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WHO MAY ORDER: To place an order from this offering, you must be a member of Ann Arbor Wine Club or Tasters Guild Membership and expiration date are on the back of this order form in plain English (unless it's a blank from the tasting).

HOW TO ORDER ON THIS FORM: (See below for address to Order ONLINE)

1. Write the number of bottles of each wine you're ordering in the Quantity column.
2. Multiply by the price per bottle and write that amount in the Cost column or enter the case price if ordering a full case of that item.
3. Add the taxable amounts (non-tax items are marked NO TAX) in the Cost column and write that amount at TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL at the end of the order form.
4. Multiply the TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL by .06 to get the 6% Sales Tax amount.
5. Add the NO TAX amounts in the Cost column and write that amount at NON-TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL.
6. Add the two SUB-TOTALS, Sales Tax, Bottle Deposit, if applicable, (indicated +DEP on order form) and write that amount at ORDER TOTAL.
7. Order forms must be accompanied by full payment of ORDER TOTAL by cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.
8. Order forms and full payment must be received by Village Corner by **jan 17**. Orders received the following week are subject to a 2% surcharge. Orders may be hand-delivered, mailed, FAXed to 995-1826 or online (link at <http://villagecorner.com/clubs/index.html>). NO PHONE ORDERS PLEASE.

Wine	Price bottle	Price case	How Many	Cost
1. 15 CH SENEJAC, CB, HAUT MEDOC	21.99	258.50/12		
2. 18 CH LA TOUR DE BESSAN, CB, MARGAUX	33.99	199.95/6		
3. 16 CH LA DAME DE BOUARD, MONTAGNE	18.99	223.50/12		
4. 16 CH BEAUSEJOUR PRESTIGE, FRONSAC	14.99	176.50/12		
5. 15 CH D'AIGUILHE, CASTILLON - CD BORD	22.99	269.95/12		
6. 16 CH ROUQUETTE, BORDEAUX	7.99	93.95/12		
7. 16 CAHORS LE VASSAL MERCUES, VIGOUR	16.99	199.95/12		
8. 16 GRAVE MARTILLAC, PESSAC LEOGNAN BL	27.99	164.50/6		
9. 18 CH ROC MEYNARD, BOR BLANC	14.99	176.50/12		
10. 15 CARMESRIEUSSEC, SAUTERNES	29.99	176.50/6		
11. 18 MUSCADET, BEAUREGARD	11.49	134.95/12		
12. 19 SAUMUR BLANC POUCHES,	10.49	123.50/12		
13. 18 CHINON, J-M RAFFAULT	12.99	152.95/12		
14. 19 TOURAINE SAUV COEUR REINE	12.99	152.95/12		
15. 19 SANCERRE, D & J CROCHET	22.99	269.95/12		
16. 17 BOURG H C BEAUNE PN MERCEY	18.99	223.50/12		
17. 18 AUXEY R DUPONT-FAHN	38.99	229.50/6		
18. 17 MERCUREY 1C, MICHEL JUILLOT	32.99	193.95/6		
19. 19 MORGON GC1926, D BOULAND	31.99	187.95/6		
20. 18 MOULIN A VENT GC, ROCHEGRES	23.99	139.95/6		
21. 19 CHABLIS, SEGUINOT-BORDET	22.99	269.95/12		
22. 18 BOURG CHARD FLAVIE, GUY AMIOT	25.49	299.95/12		
23. 16 MONTAGNY LURNINS 1C, CHAMILLY	28.99	169.95/6		
24. 19 MACON VIL CHARD VV, JEAN TOUZOT	11.49	134.95/12		

25. 19 CDR, LES APHILLANTHES	12.99	152.95/12		
26. 19 C DR BLLONE, CH PEGAU	16.79	197.50/12		
27. 17 PLAN DE DIEU CDR VILL, 'ESPIGOUETTE	15.79	184.95/12		
28. 18 GIGONDAS VV, SAINT DAMIEN	27.99	164.50/6		
29. 18 VENTOUX 3 MESSES BASSES,	10.49	123.50/12		
30. 13 LANGUEDOC L'EQUILIBRE, SYMPOSIA	12.99	152.95/12		
31. 18 ALSACE PINOT BLANC, WEINBACH	19.99	234.95/12		
32. 17 ALSACE RIESLING, ANDRE SCHERER	16.99	199.95/12		
33. 18 ALSACE GEWURZ, THE FURST	13.99	164.50/12		
34. 17 MULH SONNEN RIES KAB FH, RICHTER	18.99	223.50/12		
35. 15 JOHANNISB KLAUS RIES AUS, KRAYER	18.99	223.50/12		
36. 16 OPPENHEIMER RIES KAB, DR HEYDEN	11.49	134.95/12		
37. 17 PFALZ PINOT GRIS VILLA WOLF, LOOSEN	12.99	152.95/12		
38. 19 BURGENLAND GRU V, ZANTHO	12.99	152.95/12		
39. 19 MINHO ALVARINHO, NORTICO	13.99	164.50/12		
40. 18 LISBOA RES RUELAS, GRADIL	9.79	114.95/12		
41. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO, PAZO CILLEIRO	14.99	176.50/12		
42. 16 RIBEIRA SACRA VINA BURATO, D. VENTU	14.99	176.50/12		
43. 16 CASTILLA Y LEON MARISA, ALAIA	8.49	99.95/12		
44. 16 RIBERA DUERO ROBLE, CONVENTO SF	16.79	197.50/12		
45. 10 BAJO ARAGON TEMPRANILLO OV ESEN,	6.79	79.95/12		
46. 16 PRIORAT ONA, CELLER CECILIO	16.79	197.50/12		
47. 19 MALLORCA SINCRONIA BLANC	20.99	246.95/12		
48. 18 VALLEE D'AOSTE FUMIN,	20.99	246.95/12		
49. 16 BAROLO ALBE, G. D. VAJRA	33.99	199.95/6		
50. 19 LANGHE NEBB GAVARINI, GRASS	20.99	246.95/12		
51. 17 FRIULI ISONZO REFOSCO ROSSO	13.99	164.50/12		
52. 18 VALPOLICELLA, ALLEGRINI	14.99	176.50/12		
53. 17 CHIANTI, MARCHIO STORICO PAG	8.49	99.95/12		
54. 16 CHIANTI FIORENTINI, LANCIOLA	11.49	134.95/12		
55. 12 CHIANTI CLASS RIS, CASTELLANI	16.79	197.50/12		
56. 18 MAREMMA SANGIOVESE, SASSOR	14.99	176.50/12		
57. 19 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO,	7.99	93.95/12		
58. 13 PUGLIA NEPRICA, TORMARESCA	9.99	117.50/12		
59. 18 CANNONAU IMONE, VERNACCIA	11.49	134.95/12		
60. 19 LANGHE BIANCO , VAJRA	12.99	152.95/12		
61. 19 LUGANA LIMNE, ROVEGLIA	14.99	176.50/12		
62. 19 ALTO ADIGE PG,ANDRIANO	13.99	164.50/12		
63. 19 VERDICCHIO , BELISARIO	12.99	152.95/12		

