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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.
3. Add the taxable amounts (non-tax items are marked NO TAX) in the Cost column and write that amount at TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL at the end of the order form.
4. Multiply the TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL by .06 to get the 6% Sales Tax amount.
5. Add the NO TAX amounts in the Cost column and write that amount at NON-TAXABLE SUB-TOTAL.
6. Add the two SUB-TOTALs, Sales Tax, Bottle Deposit, if applicable, (indicated +DEP on order form) and write that amount at ORDER TOTAL.
7. Order forms must be accompanied by full payment of ORDER TOTAL by cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express.
8. Order forms and full payment must be received by Village Corner by **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. 15 REFLETS DU CH CISSAC, HA MEDOC	16.79	197.50/12		
2. 18 CH FOURCAS DUPRE, CBS, LISTRAC	19.99	234.95/12		
3. 18 BLASON DU CH D'ISSAN, MARGAUX	33.99	199.95/6		
4. 16 CH PICQUE CAILLOU, PESSAC LEOGNAN	27.99	164.50/6		
5. 16 CH MAYNE VIEIL, FRONSAC	16.99	199.95/12		
6. 18 CH MARJOSSE, BORDEAUX	14.99	176.50/12		
7. 19 CAHORS, CLOS LA COUTALE	15.79	184.95/12		
8. 19 CH HAUT PASQUET, BORD BLANC	13.99	164.50/12		
9. 16 PETIT GUIRAUD, SAUTERNES hf bot	16.99	99.95/6		
10. 20 C DU GASCOGNE, CASSAGNOLES	8.49	99.95/12		
11. 20 MUSCADET, LA BRETONNIERE	12.99	152.95/12		
12. 18 ANJOU ROUGE RELIEFS, SOUCHERIE	20.99	246.95/12		
13. 20 VAL DE LOIRE SAUV UNIQUE, SALVARD	14.99	176.50/12		
14. 20 SANCERRE LA CHATELLENIE SILEX, ME	23.99	281.95/12		
15. 18 POMMARD TROIS FOLLOTS, A LEFAS	36.99	217.50/6		
16. 19 MERCUREY CLOS DE PERRI CHAMILLY	29.99	176.50/6		
17. 18 BOURG PINOT NOIR, CH DE CHAMILLY	20.99	246.95/12		
18. 19 BEAUJOLAIS, DOM DUPEUBLE	14.99	176.50/12		
19. 18 MORGON GC CORCELETTE, PERRACH	16.99	199.95/12		
20. 18 CHABLIS MONTEE DE TONNERRE 1C, SE	33.99	199.95/6		
21. 18 MERCUREY BL MARGOTONS, MOINES	27.99	164.50/6		
22. 19 MACON VILL VV, DE LA VERPAILLE	15.79	184.95/12		
23. 19 SAVOIE JACQUERE, JEAN VULLIEN	13.99	164.50/12		
24. 16 ST JOSEPH TERROIR GRANIT, G FARGE	25.49	299.95/12		

