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- Write the number of bottles of each wine you're ordering in the Quantity column.
- 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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- Order forms must be accompanied by full payment of ORDER TOTAL by cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.
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Wine	Price bottle	Price case	How Many	Cost
1. 15 CHATEAU FORT LIGNAC, CB, HAUT MEDOC	16.99	199.95/12		
2. 16 ST EMILION DE CH QUINTUS, ST EMILION	29.99	176.50/6		
3. 18 CH CAP DE MERLE, LUSSAC ST EMILION	12.99	152.95/12		
4. 16 ESPRIT DE CH FONROZAY, BORDEAUX	10.49	123.50/12		
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13. 18 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON, PAUL BUISSE	12.99	152.95/12		
14. 19 SANCERRE L'AUTHENTIQUE, T-L	20.99	246.95/12		
15. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, E DUPRE	14.99	176.50/12		
16. 11 CORTON LE ROGNET GC, ARNOUX	59.95	176.50/3		
17. 17 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE IMENTIERS,	29.99	352.50/12		
18. 19 BEAUJOLAIS, DOMAINE DUPEUBLE	13.99	164.50/12		
19. 18 BEAUJOLAIS L'ANCIEN TERRES DOREES	16.99	199.95/12		
20. 17 CHABLIS VAUCOUPIN 1C ST. COME	25.49	299.95/12		
21. 18 BOURGOGNE BLANC, J-P FICHET	29.99	352.50/12		
22. 17 MONTAGNY BASSETS, CH DE CHAMILLY	19.99	234.95/12		
23. 18 MACON VILLAGES DEUX ROCHES, C ET T	14.99	176.50/12		
24. 19 SAVOIE JONGIEUX BLANC, CARREL	10.49	123.50/12		

25. 19 COLLINES RHOD SYRAH FLEURS DE MAI	25.49	299.95/12		
26. 19 COTES DU RHONE, DES PASQUIERS	11.49	134.95/12		
27. 18 DR VILLAGES, SAINTE ANNE	13.99	164.50/12		
28. 17 BANDOL, DOM LA BASTIDE BLANCHE	23.99	279.95/12		
29. 18 ST CHINIAN RAVERS DE MARCEAU	16.99	199.95/12		
30. 18 PAYS D'OC SYRAH GR CAUMONT, RIGAL	8.49	99.95/12		
31. 19 PAYS D'OC VIOGNIER EMBRUNS, GASSI	12.99	152.95/12		
32. 17 ALSACE PINOT BLANC GC, A SCHERER	12.99	152.95/12		
33. 18 ALSACE GEWURZ, FAMILLE HELFRICH	15.79	184.95/12		
34. 18 MOSEL RIES MAXIMIN GRUNHAUS, VON S	14.99	176.50/12		
35. 17 ZELTINGER SCHLOSSBERG RIES KAB,	16.99	199.95/12		
36. 17 SCHLOSSB KONIGSFELS RIES KAB, ANHE	12.99	152.95/12		
37. 17 NIEDEROSTERREICH BLAUER ZWEIG, liter	12.99	152.95/12		
38. 18 KREMSTAL GRU V PER DUE, H MOSER	12.99	152.95/12		
39. 17 DOURO, 370 LEGUAS	8.49	99.95/12		
40. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO, CANA	14.99	176.50/12		
41. 17 C Y L TEMPRANILLO GOTA DE, GIL	8.49	99.95/12		
42. 18 RIBERA DEL DUERO, TORREMORON	12.99	152.95/12		
43. 17 RIOJA CRIANZA, DEL MEDIEVO	10.49	123.50/12		
44. 15 RIOJA RES, CAMPO VIEJO	12.99	152.95/12		
45. 10 BAJO ARAGON TEMPRANILLO ESENZIA	7.49	87.95/12		
46. 19 PENEDES BLANCO SELEC GESSAMI, GRA	14.99	176.50/12		
47. 18 TERRA ALTA GARNATXA NEGRA, EDETA	12.99	152.95/12		
48. PIEMONTE ROSSO, PAOLO SCAVINO	12.99	152.95/12		
49. 18 BARBERA MONFERRATO MARAIA,	15.79	184.95/12		
50. 17 VALPOLICELLA CLASS SUP RIPASSO	16.99	199.95/12		
51. 18 TOSCANA CILIEGIOLO, SALUSTRI	14.99	176.50/12		
52. 18 CHIANTI, CASTELLO DI QUERCETO	8.49	99.95/12		
53. 18 CHIANTI CLASSI MONTEGROSSI	18.99	223.50/12		
54. 17 ROSSO CONERO AION, MORODER	15.79	184.95/12		
55. 14 PUGLIA NEGROAMARO, SAN NICOLA	8.49	99.95/12		
56. 17 AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE GRICOS	13.99	164.50/12		
57. 17 ETNA BARBAZZALE, COTTANERA	13.99	164.50/12		
58. 19 LANGHE ARNEIS, ELVIO TINTERO	11.49	134.95/12		
59. 19 LUGANA, OTTELLA	12.99	152.95/12		
60. 19 ALTO ADIGE ISARCO PINOT GRIGIO,	16.79	197.50/12		
61. 19 VENETO COLLE DEI TIGLI, LENOTTI	8.49	99.95/12		
62. 18 PELEE ISLAND ONTARIO CAB FRANC	8.49	99.95/12		
63. 18 PELOPONNESE FEAST, SEMELI	12.99	152.95/12		

