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		BORDEAUX - RED					
	1	19 CHATEAU DE CAMENSAC, 5ME GRAND CRU, HAUT MEDOC	33.99	199.95	6	Parker 91: 'The 2019 Camensac has only improved since I tasted it earlier this year, adding floral aromas of violet and rose to its attractive bouquet of dark berries and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, it's a lively, concentrated wine that concludes with a long, penetrating finish. Drink 2023-2045.'	
	2	19 CHATEAU MALESCASSE, CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNEL, HAUT MEDOC	22.99	134.95	6	Decanter 93/100; Wine Enthusiast 93: 'From a deep gravel outcrop in the heart of the Haut-Medoc, this wine offers richness and density. Black fruits show freshness while also melding well with the spicy wood aging. The wine is worth aging. Drink from 2026.'	
	3	20 CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE, CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR, LISTRAC	19.99	117.50	6	Highest vineyards of the Left Bank; on gravel; 66% cab sauv, 33% merlot, 1% petit verdot; aged a year on	
	4	18 CHATEAU TOUR DU PAS ST. GEORGES, SAINT GEORGES SAINT EMILION	14.99	87.95	6	Decanter 92: 'Aged in oak for 18 months, the 5-year-old St Emilion is already exhibiting tertiary complexity such as mushroom and forest floor, in addition to vanilla-spiced dark plum and cassis notes. Juicy fruit cake on the palate with creamy chocolate and tea, supported by chalky tannins and elegant acidity.'	
	5	20 CHATEAU LA LOUBIERE, BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR	12.99	76.50	6	Est. 1837; at Montussan; all merlot; 40 year old vines; 1/4 aged in once filled barrels; winemakers Jean-Claude and Jean-Francois Berrouet (Petrus, Dominus). Dark red violet./ Really meaty 2020 concentration. Wow. The Berrouets know merlot!/ Oak makes a much stronger statement on the palate, and it's positive and complexing. Helluva serious claret for the price. Really mouthfilling, full bodied, generous heavyweight. Very long aftertaste. 93+/100. Attendees were impressed; orders taken. 'Merlot black cherry.' 'Ripe, full, thick, tannic.'	
	6	22 CHATEAU LA CASTILLONE, BORDEAUX	10.49	123.50	12	Rich merlot dominance. Black fruit. Really quite dense and powerful for its appellation./ Yes, rich, black, well rounded merlot palate. Fine body and flavor intensity. Really delivers for the price. I'll be buying this one. 91+/100. In a branded wood case.	
	7	20 CAHORS VIGNOBLES PELVILLAIN, ODILE DEPHON	15.99	187.95	12	Est. 1968 by Odile Delpon, three years before Cahors was awarded AOC; her son, Didier Pelvaillain, presently presides over the domaine; all malbec; 32 year old vines; native yeasts. It's deep, dense, Cahors	

						forthright, and clear to the bottom of the glass. In the Cahors realm, its own thing./ Sweet fruit elegance and flow. Nothing Black Wine about it. No resistance. Yet Cahors malbec through and through. 91/100.
		<b>BORDEAUX - WHITE</b>				
8	22 CHATEAU LA CASTILLONE, BORDEAUX BLANC	8.49	99.95	12	At Saint Loubes, in northern Entre deux Mers bordering the Dordogne across from Fronsac. Closed up nose upon opening. With aeration citricity comes in a Bordeaux sauvignon's sensible rather than exaggerated manner./ Understated tangerine and mango flavors mark the palate. Very nice balance, burnished texture, and extended finish carry it along. Ultimately, a winner. 91/100. 'Very easy to drink; a summer day on a glass.' In a branded wood case.	
9	16 CHATEAU DU PAVILLON, SAINTE CROIX DU MONT	12.99	152.95	12	Formerly owned by the Fertals, relatives of a Detroit area wine merchant, du Pavillon has been sold to Olivier Fleury. I've had many a previous vintage to compare to this one, and the style remains consistent and the quality high. Nice, rich, fruity, citrus aroma. Sweet ripe pineapple, husk, and fig bouquet./ Honeyed citrus, peach, and fig flavors. Good acid to balance sweetness. Ready to enjoy, but no need to rush. Fully up to snuff Ste. Croix, rivaling a Sauternes. Mmm. 93/100.	
10	23 COTES DE GASCOGNE, DOMAINE SAINT LANNES	8.49	99.95	12	Famille Duffour. Est. 1955. 80% colombard, 20% gros manseng. Tangy, limey colombard green fruit. Soft padding of gros manseng in support./ Very vigorous lime flavor and crisp acidity. Yes, the softer lemon chiffon of gros manseng is a wonderful and complexing complement. Best vintage of this I've tasted. Great concept and execution. 92/100. Enjoyed by attendees. Colombard grass and lime noted. 'Good clean acidity; fresh and easy.'	
11	18 COTES DE GASCOGNE L'AUREOLE LA DOUCEUR DES VIGNES, BERNARD MAGREZ	9.99	117.50	12	Rightly sweet as well as bracingly tart smelling. Lovely yin-yang of the manseng varieties. Citrus and peel aromas./ The sweetness trumps the acidity for now. It's there though. Age this a few years for full harmony and show value. 92+/100. Tasted 10/28/20.	

