94pts - Wine Spectator
93pts - Decanter

Notes:

Protos Gran Reserva 2015

1043126

Ribera del Deuro, Spain

750ml | \$80.49

Table 6

Viking Imports

The history of Protos dates to 1927, when 11 viticulturists established the “Ribera del Duero” winery, with an avantgarde vision of preparing quality wines under one brand. Over ninety years later, this spirit still lives on and continues growing year upon year. At Protos, we take pride in our roots, using only our native varieties, Tempranillo, and Verdejo.

Protos Gran Reserva is a dark cherry color with garnet rim. The nose is expressive and complex. The aromas evoke a big range of smells that reminds us of jam, cocoa, tobacco, mineral notes, toffee with slightly smoked hints that one craves in a fine Tempranillo from Ribera del Deuro. Round tannins with long after palate. Good aging potential. This wine leaves a very elegant and silky after palate, typical of Protos Gran Reserva

94pts - Wine Enthusiast

93pts – James Suckling

92pts - Tim Atkin

Notes:

Trefethen Chardonnay 2021

1042945
Napa Valley, California, USA
750ml | \$59.99

Table 7
Vino Veritas

The dedication of the Trefethen family is manifest in every aspect of our operation, from the soil to the table, including sustainable farming, thoughtful winemaking, and gracious hospitality.

The Vintage: The preceding winter, which marked our second consecutive drought year, featured the lowest rainfall total in our entire history, going back to 1968. The vines grew vigorously during the warm and dry spring as the vineyard team did an excellent job with early weed control and irrigation. The summer months, from June through September, were all cooler than average, which slowed down the ripening process and allowed for fantastic flavor development. The yields were lower than usual, given the drought conditions, but the resulting wines are all excellent and reflect our unique location in the Oak Knoll District at the cooler southern end of Napa Valley.

The wine is crisp, with lovely aromas of lemon, jasmine, white peach, and lavender. On the palate, the bright acidity is supported by flavors of honeydew melon and citrus, delivering a refreshing finish.

93 pts - Decanter
Gold Medal – TEXSOM 2023
California Green Medal Environment Award in 2022.

Notes:

Usiglian del Vescovo MilleEottantatre Toscana 2016

1043116

Table 7

Tuscany, Italy

Vino Veritas

750ml | \$130.24

1083 was presumably the year in which Usiglian del Vescovo independently produced wine for the Catholic Mass. To commemorate this desire for independence in the utmost respect of the spirit of that period, we named our wine with that precise year, emotionally connecting it to our desire to pay homage to an ancient and unique land.

Vinification: The grapes are harvested by hand and carried to the cellar, where they are destemmed, selected through a vibrating sorting table and finally crushed. The alcoholic fermentation takes place inside truncated-conical oak vats, with a maceration of 15-20 days, depending on the vintage. The wine is refined in tonneaux and bottles until completely aged.

Tasting: Deep colour with purple shades. Its nose is very intense, balsamic, and complex, with blackberry and blueberry notes, while the long ageing determines the tertiary notes of coffee, chocolate, and spices. On the palate it has a warm and enveloping entrance with an impressive tannic structure. Very persistent finish with a pleasant fruitiness.

100% Petit Verdot, 2,436 bottles produced

91 pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Trinity Hill 125 Gimblett Chardonnay

1042941	Table 7
Hawkes Bay, New Zealand	Wine Horizons
750ml \$65.66	

Hand-harvested fruit from multiple clones in our “Tin Shed” vineyard was gently pressed and the juice fermented with indigenous yeasts in a combination of new 228- and 500-litre French oak barriques and puncheons. Malolactic fermentation was encouraged to soften the acidity and impart further richness. The wine spent 14 months on yeast lees building further texture and complexity before being racked out of barrel and bottled in June 2022 with no fining and minimal filtration.

The Wine: Scents of white peach, ripe grapefruit, and citrus blossom combine with toasty/nutty oak aromas to produce a complex and engaging bouquet.

