

# WINE ENTHUSIAST

## TOP

# 100

# BEST

# BUYS

2023

Here are the year's top values from around the world, all rated 90-plus points.

**Wine Enthusiast** reviewers uncovered an amazing and wide array of high-scoring, lower-priced wine from around the world for this year's Best Buy report. How amazing? All of them scored 90 points or more in our blind tastings, and 18 of them scored 93 and above. How low-priced? All are \$20 and under and 32 of them are even more affordable at \$15 or less.

Whether it's sparkling wine for a big party, Sauvignon Blanc to keep chilled in the fridge for spur-of-the-moment enjoyment or a sophisticated red for a special dinner—you'll find it here.

We raised our price limit from \$15 to \$20 this year, recognizing marketplace realities and expecting that we'd be able to up the overall quality of the Best Buys. The strategy has worked, as you'll see in this list.

BY THE EDITORS OF WINE ENTHUSIAST

A quick look at the No. 1 wine shows the super-high quality-to-price ratio these wines achieve. This Best Buy is a widely available 93-point, \$15 Syrah from California's J. Lohr winery, about which reviewer Matt Kettmann says, "This is a very satisfying Syrah for a rather stunning price."

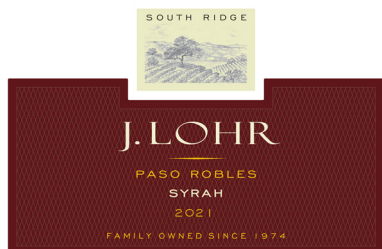
In pouring over more than 3,500 Best Buys identified in the past 12 months, we were especially excited to find so many outstanding rosés, a Lambrusco and terrific wines from Spain and Portugal. Sauvignon Blanc is the most heavily represented varietal, coming from New Zealand, California, Washington and Chile.

Use this report while shopping and you're sure to snag excellent wines for any occasion. You will often pay \$10–\$20 less per bottle than you would for wines of comparable quality that didn't make the list.

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#1



**J. Lohr 2021 South Ridge Syrah (Paso Robles).**  
— 93, M.K.

This is a very satisfying Syrah for a rather stunning price. Lush and generous aromas of baked berry, hot spice cake and a touch of crushed rock show on the nose. The palate is brooding in cassis, boysenberry pudding and baking spice flavors, framed by impressively deep tannins.

abv: 14% Price: \$15

#2

**Famille Perrin 2021 Réserve Rhône-style White Blend (Côtes du Rhône).**  
— 92, A.C.C.

Fragrance of pomelo, fresh Meyer lemon, yuzu, yellow peaches, white mushroom and peppercorn come together for an elegant, yet bright nose. A saline palate with yellow apples, Bosc pears, white mushrooms and fresh vanilla is carried to a round mouthfeel, with a lengthy and enjoyable finish. Vineyard Brands.

abv: 13% Price: \$14

#3

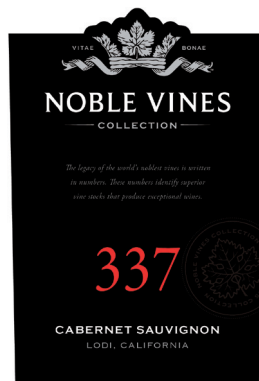


**Planeta 2020 La Segreta Red Blend (Sicilia).**  
— 91, D.C.

The nose of this wine alternates among smoky, spicy and sweet with red pepper, grilled meat, hibiscus and strawberries. Red berries on the palate enjoy the contrast of more pepper and ripe tomatoes. Tightly coiled tannins and vibrant acid keep tension high. Taub Family Selections.

abv: 13% Price: \$17

#4



**Noble Vines 2020 337 Cabernet Sauvignon (Lodi).**  
— 92, S.B.

This wine is currently showing oak-forward notes of fresh cedar, vanilla and toasted wood. This is followed by earthy tones of capsicum, black currant, bramble, fresh black cherry and boysenberry. Elevated acidity keeps the wine alive from start to finish; chalky tannins coat the palate. The finish lingers with a little peppery kick.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$12

#5

**Podere Giardino 2020 Suoli Cataldi Sparkling Blend (Lambrusco dell'Emilia).**  
— 95, J.P.

The Crotti family organically farms a little over 123 acres with only 12 acres devoted to vines. Their dedication to their craft shines in this stunning Lambrusco. Aromas of sour red cherries, fresh cola nut, savory spices and dried flowers waft from the glass. The core of the palate is a mix of sour plums and wildflowers with a touch of hoisin sauce on the finish. This is a serious and equally fun wine at the same time, but know that it shines best with some prosciutto, cheese or other savory snacks.

Bowler Wine.  
abv: 11.5% Price: \$13

#6

**González Byass NV Tio Pepe Fino en Rama Palomino (Jerez).**  
— 94, M.D.

This deep straw-colored wine has aromas of dried apricot, roast almond and rising pizza dough. Flavors of almond, hazelnut and pineapple with a touch of salinity fill the mouth and then evaporate into a bright and slightly salty finish. Gonzalez Byass USA.

abv: 15% Price: \$18/375 ml

#7

**NSO By Dusty Nabor 2021 Syrah (Sta. Rita Hills).**  
— 95, M.K.

Though this is Dusty Nabor's second label, it's often some of his most exciting wine on release. This bottling is fat and juicy on the nose with cherry, berry, lilac and lavender aromas spiced up by cracked pepper. Boysenberry comes through on the sip, where dank herb and lavender notes ride a ripping acidity into a toasty finish.

abv: 14% Price: \$20

#8

**Vietti 2020 Tre Vigne Barbera (Barbera d'Asti).**  
— 93, J.P.

Vietti continues to achieve year in and year out. The 2020 "Tre Vigne" Barbera continues that streak with a wine that begins with all bass notes. Deep and dark aromas of black cherry, roasted plums, candied violets and sweet spices. The wine is juicy and lush on the palate with gobs of blackberries and a touch of dried lavender and savory spice. The wine finishes with a brightness needed to keep the wine fresh. Dalla Terra Winery Direct.

abv: 15% Price: \$19

#9

**Ponzi 2021 Pinot Gris (Willamette Valley).**  
— 91, M.A.

With enough acidity to give a small town goosebumps, the Ponzi Pinot Gris first offers aromas of ripe Bosc pear and chalk. The Granny Smith apple, lemon and fresh basil flavors are fresh and invigorating. This wine is a fantastic idea for fresh goat cheese smeared on bruschetta.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$20

#10



**Barton & Guestier 2021 Bistro Chardonnay (Vin de France).**

— 92, J.T.

