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

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

1. Write the number of bottles of each wine you're ordering in the Quantity column.
2. Multiply by the price per bottle and write that amount in the Cost column or enter the case price if ordering a full case of that item.
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4. Multiply the TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL by .06 to get the 6% Sales Tax amount.
5. Add the NO TAX amounts in the Cost column and write that amount at NON-TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL.
6. Add the two SUB-TOTALS, Sales Tax, Bottle Deposit, if applicable, (indicated +DEP on order form) and write that amount at ORDER TOTAL.
7. Order forms must be accompanied by full payment of ORDER TOTAL by cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.
8. Order forms and full payment must be received by Village Corner by **Sept 19**. Orders received the following week are subject to a 2% surcharge. Orders may be hand-delivered, mailed, FAXed to 995-1826 or online (link at <http://villagecorner.com/clubs/index.html>). NO PHONE ORDERS PLEASE.

Wine	Price bottle	Price case	How Many	Cost
1. 14 LE HAUT MEDOC DE CH D'ISSAN, H MED	18.99	223.50/12		
2. 16 CHATEAU VILLEGEORGE, CB, H MEDOC	21.99	258.95/12		
3. 16 CHATEAU COUTET, GC, ST EMILION	29.99	352.95/12		
4. 12 CH DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION	13.99	164.50/12		
5. 17 CHATEAU SAUMAN, C DE BOURG	8.49	99.95/12		
6. 16 PETIT FREYLON SARAH, BORD SUP	12.99	152.95/12		
7. 18 BERGERAC, CH LES MIAUDOUX	15.99	187.50/12		
8. 19 CH BONNET, BORDEAUX BLANC	14.99	176.50/12		
9. 16 DU PAVILLON, ST CROIX DU MONT half bot	8.49	99.95/12		
10. 19 C DE GASCOGNE, DOM ST LANNES	7.99	93.95/12		
11. 17 MUSCADET , CHATEAU LA CARIZIERE	11.99	139.95/12		
12. 18 CHINON CLOS DU SAUT , DOZON	16.79	197.50/12		
13. 19 TOURAINE GAMAY COEUR , MARTEAU	12.99	152.95/12		
14. 18 TOURAINE SAUV DOM LES LOGES	12.99	152.95/12		
15. 19 SANCERRE, DOMAINE CHOTARD	22.99	269.95/12		
16. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, N POTEL	16.99	199.95/12		
17. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, F CARILLON	24.99	293.95/12		
18. 18 C DE NUITS VILL, GACHOT-MONOT	29.99	352.95/12		
19. 14 BOURG PINOT NOIR RES PERS, AEGER	14.99	176.50/12		
20. 18 C BOURGUIGNONS GR RES, MAXIMUS	8.49	99.95/12		
21. 17 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE PIMENTIERS, A P	29.99	352.95/12		
22. 18 BEAUJOLAIS VILL VV, CLAIRE CHANTES	13.99	164.50/12		
23. 18 CHABLIS, DOMAINE DROIN	25.49	299.95/12		
24. 18 BOURGOGNE BLANC, MATROT	23.99	281.95/12		

25. 19 MACON VILL CHARD VV, J TOUZOT	11.49	134.95/12		
26. 16 COLLI RHOD SYRAH CONNIVENCE, VERZ	21.99	258.50/12		
27. 18 CDRE, DOMAINE SAINTE ANNE	11.49	134.95/12		
28. 18 CDR BLANC, DOMAINE SAINTE ANNE	11.49	134.95/12		
29. 17 PLAN DE DIEU CDR VILLVIV, ST DAMIEN	14.99	176.50/12		
30. 18 GIGONDAS, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS	23.99	281.95/12		
31. 18 HERAULT CARIGNAN VV, MONT GRAVET	8.49	99.95/12		
32. 18 CORBIERES GR RES CAMPLONG,	12.99	152.95/12		
33. 18 ALSACE PINOT BLANC, WEINBACH	22.99	269.95/12		
34. 18 ALSACE SYLVANER, WEINBACH	20.99	246.95/12		
35. 18 ALSACE GEWURZ TRAD, EMILE BEYER	16.99	199.95/12		
36. 18 OCKFENER BOCKSTEIN RIES KAB, REVE	16.99	199.95/12		
37. 17 BRAUNEB JUFFER RIES KAB, K-S	13.99	164.50/12		
38. 17 SCHLOSS VOLLRADS RIESLING	18.99	111.50/6		
39. 19 KAMPTAL RIED HASEL GRU V, BT EICHIN	14.99	176.50/12		
40. 19 VINHO VERDE ARCA NOVA, DAS ARCAS	8.99	103.95/12		
41. 17 DAO, DHARMA	8.49	99.95/12		
42. 16 RIBEIRO TINTO CLAS, VINA MEIN	18.99	223.50/12		
43. 19 CASTILLA Y LEON TEMPR GR, EL JEFE It	11.49	134.95/12		
44. 19 RUEDA VERDEJO EGEO, FERNANDEZ	13.99	164.50/12		
45. 14 RIOJA RESA, BODEGAS LAN	16.99	199.95/12		
46. 17 MONTSANT SELECCION MAS COLLET	12.99	152.95/12		
47. 17 VINO DE MONTANA SIERRA DE GREDOS	14.99	176.50/12		
48. 19 ALMANSA LAYA, BODEGAS ATALAYA	8.49	99.95/12		
49. 18 MALLORCA NEGRE SINCRONIA,	18.99	223.50/12		
50. 15 BAROLO ALASIA, CANTINE ARALDICA	24.99	146.95/6		
51. 17 BARBERA D'ASTI SUP CROCINE, LENZI	12.99	152.95/12		
52. 16 AMARONE, ANTICHE TERRE VENETE	27.99	328.95/12		
53. 17 TOSCANA ZINGARI, SOC. AGR. PETRA	18.99	223.50/12		
54. 19 COSTA TOSCANA UNLITRO, AMPELEIA It	15.99	187.50/12		
55. 18 CHIANTI CLASS, PODERI CASTELLINA	21.99	258.50/12		
56. 16 BOLGHERI, MICHELETTI	16.79	197.50/12		
57. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO LUCANT	11.49	134.95/12		
58. 15 SALENTO NEGROAMARO, MOTTURA	7.49	87.95/12		
59. 18 ETNA ROSSO, DELLE TERRE NERE	18.99	223.50/12		
60. 19 ROERO ARNEIS, AZ. AGR. MALVIRA	14.99	176.50/12		
61. 19 ALTO ADIGE PINOT GRIGIO, P ZEMMER	16.79	197.50/12		
62. 19 ORVIETO SECCO VIGNARCO	10.49	123.50/12		
63. 17 TOKAJI LH, ROYAL TOKAJ WINE CO h It	18.99	111.50/6		

