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		BORDEAUX - RED					
	1	20 CHATEAU LANESSAN, CRU BOURGEOIS, HAUT MEDOC	19.99	234.95	12	At Cussac, south of Saint Julien; 60% cab sauv, 35% merlot, 4% petit verdot, 1% cab franc, averaging 30 years; aged a year in barrels, 1/3 new, 1/3 once filled, 1/3 twice filled. 2020 core of potential. A well coordinated encepagement. The oak regimen gives complexity in conjunction. Fine craftsmanship here./ Cab sauv structure stands out on the palate. This will require longer cellaring than either 2018 or 2019 to reap its rewards. All considered, what Haut Medoc claret is about. 92+/100. Attendees were impressed. 'Most intense ever', 'big bruiser', 'needs cellaring'.	
	2	19 CHATEAU PEDESCLAUX, 5ME GRAND CRU, PAUILLAC	44.99	264.50	6	Parker 93-95: 'Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Pedesclaux has a beguiling perfume of violets, warm cassis, preserved plums and licorice with suggestions of rose hip tea, dark chocolate, kirsch and cinnamon toast. Medium to full-bodied, the palate bursts with vibrant black and red fruits, supported by ripe, finely grained tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing long and fragrant. Gorgeous wine—bravo!'	
	3	19 CHATEAU ROCHER CALON, MONTAGNE SAINT EMILION	14.99	176.50	12	Famille Lagardere; 95% merlot, 5% cab franc; aged 18 months in vat; Michel Rolland's team consults. Wow, that's a fresh, forward, 2019 Rolland fruity style of Saint Emilion. All in all, a spot on Montagne./ Very inviting on the palate too. Flavorful. Good acid. Fine tannin needs a little honing away in the cellar. Then you'll get all your money's worth. 91+/100. Tasted 8/23.	
	4	22 CHATEAU TOUR DE LUCHEY, BORDEAUX	11.49	134.95	12	At Moulon; 80% merlot, 10% each of the cabernets. Deep, dark red violet./ Nose a bit reticent. There's good fruit material deep down there. Should improve with aeration./ Richer and more flavorful on the palate. Vintage and merlot forward and accommodating in the mouth. This has form, depth, and balance too. And acid and light tannin. Our first 2022 claret is a winner. 91+/100. Widely appreciated; orders taken. 'Ripe, and fine concentration. Primary	

						and juicy.' Good length, good value.' Attendees noted that the tannins won't take long to resolve.
5	22 PERIGORD FABIEN CASTAING, MARY TAYLOR SELECTION	12.99	152.95	12		Mary was in the shop a few days back, and I got her autograph. I'm a super fan. 90% merlot, 10% cab sauv; clay, limestone, flint, and boulbene soils. Brian mistakenly chilled this (though I suggested a couple of weeks back that the 2020 could be served cool). So maybe no harm. Yes, this still works, though the cool temperature suppresses the fruit aroma somewhat./ Juicy, fruity, and simply delicious at this temperature. Indeed, this works on the palate. Though it accents the tannin a little. Attendees called the 2020 a Beaujolais like 'Bordeaux'. Apt description here too. 91/100.
	BORDEAUX - WHITE					
6	23 LA MOULINIERE, BORDEAUX BLANC	14.99	176.50	12		Famille Lesgourgues; all sauvignon blanc; on
7	20 CHATEAU PARTARRIEU, SAUTERNES half bottle	19.99	117.50	6		At Preignac; old vines; 95% semillon, 5% sauvignon blanc; owned by a former part owner of Ch Suduiraut. Overwhelming perfumes of honey and ripe pineapple. Subtle dusting of botrytis pollen./ Yes, like previous vintages, this is as sweet as they come, Grand Cru or otherwise. Palate adds almond and hazelnut. Amazing how they do this in what is not a primo Sauternes.vintage. 92+/100.
8	23 COTES DE GASCOGNE OLIVER GESSLER, MARY TAYLOR SELECTION	12.99	152.95	12		Vigneron at Panjas; 50% colombar, 30% ugni blanc, 15% gros manseng, 5% sauvignon blanc. Well considered amalgam of sympathetic regional varieties that, on close inspection, offer glimpses of each's contribution. Makes for entertainment! And, dare I add, complexity?/ Yes, multi varietal flavor and texture inputs. In harmony. The thinking man's Cotes de Gascogne. 91+/100. Enjoyed by attendees. 'Peach, grass, floral, mineral complexity.' 'Great acid, depth; food worthy; crowd pleaser.'

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9	22 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE, DOMAINE DE LA GRENAUDIERE	11.49	134.95	12	Vignoble Ollivier-Cottenceau; 19th century roots; vineyards on sandy gravel over granite and schist; vines 25-60 years old. New label and hyphenated owner name. Marriage? Consistent style popular with Wednesday group members for years. A little softer than usual in 2022./ Cool and racy palate. More acid than nose suggests. Well balanced, easy flowing. What Muscadets in this price range are all about; value and appeal. 91/100. Indeed, popular with attendees. 'Mineral, granite, green pear; admirable concentration, even viscosity.'
10	23 VAL DE LOIRE PINOT NOIR, LE GARENNE	12.99	152.95	12	Tasting Panel 93: 'Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme converge on the nose. Complex and seamless flavors of fresh strawberry and wildflowers with a touch of cranberry compote are a prelude to a kiss of lingering bitterness. Expressive yet refined, this would easily complement a hearty meal. \$16.'
11	23 VAL DE LOIRE SAUVIGNON, LE GARENNE	12.99	152.95	12	Tasting Panel 92: 'White florals meet fresh Provencal herbs with a hint of grass on the nose before elegant and lithe flavors of apricot, fresh peach, and melon caper nimbly on the palate. This wine is a paragon of delicate freshness with no shortage of personality. \$16.'
12	23 SANCERRE, DOMAINE DOMINIQUE ET JANINE CROCHET	24.99	293.95	12	Generations old estate at Bue. That's really pungent and penetrating from the get go. Elegance and intricacy that mark this domaine's wines year after year. Perfect pitch./ Yes, spot on fragrance, form, figure. Nothing askew; it all hangs together so well both flavor and texture wise. A pattern of BALANCE. More aromatic amplitude to come. 93+/100. One of the group's favorites. 'Classic, mineral driven, right on.' 'This is really good, well made, very long finish, spot on.'
	BURGUNDY - RED				