25. 19 COTES DU RHONE, FAMILLE LAVAU	11.49	134.95/12		
26. 18 CDR VILL'ENCLAVE JASSINE, BIELER P	12.99	152.95/12		
27. 18 GIGONDAS TRAD, DE FONT-SANE	20.99	246.95/12		
28. 19 CDPCUVEE TRAD, BERTHET-RAYNE	31.99	374.95/12		
29. 19 COSTIERES DE NIMES, CLARION ANGES	8.49	99.95/12		
30. 17 VAR PNOIR VALMOISSINE, LLATOIR	14.99	176.50/12		
31. 20 PICPOUL, MONTAGNAC DOMITIENNE	12.99	152.95/12		
32. 18 ALSACE PINOT GRIS CLASSIC, HUGEL	11.99	139.95/12		
33. 15 ALSACE RIES SCHOENENBOURG GC, P S	39.99	234.95/6		
34. 18 ALSACE MUSCAT RES, FREY-SOHLER	15.79	184.95/12		
35. 18 SCHARZ G LAGE RIES KAB, KESSELS	21.99	258.50/12		
36. 18 RHEINGAU RIES KAB R, A KESSELER	16.79	197.50/12		
37. 20 PFALZ WEISSBURGUNDER TR, BR liter	16.79	197.50/12		
38. 20 PFALZ EST RIES TR, BASSERMANN-JOR	18.99	223.50/12		
39. 19 KREMSTAL GRU V PER DUE, H MOSER	13.99	164.50/12		
40. 20 VINHO VERDE FAMEGA, DE CERCA	6.99	81.95/12		
41. 85 DAO PORTA DOS CAVALEIROS, S J	39.99	234.95/6		
42. 16 TEJO RESERVA, CABECA DE TOIRO	11.49	134.95/12		
43. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO TERRAS GAUDA	15.79	184.95/12		
44. 18 BIERZO MENCIA ST JACQUES, R PEREZ	18.99	223.50/12		
45. 20 RIOJA ALAVESA COSECHA, DE LUBERRI	12.99	152.95/12		
46. 17 RIOJA RESERVA, BODEGAS MUGA	24.99	293.95/12		
47. 18 CAMPO DE BORJA, ARAGONESAS	8.49	99.95/12		
48. 17 MONTST L'EFECTE VOLADOR, J GRAU	15.79	184.95/12		
49. 17 ALMANSA LAYA, BODEGAS ATALAYA	8.49	99.95/12		
50. 16 BARBARESCO, MAURO VEGLIO	24.99	293.95/12		
51. 19 LANGHE NEBBIOLO, FRANCO SERRA	13.99	164.50/12		
52. 20 ALTO ADIGE SCHIAVA, ELENA WALCH	14.99	176.50/12		
53. 17 VERONA CAMPOFIORIN, MASI	16.99	199.95/12		
54. EMILIA LAMBRUSCO MONTELOCCO, BALD	14.99	176.50/12		
55. 18 CHIANTI, CONTEA DI LUCA	8.49	99.95/12		
56. 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, SOC. AGR. DIAVOLE	16.79	197.50/12		
57. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, ROSATI	8.49	99.95/12		
58. 18 AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE GRICOS, . GRI	13.99	164.50/12		
59. 18 SICILIA NERO D'AVOLA ACANTEO, CIVIAS	11.49	134.95/12		
60. 19 ROERO ARNEIS RENESIO, MALVIRA	20.99	246.95/12		
61. 19 FRIULI PINOT GRIGIO, CONTI	9.79	114.95/12		
62. 05 VIN SANTO CHIANTI RUFINA, VETRICE hi	29.99	176.50/6		
63. 20 VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO, CALCI	15.79	184.95/12		

