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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 January 8. 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	/ bottle	/ case	QTY	Total
BORDEAUX - RED				
1: 19 CHATEAU POTENSAC, MEDOC	\$27.99	\$328.95 / 12		
2: 19 CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE, CRU BOURG	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		
3: 16 CHATEAU COTE DE BALEAU, GRAND CR	\$27.99	\$328.95 / 12		
4: 12 CHATEAU DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
5: 15 CHATEAU LA ROCHE MEZIERES, CASTI	\$10.49	\$123.5 / 12		
6: 19 CHATEAU MAZETIER TRADITION,. BOR	\$10.49	\$123.5 / 12		
7: 19 CAHORS MALBEC LE VASSAL DE MERCU	\$14.99	\$176.5 / 12		
BORDEAUX - WHITE				
8: 19 CHATEAU THIEULEY, BORDEAUX BLANC	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
9: 16 CHATEAU LES ROQUES, LOUPIAC	\$18.99	\$111.5 / 6		
10: 21 COTES DE GASCOGNE, MARY TAYLOR	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
LOIRE				
11: 21 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE,	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
12: 21 ANJOU BLANC DOMAINE DE LA TREILL	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
13: 20 BOURGUEIL LIEU DIT BEAUREGARD, C	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
14: 20 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON LES ROCHES, V	\$10.49	\$123.5 / 12		
15: 21 POUILLY SUR LOIRE VIEILLES VIGNE	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		
BURGUNDY - RED				

16: 18 COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS GRANDE RESE	\$8.49	\$99.95 / 12		
17: 19 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, DOMAINE MO	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		
18: 18 CHOREY LES BEAUNE LES BEAUMONTS,	\$27.99	\$328.95 / 12		
19: 20 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES TERRE DE LOY	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
20: 20 JULIENAS GRAND CRU LES CERISIERS	\$16.79	\$197.5 / 12		
BURGUNDY - WHITE				
21: 20 CHABLIS MONTEE DE TONNERRE 1ER C	\$39.99	\$234.95 / 6		
22: 20 MONTAGNY LES BASSETS, CHATEAU DE	\$23.99	\$281.95 / 12		
23: 20 BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE SILEX BUISSONI	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
24: 20 MACON-CHARDONNAY, DOMAINE GERALD	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
RHONE/MIDI				
25: 21 SAVOIE JONGIEUX BLANC, EUGENE CA	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
26: 20 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE DES PASQ	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
27: 20 VALREAS COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
28: 21 SABLET COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES,	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
29: 17 VACQUEYRAS CUVEE CLASSIQUE, DOMA	\$20.99	\$246.95 / 12		
30: 20 GIGONDAS VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAIN	\$29.99	\$176.5 / 6		
31: 20 VENTOUX BLANC 3 MESSES BASSES, V	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
32: 21 COTEAUX DE CABERISSE ANNE SARDA,	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
33: 19 CITE DE CARCASSONNE CABERNET FRA	\$9.79	\$114.95 / 12		
ALSACE				
34: 21 ALSACE RIESLING, THE FURST	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
35: 19 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER VIEILLES V	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		
GERMANY/AUSTRIA				
36: 18 OCKFENER BOCKSTEIN RIESLING KABI	\$16.99	\$199.95 / 12		
37: 19 PIESPORTER GOLDTROPFCHEN RIESLIN	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		
38: 19 JOHANNISBERGER ERNTEBRINGER RIES	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
39: 18 FRANKEN DOMINA TROCKEN, WINZ. SO	\$14.99	\$176.5 / 12		
40: 17 NACKENHEIMER RIESLING TROCKEN, B	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
IBERIA				
41: 17 DAO, DHARMA	\$8.49	\$99.95 / 12		

42: 21 RIAS BAIXAS CONDADO ALBARINO ETH	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
43: 19 RIBERA DEL DUERO VILLALBA DE DUE	\$14.99	\$176.5 / 12		
44: 01 RIOJA VIN DE AUTOR, BODEGAS MANZ	\$29.99	\$176.5 / 6		
45: 17 RIOJA RESERVA, MARQUES DE RISCAL	\$16.99	\$199.95 / 12		
46: 20 CAMPO DE BORJA GARNACHA, BODEGAS	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
47: 17 PRIORAT BLACK SLATE PORRERA VI D	\$16.99	\$199.95 / 12		
48: 18 ALICANTE MONASTRELL MO, BODEGAS	\$8.49	\$99.95 / 12		
ITALY - RED				
49: 21 ROUGE DE VALLEE, SOC. COOP. LA K	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
50: 19 NEBBIOLO D'ALBA INDIGENOUS, GIOR	\$16.99	\$199.95 / 12		
51: 20 BARBERA D'ASTI LAVIGNONE, PICO M	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
52: 18 DOLCETTO D'ALBA SUPERIORE RICCIA	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
53: 18 VERONA CORVINA, CANTINA DI NEGRA	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
54: 20 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE	\$16.79	\$197.5 / 12		
55: 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, VILLA CAFAGGIO	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
56: 12 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, MAESTRO	\$31.99	\$187.95 / 6		
57: 20 SALENTO NEGROAMARO IL PUMO, SAN	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
58: 15 PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA MONTE DEI	\$9.99	\$58.95 / 6		
ITALY - WHITE				
59: 21 GAVI IL FORTE, PRODUTTORI DEL GA	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
60: 21 ALTO ADIGE PINOT BIANCO, ELENA W	\$15.99	\$187.95 / 12		
61: 21 FRIULI GRAVE SAUVIGNON BLANC PRO	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
62: 21 VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO ISOLA	\$14.99	\$87.95 / 6		
INTERNATIONAL				
63: 21 SLOVENIA HALOZAN WHITE PTUJSKA K	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
64: 20 CHATEAU HERITAGE BEKAA VALLEY RE	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
65: 21 CHATEAU HERITAGE BEKAA VALLEY WH	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
U.S. - RED				
66: 20 CLOS DE NAPA NAPA VALLEY CABERNE	\$19.99	\$234.05 / 12		
67: 19 TORTOISE CREEK CALIFORNIA CABERN	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
68: 21 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT	\$19.99	\$234.95 / 12		
69: 19 PALI RIVIERA VINEYARD SONOMA COA	\$18.99	\$223.5 / 12		