13	22 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, DOMAINE MOUTARD	19.99	234.95	12	Jurassic limestone; at Tonnerre; native yeasts; half aged in seasoned oak cooperage. Neon red violet color./ 2022 lends a measure of soft, friendly, forward fruit to what is in the Tonnerre area usually a more austere style of pinot. Unique and appealing./ Palate confirms the relatively fruit forward styling, while the acid is full and brisk, as it should be. Fine tannin completes the balanced textural attractions. Markedly different from the 2021, yet just as virtuous in its own way. 92+/100. Loved by the commentators: 'Great Burgundian nose', 'Lovely wine', 'Great price'.
14	22 BOURGOGNE COTE CHALONNAISE PINOT NOIR BUISSONIER, VIGNERONS DE BUXY	17.99	211.50	12	Established in 1931 by 98 winegrowers of Buxy and Saint Gengoux le National. Shallow soil, calcareous and heavily pebbled. Aged 7 months in stainless steel and 3 months in oak. Medium dark red./ Oh, this is sultry. The most engaging of Chalon pinot red cherry noses, uber forthcoming and inviting./ The oak kiss is nice too. Great acid and full dryness for food. Better than the 2020, me thinks. Long lasting. Just a dusting of fine tannin. Great deal in red burgundy these days. 93+/100.
15	22 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES, DOMAINE DE ROCHE GUILLON	12.99	152.95	12	At Fleurie; fifth generation; vines 30-90 years old. Fresh and fruity, even floral. Accomplished; no fermentation residuals. More of a sense of richness than the good 2021 showed./ Yes, this is definitely fuller bodied, textured, and flavored. I sense a superior Beaujolais vintage here. Balanced and long on the aftertaste. 92/100. A very popular value with attendees.
16	21 MOULIN A VENT GRAND CRU LA ROCHE, DOMAINE DE ROCHE GUILLON	18.99	223.50	12	5 generations-old estate covering 23 acres; vines 30 to 90 years old. Boy, this is rich and stout MaV for sure. Seems stronger than 13%. Pumps out the volume./ Dark berries, plums, and violets. Big, mouthful of MaV fulfillment. Balanced, fine tannin for texture and food, great length. Gads! 93/100. All positive reactions from the tasting panel.

	BURGUNDY - WHITE				
17	23 CHABLIS, LAMBLIN	22.99	269.50	12	At Maligny; 300 years in the Lamblin family; unoaked. In tune with the vintage, this is quite the fruity Chablis, while staying in bounds. Ventilating calcaire in abundance too. I smell a bargain./ Forward and fruity again. Come hither, really. The acid is ripe and adequate for balance. Combo of classicism and modern up front appeal. I like that, and I like the price. Versatile at the table. 92/100. Enjoyed by attendees and considered priceworthy. 'Proper Chablis, fresh, with excellent acidity. Very friendly; no pretense.' 'Classic; love it; bargain; wow.'
18	23 BOURGOGNE BLANC, DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET	19.99	234.95	12	Est. 1590; from vineyards in the vicinity of Chablis. Large and rich, especially for northern Burgundy. This vintage's Euro whites continue to please me for both freshness and amplitude. Nose won't quit. Almost 'woody'. I suppose it's lees./ Yes, full and sweetly fruity for the zone. Hard to believe it's from the Chablis area. Vintage talking. Total current appeal. 91/100. Attendees liked this and agreed with me it was very chardonnay and distinct from Chablis.
19	21 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE BLANC DOMAINE DU PRIEURE	29.99	176.50	6	Only 10% of the AOC is planted to chardonnay; from two parcels, one on the plain, the other on a slope; part cold fermented in stainless steel, part barrel fermented; aged in barrels on lees with lees stirring. That's a classic, 'stony' Savigny take on chardonnay. Barrel fermentation and lees aging add wonderful winemaker-supplemented complexity that is fully in sympathy with its terroir input./ Good body and flavor consistent with the nose. Further lees enhancement. Balanced and lasting. Defines its genre. 93+/100. A group favorite. 'Lovely oak and fruit nose and similar flavors; quite rich; bargain to boot!' 'Full Burgundy chardonnay oak exposure; '21 grip, acid,

						delineation; perfumed too; a cellar candidate.'	
20	21 MACON CHARNAY SAINTE JUSTE CLAUDE MANCIAT, MARIE-PIERRE MANCIAT	16.99	199.95	12	Fifth generation vigneron honors her great grandfather. That's Charnay full bodied. No oak showing, as expected. Race and vigor of cool 2021./ Yes, ideal combo of terroir amplitude and vintage brightness and acidity. Perfect balance. Real discovery. 92/100.		
21	22 POUILLY FUISSE LES ROBEES, DOMAINE FABRICE LAROCLETTE	24.99	293.95	12	40 year old vines in the Chaintre sector, south-facing and always the first to be harvested. Fruit subdued at opening. Probable barrel input. More like barrel fermentation and lees stirring than stave extracts. This is hefty. Strong presence./ Yes, superior body of the finest of Maconnais AOCs. Definite barrel extras. Good acid for 2022. The sheer amplitude of this is impressive and will carry it a long way at the dinner table. 92+/100.		
	RHONE/MIDI						
22	21 COLLINES RHODANIENNES SYRAH, DOMAINE ERIC ET JOEL DURAND	14.99	176.50	12	A step up in appellation; used to be Ardeche. Not that much more expensive, so now one of the cheapest at this level. Less reductive than usual, but I think I usually assess these at a younger age. More class too. Maybe it's a vines age factor./ Full northern Rhone syrah character. Full body. Ideal 2021 acid. Fine grained tannin for aging. This is the best of the series so far and much the upscale take. Wow. Deal. 92+/100.		
23	22 SAINT JOSEPH BLANC CIRCA, J. L. CHAVE	31.99	187.95	6	Impressively large, even powerful. Pungent too. Plenty of body and character of marsanne and roussanne This kicks it out./ Even more flavor and body and texture on the palate. The relative smoothness of 2022 but not short on acid and power for balance. Big in the mouth. Meaningful Long finish. Very, very impressive indeed. One of the finest northern Rhone whites I've tasted this year. 93+/100.		
24	21 COTES DU RHONE CUVEE ROMAINE, DOMAINE LA GARRIGUE	14.99	176.50	12	Est. 1850; at Vacqueyras; 60-80 year old vines, half each grenache, syrah. This is rich for		