The wine is rich and concentrated in the mouth yet remains focused and composed with outstanding persistence and length of flavour. Stone fruit, citrus, and toasty oak flavours, gently drying phenolics and a fine backbone of acidity combine effortlessly to produce a seamless, harmonious palate with a mouthwatering finish.
Drink 2023 to 2033.

96pts – James Suckling
97pts – Cameron Douglas MS

Notes:

Trinity Hill Thomson's Block Syrah 2019

1042942

Table 7

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Wine Horizons

750ml | \$89.26

In 1993, having recognised the outstanding potential of the Hawkes Bay's Gimblett Gravels winegrowing district, Trinity Hill became one of the region's early pioneers, planting grape vines on a barren plot which continues to produce exceptional wines today. Begun as a homage to the wines of the Northern Rhone, when cuttings of Syrah from Hermitage, and Viognier from Côte Rôtie

Full, deep purple with a ruby-black core, lighter on the rim. The nose is full, enticing, and complex, with aromas of tobacco leaf, cedar, spice, and peppercorn overlying blackberry, plum and violet. Full-bodied, aromas of blackberry, intertwined plum violet and licorice, unveiling savoury elements, clove, cedar, black pepper, and tobacco leaf. The fruit is concentrated with weight and depth; balanced ripeness shows sweet and savoury flavours. Fine-grained tannin structured a fine frame provides vitality alongside integrated acidity. This youthful, well-structured Syrah possesses black fruit with depth and vitality, enriched by fine-grained tannin and seductive oak elements.

95pts – MS Cameron Douglas

Notes:

Elena Walch Aton Pinot Noir Riserva DOC 2018

1043121
Alto Adige, Italy
750ml | \$190.00

Table 7
Wine Horizons

Elena Walch is a leading Alto Adige wine estate, in family hands, and belongs to the elite in Italian wine production, with international success.

The Pinot Noir “Aton” expresses timeless finesse and elegance. The wine presents itself a strong ruby red in the glass. Subtle notes of black berries, a hint of licorice and finely smoked notes define the bouquet, combining power and supreme elegance in this exceptional wine. With density, black berries, and minerality, combined with fine and fresh tannins, the “Aton” convinces on the palate with a spicy, long finish. The 2018 vintage is particularly characterised by its great structure, as well as excellent elegance and finesse. An elegant Pinot Noir full of character, produced with the utmost dedication and detailed effort to do justice to this noblest of varieties with uncompromising quality.

Only 230 cases produced of this very rare and fine wine. This evening’s event consists of nearly 10% of this wine + vintage produced.

96 pts – Luca Gardini
94 pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Medhyk Old Vine McLaren Shiraz 2019

1042953

South Australia, Australia

750ml | \$59.99

Table 8

Mer et Soleil

McLaren Vale fared well in a challenging vintage, due to the moderating influence of the Gulf St Vincent, reliable spring rainfall and excellent water management; enabling the vines to grow unimpeded during hot spells.

All parcels were kept separate throughout the winemaking process. Hand-picked, hand sorted, destemmed, and crushed, except for 25% of the fruit from the Angels Rise parcel, which remained as whole bunches in the ferment. Cold macerated for a week prior to gentle warming, encouraging ferment to start naturally. The wine remained on skins for 14 days before basket pressing and decanting to French oak puncheons. The final assemblage was carefully made in early October 2020. Bottled without fining or filtration.

Rich spices and black fruits on the nose which give way to pepper as the wine develops in the glass. On the palate the wine sings with elegance and power, supported by the texture provided by French oak. This wine will continue to develop and show its complexity with time.

95pts – Robert Parker

Notes:

Thelema Rabelais 2021

1022667

Stellenbosch, South Africa

750ml | \$69.99

Table 8

Mer et Soleil

Francois Rabelais was a sixteenth-century French writer. His first novel describes an abbey on the banks of the Loire named Thélème where only one rule was observed: "Do what thou wilt!" Thelema is family-run and has been making wine since 1988.