64. 18 CH MUSAR JEUNE BEKAA VALLEY RED	18.99	223.50/12		
65. 18 THREE THIEVES CAL CAB	7.99	93.95/12		
66. 16 KULETO INDIA INK LAKE -NAPA CTY RED	13.99	164.50/12		
67. 18 MATCHBOOK RED GRAV DUN. HILLS CAB	12.99	152.95/12		
68. 16 CH BIANCA WILLAMETTE VY PINOT NOIR	13.99	164.50/12		
69. 18 FESS PARKER STA RITA PINOT NOIR	21.99	258.50/12		
70. 12 AERONAUTIQUE AVIATRIX PASSION RED	6.79	79.95/12		
71. 18 FIELD RECORDINGS PETS STA BARB RED	16.99	199.95/12		
72. 16 JEFF COHN SMOKE & MIRRORS CAL RED	19.99	234.95/12		
73. 18 ARTEZIN OLD VINE MENDOCINO ZIN	14.99	176.50/12		
74. 18 CLINE FAMILY OLD VINE LODI ZINF	9.79	114.95/12		
75. 19 MASON YOUNT MILL VYD NAPA SAUVI BL	14.99	176.50/12		
76. 18 HARTFORD COURT RRV CHARDONNAY	25.49	299.95/12		
77. 18 FESS PARKER STA BARBARA CHARD	14.99	176.50/12		
78. 19 ELK COVE WILLAMETTE VY PINOT GRIS	14.99	176.50/12		
79. 18 CH FONTAINE DRY LEELANAU PEN RIES	11.49	134.95/12		
80. 19 UNION S B DE NUIT ARROYO GR GEWURZ	14.99	176.50/12		
81. 18 GARZON EST RES URUGUAY TANNAT	12.99	152.95/12		
82. 19 DON CRISTOBAL 1492 CAB	8.49	99.95/12		
83. 20 DON CRISTOBAL 1492 CHARD	8.49	99.95/12		
84. 17 ESCALATA COLCHAGUA RED	10.49	123.50/12		
85. 19 S PEDRO GATO NEGRO V CE SAUV BL	4.29	49.95/12		
86. 20 KURAUNI KURAUNI VYD MARL SAUV BL	8.49	99.95/12		
87. 16 WILDEKRANS CAB FRANC - MERLOT	16.99	199.95/12		
88. 19 C DU LOT MALBEC ROSE COUTALE, BERN	11.49	134.95/12		
89. 19 C D'AIX EN PROV ROSE SABINE, BIELER	12.99	152.95/12		
90. RAMOS PINTO RUBY PORT	16.79	98.50/6		
91. BRETAGNE POIRE BRUN, CIDRES BIGOUD	8.49	99.95/12		
92. MARTINEZ LACUESTA ROJO VERMUT	12.99	76.50/6		
93. CLOUET BOUZY GC JOUR DE 1911 BRUT CH	64.99	379.95/6		
94. C CHEVALIER D'HONNEUR BRUT CHAMP	29.99	176.50/6		
95. CVNE BRUT CAVA	11.49	134.95/12		
96. PRAIRIE BREEZE CHEDDAR 1b NO TAX	10.99	31.95/3		
97. 3 PETITS COCHONS FOIE GRAS NO TAX	29.99	87.95/3		
98. 3 PETITS COCHONS RILLETES NO TAX	10.99	31.95/3		
99. RENIERIS EST CRETE X V OLIVE OIL NO TAX	9.99	28.95/3		
100. LAMBERTZ AACHENER DOMINOS NO TAX	2.99	7.95/3		

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+ 6% Sales Tax:

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ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

November , 2020

ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB NOVEMBER TASTING

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

ORDERING INFORMATION. Order form with payment should reach Village Corner, at 1747 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105, by SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15. Orders received the following week are subject to a 2% surcharge. Orders are filled in the sequence in which they are received and paid, and early orders take precedence in the allocation of items in short supply. VISA, MasterCard, Discover card and American Express accepted; include address, phone, card number and expiration date. Orders may be hand-delivered, mailed, FAXed (995-1826) or placed online (link at <https://villagecorner.com/clubs/index.html>), but no call-in orders, please.

ORDER PICK-UP. No pick-ups before SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21. 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 NOV21 FORWARD** .

Store hours are from 11-7 Mon & Tues, 10-7 Wed-Sat, noon-6 Sunday CLOSED 11/26

--BORDEAUX - RED--

1. 15 CHATEAU FORT LIGNAC, CRU BOURGEOIS, HAUT MEDOC

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

Aged 12 months in barrels. Now owned by the Borie family (Ducru Beaucaillou). 70% cab sauv, 25% merlot, 5% cab franc. Doesn't mention the age of the barrels, but this definitely shows some new barrel extract in addition to the broadening effect of barrel aging. A once run of the mill 'cru bourgeois' has taken on quite a bit of sophistication under the Borie hand. Plenty of 2015 fruit presence too, the cabernet sauvignon fully ripe and yielding./ Yes, 2015 fruit fulfillment, oak embellishments, balance in all respects. What a satisfying glass of Left Bank claret! 92+/100.

2. 16 SAINT EMILION DE CHATEAU QUINTUS, SAINT EMILION

29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6

Part of the Clarence Dillon (Haut Brion) group. Saint Emilion richness and roundness plus very polished and sophisticated barrel extras./ Oh, the roundness and succulence of the fruit, exceptional for 2016. Plus the 16 burnished texture, good control, and tailoring. Total balance. Long finish. Fine cellar potential. 94+/100.

3. 18 CHATEAU CAP DE MERLE, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

65% merlot, 25% cabernet franc, 10% cabernet sauvignon. Black fruit, cedar, and Asian spices despite not barrel aged. Saint Emilion amplitude, generosity./ The palate is very spicy too. Dynamic and rangy Right Bank claret, the sweet fruit coating any vestige of tannin. Good enough acidity. A proper 2018 claret. 91/100.

4. 16 ESPRIT DE CHATEAU FONROZAY, BORDEAUX

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 90: 'Warm and ripe, this wine is full of black fruits and rich tannins. It is structured but this foundation is already well integrated with the fruit. Spice and a touch of licorice indicate the wood aging and also the potential of this wine. Drink from 2021.\$32.' 90% merlot, 10% cabernet franc.

5. 18 CHATEAU LORIENT, BORDEAUX

10.99 each; 129.50 case of 12

Northeast of the city of Bordeaux, in the western reaches of Entre Deux Mers beyond Carbon Blanc, the soil is gravelly and supports a preponderance of cabernet sauvignon. This one consists of 60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, and 10% malbec. Black color./ Blackberry, black currant, and cedar cabernet sauvignon aromas./ Full bodied, well structured style of claret with plenty of 2018 fruit, spice, vigor. Serve with ribeye steaks this winter and hold a few bottles in the cellar for the following one or two. 91+/100.A dozen bottles nets you a branded wood box.