64. COMMUNAUTE EUROPE BLANC,	5.19	59.95/12		
65. 18 SLOVENIA PINOT GRIGIO, PULLUS	13.99	164.50/12		
66. 18 HI HEAVEN MAJESTIC PINES CAB	13.99	164.50/12		
67. 18 GAMBLE MILL KEEPER CAB	25.49	299.95/12		
68. 18 WATERMILL CHANCES R RED	15.79	184.95/12		
69. 19 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE PN	16.99	199.95/12		
70. 18 BERINGER FOUNDERS PINOT NOIR	8.49	99.95/12		
71. 18 HAHN CENTRAL COAST GSM	12.99	152.95/12		
72. 18 CA' MOMI CALIFORNIA ROSSO	8.49	99.95/12		
73. 18 GOLDSCHMIDT FIDELITY ZIN	16.79	197.50/12		
74. 18 FROG'S LEAP NAPA INFANDEL	27.99	164.50/6		
75. 18 WOODBRIDGE SAUV BLANC	5.99	69.95/12		
76. 19 DUCK POND CHARD	14.99	176.50/12		
77. 18 TALLEY BISHOP'S PEAK CHARD	12.99	152.95/12		
78. 19 BONNY DOON CIGARE BLANC WH	16.99	199.95/12		
79. 18 CH FONTAINE PINOT GRIS	11.49	134.95/12		
80. 18 HI HEAVEN STARSHOWER RIES	11.49	134.95/12		
81. FENN VY 42 LMS VIDAL ICE WINE HB	15.79	92.95/6		
82. 18 GARZON RES CAB FRANC	12.99	152.95/12		
83. 17 DE MARTINO MAIPO CARMENERE	11.49	134.95/12		
84. 15 TERRANOBLE GRRES CARIGNAN	12.99	152.95/12		
85. 19 SPY VY SATELLITE SAUV BLANC	12.99	152.95/12		
86. 20 BABYLONSTOREN WHITE	12.99	152.95/12		
87. 19 CDR ROSE, CH MONT REDON	16.79	197.50/12		
88. 19 HERAULT COLLINES ROSE, OMB	9.79	114.95/12		
89. FERREIRA 10 YR TAWNY PORT	25.49	149.95/6		
90. 14 COCKBURN'S LBV PORTO	20.99	123.50/6		
91. GERST NURN MARKT GLUHWEIN lt	6.99	39.95/6		
92. 14 GIMONNET PC GASTR BDB BRUT	54.95	322.95/6		
93. 08 CHARLES ORBAN BRUT CHAMP	47.99	281.95/6		
94. SEGURA VIUDAS ROSE BRUT CAVA	11.49	134.95/12		
95. LUNA NUDA PROSECCO TREVISO	13.99	164.50/12		
96. 18 CHIANTI, QUERCETO magnum	19.99	117.50/6		
97. OMMEGANG RARE AMBER 6pk + DEP	12.95	49.95/4		
97. deposit	.60	2.40/4		
98. SOFT RIPE GOAT CHEESE L NO TAX	10.99	20.95/2		
99. PFEFFERNUSSE NO TAX	1.75	4.95/3		
100. SEA SALT-CARAM DK CH NO TAX	2.99	8.50/3		

PLEASE NOTE ANY DELIVERY OR STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS HERE

TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL:

+ 6% Sales Tax:

+Bottle Deposit:

+ NON-TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL:

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Visa or Mastercard or Discover or American Express ?

CARD NUMBER:

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SIGNATURE (required for credit cards)

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ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

January , 2021

ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB JANUARY TASTING

Our traditional Pre-Sale Tasting of wine-offering items is once again cancelled . Please stay tuned for possible future tastings when congenial groups can once again gather safely. Until then we trust this annotated list will stimulate your taste buds and provide direction for your order and pleasurable confirmations in your own homes.

ORDERING INFORMATION. Order form with payment should reach Village Corner, 1747 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105, by **SUNDAY JANUARY 17**. Orders received the following week are subject to a 2% surcharge. Orders are filled in the sequence in which they are received and paid, and early orders take precedence in the allocation of items in short supply. VISA, MasterCard, Discover card and American Express accepted; include address, phone, card number , expiration date, and security code. Orders may be hand-delivered, mailed, FAXed (995-1826) or placed online (link at <https://villagecorner.com/clubs/index.html>), but no call-in orders, please.

ORDER PICK-UP. No pick-ups before **SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**. Inquire with the Village Corner wine staff about storage and delivery options. Village Corner has very limited in-store storage space so please try to pick up your order as soon as feasible.

PICKUP DATES - any day you choose from **SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 FORWARD**.

Store hours are from 11-7 Mon & Tues, 10-7 Wed-Sat, noon-6 Sunday

--BORDEAUX - RED--

1. 15 CHATEAU SENEJAC, CRU BOURGEOIS, HAUT MEDOC

21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12

At Le Pian. Plenty of good oak here, the most in years. Southern Haut Medoc sur bois terroir and plenty of cabernet sauvignon expression./ Structure of cabernet and oak tannins. A great Senejac with cellar potential. 92+/100.

2. 18 CHATEAU LA TOUR DE BESSAN, CRU BOURGEOIS, MARGAUX

33.99 each; 199.95 case of 6

Marie Laure Lurton, proprietor; at Soussans; 54% merlot, 43% cab sauv, 2% cab franc, 1% petit verdot; 10-14 months in barrels. Improving each quality vintage as its vines mature. There's a Margaux charm aspect and cabernet on gravel black currant./ Close, tart, tannic upon opening.. Hopefully this will open up as it airs. The material is there. And it did to considerable extent, offering on the palate more fruit, more oak, and that lovely cabernet cedar suggestion. Widely appreciated by the group, with the caveat it needs more cellar time. 92+/100.