White rose petals and ripe citrus fruit open this elegant medium-bodied white wine. Flavors of juicy Bosc pear and peaches meet white tea and dried herbs on the palate, where medium tannins and acidity create a nicely balanced and complex wine. BGPL USA.

abv: 13%

Price: \$14

#11

**Michele Chiarlo 2020 Le Orme Barbera (Barbera d'Asti).**

— 94, J.P.

This is a CLASSIC Barbera. Vibrant and bright aromas of wild berries, fresh herbs and purple flowers all showcase the beauty of this wine. The palate shows high-toned red cherries and raspberries framed by elegant and fine tannins with that perfect pop of acidity on the finish.

Kobrand.

abv: 14%

Price: \$18

#12



**Vinos del Atlantico 2021 Zestos Malvar Old Vines Malvar (Vinos de Madrid).**

— 93, M.D.

This light straw-colored wine made from a grape native to the region near Madrid has aromas of apricot, orange blossom and flint. It has a viscous texture and beautiful flavors of man-

go, pineapple and passion fruit with an almost chalky minerality and notes of saline and Turkish delight in the finish. Olé & Obrigado.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$13

#13

**Lini 910 NV Labrusca Bianco Lambrusco Salamino (Lambrusco dell'Emilia).**

— 93, J.P.

Enticing aromas of Bosc pear, chamomile, singed orange rind and lemon oil waft from the glass. It's vibrant and crisp on the palate with tart nectarine, pressed yellow flowers, gentian and bitter almond on the finish. Winebow Imports.

abv: 11%

Price: \$18

#14



**Bogle 2020 Old Vine Zinfandel (California).**

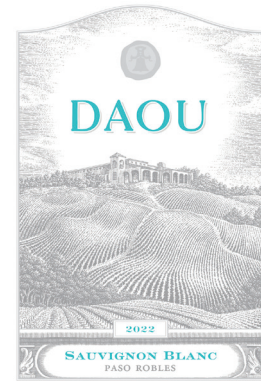
— 90, S.B.

This California Zin does not disappoint. An elevated acidity gives the wine energy, uplifting the fresh fruit notes of blackberry, black cherry and boysenberry. Well-integrated oak means a subtle dusting of nutmeg, star anise and clove. Tannins are a resolved, chalky texture, adding structural integrity and never distracting.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$11

#15



**Daou 2022 Sauvignon Blanc (Paso Robles).**

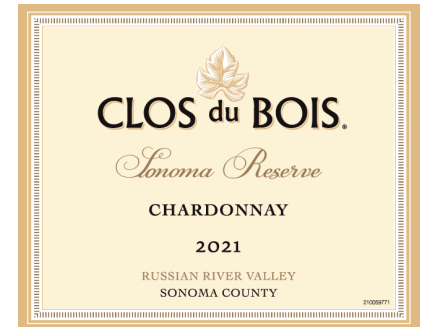
— 92, M.K.

This is a complete package of a Sauvignon Blanc. Aromas of snappy lime, apple flesh and rainy cement click the variety's main boxes, while the palate is firmly structured, presenting flavors of lime, ash and tropical grasses.

abv: 13.7%

Price: \$17

#16



**Clos du Bois 2021 Sonoma Reserve Chardonnay (Russian River Valley).**

— 90, J.G.

Accents of flint and white pepper play off the tasty lemon, vanilla and green apple flavors of this medium-bodied, well-balanced wine. It's reminiscent of a good Mâcon-Villages.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$18

#17

**Joseph Cattin 2021 Orange Pinot Gris (Alsace).**

— 94, L.S.

This pale coppery pour gives off gentle aromas of grass and apricot, like an ode to summer. It's all stone fruit on the palate, too. Plush in texture and ripe with juicy notes, the wine is reined in by zippy acidity and an earthy charac-

teristic like white button mushrooms. The finish is long, with restrained stone fruit flavors, and you'll want to spend some time with it. Grape Expectations (CA).

abv: 13% Price: \$20

## #18

**Gérard Bertrand 2020 Héritage Kosmos 888 Rhône-style Red Blend (Languedoc).**

— 92, J.T.

Intense aromas of wild boysenberry, raspberry, dark plum and spice make for an intense nose on this blend. The palate is juicy, offering notes of jammy blackberry, strawberry, marjoram and spice on the finish. USA Wine West.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$19

## #19

**Long Shadows 2021 Poet's Leap Riesling (Columbia Valley (WA)).**

— 94, M.A.

How do I love thee? Let me sip the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height of your aromas and flavors of spicy baked pear, passion fruit, chilled Golden Delicious apple slices and ginger. Your acidity adds a glow to my palate, after which a trace of petrol drives me home.

abv: 12.5% Price: \$20

## #20

**Domaine Gassier 2019 Rhône-style Red Blend (Côtes du Rhône).**

— 93, A.C.C.

The nose of this wine reveals richness with deep dark plums, blackberries and wild thyme balanced by earthy topsoil. The wine exudes the essence of a freshly picked basket of fruit, demonstrating its purity. On the palate, herbaceous notes lead, followed by a burst of fresh cherry fruit, lightly framed by olive and green peppercorn. The tannins coat the front of the mouth as the acidity resets the palate. W. Direct.

abv: 16% Price: \$18

## #21

**Château d'Aqueria 2022 Rosé (Tavel).**

— 93, A.C.C.

Enjoy a beautiful dance on the palate between summer fruits and savory flavors with this Tavel. Wild strawberries, fresh watermelon and freshly picked cherries beautifully intertwine with pink peppercorn, wild herbs and pulver-

ized stone. Enjoy now with grilled vegetables or chicken kabobs. Kobrand.

abv: 14% Price: \$20

## #22

**Photograph 2021 Sauvignon Blanc (North Coast).**

— 92, S.B.

