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		BORDEAUX - RED					
	1	20 CHATEAU BEAUMONT, CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR, HAUT MEDOC	18.99	111.50	6	At Cussac south of Saint Julien; 50% cab sauv, 47% merlot, 3% petit verdot in Gunz gravel, 12-14 months in barrels, 1/3 new. Beautiful Beaumont, spelling out its Saint Julien like richness and roundness. 2020 deep core of reserve as well. This is not as forward as the 2018 and 2019 at the same stage./ Very well rounded indeed. Some dry tannins in back, but they are manageable. Adequate acidity. Will take longer to come to fruition than the previous two vintages. Has the skills to pay the bills. 92+/100. After two hours airing, this became enormously impressive. Widely considered 'best Beaumont ever'. Orders taken.	
	2	19 CHATEAU MEYNEY, CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNEL. SAINT ESTEPHE	35.99	211.50	6	Vinous 95: 'Has a divine bouquet, so pure and winsome with floral red berry scents, beautifully integrated new oak and superb precision. It retains superb balance and feels luxuriant and long on the finish. This is a stellar showing.'	
	3	19 CHATEAU DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION	18.99	223.50	12	90% merlot, 10% cab franc; 20+ year old vines; 30% aged in once and twice used oak barrels. A softer, more welcoming nose. 2019 forward and racy. Oh, that's a lovely, elegant take on merlot./ Yes, the forward fruit, the ease, the balance. Lower level tannins. Can be served now. 92/100. I have four vintages of du Courlat on the shelf. This is my favorite for current drinking.	
	4	20 CHATEAU LA CROIX DU DUC, BORDEAUX	10.49	123.50	12	Famille Chollet since 1865; vineyard borders Lussac St. Emilion; 80% merlot, 20% the cabernets. A lot of sweet merlot fruit out in front. It does exude Saint Emilion area generosity. Runs deep too./ Yeah, very rich and ample for its modest AOC and low price. No intrusive 2020 tannins. A lot of Right Bank claret for the money. 91/100.	
	5	21 CAHORS, CLOS LA COUTALE	16.99	199.95	12	Est. 1895; 80% malbec, 20% merlot; 25 year old vines. At opening, fresh and bright in 2021 and at cellar temperature. This has a combination of roundness and cut. Shades of some barrel time too./ High acid of the vintage. Cool service increases the tannin impact, but it was a very warm afternoon, and I wanted to chill the reds lightly before sending them to the tasting panel. Good flow nonetheless. 91+/100. Improved as it aired and warmed. Well liked by all the commentators. Deemed less modern than usual in 2021 thanks to less	

						overt ripeness and to superior acidity. A supplier rep poured me a sample of this the following week. With more aeration and at a higher temperature, I got to appreciate it in the same context as attendees.	
		BORDEAUX - WHITE					
6	22 LA MOULINIERE, BORDEAUX BLANC	12.99	152.95	12	Famille Lesgourgue; 80% sauvignon blanc, 20% semillon. This tingles with sauvignon lime, cat, green herbs. Kumquat notions too. From semillon?/ Yeah, both, plus passion fruit. Lovely marriage, very entertaining. And fine balance of sauvignon cut and semillon cushion. Lasting aftertaste. Bravo. 92/100. VERY popular with attendees. 'Lovely Bordeaux nose', 'quite complex', 'great value'. At least two commented on the total absence of sulphur under screwcap--a rarity these days.		
7	16 CHATEAU LES ROQUES, LOUPIAC half bottle	5.99	69.95	12	80% semillon, 18% sauvignon blanc, 2% muscadelle; Gold Medal - Concours Mondial des Feminalise. Wow, pineapple, husk, tupelo honey, singed orange peel, and much, much more. I'm afraid I'm running out of time to take it all in./ Succulent, honeyed fruit, stature, and surprising sense of power at 12.5%. Sweetness suppresses full display. Will improve for decades. 93+/100. List price: \$14.		
8	21 COTES DE GASCOGNE, MARY TAYLOR	11.49	134.95	12	Olivier Gessler, vigneron at Panjas; 50% colombard, 30% ugni blanc, 15% gros manseng, 5% sauvignon blanc. Clean and crisp, with green colombard and ugni leading the way. Sense of manseng plumpness behind./ Palate more aromatic, the manseng and sauvignon throwing in more support. Deliciously well balanced. Both cut and light padding. Better than the 2020. Better acid. 91/100. Since Asimov's NYT flattering review, Mary Taylor selection wines have been flying off the shelf. Positively unmanipulated wines.		
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9	20 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE L'AURIERE, VIGNERONS DE LA NOELLE	10.49	123.50	12	11.5%; 4 generation estate; gneiss and granite subsoil; 15-35 year old vines; 7 months on lees with regular stirring. A nice and full and forthcoming varietal and regional statement that keeps within the traditional bounds that the group appreciates./ Cool, with spring-water minerality. Nice green underbrush notes. A classic muscadet--not trying to be too big for its boots. Indeed, a group favorite. 92/100.		
10	21 CHINON, JEAN-MAURICE RAFFAULT	12.99	152.95	12	Est. 1693; from sandy alluvial soil near the Vienne.		