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12	22 ANJOU ROUGE PASCAL BIOTTEAU, MARY TAYLOR	14.99	176.50	12	25-30 year old vines, 80% cab franc, 20% cab sauv. Unfiltered. Deep and dark cabernet set tells the tale. Sits just right./ Yes, at one northern cool and cabernet rich. One concentrated Anjou rouge. Yet there's Loire rouge elegance too. Good acid/sweet balance. Did I say it sits just right? 92/100.
13	22 SAUMUR BLANC LES POUCHES, CAVES DE SAUMUR	11.49	134.95	12	Chenin blanc vineyard on southwest facing slopes near the village of Meron. Lovely, soft, forward 22 chenin nose makes all the sense in the world. Melon, lime, quince./ Round and tart at once. Balanced. Flavors confirm aromas if less intense. One of the better vintages of this old reliable. 91/100. Appreciated for both its varietal accuracy and bargain price.
14	18 TOURAINE GAMAY GRAND BALLON, THIERRY DELAUNAY	11.99	139.95	12	Fresh, tart, and vigorous northern gamay nose. With a 2018 core of sweet fruit./ Crisp and racy acidity, and, again, the sweet core. Totally fresh; might as well be a 2023. 91/100.
15	23 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON LES ROCHES, VIGNERONS DES COTEAUX ROMANAIS	11.49	134.95	12	A fresh and lithe take on Touraine sauvignon in the 2023 vernacular./ Dazzling citrus cut with soft tropical fruit padding. That 2023 plump/acid balance. Thoroughly delicious right through the finish. 91/100.
16	23 SANCERRE LES CAILLOTTES, DOMAINE JEAN-MAX ROGER	28.99	339.95	12	Clay-limestone soil laced with stones (caillottes) in the townships of Bue, Amigny, and Sancerre. Va, va, voom. Roger push, volume, mass. Correctly placed at the end of the Sancerre set! The nose just won't quit./ There you go again. Almost chewy textured thanks to all its material goodness. And long lasting. Yikes. 94+/100. White WOTN for several. Barrel influenced noted. And greatest potential to improve. 'My style of Sancerre.'
17	23 POUILLY FUME DOMAINE DES FINES CAILLOTTES, JEAN PABIOT	23.99	281.95	12	Five generation domaine at Loges; small stones over limestone and clay; 30 year old vines. Natural yeasts. 5 months on barrel lees. Distinctly traditional Pouilly Fume all the

						way. Full contrast from Sancerre terroirs. Large, serious, deep, reserved./ More flavor than aroma at this stage. Still, it speaks more of significance and potential than of present generosity. Balanced and lengthy. One of the best vintages of this. Worth keeping mid term. 93+/100. Favorable attendee comments as the nose became more revealing after breathing. The 'peach' signature of Pouilly Fume emerged with aeration.	
		BURGUNDY - RED					
18	21 AUXEY DURESSES, VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE HENRI LATOUR	27.99	328.95	12	7th generation domaine at Auxey Duresses. Both vintage lift and old vines intensity make for an invigorating nasal experience. Not as structured as the 2020. More revealing, transparent, joyous./ That combo of freshness and intensity carries over to the palate. A subtle oak complex adds to the total picture. No obtrusive tannins this vintage. Balanced, rangy, freshly acidic, and flavorful at this stage, nothing stands in the way of taking this to the table over the coming months. It's a refreshing sort of Burgundy vintage. Besides, a VV village wine at a Bourgogne price. 94/100. Wine of the Night for most attendees.		
19	22 MERCUREY BUISSONIER, VIGNERONS DE BUXY	24.99	293.95	12	Established in 1931 by 98 winegrowers of Buxy and Saint Gengoux le National; aged a year in barrels. Oh, that's a deep, black fruited Mercurey with Cote de Nuits leanings. Complex nuances of barrel age. I think I'm going to like this even better than the 2021./ More body, more structure, more acid, and more tannin than the Oregon pinot that preceded it in the tasting order. Totally more serious, complex in flavor and texture, and age worthy too. And barely more expensive! Buxy scores again. 93+/100.		
20	22 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES TERRE DE LOYSE, DOMAINE LAURENT PERRACHON	12.99	152.95	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 through age three, at least. Super value. 91+/100.	
21	22 FLEURIE GRAND CRU CHATEAU VIVIER MONOPOLE, MAISON L'ENVOYE	18.99	223.50	12	Half whole cluster fermented; aged 11 months in seasoned barrels. Medium dark red violet./ Big for Fleurie. Shows its power. Not the elegant sort./ Sweet and rich fruit and some barrel leavening. Fleurie elegance reveals itself on the finish. While this stays large scaled for the AOC. 92+/100. The sheer size of this impressed attendees, as well as the potential to improve with bottle age. 'Notable bouquet volume; well extracted, big bodied for Fleurie; 2022 ripeness, palate coating richness; evident grapeskin tannins.'		
22	23 MORGON GRAND CRU CORCELETTE, DOMAINE LAURENT PERRACHON	16.79	197.50	12	Bright and deep 'griottes' Morgon aroma. Morgon large too./ Yeah, this has village character and fortitude. Unique take. 92+/100.		
	BURGUNDY - WHITE						
23	22 CHABLIS, DOMAINE GUEGUEN	25.49	299.95	12	Est. 2013 at Prehy, 4 miles southwest of Chablis; 40-45 year old vines; native yeasts; aged 10 months on lees in vats. Celine et Frederic. New to market. Pungent, up front 2022 fruit that stays within bounds of the Chablis vernacular for its good, cool limestone basis. Works for me./ Less flavor than aroma at this stage. The acid is 2022 soft yet adequate. A pleasing Chablis for the money. 92+/100. Attendees liked this for the price too. 'Very nice wine, clean and well made; long finish.'		
24	23 BOURGOGNE COTE CHALONNAISE CHARDONNAY BUISSONIER, VIGNERONS DE BUXY	15.99	187.95	12	Est. 1931 by 98 winegrowers of Buxy and Saint Gengoux le National. This has positive oaky overtones. As well as the sappy Chalon chardonnay resinous basis. Damn good vintage of this./ Yes, oak and resin add to the texture as well as flavor. Unbeatable white burgundy deal. Buxy is quite the find. Consistent bargains across the range. 92/100.		
25	21 MACON CHARNAY SAINTE JUSTE CLAUDE MANCIAT, MARIE-PIERRE MANCIAT	14.99	176.50	12	Fifth generation vigneron honors her great grandfather. That's Charnay full bodied. No oak showing, as expected. Race and vigor of cool 2021./ Yes, ideal combo of terroir amplitude and vintage brightness and acidity. Perfect balance. Real discovery. 92/100.		
	RHONE/MIDI						
26	23 SAVOIE JONGIEUX, DOMAINE CARREL & SENGER	12.99	152.95	12	All jacquere; 6 generation family estate. Lovely and forthcoming jacquere pear like aroma. A plump and generous vintage here./ 2023 sweet fruited on the palate too. Flavorful. Fine acidity for balance. The texture is		