						2021. House style. Power without heat./ Yes, signature body, texture, extract. Especially for 2021. Ideal vintage acidity. 92+/100.
25	21 LIRAC ROC EPINE, DOMAINE LAFOND	16.99	199.95	12	Jean-Baptiste & Francois; 70% grenache, 30% syrah; 40 year old vines; yields under 3 tons per acre. Lirac cool, cranberry like take. Spot on Right Banker. Rich grenache meets dark and firm syrah./ Again, that sense of Gard coolness. Racy acid and flow in cool 2021. Hides its 14% well. No tannin and plenty flavorful so inviting for this fall and winter service. 92/100. Well liked by attendees: 'Serious; grenache raspberry, syrah foundation; 21 acidity, lack of overripeness.'	
26	23 VENTOUX BLANC 3 MESSES BASSES, LES VIGNERONS DU MONT VENTOUX	12.99	152.95	12	Cooperative est. 1924; 120 winegrowers today; half each clairette, grenache blanc. Wonderfully cool and fresh and inviting. The aromatic show is clairette, the broad foundation grenache blanc, properly proportioned, making for a classic southern Rhone dry white./ Nice clairette fruit flavor, not perfumey. Lighter hearted and lower in alcohol than the average Cotes du Rhone blanc, so its own thing. Balanced, highly refreshing and desirable. 91/100. Popular with attendees.	
27	19 BANDOL, DOMAINE LA BASTIDE BLANCHE	26.99	317.50	12	Est. 1972; 72% mourvedre, 20% grenache, 6% cinsault, 1% each syrah, carignan; aged 18 months in cooperage; unfiltered. A big boy here, showing all its power, concentration, and high mourvedre black fruit essence./ Still youthful at age five, but not obstinate. This has growing softness and bouquet revelation on the palate. Another outstanding vintage of a proud series. Great introduction to Bandol. 94+/100. Attendees were impressed with its 'complexity, class, savor, latency'.	
28	22 COTEAUX DE CABRERISSE ANNE SARDA, MARY TAYLOR SELECTION	12.99	152.95	12	All carignan; 40-60 year old vines. Dark red violet./ That's old vines dense and rugged carignan. Again, variety and terroir laid out plain to see...and smell./ Very fresh and cool.	

						Belies its alcohol content, which supplies body, balance, and background but no heat. Long, spicy carignan aftertaste. 92/100. Many favorable comments. 'One of the best Languedocs I've had on a while; nice earthiness.' 'Lots of chocolate and caramel on the nose; thick, rich, chewy palate.' 'Lots of flavor, lots of tannin.'
29	23 FRANCAIS BLANC MICRO COSME, CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME	14.99	176.50	12		Sauvignon blanc and viognier. Who would have thought of this but Rhone innovator Louis Barruol? And it works! Sauvignon citrus meets viognier honeysuckle, and they cooperate to the fullest./ Flavors are just as dazzling, intense, and harmonious as the aromas. Remarkable for quality, compatibility, and uniqueness. 92/100.
	ALSACE					
30	20 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER, THE FURST	14.99	176.50	12		Nice and dry gewurz aroma of rose, lychee, and ginger. Ginger nip, in fact./ Off dry, with gewurz astringency countering the RS. Flavorful and accurate rendering. 91/100.
	GERMANY/AUSTRIA					
31	21 MOSEL RIESLING SPATLESE SLATE MONCHHOF, ROBERT EYMAEL	22.99	269.95	12		Wine Enthusiast 91: 'Racy and almost searing in its intensity, thanks to the mouthwatering acidity that fuels the flavors of lemon, apple and orchard blossom honey. The finish completes the flavors spectrum with notes of baking spice. \$35.'
32	22 PIESPORTER GOLDTROPFCHEN RIESLING KABINETT, KREUZNACHER WEINHAUS	12.99	152.95	12		Mosel vineyard, Nahe cellar, Swiss owner. Surprisingly dry and appley on the nose rather than PGR peachy. I like it. Says high malic acid, which is a plus this ripe vintage./ Kabinett sweetness and 2022 coated acidity. Flavorful enough. Sure can't complain about the price. 90/100. Very popular with attendees. 'Very elegant nose and similar palate; great balance; kab level sweetness is a plus; nicely done.' Orders taken.



33	23 NAHE ESTATE RIESLING, DONNHOF	25.49	149.95	6	Predominantly from the Oberhauser Kieselberg and Felsenberg; volcanic soils of porphyry and melaphyr. Oh, that nutty-grainy-dried fruity Mittel Nahe riesling style exploited to the max by Donnhoff. Riesling is such a receptive and transparent conveyor of terroir./ Sweetness still to the fore, for sure. Nonetheless, the acid stands out well. It's not too coated at this stage. And the extract, the terroir's specific minerality, contributes to the overall gestalt. Wow, just keeps growing in the glass! 93+/100. Enjoyed by attendees, surprised by its relative dryness.
34	22 OPPENHEIMER RIESLING KABINETT, WEINGUT DR. HEYDEN	14.99	176.50	12	From the estate's parcels in Kreuz and Herrenberg, two of Oppenheim's top vineyards; 25 year old vines. Attendees loved this. WOTN for one. 'Really good. Great nose and nicely balanced palate. Really quality for now and the future at bargain price.' 'Dang, the balance, the acid underlying the sweetness. Killer buy.' 'Apricot, pine, fusel. Well extracted. Sugar coated for now, but the acid will seize the day eventually. A bargain and a kabinet to cellar.' 92+/100.
35	21 RHEINHESSEN SILVANER OLD VINES TROCKEN, WEINGUT DR. HEYDEN	11.49	134.95	12	2nd generation winemaker Frank Heyden, known to group members who attended the Vinicombe tasting tours of yore, runs the estate with brother Harry. That is one old vines full scented silvaner. Great nasal presence while not of the fruity/floral sort given the variety. Earthy in the best sense. I've missed this wine./ Yes, full in the mouth too. 2021 gives good acid to the usually mild silvaner, so this is a star vintage here. Trocken but not severely dry. Very, very versatile at the table. Great price. 91/100. This pleased attendees. 'Real character and very dry.' 'Nice, true varietal nose. Impressive weight and length.'
36	23 NIEDEROSTERREICH GRUNER VELTLINER TROCKEN, BRUNN liter	14.99	176.50	12	6 generation family winery in Burgenland; aged briefly in neutral Slavonian oak vats. Very cool and racy for Burgenland. Apple and legume. Spot