64. 20 SANNIO TABURNO FALANGHINA, FRAT	15.79	184.95/12		
65. 19 SICILIA CATARRATTO DEL MASSO, MO	18.99	223.50/12		
66. 19 PODRAVJE FURMINT SIPON, KABAL EST	13.99	164.50/12		
67. 20 ATTIKA SAVATIANO, MYLONAS	14.99	176.50/12		
68. 18 BOOKWALTER READERS BLEND CAB	21.99	258.50/12		
69. 18 A X R NAPA VALLEY RED	37.99	223.50/6		
70. 19 BONTERRA CALIFORNIA MERLOT	12.99	152.95/12		
71. MI VINTNER BLACK LABEL RESERVE RED	5.99	69.95/12		
72. 18 CHALK HILL EST SONOMA COAST PN	18.99	223.50/12		
73. 19 MCMANIS FAMILY ES LODI PINOT NOIR	11.49	134.95/12		
74. 17 MARIETTA EST CHRISTO N COAST RED	18.99	223.50/12		
75. 18 TERRA D'ORO AMADOR BARBERA	15.79	184.95/12		
76. 18 ANCIENT PEAKS S MARGAR RANCH ZIN	16.79	197.50/12		
77. 19 MASON YOUNT MILL VYD NAPA SAUVI BL	14.99	176.50/12		
78. 19 RAYMOND R COLL LOT 3 CA CHARD	11.49	134.95/12		
79. 19 NEYERS 304 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY	23.99	279.95/12		
80. 20 CH FONTAINE LEELANAU PINOT GRIS	11.49	134.95/12		
81. 17 ST. INNOCENT FREEDOM WV PINOT BL	15.79	184.95/12		
82. 19 LA POSTA PIZZELLA UCO VY MALBEC	13.99	164.50/12		
83. 19 APALTAGUA RES APALTA CARMENERE	11.49	134.95/12		
84. 19 ECHO BAY MARLBOROUGH SAUV BLANC	12.99	152.950/12		
85. 18 INNOCENT BYSTANDER YARRA P N	18.99	223.50/12		
86. 20 VASSE F FILIUS MARGARET RIV CHARD	19.99	117.50/6		
87. 18 BABYLONSTOREN SIMONSB- PAARL RED	12.99	152.95/12		
88. 20 TAVEL, PRIEURE DE MONTEZARGUES	19.99	234.95/12		
89. 20 C D'AIX EN PROV ROSE SABINE, BIELER	12.99	152.95/12		
90. 20 NIEDER. BLAUER Z ROSE TRN, BRUNN li	12.99	152.95/12		
91. VALDESPINO PALO CORTADO SHERRY	27.99	82.50/3		
92. 13 A CLOUET BOUZY GC DREAM VINT BRUT	44.99	264.50/6		
93. CREMANT D'ALSACE BRUT. J CATTIN	12.99	152.95/12		
94. 18 MARI SIMPLICISSIMUS OMP SP RIES	23.99	139.95/6		
95. PILSNER URQUELL f4-pk 16 oz cans + DEP	6.49	37.95/6		
95. deposit	.40	2.40/6		
96. ZOE EV SP OLIVE OIL 3 liter tin NO TAX	24.99	73.50/3		
97. LCTH RUTLAND RED LEICESTER lb NO TAX	3.99	15.50/4		
98. PILLER'S SALAMI WHIPS 3.5 oz pkg NO TAX	3.19	18.50/6		
99. GLP CO SM GARLIC DILL 32 oz jar NO TAX	5.99	17.50/3		
100. D'ARBO ROSEHIP SPREAD 16 oz NO TAX	4.49	12.95/3		

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# ANN ARBOR WINE CLUB

September , 2021

## 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 **SUNDAY** 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 and American Express accepted; include address, phone, card number, expiration date and security code. Orders may be hand-delivered, mailed, FAXed (995-1826) or placed online (link at <https://villagecorner.com/clubs/index.html>), no call-in orders, please.

**ORDER PICK-UP.** No pick-ups before **SUNDAY**, 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 **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FORWARD.**

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

### --BORDEAUX - RED--

#### 1. 15 REFLETS DU CHATEAU CISSAC, HAUT MEDOC

**16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Second wine of cru bourgeois Chateau Cissac; first time in the market; Familie Vialard; at Cissac west of Pauillac; 70% cab sauv, 22% merlot, 8% petit verdot. This shows significant barrel aging impact for a second wine. 2015 warmth and openness, assisted by time in cooperage./ Yes, indeed, barrel time and extracts are well into play here. Both oak and fruit tannins. A sleeper for the cellar. 92+/100.

#### 2. 18 CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE, CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR, LISTRAC

**19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12**

Highest vineyards of the Left Bank; on gravel; 46% cab sauv, 44% merlot, 9% cab franc, 1% petit verdot; aged a year in barrels, 1/3 new. The new oak surely shows, and it's a positive influence in terms of both aromatic complexity and textural range. Another serious 2018 Haut Medoc with AOC class, distinction, and cellar-worthiness. Wow./ Full and complex feel and flavor spreads on the palate. Overwhelming group favorite. Case orders taken. It's rare to find under \$20 clarets with such aging potential. 93+/100.