6. 18 CAHORS MALBEC, CLOS LA COUTALE

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

80% malbec, 20% merlot. Black wine of Cahors indeed. This is deep, dense, and concentrated. Cherry concentrate and tar./ Fine fruit sweetness of 2018. Best from here since 2014. Sweet fruit, fine fruit acidity, nicely burnished tannins in back. Ageworthy too. 92+/100.

--BORDEAUX - WHITE--

7. 19 CHATEAU GRAVILLE LACOSTE, GRAVES BLANC

15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12

Herve Dubourdieu, proprietor; 50 year old vines; 75% semillon, 20% sauvignon, 5% muscadelle. Oh, that deep, musky semillon basis. Dubourdieu is a semillon master. Hovering aromas of sauvignon tropics and muscadelle green tea and mint. Perfect pitch./ Palate fully confirms aroma range. Semillon waxy viscosity, sauvignon-muscadelle cut. A lot of textural presence at a modest level of alcohol. Inimitably stylish. High ratings all around. 92/100.

8. 19 CHATEAU LAMOTHE, BORDEAUX BLANC

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

At Montignac; 86% sauvignon blanc, 14% semillon. Very fresh and crisp sauvignon, mainly citrus fruit./ Well some juicy passion fruit comes forth on the palate to join the citrus. Delish. A quaffer for anytime pleasure. 91/100.

9. 19 COTES DU GASCOGNE, DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

50% colombar, 25% each ugni blanc, gros manseng. Dazzling and penetrating aromas of sharp green colombar, softer green ugni, and round, golden manseng. Goes way deep thanks to the manseng./ Flavors of spring grass, lime, and soft tropical fruits. Scintillating fruit acidity just vibrates on the palate. Long, tangy, flavorful finish. A top vintage of this. 92/100.

--LOIRE--

10. 14 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SURLIE COMTE LELOUP DE CHASSELOIR CUVÉE LES CEPS CENTENAIRES, CHEREAU CARRE

15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12

A long-time member of my weekly tasting panel ('The Wednesday Group') contributes these tasting notes: 'Nose of lemon, green apple, sap and Muscadet terrior. On the palate, there is still a touch of CO2 prickle from the sur lie technique. Very fresh (this is 6 years old?) and

lighter bodied than the 2013, tasted about 6 months ago. Dances compared to `13. Mineral savor and sap on the palate as well. Very satisfying touch of floral lift on the finish. As the wine warmed, hints of toasted coconut lime tart emerged. This final impression was solidified by a glass poured 24 hours later. 93/100.

11. 18 ANJOU BLANC DOMAINE DE LA TREILLE,, THIBAUT HENRION

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

Oh, this has blown up, expanded into a perfectly grand Anjou chenin over the last few weeks. Oodles of melon, some lime and quince./ All over again on the palate. Wonderfully racy acidity. I'm in awe. 94/100.

12. 17 CHINON, JEAN-MAURICE RAFFAULT

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Full, dark, spicy, peppery. In a word, complete./ All over again. Full texture and taste and delivery. A Loire cabernet franc that's virtually Bordeaux cabernet franc full. 92+/100.

13. 18 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON, DOMAINE PAUL BUISSE

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

From clay-limestone slopes of the Cher. Crisp and northern grown sauvignon, grapefruit oriented. Very vigorous./ Juicy in the mouth. Good minerality. Well balanced. 91/100.

14. 19 SANCERRE L'AUTHENTIQUE, CLAUDE & FLORENCE THOMAS-LABAILLE

20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

Has that 2019 freshness and forward fruit ease about it./ Nice flow on the palate. Hesitant to show all upon opening, likely it will begin to spread its peacock's tail after more aeration. And it did. The group enjoyed its good fruit and balance. 91+/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 and 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. 11 CORTON LE ROGNET GRAND CRU, DOMAINE ARNOUX

59.95 each; 176.50 case of 3

That's grand. It really doesn't show its age at all. Complex barrel embellishments. That dark, statuesque Corton pinot fruit. More like a Cote de Nuits. I mean, this is all over the place complex./ Sure doesn't show its age. Thriving. Plenty of sweet, enveloping fruit around a righteous 2011 core of acidity, which renders it eminently mealworthy. Grand Vin! 94/100.

17. 17 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE LES PIMENTIERS, DOMAINE ARNOUX PERE

29.99 each; 352.50 case of 12

Well, I'm getting that bountiful 'griottes' Savigny pinot aroma. Full, penetrating, tactile sensations too./ Juicy flavor of small, wild cherry concentration. Barrel time adds savory complexity. An enormous group favorite. Orders taken. 93+/100.

18. 19 BEAUJOLAIS, DOMAINE DUPEUBLE

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

The first evening, this was served at room temperature, and it had plenty of rightful gamay ID. It was cooled down for the second evening, and that made for more refreshment at no loss

of aromatics./ Just right fruit sweetness modulated by great acidity. What more could one ask for in Beaujolais mealtime cooperation? 91/100.

19. 18 BEAUJOLAIS L'ANCIEN VIEILLES VIGNES TERRES DOREES, DOMAINE JEAN-PAUL BRUN

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

80+ year old vines; Louis/Dressner selection.; Vinous 92/100. Bright and spicy. Fantastically fragrant. Really surges forth. Wow./ Again. This is Grand Cru big. VERY expressive. For its old vines mass, this is almost Cote d'Or stuff. Very popular with the group. 93+/100.

--BURGUNDY - WHITE--

20. 17 CHABLIS VAUCOUPIN 1ER CRU, DOMAINE PRIEURE ST. COME

25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12

One of the steepest of Chablis's Premier Cru vineyards, Vaucoupin lies east of the Grands Crus on an extension of same slope. The fruit-centric nature of 2017 fills up the extract and acid framework that is Vaucoupin Chablis./ Premier Cru ample in the mouth. Again, that ideal combo of form and filling. Outstanding value. 92+/100.