						more noted than ever this vintage. A plus. Due to generation change? I'm all for it. Best and most 'important' vintage yet. 92/100. Well liked by attendees, especially for its varietal accuracy and intensity.	
27	20 CROZES HERMITAGE EQUINOXE DOMAINE EQUIS, MAXIME GRAILLOT	18.99	223.50	12	Alain's eldest son; from parcels adjacent to Domaine des Lises; 30% whole cluster fermentation vs 100% for Alain's Crozes. Oh, boy, moving kinda backwards in the tasting order from southern to northern Rhone really accentuates the northern syrah coolness and lift. Primo vintage of this cuvee, replete with a classic aromatic range of black raspberry, white pepper, smoked meat, and lavender. I smell a deal./ Sweet fruited for 2020; more like a 2018. Light tannin adds texture without obstinance, so bring it on. Except it suggests bouquet potential too. Now and later. 93+/100. Attendees loved it. 'Full syrah flavor.' 'Cleansing acidity.' 'Oh, yeah!'		
28	22 COTES DU RHONE RESERVE VIEILLES VIGNES, DE PUECH	8.49	99.95	12	60% grenache, 30% syrah, 10% carignan. This has lift and richness and personality. All the positive features of past vintages rolled into one./ Good acid, material, tannin. Adds up to BALANCE. Delivers! 91/100.		
29	19 COTES DU RHONE LES TERRES VIERGES, CAVE DE CAIRANNE	11.49	134.95	12	Dark ruby. Love this Cave's range since before I first visited it decades back. They epitomize the blackness of Cairanne's fruit statement. Dry, deep, and well extracted. And way cheaper than most domaines' Cairannes./ Oh, yeah, this is a dark fruited classic, alcohol-derived glycerol coating its fine tannins. It may be labeled Cotes du Rhone but, I'm telling you, this spells Cairanne. And a very good deal. 92/100.		
30	22 GIGONDAS TRADITION, DOMAINE DE FONT SANE	21.99	258.50	12	72% grenache, 23% syrah, 3% mourvedre, 2% cinsault. Long, real cork. Full ruby color./ Gigondas body and concentration. The alcohol spells size without burn. This wine's ample material contains it well, in fact, deserves it./ On the palate too, just a pattern for Gigondas. Power, extract., texture, tannin, length. All magnified and all in harmony. Ranks with the best vintages of this long liked series. Continues to be priced at 2/3 the Gigondas average. 94+/100.		
31	23 COTES DU RHONE BLANC CUVEE LONE, CHATEAU PEGAU	18.99	223.50	12	Estate grown, 50 year old vines; 40% clairette, 30% bourboulenc, 20% grenache blanc, 10% ugni blanc. Wine Spectator 91: 'A creamy gush of peach and melon flavors show real concentration and oomph on the palate of this distinctive white, set against bitter chalky mineral notes, plus green herbs and smoke, with a		

						beam of bitter lemon peel and steely acidity. This has a lot of life and tension, in addition to the opulent core. \$24.'	
		ALSACE					
32	20 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER, PIERRE SPARR	18.99	223.50	12	Est. 1680; at Beblenheim, next door to Riquewihr. NOT a sultry take on gewurz. No, Sparr makes a ventilating sort that emphasizes fresh cut ginger over rosewater and glycerin./ It's off dry but not viscous. Rose petal flavors join the ginger. Good to taste a Sparr; I haven't sampled many recently. 92/100.		
		GERMANY/AUSTRIA					
33	20 MOSEL RIESLING DRY INCLINE, J. & H. SELBACH	15.99	187.95	12	From a range of steep Mosel vineyards. Both crisp and gentle. Some bouquet development forming, not necessarily of the terpene sort./ The acid is racier than the nose suggests. Well, it's Mosel after all. Mid trocken sweetness. About what I'd expect of this cuvee, which has been around but I can't remember tasting. Selbach's bill-payer. 91/100. Swelled up with aeration to give attendees a bigger picture. Dubbed 'excellent; WOTN' by a maker of riesling wines. 'Lovely Mosel nose, a very nice wine, much appreciated.' 'Not lacking for extract and acid.'		
34	22 PIESPORTER GOLDTROPFCHEN RIESLING AUSLESE, KREUZNACHER WEINHAUS	14.99	176.50	12	Mosel vineyard, Nahe cellar, Swiss owner. Yes, that PGR peach and superior sweetness and concentration of auslese. Especially CONCENTRATION. Thorough delivery, thorough VALUE./ Flavorful. Acid still sugar coated; no problem. PGR auslese right! Fine potential. 92+/100. Liked even better than the PGR kabinet and spatlese tasted the two previous Weds. 'Unique flavor; not overly sweet; balanced; a really nice wine; bargain.' 'Light and airy Piesporter; sweet/acid balance there; will develop nicely.'		
35	22 KAMPTAL GOBELSBURGER GRUNER VELTLINER, SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG	16.99	199.95	12	Est. 1171; from vines under 20 years old in the best sites: Lamm, Grub, Renner. A large charge of gruve apple and legume and no brimstone./ Kamptal gruner up river and up scale class, styling. Textbook gruner. 92/100.		
		IBERIA					
36	20 DOURO, LAGO CERQUEIRA	9.79	114.95	12	Douro large, powerful, generous. Douro lush. Big time black fruit concentrate delivery. I smell a deal./ Indeed, full flavored and textured. Chewy extract. Sweet and mouthfilling fruit. Good		

