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## Wines by the glass

	Glass	Bottle
<b>SPARKLING</b>		
Lunetta Prosecco (D.O.C.) Italy	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$46</b>
Taittinger, Champagne, France N/V	<b>\$16.50</b>	<b>\$98</b>
<b>ITALIAN WHITE GRAPE VARIETALS</b>		
Principato, Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2016	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$38</b>
Elena Walch, Pinot Bianco, Trentino 2016	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$42</b>
Cavit, Moscato, Trentino 2015	<b>\$8.95</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Marchesi Di Barolo, Gavi, Piedmont, (D.O.C.G.) 2015	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$40</b>
Banfi, La Pettegola, Vermentino, Tuscany (I.G.T.) 2016	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$42</b>
<b>OTHER REGION WHITES</b>		
Merlin's Barrow, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand 2016	<b>\$8.95</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Prum, Essence Riesling, Germany 2016	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$38</b>
Domaine Gayda, Chardonnay, France 2016	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$38</b>
Au Contraire, Chardonnay, California 2015	<b>\$14.95</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>BLUSH</b>		
Midsummer Cellars 'Yolo County' Grenache Rosé California 2015	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$42</b>
Jean-Luc Colombo, Rose, France 2016	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$38</b>
<b>ITALIAN REDS</b>		
Rocca Delle Macie, Chianti Classico, Tuscany (D.O.C.G.) 2014	<b>\$11.95</b>	<b>\$45</b>
Barba, Montepulciano, Abruzzo 2011	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$42</b>
Lis Neris, Cabernet Sauvignon, Friuli 2014	<b>\$11.95</b>	<b>\$45</b>
Fontanafredda, Briccotondo Barbera, Piedmont (D.O.C.) 2015	<b>\$12.95</b>	<b>\$48</b>
Vietti, Nebbiolo, Piedmont (D.O.C.) 2013	<b>\$15.95</b>	<b>\$56</b>
Col D'Orcia, Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany (D.O.C.) 2012	<b>\$17.95</b>	<b>\$62</b>
<b>OTHER REGION REDS</b>		
Josh Cellars, Cabernet Sauvignon, California 2015	<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$38</b>
Alamos, Malbec, Argentina 2015	<b>\$8.95</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Chateau Ste. Michelle, Merlot, Columbia Valley 2014	<b>\$10.95</b>	<b>\$42</b>
Bread & Butter, Pinot Noir, California 2015	<b>\$12.95</b>	<b>\$48</b>
Remelluri 'Lindes de Remelluri', Rioja DOCa, Spain 2012	<b>\$12.95</b>	<b>\$48</b>
Vieux Gachet Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France 2012	<b>\$12.95</b>	<b>\$48</b>
Angry Bunch, Zinfandel, California 2014	<b>\$16.95</b>	<b>\$60</b>

**Please note that vintages on the wine list are subject to change without prior notice.**



**Coravin is a state of the art wine extraction system that allows us to pour world class wines, not normally offered by the glass, without removing the cork.**

- |   | <b>3 oz.</b> | <b>6 oz.</b> |
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| <b>1) Darioush, Signature Series Chardonnay, Napa Valley 2012 (W.E. 90pts.)</b>   | <b>\$11</b>  | <b>\$22</b>  |
| Citrus and orange blossom waft from the glass followed by plump minerality, Meyer lemon and crème brûlée, wrapped in restrained oak. Fruit sources range from Carneros to Mount Veeder and Oak Knoll, providing a well-balanced range of flavor and tension.  |              |              |
| <b>2) Nickel &amp; Nickel, Truchard Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros 2015 (J.S. 92pts.)</b>   | <b>\$13</b>  | <b>\$26</b>  |
| Cooked apple and sliced pear aromas and flavors. Very lemony. Medium body, tangy fruit and a steely finish. Pretty backbone of bright acidity.  |              |              |
| <b>3) Zenato, Amarone, Veneto 2012 (W.E. 91pts.)</b>  | <b>\$13</b>  | <b>\$26</b>  |
| Aromas of black currant, blue flower, tilled soil, menthol and cedar take center stage. The dense palate delivers mature black cherry, crushed raspberry, mocha, vanilla, nutmeg and a confectionery note. Velvety tannins provide the framework. Drink through 2022.   |              |              |
| <b>4) Antinori, Tignanello, Tuscany 2013 (J.S. 97pts.)</b>  | <b>\$19</b>  | <b>\$36</b>  |
| Intensely ruby red in color with purple highlights, the 2013 Tignanello shows an intense nose of ripe red fruit in addition to notes of vanilla, chocolate, and leather imparted from the oak. Spicy and balsamic sensations give additional complexity in the layers of aromatics. The wine is ample and enveloping on the palate with supple tannins and a savory freshness that fully respects the character and personality of the Sangiovese grape. The balance between acidity and tannins is excellent and the finish and aftertaste are of a lovely length and persistence. #8 <i>Wine Spectator</i> Top 100 of 2016. |              |              |
| <b>5) Stags' Leap Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2014 (R.P. 90pts.)</b>  | <b>\$13</b>  | <b>\$26</b>  |
| The serious wines start with the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, which is 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and a cross-county blend. Deep, dense purple-colored, with notes of creosote, earth, forest floor and plenty of cassis fruit, this wine is rich, medium-bodied, and ideal for drinking over the next 10-15 years.   |              |              |
| <b>6) Belle Glos, Dairyman Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Russian River 2014</b>   | <b>\$13</b>  | <b>\$26</b>  |
| Bright crimson red in color. Aromas of black cherry and ripe plums combine with subtle notes of dried herbs and smoke. The palate entry shows flavors of cranberry, fresh raspberry, and ripe cherry, complemented by hints of vanilla and baking spice. A balance of savory, cedar and cocoa powder, and sweet, fig jam and ripe blackberry, round out the mouth-feel. The overall impression is one of ripe red and black berry fruit flavors, great structure, smooth tannins and a lingering fresh finish.  |              |              |



- 16) Silverado Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, California 2013 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$45**  
 Dark rich fruits, black cherry, blackberry, and plum aromas. Full rich mid-palate with broad tannins and a medium to long finish. 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot.
- 17) Nicolas Feuillatte, Brut Reserve, Champagne (W.S. 90pts.)** **\$50**  
 Composed of 20% of Chardonnay for elegance and delicacy, 40% of Pinot Noir for roundness and structure and 40% of Pinot Meunier for fruitiness. Pale gold in color, abundance of delicate bubbles. Floral aromas of fruit with subtle predominance of white fruits: pear, apple, almonds and hazelnuts. Fresh opening, smooth, pleasant and balanced.
- 18) Masi, Costasera Amarone Classico, Veneto 2011 (J.S. 94pts.)** **\$59**  
 Powerful, complex aromas of dried plums, with 'balsamic' (anise, fennel, mint) traces. Quite dry (not sweet), soft and with bright acidity, with baked cherry, chocolate and cinnamon flavors and structured, noble tannins. Grilled or roasted red meats, game, and hard cheeses like parmesan. Considered a 'wine for meditation,' to be sipped on its own, this is also a perfect after-dinner wine.
- 19) Clos de la Vieille Eglise, Pomerol, Bordeaux 2014** **\$68**  
 Dark chocolate and plum on the nose, this medium-bodied wine ends with a sweet, cherry tart of a finish. Made from a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc
- 20) Chateau Montrose, St. Estephe, Bordeaux 2001 (W.S. 94pts.)** **\$116**  
 Considered one of the top Saint Estephe, Montrose is prized for its classic Claret style, big fruit and full, well-structured taste. Deep purple color. The nose delivers aromas of leather, underground, spices. Very complex on the palate, offering aromas of chocolate (cocoa with silky tannins), and candied fruit. Very good, full and structured wine. Beautiful length with silky tannins and an aromatic structure. 62% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc

## Magnums

- 21) Poggio al Tesoro, Sondraia, Tuscany 2011 (R.P. 92pts.)** **\$155**  
 The 2011 Bolgheri Superiore Sondraia is a delicious wine that shows both varietal and territory-driven characteristics. You do get greenish notes of rosemary and dried oregano, with an assortment of spice, cola and licorice-like aromas. It builds in intensity over the palate, offering a long, luscious finish.
- 22) Beni Di Batasiolo, Barolo, Piedmont 2010 (W.E. 93pts.)** **\$155**  
 This opens with a beautiful Nebbiolo nose of red rose, red berry, earth and mineral. The elegant palate delivers bright, juicy, wild cherry and raspberry flavors layered with mineral, white pepper, clove and licorice. Firm but refined tannins and fresh acidity make this surprisingly approachable now, but it will be even better after 2016.
- 23) Serge Mathieu, Cuvée Prestige, Brut, Champagne N/V (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$160**  
 Creamy apple fruit, toast, pears, medium in body with a white pepper finish. 67% pinot noir and 33% chardonnay. (aged for four years on lees).

- 24) Gaja, Pieve Santa Restituta, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany (W.S. 94pts.)** **\$225**  
Rich and expressive, with cherry, strawberry and earth flavors and plenty of flesh to cover the solid structure. Spice and tobacco notes add depth as this plays out on the long finish. Best from 2019 through 2032.
- 25) Jordan, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley 2010** **\$240**  
Has a smooth, silky structure that showcases the delicacy of the vintage. Elegant aromas of cherries and plums open to a soft, silky mouthfeel boasting a spectrum of red and black fruit flavors with a hint of spicy oak.
- 26) Maison Louis Jadot, Beaune Premier Cru Anniversaire, Burgundy 2012** **\$250**  
The release of the 2012 vintage (a year of small yields and extremely high quality), offers a celebration of Beaune's premiers crus. This blend is based on a number of different climats, whose names are featured on the front label. This wine is deeply colored, and shows notes of dark berries. Its tannins are fine grained and silky, showing the hallmark complexity and richness of Beaune's premiers crus.
- 27) Orin Swift Cellars, Papillon, Napa Valley 2012 (W.S. 92pts.)** **\$276**  
A rich and creamy textured red, this fans out to offer a complex mix of dark berry, graphite, cedar and loamy earth, gaining depth and persistence on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec.
- 28) Luciano Sandrone, Barolo Le Vigne Piedmont 2006 (R.P. 96pts.)** **\$415**  
Sandrone's 2006 Barolo Le Vigne possesses awesome balance as intricately woven layers of aromas and flavors come together in the glass. The 2006 is an especially powerful Le Vigne boasting a solid core of floral, red fruits supported by firm yet elegant tannins. This, too, shows the considerable drive and focus that is the hallmark of the vintage. The wine's overall balance is impeccable.
- 29) Joseph Phelps, Insignia, Napa Valley 1998 (I.W.C. 92pts.)** **\$750**  
With complex aromas of black cherry, plum, chocolate, currant and toasty oak, the wine displays layers of flavor and richness that disguise its power and longevity. Beautifully crafted and balanced, the 1998 Insignia reflects a new level of quality from both the vineyards and the growing regions.
- 30) Caymus, Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 1997 (I.W.C. 93pts.)** **\$900**  
Opaque, with deep ruby-red edges, even the sight of this wine is enticing. Very deep, rich cassis fruit, enmeshed in a smoky, mineral background, dominates the nose. Pure cassis extract is also present on the palate; a sweet entry yields to a firmly tannic, yet generous and amazingly long finish. Fine grained tannins give a serious texture to the wine. A rich, smoky spice character emerges in the aftertaste. A very complete, unctuous wine. Muscular and intensely concentrated, it nevertheless manages to display perfect balance.

## Sparkling & Champagne

- 31) De Chanceney Cremant de Loire Rose Brut** **\$53**  
Pale salmon colour with fine bubbles; supple aromas of pink grapefruit, strawberry and fresh bread dough; dry, light bodied, with zesty flavours of crisp red apple, red berries, mineral and a hint of toast. 100% Cabernet Franc.
- 32) Antica Fratta Franciacorta, Essence Nature, Italy 2009** **\$73**  
Straw yellow in colour with golden hues. The nose shows perfume with hints of spices and dried fruit. Full and complex on the palate, with an intense, balanced, long finish. 70% Chardonnay and 30% Pinot Noir.
- 33) Veuve Clicquot, Ponsardin, Champagne N/V (W.S. 91pts.)** **\$110**  
You can't lose with this classy wine. The refined apple, grapefruit and dough aromas follow through on the palate. Creamy and lively on the finish.
- 34) Laurent Perrier, Brut Champagne N/V** **\$119**  
A bright, mineral-driven Champagne that offers a creamy mousse and flavors of green pear, anise, spiced nut and candied lemon zest. A note of sweet smoke lingers on the moderate finish.
- 35) Gosset, Excellence, Brut, Champagne N/V (W.E. 90pts.)** **\$125**  
Tense and crisp, this is a balanced food-friendly Champagne. It is dry, and its apple- and citrus-like acidity has rounded out with some bottle age. The acidity cuts right through to give the wine a great lift of freshness on the finish.
- 36) Ruinart, Rose, Champagne (W.S. 92pts.)** **\$210**  
A pretty rosé, harmonious and lithe, with flavors of dried strawberry and smoke carrying on a fine bead and intermingling with the accents of toasted almond, ground anise, pastry and dried apricot. Fresh and focused, presenting a lasting finish of smoke, ripe fruit and rich pastry.
- 37) Dom Perignon, 2006 (R.P. 96pts.)** **\$320**  
The 2006 Dom Pérignon comes from a very rich vintage with an early ripeness that brought a lot of aromatic maturity. The white-golden prestige cuvée contains a bit more Chardonnay than Pinot Noir and opens with a deep and seductive, pretty accessible nose with intense yet fresh fruit aromas of pineapples, with peaches and tangerines. Lively and elegant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, unusually aromatic and fruity DP with a long and tension-filled expression.
- 38) Veuve Clicquot, Brut Champagne, La Grand Dame 2004 (W.S. 94pts.)** **\$340**  
This is a rich and creamy Champagne with a lively mousse, giving it a forward fruit character. Slowly the depth and concentration of the wine come through, with a white fruit flavor and hints of grapefruit and toasty yeast, which all promising good aging.
- 39) Krug, Grande Cuvee, Champagne (W.S. 94pts.)** **\$400**  
Beautifully aromatic and inviting, with grilled nut, incense and graphite notes, this vibrant Champagne is finely knit and harmonious, expanding on the palate and delivering flavors of toast, lemon meringue, orange blossom and clover honey. The long finish features lots of exotic spice details.