21. 18 BOURGOGNE BLANC, DOMAINE JEAN-PHILIPPE FICHET

29.99 each; 352.50 case of 12

From 6 parcels, in the township of Meursault. Nice long cork./ Rich and toasty. Full Burgundy barrel regimen evident. Relates to Meursault for its autumnal aromatic set./ A rightful emulation of Meursault with enough oomph to please. Gains more acidity, texture, and length as it airs, even into the second day. 93+/100.

22. 17 MONTAGNY LES BASSETS, CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY

19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12

Knock out nose of Montagny. Chalonnaise richness and nuttiness. Fine oak establishment here. A big 17; more like a 16./ Palate more in the style of a 2017. Fruitier than the 2016. Very enticing, and not without structure and stamina. 92+/100.

23. 18 MACON VILLAGES TRADITION DEUX ROCHES, COLLOVRAY ET TERRIER

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

A bit confined to start. Takes coaxing. True Macon chardonnay apple-citrus coming forth, with good 2018 framing. By the time the group sniffed it, this wine was talking the talk./ The palate became lusher and softer, and more forthcoming. Comments on good fruit, flavor, texture. Everything hangs together well. In tune with the series. 91+/100.

--RHONE/MIDI--

24. 19 SAVOIE JONGIEUX BLANC, EUGENE CARREL

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

From jacquere. Bright and fresh and minty. Bergamot./ Medium bodied nature of vintage. Flavor confirms aroma. Good acid. Long, clinging, minerally mouthfeel. Will probably fill out further with aeration and over the coming months. (Indeed it did: very popular with the group already. Case orders taken. 91+/100.

**25. 19 COLLINES RHODANIENNES SYRAH FLEURS DE MAI,
DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY**

25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12

50 year old vines on the plateau adjoining Condrieu. Very, very dainty take on northern Rhone syrah. The assets are there: the raspberry, the white pepper, and the lavender. Forget about the bacon factor in this sort of presentation. About finesse. The opposite of a Cornas./ Oh, lush and lovely in the mouth. Full flavored. After it breathed, several in the group caught that wisp of bacon to complete a northern Rhone syrah aroma set. Fine acidity. Unique and special. 93+/100.

26. 19 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Near Sablet; 75% grenache, 25% syrah. Well, there's the grenache for you. A rich, round, powerful nose of red versus black fruits. About the most intense in the series./ Medium bodied as usual. Flavorful. Good acid. Not tannic, but, for now, just a bud waiting to blossom. All the right elements are present. 91+/100.

27. 18 COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES, DOMAINE SAINTE ANNE

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

At Saint Gervais in northern Gard; 60% grenache, 30% syrah, 5% ea cinsault, mourvedre. Oh, boy! The purple fruit joys of northern Gard, always embodied in Sainte Anne's wines. Boysenberry, peppercorn,, garrigue--the works. Both sweet and soaring./ Yes, both substance and lift. Sweet fruit, fine acidity, managed tannins. Totally harmonious mouthful. Oh, boy, the spread, the volume, the entertainment value thanks to a broad and giving spectrum of feels and flavors. A group favorite; orders taken. 92/100.

28. 17 BANDOL, DOMAINE LA BASTIDE BLANCHE

23.99 each; 279.95 case of 12

72% mourvedre, 20% grenache, 6% cinsault, 1% ea syrah, carignan. Oh, boy, talk about purple depths. That mourvedre purple plum pulp and peel stuff--the small variety with lots of peel to pulp ratio. Well over the minimum mourvedre content here. Big time aromatic depth./ Engaging degree of padding and accessibility. Bountiful fruit. Balance of richness and acidity, with nearly melted tannins. I could take this to the table now. You'll pay twice and much for Tempier and have to lay it down for years. Very popular with the group; orders taken. 94/100.

29. 18 SAINT CHINIAN LES TRAVERS DE MARCEAU, DOMAINE RIMBERT

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

40% mourvedre, 30% each syrah, grenache. Uniquely tart cranberry aroma. Cranberry-orange relish. I want this on the Thanksgiving table./ It's not tart to the taste. The acid is fine, and there's a suavity to the texture. This is closer to my image of Saint Chinian than was the 2017 a couple of weeks back, as adventuresome as that wine was. Racy and unique indeed. Very popular with the group. Orders taken. 92+/100.

30. 18 PAYS D'OC SYRAH DOMAINE DU GRAND CAUMONT, FAMILLE RIGAL

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Properly dark color./ Condensed, sweet, black fruit core reluctant to give up much aroma. Will likely benefit from additional aeration, though it was opened yesterday./ This has real Med syrah makings. It's not the green-stemmed clone. It's fully rich and ripe. It's surprisingly well composed and well endowed for the price. I could see cellaring some of this, which I don't say about many under \$10 wines. 90+/100.

31. 19 PAYS D'OC VIOGNIER EMBRUNS, DOMAINE MICHEL GASSIER

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Wow! He's got it down. Just bursting with viognier honeysuckle and lime, whereas a couple of other 19 viogniers today need more air and age. Stimulating./ Yes, dry and totally varietal flavorful. Viognier yin-yang of glycerol and astringency. Got to have it. 92/100.

--ALSACE--

32. 17 ALSACE PINOT BLANC GRAND CRU, ANDRE SCHERER

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Will have to research this. Didn't know pinot blanc qualified for Grand Cru. Maybe the rules have changed. At any rate, it has quite a bit of amplitude, depth, and penetration. Another best yet from Scherer./ Sweet, gentle, pretty flavorful for pinot blanc. Gentle acidity. Come hither. 91/100.

33. 18 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER, FAMILLE HELFRICH

15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12

Well pomaded this vintage. Rosewater and glycerol. A narrow stratum of Bas Rhein earthiness./ Very rosy palate. Flavorful indeed. Surpasses Bas Rhein norms. This delivers. 92/100.