						acid. Fine tannin adds texture Competes with Douros at twice the price and more. Amazing value. 92/100.
37	19 DAO LUCIA FERREIRA, QUINTA DO COVAO	16.79	197.50	12	Mary Taylor selection. 60% touriga nacional, 40% tinta roriz. Terraced vineyards on granite in the high altitude Seia sub zone. Upon opening, the sample was tasted cold so the nose suppressed. Still, the granitic character of Dao is there./ Ample fruit presence in body, texture, and flavor of the class varietals, which are more trans-Portugal than specific to Dao. They give a more yielding interpretation of a Dao at this age. Of course, that's what Mary is looking for. Got to stock this one. 92/100.	
38	21 BEIRA INTERIOR RESERVA BEYRA, RUI ROBOREDO MADEIRA	16.99	199.95	12	90% roriz, 10% jaen (mencia). 8 months in barrels, 1/3 French oak, 2/3 American oak. Fresh, dark, and youthful compared to the previous vintage on the market. 2021 lift. More intricate varietal aromas over barrel influence./ Oh, but there's lots of barrel suavity and spicy savors. Good acid too. Say, this is special, and a fine representative of its DO. Got to have it. Lasting finish. 93/100.	
39	23 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO O FILLO DA CONDESA, JUAN GIL	14.99	176.50	12	Geez, that's a bright and crisp one. Nailed it./ Yeah, the acid is everything the nose promises. Flavorful, classic, refreshing. Perfect pitch. 92/100.	
40	19 VALDEORRAS MENCIA, PAGOS DEL GALIR	16.79	197.50	12	Avoids mencia reduction thanks to 5 years of age. A full bodied take but not heavy./ Great mencia acid keeps it young and fresh tasting. Great dinner table wine now, with bouquet development to come. Gotta like the price. 92+/100.	
41	22 RIBERA DEL DUERO TEMPRANILLO FINCA RESALSO, EMILIO MORO	15.99	187.95	12	At Pesquera del Duero; vineyard planted 1932; aged in French and American oak barrels. The usual combo of freshness and power here. Moro Resalso all the way./ Oh, and the acidity is top drawer too! Another super one. Fine tannin	



						for texture marks the aftertaste. 92+/100.	
42	19 RIOJA COSECHA NEXO, BODEGAS UGALDE	11.49		12		Very fresh but doesn't seem carbonic macerated. Cherry-berry tempranillo. Nice./ On the palate too, very fruity, spicy. Fine acid and padding both. Good finish. 91/100.	
43	23 RIOJA BLANCO COSECHA, EL COTO	11.49	134.95	12		Est. 1548; from the estate's Finca Carbonera vineyard; viura, verdejo, sauvignon blanc. Very pungent, forthcoming, coordinated, and convincing trio of varietal scents./ Yes, crisp, brisk, minerally, in addition to being flavorful. Acid a little on the soft side up front but rallies in back. 91/100. WOTN for one attendee. Widely positive notes from others. 'Lemon drop on the nose.' 'Full fruit, complexity, good body and length.' 'A worthy bottle.'	
44	22 CARINENA TEMPRANILLO MENGUANTE, BODEGAS PABLO	10.49	123.50	12		Dark maroon./ Youthful, fruity, Rich and abundant./ Indeed it is. And quite powerful. Lots of extract and flavor. Fine tannin for food and mid term aging. Deal. 91/100.	
45	22 NAVARRA TEMPRANILLO, AZUL Y GARANZA liter	13.99	164.50	12		Est. 1940; from the Murillo and Santa Cara vineyards next to Bardenas Reales, Europe's largest desert. Native yeasts. Rich in strawberry and raspberry high altitude grenache character. Good flow; come hither. Equals the 2021./ Great acid of course. Flavorful, balanced, inviting indeed. Liter bottle is the right choice. Deal! 92/100. \$10.50 a bottle equivalent in liter.	
	ITALY - RED						
46	18 BARBARESCO, SOC. AGR. VILLA GIADA	25.49	299.95	12		Aged a year in cooperage. Elegance of Barbaresco, ripe fruit of 2018, and practically the mass of a Barolo. Yet it retains its B'co charm./ Lots of nebbiolo glycerol. Super good acid, fine grained tannins, and burgeoning flavor profile. Some dry tannin on the finish promises more to come, but it wouldn't be a waste to bring this to the table this winter with roasts and stews. Boy, there's a lot of wine	