70: 19 RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS DRY CREEK V	\$33.99	\$199.95 / 6		
71: 20 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE VOLANT CUVE	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
72: 20 DANCING CROW NORTH COAST ZINFAND	\$16.79	\$197.5 / 12		
73: 13 QUINTON ESTATES NAPA VALLEY ZINF	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
U.S. - WHITE				
74: 21 MCFADDEN ESTATE BLUE QUAIL POTTE	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
75: 17 HANZELL ESTATE SONOMA VALLEY CHA	\$37.99	\$223.5 / 6		
76: 20 MONTOYA MONTEREY CHARDONNAY	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
77: 21 BONNY DOON CENTRAL COAST PICPOUL	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
78: 21 CHATEAU FONTAINE LEELANAU PENINS	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
79: 21 CHATEAU FONTAINE SEMI-DRY LEELAN	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE				
80: 19 GOUGUENHEIM ESTACIONES DEL VALLE	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
81: 19 LA PLAYA ESTATE COLCHAGUA VALLEY	\$8.49	\$99.95 / 12		
82: 18 MT. BEAUTIFUL NORTH CANTERBURY P	\$14.99	\$176.5 / 12		
83: 22 KOHA MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC	\$13.99	\$164.5 / 12		
84: 21 HER WESTERN CAPE PINOTAGE	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
85: 21 ESSAY COASTAL REGION CHENIN BLAN	\$11.49	\$134.95 / 12		
ROSE				
86: 21 CHINON ROSE, DOMAINE JEAN-MAURIC	\$12.99	\$152.95 / 12		
87: 20 BANDOL ROSE, DOMAINE BASTIDE BLA	\$19.99	\$234.95 / 12		
FORTIFIED/FRUIT				
88: PEDRO DOMEQ RIO VIEJO DRY OLOROSO	\$14.99	\$87.95 / 6		
89: 17 NIEPOORT LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PO	\$14.99	\$87.95 / 6		
90: VERMOUTH DI TORINO ROSSO, GIACOMO S	\$15.99	\$93.95 / 6		
SPARKLING				
91: J. M. LABRUYERE GRAND CRU PROLOGUE	\$44.99	\$132.5 / 3		
92: MAURICE GRUMIER O MA VALLEE BLANC D	\$34.99	\$205.95 / 6		
93: 20 CANTINA COLLI EUGANEI PROSECCO R	\$9.99	\$117.5 / 12		
POTPOURRI				
94: PILSNER URQUELL BEER four pack half	\$5.99	\$34.95 / 6		

95: deposit	\$0.40	\$2.4 / 6		
96: CAMBOZOLA CHEESE pound	\$11.99	\$34.95 / 3		
97: CITTERIO SWEET SOPRESSATA SALAME 9	\$5.99	\$17.5 / 3		
98: R. HIRT DRIED MORELS 1 oz bag	\$14.99	\$43.95 / 3		
99: DIVINA ORANGE FIG SPREAD 9 oz jar	\$3.49	\$13.5 / 4		
100: MITICA CLASSICO CHOCO CHERRIES 9 oz	\$5.99	\$17.5 / 3		
101: ASSORTED BRANDED BORDEAUX CHATEAUX	\$4.99	\$19.5 / 4		

TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL: _____

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+Bottle Deposit: _____

+ NON-TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL: _____

=ORDER TOTAL: _____

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ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

January 2023

ORDERING INFORMATION.

Order form with payment should reach Village Corner, 1747 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105, by **Sunday JANUARY 8**. 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 and American Express accepted.

Include cardholder name, 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. Online is best for timeliness and figuring accuracy.

ORDER PICK-UPS begin SUNDAY JANUARY 15.

No pick-ups before SUNDAY JANUARY 15. 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 after January 15 as feasible.

BORDEAUX - RED

1. 19 CHATEAU POTENSAC, MEDOC (92/100)

\$27.99 each, \$328.95 case of 12

Parker 92: 'The 2019 Potensac is a blend of 47% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, harvested from the 21st of September to the 9th of October. The alcohol came in at 14.05% with a pH of 3.54 and an IPT of 74. It is aging in French oak barriques, 34% new. With a deep purple-black color, the nose hits the ground running with lively scents of black raspberries, warm cassis and redcurrant jelly plus suggestions of garrigue, tilled soil, unsmoked cigars and pencil shavings. The medium to full-bodied palate is positively invigorating, offering bags of crunchy black and red berry flavors and a racy line of freshness, framed by approachable, grainy tannins and finishing with a skip in its step. In a word: FUN! Drink 2023-2036.'

2. 19 CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE, CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR, LISTRAC 92+/100

\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

Highest vineyards of the Left Bank; on gravel; 66% cab sauv, 33% merlot, 1% petit verdot; aged a year on barrels, 1/3 new. A freshness and lift of 2019 to it. Not so lush and fruit forward as the popular 2018. The blackberry cab sauv comes forth with 2019 charm, and the barrel impact it well taken up already, so positive. All plays out well on the palate, the medium weight, the refined oak, the lightly chewy tannin, and the

overall harmony. All about gravel. No backwoods Lustrac clay to it. Handsome Left Bank claret presentation. Very popular claret value. 92+/100.

3. 16 CHATEAU COTE DE BALEAU, GRAND CRU CLASSE, SAINT EMILION 94+/100

\$27.99 each, \$328.95 case of 12

Owned by the Cuveliers of Clos Fourtet and Ch Poujeaux; 70% merlot, 20% cab franc, 10% cab sauv, vines averaging 40 years; aged up to 18 months in barrels, 50% new. Whoa! Here's a full dose of oak augmentation. Well absorbed at this stage. Overall, a very sophisticated wine. That's what Grand Cru Classe terroir is about. This really is a splendid Saint Emilion GCC value. Yes, GCC complex and noble. Intricate flavor profile. Tannins fine and laid back. For use or cellaring. 94+/100.

4. 12 CHATEAU DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION 91+/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

90% merlot, 10% cab franc. This is Saint Emilion. Rich, and still youthfully fruity at age ten. No 2012 resistance any longer. The smoothness of merlot. Good acidity. No oak evident. While it's gained ease, it has yet to gather maximum bottle bouquet. It's a paragon of stability. 91+/100. List price: \$20.

5. 15 CHATEAU LA ROCHE MEZIERES, CASTILLON COTES DE BORDEAUX 91/100

\$10.49 each, \$123.50 case of 12

Proprietor Bernard Augereau; at St. Pey d'Armens; 70% merlot, 15% each of the cabernets; aged in vats. Last seen in the 2012, when it was vintage stubborn for several years and then burst its bonds. Well, thanks to the nature of 2015 vs 2012, this entices at a similar tasting age. Sweet and spicy. Castillon generous. Medium bodied. Gentle tannins. Rightful balance. Ready to serve. Good value. 91/100.

