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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.
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4. Multiply the TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL by .06 to get the 6% Sales Tax amount.
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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 **May 22**. 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. 12 ALLEES DE CH CANTEMERLE, H MEDOC	21.99	258.50/12		
2. 15 CH LABAT, CB, HAUT MEDOC	18.99	223.50/12		
3. 18 CH LILIAN LADOUYS, ST ESTEPHE	27.99	328.95/12		
4. 12 CH DU COURLAT, LUSSAC ST EMILION	13.99	164.50/12		
5. 16 RES DU CH CROIX MOUTON, BORD SUP	12.99	152.95/12		
6. 19 CH LA CROIX DU DUC, BORDEAUX	9.79	114.95/12		
7. 13 CAHORS, CH GAUTOUL	12.99	152.95/12		
8. 19 CH BONNET, BORD BLANC	14.99	176.50/12		
9. 19 LE G DE CH GUIRAUD, BORD BLANC	20.99	246.95/12		
10. 16 CH LES ROQUES, LOUPIAC half bot	12.99	152.95/12		
11. 14 MUSCADET, CHEREAU CARRE	15.79	184.95/12		
12. 18 BOURGUEIL ALOUETTES, CHANTELEUSE	14.99	176.50/12		
13. 20 CHEVERNY BLANC, DOMAINE SALVARD	15.99	187.95/12		
14. 20 SANCERRE CUVEE ST CERE, CHAVET	22.99	281.95/12		
15. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, DUPRE	14.99	176.50/12		
16. 18 POMMARD TROIS FOLLOTS, A LEFAS	39.99	234.95/6		
17. 19 BEAUJOLAIS VILL, ROCHE-GUILLON	11.49	134.95/12		
18. 19 CHIROUBLES GC CHATENAY, BOULAND	25.49	299.95/12		
19. 19 PETIT CHABLIS, SEGUINOT -BORDET	20.99	246.95/12		
20. 19 BOURGOGNE CHARD VV, J CHARTRON	23.99	281.95/12		
21. 18 MERCUREY BLANC MARGOTONS	29.99	176.50/6		
22. 18 SAVOIE MONDEUSE, E CARREL	13.99	164.50/12		
23. 17 CROZES HERMITAGE JALETS, P JABOUL	24.99	293.95/12		
24. 19 CDR, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS	10.49	123.50/12		

25. 18 CAIRANNE MAXIMILIEN, GRANDS BOIS	16.99	199.95/12		
26. 15 GIGONDAS, LA HAUTE MARONE	22.99	269.50/12		
27. 11 CDP, LA BASTIDE SAINT DOMINIQUE	29.99	352.50/12		
28. 18 BANDOL, BASTIDE BLANCHE	25.49	299.95/12		
29. 20 PICPOUL DE PINET, JADIX	11.49	134.95/12		
30. 19 PAYS D'OC CARIGNAN, MONTREDON	8.49	99.95/12		
31. 19 ALSACE PINOT GRIS TRAD, E BEYER	18.99	223.50/12		
32. 19 ALSACE RIES ANTOINE, G KLINGENFUS	10.49	123.50/12		
33. 14 GRAACHER RIES SPAT FH ALTE REBEN	21.99	258.50/12		
34. 15 FRANKEN GRAUBURGUNDER KAB, B	12.99	152.95/12		
35. 18 PFALZ EST RIES DRY, DR. BURKLIN-WO	18.99	223.50/12		
36. 19 KAMPTAL RIED HASEL GRU V, B EICHING	16.79	197.50/12		
37. 18 KAMPTAL RIES TROCKEN, GOBELSBU	18.99	223.50/12		
38. 17 DAO, DHARMA	8.49	99.95/12		
39. 19 ALENTEJANO FITA, FITAPRETA VINHOS	12.99	152.95/12		
40. 19 RIBEIRO BLANCO FLOWER AND BEE	16.79	197.50/12		
41. 17 RIOJA CRIANZA, DEL MEDIEVO	10.49	123.50/12		
42. 17 RIOJA RES, BODEGAS MUGA	23.99	281.95/12		
43. 19 CARINENA GARNACHA MONSERAN, VAL	8.49	99.95/12		
44. 18 PRIORAT CARTUJA, VINOS ATLANTICO	16.99	199.95/12		
45. 19 MANCHUELA BOBAL LOJEN, PONCE	15.79	184.95/12		
46. 20 L MANCHA TEMPRANILLO, MOR	6.99	81.95/12		
47. 17 BARBARESCO, FONTANABIANCA	29.99	176.50/6		
48. 18 NEBBIOLO D'ALBA INDIGENOUS	16.99	199.95/12		
49. 19 BARBERA D'ALBA, F SERRA	11.49	134.95/12		
50. 18 VALPOLICELLA CLASS LUCCHINE,	13.99	164.50/12		
51. 17 CHIANTI RUFINA RIS, RENZO MASI	13.99	164.50/12		
52. 18 ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO, SETA	12.99	152.95/12		
53. 17 BOLGHERI SUP SOR UGO, AIA VEC	31.99	187.95/6		
54. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, TIB	16.99	199.95/12		
55. 19 CAMPANIA AGLIANICO, CAPRA	11.49	134.95/12		
56. 18 SALENTO PRIMITIVO SASSEO	11.49	134.95/12		
57. 19 GAVI, OTTOSOLDI	13.99	164.50/12		
58. 19 VENEZIE PINOT GRIGIO, LAGARIA	11.49	134.95/12		
59. 19 FRIULI GRAVE SAUV BL PRODIGO	8.49	99.95/12		
60. 19 VERDICCHIO JESI CLASS SUP, FEL	14.99	176.50/12		
61. COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENNE, V P	5.29	61.95/12		
62. 20 ATTIKA ASSYRTIKO, MYLONAS	15.99	187.95/12		
63. 18 WATERMILL CHANCES R RED	15.99	187.95/12		