64. 18 SANTORINI ASSYRTIKO, SANTO	22.99	269.95/12		
65. 17 RODNEY STRONG SONOMA CAB	16.79	197.50/12		
66. 18 LONG MEADOW RANCH NAPA VY CAB	20.99	246.95/12		
67. 17 STACK HOUSE NAPA VY CAB	37.99	223.50/6		
68. 17 SHADY LANE LEELANAU CAB FRANC	19.99	234.95/12		
69. 18 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE VAY PINOT NOIR	16.79	197.50/12		
70. 18 PALI RIVIERA SONOMA CST PINOT NOIR	19.99	234.95/12		
71. 18 CHRONIC CELL STE PETITE PR P SIRAH	12.99	152.95/12		
72. 18 LAPIS LUNA N COAST ZINFANDEL	11.49	134.95/12		
73. 17 TERRA D'ORO OV DEAVER AMADOR ZIN	23.99	139.95/6		
74. 19 JOEL GOTT CAL SAUVIGNON BLANC	11.49	134.95/12		
75. 15 LUTUM GAP'S CROWN SONOMA CHARD	24.99	293.95/12		
76. 17 SCHEID FAM DISTT 7 MONTEREY CHARD	11.49	134.95/12		
77. 19 CLINE FARMHOUSE CAL WHITE	9.79	114.95/12		
78. 18 OWEN ROE CORVIDAE COLUMBIA RIES	12.99	152.95/12		
79. 18 GRAFFIGNA EST SAN JUAN MALBEC	8.49	99.95/12		
80. 18 COLOME AUTENTICALCHAGU MALBEC	20.99	123.50/6		
81. 19 MATETIC EQ CST CASABLANCA SAUV BL	11.49	134.95/12		
82. 19 SPY VY SATELLITE MARLB SAUV BLANC	12.99	152.95/12		
83. 18 YALUMBA Y SERIES S AUS CAB	11.49	134.95/12		
84. 18 INNOCENT BYSTANDER YARRA P NOIR	18.99	223.50/12		
85. 19 STORM POINT SWARTLAND CHENIN BL	12.99	152.95/12		
86. 19 B G COLUMBIA SANGIOVESE ROSE	10.49	123.50/12		
87. 19 CDR ROSE NYMPHEA, APHILLANTHES	12.99	152.95/12		
88. 19 RIOJA ALAVESA ROSADO, OSTATU	13.99	164.50/12		
89. PATRAS MAVRODAFNE DEUS, CAVINO	6.99	39.95/6		
90. 14 GRAHAM'S LBV PORTO bottled 2016	22.99	134.95/6		
91. CAPPELLETTI TRENTO VINO APERITIVO	16.99	99.95/6		
92. PRIORAT NATUR VERMUT	23.99	139.95/6		
93. LE BRUN CIDRE DE BRETAGNE BRU	7.99	93.95/12		
94. ABRUYERE GC PROLOGUE BRUT CHAMPAG	44.99	264.50/6		
95. THARSYS DOMINIO&PAGO CAVA ROSE BR	9.99	117.50/12		
96. LUNA NUDA PROSECCO TREVISO	13.99	164.50/12		
97. CARTIZZE VALDOBBIADENE SUP, U BORTO	22.99	269.95/12		
98. BELL'S 2 HEARTED ALE 12 oz bottle + DEP	1.59	17.95/12		
98. deposit	.10	1.20/12		
99. F LAZIO PECORINO ROMANO pd NO TAX	5.99	17.50/3		
100. MINI CROCCANTINI CRACKERS NO TAX	3.19	8.95/3		

PLEASE NOTE ANY DELIVERY OR STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS HERE

TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL:

+ 6% Sales Tax:

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ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

SEPTEMBER , 2020

ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB SEPTEMBER TASTING

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

ORDERING INFORMATION. Order form with payment should reach Village Corner, 1747 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor 48105, by SATURDAY, September 19. 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, September 26. 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, September 26 FORWARD.

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

--BORDEAUX - RED--

1. 14 LE HAUT MEDOC DE CHATEAU D'ISSAN, HAUT MEDOC

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

60% cab sauv, 40% merlot. From a vineyard in Arsac. Part of Arsac is in the Margaux appellation; not this part apparently. The third wine of Margaux 3me Grand Cru, Chateau d'Issan. Sweet black fruit, especially lush smelling for 2014. Signs of barrel complexity, mellowing./ Full fruit, assuaged and complicated by barrel time. Nice degree of Margaux perfumed elegance. Great acidity, melted tannins. Altogether a sophisticated finale. To put to use now, with cellar potential to boot. Kudos. 93/100. List price: \$29.

2. 16 CHATEAU VILLEGEORGE, CRU BOURGEOIS, HAUT MEDOC

21.99 each; 258.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 93: 'From one of the properties owned by Marie-Laure Lurton, this wine is balanced, ripe and full of fruit. A good structure comes from the deep gravel soils. This wine demands aging and should not be drunk before 2023. \$37.' One of only six Chateaux to earn the highest ranking, Cru Exceptionnel, in the original crus bourgeois classification of 1932.

3. 16 CHATEAU COUTET, GRAND CRU, SAINT EMILION

29.99 each; 352.95 case of 12

60% merlot (vines up to 100 yrs. old), 30% cab franc, 7% malbec, 3% cab sauv; aged 18 months in barrique. Splendid face of 2016 Saint Emilion. Silky, refined, reserved, noble, confident. Quietly confirms its pedigree./ The palate is sweeter and fruitier than the nose indicated, which just adds to the wine's complexity and entertainment value. Two ring circus full of outstanding performances. What more could you want? 93+/100.

4. 12 CHATEAU DU COURLAT, LUSSAC SAINT EMILION

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

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

5. 17 CHATEAU SAUMAN, COTES DE BOURG

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

90% merlot, 10% cabernet sauvignon. Full and luxurious for its vintage. Not the first 17 claret to come across that way. A deep, sweet fruited surprise. Actually, one of the richest and best in the series./ Full body and tannin, warmth and amplitude. 91+/100.