6. 19 CHATEAU MAZETIER TRADITION, BORDEAUX 91+/100

\$10.49 each, \$123.50 case of 12

Est. 1930 at Saint Andre du Bois, on the Right Bank of the Garonne northeast of Langon; mainly merlot and cab sauv, with a little cab franc and malbec. This has good body and power. It doesn't shy away from the competition. Nice merlot fruit sweetness. Oh, this is a rich one. The forward black fruit of 18 and the power of 15. Very large for 19. Deep and spicy. Merlot continues its cherry fruit dominance on the palate, the others adding framework and tannin. Priceworthy cellar candidate. Best from 2024-2026. The group appreciated the value here. 91+/100.

7. 19 CAHORS MALBEC LE VASSAL DE MERCUES, GEORGES VIGOUROUX 93+/100

\$14.99 each, \$176.50 case of 12

Second wine of Vigouroux's Chateau Mercures, on Cahors' third terrace; 85% malbec, 15% merlot. Gorgeous red violet color. Oh, that's a hefty, full fledged Cahors. And it's just the second wine! Wow, that is ripe and dark fruited and even smoky. Got to have this one. Deep and complicated. Broadening barrel input. Serious stuff. Even more intense black fruit on the palate. And power and extract. Wow wine. Great intro to Cahors. Great form, texture, flavor depth and range. Full, fine grained tannins. Fine acid, balance. So satisfying. Will improve. One panelist noted: 'Best Cahors I've tasted in perhaps a decade.' 93+/100.

BORDEAUX - WHITE

8. 19 CHATEAU THIEULEY, BORDEAUX BLANC 91/100

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

First time in MI in decades; still owned by Famille Courselle; half each sauvignon blanc, semillon. Cool, clear, fresh, traditional. Likely better at age three than earlier. A proper set of aromatics, discreetly rendered. Has good textural spiel, harmony, acidity, and mealworthiness. Old reliable Tilly! 91/100.

9. 16 CHATEAU LES ROQUES, LOUPIAC 93+/100

\$18.99 each, \$111.50 case of 6

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.

10. 21 COTES DE GASCOGNE, MARY TAYLOR 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Olivier Gessler, vigneron at Panjas; 50% colombar, 30% ugni blanc, 15% gros manseng, 5% sauvignon blanc. Clean and crisp, with green colombar 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.

LOIRE

11. 21 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE, DOMANE DES 3 VERSANTS 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Yves Bretonniere, 4th generation vigneron; versants = hillsides; on schist; average 30 year old vines; oldest 70 years; all selection massale. Native yeasts. Aged on lees

through winter. Does have an old vines fullness to it. Dry and nicely tart in 2021. Lasting acid spiel. All is in order. 91/100.

12. 21 ANJOU BLANC DOMAINE DE LA TREILLE,, THIBAUT HENRION 92/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Est. 1820; chenin blanc; sandy-clay soil. Upon opening, perhaps the brightest vintage yet. Just shimmering with high pitched lime, quince, and melon aromas. The taste is dazzling too. Great acid verve followed by ripe melon flavor and texture. Put together right. Come hither already. 92/100.

13. 20 BOURGUEIL LIEU DIT BEAUREGARD, CAVE DE BOURGUEIL 92+/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Sand and gravel soils. Very dark red violet--exceptional. And the nose is fully as concentrated as the color. Full fledged, fully intense Loire cab franc at no doubt a bargain price. Wow. Rich red raspberry flavor. Plenty of extract and a degree of fine tannin to resolve. Still, the flavor pours through. Best vintage of this I've tasted. 92+/100,

14. 20 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON LES ROCHES, VIGNERONS DES COTEAUX ROMANAIS 91/100

\$10.49 each, \$123.50 case of 12

Cooperative of 20 winegrowers founded in 1957 at St. Romain sur Cher. Bright and incisive example of Touraine sauvignon. Both sweet and tingly smelling. Briskness and basis. Juicy citrus and gooseberry. Spring water minerality. Pleasing fluidity of a Touraine sauvignon. Makes it a pretty thirst-quenching sort of wine. 91/100.

15. 21 POUILLY SUR LOIRE VIEILLES VIGNES LA CENTENAIRE, DOMAINE SERGE DAGUENEAU 92/100

\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

From chasselas vines over 100 years old. Racier than the fine 2020 and just as old vines intense. Writes the book on AOC and grape variety. Not a 'fruity' experience. Well, there's some green fruit expression on the palate. Flavorful indeed. And not sharp. A certain attractive roundness to it. Very long finish. Kudos. 92/100. Near or at the top of the list of whites tasted for all attendees.

BURGUNDY - RED

16. 18 COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS GRANDE RESERVE, LA MAXIMUS 91/100

\$8.49 each, \$99.95 case of 12

85% pinot noir, 15% gamay; Gold Medal ? Gilbert & Gaillard. This does the job. Rich, round pinot noir suggestive of fruit from both northern and southern limits of the region. I mean, there's a crisp edge and plush center. And the gamay supplies additional vivacity. Wow, bright and spicy cherry and clove flavors. Anything but traditional; everything about delightful. Deal! 91/100.

17. 19 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, DOMAINE MOUTARD 92+/100

\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

Jurassic limestone; at Tonnerre; native yeasts; half aged in seasoned oak cooperage. Tasted cool, this is a brisk northern Burgundy pinot with a lot of dash. Cherry and peel zest. While always a fan, this is the most exciting vintage I've nosed. Flavorful too, despite the cool temperature. And, thankfully, the temperature doesn't accentuate the tannin noticed in many a young 2019 Burgundy pinot. Not that it won't improve still. Go for it. 92+/100.

18. 18 CHOREY LES BEAUNE LES BEAUMONTS, DOMAINE ARNOUX PERE 93+/100

\$27.99 each, \$328.95 case of 12

Darker color than the 2017 Arnoux Chorey. Darker, deeper, more concentrated pinot aroma. More black fruit than red. Yes, this is 18 vs 17. More oomph and fruit concentration. More cellar potential. Doesn't show its stated alcohol content. Speaks so well of the vintage. Very popular with the group for its potential. 93+/100.

19. 20 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES TERRE DE LOYSE, DOMAINE LAURENT PERRACHON 92+/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

70% from La Chapelle de Guinchay (sand, granite); 30% from Lancie (clay, limestone); 45 year old vines. Bright, black, and bountiful aromas of multiple terroir gamays, with a black pepper zestiness. Villages body and constitution. Fills the bill. Even a little tannin for ageworthiness and mealworthiness. A picture of B-V proportion. The group liked this a lot. 92+/100.

20. 20 JULIENAS GRAND CRU LES CERISIERS, DOMAINE PASCAL AUFRANC 92+/100

\$16.79 each, \$197.50 case of 12

60 year old vines. Why do Julienas wines always have the prettiest color among the crus! Always violet. Well, the cherry suggestions are there. Purple plum too. And violets! Faithful to its genre. Flavors confirm aromas. That well tailored Julienas texture. The finest of tannins. And good acidity. Well balanced for improvement in the cellar. Good with andouillettes now. 92+/100.