## Vino Bianco/Old World White Wines

- 40) Beni di Batasiolo, Chardonnay, Langhe, Piedmont 2014** **\$36**  
Intense straw-yellow color, limpid and brilliant. Very rich bouquet with suggestions of tropical fruit, citrus, grapefruit, honey and vanilla. In the mouth it is balanced, wide-ranging, dry with a breath of fan-shaped aroma perceptible to the nose.
- 41) Hugel, Gentil, Alsace 2013** **\$36**  
Bright, silvery sheen, pale green color, fresh, lively and youthful with an elegant aspect. Attractive, flattering bouquet, open and forthcoming, quite aromatic, scented, floral and fruit-driven: cardamom, lemon balm, rose, lime blossom, cherry blossom and sweet almond.
- 42) Minuty M, Rosé, Provence 2016** **\$36**  
A magnificent wine of pleasure, the aromatic harmony of grenache and cinsault offers some notes of peach and candied orange. The mouth is fresh and round. Blend: Grenache 50%, Cinsault 40% and Syrah 10%
- 43) Vietti, Roero Arneis, Piedmont 2016 (R.P. 90pts.)** **\$40**  
The 2016 Roero Arneis offers an irresistible taste profile that is beautifully zesty and fresh. The bouquet exhibits fruit, honeydew melon and a determined layer of salty marine mineral. The wine shines in the glass thanks to its crystalline luminosity. With these warm summer months upon us, this is an excellent and deeply satisfying choice.
- 44) Terredora, Loggia della Serra, Greco di Tufo, Greco 2013 (J.S. 95pts.)** **\$45**  
This is very ripe and layered with lots of honey, oil, dried lemon and apple character. It's full body very deep and intense and a long, long finish. Super finish. Late styled white with great depth and flavor.
- 45) Castello Banfi, 'Fontanelle' Chardonnay, Tuscany 2015 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$46**  
An oily chardonnay with lots of density and intensity. Shows focus and beauty. Full and flavorful. Dried lemon and apple character. Full Burgundy treatment here; Tuscan style.
- 46) Casa Rojo, La Marimorena, Albarino, Pontevedra 2015** **\$50**  
Pale yellow colour, with a beautiful shiny and greenish hue. Herbal aromas, scents of citrus, and clear notes of apple and pear. Fresh and fruity in the mouth, balanced acidity, round and structured.
- 47) Alois Lageder Benefizium, Porer, Pinot Grigio, Trentino-Alto Adige 2016** **\$52**  
Partly fermented in oak casks, this linear white offers aromas of white flower, pear, crushed rock and a delicate whiff of oak-driven spice. The elegant palate offers creamy yellow apple, vanilla and mineral alongside fresh acidity.
- 48) La Poussie Sancerre Blanc, Loire 2015** **\$55**  
Light yellow. Flinty aromas of apple, orange blossom and wet stone. Tactile and a touch rough-grained, with chalky minerality giving definition to the classically dry sauvignon blanc flavors of lemon zest, herbs and quinine. Tightens up on the back of the palate, finishing with good lift to its stony flavors.
- 49) Domaine Weinbach, Riesling, Clos des Capucins Cuvee Theo, Alsace 2012** **\$60**  
Outstanding. Real class and elegance here, and excellent concentration. Perfect Riesling character with lemon, white fruit and minerality. Some apple on the palate. Long finish. Drinks very well even on its own.

- 50) Domaine Delorme et Fils, Pouilly-Fuisse ‘Sur la Roche’, Maconnais 2013** **\$63**  
 Coming from a 40 years old vineyard, ideally situated on the south east faced slope near the rock of Vergisson. This cuvée is brought up in stainless steel containers and some years effects a short passage in oakwood barrels. It offers a bouquet of scents of flowers and you will be charmed by its elegance and its typical mineral character.
- 51) Vie di Romans, Piere, Sauvignon 2015 (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$60**  
 Classic varietal aromas of tomato leaf, exotic fruit and citrus practically jump out of the glass. The bright palate doles out juicy peach, nectarine, grapefruit, celery and sage while a mineral vein lends energy.
- 52) Eric Forest, Les Crays, Pouilly Fuissé 2014** **\$63**  
 Straw yellow color. Aromas of sun-ripened apples and honey. Classic Pouilly-fuissé with a aftertaste of pineapple and passionfruit held in check by a nice acidity.
- 53) Antinori, Cervaro Della Sala, Chardonnay 2014 (W.A. 94pts.)** **\$65**  
 Luminous yellow with greenish highlights, shows toasted aromas along with notes of citrus and tropical fruit and lightly buttery sensations. Fresh and savory on the palate, it is long and persistent as well.
- 54) Vie di Romans, Dessimis Pinot Grigio, Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2015** **\$65**  
 Lightly pink, this is a ramato-styled, very flavourful Pinot Grigio offering apricot, strawberry and peach notes, with a delicate, cleansing, chewy mouthfeel. Easily stands up to white meat dishes.
- 55) Charles Deloire, Pouilly Fumé, Loire 2012** **\$70**  
 Appearance is a pale straw yellow, on the nose there are intense aromas of grapefruit and white flowers. The flavors are light-to-medium-bodied with crisp acidity, bright citrus flavors and flinty minerality.
- 56) Louis Jadot, Puligny-Montrachet, Cote de Beaune, Cote d'Or, Burgundy 2014 (W.S. 92pts.)** **\$135**  
 Lemon candy and spice flavors mark this bracing white. Balanced on the sharp side, with a toasty, vanilla-tinged finish. For fans of acidity. Best from 2018 through 2024. 3,200 cases made.

## 'New World' Whites

- 57) Rickety Bridge, Rose, South Africa 2017** **\$36**  
Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Tones of strawberry, Turkish delight and candy floss dominate the nose and palate with an elegant spicy finish. The full palate is supported by easy natural acidity.
- 58) Rickety Bridge, Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa 2015** **\$38**  
Vibrant and zesty with aromas of pear, gooseberry and passion fruit layered with subtle mineral tones. Full flavoured with a rich mid-palate, peach and litchi flavours which linger on the finish.
- 59) Rickety Bridge, Chardonnay, South Africa 2016** **\$38**  
Citrus with nutty nuances, hints of orange blossom and subtle oak spice on the nose. The rich and structured palate shows honey and tropical fruit with hints of white flowers, caramel, spice and minerality which linger on the long creamy finish.
- 60) Qupe, Bien Nacido Y Block Chardonnay, Santa Maria Valley 2015** **\$48**  
The 2015 Qupé Chardonnay "Y Block" is very traditional in style, with fresh and crisp mineral notes, lemon zest and a touch of oak on the finish.
- 61) Quivira Dry Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma 2015 (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$55**  
Made in a style that will appeal to fans of both creamy, fruity richness and more austere notes of fresh grass, this wine is dry, herbal and juicy. It offers accents of vanilla and white plum, as well as the aforementioned fruitiness of peach and pear.
- 62) Kim Crawford, Small Parcels 'SpitFire' Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2017** **\$57**  
Intense complex flavors of citrus balanced with ripe tropical fruits of passion fruit and white peach. Crisp acidity and a lingering finish round out this stunning wine.
- 63) Landmark Overlook Chardonnay, Sonoma County 2013** **\$60**  
The 2013 Overlook Chardonnay has a bright, medium gold color with complex aromas of ripe pear, meyer lemon, sage and lemon curd. On the palate flavors of quince, pear blossom, apricot, and piecrust are balanced by lively citrus notes completing this refreshing wine.
- 64) Qupe, Bien Nacido Vineyard Hillside Roussanne, Santa Maria Valley 2011 (V 92pts.)** **\$82**  
This is the best white wine that Qupe makes and by far the most expensive to make, but the results are worth it! Whole cluster pressed and fermented and aged exclusively in one year old Francois Frères Burgundy barrels. Aged a total of 18 months, the rest year on the lees in one year old barrels, then racked and aged the last 6 months in neutral wood.
- 65) Tamber Bey, Chardonnay, Deux Chevaux Vineyard, Sonoma 2014** **\$90**  
This *Signature Series* wine delivers a very rich nose that mixes brioche, candied peach and white chocolate. The mouthfeel is full-bodied, with a creamy texture that is the result of the barrel fermentation and lees stirring. Flavors include salted caramel, white flowers and a little bit of nutmeg spice. The wine finishes with long notes of fresh pear, hazelnut and white peach.