						Bright red violet./ At openng, fresh and cool. Reserved. Core of ripe fruit sweetness./ Good 2021 acidity. Plenty of material; good grip. Flavors coming on now. Balanced and mealworthy. Age a few more weeks to months for additional aromatic range and depth. 91+/100. Or hours. Many attendee positive comments on its varietal character two hours later, such as 'screams cab franc', 'classic cab franc'. and 'lovely, long cab franc finish'. Attendees found both fruit ripeness and vintage acidity, in harmony.
11	21 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON, JEAN-CHRISTOPHE MANDARD	13.99	164.50	12		Slightly brassy - surprise. Some sauvignon gris present?/ Pungent, penetrating gooseberry and Med herb. Unique./ Exceeds mere citrus. This is wild. 92/100.
12	22 SANCERRE, DOMAINE DOMINIQUE & JANINE CROCHET	23.99	281.95	12		Generations old estate at Bue. Old reliable. Fresh, crisp, well ripened 2022 aspect. All around harmonious presentation./ Softer than the 2021, but not soft. Well managed. 92+/100.
	BURGUNDY - RED					
13	20 MARSANNAY LES BOIVINS, DOMAINE COLLOTTE	35.99	211.50	6		4-generation winegrowers that began domaine bottling in 1981; vineyard high on the slope; 50+ year old vines on Comblanchien limestone. Oh, is that fresh, lifted, and forthcoming. An exceptionally buoyant Marsannay. Altitude and limestone contributions./ Relatively soft and pliant for 2020. This flows gently already. Flavors build as it warms in the mouth. No reason to postpone gratification except for the sake of more aromatic intensity, range, depth, and complexity. The tannins are melted. 94+/100. Everybody's Wine of the Night.
14	18 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE LES PIMENTIERS, DOMAINE ARNOUX PERE	29.99	352.50	12		Lieu dit touching on Arnoux's Chorey Les Beaumonts; Wine Enthusiast 91/100. Savigny griottes to the fore. Seems some barrel broadening to the aroma./ Quite tannic yet. Firmer than many a 2018 red burgundy. Has the makings. 92+/100. This aired well. Writes one commentator: 'Rich and suave; deliciously appropriate red fruits.'
15	22 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES TERRE DE LOYSE, DOMAINE LAURENT PERRACHON	11.49	134.95	12		70% from La Chapelle de Guinchay (sand, granite); 30% from Lancie (clay, limestone); 45 year old vines. Vibrant purple./ Can't get much fresher and more primary than this nose. On the edge of reduction but not into it./ Yeah, black and purple fruits to the fore. Crunchy black cherry. Supported by a surprising amount of body, texture, even light tannin. Well, it is a

						Villages after all. This will improve for the rest of the year, at least. Super value. 91+/100.	
16	21 COTE DE BROUILLY GRAND CRU DOMAINE DE LA VOUTE DES CROZES, N & R CHANRION	15.99	187.95	12		A perfect CdB from weight and style standpoints. Fruit sweetness and equilibrium that is Cote de Brouilly. Nice spicy extra. Continues to impress. Runs deep. That innate elegance combined with just the right degree of Grand Cru concentration that it doesn't detract from same./ Palate echoes nose. Yes, vigorous, variegated, entertaining. Great 2021 acid plus GC richness to balance. Great length. Got to have this. 93/100. List price: \$27. There are no better values in VC's wine bins at present.	
	BURGUNDY - WHITE						
17	21 CHABLIS LES PARGUES, DOMAINE SERVIN	24.99	293.95	12		Lies between 1er Crus Vosgros and Montmains; fallow at the time of the 1930s classification; vines average 35 years. Ventilating calcaire and 2021 briskness meet Premier Cru mass, extract concentration./ Yeah, this is no 'village' wine. Statuesque, important. All the while, 2021 racy. Each vintage of this is unique...and thrilling. 92+/100.	
18	21 BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY, DOMAINE ALAIN CHAVY	27.99	328.95	12		17 acre estate, mainly in Puligny; deepest, coldest cellar in the village, which has a high water table; from the estate's younger Puligny vines; aged 90% in puncheons, 10% in new barrels. Quite a lot of oak. Cool vintage, cool cellar, cool customer. I like its prospects. There's that calcaire Puligny foundation./ The oak is positive, adding complexity to both flavor and texture. This is easily worth the tariff in the world of white burgundies today. Balanced, giving, 2021 structured, Many a \$60 to \$80 village wine would not compete. 93+/100.	
19	19 SAINT AUBIN BLANC SOUS ROCHE DUMAY 1ER CRU, DOMAINE LARUE	39.99	234.95	6		Est. 1946 at Saint Aubin; vineyard planted 1969-1994; barrel fermented (25% new); aged a year on lees. Wow, that is seriously full and expressive. Classic barrel ferment and lees complexity in a thoroughly Burgundian setting. It's Saint Aubin specific in its calcareous leanings, while full and expressive enough to suggest a Puligny./ Wonderful ripe fruit of 2019, clear terroir expression, plus the cellar augmentations I cherish. Suits me. 95/100. List price: \$55.	
20	21 MACON FUISSE LA GRANDE BRUYERE, DOMAINE FABRICE LAROCLETTE	18.99	223.50	12		Generations old estate with vineyards in Chaintre, Fuisse, and Pouilly Fuisse; 32 year old vines; unwooded. That's Fuisse and old vines full. Plenty of lees influence too. Much more to offer than	

						Larochette's Chaintre./ Oh, juicy 2021 fruit and fruit acidity as well as abundant flavor and really quite full body. Long aftertaste. Pushes Pouilly Fuisse. Honestly, the most impressive Larochette wine I've tasted. 92/100. Very popular with the group. 'This is great!' 'One of the best Macons in recent memory.' 'The AOC is clearly a class above other Macon Villages.' 'My favorite white.'
21	22 BEAUJOLAIS BLANC TERRE DE LOYSE, LAURENT PERRACHON	16.79	197.50	12		From the commune La Chapelle de Guimchay, in northern Beaujolais bordering Maconnais, where the clay-limestone soil is the best suited for chardonnay in the AOC. At opening, not very forthcoming, aromatically. Some intriguing herbal subtleties deep down in there./ Great body, acid, mouthfeel. I can get along without the aromatics given the largesse of the rest of the package. Writes its own ticket on the palate. Feels more like an Auxerre chardonnay. 92/100. Aromas built up as it aired and warmed. Applauded by attendees for both nose and palate.
	RHONE/MIDI					
22	20 CROZES HERMITAGE SILENE, SELECTION J-L CHAVE	24.99	293.95	12		The vineyards for Silene are hillside vineyards located in Larnage and Gervans. 50% of the Crozes comes from a parcel of young vines planted in 2003 and owned by Domaine Jean Louis Chave. The parcel is on the rear east-facing flank of the Hermitage hill. It is rare for Crozes to come from hillside granitic soil as most Crozes is situated on the alluvial valley floor. The grapes are vinified at the Domaine using indigenous yeasts and aged for 18 months in 600 liter oak casks. Full red-black syrah color./ Oh, there it is: that complete northern Rhone syrah set of black raspberry, white pepper, smoked meat, and lavender. Barrel time, if not extract, puts the frosting on the multi-layer cake./ Even more expression of its syrah bounties on the palate. Flavorful, well balanced, entertaining, impressive, lasting. Breathlessly good value. 94/100.
23	19 COTES DU RHONE L'ECLAT, DOMAINE LE CLOS DES LUMIERES	11.49	134.95	12		Est. 1946, bottling since 2003; at Fourmes, west of Avignon; 70% grenache, 30% syrah; vines up to 60 years old. Dark red violet color./ Nose deep and black fruited. A lot of clarity to the aroma./ Well, that old vines input really packs this in at the core. Again though, fruit clarity marks its fringes. This is a pretty whopping wine for the bucks. I'd be cellaring it to winter 2023-24. Not a summertime red. 91+/100. Several attendees commented on the positive freshness,