BURGUNDY - WHITE

21. 20 CHABLIS MONTEE DE TONNERRE 1ER CRU, DOMAINE SERVIN (93/100)

\$39.99 each, \$234.95 case of 6

Parker 93: 'Offering up aromas of orange oil, ripe lemon, crisp stone fruit, beeswax and smoke, Servin's 2020 Chablis 1er Cru Montee de Tonnerre is medium to full-bodied, satiny and enveloping, with racy acids, terrific depth at the core and a long, saline finish. It's the finest rendition of this cuvee since 2017. Drink 2023-2045.'

22. 20 MONTAGNY LES BASSETS, CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY 92+/100

\$23.99 each, \$281.95 case of 12

35 year old vines on clay-limestone. Full color suggests some barrel aging. The nose confirms same. A lot of oaky sophistication here for the price. And on the palate too. Wood toast, Montagny elegance, hint of Chalonnais resin. Broad and generous. Good potential. Balanced. There are still bargains to be found in Burgundy. 92+/100.

23. 20 BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE SILEX BUISSONIER VIGNERONS DE BUXY 91/100

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

Established in 1931 by 98 winegrowers of Buxy and Saint Gengoux le National. That's pretty pungent and explicit aligote. Buxy knows aligote. Nasal penetration and nippy texture are prime. Rather low key acid for aligote. That's 2020. Still, the vinosity and textural elements are fulfilling, and the price is right. Commentators noted plenty of acidity. I must admit my palate was a little off last Wed. They praised both price and typicity. 91/100.

24. 20 MACON-CHARDONNAY, DOMAINE GERALD TALMARD 92/100

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

From the thousand-year-old village of Chardonnay; domaine established in the 17th century. Chardonnay pie apple aroma suggests malic acid retention. Unoaked, of course. Agreeable flow as well as body. A really well coordinated Maconnais village wine. Well composed, well balanced, very versatile at the table. The group was pleased. 92/100.

RHONE/MIDI

25. 21 SAVOIE JONGIEUX BLANC, EUGENE CARREL 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

6 generation family estate; from jacquere. Very cool and bracing 2021 nature. Varietal ID spot on as usual. Great acidity, largely malic but not too green. Minerality too. That's jacquere. Proud to join a winning series. 91/100. Well liked by the group.

26. 20 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS 91+/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Near Sablet; 75% grenache, 25% syrah. Senses of freshness and levity despite the 14% alcohol content. Not real forthcoming. Still, there are garrigue suggestions if one delves deep. Balance of 2020 fruit sweetness, power, and more tannin than usual in this wine. Lots of textural spiel and satisfaction. More cellar potential than most vintages of this. 91+/100.

27. 20 VALREAS COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES L'ENCLAVE LA JASSINE, BIELER PERE 91/100

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

60% grenache, 40% syrah; northernmost CDRV. Pretty sweet and husky Valreas, yet there's a certain northern Meridionale coolness to it. Each variety has a song to sing, in harmony. I smell a good value. Even cooler on the palate. Ventilating even. Good acid. No tannin issues. I guess you could call it a 'modern' Valreas. Which is what I expect from Bieler. Good run of vintages here. 91/100.

28. 21 SABLET COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES, DOMAINE LES SIBU 92/100

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

50% grenache, 30% syrah, 10% mourvedre, 10% carignan. That's sweet and large for Sablet and for such a young rouge. This ratchets it up a couple of notches in power and aromatic intensity. Sprawling and superb. Yeah, full bodied and powerful as Sablets go. Chewy texture. Lasting flavor. Overachiever. 92/100.

29. 17 VACQUEYRAS CUVÉE CLASSIQUE, DOMAINE COUROULU 93+/100

\$20.99 each, \$246.95 case of 12

65% grenache (grown on cobbles), 25% syrah, 10% mourvedre; est. 1928; now run by 3rd generation Ricards. Having loved this estate's wines for years, I found the 2016 somewhat wanting, so I'm glad to have advanced to a new vintage that fully satisfies from the first sniff. This is Vacqueyras heft, complexity, and intrigue. No two estates' wines are alike. Great body, richness, spread. Both aromatic and textural range and depth. Back to the usual rewards here. 93+/100.

30. 20 GIGONDAS VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE SAINT DAMIEN

\$29.99 each, \$176.50 case of 6

Jeb Dunnock 95-97: 'Looking at the Gigondas releases, the 2020 Gigondas Vieilles Vignes doesn't give anything to the two single vineyard releases and offers awesome aromatics, full-bodied richness, a round, lush, yet pure mouthfeel, and ripe yet certainly present tannins. It's loaded with Provencal, garrigue, and peppery goodness,

and it's going to be a brilliant value. This cuvee is an 80/20 split of Grenache and Mourvedre raised all in foudre.'

31. 20 VENTOUX BLANC 3 MESSES BASSES, VIGNERONS DU MONT VENTOUX 91/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Half each clairette, grenache blanc. Subtle Provence herb aroma set, plus subtle underbrush aspects. The cool green fruit statements of its varietal set. Surprising range, depth, intensity for this cuvee. Flavors more intense than aromas. Savory taste, good acidity, well balanced. Self effacing blanc that sacrifices strong identity in the name of versatility at the table. This is fully competitive with good Cotes du Rhone blancs. 91/100.

32. 21 COTEAUX DE CABERISSE ANNE SARDA, MARY TAYLOR 91+/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

All carignan; 40-60 year old vines. Dark purple color. Deep, dark, concentrated, powerful, and clear old vines carignan aroma. Yes, full textured too. A whale of a carignan delivery for this price. 91+/100.

33. 19 CITE DE CARCASSONNE CABERNET FRANC, LAROQUE 91/100

\$9.79 each, \$114.95 case of 12

They've got this down. No other cabernet franc quite like it. There's some of the warmth of the south, which is tempered by the relatively high altitude of the vineyard. Red raspberry with bergamot overtones. Special spicy nuances too. A remarkably substantial cabernet franc./ Fruit sweetness not to excess. Good acid. Again the spicy variants. Long and flavorful. Unique. 91/100.

ALSACE

34. 21 ALSACE RIESLING, THE FURST 90/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Pleasing riesling apple and citrus aromas. 21 crispness. Yes, dry and racy. Riesling and vintage crisp ID. Rangy table applications. 90/100.

35. 19 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE FREY-SOHLER 92/100

\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

Accurate, dry. Classic. Nice and waxy gewurz texture. Very good bottle. 92/100.