#### 3. 18 BLASON DU CHATEAU D'ISSAN, MARGAUX

**33.99 each; 199.95 case of 6**

Second wine of 3me Grand Cru d'Issan; from younger vines; 52% cab sauv, 48% merlot; aged 16 months in barrels, 1/3 new. Ah, that special Margaux perfume coupled with yet another example of skillful application of new barrels. This is gentler, lusher, more 2018 fruit abundant. A top drawer second wine./ Yes, Margaux velvet textured as well as violet perfumed. Superior to what was labeled the Grand Vin a couple of generations back. Tannin to spare for cellaring as well. 94+/100.

#### 4. 16 CHATEAU PICQUE CAILLOU, PESSAC LEOGNAN

**27.99 each; 164.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 92 - CELLAR SELECTION: 'This beautifully balanced wine is rich and stylish. Classic black currant flavors enhanced by judicious wood aging have a smoky edge as well as fresh fruitiness and the potential for richness as the wine develops. Drink from 2023. \$40.'

#### 5. 16 CHATEAU MAYNE VIEIL, FRONSAC

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

All merlot; 35 year old vines; 10% barrel aged; Gold Medal - Paris. That's really sleek, purple, linear merlot claret of 2016. Fronsac solidity, forthright-ness. Barrel modulation too./ Yes, this all adds up. Full Fronsac tannins as always in this Chateau's wines. Reveals everything that makes up its background, Wine of place, time, variety, upbringing. Mentally stimulating. Sensual gratification postponed. 92+/100.

#### 6. 18 CHATEAU MARJOSSE, BORDEAUX

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

At Tizac de Curton; Pierre Lurton, proprietor; 80% merlot, 15% cab sauv, 7% cab franc, 3% malbec; aged a year in barrels, half new. Dark red violet./ Whoa! This is rich and serious stuff for its humble AOC. A 2018 fruit and oak bomb full of merlot lush interior, contained within an oaky framework. Huge bang for the buck, if you are appreciative of 'modern' claret./ Palate is no holds barred as well. The power is an assist. The acid is not wanting either. And there's fine grained tannin. Unabashed bargain. 92+/100.

#### 7. 19 CAHORS, CLOS LA COUTALE

**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Est 1895; 80% malbec, 20% merlot; 25 year old vines. Sweet fruited in the 2019 mode, which features a gentler approach than 2018 SW France rouges. Perfectly in tune, harmonious, confident./ Good tartness, astringency, and fine tannin to foil the fruit forward Coutale style. Fits the mold. Orders taken. 91+/100.

### --BORDEAUX - WHITE--

#### 8. 19 CHATEAU HAUT PASQUET, BORDEAUX BLANC

**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

At Escoussan. The 2014 was 40% each semillon, sauvignon blanc, 20% muscadelle. Oh, I think the muscadelle has a lot of presence this vintage too. It's green and musky all right. Sauvignon throws in gooseberry, citrus, and soft tropical fruits. Semillon gives oomph./ Yes, semillon weight and viscosity on the palate, complementing the others' lively flavor display. The body and delivery of a Graves. What it's all about. 92/100.

#### 9. 16 PETIT GUIRAUD DE CHATEAU GUIRAUD, SAUTERNES half bottle

**16.99 each; 99.95 case of 6**

Pineapple and honey. Tres Guiraud./ Quite sweet. Honey, pineapple, and husk. Not the most luscious vintage of this second wine, it shows the property's relatively high sauvignon blanc content. For fans of racy rather than sticky Sauternes. 92+/100.

#### 10. 20 COTES DU GASCogne, DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES

**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

50% colombar, 25% each ugni blanc, gros manseng. Well, that's a bright and fruity, juicy young exhibit. Lots of push and nice cushion./ Oh, what a burst of flavor! Soft up front, with sneaky acidity creeping in from behind. Well balanced blanc of wide appeal. Its perennial fan base will be pleased. 91/100.