						here. 93+/100. Widely considered WOTN. 'Absolutely proper. The wine is all about balance, not overreach. It's not a show dog.' 'Real deal; complex; lovely stuff; age-worthy.'
47	22 PIEMONTE NEBBIOLO DESIDERIO, LA BOIDINA	14.99	176.50	12		Vineyards in Fontanile. Aged 6 months in large French oak cooperage. One sweet smelling nebbiolo. No resistance./ Nice cherry, anise, and rose varietal flavors. 2022 forward. Kept honest by some fine grained, chewy tannins in back. Deal. 92/100.
48	22 PIEMONTE BARBERA OTTONE 1, CANTINE SAN SILVESTRO	11.49	134.95	12		Est. 1871; 18% of the production is barbera, this cuvee made for early consumption. Lovely dark maroon./ As deliciously user friendly form of barbera as always. Mr. Consistency./ Lip smackin' lush and savory. Can't beat the texture nor the flavor. Perfect pitch. Come hither--one glass invites another. Just a dusting of tannin in back to keep it dry and honest. 91/100. Considered a nice value. Orders taken. 'Low tannin, no wood; certainly ready to roll.' Tart cherry taste; good acids.'
49	22 VALPOLICELLA, LE PREARE	12.99	152.95	12		By Cantina Negrar in Classico. 60% corvina, 20% each corvinone, rondinella. Sweet smelling for regular Valpol. Some enticing floral highlights./ Sweet tasting too. Good acid foil, so balanced. Ready for the table. Well priced and popularly styled. 91/100.
50	17 ROMAGNA SANGIOVESE PREDAPPIO NOTTURNO TENUTA LA PALAZZA, SOC, AGR. DREI DONA	10.99	129.50	12		Marl soil; indigenous yeasts; aged 18 months in cement tanks, large cooperage, and once used barriques. Deep and serious stuff. Romagna sangiovese on steroids, plus the complexing age factor./ Yes, a combination of aging in cooperage and bottle, intense original material, emerging bouquet, and 2017 revelations. Academically stimulating. Perhaps a couple years' cellaring before full sensual enjoyment. Following two hours' aeration, very popular with the group. 92+/100.
51	22 CHIANTI RUFINA, RENZO MASI	12.99	152.95	12		First we've seen the non riserva in the market;

						from estate grown and purchased grapes. Like the riserva, plenty of give and dark Rufina take on sangiovese./ Rich squared. This guy's got it down. Balanced, flavorful, and ultra giving. Deal. 91/100. Also well liked by attendees; orders taken. 'Straight up sangiovese; good substance; delivers entertainment beyond its price; great everyday selection.'
52	22 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. Lifted, plus dry, and elegant. I love this year after year./ Yes, the ultimate elegance of prunolo gentile, right down to the cherished violets aromatics. Well balanced and ready to enjoy. 92/100.	
53	22 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, GRAN SASSO	13.99	164.50	12	Dark red violet./ Sweet style of Gran Sasso and that cherished extra violets aroma. In tune with the series, style and quality wise./ Yes, sweet fruited, flavorful, generous, well balanced by acidity. And fine grained tannin. Lasting finish. Up to snuff. 92/100.	
54	18 CILENTO AGLIANICO FUTOS, SOC. AGR. ALBAMARINA	12.99	152.95	12	Dark aglianico color, reddening with bottle age./ Sweet black fruits to the fore. Really pushes them out./ Palate confirms black aglianico fruit in abundance. Good acid. Plenty of fine grained tannins ensure bouquet development with cellaring. Long, chewy finish. 92+/100.	
55	21 TERRE SICILIANE FRAPPATO ACANTEO, CIVIAS	11.99	139.95	12	Very dry for frappato. That's cool 2021./ Yeah, great 2021 acid. Dry extract and even a modicum of tannin not usually found in frappatos marks this a serious dinner wine. Mouthfilling and lasting. Bargain. 91/100. Widely liked. 'Peppery, ripe and plummy. Fine tannins and acidity for freshness.'	
56	19 SICILIA NERO D'AVOLA MILONE, CIVIAS	14.99	176.50	12	Warmer, more southern, more mature than the Lazio rosso that preceded it. Fuller bodied than the regular Civias nero./ Really great acidity	

						sure brightens and freshens up the palate. Finest grained of tannins. Full and lasting feel and flavor. Yow, upscale compared to the regular cuvee. 92/100. Well liked; orders taken. 'Plum and fig bouquet with real interest. Dark fruit (black cherry, black raspberry) with classy structure and noteworthy length.' 'Good color, acidity, body, length.' 'Give me a burger!'
		ITALY - WHITE				
57	21 GAVI, SOC. AGR. VILLA GIADA	11.99	134.95	12	Native yeasts; aged on lees. A rightful cortese	
58	20 LUGANA, AZ. AGR. MONTE DEL FRA	9.99	117.50	12	Three generation winegrowers. Wow, a super contrast of trebbiano di lugana versus the cortese tasted right before it. With a nice and nutty bouquet patina. Full./ Rich and round palate. Balancing acidity. At a lovely, 'comfortable' stage of development. Such a soothing texture. 91/100. Popular with attendees; orders taken. 'Minerals and white fruited nose, lush palate with a considerable finish.' Believe it: Lugana ages well.	
59	23 VENEZIE PINOT GRIGIO DUE TORRI, GERARDO CESARI	12.99	152.95	12	Est. 1936; by the noted Valpolicella winemaker; made from purchased grapes from growers with whom Cesari has had long term relationships. That's good clear, crisp NE Italy grigio, with classic apple and nuts aroma set./ Wow, more textural spiel and flavor intensity than expected. Boy, this really fills the palate with exciting grigio offerings. Lots of mealtime applications. The nose is fine, the palate is exceptional. And the price! 91/100.	
60	23 SOAVE CLASSICO, LE PREARE	12.99	152.95	12	Proper all around for grape set, terroir, and vintage./ Flavor and texture more impressive than nose promises. Now, here we have something. Better than just proper. Rich, great acid foil, so balanced. Lasting. Deal. 92/100.	
61	23 VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI, COLLELEVA	15.99	187.95	12	Est. 1984; 30 year old vines; no malo. Airy, breezy, lifted. Nice spring-water mineral edge. My kind of Verdicchio./ More body and texture than the nose suggests. That's OK too. Presence	