64. 18 KNOTTY VINES CALIFORNIA CAB	10.49	123.50/12		
65. 19 CLOS DE NAPA OAKVILLE CAB	25.49	299.95/12		
66. 19 COOPER MTN COOPER HILL WILL VY P N	16.99	199.95/12		
67. 19 HANZELL SEBELLA SONOMA CST P N	24.99	293.95/12		
68. 18 LIOCO INDICA MENDOCINO RED	18.99	223.50/12		
69. 19 CA' MOMI NAPA VALLEY RED	10.49	123.50/12		
70. 18 GEHRICKE RRV ZINFANDEL	25.49	299.95/12		
71. 18 CLINE ANCIENT VINES C COSTA ZIN	13.99	164.50/12		
72. 19 STEELE SHOOTING STAR LAKE SAUV BL	11.99	139.95/12		
73. 18 CHALK HILL SONOMA CST CHARD	18.99	223.50/12		
74. 19 HAHN MONTEREY CHARDONNAY	12.99	152.95/12		
75. 20 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BL WHITE	14.99	176.50/12		
76. 20 BONNY DOON BEESWAX PICPOUL	12.99	152.95/12		
77. 19 ELK COVE WILLAMETTE VY PINOT GRIS	14.99	176.50/12		
78. 19 SHADY LANE HENNESSY GRU V	16.79	197.50/12		
79. 19 ANDELUNA 1300 EST UCO MALBEC	12.99	152.95/12		
80. 20 PRISMA CASABLANCA SAUVI BLANC	10.49	123.50/12		
81. 19 SILENI CELLAR SEL HAWKE'S BAY P N	14.99	176.50/12		
82. 19 HAY MAKER MARLBOROUGH SAUV BL	9.79	114.95/12		
83. 19 PENLEY PHOENIX COONAWARRA CAB	18.99	223.50/12		
84. 19 STELLENBOSCH BUSHVINE PINOTAGE	14.99	176.50/12		
85. 20 MAN FAM FREE RUN STEEN CHENIN BL	10.49	123.50/12		
86. 20 CDG ROSE PLAISIR, CASSAGNOLES	9.79	114.95/12		
87. 20 TAVEL QUEYRADES,PASCAL LAFOND	16.99	199.95/12		
88. 20 GARD ROSE, CHANTE PIERRE	8.49	99.95/12		
89. LILLET BLANC APERITIF DE FRANCE	19.99	117.50/6		
90. LUSTAU SOLERA RES PAPIRUSA MANZANI	15.79	92.95/6		
91. DOW'S FINE WHITE PORT	12.99	76.50/6		
92. CLOUET BOUZY V.6 EXPERIENCE BRUT CH	39.99	234.95/6		
93. 17 CALVET CREMANT DE BORDEAUX BRUT	15.79	184.95/12		
94. TORRESELLA PROSECCO ROSE BRUT	12.99	152.95/12		
95. S NEVADA TORPEDO EX IPA 16 oz can + DEP	1.29	22.50/18		
95. deposit	.10	1.80/18		
96. GEROLSTEINER SPK MIN 750 bot NO TAX	1.89	27.50/15		
97. ROOS LBL COFFEE BEANS 16 oz NO TAX	13.99	39.95/3		
98. PRAIRIE BREEZE CHEDDAR 6 oz NO TAX	4.49	12.95/3		
99. VIGNES DIJON MUSTARD 7 oz jar NO TAX	1.99	5.75/3		
100. GRIJAKES POTATO CHIPS 16 oz NO TAX	4.99	14.50/3		

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# ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

July, 2021

## ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB JULY TASTING

Our traditional Pre-Sale Tasting of wine-offering items is still not possible. Stay tuned for possible future tastings. 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 **SATURDAY** July 24. 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 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>), no call-in orders, please.

**ORDER PICK-UP.** No pick-ups before **SATURDAY, JULY 31.** 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 **SATURDAY, JULY 31 FORWARD.**

Store hours are from **NOON-7 Mon & Tues, 10-7 Wed-Sat, NOON-6 Sunday**

### --BORDEAUX - RED--

#### 1. 12 LES ALLEES DE CHATEAU CANTEMERLE, HAUT MEDOC

**21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

Second wine of 5me Grand Cru Ch Cantemerle; at Macau in the south; from the younger vines; 82% cab sauv, 10% cab franc, 8% merlot; aged a year in oak barrels and vats. Dark, neat, still pretty close in the 2012 style. Exudes cab sauv blackberry and black currant and that classic sur bois character of southern Haut Medoc clarets. A SIGNIFICANT second wine (actually it's 1/3 of the Chateau's production)./ Black is beautiful on the palate too. Modicum of fine tannin yet. Another cellar sleeper. Well liked by the group. 93+/100.

#### 2. 15 CHATEAU LABAT, CRU BOURGEOIS, HAUT MEDOC

**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 92 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Run by the Nony family, this 17-acre estate has produced a generous, rounded wine dominated by black fruits. The barrel aging has enhanced the black-currant flavors and the acidity. All these elements are coming together in a full wine that will age well. Drink from 2024. \$26.'

#### 3. 18 CHATEAU LILIAN LADOUYS, SAINT ESTEPHE

**27.99 each; 328.95 case of 12**

Vinous 92: 'The 2018 Lilian Ladouys is showing nicely now that the wine is in bottle. It has a riper bouquet compared to, say, the Calon-Segur, more lush - a 2018 with wider appeal, featuring blueberry and cassis scents that soar from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins that disguise the backbone of this Saint-Estephe. It is not the most powerful Lilian Ladouys in recent years, safeguarding its linearity and strictness all the way through to the finish. But it conveys a sense of classicism and has abundant freshness that should see it age well over the next two decades. Drink 2023-2040.'

#### 4. 12 CHATEAU DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION

**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

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

#### 5. 16 RESERVE DU CHATEAU CROIX MOUTON, BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

At Lugon, west of Fronsac; second wine; 90% merlot; 10% cab franc; barrel aged. Dark ruby./ Wow, big time fruit intensity and exceptional oak endowments for the second wine of a Bordeaux Superieur Chateau. Grand and ambitious stuff./ Abundant fruit and oak concentrations. Tannin on teeth. Broad, deep, complex. A sleeper for the cellar. Very popular with the group. 92+/100.

#### 6. 19 CHATEAU LA CROIX DU DUC, BORDEAUX

**9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

Famille Chollet since 1865; vineyard borders Lussac St. Emilion; 80% merlot, 20% the cabernets. Sweet cranberry, cherry, and bramble berry set. While openly fruity, this is not as fulsome a display as the 2018 put out. Has 2019 lift. I like both./ Yes, graciously medium bodied, sweetly fruity. Good acid, light tannin, form, and reserve. Great introduction to 2019 claret. 91+/100.

#### 7. 13 CAHORS, CHATEAU GAUTOUL

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Five soil types on the property; 80% malbec, 16% merlot, 4% tannat; aged 18 months in oak casks; 2013 just released. Black Wine of Cahors./ Oh, and it's a tough guy too. Geez, after 7 plus years, still compact and stingy. The 2012 was much more accommodating last year./ Well, there's some fruit sweetness on the palate, and an intriguing cedar streak. The tannins are manageable. Overall, quite an achievement this vintage. 91+/100.

### --BORDEAUX - WHITE--

#### 8. 19 CHATEAU BONNET, BORDEAUX BLANC

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

At Grezillac in Entre Deux Mers; longtime home estate of the late Andre Lurton. 50% sauvignon blanc, 40% semillon, 10% muscadelle. After a little hesitation, there's a positively scintillating display of sauvignon ruby red and tropics, semillon lemon curd, and muscadelle linden./ Rich, lush, round semillon basis, with sauvignon and muscadelle aromatic airs hovering over. Good and bright and sharp acidity. Long and complex, flavorful finish. A big group favorite; orders taken. 92/100.