6. 16 CHATEAU PETIT FREYLON CUVÉE SARAH, BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

At St. Genis du Bois; 70% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot. Gold Medal - Bordeaux. Lots of purple-black cab sauv fruit. Richly fruited wine with seemingly some seasoned barrel aging influence. Really well put together combo of varieties./ Good cabernet tannin. And the cabernet fruit is fully ripe. Deliciously balanced and overall very, very fine. 91+/100.

7. 18 BERGERAC, CHATEAU LES MIAUDOUX

15.99 each; 187.50 case of 12

Half each merlot, cab sauv. Bountiful and heady in the Taster glass. Rock 'em, sock 'em robot of a Bergerac rouge. Loaded./ Well portrays 2018 black fruit fulfillment. 92/100.

--BORDEAUX - WHITE--

8. 19 CHATEAU BONNET, BORDEAUX BLANC

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

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

9. 16 CHATEAU DU PAVILLON, SAINTE CROIX DU MONT half bottle

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Formerly owned by the Fertals, relatives of a Detroit area wine merchant, du Pavillon has been sold to Olivier Fleury. I've had many a previous vintage to compare to this one, and the style remains consistent and the quality high. Nice, rich, fruity, citrus aroma./ Plus a peachy taste. Fully up to snuff Ste. Croix, rivaling a Sauternes. Mmm. 93+/100.

10. 19 COTES DE GASCOGNE, DOMAINE SAINT LANNES

7.99 each; 93.95 case of 12

Famille Duffour. 80% colombar, 20% gros manseng. A nice cuvee. Colombar crisp, manseng padded. Perfect pitch. Au point even at such a youthful stage. Nice to see this fully fresh./ Plump, round, soft citrus and other tropical fruits. Cool and composed. May even bear a little RS, which is foiled by adequate acidity. Long aftertaste. On the second evening, even more intense tropics aromas and flavors. Yow! 92/100.

--LOIRE--

11. 17 MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE, CHATEAU LA CARIZIERE

11.99 each; 139.95 case of 12

Big, billowing aroma. Has force and depth./ Rich and round, full and suave. Paragon 2017. 92+/100.

12. 18 CHINON CLOS DU SAUT AU LOUP MONOPOLE, DOMAINE DOZON

16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 92: 'Eric Santier created a rich, smoothly textured wine that has benefited from the concentration of the vintage. It is ripe wine full of spicy black-berry flavors. Soft tannins are already integrated into the fruitiness. \$26.'

13. 19 TOURAINE GAMAY LE COEUR DE LA REINE, DOMAINE JACKY MARTEAU

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Oh, delightful. Brighter and crisper than Beaujolais gamay. Bursting with black fruit aromas./ Oh, yes, very juicy black fruit flavors. Gives, gives, gives. Might want to cool it down a little. 91/100.

14. 18 TOURAINE SAUVIGNON, DOMAINE LES LOGES

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Gold Medal - Sauvignon Competition. Whoa! Cat pee on a gooseberry bush! Intense and penetrating./ Loire acidity and clarity. Passion fruit finale, long and lively. 92/100.

15. 19 SANCERRE, DOMAINE CHOTARD

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

14.1%; at Reigny-Crezancy. Riper. Stronger than the other Sancerres in the set. Into a lightly peachy thing like a Pouilly Fume./ Yes, riper and rounder. Almost red fruited. Well balanced. This will wax even larger for many months to come. 92+/100.

--BURGUNDY - RED--

16. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, NICOLAS POTEL

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

Made from parcels in Santenay, Pommard, Volnay, Chambolle-Musigny and Vosne-Romanee (80%) as well as declassified village appellations of Auxey-Duresses and Maranges (20%). Fruit-forward, heart on sleeve Potel styling. Surprisingly powerful in the Taster glass. What starts out 'innocent' gathers richness and depth as it airs. Well, this can't be easily dismissed after all./ Definitely plenty of the dark, plummy pinot elements of the Nuits villages. In back, dry and sapid, with fine tannin that will hold it together while bottle bouquet forms. Value! 92+/100.

17. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, FRANCOIS CARILLON

24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12

From vineyards below Puligny and in Corpeau. A lively, round, red-fruit oriented Cote de Beaune pinot. Carillon's well measured approach. Fruit deepens with aeration. Material and harmony./ Oh, the fruit turns deep and dark on the palate. Wonderful extract, fine tannin, flavor concentration. On and on. The palate is superstar material. Very popular with the group. 92+/100.

18. 18 COTE DE NUITS VILLAGES, DOMAINE GACHOT-MONOT

29.99 each; 352.95 case of 12

At Corgoloin, south of Nuits St. Georges; 40-45 year old vines. Deep, dark, plummy Nuits

pinot nose. Well extracted./ Large in the mouth. Flavors restrained by peel tannins. Altogether power packed Nuits pinot requiring cellaring. This continued to expand throughout the evening, becoming a group favorite. 92+/100.

19. 14 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR RESERVE PERSONNELLE, AEGERTER

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Spicy red and black currants. Sweet and skillfully chaptelized 2014./ Again, currants not cherries. Is it the vintage, or the negociant's style? Good grip and acid. 91+/100.

20. 18 COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS GRANDE RESERVE, LA MAXIMUS

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

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

21. 17 SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE LES PIMENTIERS, DOMAINE ARNOUX PERE

29.99 each; 352.95 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.

22. 18 BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES VIEILLES VIGNES, CLAIRE CHANTES

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Nice looking old fashioned label. Fresh, full, 18 dark. Villages heft. Commendable all around./ Bursting with gamay dark fruit. Cherry berry. Full villages intensity, volume. Exemplary. 93/100.

--BURGUNDY - WHITE--

23. 18 CHABLIS, DOMAINE DROIN

25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12

Big and bold. Tasted right after a very good Muscadet, this wine shows why some call Muscadet the 'poor man's Chablis'. This is monstrous by comparison. Really lots of nostril-filling dry extract and calcaire./ Ample mouthful of feel and flavor to confirm the nasal impressions. Steely acid. Very, very satisfying bulk. Popular with the group. 93/100.

24. 18 BOURGOGNE BLANC, DOMAINE MATROT

23.99 each; 281.95 case of 12

12.5%; vineyard near Meursault; 30 yr. old vines; aged 10 weeks in barrels, 20% new; Daniel Haas selection. The oak is not yet fully integrated. Puts a lid on the fruit and terroir./ Some of that mealy-grainy Meursault character. There's amplitude here. Weight and volume. Potential oak-fruit-bouquet complexity. Good acidity. For its modest alcohol content, this has a lot of presence. I'd be cellaring it. Even some oak tannin. After aeration, the oak seemed to settle in, reported the tasting panel. 92+/100.