GERMANY/AUSTRIA

**36. 18 OCKFENER BOCKSTEIN RIESLING KABINETT,
REVERCHON 93/100**

\$16.99 each, \$199.95 case of 12

Dry and full Bockstein style. Lush fruit, Bockstein earthy basis. Really penetrates the nostrils. Oh, full of body, flavor, feel, richness. The consummate sweet-acid harmony. Yow. 93/100.

**37. 19 PIESPORTER GOLDTROPFCHEN RIESLING SPATLESE, BOLLIG-
LEHNERT (91/100)**

\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 91: 'Delicate but perfumed, this deft, sprightly Riesling offers rich, concentrated pink grapefruit and white peach flavors etched by lime and steel. It's a juicy, thirst-quenching wine that's gobs of fun to drink young but should continue to drink beautifully through 2029.'

**38. 19 JOHANNISBERGER ERNTEBRINGER RIESLING KABINETT,
WEINGUT KRAYER 91+/100**

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

9.5%. Wow, that's a full aromatic delivery! Round riesling stone fruits and great nasal etch as well. Rheingau riesling orange leanings. Kabinett sweetness level slightly coats the acid at this stage. Flavorful as well as aromatic. Enough acid carry to extend the finish. Best vintage of this yet. 91+/100.

39. 18 FRANKEN DOMINA TROCKEN, WINZ. SOMMERACH 91/100

\$14.99 each, \$176.50 case of 12

A cross of portugieser and pinot noir, domina was developed in the 1920s but not released for commercial cultivation until the 1970s. This one is smooth, yummy, and very agreeable on the nose. Good combo of fruitiness and vinosity. True dryness without severity. A very nice take on a German rotwein, made for the table. 91/100.

40. 17 NACKENHEIMER RIESLING TROCKEN, BINZ liter 91/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Another dry and mealworthy Rheinhessen by Binz, this time a riesling. Yes, aromatically understated, well textured, and ready for the table. 91/100.

IBERIA

41. 17 DAO, DHARMA 91/100

\$8.49 each, \$99.95 case of 12

35% each touriga nacional, tinta roriz, 30% alfocheiro. Dry and austere young Dao.

Aromas run deep, and reflect dark, superior red grape varieties. Accurate and serious. More fruit give on the palate. Rounded mouthfeel, sweet fruit texture. Really a helluva Dao for the money. 91/100.

**42. 21 RIAS BAIXAS CONDADO ALBARINO ETHEREO, BODEGAS
EIDOSELA 92/100**

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

Subregion on the Mino, 30 miles from the Atlantic. The varietal brightness shines through. A dancing and dazzling Mino style. Very fruit forward. Apple, green pear, honeysuckle. Gentle sweetness balances good acidity. Another winner here. Very popular with the group. Descriptions include 'big nose' and 'an exemplary Rias'. 92/100.

**43. 19 RIBERA DEL DUERO VILLALBA DE DUERO, BODEGAS
BELA 92+/100**

\$14.99 each, \$176.50 case of 12

By the folks at Rioja bodega CVNE; 200 acres of vines 20 and 25 years old; aged 6 months in new and once used American and French oak barrels. Warm and robust RDD take on its tempranillo clone, tinta pais. The barrel augmentation is positive. Wears its power well too. So it skirts the negative RDD aspects of too much strength and oak. Yes, the degrees of alcohol, ripeness, and wood I appreciate in RDD. No excesses. Shows the skilled hands of a CVNE Rioja winemaker. Lasting finish. Well priced. 92+/100.

44. 01 RIOJA VIN DE AUTOR, BODEGAS MANZANOS 93+/100

\$29.99 each, \$176.50 case of 6

Recently discovered in the depths of the Mamzanos cellars. Tempranillo, garnacha, and graciano, some over 50 years old; in Rioja del Reyno; aged 3 years in second and third year French and American oak barrels. By the conglomerate cork, this has clearly been recorked. No issues removing it. Remarkably fresh and fruity in this keeper vintage. Reserva aging nicely imbued; the lighter touch of French oak. Youthful tannin still. Great acidity. Round flavors and textures. Tannins melted. No rush to consume. The group agreed. 93+/100.

45. 17 RIOJA RESERVA, MARQUES DE RISCAL 92+/100

\$16.99 each, \$199.95 case of 12

At El Ciego in Alavesa; 96% tempranillo, 4% graciano; aged 2 years in American oak barrels. Oh, that's a classic expression of Alavesa (sandy soil) reserva. It has lift. It has reserva barrel suavity and complexity. Yes, this has flavor depth. Fruit sweetness assuaged by the Rioja reserva standards. And AMERICAN oak. True to tradition. Another old reliable. 92+/100. Attendees agreed; indeed, judging it one of the top vintages of the series.

46. 20 CAMPO DE BORJA GARNACHA, BODEGAS QUO 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Vineyards at 2000'. Estate bottled. Oh, deep, sweet, SPICY garnacha. Yes, thorough and penetrating. Indeed, sweet and spicy, even 'woody'. Power under control. Wow, its own thing. I applaud that. 91/100, at least.

47. 17 PRIORAT BLACK SLATE PORRERA VI DE LA VILA, CELLER CAL PLA 93+/100

\$16.99 each, \$199.95 case of 12

Easternmost and coolest of Priorat's nine villages; grenache, carignan, cab sauv; 20-30 year old vines; llicorella (black slate) soil; aged a year in seasoned French and Hungarian barrels and foudres. Full color. The power is warm and welcoming. Statuesque Priorat, dark fruited. Barrel aging without strong barrel extracts. All fits together well. This gets deeper and spicier as it airs. Lavish mouthful of feels and flavors. The varietal spectrum, the terroir, the upbringing. Fine texture and tannin. Great length. The glory of Priorat. 93+/100.

48. 18 ALICANTE MONASTRELL MO, BODEGAS SIERRA SALINAS 91/100

\$8.49 each, \$99.95 case of 12

Purple mourvedre (monastrell) fruit. Fresh and right. 2018 fruit quality. Sweet and also structured. Purple fruit and flower mourvedre aftertaste. Damn good value. 91/100.

ITALY - RED

49. 21 ROUGE DE VALLEE, SOC. COOP. LA KIUVA 92/100

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

At Arnad, Aosta Valley; 50 member cooperative est. late 1970s; 70% picotendro (local nebbiolo clone), 30% gros vien, neyret, cornalin and fumin at 1300-1700'. Well, if this isn't a cool vintage, high altitude take on nebbiolo and friends. Sweet cherry, at the same time racy. Way deep aroma. The flavors show both intensity and relief. Rangy set of varietal inputs. Balanced and lasting. Well textured. Better than the nice 2020 in my estimation. 92/100.