#### 9. 19 LE G DE CHATEAU GUIRAUD, BORDEAUX BLANC

**20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

One of the youngest I've tasted of this, and it's all the better for it. Each varietal component is fully evident and sympathetic to the other. Ying and yang of sauvignon lemon juice and semillon lemon custard./ Sauvignon juiciness to the fore. Fleshy tropical fruits as well as citrus. Intense and precise flavor complex. Best ever...probably because the youngest. 92/100.

#### 10. 16 CHATEAU LES ROQUES, LOUPIAC half bottle

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

80% semillon, 18% sauvignon blanc, 2% muscadelle; Gold Medal - Concours Mondial des Feminalise. Wow, pineapple, husk, tupelo honey, singed orange peel, & 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.

**--LOIRE--**

**11. 14 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE COMTE LELOUP DE CHASSELOIR  
CUVEE LES CEPS CENTENAIRES, CHEREAU CARRE**

**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 94: 'Part of the region's Cru Communaux, the Comte Leloup is 7.4 acres of vines that are more than 100 years old. Bernard Chereau ferments the wine in stainless steel and ages it on the lees for ten months, followed by at least two years in bottle. The vines, growing in schist and slate, deliver fruit with smoky depths, the wine lasting on ripe peach, honeydew and bitter melon, all of its richness wrapped in juicy tart-apple freshness. It's broad and intense, floral and savory, a wine to decant for a roasted whole fish stuffed with fennel. \$20.'

**12. 18 BOURGUEIL CUVÉE ALOUETTES, DOMAINE DE LA CHANTELEUSERIE**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Est. 1822. Fresh, bright, crisp, cool, fruity, northern, snappy, classic./ 2018 fruit bounties. In addition, it's swelled up and broadened out since last tasted several months back. Spot on Bourgueil. Wow, a lot of bang for the buck. More to come. 92+/100.

**13. 20 CHEVERNY BLANC, DOMAINE SALVARD**

**15.99 each; 187.95 case of 12**

85% sauvignon blanc, 15% chardonnay. Searing, pungent, unrelenting lime and passion fruit. Ultra expressive./ Double duty on the palate. Screaming Mimi. Wholly ready to enjoy. Endless, intricate finish. I'll have buyers. 92/100.

**14. 20 SANCERRE CUVÉE SAINT CERE, CHAVET**

**22.99 each; 281.95 case of 12**

This sizzles! Vibrant, alive, penetrating, persistent citrus and herb melange./ The palate too is alive with flavor and acid tingle. Very long finish. And the price hasn't gone through the roof like a lot of Sancerres. Must have arrived after the tariff was lifted. I'm completely taken with this. 93/100.

**--BURGUNDY - RED--**

**15. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, DOMAINE DUPRE**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

In the vicinity of Maconnais. Extra fruity in this fine vintage. More content, more push, more to enjoy./ Round & smooth 2018 style. Good acid in support. Lasting cherry pinot flavor. To my taste, best in the series. Even some fine tannin to give it texture and longevity. 91+/100.

**16. 18 POMMARD LES TROIS FOLLOTS, DOMAINE AUBERT LEFAS**

**39.99 each; 234.95 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 92: 'Richly structured, this young, perfumed wine is dense. Bold tannins vie with black-cherry fruits and acidity in a medley of flavors. This is a wine for aging further. Drink from 2024. \$49.'

**17. 19 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES, DOMAINE DE ROCHE-GUILLON**

**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

5th generation Famille Coperet; from 30-90 year old vines in a parcel near Fleurie. That's a good, keen, Villages full gamay nose. Deep, black, almost tarry in its old vines aromatic concentration./ Tarry again. Man, one serious Villages. Well balanced and potent. And look at the price! 92+/100.

**18. 19 CHIROUBLES GRAND CRU CHATENAY, DANIEL BOULAND**

**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

Parker 92: 'Exuberant aromas of raspberries, blackberries and cherries introduce the 2019 Chiroubles Chatenay, a medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy wine that's round and enveloping, with a charming core of fruit and melting, delicately powdery tannins. It will drink well young. Drink now-2030.'

**--BURGUNDY - WHITE--**

**19. 19 PETIT CHABLIS, DOMAINE SEGUINOT -BORDET**

**20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

Est 1590; 25-35 year old vines on Kimmeridgian limestone facing south/southeast. Wow, quite the contrast. Especially full for a Petit Chablis. The terroir suggests Chablis rather than Petit. Apple, pear, calcaire. Fully accomplished./ Palate confirms body and flavor amplitude. Proper acidity. Long, pleasing aftertaste. 92/100.

**20. 19 BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY VIEILLES VIGNES,  
DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON**

**23.99 each; 281.95 case of 12**

Est. 1859; vines planted between 1944 and 1991; aged 6 months in barrels, 20% new. Oh, this has body and character. Old vines chardonnay intensity. Admirable barrel extras, as Jean Chartron is so skilled at interweaving among the fruit and terroir tendrils./ Quite full bodied thanks to old vine and barrel extract support. Good acidity and balance. Large for the vintage. Overachiever. Wine of the night for me and several others. 93/100.

**21. 18 MERCUREY BLANC LES MARGOTONS,  
DOMAINE DU CELLIER AUX MOINES**

**29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 91: 'Most Mercurey wine is red and this is a rare example of Chardonnay. Named after the owners' daughter, the wine is fresh and creamy with crushed apples and balanced wood aging. The wine should be ready from 2022. \$40.'

**--RHONE/MIDI--**

**22. 18 SAVOIE MONDEUSE, DOMAINE EUGENE CARREL**

**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

6 generation family estate; clay-limestone soil, which suits mondeuse noire, planted mainly in Savoie. Full color, developing a light patina of maturation./ Deep and satisfying purple-fruit mondeuse nose. Hallmark as well as ample. You could easily pay more for this quality of mondeuse experience./ Full, rich, round, balanced. Fine flavor range that includes a hint of plum pit. Spot on, and at a proper degree of maturity for full enjoyment. 92/100.

**23. 17 CROZES HERMITAGE LES JALETS, PAUL JABOULET AINE**

**24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12**

From the estate's 15 acre vineyard plus purchased grapes; Decanter 92/100. Very dark color, especially for the vintage./ Oh, here it is, the full northern Rhone syrah aromatic spread in a brilliantly reductive presentation that conveys all its inimitable attributes. Raspberry, white pepper, smoked meat, and lavender. Best of these Jalets I've nosed./ Flavors less effusive than aromas because they're damped down by considerable tannins. They rally on the finish, spreading in peacock's tail fashion. More to come. 94+/100.