25. 19 MACON VILLAGES CHARDONNAY VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE JEAN TOUZOT

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

At Martailly-Les-Brancion. Upon opening, very green appley. Plenty of malic acid. Still on the sharp side in youth./ Yes, acid edge to the extreme. I'd like to give this a chance to round out some. Takes crispness to the limit. Long aftertaste. Well, apparently, this rounded and filled

out further after aeration, because, an hour later, the tasting panel gave it the high marks of a fulfilled wine. Orders taken. 91+/100.

--RHONE/MIDI--

26. 16 COLLINES RHODANIENNES SYRAH CONNIVENCE, VERZIER

21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12

80% barrel aged. Pure, intense, northern syrah perfume brilliance. White pepper, raspberry, lavender. Really very beautiful, cool 2016 varietal ID./ The perfumes carry over to the taste. Really bright, peppery splash and raspberry pastille sweetness and savor. Fine structure and acidity. Outstanding. 93/100.

27. 18 COTES DU RHONE, DOMAINE SAINTE ANNE

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

60% grenache, 30% syrah, 10% cinsault. Wow! Gard fresh and ventilating cool red fruits. Great depth and sweetness of aroma. Lush and lovely. Classic DSA./ Rose and garrigue highlights. Gentle flow. I felt the Villages tasted a couple of weeks back showed more oomph on the palate, not without expectations. Nonetheless, the group was crazy about this DSA too, and it's three bucks cheaper. Plenty of early appeal. 91/100.

28. 18 COTES DU RHONE BLANC, DOMAINE SAINTE ANNE

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Roussanne, marsanne, viognier. Spells these varieties in the relatively cool setting of northern Gard. I imagine these vines are pretty old by now, since this has been the constitution of the blanc for many years. Roussanne peach, marsanne marl, viognier honeysuckle./ Round and medium-full in flavor and body. An harmonious cuvee, with mealworthy vinosity. 91/100.

29. 17 PLAN DE DIEU COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE SAINT DAMIEN

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Rich, ripe, spicy. One large scaled Plan de Dieu from the hands of a Gigondas estate's winemaker. Zesty peppercorns and warm spices./ Sweetness, ripeness, and power met head on by vigorous acidity. Young and ambitious. 92+/100.

30. 18 GIGONDAS, DOMAINE DES PASQUIERS

23.99 each; 281.95 case of 12

75% grenache, 20% syrah, 5% mourvedre. Well, this has gone up three bucks thanks to the 10/19 Trump tariff, but, I'll tell you, it's worth three bucks more than the previous vintage, which was a good one. This is much more lavish, much more Gigondas loaded./ Yeah, it still has the race and dryness of Pasquiers, but it's much more fruit laden than previous vintages. Bravo! Well liked by the group. 93+/100.

31. 18 HERAULT CARIGNAN VIEILLES VIGNES, MONT GRAVET

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

From vines up to 100 years old. That's it! It's got the old vines concentration, the black cherry and cracked peppercorn character. 2018 fruit abundance, form, solidity, contents./ Real mouthful. Well balanced. Taste will spread out further over the coming months. 91+/100.

32. 18 CORBIERES GRAND RESERVE CHATEAU CAMPLONG, VIGNERONS DE CAMPLONG

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Syrah, carignan, grenache. Deep and black. A bushel of blackberries. 2018: I'm lovin' the reds so far. No Med heat. Cool and black fruit. Abundant./ Dry, fruity, serious. Balanced. Fine

tannin. Can be taken to the table. Super generous and good wine. 92/100.

--ALSACE--

33. 18 ALSACE PINOT BLANC, DOMAINE WEINBACH

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

From the Laurence and Clos de Capuchins vineyards. 70% pinot auxerrois, 30% pinot blanc. Weinbach clear and intense. Auxerrois fleshes it out. Mentions of golden delicious apple, green apple, and pear aromas./ Soft acid of the varietals. Auxerrois creaminess. Though the RS is threshold, there were comments on its 'sweetness'. Probably due to mild acidity combined with auxerrois's high glycerol content. Damn good overall. 92/100.

34. 18 ALSACE SYLVANER, DOMAINE WEINBACH

20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

A long-time member of my weekly tasting panel contributes these tasting notes: 'Nose of white fruit, mainly pears, honied pears. Impression carries on the palate with a hint of licorice. A slight spritz was noted. (This was present on the Pinot Blanc tasted last week). Spring water fresh, so clean and clear. With time some peach tones emerged, along with the acidity of a peach versus a pear. A perfectly lovely statement from a workman grape. 93/100.

35. 18 ALSACE GEWURZTRAMINER TRADITION, DOMAINE EMILE BEYER

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

Wine & Spirits 93: 'Based in Eguisheim, Christian Beyer blends this wine from estate-grown grapes as well as purchased fruit. This was a panel favorite, and though it didn't stand out to this critic, the panelists' enthusiasm was pretty convincing, especially when they started bringing up foods to match its sweet dark-toned plum and muscat-spice flavors. One panelist compared it to blueberry honey and suggested a pairing with roast salmon. Another took its dark fruit toward gamey venison sausage or duck prosciutto, speck, jamon Iberico. So, I went back to it the next day and the wine had entered another dimension, the tannins acting like crushed stone, tightening around the sweet fruit, keeping it refreshing and crunchy as its volume continued to expand. \$27.'

--GERMANY/AUSTRIA--

36. 18 OCKFENER BOCKSTEIN RIESLING KABINETT, REVERCHON

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

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

37. 17 BRAUNEBERGER JUFFER RIESLING KABINETT, KARP-SCHREIBER

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Yes, indeed, here's that body and brown earth foundation of the village's and vineyard's best. Tremendous size, acid tingle, full extract buffering the sweetness./ Yes, brown earth, walnut husk, huge extract, and light sweetness in balance. Have always loved this estate's rieslings for their exemplary terroir statement and jaw-breaker dry extract. Great to see them back. 94/100.

38. 17 SCHLOSS VOLLRADS RIESLING

18.99 each; 111.50 case of 6

Estate bottled; medium sweet; Wine Enthusiast 91/100. My notes: Dry and astute Rheingau nose. Not a fruity riesling. Seems tailored for mealtime use./ The palate is medium sweet as promised, and the acid is prominent, racy, and well buffered. Everything fits together well, though this is a little sweeter than the wines the late Graf promoted. The wine reportedly

continued to spread its peacock's tail into the following day. 91+/100.