3. 16 CHATEAU LA DAME DE BOUARD, MONTAGNE SAINT EMILION

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Coralie de Bouard, daughter of Chateau Angelus' Hubert de Bouard, takes after her father when it comes to fine winemaking. La Dame de Bouard is the second wine of her Clos de Bouard. Lovely, intricate fragrances of Asian spices and black fruits, with an aura of violets./ Generous Saint Emilion fruit, the silken texture of 2016, and overtones of oak and cedar. Class act here. 92+/100.

4. 16 CHATEAU BEAUSEJOUR CUVÉE PRESTIGE, FRONSAC

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

All merlot; a cuvee from the oldest vines.; Gold Medal - Bordeaux. Shows 2016 and Fronsac black fruit and old vines concentration./ No barrel signs,--part of the reason for its modest price. Well balanced, with fine tannin. Good cellar candidate. A very nice expression of Right Bank Bordeaux merlot. 91+/100.

5. 15 CHATEAU D'AIGUILHE, CASTILLON - COTES DE BORDEAUX

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 92 - CELLAR SELECTION: 'This balanced wine shows fine potential. Its structure dominates at the moment, with solid tannins, but the rich black fruit is all there. Let it develop over the next several years and drink from 2021.' A top Castillon Chateau, owned in common with Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classe Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere by the dapper Comte von Neipperg, I commonly direct-import its second wine, Seigneurs d'Aiguilhe, one of my favorite clarets. This round, I was shipped the Grand Vin by mistake. It would cost the importer more to send it back, so I got it for the price of the Seigneurs. I share my good fortune with Wine Club members. Winesearcher.com lists the average retail price of the Grand Vin as \$30.

6. 16 CHATEAU ROUQUETTE, BORDEAUX

7.99 each; 93.95 case of 12

At Saint Vincent de Pertigues. 70% merlot, 30% cabernet sauvignon. Pleasingly ripe and sweet, especially for 2016. Nice nasal texture./ Yeah, great 2016 acid and spiel and burnish, and that uniquely sweet fruit. Deal. 91/100.

7. 16 CAHORS LE VASSAL CHATEAU DE MERCUES, GEORGES VIGOUROUX

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

14% merlot. 6 months in foudres. Boy, that's got a lot of class. Suavity, barrel time, ripe fruit. Depth. And again, class./ Charm, breeding, polish. Pushing it, oh boy. 92/100, at least.

--BORDEAUX - WHITE--

8. 16 CHATEAU LA GRAVE MARTILLAC, PESSAC LEOGNAN BLANC

27.99 each; 164.50 case of 6

Second wine of Grand Cru Classe Chateau Latour Martillac. Semillon and sauvignon blanc. Still shy, but clearly full bodied and well crafted./ Some barrel influence. Nice lemon/lime and passion fruit flavors. Grand Cru full, even powerful. It would be a shame to serve it now. It will be so much more accomplished a few months down the line. 92+/100.

9. 18 CHATEAU ROC MEYNARD, BORDEAUX BLANC

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

From Villegouge near Fronsac. Half each sauvignon, semillon; 70 year old vines. Nice gooseberry sauvignon pungence. Sauvignon cat pee and semillon body./ Yes, semillon fullness and plumpness. Sauvignon lime cut. Works. 92/100.

10. 15 CARMES DE CHATEAU RIEUSSEC, SAUTERNES

29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6

Vinous 93/100. My notes: Luscious. Overwhelmingly creme filled. Custard creme donut. Lemon frosting, lemon curd. Pineapple. Suggestions of botrytis: tea, tobacco, dry pollen./ Plenty of honey and pollen. Big time flavor impact, range. Awesome second. 93+/100.

--LOIRE--

11. 18 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE, DOMAINE DE BEAUREGARD

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Plenty of muscadet fruit here. With give, padding. Super value./ Large, juicy. Pleasing astringency and grip. Lots of textural burnish. 91/100.

12. 19 SAUMUR BLANC LES POUCHES, CAVE DE SAUMUR

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

Chenin blanc vineyard on southwest facing slopes near the village of Meron. Pungent apple and quince. It's both brisk and fresh and has that tender, forgiving 2019 fruit center./ Palate adds white peach. This is very stimulating and refreshing for its bright, crisp acidity. Salivating even. Great mineral savor. Many mealtime applications. A top vintage of this. 91/100.

13. 18 CHINON, JEAN-MAURICE RAFFAULT

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

14.5%; est. 1693; from sandy alluvial soil near the Vienne. Strange positioning for a Chinon in a Wednesday set, but check the alcohol and the color! Large, extract laden, and still sullen./ Yeah, this has all the material, body, power, and potential one could want. Just lacks aromatic profile. Over the coming hours it began to reveal a richer set of aromas and flavors. Nonetheless, like me, the group was most impressed its body, power, and cellar-worthiness. 92+/100.

**14. 19 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON LE COEUR DE LA REINE,
DOMAINE JACKY MARTEAU**

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

4th generation estate on the south bank of the Cher. Oh, that's a pungent tangelo, mango, and passion fruit aromatic set. Piercing./ Equally demonstrative on the palate. What tang and flavor! Long, detailed aftertaste. 93/100.

15. 19 SANCERRE, DOMAINE, DOMINIQUE & JANINE CROCHET

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

The real deal. Full charm; come hither, inviting citrus fruit./ Ripe, round fruit and good acidity. Green pear and citrus. Good balance. Lengthy and complex aftertaste. A group favorite. 92/100.

--BURGUNDY - RED--

**16. 17 BOURGOGNE HAUTES COTES DE BEAUNE PINOT NOIR
CHATEAU DE MERCEY**

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Bright in the 2017 style. Dark, fruit peel grip and solidity of a Hautes Cotes pinot. Beautiful highlights of fruits and flowers seldom seen in Hautes Cotes wines. That's 2017!/ Sweet and easy pinot cherry and cherry blossom. Not a bit of the rusticity. 92/100.

**17. 18 AUXEY DURESSES DERRIERE LE FOUR,
DOMAINE RAYMOND DUPONT-FAHN**

38.99 each; 229.50 case of 6

Aged 20 months in barrels; unfinned, unfiltered. Genuine cork and a long one./ Wow, that's one hefty Auxey rouge./ Good and sweet fruit on the palate. 2018 talking. Plenty of bulk, presence. Good acid for balance. Light tannin. Well poised to go and grow. This yielded up more aroma and flavor as it aired over the next few hours and was universally appreciated by the tasting panel. 93+/100.