--GERMANY/AUSTRIA--

34. 18 MOSEL RIESLING MAXIMIN MAXIMIN GRUNHAUS, VON SCHUBERT

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Extremely bright, lucid even. Crisp, incisive even, while gently padded too. On the riesling scale, it's at the bar between dry and semi dry. All about riesling green-grapiness, Ruwer levity, delicacy./ Oh, the mineral extract and the full control of this winemaker. Classic Ruwer.riesling acidity, citricity. Long, burnished finish. Bargain price for this kind of class and clarity. 93/100. The wily Ernie Loosen markets this estate's wines. I'll bet he was behind the creation of this new development.

35. 17 ZELTINGER SCHLOSSBERG RIESLING KABINETT, SELBACH-OSTER

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

Parker 93: 'The 2017 Zeltinger Schlossberg Riesling Kabinett is intense, dense and complex on the impressively individual nose with its perfectly ripe and concentrated fruit and mineral aromas. Lush and piquant on the palate, this is a persistently salty, nervy and vibrant Kabinett with the ripe, lush and concentrated fruit of older vines (40 years old) on a great terroir. This is endless in its salty charm and lush fruit. A fabulous Riesling in which you could also take a cool and refreshing bath. Or, why don't you try this instead of a cocktail after a concert or the cinema? Drink now-2045. \$25.'

**36. 17 SCHLOSSBOCKELHEIMER KONIGSFELS RIESLING KABINETT,
PAUL ANHEUSER**

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Beautiful, fruity, and sweet-smelling. Nutty overtone of Konigsfels riesling./ Quite dry. Good extract. Good sweet-acid balance. Flavorful. Nectarine stands out. 2017 forward and alluring. Very good quality and value. 92/100.

37. 17 NIEDEROSTERREICH BLAUER ZWEIGELT, WEINGUT BRUNN liter

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

At Kamptal. This is what it should be. Cool, medium bodied, accurately varietal./ Again, the blue fruits, the varietal and regional levity and race. Even a hint of leather. Works. 91/100.

38. 18 KREMSTAL GRUNER VELTLINER PER DUE, HERMANN MOSER**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Full, rich, dazzling sweet apple aroma./ Abundant flavor of same. Ravishing acidity. Golly! Spot on! 93/100.

--IBERIA--**39. 17 DOURO, 370 LEGUAS****8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Franca, barroca, roriz. After tasting a Dao, sweeter and stronger disposition of a Douro tinto. Sweet and deep fruit, led by franca./ Fully ripe, if not quite over the top. Reflects its warm, declared-Vintage growing season. An exceptionally value worthy example. 91/100.

40. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO, BODEGAS LA CANA**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

In the Salnes Valley, 1.8 miles from the Atlantic; vines from 35 to 50 years old. A good and heady, perfumed one. Even the cork smelled fruity upon extraction. Texturally and aromatically forthcoming, persistent, generous./ Flavors fulfilling too. Citrus, pear, pineapple. Evident acid, mostly in back. Ongoing flavor appeal. Quite full, so use with food rather in a aperitif role. One of the most satisfying vintages of this. 92/100.

41. 17 CASTILLA Y LEON TEMPRANILLO GOTA DE ARENA TRIDENTE, JUAN GIL**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

James Suckling 92: 'Spicy oak and plenty of toasty notes. The depth of flavor is impressive.' My notes: Sweet and succulent as always./ Yeah, cremes. Cedar too. Good texture, all. 92+/100.

42. 18 RIBERA DEL DUERO, TORREMORON**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 92 - TOP 100 BEST BUYS: 'The high altitudes and old vines of north-central Ribera del Duero are famed for producing ambitious, collectible reds. So it's rare to find that great fruit presented unadorned, as it is here, in this wine from Quintanamanvirgo, a town with centenarian vines and fewer than 100 people, most of whom work in these vineyards planted in limestone and sand, at an elevation of 2,700 feet. Fernando de la Cal makes the wine in stainless steel with gentle extraction, capturing the freshness of the vineyards' cold nights in the fragrant strawberry and ripe-plum flavors. It's lean and naked, but the wine is still supple and bold. Decant a bottle and you may end up buying a case. \$17.'

43. 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.

44. 15 RIOJA RESERVA, BODEGAS CAMPO VIEJO**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

All tempranillo; case purchase gets you a branded, slide top wood box. The power is clear in my Taster glass. Warmth and suavity of the vintage, Rioja Baja, and reserva barrel aging. The traditional American oak barrels contributed a dill note. It's complex, enticing, and harmonious overall./ Yes, smooth, well integrated, and very accommodating at this stage. Best vintage of

this since 2009, in my opinion. 92/100.

45. 10 BAJO ARAGON TEMPRANILLO OLD VINE ESENZIA, BODEGAS TEMPORE**7.49 each; 87.95 case of 12**

Ripe, well bouqueted, warm climate tempranillo./ Strong, dry, mature. Good acid, development, balance. 91/100.

46. 19 PENEDES BLANCO CUVEE SELECTION GESSAMI, GRAMONA**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Half sauvignon blanc, plus muscats frontignan and alexandria, and gewurztraminer. Vines 35-50 years old. Organically grown. What it intends to be. Sauvignon blanc grassiness to the fore, backed by floral and stone fruit aromas of the other players./ Super aromatic and delicious. Sauvignon acidity cuts through muscat richness and gewurz viscosity. Gewurz bitterness sweeps the palate clean at the end. Very popular with the group. 91/100.

47. 18 TERRA ALTA GARNATXA NEGRA, EDETARIA**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Whoa! Big surge of black fruit. Dense, deep, abundant, sprawling./ More constraint on the palate. Still, heavy laden. Good acid. Good flavor. And plenty of fine tannin. For hearty fare, or the cellar. 91+/100.

--ITALY - RED--**48. PIEMONTE ROSSO, PAOLO SCAVINO****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Wine Spectator 92: 'Black currant, violet and rosemary settle nicely into the succulent texture of this red. Firm and elegant, yet shows intensity and fine length. Nebbiolo, Merlot, Barbera and Dolcetto. Drink now through 2024.'