**24. 19 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS**

**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Near Sablet; 75% grenache, 25% syrah. Well, there's the grenache versus syrah for you. A richer, rounder, more powerful nose of red versus black fruits. About the most intense in the

series./ Race over body as usual. Flavorful. Good acid. Not tannic, but just a bud waiting to blossom. All the right elements are present. 91+/100. Tasted October 2020.

**25. 18 CAIRANNE CUVÉE MAXIMILIEN, DOMAINE LES GRANDS BOIS**

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Cairanne has earned single-village AOC status. 50% grenache, 35% mourvedre, 15% syrah. Black color./ Intense black fruit and black pepper. In my mind, that writes the book on Cairanne. Oh, and it's deep and cool, with another defining Cairanne note: licorice./ Large and powerful, yet well constituted, well composed. The tannins are fine, the fruit is perfectly ripe and not overly 2018 gushy. May I say it again? The is Cairanne! 93/100.

**26. 15 GIGONDAS, DOMAINE LA HAUTE MARONE**

**22.99 each; 269.50 case of 12**

75% grenache, 13% syrah, 12% mourvedre on steep, terraced vineyards; half aged 21 months in 2nd, 3rd, & 4th year barrels. Bold, sweet, powerful 2015 Gigondas. Fits the pattern to a T. Some bouquet starting to form./ Oh, yes, there's a mellowness coming on with bottle age too. Plus barrel aged nuttiness. Right fair price, I'd venture. 92+/100.

**27. 11 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE, LA BASTIDE SAINT DOMINIQUE**

**29.99 each; 352.50 case of 12**

On sand and limestone. 80% grenache, 10% syrah, 5% each mourvedre, cinsault; vines average 50 years, the oldest, at lieu dit Pignan, planted in 1920. Certainly forward and well bouquetted after nine years and a light vintage. No signs of lightness here today. Or lack of ripeness. This is finally emerging from its cocoon. This just soars with the integrity of grenache from sand--like Chateau Rayas. Full finesse of terroir and vintage, finally coming true as it nears age 10./ Yeah, fruity, complete, bouquetted, balanced, useful. Gentle, medium bodied, flavorful, texturally wide spreading, and ready to enjoy. Take a look. 94/100.

**28. 18 BANDOL, DOMAINE LA BASTIDE BLANCHE**

**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

Est. 1972; 72% mourvedre, 20% grenache, 6% cinsault, 1% each syrah, carignan; aged 18 months in cooperage; unfiltered. Oh, that purple black color and purple fruited mourvedre classic, redolent of boysenberry. The fruit amplification of 2018 is wholly flattering to this wine. Bandols can be resistant in youth, though seldom Bastide Blanche./ The tannin is coated with sweet fruit. The acidity, however, performs a balancing act. As does a secret core of mourvedre concentration that has a positive astringent property. 93+/100.

**29. 20 PICPOUL DE PINET, JADIX**

**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

On chalky clay embedded with fossilized oysters, quartz, and gravel; picpoul has been grown on the plateau above the Thau lagoon since Roman times; 'picpoul' = 'lipstinger'. This is right. This has max personality for this often prosaic, understated grape variety. Pushes out those green apple and legume things that brings to mind a gruner veltliner./ Flavor intensity confirms. Blind, I'd say I was drinking gruve. Except the acidity is higher and gives it a lot of textural play. Earns its name. Long, expressive finish. 91/100.

**30. 19 PAYS D'OC CARIGNAN, DOMAINE DE MONTREDON**

**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Full color./ Oh, yeah, deep, sweet fruit. Black carignan fruit. Black pepper too./ Big, black, spicy carignan spread. Give, volume, power, flavor, texture. Generous to the max. Long. Deal. 91/100.

**--ALSACE--**

**31. 19 ALSACE PINOT GRIS TRADITION, DOMAINE EMILE BEYER**

**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Est. 1580; at Eguisheim. A fresh vintage and style. Subtle apple and hazelnut varietal aromas./ Surprisingly soft. Very flavorful. Apple and pie crust. I think there's some RS instead of glycerol. Coated acid. I'm curious about how this will evolve. 91+/100.

**32. 19 ALSACE RIESLING CUVÉE ANTOINE, GUILLAUME KLINGENFUS**

**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

A little boden in this Bas Rhin take, but there's also a coy charm to the nose. Beguiles./ Legit Alsace riesling feel and flavor. Truly dry. Good acidity. Lingers. Great price. 91/100.

**--GERMANY/AUSTRIA--**

**33. 14 GRAACHER DOMPROBST RIESLING SPATLESE FEINHERB ALTE REBEN, SELBACH-OSTER**

**21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

Parker 93: 'Predominantly from a 90-year-old plot and another that was re-planted in 1984, the 2014 Graacher Domprobst Riesling Spatlese Feinherb Alte Reben is made from berries that were as big as peas and colored like copper. Intense and concentrated, yet also with very fine fruit and pip fruit aromas on the nose, this 11% bottling is round & silky textured on the palate, nicely concentrated & almost creamy; it is very mineral & long, and finishes with great finesse and stimulating salinity. This is a great and tension-filled Riesling of great elegance, finesse and intensity. A beauty and one of my favorites of the 2014 vintage. Drink now-2034.'

**34. 15 FRANKEN GRAUBURGUNDER KABINETT, BRENNFLECK**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Gold Medal - Franken. Young and fresh and brisk. Stimulating. Classic Franken stoniness. Perfect./ Roundness and richness of the vintage. Full and generous. Wow! 93/100.

**35. 18 PFALZ ESTATE RIESLING DRY, DR. BURKLIN-WOLF**

**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

From Wachenheim, Deidesheim, & Ruppertsberg vyds. That's much 'newer' than the 2017 of late. Pfalz full, with plenty of dry extract. The terpenes are much more unformed./ Opens will almost a sense of sweetness. Seems high 'trocken', not a surprise this vintage. I sense more flavor and texture interest to come. The group was high on this as well, and agreed with my assessment of its potential. 92+/100.

**36. 19 KAMPTAL RIED HASEL GRUNER VELTLINER, BIRGIT EICHINGER**

**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 93 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Wet pebble and lemon on the nose are shy and subtle. It is on the palate that the salty, savory crushed herb sensations unfurl. There is crushed yarrow and sage dissolved in lemon purity and edged with salty yeast. This is sleek, concentrated, taut and brimming with flavor..'