						on./ Flavors echo aromas, with even more green apple emphasis. Good acid for gruve. Eminently well balanced, inviting, and quaffable at this stage. Good deal in liter bottle. 91/100. Enjoyed by attendees. Orders taken. 'Very gruner nose and palate. Balanced.' \$12 and change per bottle equivalent in liter.
		IBERIA				
37	20	DAO COLHEITA SELECIONADA, QUINTA DE CABRIZ	11.49	134.95	12	Est. 1990; 40% alfocheiro, 30% each touriga nacional, aragonez. A little 2020 taut compared to the fruit forward 2019 of late. Deep seated, classic Dao granite core surrounded by black fruits. Will become more revealing following aeration./ Medium bodied. Richer and more accessible than the nose suggests. The palate's more in tune with the 2019. After waiting decades for the storied good-value Portuguese reds to trickle into the market, we now enjoy a surfeit of riches. 91+/100.
38	23	LISBOA BRANCO, CASA SANTOS LIMA	10.49	123.50	12	Lightly fruity nose. Kinda my image of a Lisbon white. What grape varieties? Turns out solely viosinho. Add that to my life list. Good and versatile./ Yeah, just enough fruit, good body, texture, balance. Wide meal time apps indeed. 91/100.
39	20	ALENTEJANO VINHA DE COUTADA VELHA, SOC. AGR. DINEZ	11.49	134.95	12	30% each aragonez, trincadeira, and syrah, 10% cab sauv; Wine Enthusiast 92/100. Properly modern, warm and robust tinta of Portugal's southeast interior. This has some extra depth and range compared to the regional standard. Thanks to a compelling and compatible assembly of grape varieties./ Bright fruit flavors and acidity. Wears its alcohol well. Not a sultry sort. Kudos to the maker. I can see the rating. Long and even keeled aftertaste. 92/100.
40	23	GETARIAKO TXAKOLINA TXAKOLI BALEA, LASALDE ELKARTEA	15.99	187.95	12	Est. 1996; hondarribi zuri. Cool and clear and minerally as a pristine mountain stream. Oh, boy, that's got the subtle varietal aromatics and terroir down just right. Textbook txakoli./

						Just the right sweet-acid balance of 2023, showing the combined fortes of both 2021 and 2022. Racy, delicious, quaffable fresh fish mate. 92/100. Popular with attendees. 'Very typical and very good. Just what it should be.' 'Bracing acid, supporting mineral. Yum. Just right.' 'Full bodied, good acidity, full mineral.' 'With warming, a floral element (iris).' 'Strong wine, good for genre.'
41	23 CASTILLA Y LEON TEMPRANILLO GRANDE, EL JEFE liter	12.99	152.95	12	From the estate of the Farina family on the La Meseta plateau south of Toro. Exceptionally ample, aromatic, forthcoming, and lifted this vintage. Gives and gives. Bravo./ Equally so on the palate. Great acid and a foiling glycerol coating to boot. Come hither; one glass invites another. Good thing it comes in liters. 92/100.	
42	22 RIBERA DEL DUERO, BODEGAS TORREMORON	16.79	197.50	12	28-family bodega at Quintanamanvirgo, population 92; all tinta pais (tempranillo). Well, we have here a full, young, red violet color, extreme even for RDD tempranillo./ The nose affirms the appearance's promise. We're looking at serious power and intensity. It's not dry and oaky like the RDDs I don't favor. It's full of richness and aromatic abundance./ Whoa, what a palate assault! One of the best of the series, and a model of RDD power and concentration. Steakhouse red? No, too much wine here. Wild boar red. Gads. I can only imagine the potential. 93+/100. Attendees considered this Red Wine of the Night.	
43	21 RIOJA COSECHA, EGUREN UGARTE	12.99	152.95	12	Est. 1870 in Rioja Alavesa; all tempranillo. The lift of Alavesa's higher, sandier terroir. Good and pure tempranillo cherry-berry aroma. Forthcoming too./ Rich for zone and vintage, but no lack of 2021 acidity. Mouthwatering mouthful begging for food. Correctly medium bodied. 91/100. Waxed big after aeration: 'Lots of structure, serious nature, correct stuff, good fruit quality.'	
44	23 CASTILLA VIURA REINARES, BODEGAS EGUREN	8.49	99.95	12	Rioja Alavesa bodega; 100% viura, the region's	