Indulge in the rich symphony of flavours offered by this exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot blend. A full-bodied marvel, it opens with a harmonious dance of dark berries, cassis, and plums, layering velvety textures with hints of vanilla and cedar. The elegant marriage of Cabernet's structural finesse and Petit Verdot's opulent depth creates a tapestry of ripe tannins and balanced acidity, culminating in a long, graceful finish that leaves lingering impressions of black cherry and a touch of tobacco. This blend epitomizes the art of complexity and refinement, inviting you to savour every nuance with each sumptuous sip.

Cabernet Sauvignon 90%

Petit Verdot 10%

97pts – Tim Atkin

95pts – The Wine Mag

Notes:

Vina Ardanza Reserva DOC Rioja 2016

1042954
Rioja, Spain
750ml | \$59.99

Table 8
Mer et Soleil

The Tempranillo (80%) comes from our La Cuesta and Montecillo vineyards in Fuenmayor and Cenicero. Both are over 30 years old. The Garnacha grapes (20%) come from a 70-ha vineyard with deep rocky soils at 500 m elevation in Tudelilla (Rioja Oriental). Known as La Pedriza, the site has outstanding conditions to grow this variety.

Tasting:
Intense garnet red colour, with a clear rim. Outstanding aromatic intensity on the nose, with spicy and balsamic licorice, clove, nutmeg, and black pepper notes, enveloping a subtle hint of ripe red fruit: brandied cherry and raspberry jam. The palate is well-balanced, fresh, with a broad range of flavours and soft, round tannins, leading to a spicy, balsam-like aftertaste on the finish. A Viña Ardanza in its prime and with a long life ahead of it.

95pts – James Suckling
94pts – Robert Parker

Notes:

Trivento Eolo Malbec 2020

1043008

Mendoza, Argentina

750ml | \$124.99

Table 8

Escalade Wines

ELOLO, the Keeper of the Winds, is the pinnacle of Trivento's pursuit of the best Malbec in Argentina. Found only in a small refuge in Luján de Cuyo, the birthplace of premium Malbec, Eolo is brought to life by winemaker Germán Di Césare.

At a privileged point 3,200 feet above sea level, the Eolo vineyard, planted in 1912 by Italian immigrants whose ancestors still farm the vineyards today, spreads out above the northern bank of the Mendoza River.

Tasting

Violet with bluish-black reflections. Glossy and enveloping in the glass. Mineral in character with a note of graphite and subtle hints of black fruits, berries, and blueberries. A floral finish with rosehips, and vanilla and tobacco notes provided by French Oak barrel aging. Sweet and silky tannins; truly a wine whose structure and acidity unite in the mouth. Lengthy and elegant, enjoyed long after its exodus from the glass.

95pts – Tim Atkin

95pts – Decanter World Wine Awards

Notes:

Gravas del Maipo Syrah 2020

1043010
Valparaiso, Chile
750ml | \$75.99

Table 8
Escalade Wines

The vineyard's soil is alluvial, with clayey silt in the first layer. Stones predominate below the surface giving the soil good permeability and low nutrient content. A semi-arid Mediterranean climate, influenced by the Andes mountains.

The vinification process begins with a selection of the bunches. This process uses stainless steel tanks and consists of 8 days of alcoholic fermentation and 10 days of post-fermentation maceration. The malolactic fermentation occurs naturally. The wine is then aged in French oak barrels. Once the process has ended, the wine is bottled where it completes the bottle-aging process. aging 14 months in French oak barrels, 30% new and 70% used. aging potential 15 to 20 years.

Tasting notes: Deep cherry red. Great aromatic complexity, expressing red fruit aromas and floral notes. It is dense and deep on the palate, presenting a delicate texture of tannins, accompanied by great freshness.