**--LOIRE--**

**11. 20 MUSCADET DE SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE,  
DOMAINE DE LA BRETONNIERE**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

35 year old vines on green gneiss over clay; aged 6 months on lees in concrete cisterns. Full of mossy greenery, damp forest floor. Ideal./ Full feel and flavor in harmony with nose. Good acid and a tender muscadet core. Classic. Very popular with the group. Orders taken. 91+/100.

**12. 18 ANJOU ROUGE RELIEFS, CHATEAU SOUCHERIE**

**20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

55 year old cabernet franc; aged in amphorae. Now the REAL Soucherie stands up! Wow. This is old vines concentration. This is Anjou cab franc beauty. Even that cherished violets highlight. What a wow nose!./ Yeah, sweet red raspberry core with a solid peels extract framework that includes manageable fine tannin. Nose is a go; palate says cellar a year or two. 93+/100.

**13. 20 VAL DE LOIRE SAUVIGNON UNIQUE, DOMAINE SALVARD**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Oh, this is sharp, zingy, tropical, penetrating. Best vintage yet./ Yes, the cut and the padding combined. Big time spiel and flavor intensity. 93/100.

**14. 20 SANCERRE LA CHATELLENIE SILEX, MELLOT**

**23.99 each; 281.95 case of 12**

That"s really zesty and penetrating. Sharp citrus sting./ Oh, and very tangy on the palate too. Tangelo flavor. To the max. 93/100.

**--BURGUNDY - RED--**

**15. 18 POMMARD LES TROIS FOLLOTS, DOMAINE AUBERT LEFAS**

**36.99 each; 217.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 92/100. My notes: Jolly red ruby color./ Rightly Pommard plump. Oak framing contains it. Well crafted./ Sweet, red-fruited Cote de Beaune with Pommard generosity. Its power complements the overall presentation. I'll bet this will cellar well--mid term, rather than long term. Bargain priced for a vineyard-designate Pommard these days. 93+/100.

**16. 19 MERCUREY CLOS DE PERRIERE MONOPOLE, CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY**

**29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6**

Est 17th century; vineyard in the heart of the village; vines 40-70 years old; aged 12 months in barrels. Oh, that's a dazzling black fruit Mercurey pinot display. If this is what forthcoming 2019 red burgundies are all about, we're in for a treat! So racy, so spicy, so fruity, and barrel complexed too./ The palate is equally stimulating. Great flavor and texture intensity, great acidity, fine grained tannin. Complete package. The group agreed. 94+/100.

**17. 18 BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR, CHATEAU DE CHAMILLY**

**20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

Dark color./ Very rich, with a hearty Chalonnaise rusticity. Oh, boy, this really packs the goods. Deep, dark Mercurey like fruit./ Yes, husky and well packed. Might as well be a Mercurey. Clearly the best vintage in the series. Long and finely tannic. Got to have it. 93+/100.

**18. 19 BEAUJOLAIS, DOMAINE DUPEUBLE**

**14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

The first evening, this was served at room temperature, and it had plenty of rightful gamay ID. It was cooled down for the second evening, and that made for more refreshment at no loss of aromatics./ Just right fruit sweetness modulated by great acidity. What more could one ask for in Beaujolais mealtime cooperation? 91/100.

**19. 18 MORGON GRAND CRU CORCELETTE, LAURENT PERRACHON**

**16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

Bright and deep 'griottes' Morgon aroma. Morgon large too./ Yeah, this has village character and fortitude. Unique take. 92+/100.

**--BURGUNDY - WHITE--**

**20. 18 CHABLIS MONTEE DE TONNERRE 1ER CRU, DOMAINE SERVIN**

**33.99 each; 199.95 case of 6**

Vinous 93+: 'The 2018 Chablis Montee de Tonnerre 1er Cru shows more structure and power than the other premiers crus in this range. Phenolic and savory, the 2018 is endowed with a real sense of energy and richness. The 2018 was bottled just two weeks before this tasting and is showing some element of angularity. Even so, it is impressive. Drink 2022-2033.'