**18. 17 MERCUREY CLOS DES BARRAULTS 1ER CRU,
DOMAINE MICHEL JUILLOT**

32.99 each; 193.95 case of 6

Vines planted in 1972, 1980, 1995; Peter Weygandt selection. Deep color and more toward ruby than scarlet./ Crisp fruit aroma. Less forward than many a 17 red burgundy. Signs of barrel influence./ Playing it pretty close. Wait for this to fill out with aeration and bottle age. A couple of hours later, it was more revealing, and the group was impressed. 92+/100.

**19. 19 MORGON GRAND CRU DELYS VIGNES PLANTEE EN 1926,
DANIEL BOULAND**

31.99 each; 187.95 case of 6

Parker 95: 'The 2019 Morgon Les Delys Vignes plantees en 1926 has turned out brilliantly, wafting from the glass with aromas of ripe cherries, blackberries, strawberries, sweet soil tones and spices. Medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, it's seamless and multidimensional, and with striking concentration, succulent acids and powdery tannins, it's long and penetrating. While this is carrying less puppy fat than the 2018 at the same age, it's still quite a demonstrative, fruit-driven vintage of Les Delys, and while it will be long-lived, it can also be approached young. Drink now-2035.'

20. 18 MOULIN A VENT GRAND CRU, DOMAINE DE ROCHEGRES

23.99 each; 139.95 case of 6

Wine Enthusiast 94 - CELLAR SELECTION: 'This wine comes from a five-acre vineyard in the domaine. Aged partly in barrels, it has intense red-cherry fruits and acidity that contrast with the dry tannins. Those tannins are the secret behind the wine's considerable potential. Drink from 2022. \$38.'

--BURGUNDY - WHITE--

21. 19 CHABLIS, DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

Est. 1590; 25-40 year old vines. Chalk dust. Dusty calcaire feature. Apple and citrus chardonnay aspects too. Terroir driven chardonnay as only Chablis can interpret it./ Very juicy citrus joins calcaire grip, texture. Dry but not austere. It's to the point Chablis: lovely, pure, classic. Plenty of extract behind it too. Well liked by the group. 92/100.

22. 18 BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY CUVÉE FLAVIE, DOMAINE GUY AMIOT

25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12

45 year old vines on the lower slopes of Chassagne Montrachet. Signifies Burgundy barrel aging regimen. Ample, complex, grand./ Full and flavorful. Complicated and lasting. Might as well be a Chassagne itself. The group was impressed. 93+/100.

23. 16 MONTAGNY LES BURNINS 1ER CRU, CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY

28.99 each; 169.95 case of 6

Wine Enthusiast 93: 'From one of Montagny's top premier cru vineyards, this is dense and textured as well as richly fruity. The fermentation followed by aging in wood have enhanced the wine's complexity, offering pear flavors, a tight texture and a flinty edge. Drink from 2021. \$45.'

**24. 19 MACON VILLAGES CHARDONNAY VIEILLES VIGNES,
DOMAINE JEAN TOUZOT**

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

At Martailly-Les-Brancion. Upon opening, very green appley. Plenty of malic acid. Still on the sharp side in youth./ Yes, acid edge to the extreme. I'd like to give this a chance to round

out some. Takes crispness to the limit. Long aftertaste. Well, apparently, this rounded and filled out further after aeration, because, an hour later, the tasting panel gave it the high marks of a fulfilled wine. Orders taken. 91+/100.

--RHONE/MIDI--

25. 19 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE LES APHILLANTHES

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

At Travaillon; 70% grenache, 20% mourvedre, 10% carignan. Wow, this soars. Very high toned./ But the palate has full tannin that brings it down to earth. That's good for the future. It can't totally suppress the urge to take wing though. Well liked by the group. 91+/100.

26. 19 COTES DU RHONE BLANC CUVÉE LONE, CHATEAU PEGAU

16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

Estate grown; 50 year old vines; 40% clairette; 30% bourboulenc, 20% grenache blanc, 10% ugni blanc. Quite full bodied and forceful, as is her style. The low key aromatics of the southern Rhone pantheon of white varieties. Aeration coaxed forth suggestions of lemon, custard, mixed berries, and even oak, according to group members' notes./ Yes, full, strong, well textured. For mealtime applications. 91+/100.

**27. 17 PLAN DE DIEU COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES,
DOMAINE DE L'ESPIGOUETTE**

15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12

70% grenache, 20% syrah, 10% mourvedre. Less fruit, more force than the Sainte Anne Villages tasted right before it. Great power and concentration./ Indeed, Espigouette garrigue, intensity, alcohol and glycerol concentration. Reads right from the start and just keeps upping the ante. 92+/100.

28. 18 GIGONDAS VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE SAINT DAMIEN

27.99 each; 164.50 case of 6

80% grenache (65 yr old vines), 20% mourvedre (37 yr old vines); Parker 94/100. My notes: Great garrigue flair, power, old vines concentration. Enormous sense of presence in the nostrils./ Garrigue notions spread all over the palate. Old vines core of fruit intensity. A Gigondas gob-ful of a palate that refuses to quit. Keeper type and degree of tannin. 94+/100.

29. 18 VENTOUX 3 MESSES BASSES, VIGNERONS DU MONT VENTOUX

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

Wow! Sweet, ripe, spicy black fruit. Spot on assemblage of Ventoux varieties here, all working together./ Yes, just right spicy, ripe fruit flavors with good acidity to match. Total Ventoux package. 92/100.

30. 13 LANGUEDOC L'EQUILIBRE, VILLA SYMPOSIA

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

55% syrah, 35% carignan, 5% each grenache, mourvedre. Very deep, spicy, sexy. Sweet and full. Wow./ All over the place. Spicy, rich, textured, flavorful, long. Total. 93+/100.

--ALSACE--

31. 18 ALSACE PINOT BLANC, DOMAINE WEINBACH

19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12

From the Laurence and Clos de Capuchins vineyards. 70% pinot auxerrois, 30% pinot blanc. Weinbach clear and intense. Auxerrois fleshes it out. Mentions of golden delicious apple, green apple, and pear aromas./ Soft acid of the varietals. Auxerrois creaminess. Though the RS is threshold, there were comments on its 'sweetness'. Probably due to mild acidity combined

with auxerrois's high glycerol content. Damn good overall. 92/100.

32. 17 ALSACE RIESLING, ANDRE SCHERER

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

A very fresh, clear take with no evergreen formed yet. This is one of the best of his of late. And one of the youngest./ Lovely face of riesling, unique and hard to describe, but I'm likin' it. 91/100.

33. 18 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER, THE FURST

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Nice and waxy. Well pomaded. Rose and ginger./ Yes, cold cream, RS, and glycerol all perform on the palate. Proper bitter twist at the finale. A top vintage of this from the Riquewihr source. 92/100.