39. 19 KAMPTAL RIED HASEL GRUNER VELTLINER, BIRGIT EICHINGER

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 93 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Wet pebble and lemon on the nose are shy and subtle. It is on the palate that the salty, savory crushed herb sensations unfurl. There is crushed yarrow and sage dissolved in lemon purity and edged with salty yeast. This is sleek, concentrated, taut and brimming with flavor. \$19.'

--IBERIA--

40. 19 VINHO VERDE ARCA NOVA, QUINTA DAS ARCAS

8.99 each; 103.95 case of 12

Clear and fresh white grape aroma. Translucent even. Ready to serve./ Upon arrival light apple-blossom fermentation residuals. These had faded away by the second day. Crisp and vigorous. Totally fulfilled now. 91+/100.

41. 17 DAO, DHARMA

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

35% each touriga nacional, tinta roriz, 30% alfocheiro. Dry and austere young Dao. Aromas run deep, and reflect dark, superior red grape varieties. Accurate and serious./ More fruit give on the palate. Rounded mouthfeel, sweet fruit texture. Really a helluva Dao for the money. 91/100.

42. 16 RIBEIRO TINTO CLASICO, VINA MEIN

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Wine & Spirits 96: 'Javier Alen was one of the leaders of the renaissance of Ribeiro when he founded Vina Mein in 1988, replanting hillside vineyards with local varieties and sustaining some older parcels that he recently turned over to Dani Landi and Fernando Garcia, the forces behind Comando G in the hills outside of Madrid. The newcomers have shifted the farming toward organic practices and separated out some interesting selections, like this blend of caíno longo, brancellao and a little tintilla, from vines planted in 1935. I had the kind of emotional and physical reaction to this wine that made me question whether it was just the pull of memories, of a summer on the beach in Galicia when I was 12 years old. So, I gave a glass to Rachel DelRocco Terrazzas, our tastings editor, who described it as 'super serious wine—every time I go back to it, I get something different—floral, smoke, chocolate, plum. The way it dissipates in the mouth is like a fairy godmother saying, 'Here's some beautiful wine.' Poof. And then it tingles on and on.' \$35.'

43. 19 CASTILLA Y LEON TEMPRANILLO GRANDE, EL JEFE liter

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

From the estate of the Farina family on the La Meseta plateau south of Toro. Unoaked. Good, full, warm Toro area tempranillo. No overripeness or excess power. Only 12.5%. Wine of place. On the second evening, even deeper and more aromatic./ 19 ease and accessibility. Pure, warm tempranillo fruit. What it wants to be. Long on texture and taste. Really robust for 12.5%. Va, va, voom. 91/100.

44. 19 RUEDA VERDEJO EGEO, ISAAC FERNANDEZ

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

By one of NW Spain's most acclaimed winemakers. That's a fresh one. Sauvignon like lemon with verdejo's added spicy edge./ Yes, juicy acid meets verdejo's glycerol viscosity. Balanced all around. Well crafted. Take it to the table. 91/100.

45. 14 RIOJA RESERVA, BODEGAS LAN

16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12

Tempranillo, mazuelo. 2014 dark fruit, yet surprisingly sweet and supple for the vintage. Attractive and traditional American oak barrel leachings as well as barrel-earned suavity./ Lots of American oak vanillin, char, and dill. Plenty of body. Tannin yet to resolve. I'd be cellaring this 2-3 years. Well liked by the group. 92+/100.

46. 17 MONTSANT SELECCION MAS COLLET, CELLER DE CAPCANES

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

40% garnacha, 40% cab sauv, 20% carignan.. Unique. Pitchy. Large and surging./ 17 moderation. Love the carignan grip and cherry contribution. Balance of power and flow in tune with this wine in this vintage. I prefer it to the 2016. 92/100. List price: \$19.

47. 17 VINO DE MONTANA SIERRA DE GREDOS Y GATA VINEDOS VIEJOS, PENINSULA VINICULTORES

14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12

60% garnacha, 30% pinuela, 10% rufete. Vines 60-90 years old, at 2500-3000 feet. Yields under two tons per acre. 14.5%. Sweet grenache leads the way, beautifully articulated. I'm sure the others are part of this perfectly poised and confident aromatic presentation./ More than just grenache on the palate. Additional flavor and texture contributions of pinuela and rufete, although I can't pinpoint their characteristics. Wears its power well. There's no heat. A worthwhile undertaking, I'd venture. 91/100.

48. 19 ALMANSA LAYA, BODEGAS ATALAYA

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

70% garnacha tintorera, 30% monastrell. Oh, lush, rich, fruity, generous, deep./ Full fruit, power, balance, and lots of acid race. Exemplary new wave Almansa. Carries long on the finish. Wow. By the second day, this had swollen up into a monstrous mouthful of Almansa. 92/100.

49. 18 MALLORCA NEGRE SINCRONIA, MESQUIDA MORA

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Deep, dark essence of black cherry. Pitchy concentration. Unique./ Palate lets up on the pedal a little. Still, this is intense stuff, with well managed tannin, so it makes a balanced presentation. I'm sure it's age-worthy. I'm curious about what sort of bouquet it will achieve. 92+/100.

--ITALY - RED--

50. 15 BAROLO ALASIA, CANTINE ARALDICA

24.99 each; 146.95 case of 6

Aged 3 years in large oak casks. This is sweeter, fuller, and more aromatic than the Barbaresco we tasted last week./ Oh, but there's that tarry core. Overall, more-ish compared to the Barbaresco—including more expensive. And the extra year of cask aging amplifies the experience. Really 2015 fruit laden, which makes it seem 'modern', as well as Barolo built, which marks it 'traditional'. Impressive value, of which the appreciative group took note. 93+/100.

51. 17 BARBERA D'ASTI SUPERIORE LE CROCINE, LENZI

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Nice and approachable 17 nose with ease of an Asti barbera./ Very good dark cherry fruit. Asti barbera come hither qualities. Lovin' it. 92/100.

52. 16 AMARONE, ANTICHE TERRE VENETE**27.99 each; 328.95 case of 12**

Wine Spectator 91: 'A rich red, with creamy tannins and juicy acidity, showing an expressive range of fig cake, sun-dried black cherry, coffee liqueur, dried thyme and smoke flavors. A balanced crowd-pleaser. Drink now through 2027. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. \$45.'