49. 18 BARBERA DEL MONFERRATO MARAIA, MARCHESI DI BAROLO**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Heavy Bottle Award. Oh, this is a dark and deep one, exceptionally so for a Monferrato barbera. Maraia's usually easier going. This one's serious./ Well, it eases up some on the palate. Remains dark hearted. And ambitious. Barbera black to the core. 91+/100.

50. 17 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE RIPASSO CAMPOLIETI, LUIGI RIGHETTI**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Corvina, rondinella, molinara. A sweet and modern ripasso, as always here. One wonders if it isn't appassimento enhanced. Regardless, all good fun./ The levity of the 17 vintage and softness of the tannins invite service in the near term. Flavorful and fetching, I'm dreaming of food matches, because there are many. Widely enjoyed by group members. 91/100.

51. 18 TOSCANA CILIEGIOLO, MARCA SALUSTRI**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Tuscan sun warmth. Unique and lifted aroma of this seldom seen varietal. Fresh and ventilating, while keeping a sweet fruit core./ It all echoes on the palate, and the fruit sweetness and allure is even accented further here. A hallmark expression. 92/100.

52. 18 CHIANTI, CASTELLO DI QUERCETO**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Sweet, dark, ripe fruit of the 18 Tuscan vintage. Rich and wholesome. Altogether the most attractive and fulfilled vintage of this I've tasted in a long time./ Proper cherry-orange peel

sangiovese flavor with touch of tar. Really, this is probably the most ample vintage of this I've tasted. Bargain. 91/100.

53. 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, ROCCA DI MONTEGROSSI

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

90% sangiovese, with canaiolo, colorino; aged 14 months in Alliers oak casks and barrels; unfiltered. Cool and penetrating anise note. Quite powerful and nostril filling. Signs of barrel extract and barrel-age earned subtleties. Really a big boy, with brain to match brawn./ Dried cherry and orange peel sangiovese aspects. And the proper level of glycerol. Really a well crafted, well endowed sangiovese with Classico breeding, importance, and cellar potential. 93+/100.

54. 17 ROSSO CONERO AION, AG. AGR. ALESSANDRO MORODER

15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12

All montepulciano. Deep, deep, deep. Dark, velvety, haunting. More intense than the fine 2016 even./ Yes, lush and velvety, intense and thorough. Fine tannin. Full texture and flavor. What a noble grape variety in the right hands! 93/100.

55. 14 PUGLIA NEGROAMARO, FEUDO DI SAN NICOLA

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Deep, rich, and nicely rounded and filled out with bottle age. A warm, deep, maturing negroamaro./ Well bouqueted. Flavorful, suave, accomplished. Great acid, body, give, and presence. Full spice and savory. Put it to use. 91/100. List price: \$20.

56. 17 AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE GRICOS, AZ. AGR. GRIFALCO

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Vinous 91: 'Bright ruby-red. Very perfumed, floral aromas of red berries, licorice and minerals. Fresh raspberry flavors and earth tones show excellent verve and juiciness. Solidly structured and long, this showcases excellent acid-fruit balance. Though ready to drink now, it will last a few more years in a good cellar. Drink now-2023. \$23.'

57. 17 ETNA BARBAZZALE, COTTANERA

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Dark fruit, oomph, personality. More largesse than expected of 17. Good example./ Replete with fruit and good acid. Balance, fine tannin. Very good overall. 91/100.

--ITALY - WHITE--

58. 19 LANGHE ARNEIS, AZ. AGR. ELVIO TINTERO

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Well, finally a fruity one from the get go. The last two vintages have required aeration and aging before blossoming. The group noted ripe pear and honey. Spot on arneis./ Yes, white and yellow fruits and flowers. Tender and flattering acidity. 91/100.

59. 19 LUGANA, OTTELLA

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Of turbiana, relative of verdicchio. Oh, boy, sweet white peach and lemon curd aromas just gushing out./ Plenty of flavor and minerality. Long, long, flavorful finish. 92/100.

60. 19 ALTO ADIGE VALLE ISARCO PINOT GRIGIO, ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA

16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 92 - EDITORS' CHOICE; 'Aromas of green apple, pear and citrus follow over to the savory palate along with green melon, ginger and tangerine zest. It's bright and

delicious, with tangy acidity before a fresh, clean close. \$20.'

61. 19 VENETO COLLE DEI TIGLI, CANTINE LENOTTI

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Half each cortese, garganega. Oh, boy, this is right in tune with the series. Fruit shines through in a pretty 2019 way. Apple, pear, peach, citrus, sage. Another participant notes orange creamsicle and pineapple. Yummy!/ Pure, sweet, ripe fruit, delicately imparted. Steady fans are gonna love this vintage. E Z drinkin'! Very popular with the group. Many orders taken, including multi-case orders. 91/100.

--INTERNATIONAL--

62. 18 PELEE ISLAND ONTARIO CABERNET FRANC

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Full, genuine, varietally convincing. Striking degree of concentration--most ever./ Both flavor and body intensity. If memory serves me, this is the most impressive of the series.. What a cabernet franc value! 91/100.

63. 18 PELOPONNESE AGIORGITIKO FEAST, SEMELI

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

That's a proper st. george nose, fresh, softly fruity, and sorta pinot noir oriented. Spot on./ Yes, ingratiating soft black fruit with really great, zingy acidity, and fine, fine tannins. Persistent flavor. Great price. 92/100.

64. 18 CHATEAU MUSAR JEUNE BEKAA VALLEY RED

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

50% cinsault, 30% syrah, 20% cab sauv; unoaked. Amazing complexity without barrel assistance. Cinsault at its best here. Lebanon's signature grape variety. Very spicy and deep melange of aromas./ Sweet, rich, powerful, complex, mouthfilling. Gives and gives. Yow. 93/100.

--U.S. - RED--

65. 18 THREE THIEVES CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

7.99 each; 93.95 case of 12

Sweet, and true to the varietal. Well formulated. Large. Delivers./ Yes, and even some barrel notions. Coastal fruit. Well crafted. 91/100.