						leading white grape variety. Oh, that' s good, strong varietal character suggesting that is comes from vineyards in central Castilla rather than the Rioja area./ Confirmed by good flavor intensity. A nice and surprising bitter twist at the finale, which is not alien to this grape variety. 91/100. With aeration, this blossomed further. Attendees loved it. Orders taken. 'Nicely aromatic and really flavorful; quite long; a lovely wine; super bargain.'	
		ITALY - RED					
45	23 LANGHE NEBBIOLO ROSSO DI ROCCA, ALBINO ROCCA	18.99	223.50	12	Est. 1960; from a single vineyard in Magliano Aflieri; 3% cab franc. Oh, this surges with cherry and tar nebbiolo goodness. Yow. Ideal nebbiolo take./ Full flavored. Great acid, fine texture. Wants to go to the table. Long on texture and power. Sallies forth. Best vintage of this yet. 93/100. Well liked by attendees. 'Nice young nebbiolo fruit.' 'Very fruit driven nose and palate; clear varietal aromatics and tannins; far friendlier than most young nebbiolo wines.'		
46	21 DOLCETTO D'ALBA LA COLLINA DI DIONISO, FABIO OBERTO	14.99	176.50	12	28 year old vines. Dark maroon./ A full, concentrated, ambitious dolcetto that's not oaky, so I can abide it. Impressive./ Varietal freshness, flavor, and lift. This fills the bill. One of the best and best values on the market today. Some fine tannin for texture. 92/100.		
47	PIEMONTE BIRBET, LA PERGOLA	11.49	134.95	12	Special clone of brachetto. Sweet, pleasing nose acquiring positive bouquet elements./ Yes, sweet and flavorful, totally brachetto, and well balanced with acidity. This is a perfect Birbet at a perfect stage. Hard sell, but I'll have to buy a case. Maybe take it home. 94/100. List price: \$19.		
48	20 VERONA CORVINA GRAN SIGNORIA, CANTINA DI NEGRAR	12.99	152.95	12	All corvina, the informing grape variety of Valpolicella, Negrar made the first Amarone della Valpolicella in 1936. Medium dark rusty		

						red./Negrar black, corvina black and rich. Nose admirably reflects maker and variety./ Very sweetly fruity. This is easy drinkin' right now; no 2020 tannin issues. Just a dusting of tannin for textural support. 91/100.	
49	21 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE RIPASSO, CORTE ARMANO	18.99	223.50	12		70% corvina, 30% rondinella; in February following the harvest, pomace from the amarone fermentation is added; aged a year in large oak barrels thereafter. As lush and classic as always. I mean, power, raisin, dried peels, all./ Yes, and 2021 acidity lends balance. There have been more concentrated vintages than cool 2021. Still, this works its own magic. 93/100. Attendees enjoyed this, as they have every past vintage tasted. 'Long and flavorful.' 'Good grip.'	
50	23 CARMIGNANO BARCO REALE, FATTORIA AMBRA	14.99	176.50	12		75% sangiovese, 10% canaiolo, 10% cab sauv, 5% merlot. Medium to medium dark ruby./ Very lush for Carmignano. Loaded with sangiovese dried cherry, supported by complex aromatic contributions of the rest of the varietal set. Aroma runs deep and persistent./ The darker Bordeaux varieties show more presence on the palate. Fine grained, chewy tannins too. Not obstinate, just texture building. Pretty full bodied. Balanced, flavorful. One the best built, complex, and generous vintages of this I've tasted. 92+/100.	
51	19 CHIANTI RUFINA, VILLA DI VETRICE	12.99	152.95	12		11th century roots; sangiovese, canaiolo, colorino; aged 6 months in barrels. Modest nose to start. It grows in the glass with aeration though. There's Rufina refinement and a measure of glycerol richness./ Which is confirmed on the palate. The alcohol gives body and smoothness. Turns out, in the end, that this is one of the most ample vintages in the proud and price worthy series. Rises and shines. 91/100. Continued to rise. Well liked by attendees. 'Lovely, super typical and mature Chianti nose. Lovely now.' 'So ready and engaging. Wallet friendly.'	

52	20 CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA, FELSINA	33.99	199.95	6	Packed with fruit and barrel riserva assets, but painfully youthful in the 2020 vernacular. It's all there though./ Yes, Felsina's southern Classico power, mass, and tannin. Wholly well balanced for a long and even evolution. Has it together. 94+/100.
53	19 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO RISERVA SINELLO, VINI CASALBORDINO	13.99	164.50	12	From slopes above the village of Casalbordino; aged 15 months in barrels. Large, pungent, building bottle bouquet. Barrel aging complex joins in. Altogether, rangy and LOADED. This is RISERVA stuff!/ Full of flavors and textures. Complex indeed. Long, flavor enduring finish. 93/100. Well liked by attendees; orders taken. 'Really quite good; lots of flavor and pretty mature.' 'Pretty classic for the type; clean and balanced; well worth the tariff.'
54	20 AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE GRICOS, AZ. AGR. GRIFALCO	16.79	197.50	12	Vineyards at 450-580 meters; aged a year in French, Slavonian, and American oak cooperage. Smells very powerful for 13%. A lot of dark, ripe aglianico push. This 'Barolo of the South' doesn't smell like nebbiolo, but it sure has the structure./ Yes, big and black. Chewy tannins. Abundant varietal flavors and textures. About the largest scaled Gricos vintage I've tasted. Built for game. Keep at least until the cold months. 93+/100. Attendees appreciated the size and the oak savors. Red Wine of the Night for at least one.
	ITALY - WHITE				
55	23 ROERO ARNEIS, CA' GIALLA	14.99	176.50	12	Third generation estate. Forthcoming varietal aromatic display./ The superior body that comes with ample but not excessive alcohol content does it justice too. Flavorful. Both fatness and cut. Really pumps out both flavor and texture. Well priced for a Roero arneis. Balanced and lasting finale. 92/100.
56	23 SOAVE, AZ. AGR. TAMELLINI	13.99	164.50	12	All garganega grown on south facing slopes. Textbook garganega aromatic profile of great purity, intensity. Orchard fruits, floral