53. 17 TOSCANA ZINGARI, SOC. AGR. PETRA**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Wine Spectator 93 - TOP 100: 'A well of dark cherry, black currant and blackberry fruit makes this red sumptuous and inviting. Fresh earth, thyme and rosemary accents add depth. A mineral element emerges on the long finish. Shows fine balance overall. Merlot, Sangiovese, Petit Verdot and Syrah. Drink now through 2032.'

54. 19 COSTA TOSCANA UNLITRO, AMPELEIA liter**15.99 each; 187.50 case of 12**

Grenache, carignan, mourvedre, sangiovese, alicante bouschet. A complex of mainly red fruits plus the citrus-peel overtones of carignan and sangiovese. This is much more advanced and revealing in youth than the 2018, which was tough and closed at the same age, and I never got to try it again later./ Yes, soft and open red fruit flavors and that citrusy acidity. Now, this vintage can be put to use and reordered before it's sold out! 91/100.

55. 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, PODERI CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA**21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

Oh, yes, extreme and fine fruit and oak as always. And spicier than ever./ Wow, large scaled, and still its fruity self. Great presentation of both fruit and oak. 94/100.

56. 16 BOLGHERI, MICHELETTI**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Real beef and stamina, especially for 16. Very attractive./ That tart and narrow bitters character of a young 16 still. Cellar it. Exceptional price for a Bolgheri. 92+/100.

57. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO LUCANTO, TENUTA TORRE RAONE**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Power, presence, fruit, penetration. Warm and enveloping, spicy./ Yes, warm and savory fruit spread. Fine acidity and overall balance. Light tannin cling. Satisfying mouthful inviting of food. In keeping with the series. Very popular with the group. Orders taken. 92+/100.

58. 15 SALENTO NEGROAMARO, MOTTURA**7.49 each; 87.95 case of 12**

Rich, concentrated, and nicely roasted. Plenty of attractive bouquet developed already./ Sweet and nutty, warm, robust, coming along well. 91/100. List price: \$15.

59. 18 ETNA ROSSO, TENUTA DELLE TERRE NERE**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

From nerellos mascalese & cappucino; yields of 2 tons/acre. Strong and abundant bing and maraschino cherry aromas and a hint of red coffee-bean cherries. Lots of depth and carry-through./ Full bodied, full flavored. Cherry, chocolate, cinnamon, coffee. Lush fruit texture meets drying fine tannins that perform the balancing act. Overall, very substantial and very satisfying mouthful of Etna rosso. With cellar potential. 92+/100.

--ITALY - WHITE--**60. 19 ROERO ARNEIS, AZ. AGR. MALVIRA****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

That's an elegant, completely formed, and crystal clear arneis aroma. Light stone fruit and flowers./ Bright acidity and citricity on the palate. Not one of the more viscous ones, this is dry, clear, lithe, engaging, and refreshing. 92/100.

61. 19 ALTO ADIGE PINOT GRIGIO, PETER ZEMMER**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Tasting Panel: 92 'From estate vineyards in the Cortina area of the Dolomites. Shy at first, its aromas take their time to emerge, but once they do, sweet apple and white flowers are particularly lovely. The steely, slaty, and floral nature of the palate encompasses mouthwatering notes of peach. The crisp, full-bodied character dominates with high-toned acidity from mid-palate to finish.'

62. 19 ORVIETO SECCO VIGNARCO, IL PALAZZONE**10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12**

Well, oh yeah. This one has it! Superior to the 2017 and 2018. The round, fruity amalgam of lemon curd and lemon peel. Next day, lemongrass and verbena come out./ Great acid verve! With softly padded underlayment. Definition of Orvieto Secco. A Sally Scheer favorite. 91/100.

--INTERNATIONAL--**63. 17 TOKAJI LATE HARVEST, ROYAL TOKAJ WINE COMPANY half liter****18.99 each; 111.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 93; Tasting Panel 94: 'Scents of orange blossom; fresh and bright, with a creamy texture and crisp flavors of apricot and orange. Sweet but balanced, with just enough tangy acidity.'

64. 18 SANTORINI ASSYRTIKO, SANTO**22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 95 - BEST BUY: 'Founded in 1947, this cooperative has some 1,200 grower-members, giving winemaker Nikos Varvarigos access to a wide variety of terroirs. For this cuvee, he prioritized fruit from Pirgos and Imerovigli, two of the highest points on the island, where the grapes ripen more slowly. This was particularly relevant in 2018, the earliest harvest he'd ever seen in his 33 years of winemaking. Vinified in stainless steel and left 14 months on its lees, it's a lush, expansive Santorini, from its sunny lemon scents to its mouthfilling texture. The flavors are ripe, from pineapple to golden raisin, yet they're balanced by a strong mineral impression, like the scent of hot sand. It holds its form and flavors for days after the bottle is opened, the powerful structure promising that this will just get more complex with age. Whenever you open it, make sure you have some lamb or meaty fish on hand.'

--U.S. - RED--**65. 17 RODNEY STRONG SONOMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 92 - BEST BUY: 'A youthful, structured, savory red, it's hard to believe this wine is priced at \$22. (At W&S, we assign scores with no knowledge of prices unless they are \$20 or under). We opened this wine on a Thursday and by Saturday, it was still tight and firm, with juicy black-currant flavors and scents of herbs. As of Monday, it felt sumptuous and rich. Paige Dana of Cut in Beverly Hills tasted it that day and described the flavors as 'a bowl of super-juicy, dark, yummy fruit before it goes overripe.' This is not a complex wine with a lot of depth, but it is pretty extraordinary to find such delicious drinking for a third of what you might be asked to pay for a cabernet of equal stature.'

**66. 18 LONG MEADOW RANCH FARMSTEAD NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12

13.5%. Well, this is what I like about LMR Napa Valley wines. They don't try to put the pedal to the metal like the 'bigger is better' tony-investor crowd. This is Napa Valley class fruit at a sensible level of alcohol and oak influence. It's not old time, but neither is it bombastic./ I like the acid, the harmony, the medium weight, and the food-worthiness. And the price! 92+/100.

67. 17 STACK HOUSE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

37.99 each; 223.50 case of 6

80% cab sauv, 13% petit verdot, 7% merlot. 23 months in French oak, 55% new. Big, dense, dark, northern Napa rich./ Class oak and sweet mid to high Valley cabernet style. All about Napa Valley distinction. 94+/100.