						fruit, and acidity. Others' notes emphasized richness and ripeness. All mentioned 'good value'.	
24	21 PLAN DE DIEU COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS	15.99	187.95	12		60% grenache, 30% syrah, 10% mourvedre; vines 37 and 65 years old; pebble covered clay-limestone. Lots of warm, ripe fruit, lots of power, lots of peppercorn and garrigue herbs./ Sweet and suave texture. Strong, warm, and flavorful. A forthright PdD of surprising amplitude for a cool vintage. 91+/100.	
25	19 GIGONDAS TRADITION, DOMAINE DE FONT-SANE	20.99	246.95	12		72% grenache, 23% syrah, 3% mourvedre, 2% cinsault; yield 2 tons/acre; aged 8 months in oak casks. Medium dark ruby./ Power tempered by the ripe and facile nature of the vintage. Another well coordinated vintage of this. Gives and gives./ Yeah, has high alcohol body without the burn thanks to a coating of rich, ripe fruit. Gigondas body, Gigondas stature. At a Vacqueyras price! Nicely fills the long running 2018's shoes. Dusting of tannin extends the aftertaste. 93+/100.	
26	20 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE LES DEMOISELLES, CHATEAU DE LA FONT DU LOUP	35.99	211.50	6		80% grenache, 20% syrah; on the north side of the La Crau plateau; sandy soil yields elegant wines; a young-vines cuvee. I like its give and forward appeal, though this 2020 has a bit more solid core than the heart on sleeve 2019. Doesn't deny the cuvee's nature and intent though. Variations on a theme./ Yes, though the blacker fruit center is evident, it has the cuvee's lush coating of fruit. The tannins are well managed, so this can go to the table now alongside hearty fare. 93+/100.	
27	21 HERAULT LES HERETIQUES, CHATEAU D'OUPIA	11.49	134.95	12		A nod to the Cathars, a heretical Christian group based in the Languedoc. All carignan. Fresh and black fruited as usual./ Surprisingly sweet and flavorful for this cuvee. Big surprise in 2021. Is benefitting from global warming. Best year I've tasted. 91/100.	
28	22 ILE DE BEAUTE BLANC, DOMAINE VETRICCIE	12.99	152.95	12		At Aghione, central Corsica; half each vermentino, chardonnay. Stone fruit and flowers vermentino aromas lead the way. Appley chardonnay underlayment. Good cuvee./ Yes, the perfumes of the former are in the lead on the palate too. Not to underestimate the role chardonnay plays in supplying a degree of heft. Long, clinging, flavorful aftertaste. Fine craftsmanship here. 91/100. Very popular with attendees (including White of the Night) for aromatics, depth, balance, and price.	
	ALSACE						
29	20 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER, THE FURST	15.99	187.95	12		Nice and dry gewurz aroma of rose, lychee, and ginger. Ginger nip, in fact./ Off dry, with gewurz astringency	

						countering the RS. Flavorful and accurate rendering. 91/100.	
		GERMANY/AUSTRIA					
30	21 MOSEL ESTATE ELBLING TROCKEN, WEINGUT MATTHIAS HILD	14.99	176.50	12	11.5%; at Wincheringen, on the Upper Mosel. The wine's up to its story. See vomboden.com. Seckel pear and wet stone. Racy and seemingly gulpable./ Add grapefruit and pith. More tenderness to the 21 than the 19, which is the opposite of what I would expect. Plenty good acid though, tart and zingy through the finish. Balanced. Quaffable indeed. So many options at the brunch-lunch-appetizer-main course tables. And the de rigueur modest alcohol. I think I'm going to have a second pour. 92/100.		
31	22 MOSEL RIESLING WEIHWASSER FEINHERB, GEBRUDER STEIN	18.99	223.50	12	Dr. Ullrich (Ulli) Stein is the HaJo Becker of the Mosel; go to vomboden.com for a story as colorful as Becker's. Served second because greater RS anticipated, this does not show the cutting edge of the more expensive old vines cuvee. Damn good Mosel riesling though./ And, yow, does the great acidity take care of that RS. I guess I could have ordered this one first! Certainly the driest feinherb I've tasted. Full and lasting feel and flavor. 92+/100. Well liked by all. 'Lime, lemon, melon, apricot.'		
32	20 WALLUFER RIESLING TROCKEN, WEINGUT J. J. BECKER liter	24.99	293.95	12	Rheingau village next to Rauenthal. Dainty, enticing, totally together, quaffable liter take on riesling. The scent grows with aeration./ Well balanced. Not starkly trocken. Just the right riesling flavor intensity to keep it rangy at the table. Long, savory, delicious aftertaste. 92/100. \$18.75 the bottle equivalent in liter. See vomboden.com for the fascinating story of this winegrower.		
33	21 PFALZ WEISSBURGUNDER TROCKEN, WEINGUT BRAND liter	16.79	197.50	12	Fifth generation winegrowing brothers at Bockenheim in northern Pfalz; native yeasts. Wisp of sulphur upon opening, but it's not messing much with the green-fruit pinot blanc character of the nose./ Lovely texture as well as green pear and apple character of the variety. Builds, lengthens, lingers. A delicious example that's a bargain in liter (\$12.59 bottle equivalent). 92/100.		
34	22 OSTERREICH ZWEIFELT TROCKEN FRUG, JOSEF WURZINGER liter	16.79	197.50	12	What a beautiful, dark red violet color! Fresh, sweet, invigorating and intense varietal aroma. Bravo. Dash of sandalwood./ Sweet, round, peppery, flavorful, lasting. A good approach with zweifelt. High trocken. Good acid. 91/100. \$12.59 the bottle equivalent in liter.		