50. 19 NEBBIOLO D'ALBA INDIGENOUS, GIORGIO RIVETTI 91+/100

\$16.99 each, \$199.95 case of 12

13 year old vines at 1000' elevation in Roero; aged 10 months in seasoned French oak barrels. Sweet fruited and pretty open knit for its type. Forward vintage it seems. Firm backdrop all the same. Not a lot of the classic nebbiolo scents coming forth upon opening. Well, the palate is classically firm and tannic. The tannins are fine grained, not rustic. Good length. I'd be cellaring it a couple of years. 91+/100.

51. 20 BARBERA D'ASTI LAVIGNONE, PICO MACCARIO (91/100)

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

Wine Spectator 91 - SMART BUY: 'Graphite, blackberry and plum aromas and flavors highlight this juicy red, which is balanced and plushly textured, with just the slightest hint of oak. Drink now through 2025. \$20.'

52. 18 DOLCETTO D'ALBA SUPERIORE RICCIOLA. SOC. AGR. LA BIOCA 91/100

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

Aging and ambitious dolcetto, the first superiore I've seen. Yes, rugged with tannins. Well extracted. Not my style of dolcetto, but if you're looking for a 'big' dolcetto, this is the most reasonably priced you're going to find. More awesome than enjoyable. 91/100.

53. 18 VERONA CORVINA, CANTINA DI NEGRAR 92/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Well, that's it. The core of Valpolicella, the telling grape variety, in the lush 2018 vintage. Good, hearty, tarry, black fruited corvina. Yeah, all over the place richness, with good acid too. Sweet and flavorful as well as black to the core. Well crafted indeed. Shows the way. Defines the genre, in a gentle way. 92/100.

54. 20 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE RIPASSO, CORTE ARMANO 92+/100

\$16.79 each, \$197.50 case of 12

70% corvina, 30% rondinella; in February following the harvest, pomace from the amarone fermentation is added; aged a year in large oak barrels thereafter. Ripe and dried fruits of real ripasso. Positive earthy undertones. Always reliable and well priced. Yeah, good power and presence. 2020 framework. Dried fruit presence. Proper power. No quickie ripasso. Shows the way. 92+/100.

55. 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, VILLA CAFAGGIO 92+/100

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

All sangiovese; at Greve; aged a year in Slavonian oak cooperage. This didn't do much for me upon opening. I guess it aired well. Those in the group who shared their notes were positively enthusiastic. 'Pretty classic, rustic 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.

56. 12 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, MAESTRO DI ANTICHI CASTELLI 95/100

\$31.99 each, \$187.95 case of 6

42 months in large French oak casks. Genuine The sweet house style. 2012 dark fruit without edges. Ripe fruited and well barrel aged. Rich and robust and structured, with ripe fruit tannins. Well poised. Boy, that's a user friendly Brunello. Dark, rich, lush, succulent, and easy drinking right now. 95/100.

57. 20 SALENTO NEGROAMARO IL PUMO, SAN MARZANO 92/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Properly dark, red violet color. And equally proper noseful of varietal black fruit, cool and deep. Even a hint of violets. Spells it out. Equally as explicit on the palate. Cool and racy and well balanced. These San Marzanos really show the way. 92/100.

58. 15 PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA MONTE DEI COCCI, TENUTA GEROLAINO 91/100

\$9.99 each, \$58.95 case of 6

Baked and dried fruit aromas and plenty of power. Spicy overtones. Raisined ripeness of a hot vintage and zone. This has a lot to offer for the price. Got to have it. 91/100.

ITALY - WHITE

59. 21 GAVI IL FORTE, PRODUTTORI DEL GAVI 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

95 member cooperative founded 1951. Somewhat reticent upon opening. Suggests cortese ID. Oh, but it bursts open after warming in the mouth. Pear, lemon, sage. Fine balance, acid, and texture. Long finish. Prefer to the 2019. 91/100. The nose opened fully for the group 2 hours later. One attendee noted: 'my wine of the night.'

60. 21 ALTO ADIGE PINOT BIANCO, ELENA WALCH 92/100

\$15.99 each, \$187.95 case of 12

5th generation; Elena is a former architect; steep vineyards on limestone and porphyry, some at 900 meters. Quite a full color for vintage, age, variety. Kinda brassy like a grigio. Subtle, yet there's a deep down in sort of succulence. Surprising body and extract for vintage and variety. She's really drawn a lot out of the juice. Characteristic, subtle flavor profile. Very popular with the tasting panel. Orders taken. 92/100.

61. 21 FRIULI GRAVE SAUVIGNON BLANC PRODIGO, BOTTER 92/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Vineyards around Udine and Pordenone, close to the Adriatic. OMG! Even more pungent and penetrating than the 19 and 20. 2021 cut to the max. Gooseberry to the

fore. Oft related but seldom dominating. Palate confirms. The cool vintage really brings out the gooseberry. One of the world's best sauvignon values. 92/100. Almost too much of a good thing, according to the commentators. I counter 'It hurts so good!'.

62. 21 VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO ISOLA BIANCA, SOC. AGR. TERUZZI 92/100

\$14.99 each, \$87.95 case of 6

Owns the largest expanse of vernaccia vineyards, 150 acres. More pinched and reticent in cool 2021 than the previous three vintages. Sample still pretty cold. More aromatic profile as it warms in the mouth. Great acid, of course. Also nicely rounded fruit and emerging flavor display. After aeration, flavorful, well textured, well balanced. Yeah, I like this for its flexible prospects at the table. In tune with the series while showing vintage characteristics too. Universally appreciated by attendees. 92/100.

INTERNATIONAL

63. 21 SLOVENIA HALOZAN WHITE PTUJSKA KLET, PULLUS liter 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Furmint, pinot blanc, welschriesling, riesling, chardonnay. Pleasingly dry and fruit. In fact, VERY pleasing. Mellow, flavorful, fruity, balanced. All one could want. 91/100.

64. 20 CHATEAU HERITAGE BEKAA VALLEY RED 91/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

50% cab sauv, 30% cinsault, 20% syrah. Cabernet and syrah black fruit up front. They can't hide that Lebanese cinsault spiciness. Brisk and bright black fruits. Another worthy cuvee and a good price. Suave and lingering. Got to have these. 91/100.

65. 21 CHATEAU HERITAGE BEKAA VALLEY WHITE 91/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

40% sauvignon blanc, 35% obeidy, 10% each chardonnay, viognier, 5% muscat. An intriguing mix that works. Nothing in particular dominates, unless it's that wild card grape. Clearly aromatic varieties involved. Sauvignon citricity takes command on the palate, but it doesn't completely overshadow other contributions. Well priced. Definitely dry and mealworthy. Sommeliers could have a ball with this. 91/100.