68. 17 SHADY LANE ESTATE LEELANAU PENINSULA CABERNET FRANC

19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12

Lovely, lovely thing. Extraordinary varietal clarity in a northern setting. Red raspberry and cranberry./ Flavors confirm. Seems some oak embellishments too, adding to the entertainment value. Great acid and race. Wholly ripe enough at a modest alcohol level. 92+/100.

69. 18 AVERAEN WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12

Dark fruited, racy, and uniquely spicy version of Willamette pinot. And well priced! That special spicy component is even more prominent on the palate. I suppose it's oak endowed. I'll be stocking this one.. 92/100.

70. 18 PALI RIVIERA VINEYARD SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 93 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'This fantastic value is primarily sourced from the winery's estate plus another small family vineyard in Sonoma Coast. Intense, fresh and pristine aromas of boysenberry meet with cocoa on the nose. The palate delivers the same berry intensity atop a strong splash of acidity. \$25.'

71. 18 CHRONIC CELLARS SUITE PETITE PASO ROBLES PETITE SIRAH

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 91 - BEST BUY: 'Aromas of strawberry and boysenberry meet with smoked beef, violet and tar on the nose of this bottling, which includes 11% Syrah. Char and tar flavors are brushed with more elegant purple-flower and black-plum tones on the balanced palate. \$15.'

72. 18 LAPIS LUNA NORTH COAST ZINFANDEL

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Pauli Ranch, Mendocino. 10 months in French oak barrels, 10% new. Impressive depth of aroma. And black fruit. Plus power and intensity. Mendocino style zinfandel./ Real texture, third dimension. Really delivers the goods for the price. Wine of place and extra quality. 92/100.

73. 17 TERRA D'ORO OLD VINES DEEVER VINEYARD AMADOR ZINFANDEL

23.99 each; 139.95 case of 6

Vines planted in 1881. Heavy Bottle Award. More power than the label suggests (14.5%). Old vines depth and concentration. That Amador singed fruit quality. American oak char, vanillin, and dill nuances./ Ample mouthful. Super ripe, rich, and long lasting. Youthful,

muscular, finely tannic. Definite cellar candidate. 92+/100.

--U.S. - WHITE--

74. 19 JOEL GOTT CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANC

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Tasting Panel 92; Wine Spectator 92: 'The lemon blossom, Asian pear, lime sherbet and candied orange peel notes are pure, fragrant, silky smooth and juicy, with intensity and a lift of freshness on the finish from a lemon verbena accent.'

75. 15 LUTUM GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12

Vinous 94: 'The 2015 Chardonnay Gap's Crown Vineyard is bold and authoritative in style, with serious depth and phenolic intensity. Broad and ample on the palate, the Gap's Crown has an almost Pinot-like sense of structure and breadth. Ripe orchard fruit, butter, smoke and apricot pit infuse this super-expressive, virile Chardonnay from Lutum. This is a fabulous wine by any measure. Drink now-2023. \$50.'

76. 17 SCHEID FAMILY ESTATE DISTRICT 7 MONTEREY CHARDONNAY

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Plump for Monterey. Likely from Santa Lucia Highlands rather than the valley floor. Malo here for sure. Turns that Monterey citricity from lemon juice to lemon curd./ GREAT Monterey acidity, along with compelling richness. Balance and largesse. Wow! 92/100.

77. 19 CLINE FARMHOUSE CALIFORNIA WHITE

9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12

Palomino, marsanne, roussanne, viognier, muscat. Oh, boy. Fresh, variegated spread of varietal aromas. Just the right combo of richness and aromatic lift. What it is./ Suave, mellow, flowing, fruitful. Eminently well crafted and well balanced. Fine acidity. There it is! Wide appeal. 91/100

78. 18 OWEN ROE CORVIDAE COLUMBIA VALLEY RIESLING

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Nice, subtle, pointed, floral northern riesling take. Well crafted./ Peach-apricot, white flowers. Tender sweetness with acidity to counter. Very well made indeed. Entices, beguiles. 91/100.

--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--

79. 18 BODEGAS GRAFFIGNA ESTATE SAN JUAN MALBEC

8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12

Est. 1870. San Juan sweet and spicy aromas. Spot on San Juan malbec. Well balanced at 13.7%. Plenty of allure./ Full flavored, generous, round, enticing. Acid a bit coated, but who cares?! What it is. A deal. 91/100.

80. 18 BODEGA COLOME AUTENTICO CALCHAGUI VALLEY MALBEC

20.99 each; 123.50 case of 6

Vinous 93: 'Bright ruby. Pungent, high-toned aromas of blackberry, minerals and licorice. Thick and mouthfilling but leavened by terrific penetrating acidity. The dark berry, wild herb, licorice and chalky mineral flavors are complemented by a chocolatey ripeness. Sweet, plush tannins saturate the entire palate, with the finish displaying explosive length. Very strong, very pure and very smooth; expressive and unique. The Davalos family, owners of Bodega Tacuil, also owned Colome before selling the property to Donald Hess in 2001. (this wine, made without any oak contact, represents a tribute to the old RD bottling of Bodega Tacuil). Drink

now-2028. \$30.'

81. 19 MATETIC EQ COASTAL CASABLANCA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Parker 93: 'Matetic's Sauvignon Blanc has a great quality/price ratio, and even the top-of-the-range 2019 EQ Coastal Sauvignon Blanc sells for under \$20. They want a Sauvignon for the table, one that combines freshness and volume. They fermented part of it in used barrels and concrete, and it matured with the lees for four months in barrique and concrete eggs. This is more restrained-not as aromatic, less herbal-but the palate is terribly juicy and mineral, focused and makes you salivate. It should work wonders with modern Peruvian gastronomy. Drink now-2024.'

82. 19 SPY VALLEY SATELLITE MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

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

83. 18 YALUMBA Y SERIES SOUTH AUSTRALIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 92 - BEST BUY: 'Yalumba's everyday reds tend to have a brightness and approachability about them, and this latest Cab doesn't disappoint. The nose is a lovely combo of currant and red berry backed by graphite, eucalyptus and large helpings of spice. The palate feels a touch warm on the alcohol front. It's bone-dry and cinched by raspy tannins, the fruit taking a back seat to lovely layers of texture and tannin. An excellent intro to South Aussie Cabernet. Drink now-2028. \$14.'