This wine opens with beautiful floral notes of lilacs and lily of the valley along with vivacious fresh fruits of lemon, lime, yellow apple, just-ripe white nectarine and peach skins. The palate opens to further sensations of grapefruit pith and oil, papaya and a blanched almond kind of nuttiness. While light and easygoing as a Sauvignon Blanc should be, this expression shows marked depth and complexity.

abv: 13% Price: \$13

## #23

**Allan Hancock 2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County).**

— 93, M.K.

Made by students at the namesake college, this rosé is one of the best of the Central Coast vintage. Soft and delicate aromas of strawberry, rose petal and lemon peel show on the nose. The palate is chalky in texture and energetic in acidity, with snappy flavors of pink fruit and flowers. It's easy to quaff but engagingly complex.

abv: 11.1% Price: \$15

## #24



**Cana's Feast 2022 Vaso Bianco White Blend (Willamette Valley).**

— 92, M.A.

This worthy homage to Italian whites is made of mostly Pinot Gris, with Chardonnay, Traminer and Moscato bringing up the rear. Mirabelle plum and green tea aromas are a great match with notes of honey and lemon. A sour green apple flavor mixes with Sauternes-like flourishes of spearmint and butterscotch, gliding on a creamy texture.

abv: 13.1% Price: \$18

## #25

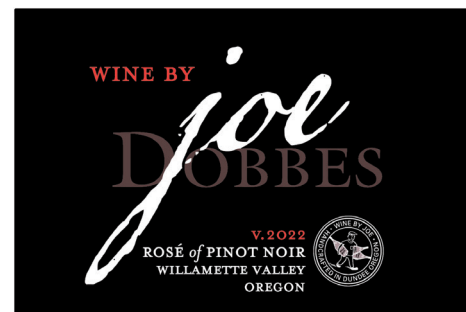
**Castoro Cellars 2022 Rosé (Paso Robles).**

— 92, M.K.

Soft and delicate aromas of strawberry and mandarin peel lure the nose deeply into this well-priced bottling. The palate shows a chalky grip and brisk acidity, giving great texture to the pink-fleshed fruit flavors.

abv: 13% Price: \$17

## #26



**Wine by Joe 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Oregon).**

— 91, M.A.

This pink wine's aromatics form a pretty perfume of tart red raspberries and a hint of guava and lemon peel. There's a hint of sweetness on the palate with flavors of strawberries, red cherries and chrysanthemum tea, with a slice of brisk lemony acidity.

abv: 12.8% Price: \$14

## #27

**Cepa 21 2021 Hito Tempranillo (Ribera del Duero).**

— 93, M.D.

This deep ruby-colored wine has a nose of raspberry jam, cocoa butter, and herbs de Provence. It is bright at first sip, with raspberry, red currant, toffee, milk chocolate, and aniseed flavors. Vivid acidity and luxurious tannins stroll hand in hand to a satisfying finish. USA Wine West.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$19

#28

**Giovanna Tantini 2022 Il Rosé Rosé (Bardolino Chiaretto).**

— 93, J.P.

This rosé is fun yet serious. It opens with crunch and vibrant tart cherries and pomegranate notes with subtle herbal hints in the background. The palate is light and lifted yet complex with a salty and peppery finish. Ethica Wines.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

#29

**Provam 2021 Portal do Fidalgo Alvarinho (Vinho Verde).**

— 91, R.V.

Ripe and intense, this pure Alvarinho fills the mouth with a mix of citrus and green-apple flavors. It needs to age a bit more to get the real, creamy Alvarinho character. Drink from 2023.

Dionysos Imports Inc.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$15

#30

**Dowsett Family 2022 Georgia Rose Becklin Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé (Oregon).**

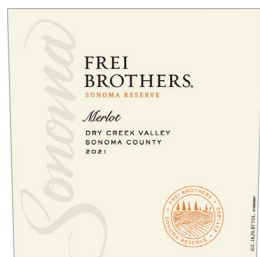
— 94, M.A.

This ethereal, light-bodied rosé represents a stunning value. Aromatically, it is a mélange of strawberries, watermelon, dried rose petals and bubblegum powder. A strawberry and spearmint flavor combination is elevated by invigorating acidity.

abv: 13.4%

Price: \$17

#31



**Frei Brothers 2021 Sonoma Reserve Merlot (Dry Creek Valley).**

— 93, J.G.

This deep and flavorful wine made from organic grapes has a light touch on the palate, offering lots of blackberries, blueberries, wood char and dark chocolate while staying elegant and smooth in texture.

abv: 14.2%

Price: \$17

#32

**Blue Canyon 2021 Pinot Noir (Monterey). — 92, M.K.**

This is a very satisfying and dynamic wine for a fair price. Aromas of wild cherry, damp sagebrush, crumpled bay and rose hips lead from the nose into an earthy, acid-flushed palate of crisp cran-raspberry, orange rind and game.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$17

#33

**Les Vignes de Bila-Haut by Michel Chapoutier 2019 Rhône-style Red Blend (Côtes du Roussillon Villages).**

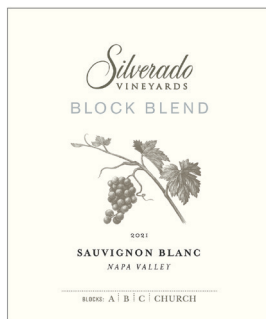
— 92, J.T.

This blend is satisfyingly rich and elegant. Bold aromas of candied red fruit and red flowers on the nose lead into a palate that is full of cassis, rhubarb and cola flavors, yet with a firm structure and long finish. Sera Wine Imports.

abv: 15%

Price: \$15

#34



**Silverado 2021 Block Blend Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley).**

— 92, J.G.

This elegant, stylishly oaky wine shows minerals, ginger and sea salt on the nose and generous citrus on the palate, braced by tangy acidity for great balance. Subtle herb accents show through in the flavors and finish. Best through 2028.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$20

#35

**Jax 2022 Y3 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast).**

— 91, J.G.