U.S. - RED

66. 20 CLOS DE NAPA NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 93/100
\$19.99 each, \$234.05 case of 12

I like the stylishness of this Clos de Napa range (there are Rutherford and Oakville

cuvees too). Napa class, no bombast, freedom from manipulation. Just pure Napa cabernet fruit quality. That sweet purity carries over on the palate. Nice set of subtle brown spices contributed by the oak. Especially allspice. Rings my chimes. 93/100.

67. 19 TORTOISE CREEK CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 91/100
\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

This is as good a vintage of this that has crossed my path. Plenty of blackberry fruit. Coastal demeanor. Delightful nose. The palate shows wood spice interest. Likely oak in wine, rather than wine in oak. Nonetheless, it's skillfully rendered. Commendable effort and value. 91/100.

68. 21 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 92+/100
\$19.99 each, \$234.95 case of 12

On volcanic Jory and marine sediment soils of the Dundee Hills region; 10 months in Bemd, Damy, Cavin, and Stockinger barrels. Very bright, cool, and snappy. Nice wood spice seasonings. Crunchy cherry Willamette pinot. Full fruit and body. More warm spice barrel extras. Yes, large in the mouth. Fine tannin. Harbinger of a fine OR pinot vintage. 92+/100.

69. 19 PALI RIVIERA VINEYARD SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR 93+/100
\$18.99 each, \$223.50 case of 12

10 months in barrels; 25% new French oak. Pinot purity, spicy oak extras, Sonoma Coast coolness without austerity. Runs deep; spreads wide; complex. Full bodied. Good oak augmentation. Quite a bit of tannin still. I can see the high ratings. 93+/100.

70. 19 RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS DRY CREEK VALLEY PETITE SYRAH (95/100)
\$33.99 each, \$199.95 case of 6

Vinous 95: 'A wine of weight and substance, the 2019 is fabulous. Black cherry, plum, exotic spice, leather, tobacco and incense infuse the 2019 with tons of complexity. There's plenty of supporting structure, but the tannins are pretty much buried. What a wine. Drink 2024-2039. \$42.'

71. 20 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE VOLANT CUVÉE OUMUAMUA MONTEREY RED
\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Underground Wine Letter - EXTRAORDINARY: 'This wine which Randall refers to as 'Red Wine of the Earth' is made with 56% Grenache, 30% Cinsault, 13% Syrah, and 1% Petite Sirah and in recent vintages the percentage of Cinsault has been increased. Randall Gramh has this to say about the change: The original inspiration of Cigare Volant was Chateauneuf-du-Pape; we seem to have landed approximately 381 km. to

the north (the distance from Avignon to Beaune). And, indeed the wine is very harmonious and seamless with a distinctive Burgundian quality. This is truly an extraordinary and very distinctive red wine with a dark color and a great perfume showing plum and cassis with hints of spice and cedar. On the palate it has a myriad of red and black fruits ? cherry, plum, and cassis ? and it is supple and balanced with a faint exotic undertone. Bravo.'

72. 20 DANCING CROW NORTH COAST ZINFANDEL 92/100
\$16.79 each, \$197.50 case of 12

15%; vineyards at 1400-2500 feet; in Lake County beneath Mt. Konocti; includes fruit from the property's Old Stake Vineyard planted in 1901. Fresh and bright. Old vines intense too. A beautiful manifestation of Lake County based zinfandel. Power completely masked on the nose. Yes, this is racy, flavorful, chewy for its fine tannins, and deliciously acid balanced. A very positive zinfandel of place. The majority Europhiles of the group appreciated this for its moderation. 92/100.

73. 13 QUINTON ESTATES NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL 91/100
\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Power of the ripe vintage. Has lost some of its original varietal character as well as a sense of Napa Valley elegance. Vanilla creamy oak comes on with airing. Well, there's zinfandel raspberry and peppercorn character on the palate. And a suggestion of Napa pedigree. I quite prefer the palate, which really delivers for the price. Several attendees agreed; orders taken. 91/100. List price: \$20.

U.S. - WHITE

74. 21 MCFADDEN ESTATE BLUE QUAIL POTTER VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 92/100
\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

By Medal of Honor PT boat captain, Guinness McFadden. Clear, cool, crisp, and totally refreshing. Best vintage yet. Wine of place. Ideal. 92/100.

75. 17 HANZELL ESTATE SONOMA VALLEY CHARDONNAY 95+/100
\$37.99 each, \$223.50 case of 6

38 year old vines of the Hanzell clone; 30% barrel fermented; aged a year in French oak barrels, 30% new. Quite the full color from barrel and bottle age. Full, classic Burgundian barrel elevation. Sonoma Valley terroir ID. The nobility of its original and present owners are embodied in the wines. Yes, classic to Burgundian upbringing and coastal CA terroir. Like Stony Hill, Chalone, and a handful of others, this is an old time CA chardonnay that improves with age. 95+/100. The group's dominant Europhiles were impressed. One of them commented: 'As good a CA chardonnay as I've had.'

76. 20 MONTOYA MONTEREY CHARDONNAY (91/100)

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Tasting Panel 91; Wine Enthusiast 91 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Wet stone, tropical flowers and white melon aromas make for a compelling nose on this bottling of a widely available, downright cheap Chardonnay. The palate stays clean as well, with gardenia and stone fruit flavors working in tandem. \$20.'

77. 21 BONNY DOON CENTRAL COAST PICPOUL (92/100)

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 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.'

78. 21 CHATEAU FONTAINE LEELANAU PENINSULA PINOT GRIS 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

This is good MI pinot gris. Waxy, appley, cool. Fresh and northern take. A real pinot gris with acid, viscosity, brightness. Spot on. 91/100.

79. 21 CHATEAU FONTAINE SEMI-DRY LEELANAU PENINSULA GEWURZTRAMINER 93/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Genuine, rosy, gingery -? including the nip -? and generous. Tonic, barbershop, rosewater. Its best yet. Off dry. Overachiever. 93/100.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

80. 19 GOUGUENHEIM ESTACIONES DEL VALLE DE UCO MALBEC 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Good freshness, lift. Flavor, buoyancy, varietal ID, balance of acid, tannin, strength at 13.5%. Not at all pandering. Suits my tastes all around. 91/100.

81. 19 LA PLAYA ESTATE COLCHAGUA VALLEY CARMENERE 91/100

\$8.49 each, \$99.95 case of 12

The usual bright fruit here. All 'merlot on steroids'. Yeah, rich and right. Good acid. All about current drinking pleasure. 91/100.

82. 18 MT. BEAUTIFUL NORTH CANTERBURY PINOT NOIR (95/100)

\$14.99 each, \$176.50 case of 12

Tasting Panel 95: 'Silky, long, and elegant, with bright cherry and crisp acidity. Refined, rich, and superb.'