35	21 WEINLAND LANDWEIN AUS OSTERREICH GRUNER VELTLINER, ECKER liter	15.99	187.95	12	Great apple-legume aromatic intensity./ Great acid, juiciness, balance. Food wine. Quaffer. 91/100. \$11.99 the bottle equivalent in liter.
36	21 SUDSTEIERMARK SAUVIGNON BLANC TRADITION, STEFEN POTZINGER	24.99	293.95	12	Southeast Austria's Styria region yields some of the world's greatest sauvignon blancs. Extraordinarily focused, pointed, cool climate sauvignon nose. Unique. Lemony./ Yes, in cool 2021, this is an off the charts rep of the region's sauvignon. Couldn't be racier, juicy, more mouthwatering. 93/100.
	IBERIA				
37	21 MINHO ALVARINHO, NORTICO	13.99	164.50	12	40 year old vines in schist and granite soils; the owners are tile makers, the label an image of their craft; Ole & Obrigado selection. Pungent alvarinho pear and peach. This is both abundant and 2021 vivid./ Yes, indeed, lots of pear and stone fruit richness and roundness and flavor met by 2021 acidity. One of the most forthcoming and well balanced vintages of this, always reliable as it is. 92+/100. Well considered by attendees.
38	19 DAO, DHARMA	8.49	99.95	12	35% each touriga nacional, tinta roriz, 30% alfocheiro. Jolly color./ The right combo of fresh, cool, dark fruit and Dao terroir. That granite based minerality./ Oh, yeah, we have a Dao classic on our hands. At a bargain price. Acid, mineral, dryness, mealworthiness. 91/100.
39	21 RIBERA DEL DUERO JOVEN VALDEHERMOSO, B&V VALDERIZ	13.99	164.50	12	Whole cluster fermentation. Dark red violet./ That's a bright, fresh, zesty, and penetrating take on tinta del pais that defines joven./ Full flavored, black peppery, great acid in 2021, fine grained tannin in the background for texture. Lasting finish. Well priced. 91/100.
40	18 RIOJA ALTA VINA ALBERDI, LA RIOJA ALTA	20.99	246.95	12	Parker 92: 'Their young and fresh red 2018 Vina Alberdi matured in oak barrel for two years—in new barrels for the first year and in used barrels for the second year. During the élevage, they raked the wine manually from barrel to barrel four times. 2018 was a year of lower alcohol and more freshness in the wines, and they thought the wines were not designed for the long haul; so, they didn't produce any other wine, and so the only wine from 2018 IS VINA ALBERDI! Which means that all the Tempranillo grapes that were destined for 890, 904 and all the other wines went to this wine. They didn't use the Garnacha (which was sold in bulk). So, this is a super- Vina Alberdi, which shows more Crianza style in this cooler vintage but



						with very good depth and complexity, perhaps a more modern and fresher style. The wine has a seamless palate and a juicy texture, with more color than other vintages, more intensity, more fruit... It has grapes from very good vineyards and poor soils that were never destined for this wine. Highly recommendable and very versatile. It has potential to age.'	
41	19 SALVAJE DEL MONCAYO GARNACHA, PROYECTO GARNACHAS DE ESPANA	8.49	99.95	12		From eastern Aragon, and, by the name, obviously a grenache specialist. Oh, this is full, rich, powerful Spanish garnacha!/ Just explodes on the palate. Garnacha cubed. Ripe, sweet, well balanced. 92/100.	
42	21 NAVARRA TEMPRANILLO, TEMPRANILLO ROAD	11.49	134.95	12		That's a fresh, high altitude Navarra take on tempranillo. Spot on./ Yes, good flow too. No oak. Fine sweet/acid fruit balance. Easy drinkin'. 91/100.	
43	18 ALMANSA GARNACHA TINTORERA ALBAROBLE, BODEGAS SANTA CRUZ DE ALPERA	8.49	99.95	12		Garnacha tintorera = alicante bouschet. Oh, this is rich, sweet, deep, plummy, and lasting./ Fully in tune on the palate. Good acid and freshness. Lasting. Delivers. Deal! 92/100.	
	ITALY - RED						
44	21 LANGHE NEBBIOLO, FRANCO SERRA	14.99	176.50	12		Four generation winery near Monferrato; owns 75 acres of vines; 25 year old vines on calcareous soil at 1000'. Nebbiolo's medium dark, ruddy red color./ Freshness and buoyancy in cool 2021. Upon opening, not a lot of varietal aroma formed yet./ The flavors are coming on though. Tar, dried cherry, subtle suggestion of rose. I like the texture. Medium bodied and just lightly tannic compared to the Big Two nebbiolo's. Good acidity. Has poise. 91+/100. With two hours' aeration, this came on like gangbusters. 'What a nose!! (times 2).' 'Palate too; terrific stuff.' 'Beguiling.' Very popular with the tasting panel.	
45	20 BARBERA D'ASTI SUPERIORE LE CROCI, TENUTE NEIRANO	13.99	164.50	12		Site specific ('the crossroads'); 30+ year old vines on calcaire; yields 1 ton per acre; aged in barriques 2-4 years old. The theme of fruit richness continues, here tempered by age in cooperage. Superiore indeed in body, power, and complexity./ Flavorful and flowing. Fine barbera black cherry clarity. Balanced and delicious. No tannin issues. 91/100.	
46	21 LAMBRUSCO GRASPAROSSA CASTELVETRO BECCO ROSSO, PODERI FIORINI	13.99	164.50	12		The grasparossa variant of the lambrusco variety is so named for its red peduncle. Bright, dark, cheery red violet./ Sweet raspberry and some peppery seeds. Spot on./ Deliciously sweet, well foiled by 21 acidity. If the fizz were still present, that would buffer the sweetness	