						highlights./ Fully conveyed to the palate too. That 2023 combo of 2021 acidity and 2022 ripeness completes the picture. Long and flavorful. Spot on. 92/100. Very popular with attendees. 'Super nice nose; great flavor and balance.' Orders taken.	
57	23 TERRE DI CHIETI PECORINO KRIYA, VIGNA MADRE	11.49	134.95	12	Est. 1830 by the di Carlo family; once near extinct Marche/Abruzzo variety (largely replaced by trebbiano for higher yields) boasting juice of both high sugar and acidity; the wine is dry. Gracious, that nose is pecorino to the max. So fragrant, penetrating, pointed, pure. The coolest of peach and tangelo notes. And look at the price!/ Succulent flavors and feels. Fine sweet-acid balance. This just all hangs together so well. And lingers. One of the best pecorinos I've tasted, and one of the cheapest. 92/100.		
58	23 TERRE SICILIANE INZOLIA MOTYUM, CIVIAS	8.49	99.95	12	AKA ansonica; grown mainly in western Sicily, where it is commonly a basis of Marsala wines. Pretty strong character for this shy-on-aromatics variety. Subtle white fruits aroma. Good./ Flavor confirms. Dry, good acid, reserved and refined. Won't compete at the dinner table. Well balanced. And, well priced. Many uses. 91/100. Observations paralleled mine, and the wine was generally liked by attendees.		
	INTERNATIONAL						
59	22 SLOVENIA STAJERSKA HALOZAN RED PTUJSKA KLET, PULLUS liter	11.49	134.95	12	Est. 1239; one of the oldest wine cellars in Europe. Good and rich red fruit. Smooth and inviting./ Yes, sweet fruited, flavorful, versatile. Easy drinking. Putting it in a liter bottle was a good decision. 91/100.		
60	21 NEMEA AGIORGITIKO, ZACHARIAS	13.99	164.50	12	A year in cooperage. Plush and soft st. george varietal character. Good aromatic spiel./ Really good acid! Pleasing flavor and texture push. Vintage tannin. But that won't displace it at the table today. Impressive value. 91/100.		

	U.S. - RED				
61	21 LEESE FITCH CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	10.49	123.50	12	Tasting Panel 91: 'Juicy and ripe, with small additions of petite sirah, teroldego, and tempranillo adding personality, this approachable red shows its dynamic soul through roasted coffee, a pinch of black pepper, and lush tannins. \$15.'
62	22 VINA ROBLES ESTATE PASO ROBLES CABERNET SAUVIGNON	19.99	234.95	12	While Paso lush, this is cherry-berry bright and lifted. Not even about plums much less prunes. Bravo. One of the best in a solid series./ Yes, Paso lush indeed, and also delivering the bright acidity the nose suggests. A great vintage of this and a mighty handsome price presently. Go for it. 93/100. List price: \$32.
63	20 TWO MOUNTAIN YAKIMA VALLEY MERLOT	18.99	223.50	12	With cab franc, cab sauv, malbec, tempranillo. Merlot to the fore but clearly an attempt at 'claret'./ Good acid, of course. Flavorful, dark fruited, well balanced, nicely textured. Well crafted. 92/100.
64	21 WENTE SANDSTONE CENTRAL COAST MERLOT	14.99	176.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 92 - BEST BUY: 'When done right, Merlot can be a very pleasurable experience, as expressed in this widely available and affordable bottling. Cherry, woodspice and cocoa aromas are clean and direct on the nose. The joyous palate has red cherry, cedar and berry sorbet flavors. \$20.'
65	21 LUMEN SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR	20.99	246.95	12	Nice and harmonious rep of the valley's pinots. Cool and racy. The oak aspect is well soaked up./ Great acid of valley and vintage. This is really a textbook example of fine SMV pinot. Lane Tanner is such a fine winemaker. This is the sort of pinot that inspired Sideways. 92+/100.
66	22 MCMANIS LODI PETITE SIRAH	11.49	134.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'Opulent dark berries, baking spices and orange marmalade show on the nose. Full-bodied, saturated boysenberry, olallieberry, dried potpourri and malted chocolate glide across the palate,



						finishing with silky tannins. Aerate and enjoy with barbecue.'	
67	21 MARIETTA ROMAN NORTH COAST ZINFANDEL	22.99	269.50	12	4% each petite sirah and barbera. From Angeli vineyard in Alexander Valley and the estate's vineyard in McDowell Valley. Aged a year in neutral cooperage. Wonderful, dark fruited Mendocino styled zinfandel with sensible barrel augmentation and power. In the Marietta fashion. What don't they do right?/ Yes, fruit sweetness meets good acidity. Raspberry and peppercorn and oak in harmony. Full and fruitful. Carry on! 93/100.		
68	22 PEIRANO HERITAGE COLLECTON OLD VINE LODI ZINFANDEL	14.99	176.50	12	Wine Enthusiast 93 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is opulent, with aromas of boysenberry, black plum, black tea, violets, cinnamon and dried chicory on the nose. Flavors are black currant jam, blackberry, orange zest and lemon-vanilla cream. \$20.'		
	U.S. - WHITE						
69	23 CLAY SHANNON BETSY VINEYARD LAKE COUNTY SAUVIGNON BLANC	14.99	176.50	12	Briefly aged in acacia cooperage. And maybe that makes a difference. It has a cool, tonic aspect to it unlike any other sauvignon, Lake or otherwise./ Racy citrus and tonic flavors. Long lasting. This is special. Must have. 92/100.		
70	23 MORGAN ARROYO SECO SAUVIGNON BLANC	16.79	197.50	12	Tasting Panel 93: 'Dotted with rosemary and basil, this is aged five months in French and Hungarian oak. Vibrant lime zest binds with racy acidity, while delicate oak notes are framed by a spark of salinity on the finish. \$23.'		
71	22 LEESE FITCH CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY	10.49	123.50	12	Tasting Panel 91: 'Sourced from Lodi and Sonoma Valley, this is a beautifully balanced chardonnay. On the palate, spiced lemon verbena draws you in as a creamy vanilla undertow washes over honeyed pear. \$15.'		
72	22 SHANNON RIDGE HIGH ELEVATION LAKE COUNTY CHARDONNAY	12.99	152.95	12	Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'This wine is opulent, with aromas of ripe white peach, grilled pineapple, toasty oak, orange zest, and mineral on the nose. The flavors on the palate		