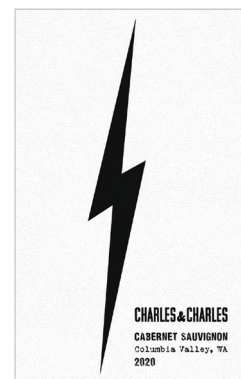
This serious, dry, lower-alcohol rosé will be ideal during lunch or dinner to pair with a lamb burger or salmon. It has great acidity, maybe

a touch of grippy tannin and hearty plum and raspberry flavors.

abv: 11%

Price: \$20

#36



**Charles & Charles 2020 Bolt Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley (WA)).**

— 92, M.A.

The Bolt is made predominantly with fruit from own-rooted vines growing at approximately 1,200 feet above sea level in the Goose Mountain block of Goose Ridge Ranch. It is graceful and balanced, with juicy acidity, sturdy tannic structure and restrained alcohol. With its aromas and flavors of Bing cherries, salted black licorice, orange blossoms, freshly cut grass and a savory note of pan-seared steak with fresh rosemary, this is a stunning value.

abv: 13.8%

Price: \$15

#37

**Babich 2022 Black Label Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**

— 92, C.P.

Waxy lime, grapefruit, grass and crisp green bell pepper open this balanced, food-friendly Sauvignon. It even feels a little floral. On the palate, a citrusy zing lends brightness to the waxy textural richness. There's a long, limy finish. Easy to sip both on its own or with a meal.

MHW, Ltd.

abv: 13%

Price: \$15

#38

**Saracco 2022 Moscato (Moscato d'Asti).**

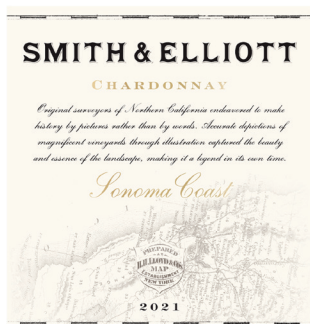
— 93, J.P.

This Moscato d'Asti is vibrant and electric on the nose, with freshly cut peach, candied lemon zest, fresh mint and wildflowers all swirling out of the glass. It's sweet but not cloying and has loads of stone fruits on the palate. The balance of this wine is masterful with zippy acidity



that keeps the wine lively at all times and each glass as refreshing as the first. WinesU.  
**abv:** 6% **Price:** \$19

#39



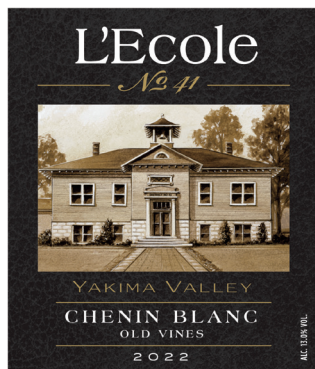
**Smith & Elliott 2021 Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast).**

— 92, J.G.

Rich in flavor, this medium-bodied wine layers toast, marzipan, pineapple and honey flavors in a warm, soft texture that clings to the palate and leaves a lingering, toast-and-butter finish. Very ripe and viscous, it's a dessert in a bottle.

**abv:** 13.8% **Price:** \$17

#40



**L'Ecole No. 41 2022 Old Vines Chenin Blanc (Yakima Valley).**

— 92, M.A.

This a true Washington wine classic that is also a spectacular value. Gravenstein apple and lemon verbena aromas swirl about your head as notes of river stones and white pepper try to sneak up on you. There's some body here, with a rich texture and flavors like grilled lemons, Bosc pears and a lemon granita.

**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$19

#41



**Mezzacorona 2021 Pinot Nero (Trentino).**  
 — 92, J.P.

At first, this wine is a touch shy, but with a little time in the glass it shows just how Pinot Noir from Northern Italy can shine. Bing cherry meets cranberry with alpine herbs and just a kiss of sweet spice defining the core of the aromatics. Earthy notes and hints of black tea mingle with strawberry and clove on the palate followed by fine tannins and the expected spark of acidity from a mountain wine. Prestige Wine Imports.

**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$17

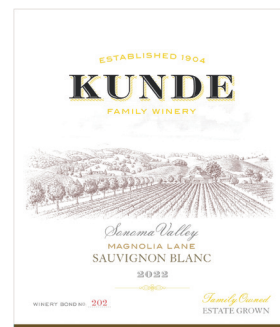
#42

**Elena Walch 2022 Pinot Grigio (Alto Adige).**  
 — 90, J.P.

Roasted lemon peel, green apple and white flower aromas dance in the glass on this mountain Pinot Grigio. The palate is bright with crisp acidity and focused flavors of tart nectarine and lemon finishing with subtle hints of almond and river stones. USA Wine West.

**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$18

#43



**Kunde 2022 Magnolia Lane Estate Sauvignon Blanc (Sonoma Valley).**  
 — 90, J.G.

Loaded with citrus, pineapple and green-apple flavors, this lively and refreshing wine grown on the winery's own property will please a crowd. Good acidity matches ample ripeness for excellent balance and refreshment qualities.

**abv:** 14.1% **Price:** \$20

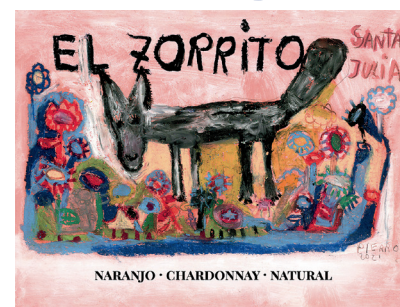
#44

**Madroña 2019 Lake Tahoe Zinfandel (El Dorado).**  
 — 90, S.B.

This light and lively Zinfandel incorporates fresh, bright red- and black-fruit aromas and flavors along with a lovely integration of floral notes and subtle oak tones. Earthiness adds depth and complexity. Rich, mouthcoating tannins will smooth with time, but this wine is absolutely enjoyable right now.