83. 22 KOHA MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 92/100

\$13.99 each, \$164.50 case of 12

Ruby red grapefruit and passion fruit. Talks the talk. Aromas echo on the palate. Bright and brisk acidity balanced by a touch of tenderness. Well balanced. 92/100.

84. 21 HER WESTERN CAPE PINOTAGE 90/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

New Cape project run entirely by black women. Pretty full color for pinotage. Full nasal presence too. The high 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.

85. 21 ESSAY COASTAL REGION CHENIN BLANC - ROUSSANNE - VIOGNIER 91/100

\$11.49 each, \$134.95 case of 12

Works well. Chenin melon and lime. Roussanne peach. Viognier honeysuckle. In tandem. Yes, full flavor chorus in harmony. Soft and pleasing acidity. Delight. 91/100.

ROSE

86. 21 CHINON ROSE, DOMAINE JEAN-MAURICE RAFFAULT 91/100

\$12.99 each, \$152.95 case of 12

Est. 1693; from sandy alluvial soil near the Vienne. Oh that's a pretty, pretty, and really quite intense red raspberry cab franc rose nose. Defines the genre. A round, ripe texture even in a high acid vintage. Not that the acid isn't extra vigorous compared to the last three vintages. All spells a desirable classic. 91/100.

87. 20 BANDOL ROSE, DOMAINE BASTIDE BLANCHE 93+/100

\$19.99 each, \$234.95 case of 12

71% mourvedre, 14% grenache, 12% cinsault, 3% clairette. Full, rich, round, robust, voluminous, noble, generous. The early harvest brings this to fruition sooner than, say, the 2018. Just saturated with strawberry and pink peach. Mouthful of fruit flavor and structure. Good acidity and balance. Fully accomplished at this stage, yet it will serve for many, many months more. Very popular with the group. Orders taken. 93+/100.

FORTIFIED/FRUIT

88. PEDRO DOMECQ RIO VIEJO DRY OLOROSO SHERRY 95/100

\$14.99 each, \$87.95 case of 6

Deep and viscous, sweet smelling. Nutty, tawny, peachy, perfect. Definition of a fine oloroso. Glycerol supplies a sweet feel to this dry oloroso. Dried fruits, walnut, and hickory nut flavors. The spirit is perfectly integrated. Cool service temperature works here. Awesome stuff. 95/100.

89. 17 NIEPOORT LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORTO half bottle 94/100

\$14.99 each, \$87.95 case of 6

Bottled 2021; est. 1842; from 7+ grape varieties, vines over 70 years old. Powerful in the Taster glass. White dwarf concentration of Niepoort across the board. Pushes Vintage despite the extra barrel age. Sweetness assuages the power and extract concentration. A mammoth LBV, especially in this declared Vintage. The upper Douro is thriving on global warming. 94/100.

90. VERMOUTH DI TORINO ROSSO, GIACOMO SPERONE 94/100

\$15.99 each, \$93.95 case of 6

Red amber color. Sweetish and savory nose. Pretty much the usual, attractive Torino rosso aromatic set. Good balance of sweetness, warm spices, tonic, and red fruit basis. Nose fully up to snuff. Let's say, 92/100. It's on the exceptional palate that the fireworks really begin. Sweet and spicy and herbal. Superb balance. Spot on. 94/100. And that's what will distinguish it in a cocktail.

SPARKLING

91. J. M. LABRUYERE GRAND CRU PROLOGUE BRUT CHAMPAGNE 96/100

\$44.99 each, \$132.50 case of 3

75% pinot noir, 25% chardonnay; bottled 9/1/15; disgorged 11/4/20. Pinot noir red fruit heavy. A lot of long on the lattes toastiness. VERY sophisticated. Decidedly Grand Cru class, lofty aspirations. Richness without heaviness. Bright acidity. Grand Cru stature, Grand Cru sophistication. Yes! Superb balance. A dynamic Champagne. 96/100.

92. MAURICE GRUMIER O MA VALLEE BLANC DE NOIRS EXTRA BRUT CHAMPAGNE 93/100

\$34.99 each, \$205.95 case of 6

At Venteuil, in the Marne valley northwest of Epernay; 80% meunier, 20% pinot noir; 2 years en tirage; .4 RS. Meunier fruit softness and sweetness belies its Extra Brut rap. This is gentle, not real toasty after only two years on the lattes and meunier gently red

fruited. Well, it tastes .4 dry. Yow. More red fruit body and flavor impact. Intriguing cuvee, and well priced. Welcomes heavy hors d'oeuvres. Price/quality ratio appreciated by the group; 'wine of the night' for one attendee. 93/100.

93. 20 CANTINA COLLI EUGANEI PROSECCO ROSE 90/100

\$9.99 each, \$117.50 case of 12

Welcome, Prosecco Rose. Always made, but until recently not allowed the title 'Prosecco'. Good combo of white glera and pink pinot noir. Full mousse balances the off dry aspect. Finish carries. Good value. 90/100.

POTPOURRI

94. PILSNER URQUELL BEER four pack half liter cans

\$5.99 each, \$34.95 case of 6

The world's first pale lager beer, brewed at Plzen (Pilsen), Czech Republic. Today, 9 out of 10 beers imitate its style. Brewed with Saaz hops.

95. deposit

\$0.40 each, \$2.40 case of 6

96. CAMBOZOLA CHEESE pound

\$11.99 each, \$34.95 case of 3

Developed in 1980 at Allgau, Germany, cambozola is a spreadable triple creme cow's milk cheese resembling camembert and laced with blue veins like gorgonzola.

97. CITTERIO SWEET SOPRESSATA SALAME 9 oz log

\$5.99 each, \$17.50 case of 3

Est. 1878 in Milan, Italy. All natural, minimally processed, gluten free pork salame stuffed in a beef collagen casing. No artificial ingredients.

98. R. HIRT DRIED MORELS 1 oz bag

\$14.99 each, \$43.95 case of 3

Rehydrating in hot water for 15 minutes yields half a pound of morels.

99. DIVINA ORANGE FIG SPREAD 9 oz jar

\$3.49 each, \$13.50 case of 4

From Greece. Aegean figs, cane sugar, oranges, citric acid, and fruit pectin.

100. MITICA CLASSICO CHOCO CHERRIES 9 oz tub

\$5.99 each, \$17.50 case of 3

From Valencia, Spain. Light colored, dye free cherries candied in a mix of sugar and local liqueur and then hand dipped in dark chocolate.

**101. ASSORTED BRANDED BORDEAUX CHATEAUX WOOD CASE END
PANELS bundle of 6**

\$4.99 each, \$19.50 case of 4

Decorate your wine cellar walls. Guaranteed to include some Grands Crus.