						are apple, pear, caramel interwoven with clove, gravelly rock, tangerine and a dry long finish. \$17.'
73	22 GHOSTWRITER SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS CHARDONNAY	26.99	317.50	12		Good AVA power. Pretty lavish thanks to terroir, barrel, and some malo. An overachiever./ Even more to say on the palate, flavor wise, texture wise. Full bodied. Carries the torch for the SCM AVA. 93+/100.
74	22 PORTLANDIA WASHINGTON-OREGON PINOT GRIS	15.99	187.95	12		Wine Enthusiast 91: 'After a few vintages, the quality of this wine is no surprise. The 2022 bottling launches a yin and yang aromatic set featuring orange creamsicle and lemon verbena tea. Bright acidity highlights a crisp mouthfeel and flavors like peach, chamomile tea and lavender butter.'
75	23 TWO MOUNTAIN COPELAND VINEYARD YAKIMA VALLEY RIESLING	12.99	152.95	12		From the Rattlesnake Hills area. 2 g/l RS. Good WA riesling acidity clear even on the crisp nose. Aroma accurate if understated./ Flavors more intense and explicit. Admirable sweet-acid balance. Fits the pattern and, like the rest of the line, attractively priced. 91/100.
	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE					
76	23 FINCAS PATAGONICAS WAPISA RIO NEGRO PINOT NOIR	16.99	199.95	12		Wapisa is the indigenous name for whale; 25 miles from the Atlantic, the only coastal winery in Patagonia. Medium red./ Say, that's a genuine, cool climate tart cherry and herbs pinot nose. Pretty Euro oriented./ Good flavor profile and intensity. Attractive sweet-tart balance. Mineral salts on the finish. Best Argentine pinot I've tasted. 92/100.
77	23 BODEGA TAPIZ ZOLO UNOAKED UCO VALLEY CHARDONNAY	12.99	152.95	12		Pungent golden and green apple aromas of a cool climate, high altitude chardonnay. One of the best unwooded Argentine chardonmays I've nosed. And look at the price!/ This is racy. Little or malo undertaken. Full flavor and refreshing acidity. 91/100.
78	19 VALLE HERMOSO RESERVA VALLE DEL COLCHAGUA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	11.49	134.95	12		This seems to have some barrel as well as bottle age. It's taking to both nicely. Much more

						sophisticated than the cheaper Valle Central range./ Yes, much more complicated and flavorful. The oak, the reserva selection, the Colchagua terroir. Lasting. A winner. Good now and could stand some more bottle age. 91+/100.	
79	23 ANT MOORE ESTATE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC	11.49	134.95	12		Wine Spectator 91 - BEST VALUE: 'Fragrant and generous, with yuzu, pomelo and green apple notes that show details of passion fruit, candied ginger and lemon basil. A touch of crunchy sea salt lingers on the finish. \$15.'	
80	21 D'ARENBERG THE FOOTBOLT MCLAREN VALE SHIRAZ	18.99	223.50	12		Wine Enthusiast 91: 'Savory notes of sage and bay leaf are as forward on the nose as the plum and cherry notes. There's a lick of vanillin oak showing too. The abundance of tangy fruit continues its journey in the mouth, lingering on the finish amidst a powerful, well-placed frame of tannins. Drink now-2031.'	
81	20 HESKETH BAROSSA VALLEY NEGROAMARO	11.99	139.95	12		Koonunga Hill area. 8 months in seasoned French oak hogheads. Powerful and explicit Barossa take. Sweet smelling and logical Aussie super sized negroamaro./ Yes, nice varietal character with Barossa largesse. And a nice twist on the usual Barossa varieties. Unique and good for it. 91/100. List price: \$25.	
82	22 HER WESTERN CAPE PINOTAGE	12.99	152.95	12		Fresh and fruity take. No stable, no coffee. New Wave style. Cinsault parentage is evident./ Oh, yes, flavorful, balanced. Pinotage is newly invented in a positive form 91/100.	
	ROSE						
83	23 SAINT MONT ROSE D'ENFER PLAIMONT	11.49	134.95	12		The 'Rose from Hell'. Very pale./ Pure and delicately scented. Fresh and fulfilled. Actually smells 'heavenly'./ Great acid. Quite full textured and also flavor. Broadly useful. I sense a bargain. One of the better SW France roses I've tasted. 91/100.	
84	23 SANCERRE ROSE, DOMAINE DAULNY	18.99	223.50	12		Daulny has 40 acres in 50 parcels, including some of the AOC's top sites, such as Monts Damnes; vines average 40 years. Whoa! That's	

						fresh...and insistent! How this got so far ahead of the 2023 white, I don't know. But it has arrived! Both rich and crisp 2023 assets. Best vintage yet?/ Full strawberry and red cherry flavors. Harmony, appeal, refreshment. And a lower price than previous, just arrived vintages. Gads, a trifecta. 92/100. Well liked by attendees. 'Cherry fruited. Has structure and balance.' 'Good fresh fruit; balance galore; long finish.'	
85	23 COTEAUX VAROIS EN PROVENCE ROSE, CHATEAU ROUTAS	14.99	176.50	12	Enclave of Cotes de Provence with relatively high elevations midway between Aix and Saint Tropez; given its AOC in 1993; cinsault, grenache, syrah. Oh, that's pretty. And pungent. Always is. Heaps of fruit and class. Competes with Provence's Cru Classes at a fraction of the price./ Full flavored and mouthfilling. Hallmark Varois Provence. 92+/100. Attendees were equally observant and enthusiastic. Orders taken. Described as very flavorful, full yet refreshing, food worthy.		
	FORTIFIED/FRUIT						
86	BARBADILLO FULL DRY OLOROSO SHERRY	12.99	76.50	6	Oh, boy, what a sophisticated nuttiness! I mean, it's mixed nuts. Some filbert, some brazil, some walnut. Wow! Lots of subtle intricacies. Some sweet woodiness too, a subtle caramel layer./ Truly dry. Sleek, with just the right weight. The flavor goes through and through and lasts a long time. Steal of a price. If only American consumers were more receptive to the obvious mealtime applications of sherries like this. What bargains they're missing! 92/100.		
87	18 DOW LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORT	21.99	129.50	6	Wine Spectator 93: 'Sleek and fresh, with dark plum and blackberry notes laced with singed alder and ganache. Shows nice drive through the polished finish as the fruit expands. Drink now through 2031. \$32.'		
88	PINEAU DES CHARENTES RASTIGNAC, CHATEAU DE PLAISSENS	22.99	134.95	6	Sweet, honied, grainy. The real deal./ Yeah, carries through. Fruity VS cognac base and		