						further (I tasted this sample hours after it was poured). Exemplary, and...well priced. 92/100.	
47	19 CHIANTI RUFINA RISERVA, RENZO MASI	14.99	176.50	12	95% sangiovese, 5% colorino; aged 18 months in French barriques, 12 months in bottle. Red-black Rufina color./ And dark fruited Rufina sangiovese leanings. One of the fullest and most aromatic in the series./ Yeah, really full bodied for Masi. Full flavor and texture satisfaction. Fruit sweetness, acidity, and fine tannin balance. Most ample to date. Yields little to its more powerful Cotes du Rhone predecessor in this set. 92+/100. Widely liked by attendees for terroir expression, balance, and now or later usefulness. Orders taken.		
48	18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, VILLA CAFAGGIO	11.49	134.95	12	All sangiovese; at Greve; aged a year in Slavonian oak cooperage. This didn't exactly leap from the glass when I first opened the bottle. It aired well though.. An hour later, those on my weekly wine tasting panel who shared their notes were positively enthusiastic. 'Pretty classic, older school.' 'This is really fine; best of the series; worth the price of admission. Very typical Classico style. Drinkable now, or will hold.' It was reported that the group consensus was very positive. 92+/100. That pleases me, because earlier vintages we've tasted over the last six months have proven very satisfactory. My supplier brought in a big load of the 2018 and dropped the price. A month ago, I was selling this for \$19.		
49	21 ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO, TENUTA GRACCIANO DELLA SETA	12.99	152.95	12	Est. mid 19th century; mainly prunolo gentile, with a little canaiolo and merlot; vines planted in 1970, 1993, 1997, and 2001; yields under 3 tons per acre. Oh, that's fresh and exuberant, and it's definitely the unique sangiovese clone befitting the zone. Cool, lifted, racy 2021 character. Fits this cuvee's nature. Special elegance to this./ Yes, new and briskly tart in 2021. Texture and sweetness as well as 21 acidity. Light glycerol even. Makes my mouth water for food. Just the slightest and finest grained of tannins. Take it to the table anytime. 91/100.		
50	22 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO BIBIO, SAVINI	10.49	123.50	12	Lovely deep red violet./ Ah, the elegance of montepulciano, including the cherished violets highlight. Shows the way./ Echoes on the palate. Oh, this is a charmer. Well balanced on the sweet-acid scale. Finest of tannins add texture for food service. Got to have it. 92/100.		

51	21 CAMPANIA AGLIANICO LA CAPRANERA, SAN SALVATORE	13.99	164.50	12	From Capaccio-Paestum area vineyards in the middle of Cilento National Park. Oh, what a big burst of varietal aroma, lifted by cool vintage acidity. Most forthcoming in the series./ Black fruit and pepper flavors. Cool and flowing. The alcohol is ventilating too. Medium bodied. Great acid. 91+/100.
52	20 SALENTO PRIMITIVO IL PUMO, SAN MARZANO	12.99	152.95	12	Raspberry and seed aroma relates it to zinfandel. Great clarity to its varietal character. Round and sweetly ripe fruit./ Yes, lots of varietal flavor. Lots of peppery berry seed flavor. Good acid and framing too. Bargain intro to primitivo. Fine tannin adds to the texture. This is really exemplary of primitivo in a straight forward, unadorned style. 92/100.
	ITALY - WHITE				
53	22 GAVI IL FORTE, PRODUTTORI DEL GAVI	13.99	164.50	12	95 member cooperative founded 1951. Very bright, very forthcoming, very cortese. Richness of 2022 over 2021, with no seeming sacrifice of acidity. Classic sage overtone./ Which is even more prominent on the apple palate. Oh, this just hits my sweet spot. So flavorful and so well balanced. No waitin', no hesitatin'. 92/100. Attendees agreed. Super popular. Orders taken.
54	21 ROERO ARNEIS LE TRE, MALABAIA DI CANALE	14.99	176.50	12	Peach, kernel, and a certain nuttiness not usually found in arneis. It's positive, and surprising in 2021./ Plenty of varietal glycerol. Flavorful. The acid is buffering. Altogether, a successful and special take. 92/100.
55	22 VENETO PINOT GRIGIO, CANTINA COLLI EUGANEI	9.79	114.95	12	Pleasing tete a tete of soft and sharp aromatics. Good intensity./ Full and flavorful. Rightly green fruited. 91/100.
56	21 ALBANA DI ROMAGNA DOLCE BACIAMI, PODERE DAL NESPOLI	10.49	123.50	12	Italy's first DOCG. Great crispness of 2021 coupled with sweet, honeyed, nutty albana character./ Yes, both sweet and racy. Flavorful, well balanced. Full appeal. A good vintage indeed. 91/100.
57	22 ABRUZZO PECORINO COLLEVENTANO, SAVINI	13.99	164.50	12	Oh, this is striking! The most pungent and precise pecorino I've nosed. Didn't realize it has so many aromatics to it./ Great range of fruits and flowers on the palate too. Succulent, well balanced, delicious. Got to have it. 92/100.
58	22 SARDEGNA VERMENTINO ARAGOSTA, CANTINA SANTA MARIA LA PALMA	13.99	164.50	12	From the Alghero coast; 300 family cooperative. A beautifully delicate varietal aroma, at least the equal of the popular 2021's./ Equally precise and elegant on the palate. At opening, light fermentation aura under screwcap seeks resolution. Otherwise, well positioned