**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$14

#45



**Santa Julia 2021 El Zorrillo Natural Skin Ferment Chardonnay (Mendoza).**  
 — 90, J.V.

This unfiltered and flavorful wine opens with aromas of lemon peel, yellow grapefruit and grass. The palate has weight and delivers bright grapefruit, lemon and apple. It has a per-

sistent citrus finish and lively acidity. It's the perfect pour for summer days. Winesellers, Ltd.  
**abv:** NA **Price:** \$19

## #46

**Gaia Wines 2020 Notios White Blend (Peloponnese).**

— 92, E.S.

This bright, easy-drinking wine features a blend of three white wine grapes indigenous to Greece: high-altitude Roditis Alepou, Moschofilero from Arcadia, and Santorini Assyrtiko. There are clementine, melon and lemon notes on the nose, and a lovely, tartly balanced palate. The long finish will leave you craving your next sip. Winebow Imports.

**abv:** 12% **Price:** \$17

## #47

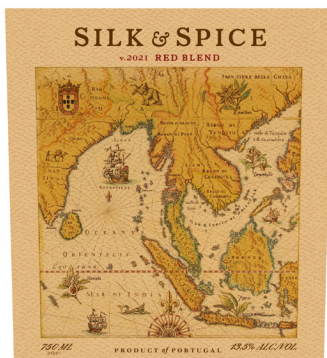
**Marchesi di Barolo 2021 Maraia Barbera (Barbera del Monferrato).**

— 90, J.P.

Maraia translates from the Piedmontese dialect to “little rascals” and this wine plays right into that moniker. Vibrant and playful aromas of sour cherry and raspberry dance with fresh flowers and wild herbs. The palate is zippy and pops with red currants and pomegranate that give way to savory flavors before finishing with crisp acidity. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd.

**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$19

## #48



**Sogrape 2021 Silk & Spice Portuguese Red (Portuguese Table Wine).**

— 91, R.V.

This rich, black-fruited wine has solid tannins, balanced by a dense texture. The wine is still a little young. As its texture softens, this will be a smooth wine. Drink from 2024. Evaton, Inc.

**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$14

## #49

**Kilikanoon 2021 Mort's Block Watervale Riesling (Clare Valley).**

— 92, C.P.

Quite young and reductive at the moment, with some CO<sub>2</sub> and a flinty pungency to start, there's bright citrus fruit waiting to shine just beneath the surface. Waxy lemon-lime, fresh honeycomb and a bit of ginger spice march from nose to palate with a persistent line of crisp acidity and textural interest. Dry, bracing and balanced, with length and ageability. Drink now–2028. Old Bridge Cellars.

**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$20

## #50

**Robert Oatley 2022 Signature Series Chardonnay (Margaret River).**

— 92, C.P.

Peach, pineapple and buttered toast are at the fore here, with a salted cream underbelly. At first sip, a big lift of tangy acidity slices through the textural richness. Less about the fruit and more about the toasty, leesy characters, this is a fairly rich Chard that's for drinking now but could gain more complexity over the next several years. It's a bargain to boot. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits.

**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$18

## #51

**Domaine Costa Lazaridi 2020 Amethystos Blanc White Blend (Drama).**

— 90, E.S.

A blend of Assyrtiko and Sauvignon Blanc, this white wine leads with lemon and peach aromas, plus a whiff of tropical pineapple. The light body has pleasant viscosity reminiscent of the oils you get from a lemon rind, and is followed by a long, tart finish. A perfect white wine for aperitif hour, with enough body to stand up to hearty vegetables, seafood and other light proteins. Nestor Imports.

**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$20

## #52

**Valley of the Moon 2021 Pinot Noir (Sonoma County).**

— 92, J.G.

Well-concentrated fruit flavors form the core of this moderately tannic, full-bodied wine. Deep black cherries and black currants are hand-somely accented by cedar and cinnamon from oak aging.

**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$18

## #53

**Bailly-Lapierre 2020 Égarade Brut Sparkling Blend (Crémant de Bourgogne).**

— 92, A.C.C.

Aromas of apricot, lime skin, fresh Gala apples, and white flowers invite into a round palate with greater sweetness. Highly floral and citrusy notes are complemented by light stones and white pepper. Overall, the wine is pleasant and refreshing. Regal Wine Imports Inc.

**abv:** 12% **Price:** \$20

## #54

**Yalumba 2020 Samuel's Collection-Bush Vine Grenache (Barossa).**

— 92, C.P.

Dried herbs, white pepper, crushed flowers and freshly poured tarmac mingle with fresh plum and red-berry fruit on this aromatic, affordable Grenache. The grip of chewy tannins in the mouth is almost surprising. Crisp acidity lifts the primary fruit and spice flavors. Structured enough to pair with a pork roast, but light and approachable enough to drink on its own. A top example of how far this variety has come Down Under. Winebow Imports.

**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$20

## #55

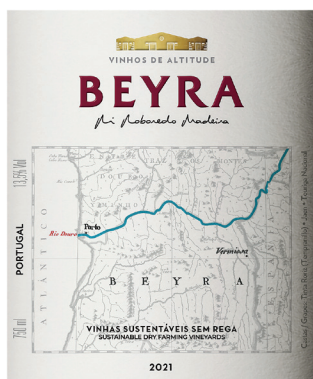
**Pazo Cilleiro 2021 Albariño (Rías Baixas).**

— 92, M.D.

Medium yellow in the glass, this wine has a nose of lemon curd, green pear and white chocolate. It is full in the mouth, offering flavors of Valencia orange, nectarine and mango with touches of cocoa butter and honeysuckle. There is a nice note of orange zest on the finish. Quintessential.