**37. 18 KAMPTAL RIESLING TROCKEN, SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG**

**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Mainly from Gaisberg and Heiligenstein; vines under 15 years old. Racy, vigorous. A walnut husk suggestion I love in rieslings, found particularly in Erdeners. Relates to terpene I suppose. This runs deep, peppery./ Flavor set echoes aromatics. Everything really hangs together well at this stage of development. No call to cellar further. Dry, mealtime riesling, for sure. Very popular with the group. 92/100.

--IBERIA--

**38. 17 DAO, DHARMA**

**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

35% each touriga nacional, tinta roriz, 30% afrocheiro. Dry & austere young Dao. Aromas

**39. 19 ALENTEJANO FITA, FITAPRETA VINHOS**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Est. 2004; 50% aragonez (tempranillo), 30% touriga nacional, 20% alicante bouschet; planted 1979-1989 in rocky schist at 1000-1300 feet elevation; native yeasts; half aged 10 months in 2nd and 3rd year French oak barrels;. Exceptionally spicy, racy nose. This accents the best attributes of Alentejo. Nothing held back; all give./ Amazing degree of depth of flavor too. A decidedly three dimensional wine, determined to please. What more could I want in a \$15 tinto? 92/100.

**40. 19 RIBEIRO BLANCO FLOWER AND BEE, COTO DE GOMARIZ**

**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

From Galicia (Green Spain).All treixadura. A 'dusty' lemon peel aroma. Properly varietal./ Flavors more intricate, encompassing the aromatics and adding floral and spice notes. 2019 lithe and spot on. 91/100.

**41. 17 RIOJA CRIANZA, BODEGAS DEL MEDIEVO**

**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Tempranillo, garnacha, graciano, mazuelo. Wow, dark red violet color../ Deep, seductive, rich 2017 fruit presence dominates barrel aging effects the first evening. The second evening color and fruits turn even more purple, and the oak asserts itself a little more, while still subservient./ Yes, sweet fruit to the fore. Plenty of body and tannin. Oak present. Plenty of fine oak and fruit tannin. Good acid. Ample crianza texture. More barrel evidence adds additional complexity the second evening, more crianza fulfillment. Wow wine. 92/100.

**42. 17 RIOJA RESERVA, BODEGAS MUGA**

**23.99 each; 281.95 case of 12**

Parker 93: 'As is the norm here, it fermented in oak vats and matured in barrels, in this case for 24 months, crafted by their own coopers. The wine is fined with egg whites and kept in bottle for a further 12 months before it's released. I had the wine in the glass for a very long time, and it didn't stop improving; it started a little lactic and creamy, and then it got more and more serious. This is the only red they produced this vintage, so all the best grapes that normally go to other wines were used here; those selected grapes helped to keep the volume of this cuvee, and at the same time, it seems to have boosted the quality of this wine, which feels every bit as good as the 2016. It has a serious palate with fine, chalky tannins and very good balance. This is a textbook Muga red and a triumph over the conditions of the year, elegant and balanced, approachable now and with potential to age. Drink now-2027. \$32.'

**43. 19 CARINENA GARNACHA CASTILLO DE MONSERAN, BODEGAS SAN VALERO**

**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Wood, slide top cases. That's the real deal: Carinena garnacha in an intense presentation. Nice to get a 'new' vintage of this./ Ripe, strong, black, and straight ahead uncomplicated. Moderate acidity. Deal. 91/100.

**44. 18 PRIORAT LA CARTUJA, VINOS DEL ATLANTICO**

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Single vineyard on llicorella slate at 800'; 70% garnacha, 30% mazuelo; aged 6 months in foudres.. One of the darkest-toned grenaches I've nosed. Still, it's not compact. It has grenache

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

sweetness, power, breadth./ Oh, a juicy, red fruited grenache flavor, plenty sweet too in 2018. Black raspberry segues to red raspberry. Fine tannin draws out the finish. Everything here is up to snuff. 92+/100.

**45. 19 MANCHUELA BOBAL VINAS VIEJAS CLOS LOJEN, BODEGAS Y VINEDOS PONCE**

**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Est. 2005; calcareous soil; 55 year old vines; whole bunch fermented at low temperature; aged 8 months in seasoned French oak barrels; unfinned, unfiltered. This guy's the master at bobal, and it shows. He coaxes more out of humble bobal than I've ever smelled before. The fruit is sweet, deep, and variegated./ Melange of spices as well as fruit on the palate. Richness, race, and light tannin counter. Kudos. Popular with the group. 92/100.

**46. 20 LA MANCHA TEMPRANILLO, BODEGAS VENTA MORALES**

**6.99 each; 81.95 case of 12**

Inky./ Thick and sweet and right. Exceptionally well endowed with fruit ripeness and concentration./ Palate confirms. What a juicy, generous, bargain treat, best to date in the series. 91/100.

--ITALY - RED--

**47. 17 BARBARESCO, FONTANABIANCA**

**29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 93: 'Ripe dark-skinned berry, pressed rose, new leather and eucalyptus aromas form the nose. Chewy and full of flavor, the taut palate shows concentrated black raspberry, mature Morello cherry and baking spice framed in fine-grained tannins. Drink now-2027. \$50.'

**48. 18 NEBBIOLO D'ALBA INDIGENOUS, GIORGIO RIVETTI**

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

12 year old vines at 1000' elevation in Roero; aged 10 months in seasoned French oak barrels. No slouch at 14%. Sweet and ripe 2018 fruit within a solid nebbiolo framework. This works so well. It isn't stodgy in youth. Nor is it modern. Every one of these 'Indigenous' wines we've had lately has been a winner./ Cherry and tar flavors. Yes, sweet 18 fruit, good acid, fine tannin. All the components for balance. Long and racy aftertaste. 92/100.

**49. 19 BARBERA D'ALBA, FRANCO SERRA**

**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Oh, this is good! There's texture, depth, fullness, delivery./ Yes, richness, varietal character, Alba barbera fortitude, follow through. Wow. 92/100.

**50. 18 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO LUCCHINE, TEDESCHI**

**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Lucchine = vineyard name; 25% corvina, 25% corvinone, 30% rondinella, 10% molinara, 10% rossignola, negrara, and dindarella together. This Valpol doesn't back down. The black fruit aromas are strong and forthcoming as is the 2018 vintage's nature. While retaining the proper level of moderation./ Plenty of richness, body, and flavor for a Valpol without dried fruit added. Yet these don't exceed my norms for classic, old time Valpolicella. With juicy acidity. Thoroughly satisfying, and versatile at the table. 92/100.

**51. 17 CHIANTI RUFINA RISERVA, RENZO MASI****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

95% sangiovese, 5% colorino; aged 18 months in French barriques, 12 months in bottle. VERY dark color. Record for this wine and a surprise in 2017./ Well, the nose is all as intense and enveloping. Full for the vintage. Good Rufina form and reserve. Spicy, oaky, fully concentrated in fruit./ Dark, dense, latent. Sweet and abundant. Not harshly tannic, and there is a glycerol smoothness. Medium body and forward nature of 2017. As impressive a vintage as I've tasted here. Power too. And barrel influence. 92+/100.