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

**27.99 each; 164.50 case of 6**

Est 1130. Heavy Bottle Award. Rather solemn, if Mercurey weighty at the start. Good barrel impact lurks. A promising opening round for this contender./ Full and rich in the mouth. Oak, lees, fruit, and barrel elevation all in tune. At this point, I'd want to lay this down a spell. It has mighty impressive mass but warrants some cellar time to earn the breadth and depth to complete a 3D presentation. Pretty awesome, latent package. The fullest bodied white burgundy I've tasted this year. 93+/100.

**22. 19 MACON VILLAGES VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE DE LA VERPAILLE**

**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

105 year old vines near Vire Clesse. 9 months on lees. Body, power, old vines intensity./ Rich in both acid & lees impact & old vines fruit concentration. Quite the big boy. 92+/100.

**--RHONE/MIDI--**

**23. 19 SAVOIE JACQUERE, DOMAINE JEAN VULLIEN**

**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Oh, that's a very pretty pear varietal aroma, fulfilled and forthcoming. In the gentle 2019 mode./ Flavorful, tangy. Just right feel and flavor. Well balanced. Easy drinkin! 91/100.

**24. 16 SAINT JOSEPH TERROIR DU GRANIT, DOMAINE GUY FARGE**

**25.49 each; 299.95 case of 12**

At Saint Jean de Muzols; grapes once sold to Cave de Tain and Delas; estate bottled since 2007; vineyards planted 1930s and 1978-1993; native yeasts; aged a year in seasoned cooperage; unfiltered. Welcome back also to this oft time favorite many moons ago. This is very dense for the vintage and the AOC. Shows his Cornas prowess at St. Joe. I mean, Saint Joseph doesn't get any richer and riper than this./ The fullness, the totality of dry matter, the dark core of tannin...Actually, this really talks Cornas. Impressive, if not classic. 93+/100.

**25. 19 COTES DU RHONE, FAMILLE LAVAU****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Est 1964; at Violes; 60% grenache, 40% syrah; Suckling 91/100. Wow, deep red violet color./ Speaks of Violes and Plan de Dieu. Cool, black fruited., Well tailored./ Medium bodied. Steady; not flashy. Good acid and balance here. I'm not often enamored of this much syrah in a southern Rhone wine, yet it fits in here. Proposed and priced for weekday service. These people make good value wines. 91/100.

**26. 18 COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES L'ENCLAVE LA JASSINE, BIELER PERE****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Valreas grown; 60% grenache, 40% syrah. The crisp bite and black fruit of northern Rhone Meridionale. Valreas specific. Richness of the vintage. Surpasses the 2016 for sure./ Medium weight and good flow of a Valreas rouge. A wine of place. Smooth Bieler styling. Well balanced. Who would guess 15.3%?! Very popular with the group. 91/100.

**27. 18 GIGONDAS TRADITION, DOMAINE DE FONT-SANE****20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

Est 1860; 72% grenache, 23% syrah, 3% mourvedre, 2% cinsault;; yield 2 tons/acre; aged 8 months in oak casks. Mmm, well that's a proper contrast from previous five 'clarets'. There's a warmth, roundness, richness, and low yields concentration that totally takes up the high alcohol level. This is classic Gigondas at 2/3 of the going price these days./ And the syrah adds black fruit, especially black raspberry. Total warmth and volume. The best vintage of this for quite some time. 94+/100.

**28. 19 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE CUVÉE TRADITION, DOMAINE BERTHET-RAYNE****31.99 each; 374.95 case of 12**

Est. 1978; 65% grenache, 20% mourvedre, 10% cinsault, 5% syrah; in the northern CdP Chapouin, Coudoulet, and La Gardiole quartiers; aged a year in vats. A classic Berthet Chateauneuf nose, very cool and purple thanks to the high mourvedre content. I mean, everything I like about the estate's Chateauneuf Tradition is embodied in this 2019./ Delicious fruit sweetness of grenache too. Grace of cinsault, kernel of black syrah at the core. Polished tannins of 2019. Good mid term ager. 93+/100.