**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$20

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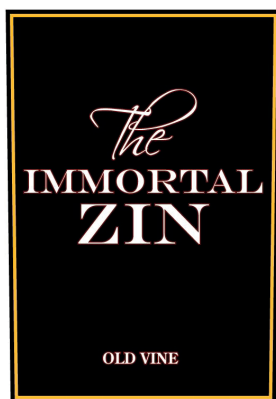


**Rui Robredo Madeira 2021 Beyra Portuguese Red (Beira Interior).**  
— 91, R.V.

From vineyards in the eastern mountains of Portugal, this wine is balanced, structured and with a fine texture. Black-currant flavors shine, bringing out acidity and balancing the wine's tannins. The wine will soften. Drink from 2024. MS Walker.

abv: 14% Price: \$13

#57



**Peirano 2021 The Immortal Zin Old Vine Zinfandel (Lodi).**  
— 91, S.B.

A bit shy on the nose, this Zin really comes to life on the palate, incorporating rich ripe fruits with complementary soft, plush tannins and an excellent line of acidity that provides a refreshing backbone. Enjoy notes of blackberry, blueberry, boysenberry, violets and roses, fennel fronds and dried forest floor.

abv: 15.5% Price: \$15

#58

**Pico Maccario 2022 Lavignone Rosato (Piemonte).**  
— 91, J.P.

This 100% Barbera rosato is fresh, vibrant and lifted with aromas that leap out of the glass: wild strawberry, cherry and cranberry. The palate is crunchy with classic Barbera acidity ending with a floral and slight mineral note. Winebow Imports.

abv: 12.5% Price: \$20

#59

**Te Awanga 2022 Wildsong Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**  
— 90, C.P.

Bombastic passion fruit, lime, pineapple, grass and honeysuckle aromas are followed by a slippery-textured palate that's limy with zippy acidity and a long finish. Packs a punch and makes for tasty summer sipping. LeVecke.

abv: 12.5% Price: \$16

#60



**A to Z 2022 Oregon Pinot Gris (Oregon).**  
— 90, M.A.

Golden Delicious apple and Bosc pear aromas let you know refreshment has arrived. This wine has a bit of body to accompany a crisp texture and slightly elevated acidity. Pear, apple butter and lemon flavors are all you need for fun.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$17

#61

**Thistledown 2021 Gorgeous Grenache (South Australia).**  
— 90, C.P.

Juicy fruit bursts from the glass of this crowd-pleaser. Floral and spice notes follow through to the satiny, light- to medium-weight palate. There's a touch of alcohol heat, but the suc-

culent fruit and sandy tannins are stars of the show. An excellent intro to modern South Aussie Grenache. Southern Starz, Inc.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$18

#62



**Côte Mas 2022 Sud de France Sauvignon-Vermentino Sauvignon Blanc-Vermentino (Pays d'Oc).**  
— 91, J.T.

Inviting aromas of citrus fruit and juicy melon open this bottle of wine. Easy-drinking, the palate is crisp with soft flavors of honeydew melon, green apple, peaches, lemon and ample minerality. Taub Family Selections.

abv: 12.5% Price: \$13/L

#63

**Kanonkop 2020 Kadette Pinotage (Stellenbosch).**  
— 90, J.V.

Light notes of eucalyptus and oak spice mingle on the nose and reappear on the fresh palate. Nicely balanced by good acidity and concentrated fruit flavors, this Pinotage is smooth and finishes with notes of tobacco. Cape Classics.

abv: 14% Price: \$20

#64

**Douloufakis 2021 Dafnios Vidiano (Crete).**  
— 91, E.S.

From an esteemed Cretan winery comes this lemon-colored Vidiano, an ancient, near-extinct indigenous grape revitalized by historically minded producers like Douloufakis. It has bold lychee and cantaloupe aromas, followed by citrus and floral notes on the medium-bodied palate. Aged entirely in stainless steel, this food-friendly wine has a crisp, acidic finish. Diamond Importers Inc.

abv: 13.5% Price: \$17



# #65

**Concha y Toro 2021 Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Colchagua Valley).**

— 90, J.V.

This wine shows tension and a good amount of fruit flavors. Additional notes of cigar box complement the palate. It's a well-structured and approachable Cabernet Sauvignon. Viña Concha y Toro USA.

abv: 14%

Price: \$18

# #66

**Giesen 2022 Uncharted Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**

— 91, C.P.

There's a bombastic grassy, bell pepper pungency at first sniff. Behind that, white grapefruit, lime and passion fruit. The palate comes with a lifted line of mouthwatering acidity and a chalky texture. Food-friendly but easy on its own as well. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

# #67



**Aveleda 2021 Solos de Xisto Alvarinho (Minho).**

— 91, R.V.

Steeply mineral, the wine is concentrated and textured. From schist soil, the wine has spice as well as a creamy edge. Young acidity and vibrant fruits need to soften. Drink from 2024. Aveleda Inc.

abv: 12%

Price: \$20

# #68

**Cave Spring 2020 Estate Riesling (Beamsville Bench).**

— 91, M.A.

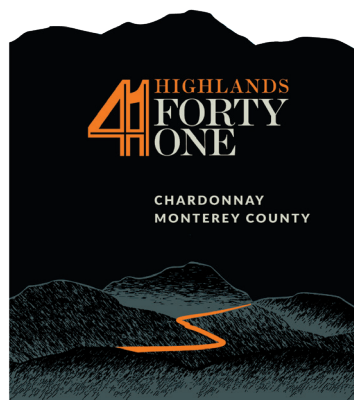
Green apple and Asian pear aromas are joined by ginger, honey and a nice splash of petrol.

The palate is more to the citrus, with flavors of lemon, lime, juniper berries, lemon basil, honeycomb and tonic water. A lithe, elegant mouthfeel with elevated acidity. Very refreshing. HB Wine Merchants.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

# #69



**Highlands 41 2020 Chardonnay (Monterey County).**

— 90, M.K.

This fairly priced Chardonnay begins with showy aromas of ripe pear flesh and white flowers.

There's a pleasing zip to the sip, where seared apple, toasty oak and chalk flavors align.

abv: 13.1%

Price: \$15

# #70



**Bodega Garzón 2020 Reserva Cabernet Franc (Maldonado).**

— 91, J.V.

A generous nose, offering meaty blackberry and cherry aromas with a light note of black olive. Firm tannins and an herbal character. Red fruit flavors blend with green bell pepper and mint on the palate. It finishes with pleasant cocoa notes. Pacific Highway Wines & Spirits.

abv: 14%

Price: \$20

# #71



**Salentein 2021 Reserve Chardonnay (Uco Valley).**

— 91, J.V.