**52. 18 ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO, TENUTA GRACCIANO DELLA SETA****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Est. mid 19th century; mainly prunolo gentile, with a little canaiolo and merlot; vines planted in 1970, 1993, 1997, and 2001; yields under 3 tons per acre. A bright representative that spells the difference between rossos of Montepulciano and of Montalcino. It's all upbeat, lithe and lovely, and 2018 fruit forward./ The distinct clone puts a fresh face on sangiovese. Good acid and fine grained tannin balance out the 2018 fruit abundance. Textbook example. 92/100.

**53. 17 BOLGHERI SUPERIORE SOR UGO., AIA VECCHIA****31.99 each; 187.95 case of 6**

Cab sauv, merlot, cab franc, petit verdot. Wow, this is a big boy! Claret in Tuscany. Enhanced fortitude. Full fruit set concentration and barrel augmentations./ Abundant sweet fruit takes up the barrels' spice givings. Fine balance and fine tannins. What Bolgheri's all about, at a fraction of Sassicaia's price. 95+/100.

**54. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, AGRICOLA TIBERIO****16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Massale selection vines averaging 56 years; at 1200 feet. Dark red violet color. Impressive!/ A beautiful and intense montepulciano nose, replete with that cherished but elusive aroma of violets. Wow, this is really well concentrated!/ Blockbuster palate, dense, deep, flavorful, tannin laden. This pushes Pepe and Valentini at a fraction of the price. Good cellar potential. 92+/100.

**55. 19 CAMPANIA AGLIANICO, LA CAPRANERA****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

From Capaccio-Paestum area vineyards in the middle of Cilento National Park. Wow, aglianico fruit intensity to match the power. Are we looking at a bargain here or what?!/ Intense, pure, abundant. Remains a best buy in the aglianico field. The group agreed. Full body and melted tannins. 92/100.

**56. 18 SALENTO PRIMITIVO SASSEO, MASSERIA ALTEMURA****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Sasso = calcareous stone; aged a year in large cooperage. Heavy Bottle Award that's not usually bestowed upon a wine in this price range./ Powerful, sweet, & 'sassy' it is. Consistently so over the years. Zinfandel's cousin shows some DNA resemblances./ Deep raspberry tones, warmth of the south, positive fruit amplitude of 2018. Two pounds of fruit in a one-pound bag. 91/100.

**--ITALY - WHITE--****57. 19 GAVI, OTTOSOLDI****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

James Suckling 92/100. My notes: A nicely expressive Gavi with a lemony lift. Satisfying amplitude./ Oh, very flavorful! And correctly so. This is people pleasing. Must have. Flavor sticks around after the swallow. 92/100.

**58. 19 VENEZIE PINOT GRIGIO, LAGARIA****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Neil Empson selection that's been flying below my radar for many years. Pleasing and accurate apple and green pear and nut aromas./ Zesty acid. Green fruit flavors. Good aroma and flavor intensity. As creditable a player as it was decades back. 91/100.

**59. 19 FRIULI GRAVE SAUVIGNON BLANC PRODIGO, BOTTER****8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Dainty, accurate, incisive, pure. A gem./ Again. Great acid playing against citrus fruits and blossoms. What a joy. So many summertime applications. 92/100.

**60. 19 VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO SUPERIORE, ANDREA FELICI****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 91/100. My notes: Clear and bright apple and pear aroma. No early issues; no shipping issues. Ready to serve./ Delightfully tangy. Has a wonderful, marked citricity to the palate. Long, clinging, welcome. Performs from beginning to end. 92/100.

**--INTERNATIONAL--****61. LA COMMUNAUTE EUROPEENNE, VIEUX PAPE****5.29 each; 61.95 case of 12**

Combo of fruity and vinous. Juicy purple berries: loganberry, boysenberry./ Medium bodied. Attractive flow. Mild tannin. Good acid. Flavorful. An intriguing sleeper. Would like to know more about its background. 90/100.

**62. 20 ATTIKA ASSYRTIKO, MYLONAS****15.99 each; 187.95 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 90/100. My notes: This is good. This is clear fruited, clear headed. With that Chablis like minerality of the variety./ Yeah, good acid structure and a tender core. The right stony flavor set. Lasting finish. 91/100.

**--U.S. - RED--****63. 18 WATERMILL ESTATE CHANCES R COLUMBIA VALLEY RED****15.99 each; 187.95 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. Heady, compact, loaded. More power and potential than any previous vintage. Labeled Columbia Valley, but fully as domineering as a Walla Walla red./ Yes, rich and powerful. The varieties speak cherry, the oak, vanilla. Well balanced. Though this cuvee is usually made for early consumption, this vintage is a sleeper for the cellar. 92+/100.

**64. 18 KNOTTY VINES CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON****10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 91: 'Smooth plum nose, fresh, juicy, and generous, with a nice texture, good depth, and considerable complexity. From Rodney Strong, it's a stunning wine for the price, so stock up. \$15.'

**65. 19 CLOS DE NAPA OAKVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON****25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

75% cab sauv, 25% merlot; aged 15 months in French oak barrels, 60% new. Plenty of 2019 flash and countering Oakville discretion. Paradoxical, but true. This is really well bred Oakville cabernet given the subtle, spicy oak embellishments it deserves. 2019 fruit soaks it

all up./ Sweet fruit, spicy oak, Oakville distinction, true harmony. Now or later. Actually, a sleeper for the cellar. 93+/100.

**66. 19 COOPER MOUNTAIN COOPER HILL WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR**  
**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Farmington Vineyard. Very cool and crisp montmorency cherry aroma. Rolls with the nature of this cold, damp growing season. A 2019 success for sure./ Yes, tart and dark fruited, with fine tannin adding textural interest. Commendably food worthy. 91/100.

**67. 19 HANZELL SEBELLA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR**  
**24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12**

Sonoma Valley Burgundy-grape specialist since the 1950s; Sebella, once the estate's second wine, now incorporates fruit from neighboring growers as well; aged 9 months in French oak barrels, 10% new. That's a proper medium dark pinot color./ Oh, wow. That's special. Adheres to the tradition of early California pinot noirs: red fruited instead of black, subtly spicy-oaky instead of frankly woody, dry instead of sweet, elusive instead of obvious./ Oh, yes. The dryness. The acidity. The unique flavor set that's now near extinct. Bargain priced beside the Grand Vin. 94+/100..