94pts – James Suckling
91pts – Tim Atkin
91pts – Robert Parker

Notes:

Domaine Malandes Cru Chablis Montmains 2021

1043123
Chablis, France
750ml | \$67.99

Table 9
Mesa Marea

The Southeast exposure of the 1er Cru of Montmains produces wines of great structure. Chablis wines from this appellation exude rich, complex yet balance for a 1er Cru. 80% of this wine is fermented in Stainless steel for a clean mineral wine, and the remaining 20% is aged in used French Oak to add structure and character to the resulting wine. Once assembled this wine is aged in stainless steel to preserve freshness and balance in the resulting wine upon release.

This wine is bountiful with tree fruits flavours of green and yellow apples lending to subtle richness of Anjou Pears. Mineral crisp and balanced is a house specialty for Domaine Malandes and their exquisite 1er Cru of Montmains.

93pts – Tim Atkins
91pts - Vinous

Notes:

Quinta de la Rosa Vintage PORT 2016

1043120

Oporto, Portugal

750ml | \$81.11

Table 9

Mesa Marea

Quinta de la Rosa's reputation for excellent Ports comes from their attention to detail, combined with an ideal location and aspect of their vines situated in the heart of the Alto Douro on the banks of the River Douro near Pinhão.

This 2016 'Vintage' Port has an opulent aroma, showcasing dark cherries and well-ripened black plums along with a classic cacao note. On the palate it is engaging and seductive, with intensity and complexity all nicely balanced creating a harmonious and generous wine. The dark fruits, bitter chocolate flavours are supported the silky tannins which are defined and well-integrated.

This Quinta de La Rosa 'Vintage' Port 2016 has 19.5% Alc./vol and 103g/L of residual sugar.

Approachable now with ideal decanting; though it would appreciate another 10 years and will reward another 20-25 years. *Once opened - enjoy within 48 hours. Remember to decant this Port, as it has started to leave a deposit. Plus, this will increase after it has been in the bottle for a few years.

96+ points Vinous

93pts - Wine Advocate

94pts - James Suckling

Notes:

Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Rose NV

1025100

Table 9

Champagne, France

Innovative Beverages

750ml | \$141.58

BRUT ROSÉ

A romantic Champagne with its subtle and gourmand aromas, this cuvée provides a reference point amongst rosé champagnes. It will bring real pleasure to your happiest moments with its sparkling colour, amazing finesse, and great intensity.

A radiant colour with a sparkling intensity, entwined with a beautiful pale pink hue. An elegant visual ensemble bestowed with a graceful effervescence.

Subtle and fine aromas, leading to a gourmand seduction of red berry flavours and citrus zest with an aromatic burst of great finesse which is both floral and refreshing.

An outstanding tactile sensation with a creamy smoothness, which evolves into a very noble notion with a character of wild strawberries and a slightly raspberry finish. A harmonious and delicious equilibrium with a remarkable precision

93pts – James Suckling

91pts – Robert Parker

Notes:

Archery Summit Vireton Pinot Noir 2021

1042947
Oregon, USA
750ml | \$51.98

Table 9
Innovative Beverages

In 1993, Archery Summit set its sights on creating wines of real purpose in the Willamette Valley. Since, the Dundee Hills winery has helped establish the region as the cradle of cooler-climate American wine.

As responsible stewards of the land, Archery Summit engages in minimal-impact agriculture. Sustainability is a dynamic and vital part of growing wine, a practice that ensures both the industry's future and the overall health of the trade. They practice sustainability wherever possible, from responsible farming in the vineyard to energy-sensitive approaches in the cellar.

The bouquet is layered, with a fruity core of raspberry, cranberry, and red currants surrounded by oak and earthen spice. Silky tannins and fresh fruit jam nudge the palate, giving way to hints of warm baking spices. A model Willamette Valley wine, the Vireton Pinot Noir is juicy, fruit-forward, and wonderfully balanced.