**66) Nickel & Nickel, Truchard Vineyard, Chardonnay, Carneros 2015 (J.S. 92pts.)** **\$105**  
Cooked apple and sliced pear aromas and flavors. Very lemony. Medium body, tangy fruit and a steely finish. Pretty backbone of bright acidity.

**67) Peter Michael, La Carriere Chardonnay, Knights Valley, Sonoma County 2014 (R.P. 96pts.)** **\$203**  
The signature of this vineyard remains its terroir-driven minerality. The nose is dominated by aromas of brioche, toasted almond, dry honey, Mirabelle plum, vine blossom, jasmine, hazelnut and William pear. Accents of Mandarin orange, honey and vanilla complete the elegant bouquet. Citrus oils, white peach and lemon highlight the minerality. Magnificent concentration and elegance on the palate sculpt the structure of this wine, offering intensity and richness. The 2014 La Carrière is enjoyable now and will continue to develop for a decade.

**68) Williams Selyem, Heintz Chardonnay, Russian River 2014 (V 92pts.)** **\$215**  
The 2014 Chardonnay Heintz Vineyard is the richest and most overt of these Chardonnays from Williams Selyem. Then again, Heintz is a site that naturally yields oily, textured Chardonnays, which is exactly what readers will find here. Scents of orange blossom, butter, spice, candied lemon peel, apricot jam and French oak flesh out on the sweet, enveloping finish.

### **Rosso 'Old World'**

**69) Banfi, La Lus, Albarossa, Piemont 2013** **\$40**  
Deep ruby red color. On the nose fresh fruity aromas with notes of red fruits, cherries and prunes jam, well integrated with notes of vanilla and licorice. On the palate it's velvety, full-bodied and harmonious, with gentle tannins.

**70) CVNE Rioja Reserva, Tempranillo, Rioja 2011 (R.P. 90pts.)** **\$49**  
The 2011 Cune Reserva is mainly Tempranillo with 15% made up of the other red grapes grown in the region, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo (Cariñena). 2011 was a ripe and early harvest, but the wine here shows quite balanced. It has the telltale notes of American oak most consumers are looking for in this classical Riojas, as the wine matured in barrique for 18 months. Dill, vanilla, black cherries and smoky and spicy notes are well married. The palate is velvety, sinewy and polished. All in this is balanced and easy to drink.

**71) Château Des Jacques, Moulin-à-Vent, Beaujolais 2014** **\$50**  
Moulin-à-Vent wine is widely referred to as the King of Beaujolais and is considered to be the region's most Burgundian cru. Following harvest, a portion of the grapes is destemmed before the wine is vinified in closed vats with pumping over. 80% of the wine was aged 10 months in oak barrels, 30% new. Rich yet elegant floral, black fruit and spice aromas introduce the dense, structured palate with ripe fruit character and supple tannins. 100% Gamay.

- 72) Mazzei, Fonterutoli, Chianti Classico, Tuscany 2014 (J.S. 90pts.)** **\$55**  
 Made with Sangiovese and 10% other varieties, this offers scents of dark berry, purple flowers and a whiff of allspice. The firm palate delivers black cherry, toasted oak, espresso and white pepper alongside fine-grained tannins.
- 73) Tenute Orestiadi 'Ludovico' Sicilia Rosso IGT, Sicily 2010** **\$55**  
 Full bouquet with notes of red fruits such as plums, mulberries, black cherry and blueberry, which alternate and blend with nuances of spice, licorice, tobacco, pepper and cocoa. Powerful on the palate with a complex structure, broad and enveloping, soft tannins and finely balanced.
- 74) Ruffino, Modus, Tuscany 2013 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$60**  
 A red with blueberry and blackberry character, plus hints of licorice. Full body, chewy tannins and a walnut, berry and dark-chocolate aftertaste. Very extracted but outstanding.
- 75) Heretat Oller Del Mas, Arnau Oller, Spain 2011** **\$70**  
 A very complex wine while soft, warm and delicious. It is the paradigm of the balance between the fresh fruit, balsamic touches and spices. In conclusion, Arnau Oller is a wine with elegance as its most outstanding value. An exclusive wine that expresses the “terroir”, the weather, the nobility and the special feature of our state in Pla de Bages.
- 76) Mario Schiopetto, Podere dei Blumeri, Venezia Giulia 2013** **\$70**  
 Deep ruby red colour with elegant aromas and fruity bouquet at first glance, blackcurrant and morello cherry, balsamic and tobacco emerge later and lend complexity. On the palate, an intense wine with fine tannins and elegant intriguing freshness and pleasantness, soft, with long, lingering finish.
- 77) Mazzei 'Philip' Rosso Toscana IGT, Tuscany 2014 (J.S. 92pts.)** **\$76**  
 Deep, dark purple color with intriguing black cherry aromas, balsamic herbs, coffee and lightly toasted oak. Harmonious flavors of dark fruit on the palate, dried flowers, chocolate and vanilla. Exotic, complex character, full bodied with polished, velvety tannins, and a long, smooth finish.
- 78) Sartori, Amarone Della Valpolicella, Veneto 2013** **\$78**  
 A round, easy-drinking Amarone, with floral, spice and grilled herb accents to the ripe berry and cherry fruit, layered with creamy tannins and a subtle streak of sweet smoke.
- 79) Bodegas y Vinedos, Pintia, Tempranillo, Toro, Spain 2011 (R.P. 94pts.)** **\$85**  
 Highly intense in color and depth, cherry red in tone with purplish hues. It is broad, very clean, expressive and elegant on the nose, with a great fruit intensity cocooned in a subtle way and of great quality. It has a great structure and a good tannic presence in the mouth and is persistent, fresh and very pleasant to the palate. Floral hints in retro nasal.
- 80) Castellare di Castellina, Il Poggiale Riserva, Chianti Classico 2010 (W.S. 91pts.)** **\$92**  
 Aromas of sawdust, toasted oak, espresso and spice lead the nose on this blend of 90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo and Colorino. The palate offers black cherry, mint and eucalyptus notes alongside bracing tannins. Evident oak muffles the juicy, ripe-fruit notes.