--GERMANY/AUSTRIA--

**34. 17 MULHEIMER SONNENLAY RIESLING KABINETT FEINHERB,
MAX FERD. RICHTER**

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Parker 93/100. My notes: Dazzles, penetrates, soars. Slate saturated riesling. This wine has prodigious intensity./ Light sweetness foiled by tangy acidity. Such delivery, such persistence. Masterful. The group was enthralled. 93+/100.

35. 15 JOHANNISBERGER KLAUS RIESLING AUSLESE, KRAYER

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Est. 1866; Silver Prize - Hessen. An exemplary young Rheingau auslese featuring aromas of orange, peach, stone. Well extracted, well balanced, well poised. Young and solidly built./ Fully sweet in 2015, with great grip and etch. Real auslese concentration, not just of sweetness but also extract. 93+/100.

36. 16 OPPENHEIMER RIESLING KABINETT, WEINGUT DR. HEYDEN

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Better than ever. Full fruit. Noteworthy Hessia riverside vineyards riesling aromatics of tangerine and nectarine. The sweetness is great, the acidity is great. More harmony and generosity than ever before. Long and juicy aftertaste. 92/100..

37. 17 PFALZ PINOT GRIS VILLA WOLF, ERNST LOOSEN

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

A different take on pinot gris. Plumper fruit; racy nonetheless./ Really fruity compared to the Venezie takes. Softer, easier. A happy face pinot gris. Well fashioned. 92/100.

38. 19 BURGENLAND GRUNER VELTLINER, ZANTHO

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Usually relatively soft and perfumed thanks to its balmy origin, this 2019 is exceptionally so./ Ah, but there's good acid bite on the palate. Wine of place. People pleasing too. 90/100.

--IBERIA--

39. 19 MINHO ALVARINHO, NORTICO

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Vineyards planted 1910 - 2005. Upon opening, nose accurate but still low key. Nice little tingle to it. A few weeks later, Very deep seated and special alvarinho take. Citrus and stone fruits, with a savory mineral basis./ Yeah, dry, dusty, understated. This has been a steady favorite but likely not tasted this young before. Pleasing astringency. This one opened up well

for the group, showing bright varietal character, tropical fruit overtones, and attractive acidity and minerality. 91+/100.

40. 18 LISBOA RESERVA RUELAS, QUINTA DO GRADIL
9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12

Tasting Panel 91: 'This blend of Syrah, Touriga Nacional, and Tinta Roriz tastes like it should cost double or triple the price. The grapes were grown on the renowned Quinta do Gradil estate in the western foothills of the majestic Montejunto mountain range. Aromas of olives, soy sauce, and espresso are deep and savory, and on the palate, fruit pops atop a pillow-light texture. Inherent spice persists throughout, melding with dried blue flowers, fennel, and bright acidity.'

41. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO, PAZO CILLEIRO
14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

A storied estate, founded by monks in the Salnes Valley..Reluctant upon opening; takes some delving. There's sweet citrus and honeysuckle deep down inside. It pushes through. A nice and plush Salnes take on albarino./ White fruit melange. The varietal padding is evident, as well as vivacious fruit acidity. And saline minerality. Flavorful, balanced, long. Well liked by the group. 92+/100.

42. 16 RIBEIRA SACRA VINA DO BURATO, D. VENTURA
14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Wine & Spirits 93 - BEST BUY: 'From a parcel of 80-year-old vines on slate and clay near the Mino River, it presents the mencia grape in all its fruity splendor -- flavors of cherries, raspberries and blackberries -- decorated with notes of slate and black pepper. The texture has enough grip for game while the acidity projects a sense of refreshment. \$22.'

43. 16 CASTILLA Y LEON MARISA, ALAIA
8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

70% prieto picudo, 30% tempranillo. Has that haunting, earthy prieto quality, unique and enticing. That purple stained fruit of the region and the dominant variety. Good aromatic concentration. Deep fruited, with some barrel earned breadth./ Yes, rich, deep, broad. More than earlier years. Meaty, beefy. Yes, juicy black fruit, agreeably tart and mealworthy. 2016 coolness and grip of fine tannin. 92+/100.

44. 16 RIBERA DEL DUERO ROBLE, CONVENTO SAN FRANCISCO
16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

10 months in barrels; unfiltered. Dark color of RDD tempranillo./ Solid, stalwart, well structured, and well filled RDD. Oak influence but not obvious like in some RDDs./ Yes, rich black fruit fills the month. Sweeter than a lot of RDDs, which is flattering. A delicious mouthful and classic to the DO. 92+/100.

45. 10 BAJO ARAGON TEMPRANILLO OLD VINE ESENZIA, BODEGAS TEMPORE
6.79 each; 79.95 case of 12

Ripe, mature, warm climate tempranillo./ Strong, dry, mature. Good acid, development, balance. Put right to use this winter. 91/100.

46. 16 PRIORAT ONA, CELLER CECILIO
16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

40% each garnatxa, syrah; 20% carinyena. Strong and direct. Deep;, sweet raspberry interests./ Palate sweet fruited and well balanced. A pleasing measure of maturity at age three, thanks to barrel time. More goodness to come. 92+/100.

47. 19 MALLORCA SINCRONIA BLANC, MESQUIDA MORA
20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

Prensal, giro, chardonnay; 20 year old vines, indigenous yeasts; 4 months on lees. A mellow melange; it works. Vinosity, citricity, minerality. Really quite full bodied./ Again, the citrus aspects. Crisp acidity, balanced set of varietal influences. Nothing askew, or loud mouthed. So ideal and rangy at the table. Saline finish. 91+/100.

--ITALY - RED--

48. 18 VALLEE D'AOSTE FUMIN, CAVE DES ONZE COMMUNES
20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

Fresh and cool high-valley rosso. 2018 supplies extra fruit richness and push. Spot on fumin./ Yes, 18 fruity, cool locale brightness, crispness. Light tannin on finish invites food. 92/100.

49. 16 BAROLO ALBE, G. D. VAJRA
33.99 each; 199.95 case of 6

Wine Spectator 94: 'Elegant and expressive, this red evokes cherry, raspberry and floral notes, aligned to a refined structure. This is balanced and leaves an aftertaste of fruit, tobacco and iron. Best from 2023 through 2043. \$40.'