**29. 19 COSTIERES DE NIMES, LA CLARION DES ANGES****8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

60% grenache, 40% syrah. Dark color./ Attractively ripe and forthcoming. Black fruit of syrah shows, and not to the detriment./ Yes, good balance of grenache sweet filling and syrah framing. Bravo. Deal! 91/100.

**30. 17 VAR PINOT NOIR DOMAINE DE VALMOISSINE, LOUIS LATOUR****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Clay and limestone soils of the Coteaux du Verdon at 500 meters' elevation in Haute Provence; 15 year old vines yielding two tons per acre; harvested at the same time as Latour's Cote de Beaune vineyards. A unique take on pinot noir thanks to special terroir. It's pinot noir all right, sweet and cherry scented. And really quite rich for the vintage, perhaps due to very low yields./ Medium bodied as always. Good flavor, acid, balance, length. Attractive dab of tar that low latitude pinots can carry. Fine tannin for bouquet potential. Bravo. Keep it up, Louis. 91+/100.

**31. 20 PICPOUL DE PINET PIQUEPOUL, CAVE LES VIGNOLES MONTAGNAC DOMITIENNE****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Limestone-sand soils. No screwcap reduction issues. Good varietal personality coming forth. Green fruit, and even some yellow fruit. A proper picpoul./ Yeah, that's got the lip stinger acidity. All while delivering ripe fruit flavors & a degree of forgiveness. Long, well balanced aftertaste. Challenges the popular Jadix picpoul. Well liked by the group. 91/100.

**--ALSACE--****32. 18 ALSACE PINOT GRIS CLASSIC, HUGEL****11.99 each; 139.95 case of 12**

Est 1639; from clay and limestone sites around Riquewihir Admirably full and waxy. Apple, melon, cream, nut. Real deal./ Glycerol coats over the acid. Medium bodied. I'm going to count on this to gain depth and breadth with cellaring. It seems to have put on weight over the coming hours. Many orders taken from tasting panel members. 91+/100. List price: \$27.

**33. 15 ALSACE RIESLING SCHOENENBOURG GRAND CRU, PIERRE SPARR****39.99 each; 234.95 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 92/100. My notes: 35 year old vines. Really penetrates and fills the nostrils with both aromatic and textural stimulations. Grand Cru large 2015 rich, Schoenenbourg stylish. Total package./ Honey, stone fruits, even some citricity. The acidity is coated with glycerol, and there is some perceptible RS in this ripe vintage but not enough to call the wine 'sweet'. No terpenes. Must consider it a 'value' for all it gives at its price. Grand Vin! 96/100.. Wine Enthusiast wasn't enthusiastic enough!

**34. 18 ALSACE MUSCAT RESERVE, FREY-SOHLER****15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Well, it's great to have a fresh vintage to sell. Prime example of both muscat varieties. The stone fruits of petit grains, the musk melon of ottonel. In harmony./ Again, a well orchestrated assemblage. Respectable acidity. Ideal with asparagus and with raclette. 91/100.

**--GERMANY/AUSTRIA--****35. 18 SCHARZHOFBERGER GROSSE LAGE RIESLING KABINETT FEINHERB, REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT****21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

Von Kesselstatt owns over 20% of the vineyard. Well, that's statuesque. Grand Cru indeed. Feel the dry mineral extract in the nostrils! This has oomph! And beauty. And composure./ Low key sweetness of feinherb. Deep mineral penetration. Moderate acidity--enough for decent balance. Quite the commanding riesling for the price. 94/100.