93pts – Wine Spectator -
92 pts – James Suckling
92pts – Wine Enthusiast
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Notes:

Corte Giara Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG La
Groletta 2018

1043114
Veneto, Italy
750ml | \$57.98

Table 10
Innovative Beverages

This year the harvest was long, with slow ripening, and abundant, high-quality grapes. Spring was particularly wet and in early July, due to the considerable number of bunches, A dry period started in July, interspersed with some timely showers. In September, we experienced a sort of new, 'mini summer', with temperatures reaching up to 33°C, high overall temperatures but also equally high, which enabled the grapes to attain ideal ripeness. Phenolic maturity was achieved in the last third of September. The grapes are in a perfectly healthy condition, with high quantities and quality.

Amarone La Groletta harnesses the fine 2018 harvest to yield intense notes of ripe dark fruit, quickened by balsamic and mineral nuances. The vigorous and powerful palate is supported by dense, silky tannins.

70% Corvina Veronese
30% Rondinella

94pts – James Suckling
93pts – Wine Enthusiast

Notes:

Cotarella Le Macioche Brunello di Montalcino 2016 I

1042902
Tuscany, Italy
750m | \$84.99

Table 10
Innovative Beverages

The age and the guyot pruning method of the vines at Le Macioche are used to produce the perfect balance during the vines' maturation cycle. Vineyards are south-southeast facing and planted at an altitude of 450m, favoring an extended phenolic maturation.

Grapes are hand-harvested; each bunch is manually selected in the field. Upon entering the winery, grapes are destemmed and lightly crushed. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel and tronco-conic wooden tanks for 15-18 days at a temperature of 28° C. Punch downs are made once a day for first 10 days. After the completion of malolactic, the finished wine is aged in oval 30hl barrels for 36 months.

Intense ruby garnet in color, this wine contains aromas of ripe red fruit, Mediterranean scrub, species, and tobacco. On the palate the wine is rich, fresh, and well-balanced with a lengthy finish.

94pts – Wine Advocate
94pts – James Suckling

Notes:

Yalumba the Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

1020823

Table 10

Barossa Valley, South Australia

Innovative Beverages

750ml | \$76.99

The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from four vineyards in the Barossa Valley. The diversity of our vineyard selection provides the rich, lifted Cabernet Sauvignon aromatics and palate structure for which The Signature is renowned. The Shiraz comes from vineyards of varying age, with the oldest planted in 1925. These blocks are of sandy loam, featuring yellow sand and ochre clay over red clay. The combination of these Barossa Valley blocks provides a Shiraz with sweetness, fullness, depth, and layers of complexity.

A star of the 2019 vintage. Deep, dense purple red in colour. Seductive and alluring florals, cool mints, red pomegranate with fine blackberry fruits and dark cherry aromas. The palate is delightfully generous with dark red cherry fruit that merges into ironstone tannins. A medium to full bodied wine with a long, flowing tannin profile. A very refined and elegantly styled Signature.

52% Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon

48% Barossa Shiraz

93pts – Wine Enthusiast

Notes:

Ridge East Bench Zinfandel 2018

1019259

Sonoma, California, USA

750ml | \$57.01

Table 10

Innovative Beverages

In 1962, Ridge made its first Monte Bello, and two years later its first zinfandel. Since that time, Ridge has championed single-vineyard winemaking, searching California for those rare and exceptional vineyards where climate, soil, and variety are ideally matched.

Nose: Raspberry and Fig's are intermingled with sweet whips of vanilla.

Palate: Boysenberry and ripe plum give way to fresh fruit on the palate that dance with undertones of black olive tapenade lending way to ripe yet polished tannins lingering on the finish.

Ridge has made the East Bench as a single vineyard since 2006, one of the few Ridge zinfandels that is 100% zinfandel. The vineyard sits high atop the bench land that overlooks Dry Creek Valley from the east.

Hand-harvested; estate-grown organic grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the indigenous yeast, followed by a full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging in keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.

94pts – Wine Enthusiast

93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

92pts – Wine Spectator

Notes:

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