						for summer enjoyment. 91+/100. No ferment signs following aeration. Popular with the panel. 'Very aromatic'. 'Green apple, tropicals, florals'. 'Lots of flavor'.	
		U.S. - RED					
59	19 DANCING CROW LAKE COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON	18.99	223.50	12		There's that bright, dark, sweet, and deliciously inviting Lake County fruit. Nothing else quite like it./ Yeah, unique sort of elegance. Fine grained tannins will likely be absorbed by food. Almost gummy candy like in its delightful fruit expression. Love it. 92/100.	
60	19 FITCH MOUNTAIN SONOMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	21.99	258.50	12		Aged in French oak barrels. Warm, robust, outspoken Sonoma mountain wine. The oak adds positive complexity./ Sweet and ripe fruit coats fruit and oak tannins pretty well. Good flavor spread. Can put to use now with hearty fare. 92+/100.	
61	22 CAMP NORTH COAST MERLOT	18.99	223.50	12		Lovely red violet color./ Nice, sweet, unadorned merlot. Spot on varietal clarity./ Great fruit-acid balance. Delicious flavor and texture. Light tannin is a plus. Versatile at the table. Bravo. 92/100	
62	21 WESTMOUNT WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR	18.99	223.50	12		100 acres of vines on clay mixed with glacial silt in the Dundee area. Heavy Bottle Award, rare among pinots. Cheery ruby cast./ Full of sweet pinot black cherry fruit. Cool climate demeanor too./ Flavorful. Medium to full bodied. Rich, with good acid too. An all around winner of popular styling that's suitable for current service. No oaky obfuscation. Long, even handed finish. 91/100.	
63	21 SCHUG SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR	22.99	269.95	12		Tasting Panel 92: 'Red cherry and shaved cocoa are heady scents, while flavor of tobacco, cinnamon, pomegranate pith, and sandalwood lead a charming parade.'	
64	21 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE VOLANT CUVÉE OUMUAMUA CENTRAL COAST RED	12.99	152.95	12		65% grenache, 18% syrah, 15% cinsault, 2% petite sirah. That's a sweetly assembled Med France varietal red. Plenty of fruit, in harmony and volume./ And the palate confirms its flavor range, coordination, and satisfaction. Some fine tannin for texture. 91+/100.	
65	19 SKINNER NATIVE EL DORADO RED	13.99	164.50	12		Revived Sierra Foothills winery founded in 1861 by a relative of the present owner. Pleasing Foothills warm red fruit with a spicy edge. I like it./ Good power, glycerol, dry extract, body. Mouthfilling. Skinner shows the way. I'm curious about the grape varieties, but it really doesn't matter. 91/100. Well, I looked it up,	

						and the wine is made from eleven grape varieties, both red and white!	
66	20 OPOLO SUMMIT CREEK VINEYARD PASO ROBLES ZINFANDEL	20.99	246.95	12	Est. 1995; now farming 300 acres in both eastside and westside Paso; 5% petite sirah; aged 6 months in barrels, 1/3 new. Heavy Bottle Award. Ruddy red-brown-black./ That's sweet and sassy Paso zin. Verging on Paso thick but not crossing the line. Certainly a Paso eastside component./ The palate is just as rich but more lifted by good acid and bright, brambly flavors. Now Paso westside talks. In the mouth, this is the Opolo I admired in long departed vintages. 92+/100.		
67	18 TERRA D'ORO AMADOR ZINFANDEL	15.99	187.95	12	Heavy Bottle Award. Wow! Big, sweet, and thorough Amador classic. 80% along the way to the 100 year old vines Deaver Vineyard bottling./ Yes, hallmark. Sweet, powerful (14.5%), flavorful, balanced, long. 93/100.		
	U.S. - WHITE						
68	22 DANCING CROW BIG VALLEY DISTRICT LAKE COUNTY SAUVIGNON BLANC	14.99	176.50	12	Well, there it is, decades after winemaker Jill Davis's Buena Vista series, a peach and pear overtone unique to Lake sauvignon. Telling, and fetching./ Conveys to the palate also. No lack of citricity either. Wine of place. Got to have it. 92/100. A great variety of sauvignon blancs this WC sale. Sauvignon fans, try each!		
69	20 TALLEY ESTATE ARROYO GRANDE VALLEY CHARDONNAY	24.99	293.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 93: 'Lemon pith and apricot jam aromas are cut by a clean line of chalky alkalinity on the nose of this appellation blend. Snappy citrus flavors of lime and grapefruit show on the palate alongside ripe pear and peach, but the saltiness attracts the most attention. 92/100. \$38.'		
70	18 DOMAINE ANDERSON ANDERSON VALLEY CHARDONNAY	16.99	199.95	12	Nice! At a sweet spot in development, sporting oak nuttiness, light malo creaminess, lemon curd varietal character, and Anderson Valley coolness, all in harmony./ Yes, suave, generous, and well balanced. Delicious Anderson Valley acidity. Long flavorful finish. 92/100. List price: \$36.		
71	21 BONNY DOON CENTRAL COAST PICPOUL	12.99	152.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 92 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'The potential for Picpoul remains strong, thanks to bottlings like this. Fresh and clean aromas of white peach and lime sorbet show on the nose. The palate is broad with red-pear and nectarine flavors, as acid rises into the finish alongside a white-flower element.'		