						without insistence. Remains a refreshing sort, while more bulked up on the palate to give it extra food options. I'm quite taken by this; seems to me the best vintage I've tasted to date. 92/100. Widely appreciated by attendees, who also enjoyed contemplating its many food options.
62	22 CAMPANIA FALANGHINA ETEL, SOC. AGR. ALBAMARINA	11.99	139.95	12	Est. 2011. That's a good and pungent one. Textbook varietal stone and citrus fruits with floral overtones./ Mighty flavorful too. Lesson in fresh falanghina, the way it ought it be. Good acidity to foil the light plumpness of the varietal. Well liked by attendees. 92/100.	
	INTERNATIONAL					
63	21 HENRY OF PELHAM ESTATE ONTARIO BACO NOIR	11.99	139.95	12	Est. 18th century by Henry Smith on Pelham Road, Niagara Peninsula; barrel aged. Bright and right and rich baco, unusually black fruited and concentrated. Smells like vinifera. And barrel assuaged./ Very smooth. Perhaps a trace of RS. Flavorful. Good acid for balance. A unique take on baco, and a good one. 91/100. Attendees were surprised and impressed, especially by the lack of hybrid character. Many echoed my comments. Orders taken.	
64	18 CRETE DAFNES VIDIANO, DOULOFAKIS	9.99	58.95	6	More golden than the 2023, of course./ This has taken to bottle age (and barrel age?) admirably. Dried fruit aspects. I don't know the grape well, but this one is schooling me and earning my respect./ Richly departed, flavorful, full bodied, lengthy. Wow, I had doubts about the original tariff before tasting, but no longer. And irresistible at the clearance price! Unique and...awesome! 95/100.	
	U.S. - RED					
65	22 BEAULIEU COASTAL ESTATES CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	8.49	99.95	12	Far exceeded my expectations. I can't remember why I bought a bottle to take home. Must have been recommended by someone. It has coastal aspects indeed, most remarkably elegance. And there's a measure of oak seasoning too, a big	

						surprise at this price. 91/100.	
66	22 BROADBENT NORTH COAST CABERNET SAUVIGNON	12.99	152.95	12	60% Lake and 40% Mendocino counties. With petit verdot, cab franc, merlot. Aged 10 months in American and French oak cooperage. Dark red violet./ Deep and rich amalgam of each county's style of cabernet. The dark fruit of Mendo and the sweet fruit of Lake. Bravo./ Yeah, heaps of flavor and texture excitement. Spicy, perhaps from barrel influence. Whatever, it hits my sweet spot. Light tannin for texture only. Gotta have it. Lots of material, flair, and complexity for the bucks. 92/100.		
67	21 WENTE WETMORE VINEYARD LIVERMORE VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON	23.99	281.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 94 - TOP 100: 'This wine is rich, with aromas of dark cherry, plum, vanilla, violet and dried bay leaf. Flavors include blackberry, boysenberry, boysenberry, baked nectarine and allspice, sliding into mocha,k espresso and leathery tannins. \$35.'		
68	22 CHATEAU SOUVERAIN CALIFORNIA MERLOT	11.49	134.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 92 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is opulent, with aromas of boysenberry, blackberry, cinnamon, and notes of vanilla on the nose. The flavors on the palate are black currant confiture, molasses, clove, sarsaparilla, orange peel, and a long silky tannins. Pair with Mushroom Pot Pie.'		
69	22 AVERAEN ESTATE WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR	20.99	246.95	12	On volcanic Jory & marine sediment soils of the Dundee Hills region; 10 months in Bemond, Damy, Cavin & Stockinger barrels. This recalls a past vintage the group was high on. 2018? It's at once rich, racy, and pure. Bright cherry varietal character runs deep. Barrel embellishments are well integrated and complexing./ Even richer in flavor and texture than the nose suggests. Long lasting flavors too. Well balanced. No tannin issues. Yes, the best since 2018. 92/100. Widely praised by attendees.		
70	22 BOGLE CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR	10.49	123.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 93 - BEST BUY; 'Fresh and lively this wine boasts aromas of dark raspberry, plum,		

						coriander and dried potpourri followed by notes of toasted vanilla. Strawberry and cranberry coulis lead on the palate and are accented by subtler flavors of blood orange peel, dried sage and chocolate, leading to a dry supple finish. Pair with roasted duck breast.'	
71	22 CLINE ANCIENT VINES CONTRA COSTA MOURVEDRE	15.99	187.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 94 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is fresh, rich, with aromas of bramble mulberry, huckleberry, mint, violets, dark chocolate, and dried chicory on the nose. The flavors on the palate are blackberry, black currant confiture, wintergreen mint, orange zest, and simmering spices, and a juicy, dry finish. Sourced from vines well over 100 years old and still going strong. Decant and Enjoy with Beef Cheeks.'		
72	23 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE VOLANT CENTRAL COAST RED	12.99	152.95	12	69% grenache, 15% syrah, 14% cinsaut, 2% petite sirah. From six vineyards. Native yeasts. he richness and goodness that is Central Coast grenache, at a bargain price. The others add attractive dark fruit elements. Well crafted as usual./ Yes, lots of grenache strawberry flavor with syrah raspberry. Lovely, finely burnished texture. Deal, as always. 91/100.		
73	22 GRAYSON LOT 12 CALIFORNIA ZINFANDEL	9.79	114.95	12	Located in Napa Valley; winemaker Larry Levin, who made wine at Dry Creek Vineyard for 17 years; aged in seasoned French oak cooperage. Pretty heavy for a screwcap bottle. Medium dark ruby./ Very intriguing bramble, briar, and mixed peppercorns aroma. It has lift, especially for its 14.5% alcohol content. Decidedly racy and coastal. I liked earlier vintages but haven't tasted this for awhile./ Sweetly flowing over the tongue. Flavorful. Well assembled from several regions likely. A best kept secret. 91/100. Surprised even the Europhiles; orders taken.		
74	22 BRUCE PATCH BIGIERI VINEYARD DRY CREEK VALLEY ZINFANDEL	25.49	299.95	12	Zinfandel Chronicles: 'The vines date back to the 1960s. Gorgeous nose of red fruits, citrus, anise and flowers. Medium body with mouth watering acidity. Loaded with bright, juicy		