- 81) Luciano Sandrone, Valmaggione Nebbiolo d'Alba, Piedmont 2010 (W.A. 92pts.)** **\$95**  
 Lovely medium garnet red color, which reminds us of the exceptional 2006 and 2009. In the nose and the palate, a harmonious blend of red fruits, cassis, pomegranate and rose petals. It has good structure in the mouth where a nice minerality emerges in the midpalate, followed by a long, smooth, sweet finish. The wine possesses length and elegance and will require some patience to reach its peak. This is an elegant style of Nebbiolo that illustrates the huge potential of wines from the Roero region.
- 82) Maison Louis Jadot, Beaune Premier Cru Anniversaire, Burgundy 2012** **\$100**  
 The release of the 2012 vintage (a year of small yields and extremely high quality), offers a celebration of Beaune's premiers crus. This blend is based on a number of different climats, whose names are featured on the front label. This wine is deeply colored, and shows notes of dark berries. Its tannins are fine grained and silky, showing the hallmark complexity and richness of Beaune's premiers crus.
- 83) Michele Chiarlo, Barolo Tortoniano, Piedmont 2010 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$105**  
 Wow. This shows such a wonderful, complex fruit character of dried berries, lemon rind and ash. Some cloves, too. Full body with silky tannins and a fruity finish.
- 84) Zenato, Amarone, Veneto 2012 (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$105**  
 Aromas of black currant, blue flower, tilled soil, menthol and cedar take center stage. The dense palate delivers mature black cherry, crushed raspberry, mocha, vanilla, nutmeg and a confectionery note. Velvety tannins provide the framework. Drink through 2022.
- 85) Ceretto, Barbaresco, Piedmont 2013 (R.P. 91pts.)** **\$110**  
 Boasting a classic approach to Nebbiolo, the 2013 Barbaresco offers a pure and traditional interpretation of Piedmont's noble grape. The wine is lean and compact in delivery with a vertical thrust of aromas that spans from wild berry and licorice to ash and dried rose petal. There are warmer layers of tar and coffee at the back. The wine shows great overall balance and silkiness.
- 86) Vietti, Barolo Castiglione, Piedmont 2012 (R.P. 93pts.)** **\$110**  
 With fruit sourced from various points within the Castiglione Falletto township, the 2012 Barolo Castiglione continues on its promise to offer a solid drinking experience based purely on quality Nebbiolo. This wine speaks more to the specific qualities of Nebbiolo, more than vineyard site. It opens to a dark garnet color with young aromas of cherry and spice. Elegant balsam notes of mint and licorice add a sharper sense of definition. This is a solid-drinking Barolo for the near and medium term.
- 87) Clos Saint-Jean Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone 2012 (W.S. 92pts.)** **\$113**  
 Dark but perfumy, with black tea and warm ganache notes followed by silky plum, fig and blackberry fruit flavors. A long echo of licorice snap lines the finish. Best from 2015 through 2025.
- 88) Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino, Sangiovese, Tuscany 2012 (W.S. 95pts.)** **\$115**  
*#4 Wine Spectator Top 100 of 2017*  
 Casanova di Neri proudly produces the White Label Brunello since 1978. The winery's passion and love for the land and their own distinctive Sangiovese joined together to make a wine that stands out for elegance, finesse, high quality and long ageing potential. The prevailing features of 2012 Brunello di Montalcino are balance and finesse, which are supported by a long and velvety finish and an intense red fruit bouquet. This wine is already showing its pleasantness despite the long ageing potential.

- 89) Ceretto, Barolo, Piedmont 2012 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$120**  
 A beautiful example of the luscious 2012 vintage for Barolo. Shows dried strawberry, light chocolate, toffee and nut aromas and flavors. Hints of dried fruits too. Full yet fresh and agile.
- 90) Marchesi de Frescobaldi, Mormoreto, Tuscany 2010 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$125**  
 Mormoreto appears an opaque, deep ruby red. A rich, complex nose boasts well-ripened wild berries, such as blackberry and raspberry, baker's cocoa powder and cocoa butter, roasted espresso bean, subtle notes of vanilla and cinnamon, and hints of clove, jasmine, and grey tea leaves. On the palate, it is smooth and well-rounded, echoing the aromas encountered on the nose but with a more pronounced influence of bitter chocolate, crisp raspberry, single-malt whisky, and vanilla tobacco.
- 91) Ugo Lequio, Gallina, Barbaresco, Piedmont 2010 (W.E. 93pts.)** **\$138**  
 Ugo Lequio flies below the radar but deserves the attention of Nebbiolo lovers thanks to his consistent quality. His Gallina shows delicious wild cherry, mint and balsamic notes layered with truffle and a touch of espresso.
- 92) G.D. Vajra, Barolo "Albe", Piedmont 2009 (W.S. 90pts.)** **\$140**  
 Lavender comes to mind when smelling this fragrant red, with flavors of cherry, raspberry, flowers and spice. Elegant despite the firm tannins, featuring a lingering aftertaste of tobacco and underbrush.
- 93) Antinori, Tignanello, Tuscany 2013 (J.S. 97pts.)** **\$145**  
 Intensely ruby red in color with purple highlights, the 2013 Tignanello shows an intense nose of ripe red fruit in addition to notes of vanilla, chocolate, and leather imparted from the oak. Spicy and balsamic sensations give additional complexity in the layers of aromatics. The wine is ample and enveloping on the palate with supple tannins and a savory freshness that fully respects the character and personality of the Sangiovese grape. The balance between acidity and tannins is excellent and the finish and aftertaste are of a lovely length and persistence. #8 *Wine Spectator* Top 100 of 2016.
- 94) Corte Aleardi, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto 2007 (W.E. 90pts.)** **\$155**  
 This Amarone has aromas of ripe black fruit and vanilla. The palate delivers plum and blackberry flavors layered with chocolate and oak. It's not overly complex, but the big fruit and spice flavors satisfy.
- 95) Chateau Giscours, Margaux, Bordeaux 2010 (W.E. 95pts.)** **\$190**  
 Aged in high quality oak barrels, the wine acquires its complexity over a period of months, subtly combining aromas of dark fruit and spices with the tannins in the wood, to reach a sublime balance. The complex blending procedure, an important stage in the production of this great wine, requires the most advanced skills of the cellar master and their team. Ultimately, all the traditional qualities of a great Margaux are assembled: the finesse of the tannins, purity, a gentle, refined elegance, and a great length on the palate.
- 96) Ceretto, Bernadot Barbaresco, Piedmont 2007 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$200**  
 An opulent, full-bodied wine, packed with soft tannins that are already nicely evolved and silky. Very concentrated and varied on the nose, with the classic signs of flowers and red fruit in the foreground. This is a wine that fully expresses Nebbiolo's character, with a structure destined to guarantee a lengthy cellar life in constant development.