84. 18 INNOCENT BYSTANDER YARRA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12

Very nice, cool climate pinot statement of cherry and tar. Racy. Good oak embellishments. Stands its ground in this company./ Yes, racy, flavorful, and altogether spot on Yarra pinot. Warm, rich finish. So well conceived and composed. 93/100.

85. 19 STORM POINT SWARTLAND CHENIN BLANC

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Good and fresh, melony and padded./ Yes, fresh and varietal, low key. Pleasing mineral salts on finish. 91/100.

--ROSE--

86. 19 BARNARD GRIFFIN COLUMBIA VALLEY SANGIOVESE ROSE

10.49 each; 123.50 case of 12

Red-orange color./ As always, special, unique. Fresh, crisp, red fruited, especially cherry and cranberry./ Yes, full of fruit dazzle. Just right. Well crafted. 92/100.

87. 19 COTES DU RHONE ROSE NYMPHEA, DOMAINE LES APHILLANTHES

12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12

Organically grown at Travaillon; 50% grenache, 40% cinsault, 7% mourvedre, 3% counoise. Very bright and uplifting. I applaud the high cinsault content. It elevates the wine beyond its sweet strawberry grenache basis./ Well, the grenache sweetness sets the direction. Everything else falls in line for an harmonious and thoroughly pleasing presentation. Enough acidity for balance. Fulfilled; take it to the table now. 92/100.

88. 19 RIOJA ALAVESA ROSADO, BODEGAS OSTATU

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

Full scarlet color./ Well, isn't this pretty in pink. Strawberry chiffon. Vanilla-dipped strawberries./ After the gentle nose, surprising brisk and racy on the palate. Unique and harmonious. Sandy Alavesa is great rose country. Very popular with the group; case orders taken. 91/100.

--FORTIFIED/FRUIT--

89. PATRAS MAVRODAFNE DEUS, CAVINO

6.99 each; 39.95 case of 6

15%. Sweet and raisiny. Christmas pudding. Yes./ Oh, yeah. Sweetness, power, spice. Better than ever. Bargain. 93/100.

90. 14 GRAHAM'S LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORTO bottled 2016

22.99 each; 134.95 case of 6

Wine Enthusiast 92 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Perfumed and elegant, following the Graham house style, this is a balanced Port. It is poised between sweetness and a core of dryness both from tannins and restrained fruitiness. Being a Late Bottled Vintage, it can be drunk now, although it is likely it will be even better from 2021.'

91. CAPPELLETTI TRENTINO - ALTO ADIGE VINO APERITIVO

16.99 each; 99.95 case of 6

Sweet and surging red fruits and vermouth botanicals./ Wow, sweet and mouthfilling. Rich, spicy fruit. Sweet-bitter harmony at close. 97/100.

92. PRIORAT NATUR VERMUT

23.99 each; 139.95 case of 6

Wine Enthusiast 96: 'Ruddy orange in hue, this Catalonia vermouth offers earthy aromas. The deep, intriguing palate has plenty of bittersweet interplay, flitting between hints of melon and white floral freshness to orange peel and almond bitterness, accented with rosemary and vanilla. Complex and delicious. \$31.'

93. LE BRUN CIDRE DE BRETAGNE BRUT, CIDRES BIGOUD

7.99 each; 93.95 case of 12

5.5%. Full color./ Classic Bretagne pie apples aroma./ And taste. Classic. Soft brut. Really appealing. Hint of cinnamon. 92/100.

--SPARKLING--

94. J. M. LABRUYERE GRAND CRU PROLOGUE BRUT CHAMPAGNE

44.99 each; 264.50 case of 6

VERY sophisticated. Decidedly Grand Cru class, lofty aspirations./ Richness without heaviness. Superb balance. A dynamic Champagne. 95/100.

95. THARSYS DOMINIO & PAGO CAVA ROSE BRUT

9.99 each; 117.50 case of 12

Most cavas come from the Penedes are of southern Catalunya. This one's from Utiel-Requena. Liked by many TG Champagne Brunch attendees. I can see that. Lots of aromatic interest. And body./ Plus a bottle lees aspect at the finish. And it is properly brut dry. Good product. 91/100.

96. LUNA NUDA PROSECCO TREVISO

13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12

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

97. CARTIZZE VALDOBBIADENE SUPERIORE, CANTINE UMBERTO BORTOLOTTI

22.99 each; 269.95 case of 12

Cartizze DOCG is the tip of the Prosecco quality pyramid. Sweet and gentle on the nose. The mousse is very fine, and the glera aroma of apple, and even baked apple in a Cartizze, is spot on. Impressive bottle bouquet and personality. Fine character overall. Really top drawer prosecco./As usual, Cartizze is more extra dry than brut. Good acidity performs a balancing act, and the extra fine mousse lifts it above the fray. A classy prosecco. 93/100. List price: \$30.

--POTPOURRI--

98. BELL'S TWO HEARTED ALE 12 oz bottle

1.59 each; 17.95 case of 12 plus Deposit .10 each; 1.20 case of 12

Wine Enthusiast 97: 'With an assertive hop character that does not sacrifice the malt, there is a reason this is one of the more celebrated IPAs in the country. It's heavy in pine sap on the aroma and flavor, with a handful of fresh needles mixed in for good measure. The caramel malt comes through in a soft, bready, way and a little bit of dried citrus in the overall dry finish makes this an old-school IPA in the best way.'

99. FULVI LAZIO PECORINO ROMANO pound

5.99 each; 17.50 case of 3

Wiki: 'A cheese variety of what might be considered the earliest form of today's Pecorino Romano was first created in the countryside around Rome, its method of production being described by Latin authors such as Varro and Pliny the Elder about 2,000 years ago. Its long-term storage capacity led to it be used for marching Roman legions' rations. A daily ration of 27 grams was established to be given to the legionaries, as a supplement to the bread and farro soup. This cheese gave back strength and vigor to tired soldiers, giving them a high-energy food that was easy to digest.' Our supplier's special price this month gives me the opportunity to sell this sheep's milk cheese to members at what is its normal wholesale price.

100. LA PANZANELLA MINI CROCCANTINI CRACKERS 6 oz box

3.19 each; 8.95 case of 3

'Ours is a story of sharing. It began more than two decades ago at the La Panzanella Bakery & Deli, a bustling neighborhood cafe in Seattle. There, we first baked our crackers following the Italian tradition of using fresh local ingredients. We named them Croccantini, which means 'crunchy little bite' in Italian. These are so popular among walk-in wine buyers at VC that I thought I ought to let Wine Club members in on the secret.