66. 16 KULETO INDIA INK LAKE COUNTY-NAPA COUNTY RED

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

90% Lake - 10% Napa. Petit verdot, cab sauv, merlot, syrah. That's a terrific petit verdot statement. So dark, so intense, even tarry in fruit concentration. The name is accurate./ The Lake County dominance gives it attractive softness. Spreads nicely across the palate. Well crafted. Kudos to the winemaker. 92/100.

**67. 18 MATCHBOOK ESTATE RED GRAVEL DUNNIGAN HILLS
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'This is a brawny, full-bodied and firmly tannic wine that's nevertheless seductive, complex and layered. A dark color and impressions of tobacco, black currant and sage make it delicious to sip. Best through 2027.'

68. 16 CHATEAU BIANCA WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Properly pale./ Sweet, light bodied, valid varietal character./ Sweetly fruity and flavorful, with good acid foil. Really well presented and well balanced. Delicious with food. Helluva good price for Willamette pinot. 91/100.

69. 18 FESS PARKER STA RITA HILLS PINOT NOIR**21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 91 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'This fairly priced wine starts with aromas of tightly wound red fruit and dusty minerals. The palate deftly balances density with lifted acidity, carrying flavors of roasted cherry and root beer spice. \$30.'

70. 12 CHATEAU AERONAUTIQUE AVIATRIX PASSION MICHIGAN RED**6.79 each; 79.95 case of 12**

Medium sweet. Tart cranberry foil Plenty fresh./ Lush and sweet fruit flavored. Cranberry and blueberry. Acid-sweet balance is admirable. Very tasty. 92/100.

71. 18 FIELD RECORDINGS PETS SANTA BARBARA RED**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

85% petite sirah, 15% primitivo. Dark, solid, backward pet wine. Down deep, there's a suggestion of loganberry--the highest and best pet aroma seldom found outside one from Stags' Leap Winery./ Yes, the Santa Barbara relatively cool environs encourage that fruit statement. It's no petite sirah monolith. 91+/100.

72. 16 JEFF COHN SMOKE & MIRRORS CALIFORNIA RED**19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12**

14.9%; zinfandel, syrah, grenache, petite sirah, mourvedre, carignane; from Paso Robles, Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley. Nice long cork./ Black color./ In your face aroma. Full assault of black fruit, peppercorn, beef jerky. This is seriously complex./ Plenty of sweet fruit. Rangy, aromatically and texturally. Eminently well balanced. Power to the end. 92+/100.

73. 18 ARTEZIN OLD VINE MENDOCINO ZINFANDEL**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Aged in French oak barrels. Never falters. Always Mendocino black fruited, black peppery. Full bramble sweetness and concentration./ Carries over on the palate; the sweet fruit, the brambly seediness, the peppercorns. Balance of sweetness and power. Old reliable. 92/100.

74. 18 CLINE FAMILY OLD VINE LODI ZINFANDEL**9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 91: 'Aromas of sassafras wash over ripe plum. Black cherry, mocha, cedar, and sweet tobacco define the plush mouthfeel before rhubarb and a delicate dash of white pepper linger on the finish.'

--U.S. - WHITE--**75. 19 MASON YOUNT MILL VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Wine Spectator 92 - SMART BUY: 'Bright and expressive, with vibrant, mouthwatering flavors of Key lime, passion fruit and mango that sing out with wonderful purity and intensity. Notes of lemon verbena and litsea oil linger on the long finish. \$19.'

76. 18 HARTFORD COURT RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 94 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'This is an outstanding appellation wine, made in larger quantities at a remarkably fair price. Grapes come from throughout the diverse valley and the wine barrel fermented and given nine months to rest. Full bodied, layered and widely appealing, it shows a density of peach, pear, baking spice and sweet oak, all of the components coming together seamlessly at the end. \$30.'

77. 18 FESS PARKER SANTA BARBARA CHARDONNAY**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Vinous 90: 'The 2018 Chardonnay (Santa Barbara County) is a gorgeous appellation-level wine. Light tropical notes, lemon confit, white flowers, tangerine and mint are all pushed forward. Oily and nicely textured in the glass, the Santa Barbara Chardonnay has a lot to offer. It is also a fabulous value. Drink now-2026. \$19.'

78. 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.'

79. 18 CHATEAU FONTAINE DRY LEELANAU PENINSULA RIESLING**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Pleasing, light white peach aroma./ And flavor. Subtle, enticing, food-worthy. Good acidity. Dry but not austere. 91/100.

80. 19 UNION SACRE BELLE DE NUIT ARROYO GRANDE GEWURZTRAMINER**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Brassy color./ Pungent and penetrating cold cream aroma with good ginger nip too./ Yeah, full floral, rosy flavor with the proper varietal bitterness. Great expression of varietal character. 92/100.

--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--**81. 18 BODEGA GARZON ESTATE RESERVA URUGUAY TANNAT****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Correctly blue-black and inky color./ Engaging freshness and depth free of any young tannat nastiness./ Yes, surprisingly sweet and inviting fruit on the palate too. New World, New Wave tannat, I suppose. Can't argue with it. 91/100.

82. 19 DON CRISTOBAL 1492 MENDOZA CABERNET SAUVIGNON**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

A very popular brand years back has surfaced once again. Fresh, framed, berry and currant laden. Accurate cabernet portrayal./ Yes, fine black berries and currants. Spot on. 91/100.

83. 20 DON CRISTOBAL 1492 MENDOZA CHARDONNAY**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Bright, vivid, snappy, citrusy chardonnay./ Very crisp and citrusy indeed. Full acid race. Like a squeeze of lemon with fish. 91/100.

84. 17 ESCALATA COLCHAGUA RED**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

35% cabernet franc, 30% malbec, 20% petit verdot, 15% syrah. Quite dry. Harmonious melange of the varieties creates an attractive package./ The palate is deliciously fruity and vital. Well crafted wine. Kudos to the winemaker. Wide applications. 91/100.

85. 19 SAN PEDRO GATO NEGRO VALLE CENTRAL SAUVIGNON BLANC**4.29 each; 49.95 case of 12**

An attractive Chilean Central Valley sauvignon blanc. Not sharp edged. Nicely rounded for its Mediterranean climate. And no sulphur issues despite the screwcap closure./ Round, full varietal character. Spot on. Definite deal. 91/100.