50. 19 LANGHE NEBBIOLO GAVARINI, AZ. AGR. ELIO GRASSO
20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

At Monforte; one of Piemonte's fastest rising stars. A drier, more backward, more traditional aroma set. Oh, it's nebbiolo all right, and it runs deep. And really swells up with aeration to give a full assault on the nostrils./ Juicy acidity, suave glycerol. Dab of nebbiolo tar. This is serious stuff that approaches Barolo ambitions. Yes, big time cellar candidate. 93+/100.

51. 17 FRIULI ISONZO REFOSCO DEL PENDUNCOLO ROSSO
VILLA LOCATELLI, ANGORIS
13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Boy, that's vigorous, bursting with varietal character. The orange zest, cranberry. Supreme ripeness. Not at all testy, raspy./ Suave, adventuresome, tasty. All around good guy. 92/100.

52. 18 VALPOLICELLA, ALLEGRINI
14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 90 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Inviting aromas of red-skinned berry, violet and dark spice emerge from the glass. The savory, bright palate offers ripe red cherry, nutmeg and star anise alongside polished tannins and fresh acidity. It's made to be enjoyed young so drink soon.'

53. 17 CHIANTI, MARCHIO STORICO PAGANO
8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

A snappy little Chianti with dried cherry and citrus peel aplenty./ Nice measure of round sangiovese glycerol too. Flavorful. Good acid. Food please. 91/100.

54. 16 CHIANTI COLLI FIORENTINI, LANCIOLA
11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

13.5%. A nice, sweet smelling fruit aroma, especially for 2016. Colli Fiorentini lithe styling yields to something more buxom. Oh, and that 2016 race, reserve, tailored lines. After aeration, this adds depth./ 16 refined and Colli Fiorentini racy. Palate is spot for vintage and zone. Race takes the cake on the palate. Just classic. 91/100.

55. 12 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, FAMIGLIA CASTELLANI**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Dark; ruddy shade of maturity./ Well along in bouquet development. from both barrel and bottle aging./ Suave now. Good, elevated acidity. No tannin. Put to use this winter. Stew, roast, or game rosso. 91/100.

56. 18 MAREMMA SANGIOVESE, TENUTA SASSOREGALE**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Aged a few months in barriques. Wham, bam sangiovese aroma. 18 rich and ripe, Maremma seaside racy./ Plenty rich fruit on the palate too, plus that always vivid sangiovese acidity. Medium bodied, versatile. Slightly bitter finish plays well. Enjoyed by the group. 91+/100.

57. 19 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, BADIA ALLE CORTI**7.99 each; 93.95 case of 12**

From the hilly section of the region. Rich, deep, dry, full of material./ Sweetens in the mouth. Balanced. Light tannin in back. Long and flavorful. Certainly a well concentrated and satisfying accomplishment for the price. Very popular with my weekly tasting panel. Many orders taken. 91+/100.

58. 13 PUGLIA NEPRICA, SOC. AGR. TORMARESCA**9.99 each; 117.50 case of 12**

40% negroamaro, 30% each primitivo, cabernet sauvignon. Logical degree of maturity and bottle bouquet at age seven. There's wholesome black fruit yet along with its earned bouquet./ Yes, a very attractive degree of maturity, while retaining fruit material and fine fruit tannin. This could be cellared another year or so. 91/100.

59. 18 CANNONAU DI SARDEGNA MAIMONE, CANTINA DELLA VERNACCIA**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Very dark fruited, flashy, and vigorous for cannonau. Sweet fruited too. I'm sure the 2018 vintage has something to do with this. Yet the winemaker approach must be taken into account also./ Yes, this has dark fruit, peppercorn, and even a suggestion of garrigue. Blind, I'd take this for a grenache-dominant southern Rhone. Good price. 91/100.

--ITALY - WHITE--**60. 19 LANGHE BIANCO MONTERUSTICO, VAJRA****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Arneis, with dabs of chardonnay, sauvignon blanc. Oh, that is a pretty, pretty fruit-flower nose. Arneis leads the way. Chardonnay adds body. Sauvignon a citrus highlight. Arneis sage is prominent./ Convincing arneis. Gentle acidity and good flow of 2019. Vajra is good at crafting these dry white cuvees of native and alien grape varieties. 92/100.

61. 19 LUGANA LIMNE, TENUTA ROVEGLIA**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 91 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Fragrant aromas of peach blossom, field flower and ripe white-stone fruit are front and center on the nose. The creamy, savory palate doles out ripe peach, yellow pear and lemon drop alongside bright acidity that gives it a tangy, mouthwatering close. \$19.' Limne has been reckoned a Lugana Grand Cru vineyard since Pliny's day.

62. 19 ALTO ADIGE PINOT GRIGIO, CANTINA ANDRIANO**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Est. 1893. Associated with Cantina Terlano. Terlano pinot grigio is grown on clay,

Andriano on limestone. Ideal apple-nut-wax grigio aroma. High altitude brisk, with core of ripe fruit./ Rich and ripe and smooth. The acidity coated over but there, and it wells up in the back. Choose your course right, and this will be a complementary treat. The group was ecstatic. Many orders taken. 92/100.

63. 19 VERDICCHIO DI MATELICA LE SALSE, CANTINE BELISARIO**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

North-south oriented valley blocks ocean influence, causing dramatic diurnal temperature ranges; named for local salt-water springs (salse). The full, rich, aromatic style of a Matelica verdicchio. Apples in cream./ Oh, bracing acidity! Wow, begs for food. Rounds out nicely at the finish. This will sail at VC. 92/100.

--INTERNATIONAL--**64. LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENNE BLANC, VIEUX PAPE****5.19 each; 59.95 case of 12**

This is more involved than simply vinous, but I can't put a finger on the varietal makeup. It's not fruity or floral. There's a creamy aspect./ Yes, creamy fruit something. Entirely pleasing, and like nothing else. 90/100.

65. 18 SLOVENIA PINOT GRIGIO, PULLUS**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

5% barrel aged. Skin contact too. Good peels and light oak characters here./ Yes, all positive push and personality as the result of winemaking methods. 91/100.

--U.S. - RED--**66. 18 HIGH HEAVEN MAJESTIC PINES COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Black, even purple fruit here. Blackberry and black currant, even boysenberry. Impressive WA take on cabernet./ Delicious flavor confirmation. Free of stiff cabernet tannins. Well crafted and enticingly well balanced. 92/100.

67. 18 GAMBLE FAMILY THE MILL KEEPER NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

82% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot, 5% malbec. Aged in 40% new French and American oak barrels. Boy, 2018 fruit fulfillment. Black, spicy, intense. Definite barrel complexities added, yet the fruit remains a saturating component./ Yes, sweet fruited, powerful, barrel inflected, out and out generous. Balanced too. Neither alcohol nor tannin stand apart. Well priced. 93+/100.