						plenty of sweet grape juice. Good product. 93/100.	
89	BAGLIO BAIATA ALAGNA BIANCO VERMOUTH liter	12.99	76.50	6	16.5%. 1/3 each grillo, inzolia, catarratto. 30 botanicals here. Floral and sweet. Spice aromas of ginger, anise, brown spices, including cinnamon and nutmeg./ Tonic, rosy, herbal, spicy, unique, creamy, sweet, balanced. Yikes! Hugely complex! 95/100.		
	SPARKLING						
90	ANDRE CLOUET BOUZY GRAND CRU THE V.6 EXPERIENCE BRUT CHAMPAGNE	47.99	281.95	6	All pinot noir; aged 6 yrs en tirage before disgorgement; .5 RS. How about this! The black fruit of Bouzy blanc de noirs, for sure. A lively combination of fresh fruit and decided input from the reserve cuvees adding depth, complexity, and dimension./ The mousse is very fine. The play of younger cuvees with the reserves is both intellectually and sensually stimulating. Long finish extends the welcome experience. 95/100.		
91	PIERRE DELIZE BLANC DE BLANCS FRANCAIS MOUSSEUX	12.99	152.95	12	A good measure of bread dough yeastiness to the nose, as in the past./ Good and dry, with bdb bracing acidity. Yeasty aftertaste. I've always liked this, perhaps never more than the latest cuvee. 91/100.		
92	CASA DI MALA PROSECCO	12.99	152.95	12	Proper and attractive appley glera aroma./ While the label makes not dryness statement, I'm guessing high brut. It's really quite dry. Strong and persistent mousse. Gets to the heart of the glera variety, the basis of Prosecco. This should have wide appeal and both aperitif and entree applications. 91/100. Comes in a swing-top bottle that will prove useful for future storage purposes.		
	GRAND FORMAT						
93	BARON-FUENTE GRANDE RESERVE BRUT CHAMPAGNE magnum	64.95	189.95	3	60% meunier, 30% chardonnay, 10% pinot noir from the west end of the Vallee de Marne. Aged three years en tirage. Very pretty and distinctive. Marches to its own drummer. Red fruit rich.		

						Nutty-toasty bottle bouquet too. Very appealing and upbeat./ A lot of gorgeous bottle bouquet biscuit, brioche. Fine, creamy mousse. Striking character. Great now. What a bargain this is! 94/100.	
		POTPOURRI					
94		PONS ORGANIC EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL liter	17.99	52.95	3	'Pons olive oil is made with care and generations of expertise cultivating the best Arbequina olives in Lleida, Spain. The olives are hand-picked at peak ripeness, and the oil is from the first cold pressing. It is naturally decanted and gently filtered to preserve the fruity aroma and delicate taste. To make the organic extra virgin olive oil, Pons groves are grown without pesticides. The oil is certified organic by CCPAE and USDA.'	
95		ZANETTI PARMIGIANO REGGIANO 6 oz wedge	5.49	15.95	3	'Parmigiano Reggiano is produced with different degrees of maturation: fresh milk is processed at 3 in the morning the day after collection, and the cheese wheels remain in brine for around 21 days before being transferred to the maturation plants, where they sit for between 12 and 30 months.'	
96		MAHON DOP CHEESE pound	11.99	34.95	3	'Mahon is produced on the island of Menorca in the Balearic Islands, off the coast of Spain. Although it is a small island, Menorca produces enough cheese to make Mahon Spain's second most popular cheese next to Manchego. A 100% cow's milk cheese, Mahon comes in large squares of about six pounds. Ripened in underground caves for at least 60 days, Mahon has a bold, magnificent flavor that could never be called mild. The yellowish-orange rind conceals a soft, slightly salty, and decidedly spicy interior. This unique cheese is a must-try for any cheese lover and an absolute necessity for the true connoisseur.'	
97		SAN MERICAN NO SALT WHOLE PEELED TOMATOES 14.5 oz can	2.19	12.95	6	NY Times Best Canned Tomatoes 2024: 'The San Merican tomatoes were a close second to the	

						<p>Bianco DiNapoli tomatoes we tested. Though not as brilliantly red, they were well peeled, consistently shaped, and quite meaty. NYT Cooking editor Sara Bonisteel noted their 'good mouth texture,' which we all found to be pleasantly firm without seeming unripe or crunchy. NYT Cooking's Ligaya Mishan wrote in her testing notes, 'I felt like I could eat this on its own without even cooking.' Wirecutter senior editor Marguerite Preston enjoyed the buttery richness of these tomatoes in the sauce. Like the Bianco DiNapoli tomatoes, the San Merican tomatoes don't contain basil, so they work for a wide range of recipes.'</p>	
98	ROUTE 11 LIGHTLY SALTED KETTLE COOKED POTATO CHIPS 6 oz	2.59	7.50	3	<p>In Mt. Jackson VA. 'One crunch and you'll know why we put so much effort into kettle-cooking potatoes in small batches. There's just no other way to make chips with that perfect bite: light and delightfully crispy, with plenty of curl in the body. Kettle cooking in small batches means we're putting a lot of attention to make sure every little batch is a bit of potato chip paradise. Route 11 is the only potato chip company in the world (ok, the only one we know of) that's using a single source, unrefined sea salt, mined right here in the USA. It's called REAL SALT and it's extracted from an ancient seabed in Redmond, Utah. Not only does it have all the minerals essential to our being human, but it also has an incredible flavor.'</p>		
99	R. HIRT DRIED SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS oz	1.99	11.50	6	<p>Wiki: 'Shiitake are widely cultivated worldwide, contributing about 25% of the total yearly production of mushrooms. Commercially, shiitake mushrooms are typically grown in conditions similar to their natural environment on either artificial substrate or hardwood logs, such as oak. Fresh and dried shiitake have many uses in East and Southeast Asia. In Chinese cuisine, they are used in many dishes, including soups, braises, and stir-fried vegetable dishes such as Buddha's delight. In Japan, they are served in miso soup, used as the basis for a</p>		

						kind of vegetarian dashi, and as an ingredient in many steamed and simmered dishes.'	
100	CITTERIO GENOA SALAME 9 oz chub	4.99	14.50	3		Founded in 1878 in Italy, Citterio now operates out of Freeland, in NE PA near Hazleton. Genoa Salame: 'A medium-fine grind of choice cuts of pork, combined with our secret blend of spices. No Fillers. Unhurried aging.'	