72	22 SALT OF THE EARTH FLOR DE MOSCATO CALIFORNIA MOSCATO	11.49	134.95	12	Winery at Madera. That's muscat country! Both canelli and orange muscats. Lush, right, ripe, nutty. Really blows it out right now. Intense./ Unusual palate. Something peelsy, pressed, gritty. Just adds to the uniqueness, excitement. Really a pretty incredible product, and unique. 92/100.
73	22 BONNY DOON LA CIGARE ORANGE CENTRAL COAST ORANGE	12.99	152.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 92 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'This is an orange wine blend, with 10% each Grenache and Orange Muscat, that's quite delicious. Golden in the glass, it offers dried citrus and apricot on the nose, leading into a palate that's full of textural intrigue. Flavors of orange sherbert and orange-rind tonic fill the sip.' Have you tried an orange wine yet? They're all the rage. Made from skin-soaked white to lightly pigmented grape varieties, not from oranges.
	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE				
74	19 LUIGI BOSCA FINCA LA LINDA MENDOZA MALBEC	10.49	123.50	12	That's good black fruit and black pepper intensity. Comes right out and declares itself./ Yes, frank and forthcoming. Power and tannin give a strong foundation. A lot of wine here for the money. Bravo, Bosca. 91/100.
75	19 LA PLAYA ESTATE COLCHAGUA VALLEY CARMENERE	8.49	99.95	12	The usual bright fruit here, No carmenere negatives. Think merlot on steroids./ Yeah, rich and right. Good acid. All about current drinking pleasure. 91/100.
76	19 TE PA FAMILY KOHA MARLBOROUGH PINOT NOIR	14.99	176.50	12	Taylor Valley and Omaka Valley vineyards on old riverbed soils; 20% whole bunch fermentation. Good ripeness,; no green element; nicely structured and balanced. Relies on good fruit and not wood chips. Bravo!! Great entry level effort. With time, there's a bit of barrel influence, managed well. 92/100.
77	22 ASTROLABE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC	18.99	223.50	12	Wine Spectator 94 - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: 'Checking all the boxes, this stunning version is fresh and vibrant yet also complex and full of flavors, from toasted green tea and lemon thyme to mouthwatering passion fruit, yuzu and mango. Ends with hints of white pepper, lemon blossoms and sea salt on the long, expressive finish. \$23.'
78	21 PENLEY PHOENIX COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	16.99	199.95	12	Wine Spectator 93: 'An elegant version, with firm earthy notes to the star anise, green cardamom and cigar box spiciness, backed by a touch of Dutch cocoa powder. Reveals spiced plum, cassis and kirsch flavors that are plump and velvety, with a long finish. Drink now through 2030.'

79	22 DEVIL'S CORNER TASMANIA CHARDONNAY	16.99	199.95	12	Wine Spectator 92 - SMART BUY: 'This white is fresh and light, but not shy on intensity, with notes of toasted sesame seed, fresh grated ginger and salted melon adding complexity to the core of citrus and ripe stone fruit flavors. Vibrant, mouthwatering acidity weaves in and out, highlighting all the details. \$20.'
80	21 YALUMBA Y SERIES SOUTH AUSTRALIA VIOGNIER	10.49	123.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'Despite being Yalumba's entry-level Viognier, this is one of its most delicious white offerings. Highly aromatic, it wafts a perfume of honeysuckle, orchard blossom and fuzzy peach skin. The palate is more viscous than the nose implies, but there's enough acidity to keep it fresh. Peach and lemon flavors linger on the finish. Drink with Thai curry or a similarly bold Southeast Asian dish. \$15.'
81	21 HER WESTERN CAPE PINOTAGE	12.99	152.95	12	Pretty full color for pinotage./ Full nasal presence too. The alcohol level is positive./ Fresh and pretty flavorful. A nice take, if not very varietally specific. At least the horse is still in the barn. Good. I can use this. Have many pinotage fans. 90/100.
82	22 CAPE VENTURE LUBANZI SWARTLAND CHENIN BLANC	12.99	152.95	12	2022 San Francisco International Wine Competition: BEST CHENIN BLANC. My notes: 20+ year old vines in granite and shale. Native yeasts. Good, inviting, sweet, full quince, lime, and melon chenin nose./ The acid it up to it too. And dryness. One of the best vintages of this. Well textured. Balanced and lasting. Highly foodworthy. 91/100.
	ROSE				
83	22 TAVEL, CHATEAU DE TRINQUEVEDEL	19.99	234.95	12	Wow, that's a full red orange color. Striking./ Packed with fruit within statuesque framework. This is Tavel, King of the Roses. Man, big time./ And the palate's no letdown. Large scaled, powerful, flavorful, mouthfilling. Best Trinquedvel I've tasted. 93/100.
84	22 CORSE SCIACCARELLU ROSE TERRA NOSTA, LES VIGNERONS CORSICANS	13.99	164.50	12	Indigenous variety said related to sangiovese. Oh, that's a charmer. The aroma is piquant, pointed, and poignant. Pink fruits triumph, subtle and engaging./ Palate softer than the nose suggests. Not mushy though. Flavorful. I like the low alcohol, the light weight. The length, and the price. Lunch, brunch, picnic sort of rose. 91/100. Attendees enjoyed this.
85	22 PIEMONTE ROSATO, ERCOLE liter	14.99	176.50	12	Barbera. Medium rose pink./ Oh, this is beautiful. Cherry pink barbera logical, and forthcoming./ What