White grapefruit, green apple and lime perfume the nose. A medium-in-weight palate offers notes of honey and lime joined by subtle peach, apple and herbaceous flavors. Coming from one of the highest altitude vineyards in Uco Valley, San Pablo, it has vigorous acidity, mineral character and a long finish with subtle oak spices. Palm Bay International.

abv: 13%

Price: \$20

# #72



**Tommasi 2020 Masseria Surani Primitivo (Primitivo di Manduria).**

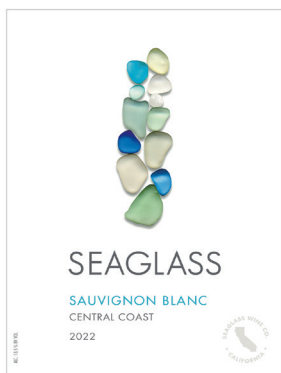
— 91, D.C.

Raspberry coulis and fresh soil with grass popping through on the nose turns to an almost cake-like raspberry and dark chocolate palate that nonetheless maintains the freshness of the nose with more soil and grass on the back, unchallenged by relaxed tannins and low acidity. Vintus LLC.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$20

#73



**SeaGlass 2022 Sauvignon Blanc (Central Coast).**

— 91, M.K.

Another stellar bottling from this bigger brand, this wine kicks off with tightly wound pomelo pith, white flower and citrus flesh aromas. The palate's texture is grippy, framing lychee and pear flavors.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

#74



**Michael David 2022 Sauvignon Blanc (Lodi).**

— 90, S.B.

A vivacious and bodacious Sauvignon Blanc with 1% Sémillon included that adds just enough weight and complexity. Engaging aromas waft immediately from the glass—apple blossom, Granny Smith apple, white peach and nectarine. The palate opens further to notes of white grapefruit, kiwi and star fruit, cut grass and just a hint of capsicum. Lively, fun, engaging.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

#75

**Castello Monaci 2021 Pilùna Primitivo (Salento).**

— 90, D.C.

Aromas of strawberries and dried cranberries make for an unusual, pleasantly bright nose on this Primitivo. The palate is similarly fresh and crunchy with tannic red fruit, further animated by acid. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$14

#76



**Juggernaut Wines 2021 Juggernaut Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast).**

— 92, J.G.

Well-balanced between fresh fruits and light oak spices, this medium-bodied wine is not nearly as aggressive as its label image of a shark suggests. Moderate acidity bolsters its fresh golden apple and Bartlett pear flavors with delicate buttery accents. It will be especially versatile with food.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$20

#77

**Vignerons de L'Enclave 2021 La Resistance Organic Rhône-style White Blend (Côtes du Rhône).**

— 90, A.C.C.

The perfume of sweet Meyer lemons, honey-suckle, white peaches, apricots and a fresh breeze linger, engaging a palate of lemon slices sprinkled with flaky salt and white peaches to sit with balance. The lack of detectible pithiness or astringency makes for a delicious and uncomplicated wine. Baron Francois Ltd.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$15

#78



**Mionetto NV Brut Glera (Prosecco Treviso).**

— 90, J.P.

Fresh and vibrant, this classic Prosecco is exactly what we are all looking for: freshness, fun and fruitiness. Ample apple and lemon notes with a touch of white flower define the nose. These lead to a zippy palate that directly translates from the nose with loads of fresh apples and a touch of minerality. Freixenet Mionetto USA.

abv: 11%

Price: \$15

#79

**Alta Vista NV Brut Rosé Sparkling Blend (Mendoza).**

— 90, J.V.

A rosé that delivers value, opening the nose with bright strawberry and cherry aromas. It was made with equal parts Malbec and Pinot Noir, resembling the blend of cultures that the French owner of the winery embraced when deciding to make wines in Mendoza. The bubbles are vigorous and support berry and yeasty flavors that extend to the finish. Kobrand.

abv: 13%

Price: \$15

#80

**Matetic 2021 Corralillo Sauvignon Blanc (San Antonio).**

— 90, J.V.

The nose opens with intense aromas of herbs. After aeration, it reveals subtle notes of white grapefruit and wet stones adding complexity to the bouquet. This coastal and good-value wine features a mineral character and shows herbs and saline flavors accented by lemon and orange peel. Lively acidity leads to a citrus finish. Quintessential.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15

#81

**Domaine de la Présidente 2020 Rhône-style Red Blend (Côtes du Rhône).**  
— 90, A.C.C.

Reminiscent of a freshly baked pie full of dark cherries, blackberries and plums, this medium-to full-bodied wine is pleasurable, with refreshing acidity and a long cassis and black-pepper-corn finish. Saranty Imports.  
abv: 15% Price: \$15

#82

**Casas del Bosque 2021 Botanic Series Estate Bottled Pinot Noir Rosé (Casablanca Valley).**  
— 90, J.V.

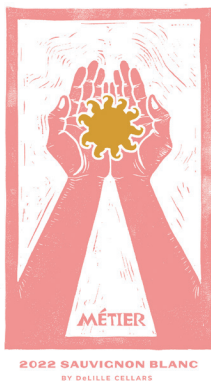
Inviting red-berry aromas blend with a light note of grass on the nose. This is fruit-forward, featuring bright flavors of plum and cherry alongside nice acidity. Southern Starz, Inc.  
abv: 13% Price: \$15

#83

**La Posta 2021 Armando Bonarda (Mendoza).**  
— 90, J.V.

The attractive nose displays aromas of both flowers and berries. It is full-bodied, with layers of cherry and blackberry on a smooth palate. Hints of coffee add to its moderate complexity. This is a good example of the Bonarda grape: fruity and enjoyable. Vine Connections.  
abv: 13.5% Price: \$15

#84



**DeLille 2022 Métier Sauvignon Blanc (Columbia Valley).**  
— 90, M.A.

Lime sorbet meets pear on the wine's fruity nose, with flavors of a high-magnesium con-

tent mineral water on the rocks, with a lemon twist. A tiny bit of something sweet and tropical hovers in the background, perhaps pineapple or kiwi. The wine's silky smooth texture makes for some easy sipping.  
abv: 12.2% Price: \$20

#85



**DFJ Vinhos 2022 Grand'Arte Chardonnay Chardonnay (Lisboa).**  
— 90, R.V.

With light touches of wood, the wine is rich and full of creamy white fruits. Its spice is balanced by acidity along with a soft aftertaste. Age for a few months and drink at the end of the year. Tri-Vin Imports.  
abv: 12.5% Price: \$14