						fruits. Raspberry, blood orange, baking spices and a hint of pepper on the palate. Exceptional length on the finish. Drink over the next 3-4 years. 94/100.'	
		U.S. - WHITE					
75	23 BOGLE CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANC	10.49	123.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 92 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is supple and bright, with aromas of lime marmalade, yellow apple, pineapple and notes of bay leaf. The flavors on the palate are white grapefruit, preserved lemon, apple and white nectarine with white pepper and wet stone accents that create a pleasant mouthwatering finish.'		
76	23 DANCING CROW BIG VALLEY DISTRICT LAKE COUNTY SAUVIGNON BLANC	14.99	176.50	12	Tasting Panel 92: 'Faint floral aromas get things off to a good start before giving way to predominant flavors of citrus and white melon that in turn lead to a hint of minerality on the finish. \$18.'		
77	23 LINE 39 CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY	10.49	123.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'Lots of flavor and body mark this rich and buttery wine, from the aroma to the finish. It has smoothness and lushness in the mouthfeel, along with ripe pear, fig and vanilla flavors. It's on the soft side in terms of balance, but does a great job of being flavor-packed and texture-rich.'		
78	23 GIRASOLE MENDOCINO CHARDONNAY	14.99	176.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 93 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is crisp, lively, with aromas of yellow apple, nectarine, lemongrass, and notes of orange blossom honey on the nose. The flavors on the palate are Satsuma orange, apricot, cinnamon, mineral, and a supple finish. Pair with Roasted Halibut.'		
79	23 CLINE NORTH COAST VIOGNIER	12.99	152.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'Lush, with aromas of peach, apricot, mango, toasted oak, honeycomb and notes of marigold. The flavors are baked yellow apple, fruit cocktail, allspice and orange cream.'		
80	22 BONNY DOON CENTRAL COAST PICPOUL	12.99	152.95	12	10.5%; 88% picpoul from Beeswax, Rava, and		



						Sweetwater vineyards, 12% vermentino from Creston Ridge vineyard. Well conceived, well executed. The modest alcohol level is appreciated. CA coaxes more aromatic properties from picpoul than Pinet. Still, the vermentino plays more than a minor role in same. Honey, pear, flowers./ Even more bountiful and welcome flavors than aromas. And that picpoul acidity comes through, be it of New World or Old World origin. Long finish, well balanced. This is overall brilliant, really, the best vintage yet. Kudos to the winegrower and winemaker alike. 92/100.	
81	22 EOLA HILLS WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS	10.49	123.50	12	Good, full gris color./ Subtle pear, nut, and wax varietal aromas. Full textured in the nostrils./ Confirmed by full body on the palate. Big in the mouth, both in flavor and feel. Real pinot gris peels extracts. Great acid. Wants food. 91/100.		
82	23 MCMANIS FAMILY RIVER JUNCTION PINOT GRIGIO	11.49	134.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 92: 'This wine is lively, bright, with aromas of citrus blossoms, Kaffir lime, quince, and notes of white flowers on the nose. The flavors on the palate are kumquat, yellow apple, dried coriander, Pink grapefruit peel, and a dry supple finish.'		
	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE						
83	21 HACIENDA ARAUCANO L'ATELIER HUMO BLANCO VALLE DE LOLOL CARMENERE	18.99	223.50	12	Pioneering winery of Lolol Valley in the Colchagua province; 35 day maceration; unfiltered. Dark red violet./ A hefty, rich, insistent carmenere aroma worthy of its 'merlot on steroids' honor. Boy, that's a thick one./ Full concentration on the palate too. Chewy extract, plenty of varietal fruit padding. Worth the up charge. 92/100. Attendees appreciated its appealing richness and density, all the while good balance.		
84	23 BARKER'S MARQUE RANGA RANGA ESTATE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC	12.99	152.95	12	Blind River, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, Muritai, Goldschmidt, West Rapaura Road, Wairau Valley, Marlborough. Zesty citrus aromas. Lime,		

						lemon, and grapefruit. Juicy and delish. 92/100.	
85	21 VASSE FELIX FILIUS MARGARET RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON	18.99	111.50	6		Wine Spectator 93: 'Stunning and complex, this stylish, concentrated red offers pure raspberry puree and black cherry flavors that show details of earthy dried porcini mushroom, along with notes of toasted herbs, sandalwood and espresso bean. The long finish reveals firming tannins, but they remain polished and effortless. Drink now through 2038. \$28.'	
86	23 VASSE FELIX FILIUS MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY	18.99	111.50	6		Wine Enthusiast 94: 'With the most upfront fruit in the Vasse Chard trio, Filius is immediately comforting in a favorite T-shirt kind of way, with bright, fleshy lime and peach blossom, a flicker of nougat and something stony, a bit salty. It flows seamlessly to a palate of mouth-watering acidity that balances the toasty oak and malolactic influences. \$28.'	
87	23 CAPE VENTURE LUBANZI SWARTLAND CINSULT	13.99	164.50	12		All cinsault. Cranberry-orange cinsault nose in a New World exaggerated form. Black peppery nip too./ Sweet, smooth, suave. Dash of varietal astringency in back. Good acid for balance. No tannin. Could cool it down. 91/100. Attendees enjoyed the varietal purity and agreed it could be served cool.	
	ROSE						
88	22 BOURGUEIL ROSE, DOMAINE DE LA CHANTELEUSERIE	14.99	176.50	12		Silicious clay; vines averaging 35 years; 30% saignee, 70% direct press; no malo. Filling out as it airs, aromatically. Discreet; lightly pink fruity./ Dry and versatile for its low key fruit statement. Well balanced. Very refreshing brunch, lunch, picnic rose. 91/100. 'Absolutely quaffable.' Orders taken.	
89	22 TOSCANA ROSATO, SOC. AGR. AMPELEIA	14.99	176.50	12		20% whole clusters of alicante infused in 80% carignano grape must. Deep colored rose./ It sure has bulk and plenty of dry matter, if not pungent aromatics./ Yeah, the texture of a red wine, lightly chewy. Not a stand alone rose, this wants dinner fare that might relate to red	