- 97) Chateau Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac, Bordeaux 2012 (W.S. 93pts.)** **\$200**  
The blend of Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2012 is a majority Cabernet Sauvignon (76%) which offers a nice balanced structure and illustrates the potential of the vineyard. This wine has an enticing, dark and very intense, ruby colour. 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. This 2012 is once again a beautiful expression of the potential held by the terroir of Grand-Puy-Lacoste, this wine will be part of the great lineage of Grand-Puy-Lacoste vintages.
- 98) Ceretto, Brunate Barolo, Piedmont 2006 (R.P. 93pts.)** **\$215**  
The 2006 Barolo Brunate is pretty, harmonious and understated. Floral aromatics lead to spices and ripe red fruit in an enveloping, expansive style. The wine reveals gorgeous delineation and a complex, multi-dimensional personality, with a round, caressing finish. It is the most accessible of these 2006 Barolos. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2026.
- 99) Marchesi De Frescobaldi, Giramonte, Tuscany 2009 (J.S. 94pts.)** **\$227**  
Complex aromatic array impressions of ripe fruit predominate, with raspberry and sour cherry first to emerge, followed by blackberry and dried plum. The palate impresses with its seductive mouthfeel, velvety texture, and spacious warmth. The tannins, fine-grained, elegant, and already well integrated into the structure, contribute to these impressions, as does a lively, crisp acidity. Its lengthy, well-balanced finish is nicely laced with aromatic fruit.
- 100) Bodegas Vega Sicilia, Valbuena, Ribera del Duero, Spain 2011 (R.P. 94pts.)** **\$235**  
Valbuena is the pure expression of red wine at Vega Sicilia, with an ageing process, from the barrel to the bottle, which lasts five years and gives the wine its name: Valbuena 5°. Both new and used 225-litre barrels of French and American wood, and 20,000-litre vats. A long and complex process for a great wine. Flavors of black cherry, kirsch and orange peel mingle with anise, graphite and balsamic notes in this focused red. Firm, yet harmonious and energetic, in the traditional style.
- 101) Luciano Sandrone, Barolo Le Vigne, Piedmont 2006 (R.P. 96pts.)** **\$240**  
Sandrone's 2006 Barolo Le Vigne possesses awesome balance as intricately woven layers of aromas and flavors come together in the glass. The 2006 is an especially powerful Le Vigne boasting a solid core of floral, red fruits supported by firm yet elegant tannins. This, too, shows the considerable drive and focus that is the hallmark of the vintage. The wine's overall balance is impeccable.
- 102) Luciano Sandrone, Barolo Cannubi Boschis, Piedmont 2006 (W.A. 97pts)** **\$250**  
The tell-tale strawberries and intense red fruits of Cannubi are framed in an opulent nose. In the mouth, this has a tighter and richer structure, with loads of red and black fruits, balanced by velvet tannins and fresh acids – this is a wine to age and wait for. The finish seems to go on forever. A classically styled Cannubi that needs time that will amply reward the patient!
- 103) Castello Banfi, Poggio all'Oro Riserva, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany 2010 (J.S. 97pts.)** **\$268**  
Deep ruby red color, tending toward garnet. The bouquet shows black fruit and spice, with hints of tobacco, violet, and chocolate. On the palate the wine is full-bodied with a velvety mouthfeel and well structured with supple tannins and good acidity. Plum and cherry flavors give way to a long finish.

- 104) Antinori, Solaia, Tuscany 2006 (W.S. 97pts.)** **\$290**  
 Displays loads of mint, eucalyptus, currant and meat on the nose. Full-bodied, with masses of fruit, yet reserved and structured. Mouth puckering now from all the tannins, but this will give incredible pleasure in years to come. Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Cabernet Franc. Best after 2014. 6,250 cases made.
- 105) Tenuta San Guido, Bolgheri-Sassicaia, Sassicaia 2014 (W.E. 95pts.)** **\$385**  
 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.
- 106) Chateau Cos d'Estournel,, Saint-Estèphe 1986 (W.S. 93pts.)** **\$425**  
 Lovely dark, tight complex nose. This is a different style of wine, with wonderfully dark, spicy fruits, some sweetness and a delicious earthy, mineral edge. Quite beguiling. The palate is structured and full with lovely smooth tannins and nice, dark earthiness under the fruit. Complex, long and elegant.
- 107) Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, Tuscany 1997 (W.S. 95pts.)** **\$550**  
 Dark ruby red. Shows intense blackberry, currant, fresh herb and mineral character on the nose. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a long, caressing finish.

### ‘New World’ Reds

- 108) Trivento, Golden Reserve Malbec, Mendoza 2015 (J.S. 94pts.)** **\$40**  
 This is focused and very linear with bright dark berries and walnut shells as well as stone aromas that follow through to a full body and a tight and juicy finish.
- 109) Bodegas Y Vinedos O. Fournier, Bcrux, Uco Valley 2010** **\$43**  
 Mature, offering up a mix of dried red berry and blackberry, tobacco, leather and coffee bean notes on a medium- to full-bodied frame, as the mineral finish lingers on. Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec.
- 110) Rickety Bridge, Pinotage, Franschoek 2015** **\$45**  
 The Rickety Bridge Pinotage displays the whole class of this typical South African grape variety: luscious aromas of black and blue berries, paired with a hint of chocolate and spice. Simply delicious!
- 111) Duck Pond, Fries' Family Cellars, Pinot Noir, Oregon 2015** **\$45**  
 The 2015 Pinot Noir jumps out of the glass - with lively red fruits on the nose, and flavors of cherry, red fruits, spice, minerals. The finish is long with depth and richness characteristic of a great vintage.

- 112) Rickety Bridge, Shiraz, Franschoek 2014** **\$45**  
 Graciously aromatic with notes of red and black berry fruits, spice and white pepper. Elegance and structure on the palate with supple velvety tannins. Complex nose of juicy mulberry and bramble fruit that linger. Fresh juicy balanced acidity and very subtle oak with hints of clove.
- 113) La Follette, North Coast Pinot Noir, North Coast California 2013** **\$50**  
 A complex and beguiling bouquet of fresh strawberry, vanilla pod and wild mushroom. The smooth entry leads to delicate red fruit flavors framed by soft tannins and savory notes. Balanced by acidity on the late-palate, the long finish is punctuated by a subtle earthiness. Overall, a complete and palate-pleasing rendition of coastal Pinot Noir.
- 114) Tokara Director's Reserve Red, Stellenbosch 2013 (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$61**  
 A blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot and 5% Malbec, this is a tight, focused selection, with excellent precision to the black plum, blackberry, dried raspberry and cassis fruit core. Well-integrated accents of leather, cigar box and pine resin add depth and complexity. The medium-weight palate is structured yet elegant, with fine-grain, lingering tannins.
- 115) Landmark Overlook Pinot Noir, Sonoma County 2014** **\$62**  
 The 2013 Overlook Pinot Noir has a medium ruby core with intense aromas of raspberries, red cherry, with hints of cola and mahogany. This medium-bodied Pinot Noir exhibits bright acidity with flavors of red currant, orange zest and milk chocolate that is balanced with soft integrated tannins. 100% Pinot Noir sourced from vineyards in three counties: 64% Sonoma, 27% Monterey, 9% San Benito.
- 116) Pied a Terre, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County 2013** **\$65**  
 Intense, full-bodied and vibrant, displaying both robust flavor and fantastic acidity. The nose is full of eucalyptus, earth and red fruits – a combination of sour cherry and red licorice. Those flavors are also present on the palate and augmented by hints of caramel, moss and cooking spices. The wine is bold and full of flavor, with great length and persistence on the palate.
- 117) Capioux Cellars 'Chimera', Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast 2012** **\$73**  
 Bright cherry nose with scents of cola, flowers, bramble and spice. The palate is medium-plus with full, rich flavors. Tannins are ripe and moderate while the acidity, alcohol and finish are all medium-plus. Rich flavors of cherry, caramel, cola, bramble, cranberry sauce, spice and violets with touches of white pepper and bacon. Sweet, velvety across the mid palate and through the finish.
- 118) Lingua Franca AVNI Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2015** **\$80**  
 AVNI Pinot Noir reflects the complex flavor profile of Eola-Amity Hills fruit, born of rocky, volcanic soils on the hillside vineyards of the Willamette Valley. The wine is medium bodied but offers surprising depth and structure. Floral, smoky, mineral and red cherry, black plum fruit tones meld into a long silky finish.
- 119) Mullan Road Cellars, Bordeaux blend, Columbia Valley 2013 (W.E. 91pts.)** **\$82**  
 Principally Cabernet Sauvignon (57%) and Merlot (34%) along with dashes of Cabernet Franc and Malbec. A blend of Royal Slope and Seven Hills Vineyard fruit, it opens with aromas of black cherry, cigar box, green herbs, dried mint and potpourri. The herb and dark-fruit flavors are ripe and expressive, with the tannins combed to a fine sheen.