**68. 18 LIOCO INDICA MENDOCINO RED**  
**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

93% 70 year old carignan, 7% 75 year old valdiguie. Aged 10 months in seasoned cooperage. Medium red-russet color./ There's that old vine Mendocino carignan character. Several winemakers tap it; it's always special. Deep, singed cherry and cranberry./ Amplified on the palate. Great flavor breadth, depth, and distinction. Play of tannin against acid against glycerol. Texturally, a three ring circus. Deal! 93/100.

**69. 19 CA' MOMI NAPA VALLEY RED**  
**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

It's back to its original Napa Valley AVA. Well, that does restore in this cuvee an air of Napa Valley distinction. Seems zinfandel to the fore, with plenty of other varietals' support./ Delicious, snappy, spicy, almost cedary flavor profile. Worth a premium. 91/100.

**70. 18 GEHRICKE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY ZINFANDEL**  
**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

Heavy Bottle Award; 5% petite sirah; from Ponzo Vineyard old vines; 14 months in French oak barrels. Purple black color./ Show Wine. Ample oak spice potpourri. Full power. Succulent old vines fruit. Yet there's still an unescapable measure of RRV zinfandel elegance, class. It's no Joe Palooka./ All of that, all at once. The fruit concentration, the oak spice spectrum, the power, and the class. Lengthy, complicated finish. Pretty awesome stuff. 96/100.

**71. 18 CLINE ANCIENT VINES CONTRA COSTA ZINFANDEL**  
**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 91: 'From dry farmed, head pruned grapevines planted over a century ago. Bright, ripe wild strawberry engages with cinnamon spiced cedar as tomato leaf and iron round out the plush and bod textural profile with an underlying grace.'

--U.S. - WHITE--

**72. 19 JED STEELE SHOOTING STAR LAKE COUNTY SAUVIGNON BLANC**  
**11.99 each; 139.95 case of 12**

Bright & splashy introduction that settles into the Lake sauvignon tenderness & pear like aroma. Aroma runs deep./ Citrus chimes in big time. Great acid for food a& refreshment. In tune

with the series. Long, cleansing finish. Good value. Even the Europhiles were impressed. 92+/100.

**73. 18 CHALK HILL WINERY SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY**  
**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 92: 'Barrel aging for ten months sur lie and 100% malolactic fermentation result in a pillow-like, creamy, voluptuous wine. Lemon curd, mandarin orange, and toasty char awaken the palate. Notes of buttered hazelnut may be unctuous, but this elegant white is certainly not flabby. Its fine acidity and underlying minerality are supported by aromas of creme brulee.'

**74. 19 HAHN MONTEREY CHARDONNAY**  
**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 92: 'The weighty, mouth-filling body of this extremely expressive wine is defined by notes of lemon-flavored butterscotch, brioche and ripe papaya. Good mineral content exhibits the terroir and creates a shock of dryness on the palate. \$18.'

**75. 20 BONNY DOON LE CIGARE BLANC CENTRAL COAST WHITE**  
**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Underground Wine Letter - EXTRAORDINARY: 'Randall refers to this wine as 'White Wine of the Earth' Made with 60% Grenache Blanc, 32% Vermentino, and 8% Clairette Blanche, this is a very distinctive wine with the great character of the Vermentino, which I love, showing through. It has a gorgeous perfume of citrus, fresh herbs, and pineapple and on the palate it follows through with a creaminess overlaying citrus, pineapple, and fresh herbs flavors and along crisp lingering finish. This is a stunning white wine.'

**76. 20 BONNY DOON BEESWAX VINEYARD ARROYO SECO PICPOUL**  
**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Underground Wine Letter - OUTSTANDING PLUS: 'Picpoul literally means 'lip-stinger' and is a grape that originated in Southern France that is known for its brisk acidity and ultra savoriness. It is unusual and rarely seen here, but nonetheless this is a very distinctive and special white wine. It has a very light yellow color and lovely pineapple tinged perfume with an exotic floral undertone. On the palate it is brisk and crisp with pineapple tinged fruit underneath which is accented with citrus and is very flavorful with depth and richness.'

**77. 19 ELK COVE WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT GRIS**  
**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 91; Wine Enthusiast 92: 'Adam Campbell's Pinot Gris is one of Oregon's best, year in and year out. A lush and vivid mix of grapefruit, lemon curd and candied orange peel, this new vintage both surprises and delights. Such complexity is rare in a grape mostly centered around apple and pear flavors-- both are here, but in a back seat role. This unique mix is deliciously irresistible.'

**78. 19 SHADY LANE ESTATE HENNESSY VINEYARD LEELANAU PENINSULA GRUNER VELTLINER**  
**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

This is entirely intense. Off the charts. Much more exuberant than the Hennessy pinot gris./ Well, a little milder and easier going on the palate. Still the varietal intensity is New World impressive. 92/100.



**--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--**

**79. 19 ANDELUNA 1300 ESTATE VALLE DE UCO MALBEC**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Very sweet-smelling malbec black fruit. Has depth and persistence./ Sweet but also bright in acid raciness. Keeps on coming. Well balanced. Great length. Good value. 91/100, at least.

**80. 20 PRISMA CASABLANCA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC**

**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 91 - BEST BUY: 'Ricardo Baettig makes this wine from two estate vineyards in Lo Ovalle, a valley in the coastal range of northwestern Casablanca. It's pungent with passion fruit and green lime flavors, plump and silken in texture, smoky in the end. Whitney Asher of Brava in Lenox, Massachusetts, compared it to underripe pineapple-'It doesn't taste sweet, but you know there's sweetness there.' Then he suggested the almond-skin savor in the finish would work with fish in a nut crust.'

**81. 19 SILENI ESTATES CELLAR SELECTION HAWKE'S BAY PINOT NOIR**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Est. 1998; essentially unoaked. Very spicy NZ take on pinot. I guess it's the warmer north island talking. Ripe. No Marlborough herbalness. Warm spices: clove, cinnamon./ Flavorful, rangy, spicy, and laden with pinot cherry richness. Good acidity too. Unique to the north island. Had many fans this evening. 91/100.

**82. 19 HAY MAKER MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC**

**9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

Close knit, crisp, limey, mineral saturated./ Yes, spring water clarity and refreshment. Ideal balance of tenderness and crispness. Delicious. Salivating. A quaffer. 91/100.

**83. 19 PENLEY PHOENIX COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 94 - CELLAR SELECTION: 'This excellent wine offers aromas of blueberry, currant, terra cotta, iodine, savory spices and an umami-like seaweed nuance. There's lovely depth of flavor, tannin structure and regional expression on the palate. Drink through 2040.'

**84. 19 STELLENBOSCH VINEYARDS BUSHVINE STELLENBOSCH PINOTAGE**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

A fresh take on pinotage. No Brett/dekk issues, Valid varietal character.. Good red fruit. Can't see much if any barrel involvement./ Again, fruity and accurate. Sweet fruit flavor and feel. Boasts a lot of appeal. Good acidity for balance. Some tannin to resolve.. 91/100.