						wines. Delivers on body and volume belying its mild alcohol statement. 91/100. Attendees agreed more red than rose. 'Cherry hard candy nose.' Iron laden well water.' 'Hints of leather.' Still fresh.' 'Quaffable.'	
		FORTIFIED/FRUIT					
90	BAGLIO BAIATA ALAGNA MARSALA CREMOVO	8.49	49.95	6	16.5%; 1/3 each insolia, grillo, catarratto. Very attractive egg custard aroma with cardamom, nutmeg, and allspice enhancement./ Palate confirms. They nailed this one. This egg-enhanced marsala concept was popular when I started in the wine business over 50 years ago. This is the first one I've seen in a long, long time. 94/100.		
91	GONZALEZ BYASS LA COPA VERMOUTH	24.99	73.50	3	Boy, a sweet, candied orange peel aroma. With quinine and other botanical overtones. Striking and singular./ Expounds on those themes. Sweet and quite red. Lovely sweetness. Great served cool or on the rocks. Amazing elixir. Super Manhattan ingredient. 97/100.		
		SPARKLING					
92	J M GOBILLARD BRUT CHAMPAGNE	33.99	199.95	6	1/3 each meunier, pinot noir, chardonnay/ This has less fruit and more pronounced bottle bouquet than the rose. I favor it./ High brut. Good acid and mousse dryness. Sur lie flavor. Better than the rose. And better value. 93/100.		
93	ROTARI ARTE TRENTO BRUT	14.99	176.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 92/100. - BEST BUY: '100% Chardonnay from the Italian Alps, the wine enchants with aromas of crisp green apples, juicy pears, a hint of freshly baked bread on the nose and crushed stones. The palate dances with citrus fruits and delicate floral notes, balanced by fine, persistent bubbles that continue to impress.'		
94	22 CANTINA COLLI EUGANEI PROSECCO EXTRA DRY	10.49	123.50	12	Really fine, apple glera definition. Tells the tale. What I'm looking for. And the price is right./ Oh, what a taste. Apple, hint of ginger. Deal, deal, deal. Extra dry but not sweet.		

						92/100.	
		POTPOURRI					
95	GREAT LAKES CONWAYS IRISH ALE six pack 12 oz cans	8.99	34.95	4	Founded in 1988 by brothers Patrick and Daniel Conway in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood, Great Lakes Brewing Co. (GLBC) is Ohio's original craft brewery. Independent for over 30 years. 'Named for 'Pa' Conway, the founders' grandfather and a beloved traffic cop who'd agree this smooth, full-bodied Irish Ale is just the ticket.' 6.3% ABV. Pairs well with Milton Prairie Breeze cheddar cheese. (Note: We'll add can deposit by hand.)		
96	MILTON CREAMERY PRAIRIE BREEZE CHEDDAR CHEESE 6 oz package	4.99	14.50	3	Est. 2006 at Milton Iowa by the Musser family. Uses milk from Amish and Mennonite farmers within a 30 mile radius of the creamery. Their cows are growth hormone free. Aged a minimum of nine months during which a tangy, piquant, sweet and nutty, umami rich character develops, with a crumbly texture with an abundant amount of tyrosine crystals.		
97	BELGIOSIOSO SHARP PROVOLONE CHEESE pound	6.99	19.95	3	Founded in 1979 by Errico Auricchio, whose great-grandfather was a cheese manufacturer in Italy. Auricchio started the company in Denmark, Wisconsin, where he produced his first cheese, provolone. From cultured milk, enzymes, and salt. Aged seven months.		
98	PILLER'S BLACK KASSEL HUNGARIAN SALAMI pound	11.99	34.95	3	Est. 1957 by the Huber family at Waterloo Ontario. Descendants of the three Huber brothers continue to manage the company. Slow smoked over hardwoods with a light and creamy texture, hints of pepper, nutmeg and a touch of mace. Perfect on charcuterie boards paired with hard and soft cheeses and figs.		
99	NATURAL NORTHERN THE ORIGINAL FISHTOWN SMOKED WHITEFISH PATE 7 oz cup	7.99	23.50	3	'After realizing her passion for creating great tasting, whole, healthy foods, Lori started Natural Northern Foods in 2005 based in Traverse City, Michigan. Her love of farmer's markets inspired the creation of her original recipe fresh salsa. After the success from local sales,		

						she added more salsa flavors, hummus dips, cream cheese spreads, spices, rubs and specialty items. Everything is made with the highest quality local ingredients that are gmo and gluten free, with no preservatives added.'	
100	D'ARBO ALL NATURAL BITTER ORANGE MARMALADE pound jar	4.99	14.50	3		Austrian family firm est. 1879. Made from Seville oranges. Ingredients: sugar, oranges, water, lemon juice concentrate, gelling agent pectin. Made from 35 g fruits per 100 g.	