- 120) Finca Decero Remolinos, Amano, Agrelo, Argentina (R.P. 95pts.)** **\$83**  
 Violet aromas and rich red berry notes from the Malbec compliment the darker fruit flavors of the Cabernet, Petit Verdot and Tannat. 20 months in new French oak adds structural complexity to the blend. 2011 Decero Amano balances silky elegance with a concentrated core.
- 121) Torbreck, The Steading, Barossa Valley 2013 (R.P. 91pts.)** **\$89**  
 A Grenache, Mataro (Mourvèdre) and Shiraz blend, the medium garnet colored 2013 The Steading has a maturing nose of kirsch, baked raspberries and dried mulberries with an earth, garrigue and leather undercurrent plus a waft of spice box. The full-bodied palate is soft, velvety and open-knit with tons of seductive red berries preserves flavors leading to a long spicy finish.
- 122) Resonance, Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2014 (W.S. 91pts.)** **\$90**  
 Owned by Maison Louis Jadot, this wine showcases the absolute best of the Willamette Valley, and elegantly blends Louis Jadot's winemaking with the Willamette Valley's signature terroir. Deep and brilliant dark ruby color. On the nose, aromas of red fruits pair elegantly with a touch of spice and wood. Flavors such as cherries and currants stand out in the mouth and finish with soft tannins and a pleasant minerality.
- 123) World's End, If Six Was Nine, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2013 (R.P. 91pts.)** **\$91**  
 A blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Merlot aged 20% in new French oak and the rest in one- and two-year-old barrels. This wine has a nice, crème de cassis and black raspberry aromatics, medium to full-bodied flavors, good, ripe tannin, a nice textured mouthfeel, excellent purity, richness and length. This wine represents a good value among high-end Napa Cabernet Sauvignons.
- 124) Stags' Leap Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2014 (R.P. 90pts.)** **\$98**  
 The serious wines start with the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, which is 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and a cross-county blend. Deep, dense purple-colored, with notes of creosote, earth, forest floor and plenty of cassis fruit, this wine is rich, medium-bodied, and ideal for drinking over the next 10-15 years.
- 125) Belle Glos, Dairyman Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Russian River 2014** **\$99**  
 Bright crimson red in color. Aromas of black cherry and ripe plums combine with subtle notes of dried herbs and smoke. The palate entry shows flavors of cranberry, fresh raspberry, and ripe cherry, complemented by hints of vanilla and baking spice. A balance of savory, cedar and cocoa powder, and sweet, fig jam and ripe blackberry, round out the mouth-feel. The overall impression is one of ripe red and black berry fruit flavors, great structure, smooth tannins and a lingering fresh finish.
- 126) Tamber Bey, Sun Chase Vineyards Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast 2014** **\$105**  
 Delivers an initial burst of fruit—black currant, olallieberry, blackberry and poached plum—mixed with light floral notes, sweet tobacco and a mineral undertone. The mouth has bright, fruit-forward intensity of black cherry and blackberry seeds that is very soft and full. It develops into more earthy flavors combined with some seasoning spices and a long finish of tobacco leaf and light sweet oak.
- 127) Peirson Meyer, Bateman Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Sonoma 2012 (W.A. 92pts.)** **\$114**  
 Comes across as very Burgundian with a Côte de Nuits-like character. Its broodingly dark color is followed by notes of forest floor, saffras, earth, black cherries and Chinese black tea. Well-made and medium to full-bodied.

- 128) Tamber Bey, Deux Chevaux Vineyard, Rabicano, Napa Valley 2013 (W.A. 92pts.) \$120**  
 This wine is complex and reflects the blending of the four varietals (Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with the bolstering power of Petit Verdot and the aromatics of Cabernet Franc) very elegant and fragrant. The nose layers black licorice, flowers, crushed strawberry, beef bouillon, a hint of soy sauce, and cedar. The mouth is silky; a complete wine from beginning to end. Subtle blueberry and blackberry notes reveal a touch of cola, vanilla and minerality.
- 129) Silverado, SOLO Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley 2012 (W.E. 91pts.) \$150**  
 This is the winery's reserve-level 100% Cab, given the utmost care and attention. It opens shyly in cedar and blackberry before offering a luscious palate of tangy leather, dry, firm tannins and a peppery finish. From grapes designated as their own Heritage Clone, UCD 30, it beautifully expresses the appellation and should cellar well through 2020.
- 130) Rickety bridge, "The Bridge", Cabernet Sauvignon, Franschhoek 2014 \$155**  
 The nose is dominated by mint, dark cherry, eucalyptus, aromatic tobacco and hints of cloves. Cassis, red fruit and subtle chocolate are supported by the natural acidity giving the wine a linear elegant feel on the palate. Tremendous fullness, the massive supple structure which fills the entire mouth, voluptuous velvety tannins that make the tongue feel gracefully coated. Full-bodied yet refined. A long and enchanting finish leaves one wanting more.
- 131) O'Shaughnessy, Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2013 (R.P. 95pts.) \$176**  
 The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain is O'Shaughnessy's largest cuvée of wine, nearly 3,300 cases from her vineyard, with a final blend that is somewhat unusual - 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 5% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Carménère, and a rather obscure one, 3% St. Macaire. Dense purple in color, with notes of mulberry, blackberry, graphite and spring flowers, the wine has great fruit, a dense, full-bodied mouthfeel, and wonderfully sweet, well-integrated tannin. The acidity is sound, the purity impressive, and the wine long and reassuring.
- 132) Torbreck, The Descendant 2013 (W.S. 96pts.) \$190**  
 This is like biting into a perfect slice of warm blueberry or huckleberry pie, down to the buttery crust, with a hint of cinnamon and vanilla bean. The tannins are thick but velvety and polished, showing magnificent persistence. Shiraz and Viognier. Drink now through 2026.
- 133) Cakebread Cellars, Dancing Bear Ranch Red, Howell Mountain 2012 (R.P. 99pts.) \$260**  
 Characteristically dense, perfumed aromas of bright black cherry, blueberry and blackberry fruit, mixed with floral and forest-floor scents, introduce amazingly bright, vibrant and concentrated red and black cherry, plum, spice and dark chocolate flavors framed by round, ripe tannins. Beautifully balanced and structured for long-term aging, this intense, complex mountain cabernet is just beginning to unfold its many splendors and will age beautifully in bottle for at least a decade.
- 134) Williams Selyem, Westside road Neighbours Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley 2014 \$275**  
 Anise, wild herbs and Bing cherry come together on the nose, and elegantly transition into a smoky tea-like profile. The best coastal Pinot Noirs boast omnipresent tannins buffered by precise acidity; the Hirsch site defines this. The cherry and wild herb notes in the mouth give way to a long finish of mineral and black tea. Superb.