**85. 20 MAN FAMILY FREE RUN STEEN COASTAL REGION CHENIN BLANC**

**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Full, sweet-smelling white fruit. Riper than Loire chenin. No problem./ Oh, yeah, rich, ripe Cape chenin with great acid too. People pleaser, as it should be. Juicy finish. 91/100.

**--ROSE--**

**86. 20 COTES DE GASCOGNE ROSE PLAISIR, DOMAINE CASSAGNOLES**

**9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

60% cabernet sauvignon, macerated 3 hours; 40% merlot, direct pressed. Dainty yet deep running. Abundant red fruit array, headed by cherry./ Flavorful. A little lipstick yet. Will pass. Fulfilled by summer 91+/100. Tasted 6/2/21.

**87. 20 TAVEL LES QUEYRADES, DOMAINE PASCAL LAFOND**

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Nice, full red orange Tavel color./ Oh, the nose is ultra forthcoming, featuring a range of red fruits and berries, and even red citrus fruits. Couldn't be more generous./ Dry and full, with the aroma range fully confirmed in its flavor spectrum. Tavel to the max. And more up front than usual. A Tavel to use this year rather than next. 93/100.

**88. 20 GARD ROSE, CHANTE PIERRE**

**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

50% grenache, 30% carignan, 20% cinsault. That's a proper Med rose cuvee. Forget the syrah. Upbeat, fresh, and full of strawberry and other pink fruits./ Light and leisurely, with good acid grip for food. Plenty of delivery. Deal. 90/100.

**--FORTIFIED/FRUIT--**

**89. LILLET BLANC APERITIF DE FRANCE**

**19.99 each; 117.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 90-95 - SUPERB: 'The rounded bouquet features tropical fruit notes of banana and guava, smells of ripe grapes and kiwi and a subtle spiciness. The palate entry is luscious, gently fruity and keenly acidic; midpalate flavors include kiwi, white grapes and raisins. Finish is ripe, delicately spiced, and delicious. An old favorite.'

**90. LUSTAU SOLERA RESERVA PAPIRUSA MANZANILLA SHERRY**

**15.79 each; 92.95 case of 6**

Decanter 95: 'Mid-gold. Smoky and toasty on the nose. Palate is satisfying, full and spicy with a typically clean, long finish. Ripe apple fruit lies underneath and there's a delicate, smoky saline charm. Moving to a fino style rather than the delicacy of a manzanilla, showing more texture.'

**91. DOW'S FINE WHITE PORT**

**12.99 each; 76.50 case of 6**

White fruits, nuts, wood exotica. Good & full & strong&d nutty. Just right. Lovely served cool. Much fresher than some of the Portuguese brands' versions./ Yeah, sweet & strong & nutty. Perfectly balanced. Musky. A complex of orange notions: pulp, peel, marmalade. Lovely flavor set. Fine balance of sweetness and strength. Worth a detour. Wow! Best white porto I've tasted in a long while. Try with a twist of lemon and splash of tonic. 93/100.

**--SPARKLING--**

**92. ANDRE CLOUET BOUZY GRAND CRU THE V.6 EXPERIENCE  
BRUT CHAMPAGNE**

**39.99 each; 234.95 case of 6**

All pinot noir; 80% 2012; 20% reserves consisting of 50% 2008, 37.5% 2005, 25% 2004, 12.5% 2002; bottled spring 2013; 6 years en tirage before disgorgement; .5 RS. How about this! The black fruit of Bouzy blanc de noirs, for sure. A lively combination of 2012 fruit (about the most engaging and harmonious of recent years) and decided input from the reserve cuvees, adding depth, complexity, and dimension./ The mousse is very fine. The play of 2012 with the reserves is both intellectually and sensually stimulating. Long finish extends the welcome experience. 95/100.

**93. 17 CALVET CREMANT DE BORDEAUX BRUT**

**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

70% semillon, 30% cabernet franc. An engaging degree of fruit on the nose./ Flavorful.

More doughy than fruity on the palate. Agreeable; versatile. Good value. 91/100.

**94. TORRESELLA PROSECCO ROSE BRUT**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

.9 RS. 85% glera, 15% pinot nero. This really pumps out the fruit. There's big time red fruit impact here./ Near dry, and very flavorful. Bravo. 91/100.

**--POTPOURRI--**

**95. SIERRA NEVADA TORPEDO EXTRA IPA 16 oz can**

**1.29 each; 22.50 case of 18 plus deposit .10 ea; 1.80 case of 18**

This Chico CA brewery's founders came up with a special 'hop torpedo' vat and brewing system for dry hopping (Crystal, Citra, and Magnum varieties) that accents their aromatic contributions without the accompanying bitterness. This 7.2abv IPA has but 65 bitterness units. And the price is unbeatable!

**96. GEROLSTEINER SPARKLING MINERAL WATER 750 ml glass bottle**

**1.89 each; 27.50 case of 15**

From Germany's volcanic Eifel range, which divides the Mosel and Nahe valleys, this is exceptionally well endowed in calcium, potassium, magnesium, and bicarbonate.

**97. ROOS ROAST LOBSTER BUTTER LOVE COFFEE BEANS 16 oz bag**

**13.99 each; 39.95 case of 3**

Only the third is an ingredient behind this Ann Arbor coffee roaster's LBL, named after his three favorite addictions. He was a long time shopper at the old VC location, and his poetic coffee descriptions were inspired by our wine writeups. A Sumatra based blend, smooth and creamy, with a nutty aftertaste. A staple in the Scheer household.

**98. MILTON PRAIRIE BREEZE CHEDDAR CHEESE 6 oz block**

**4.49 each; 12.95 case of 3**

By a south-central Iowa creamery at Milton that buys milk from area Mennonite farmers. Founded in 2006, by 2009 it had already won Best of Class for its Prairie Breeze cheddar at the US Cheese Championship. A white cheddar aged 9 months' minimum, it's crumbly yet creamy and has that little crunch of calcium crystals that distinguishes the best aged cheddars.

**99. DOMAINE DES VIGNES DIJON MUSTARD 7 oz jar**

**1.99 each; 5.75 case of 3**

Ingredients: water, mustard seeds, distilled vinegar, salt, white wine vinegar, sugar, spices, citric acid. The wine vinegar is distilled from Bordeaux and Cognac area white wines.

**100. GREAT LAKES ORIGINAL SKIN ON KETTLE COOKEDPOTATO CHIPS**

**16 oz bag**

**4.99 each; 14.50 case of 3**

Made in Traverse City from GMO free potatoes and oils. Cooked in small batches. Several of our chip connoisseur customers proclaim these the best in the market.