						lovely fruit and berry highlights. Delicious flow. Full refreshment. Paves the way for rose as a barbera option. 92/100. \$11.25 the bottle equivalent in liter.	
		FORTIFIED/FRUIT					
86	LUSTAU SOLERA RESERVA PAPIRUSA MANZANILLA SHERRY	16.99	99.95	6	Decanter 95: 'Mid-gold. Smoky and toasty on the nose. Palate is satisfying, full and spicy with a typically clean, long finish. Ripe apple fruit lies underneath and there's a delicate, smoky saline charm. Moving to a fino style rather than the delicacy of a manzanilla, showing more texture.'		
87	17 DOW'S LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORTO	23.99	139.95	6	From its top Quintas do Bomfim and da Senhora da Ribeira and a declared year for Vintage Port. Well, there's your blackest color of the set./ Powerful in my Taster glass. Relative dryness is classic to Dow's./ Build of a Vintage Port this round. 4 to 6 years in bottle and still bearing tightness and tannin. Belies the purpose of LBV, but, what the heck, cellar this like a Vintage, and pocket the price difference. 92+/100.		
88	DOMAINE LEELANAU YARROW APERITIF	24.99	146.95	6	19%. Grapes, grape brandy, yarrow, lemon verbena, elderflower. Yow! That's a screamer. Powerful, especially when nosed from my Taster glass, but on the palate also. All three aromatic components evident and coordinated./ Yeah, love the power and the aromatic spread and the right level of sweetness to balance strength and astringency. Masterful, really. Mixologists: get ready, set, go! 97/100. By the Big Little brothers.		
		SPARKLING					
89	18 PIERRE GIMONNET PREMIER CRU CUVEE GASTRONOME BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT CHAMPAGNE	59.99	176.50	3	Grands Crus 39% Cramant, 24.5% Chouilly, 3% Oger; Premiers Crus 33.5% Cuis, Vertus; disgorged 4/7/22; .5 g/l dosage; great Champagne vintage, 10/10 on my AWS chart. From a blanc de blancs standpoint, this is pretty intense stuff. Nicely dry and concentrated. Lots of autolysis doughy bouquet./ Wow, there's that jawbreaker concentration of dry extract the 1996, 2008, and 2014 delivered. In a BdB no less. Endless finish. 96+/100. Wine of the Night for nearly all. Wine of the Year for one attendee.		
90	22 ESTEVE-NADAL AVINYO PENEDES PETILLANT BLANC	14.99	176.50	12	10.5%; est. 1597; family estate at Avinyonet des Penedes; 'vi d'agulla', i.e. has a needle-point mousse. Full, fine bead./ Bright. As fresh as they come. Suggestions of orange and blossom./ Lightly fizzy feel. Soft acid. Fresh, dry, cleansing finish. The ultimate		



						quaffer. 92/100.
91	LELLE PROSECCO EXTRA DRY	14.99	176.50	12		A bright and shiny, appley glera. Spot on./ Flattering degree of extra dry sweetness, well balanced, flavorful. Shows the way. 92/100.
92	20 EMILIA-ROMAGNA PIGNOLETTO FRIZZANTE, AZ. AGR. TRE MONTI	15.99	187.95	6		An indigenous variety to the Bologna hills, mentioned by Pliny the Elder in his Natural Historia. Subtly aromatic varietal expression. Creamy and lees driven. Enticing./ Flavorful. High brut, with the fizz giving a nice, clean, dry mouthfeel. And lasting flavor. Eminently well balanced. Spells it out. Fine winemaking here always. 91/100.
	POTPOURRI					
93	THE FINNISH LONG DRINK TRADITIONAL six pack of 12 ounce cans	11.49	44.95	4		There are so many recently created ‘ready-to-drink’ canned cocktails on the market today, without heritages. VC stocks one that goes way back and is incredibly delicious and refreshing, especially in summer-early fall. The roots of long drinks go back to the 1952 Summer Olympic Games in Finland, when the country of only 4 million people was still recovering from World War II. Concerned with how to serve drinks quickly enough to all the visitors, the government commissioned the creation of a revolutionary new liquor drink, and so the first long drinks were born. This is the original of four delicious variations, based on gin and grapefruit soda. 5.5% ABV.
93	deposit			4		
94	GEROLSTEINER SPARKLING MINERAL WATER liter	2.99	34.95	12		The region that Gerolsteiner Mineral Water originates from, the volcanic Eifel in Germany, is of unique geological character. A mineral water of the highest quality evolves here thanks to the special combination of carbonic acid from prehistoric volcanic activity and dolomite rock known for its rich mineral content. As the water finds its way through the various layers of rock, every drop of Gerolsteiner becomes naturally carbonated. This is an important process, as the carbonic acid allows the water to absorb the precious minerals and trace elements from the dolomite rock.
94	deposit			12		
95	DALLMAYR PRODOMO WHOLE BEAN COFFEE 8.8 oz bag	3.99	11.50	3		Highland arabica coffee beans, the blend informed by those from southern Ethiopia, the origin of arabica. Roasted in Munich, Germany. Est. 1964.

96	BELGIOIOSO WISCONSIN ASIAGO CHEESE half pound wedge	4.29	12.50	3	Three generation cheesemaking family in Italy before moving its operation to Wisconsin in 1979. Milk sourced within 30 miles of the plant, antibiotic and growth hormone free. Starter cultures developed in house. The asiago is aged 5 months to a delicious tang. I pick up asiago bagels at Walmart, toast half a bagel, shave on this cheese, and heat in the microwave at high for 30 seconds. Grind some mixed peppercorns on the top, and I'm ready to start the morning on a high note.
97	STELLA WISCONSIN GORGONZOLA CHEESE pound	4.99	14.50	3	Features a pleasantly mellow but tangy flavor that is frequently described as earthy. This Italian-style cheese is named after the town of Gorgonzola located in the Po Valley near Milan, Italy. It is noticeably creamier than traditional blue cheese, making it the perfect addition to mashed potatoes. Can also be used to easily add a robust flavor to grilled meats and salads.
98	CITTERIO GENOA SALAMI 9 oz chub	4.99	14.50	3	Est. in Italy in 1878 and now based in Freeland PA. A traditional form of hard salami with a unique to Citterio blend of spices.
99	R. HIRT CO. DRIED SLICED SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS 2 ounce bag	2.69	7.95	3	By one of our favorite specialty food suppliers. It long had retail presence in Detroit's Eastern Market before deciding to go exclusively wholesale. Reconstitutes to a pound following rehydration.
100	LA PANZANELLA ORIGINAL CRACKERS 6 ounce box	3.99	11.50	3	Est. 1990 in the Capitol Hill area of Seattle WA. Reminiscent of flatbread, this Original Sea Salt croccantini has just a touch of coarse sea salt and velvety rich olive oil that will enhance any accompaniment.