**135) Dominus Estate, Christian Moueix, Napa Valley 2011 (J.S. 93pts.)** **\$310**

The 2011 vintage displays fresh almond, wild strawberry and cassis. The wine has delicate notes of smooth caramel. Polished tannins, dark berries, cocoa and sage accompany a long elegant finish.

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, and 5% Cabernet Franc.

**136) Williams Selyem, Estate Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley 2013** **\$325**

The hillsides of Westside Road are special because of their red soils, which seem to impart a mineral elegance; the Williams Selyem Estate typifies this. Pure cherry notes intermix with blood orange, oyster shell and fennel seed, and meld seamlessly with the elegance of the French oak flavors imparted during barrel aging.

The very fine acidity highlights a precision that drives the length of the polished tannins.

**137) Peter Michael, Les Pavots, Knights Valley 2009 (W.A. 96pts.)** **\$350**

The 2009 Les Pavots is absolutely fabulous. Mocha, espresso, spices, plums and blackberries are just some of the many notes that jump from the glass in this seamless, striking wine. The 2009 boasts exceptional textural finesse and tremendous class. In 2009 Les Pavots includes 22% Cabernet Franc, one of the highest percentages ever. It all works beautifully. The 2009 is firing on all cylinders. All of the vineyards in Les Pavots are now over 20 years old. In 2009 the blend is 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot.

**138) Shafer, Hillside Select, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District 2006 (W.E. 96pts.)** **\$395**

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select is a stunningly rich effort displaying notes of licorice, cassis, camphor and subtle toast along with a full-bodied, powerful texture and richness. Very pure with surprisingly sweet tannins for a 2006, its long finish lasts over 40 seconds.

## Rare & exclusive Bordeaux

### **139) Chateau Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan, 1990 (R.P. 98pts.)**

**\$1300**

In terms of the brilliant complexity and nobility of the aromatics, scorched earth, black currants, plums, charcoal, cedar, and spices, the 1990 offers an aromatic explosion that is unparalleled. The 1990 put on weight after bottling, and is currently rich, full-bodied, opulent, even flamboyant by Haut Brion's standards. It is an incredible expression of a noble terroir in a top vintage. While it has been fully mature for a number of years, it does not reveal any bricking at the edge, and I suspect it will stay at this level for another 10-15 years ... but why wait? It is irresistible now.

### **140) Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan 1982 (R.P. 100pts.)**

**\$2125**

An extraordinary effort that gets better with each tasting, this dark, murky, garnet/purple-colored 1982 exhibits a fabulously complex nose of hot bricks, asphalt, black fruits, tar, roast beef, and truffles, colossal concentration, super-ripeness, an unctuous texture, and low acidity. While still exceptionally youthful, this wine is powerful, dense, large-scaled, and intense. It is evolving at a snail's pace, but should continue to improve for another 10-15 years, and last for another three decades. A candidate for perfection!

### **141) Chateau Cheval Blanc, Saint Emilion 1990 (R.P. 98pts.)**

**\$1900**

One of my favorite Cheval Blancs, it remains to be seen if the 1998, 2000, and 2008 will live up to this offering. It is the ripest wine of the aforementioned vintages, with a complex bouquet of tobacco leaf, Christmas fruitcake, sweet black fruits, bordering on fig and plum, but no hint of overripeness, and notions of new saddle leather, mint, and incense. The gorgeously expressive aromatics are followed by a full-bodied wine revealing abundant glycerin as well as elevated alcohol, but it is not hot, and nothing is out of place. Expansive, rich, and revealing the nuances and complexity that come from bottle age.

### **142) Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac 1982 (J.S. 100pts.)**

**\$2750**

What an amazing red. It's so very youthful with toasted oak, light vanilla, and dark berries such as currants and blueberries. Then it turns to mint. This is so fresh and intensely fruity. It lasts for minutes on your palate with each sip. It is so powerful yet elegant. It will improve for hundreds of years. I would still leave it in my cellar for five or ten years. If you need to drink it, decant it three to four hours in advance. (Tasted March 17, 2015)

### **143) Chateau Latour, Pauillac 1982 (W.C.I. 100pts.)**

**\$3750**

This is so good, the scale should be adjusted to allow for 101 Pts! This is everything a great Bordeaux needs to be with its majestic blend of silk, velvet and power. The exotic nose is compelling, with its cassis, blackberry, tobacco, earth, cigar box, cocoa, and dark chocolate nose. But the real action takes place on your palate. Layer after layer of perfectly ripe, sensuous, powerful fruit coats your palate and stays there, lingering and expanding for over 60 seconds. (Tasted Jun 5, 2015)

### **144) Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac 1982 (W.C.I. 97pts.)**

**\$5500**

Purity and elegance, refinement and character sum this up quite well. There is a beautiful purity of fruit, ripeness in the tannins and a long, fresh, silky, fruit filled finish that lets you know you're tasting something truly majestic. (Tasted Jan 14, 2016)

## Large format Rare & exclusive wines

**[3 liter] Caymus, Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 1994 (R.P. 95pts.) \$1500**

This hedonistic Cabernet Sauvignon's saturated purple color is accompanied by an exuberant, sweet, enveloping fragrance of smoky new oak, and jammy blackberry and cassis fruit. In the mouth, this lavishly wooded, black fruit-filled Cabernet is extremely full-bodied, with superb levels of fruit, glycerin, and extract. Like many 1994 Cabernet Sauvignons, it possesses extraordinary equilibrium, with the sweet tannin giving the wine considerable accessibility. The finish lasts for nearly 30 seconds.

**[5 liter] Diamond Creek, Gravelly Meadow Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 (W.S. 93pts.) \$2520**

Diamond creek Winery's second coolest micro-climate is the five-acre Gravelly Meadow vineyard. Originally a pre-historic river bed, this stony, gravelly soil drains rapidly and the vines struggle for moisture. Tightly focused, firm, tannic, rich and marked by sage, currant, black cherry, cedar and earth note. This builds into a mouthful of Cabernet.

**[5 liter] Chateau Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac 1983 (W.S. 92pts.) \$3360**

This wine has always been underrated. Shows wonderful aromas of chocolate, berry and earth. Full-bodied, with full, velvety tannins and a sweet berry finish.

**[1.5 liter] Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac 1990 (R.P. 96pts.) \$3500**

Darkly coloured, fine nose and of high complexity--berry fruit aroma, smoke, leather spices and a touch of oak. First impression is that this wine attacks frankly in the mouth but reveals to be elegant, very tight tannins, fine ripened fruits. Luxurious texture. A long aftertaste. Potential quality to develop in years--a very long keep.

**[6 liter] Chateau Cheval Blanc, Saint Emilion 1998 (J.S. 100pts.) \$9045**

This structured and powerful red is finally coming out its sleep. It shows intense aromas of dried fruits, mushrooms, forest floor and berries. It's full-bodied, very dense and velvety, and has an outstanding, ripe and richly fruity finish. A wine that harkens back to the legendary 1947 Cheval-Blanc.