68. 18 WATERMILL ESTATE CHANCES R COLUMBIA VALLEY RED**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Winery in the Milton-Freewater district on the Oregon side of the Walla Walla Valley; 50% Walla Walla merlot, 25% malbec, the rest carmenere and petit verdot. 11 months in barrels, 25% new. Right away, that New World fruit sweetness makes an impact. Seems more powerful too, though same alcohol. Then it segues into a subtler, more complex range of nasal aromas and textures./ Sweetly fruity yet not to excess. The barrel vanillin factor adds more complexity. Such a generous wine, yet worth contemplating for its varied bounty of tastes. 92+/100.

69. 19 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

On volcanic Jory & marine sediment soils of the Dundee Hills region; 10 months in Bemd, Damy, Cavin & Stockinger barrels. Fresh, alert, bright, racy. Pure and cool cherry aroma of OR pinot. Suggestion of oak and barrel time./ Medium bodied in this cool, wet vintage. Nonetheless, the acidity is well managed. Useful now and will round out with further aging. Kudos to the winemaker in 2019. 91+/100.

70. 18 BERINGER FOUNDERS' ESTATE CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Pleasing crisp edge and sweetish center. Medium bodied./ Good varietal character. Genuine. Good acid. Proper medium body. Plenty of race for mealtime versatility. 91/100.

71. 18 HAHN CENTRAL COAST GSM**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

69% grenache, 29% syrah, 2% mourvedre. True GSM range and warmth of varietal characters and seasonings./ Round, juicy, balanced on the approach. Sweet fruit, acid, and power make a triumvirate presentation. Wide appeal and applications. 91/100.

72. 18 CA' MOMI CALIFORNIA ROSSO**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Rich, powerful, deep, dark./ Sweet fruit meets a good dose of tannin to keep it honest. Long, fresh-fruit finish. This is loaded. Best vintage since the appellation changed from Napa Valley to California to allow this Napa Valley winery to fulfill demand for its popular rosso. Bargain price. 91/100.

73. 18 GOLDSCHMIDT FIDELITY NICK GOLDSCHMIDT RAILYARD**ALEXANDER VALLEY ZINFANDEL****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Wine Spectator 92: 'Supple and sleek, with polished, multilayered fruit, showing raspberry and toasty spice flavors that glide on the lasting finish. Drink now through 2027.'

74. 18 FROG'S LEAP NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL**27.99 each; 164.50 case of 6**

Wine & Spirits 92: 'Close your eyes, smell this wine, and you might think you've moved from Rutherford to Morgon. This wine has the kind of youthful impact of a great cru Beaujolais, then it settles into the plump richness of Napa Valley zin. Its mineral-driven tannins ground all the bright and zesty fruit, holding it tight, suggesting this has years of development ahead. A zin to hold. \$35.'

--U.S. - WHITE--**75. 18 ROBERT MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANC****5.99 each; 69.95 case of 12**

A couple of months ago, we undertook to taste a range of sauvignon blancs retailing for under \$10. This was one of the winners. Lovely, pungent sauvignon character. Grass, lime, gooseberry./ Nice, modest level of fruit sweetness against tangy, citrusy acidity. Big time value. 91/100.

76. 19 DUCK POND WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Est. 1993; aged in seasoned, lightly toasted French oak barrels. Pleasing fullness. Mellowness of barrel age without much if any oak extraction. Very, very pleasant creaminess

without any lactic notions./ There's a dash of oak spice on the front of the palate. Adds complexity. Good acidity, and light oak tannin for a balanced presentation. I'm impressed! Ordered pinot gris and was sent this. Glad I kept it. 92/100.

77. 18 TALLEY BISHOP'S PEAK SAN LUIS OBISPO CHARDONNAY**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Clear, appley fruit. Just suggestions of oak seasoning and malo creme./ Really great acid spiel, texture, body. Great price. Wide audience for this, and broad mealtime applications. 91/100.

78. 19 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BLANC CENTRAL COAST WHITE**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

49% grenache blanc, 31% vermentino, 20% clairette. The fullness of grenache blanc, the stone fruit aroma of vermentino./ Grenache blanc body, vermentino flavor. Clairette lift and acid. Quite insistent and full in presence. 91/100.

79. 18 CHATEAU FONTAINE LEELANAU PENINSULA PINOT GRIS**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

That's the right take on LP pinot gris. The apples and citrus. The glycerol. Race, give, texture, plumpness. The total harmony of zing and zang./ Plays out on the palate. Accurate, low key flavor profile. Good padding plus really great acidity for food. 91/100.

80. 18 HIGH HEAVEN STARSHOWER COLUMBIA VALLEY RIESLING**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

1.2 RS. Dry and subtle. Facile./ New World fruity. Near dry. Balanced. Wide ranging at the table. 91/100.

81. FENN VALLEY 42 LAKE MICHIGAN SHORE VIDAL ICE WINE half bottle**15.79 each; 92.95 case of 6**

Michigan Wine Competition - DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL - BEST OF CLASS DESSERT WINE; Tasters Guild - DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL. Sprawling; all over the place. Luxurious. Concentrated. Wow. Will compete with the best Niagara Peninsula's. Luscious peach-honey nose of vidal ice wine. Lots of pineapple, citrus, cake frosting. Incredibly essential./ Peach, apricot, chamomile. Lush, honeyed, flavorful, intense. Very, very sweet and concentrated. Pear nectar, pineapple, honey, wheat germ. Spicy, tingly stuff too. Really impressive. A crisp ice wine edge. Great and intense fruit statement. Luscious sweetness balanced by acid and extract. Totally awesome. 99+/100.

--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--**82. 18 BODEGA GARZON ESTATE RESERVA CABERNET FRANC****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Rightful cabernet franc reserve, dryness. And red raspberry aroma./ Yes, cool climate sort. Could be taken for a Chinon. Good acid, fine tannin. Balance. 91+/100.

83. 17 DE MARTINO MAIPO VALLEY CARMENERE**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

A bright, purple fruited Maipo carmenere. Boysenberry aroma./ Palate confirms aroma. Super smooth varietal nature with good acid ring too. 91/100.

84. 15 TERRANOBLE GRAN RESERVA MAULE VALLEY CARIGNAN**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Wonderful cassis aroma, and carignan juicy cherry. Intense, beautiful. The price is glorious./ Griotte, wild cherry. Texture, flavor, barrel without woodiness. Boy, that's gran reserva all right. The barrel aging is superb. Carignan black cherry, rusticity, amplitude. Total package. Unbelievable. 93/100.