#86

**Viña Tarapacá 2020 Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley).**  
— 90, J.V.

This red is fresh, revealing aromas of white pepper, green bell pepper and a touch of mint. It shows an herbaceous character with a balancing amount of fruit flavors that complement the palate. Green bell pepper, spices and dried herbs blend with notes of berries and chocolate. The wine shows lively acidity and firm tannins to handle the flavors. It's slightly warm in the finish, but still very enjoyable. Brotherhood Winery.  
abv: 14% Price: \$19

#87

**Cafaggio 2021 Basilica Cafaggio Single Estate Sangiovese (Chianti Classico).**  
— 90, D.C.

A Luxardo cherry and milk chocolate nose with notes of soil, freshly cut grass and herbs is elaborated on a palate that adds strawberry to the cherry and salty, crushed stones to the grassy-herbal soil, with solid but relaxed tannins. Ethica Wines.  
abv: 13% Price: \$19

#88

**Caruso & Minini 2021 Naturalmente Bio Catarratto (Sicilia).**  
— 90, D.C.

The intense aroma of a car tire hitting hot pavement swirls with the sweet fragrance of honey-roasted nuts before the palate offers apples with more nuts and a rich, honeyed mouthfeel. Massanois Imports.  
abv: 12.5% Price: \$19

#89

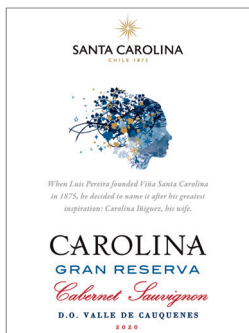


**Rapaura Springs 2022 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**  
— 90, C.P.

Currently quite young, this needs some time in glass to aerate if drinking now. Once those flinty reductive notes blow off, there's heaps of guava, passion fruit and lime to like. It's the palate that steps it up a notch, with mouthwatering acidity and succulent fruit. Drink now—2027. Shaw-Ross International Importers.  
abv: 13% Price: \$19



#90



**Santa Carolina 2020 Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (Cauquenes Valley).**

— 90, J.V.

This wine opens with inviting aromas of bell pepper, bay leaf, and berries. A flavorful palate features good acidity balancing out notes of bell pepper, red plum, and dried herbs that linger in a medium finish. Carolina Wine Brands USA.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$20

#91

**Santa Rosa de Lavaderos 2020 País (Maule Valley).**

— 90, J.V.

Bright and delicious red-berry aromas combine with a light note of black tea and gunpowder. This wine was made with grapes from vines planted over a hundred years ago in the Maule Valley. It's medium-bodied, with moderate acidity backing sweet notes of ripe cherry and red plum that linger in the aftertaste. Crescent Imports.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$20

#92



**Paternoster 2022 Vulcanico Falanghina (Basilicata).**

— 90, D.C.

A nose of fresh peach slices spritzed with lemon gets a salty, savory boost from notes of tire and pavement, while the palate is fruitier and juicier, with a delicate, flowery finish. Vintus LLC.

abv: 13%

Price: \$20

#93

**Henry of Pelham 2021 Classic Chardonnay (Niagara Peninsula).**

— 90, M.A.

A fresh, crisp combination of aromas suggests lime peel, white grapefruit and peach. These lead into flavors like honeydew melon, saline, sage and tonic water with a twist of lemon. It has refreshing acidity and lively mouthfeel. Henry Of Pelham Winery.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$12

#94

**Viña Leyda 2021 Coastal Vineyards Las Brisas Pinot Noir (Leyda Valley).**

— 90, J.V.

This coastal wine has an aromatic nose, displaying hints of salt mixed with spices and thyme. An herbaceous and spicy profile makes a flavorful palate. It has medium acidity and chalky tannins. Notes of cherry and tobacco are bright in the aftertaste. VSPT USA.

abv: 13%

Price: \$20

#95

**Spreitzer 2021 101 Riesling (Rheingau).**

— 90, A.Z.

In this harmonious white, ripe orchard and stone-fruit notes collide with bright acidity that gives energy and provides a firm backbone. It is made in a crowd-pleasing style, even for those who claim they don't like German Riesling. Skurnik Wines, Inc.

abv: 11.5%

Price: \$18

#96

**Invivo 2022 Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**

— 90, C.P.

A firecracker of classic Savvy B aromas bursts from the glass, from passion fruit and lime to grass and bell pepper. It leads to a slippery, juicy palate that's fresh, fruity and balanced, with oodles of summer sipping appeal. Seaview Imports.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$19

#97

**Natte Valleij 2020 Cinsault (Coastal Region).**

— 90, J.V.

Delicate notes of raspberries form the nose. This well-structured red shows firm tannins alongside moderate acidity providing a good frame for a fruit-forward palate. It has a fine texture and fresh finish. Canopy Wine Selections.

abv: 13%

Price: \$19

#98

**Clos Henri 2022 Estate Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough).**

— 90, C.P.

A flinty, mineral character mingles with fleshy melon, lime leaf and dried wild herbs on this organic Sauv Blanc. There's a lovely tangy freshness amid the chalky textural elements. While still quite young, this is, in general, a step up from your average Marlborough SB. It captures the world-famous style while adding an extra level of complexity and class. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$20

#99

**Zolo 2020 Gaucho Select Reserve Estate Grown and Bottled Malbec (Mendoza).**

— 90, J.V.

A spicy nose offers ripe cherry and blackberry, mixed with peppercorn and a dash of cumin. On the palate, intense black-fruit flavors join notes of cedar and spices. It has grip and good acidity leading to a refreshing a medium finish. Vino Del Sol.

abv: NA

Price: \$20

#100

**Viña Progreso 2020 Revolution Tannat (Canelones).**

— 90, J.V.

This is a big Tannat with smooth, firm tannins. It opens with meaty red-fruit aromas and hints of salt. Good acidity balances out concentrated cherry flavors followed by black olive. A light note of balsamic adds complexity to the palate. Copa Fina Imports CA.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$19