86. 20 KURAUNI KURAUNI VINEYARD MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Citrusy, yes. And also uniquely minty. To be more precise, it's bergamot. I applaud its special take./ Sweet citrus and the ventilating airs of menthol and bergamot. Nothing else quite like it. 92/100.

87. 16 WILDEKRANS ESTATE BOT RIVER CABERNET FRANC - MERLOT**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

A sub region of cool-climate Walker Bay 55 miles east of Capetown. Bordeaux varieties fare well here. Wildly spicy. Red raspberry and seeds./ Sweet concentration of same. Cool climate styling and New World openness. Unique and attractive. 92+/100.

--ROSE--**88. 19 COTES DU LOT MALBEC ROSE COUTALE, DOMAINE PHILIPPE BERNEDE****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

14.5%; Kermit Lynch selection. Softer, broader, and more powerful than the Beaujolais Villages rose that preceded it. Penetrating, cool aromas. Kudos for its generosity./ Power countered by richness. Malbec peels pepperiness. Nothing held back; all about give versus finesse. Needs food though. Nice value. How many heady roses are out there? Well, Gigondas for one, but it's twice as expensive. This is a true winter rose. 91/100.

89. 19 COTEAUX D'AIX EN PROVENCE ROSE SABINE, BIELER PERE**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

35% grenache, 33% syrah, 13% cinsault, 12% cab sauv, 7% rolle (vermentino). Strawberries in cream. Come hither./ On the palate, vitality, exuberance, expression. Nice and dry. Good acidity for food. Good value. Very popular with the group. 91+/100.

--FORTIFIED/FRUIT--**90. RAMOS PINTO RUBY PORT****16.79 each; 98.50 case of 6**

Touriga franca, tinta barroca. Aged 3 years in large chestnut casks. Exuberant, voluminous, and sweet./ Yes, balance of sweetness, strength, fruit, age. Cherry, plum, and raspberry aromatics of great purity. Fine. 92/100.

91. BRETAGNE POIRE LE BRUN, CIDRES BIGOUD**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Oh, good and pure and dry and penetrating and fresh. Yes!/ Yes, indeed, sweet fruit that is made drier by the presence of a light measure of CO2. Full and pure pear flavor. What it's all

about, at a bargain price. 92/100.

92. MARTINEZ LACUESTA ROJO VERMUT**12.99 each; 76.50 case of 6**

Pale red brown./ BEAUTIFULLY spicy aroma. Tea, tobacco, cinnamon, clove. Lift and levity. Botanicals and brown spices. Not overly heavy, dark. Its own thing./ Again, lifted. Fine red-wine basis. Sweet and gentle; full of warm spices and botanicals. Fresh and right. The alcohol is moderate (14.8%) and so are the tonic properties. Very useful. Nice sweetness level. Unique and delightful. 92/100.

--SPARKLING--**93. ANDRE CLOUET BOUZY GRAND CRU UN JOUR DE 1911 BRUT CHAMPAGNE****64.99 each; 379.95 case of 6**

Parker 94: 'The NV Grand Cru Cuvee 1911 emerges from the glass with the most haunting of perfumes. Sweet rose petal and jasmine are some of the nuances that emerge over time. Despite recent disgorgement, the purity of the fruit and the extraordinary elegance of the mousse are hard to miss. This is an exceptional, elegant version of the 1911 that should drink beautifully for years to come. The bottle I tasted needed quite a bit of air to open up, so readers should be patient with the wine at this stage. \$100.' The presentation is handsome: bottles wrapped in straw, descriptive booklet included with each. Lacquered wood box of six bottles.

94. CHARLES CHEVALIER D'HONNEUR BRUT CHAMPAGNE**29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6**

My notes from a Tasters Guild Champagne brunch: Really good quality. Mousse fine, bouquet mature without too much maturity. Beautiful glass./ On the full side. Quite a bit of red fruit. Good stuff overall. 92/100.

95. CVNE BRUT CAVA**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

9 months en tirage. .7 RS. Good bottle bouquet and fine mousse. Creamy. Dazzling./ Dough and cream. Class and clarity. Fruit and fine mousse. All adds up to a lot of cava quality for the money. 92/100.

--POTPOURRI--**96. MILTON CREAMERY PRAIRIE BREEZE IOWA CHEDDAR CHEESE pound****10.99 each; 31.95 case of 3**

At Milton, in south-central Iowa, this creamery was founded by Mennonites in 2006 to convert milk from small dairy farms within a 30 mile radius into delectable cheeses. Prairie Breeze is its signature product, a well aged white cheddar with a delicious tanginess that since 2009 has earned top prizes year after year.

97. TROIS PETITS COCHONS BLOC DE FOIE GRAS 6.5 oz block**29.99 each; 87.95 case of 3**

Made with pure foie gras - a highly prized delicacy of the southwest region of France - plus Sauternes, cognac and spices. Compare on line at \$40.

98. TROIS PETITS COCHONS DUCK RILLETTES 8 oz tub**10.99 each; 31.95 case of 3**

A fixture in the Loire Valley region around Tours, duck rillettes is a gourmet delicacy. The slow cooking process allows the duck meat to become tender and succulent, making this confit-style spread irresistible!

99. RENIERIS ESTATE CRETE EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL 25.4 oz bottle

9.99 each; 28.95 case of 3

The Renieris family has kept olive groves at Lakonia on Crete since 1897. Today, the estate is certified organic. I love this oil's green aromas suggestive of spring grass, artichoke, and arugula. Measures up to a top, estate-grown Tuscan oil (imagine the cost!).

100. LAMBERTZ AACHENER DOMINOS 9 oz tray

2.99 each; 7.95 case of 3

Est. 1688, Lambertz of Aachen Germany is one of the five largest cookie producers. I guess economy of scale helps, because you get a lot of pastry here for your money. Essentially these are petits fours with a bottom layer of gingerbread, then persipan (like marzipan but made from almond kernels), then apple jelly, all coated with bitter-sweet chocolate. 21 to a tray.