85. 19 SPY VALLEY SATELLITE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Lovely pink grapefruit nose. Pure; no distractions./ Sweet, round, and singular. Incredible sweet-tart, racy finish. 92/100.

86. 20 BABYLONSTOREN CANDIDE SIMONSBERG-PAARL WHITE**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Chenin blanc, viognier, chardonnay, semillon. Fresh, fruity, well crafted. The first two contribute aromatics, the others, filling. Viognier is properly measured so its floral qualities do not overwhelm chenin's quince, lime, and melon./ Crisp, fresh, even crunchy. One of the liveliest Cape whites I've tasted. Superb balance. Kudos. 92/100.

--ROSE--**87. 19 COTES DU RHONE ROSE, CHATEAU MONT REDON****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

70% grenache, 30% syrah. Full and seemingly strong (but only 13%). Great pungence, depth, and penetration of a grenache-dominant cuvee./ A rich rose for full fare. Again, seems grenache dominant for the round, viscous contribution, which is balanced by racy acidity and good sense of power. Take it to the table. Very popular with the group. 92/100.

88. 19 HERAULT COLLINES DE LA MOURE ROSE, OMBRE**9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

Wonderful strawberry and red raspberry aromas./ Brisk and bright, with a tender center of red fruits. Medium bodied. Great flavor, length, and tangy finish. 91/100.

--FORTIFIED/FRUIT--**89. FERREIRA DONA ANTONIA 10 YEAR OLD TAWNY PORT****25.49 each; 149.95 case of 6**

Good, sweet, strong, and balanced, even in my Taster Glass, which usually exaggerates the alcohol. Fine fruit - barrel age combo. Fruitier than many Portuguese house's 10 year olds./ Yes, sweet fruited, balanced by long in oak dry savor. A commendable 10 year old tawny. 94/100.

90. 14 COCKBURN'S LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORTO**20.99 each; 123.50 case of 6**

From Cockburn's Quinta dos Canais & Quinta do Vale Coelho in Douro Superior. Ah, that Cockburn's special combination of aromatic dryness and strength. A power player./ Full sweetness on the palate, assuaged by power and tannin. One to lay down. 93+/100.

91. GERSTACKER NURNBERGER MARKT GLUHWEIN liter**6.99 each; 39.95 case of 6**

The historical Bavarian city of Nurnberg is known the world over for its famous Christkindl Market, and for its traditional drink, Gluhwein, or 'Glow Wine'. Christkindl Markt Gluhwein is a type of mulled-wine which still today is produced according to old-world tradition. A delicious combination of red wine, sugar and selected spices, Gluhwein is ready to drink; simply heat (do

not boil) to enjoy. Gluhwein is a special treat on a cold day or any day.

--SPARKLING--**92. 14 PIERRE GIMONNET PREMIER CRU CUVEE GASTRONOME
BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT CHAMPAGNE****54.95 each; 322.95 case of 6**

Wine Spectator 93: 'A well-knit Champagne, lightly honeyed, with a creamy mousse and finely meshed flavors of glazed apricot, lemon curd and pastry dough. Backed by refreshing, juicy acidity, this features a clean-cut and aromatic finish of elderflower and oyster shell. Drink now through 2027. \$71.' Best Champagne vintage since 2008.

93. 08 CHARLES ORBAN MILLESIME BRUT CHAMPAGNE**47.99 each; 281.95 case of 6**

Proprietaire-Recoltant at Troissy; Orban left the co-op in 1960; sold his estate to another Champagne family in 2000. 50% chardonnay, 40% pinot noir, 10% pinot meunier. Well, that's 2008. More solid than liquid. Super toasty-mealy./ Jawbreaker concentration. Hard to swallow. Yikes! The befeater's champagne. 95/100.

94. SEGURA VIUDAS ROSE BRUT CAVA**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 93: 'Strawberry and pink grapefruit perfume the glass. Defined by decisive flavors of cherry pith, grapefruit zest, and grenadine, it possesses a subtle richness thanks to its refined mousse and textural complexity.'

95. LUNA NUDA PROSECCO TREVISO**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Really, really glera fruity and good. Green apple, blossom, a little melon./ Treviso class. On the dry side of extra dry. Beautiful rendition. Flavorful. A very inviting production. 92/100.

--GRAND FORMAT--**96. 18 CHIANTI, CASTELLO DI QUERCETO magnum****19.99 each; 117.50 case of 6**

Sweet, dark, ripe fruit of the 18 Tuscan vintage. Rich and wholesome. Altogether the most attractive and fulfilled vintage of this I've tasted in a long time./ Medium bodied. Proper cherry-orange peel sangiovese flavor with touch of tar. Really, this is probably the most ample vintage of this I've tasted. Bargain. 91/100.

--POTPOURRI--**97. BREWERY OMMEGANG RARE VOS AMBER ALE 6 pk of 12 oz bottles****12.95 each; 49.95 case of 4 plus Deposit .60
each; 2.40 case of 4**

100 years before the Baseball Hall of Fame came to Cooperstown NY, Belgian immigrants founded America's oldest farmstead brewery here. A 6.5% amber ale brewed with sweet orange peel, grains of paradise, and coriander, Rare Vos (Strange Fox) takes its name from a tavern near Brussels known for cycling contests, pigeon races and outstanding ales. Pouring a brilliant copper with a creamy white head, this bright, beguiling beer is sensational to session, and pairs wonderfully with mussels, frites and other pub fare.

**98. FROMAGERIE GUILLOTEAU VIVAROIS BUCHERON
SOFT RIPENED GOAT CHEESE LOG 1 lb half log**

10.99 each; 20.95 case of 2

Associated with Fromager d'Affinois, this cheese maker offers a tradition goat milk cheese log that will form a brilliant pairing with the several sauvignon blanc wines in this sale.

**99. LAMBERTZ WEISS PFEFFERNUSSE GINGERBREAD COOKIES
WITH CHOCOLATE 7 oz bag**

1.75 each; 4.95 case of 3

Founded in Aachen in 1688, a small bakery became one of Germany's most beloved cookie factories. Soft gingerbread with a warm winter chocolate coat. Made with Fair Trade cocoa.

**100. HALLOREN ROYAL SEA SALT-CARAMEL DARK CHOCOLATE THINS
7 oz box**

2.99 each; 8.50 case of 3

The oldest German chocolate factory, founded in Halle in 1804. This product is a flavor extension of its popular after-dinner mint. Made with Fair Trade cocoa.