**36. 18 RHEINGAU RIESLING KABINETT R, WEINGUT AUGUST KESSELER****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

At Assmannshausen; est 1924; average vine age 25 years; from estate vineyards in the leading townships of Rheingau. Quite the zingy riesling aroma. Lemon and lime zests. Peach-orange core. Unique to both Rheingau and Kessler./ Flavors confirm. Very zesty-spicy. The sweetness-acidity balance is encouraging. 92+/100.

**37. 20 PFALZ WEISSBURGUNDER TROCKEN, D. BRAND liter****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

At Bockenheim. Aired out this screwcap this morning. That's one fruity pinot blanc. Exemplary and giving. Yellow fruits./ Truly dry. Good acidity for the variety. The liter comes in handy, because it's a quaffer. The group agreed. 91/100.

**38. 20 PFALZ ESTATE RIESLING TROCKEN, WEINGUT BASSERMANN-JORDAN**  
**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Dry, stony, noble, above it all. Grosses Gewachs knockoff at a great price. Rivals the 2018./ More sweetness than expected on the palate. Coats the acidity. Needs a few weeks. 92+/100. Tasted 8/10/21.

**39. 19 KREMSTAL GRUNER VELTLINER PER DUE, HERMANN MOSER**  
**13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

That's fresh and full and good. Bright as well as rich. Gruner apple and legume concentration as well as this cuvee's usual lift./ Palate adds lime to the flavor set. Bright and brisk. Good plumpness and softness as well as acid ring. 91/100.

**--IBERIA--**

**40. 20 VINHO VERDE FAMEGA, CAVAS DE CERCA**  
**6.99 each; 81.95 case of 12**

Very fresh and zesty. Fizzy. Ideal. Shows off some of the superior grape varieties in its makeup./ This has fruit surge and sweetness. Wide appeal. 91/100.

**41. 85 DAO PORTA DOS CAVALEIROS, CAVES SAO JOAO**  
**39.99 each; 234.95 case of 6**

Est. 1920; 40% jaen, 20% each alfrocheiro, preto de mortagua, 10% each tinta roriz, baga; granite and schist at 1500'; library release. Looks like it was recorked upon release. Dark color./ Dry and brooding, granite saturated Dao classic. Deep, wide, complex and wholly classic./ Mouth coating, mouth filling. Complete flavor and texture presence. No tannin to resolve. The framing is supplied by dry mineral extract. I suppose this will prove timeless. Pair well, and there's no need to wait though. A privilege to taste. 96/100.

**42. 16 TEJO RESERVA, CABECA DE TOIRO**  
**11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 92/100. My notes: 1/3 each syrah, castelao, touriga nacional. 9 months in French oak barrels. Dark grape varieties, dark color. A purple cast even./ The fruit mass plus the barrel seasoning and leavening. Pretty awesome, large scale, and complex nose for a wine at this price./ Juicy fruit acid adds balance to the palate. Medium-full bodied. Oak and warm spices play out on the finish. Intellectually as well as sensually stimulating. 92+/100.

**43. 19 RIAS BAIXAS ALBARINO ABADIA DE SAN CAMPIO.**  
**BODEGAS TERRAS GAUDA**  
**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Estate bottled. Good varietal character to start. A lovely, peachy thing./ There is good fruit cocktail and terroir in the background. And tangy acidity. Swells with airing, into a gratifying degree of richness, so decant it. Very popular with the group. 91+/100.

**44. 18 BIERZO MENCIA ULTREIA SAINT JACQUES,**  
**BODEGAS Y VINEDOS RAUL PEREZ**  
**18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Vines planted 1900-1940; unfinned, unfiltered; Parker 93; Vinous 92. My notes: Pretty Heavy Bottle Award. Well, that's one heavyweight mencia. Carries the usual air of reduction in youth. No problem. It is old vines concentrated to the max./ Sweet and powerful. Seems barrel aged. Geared for hearty fare. Man, this goes where no mencia has gone before. The group was impressed. 93+/100.

**45. 20 RIOJA ALAVESA COSECHA, ORLEGI DE LUBERRI**  
**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

All tempranillo. Entirely fresh and upbeat, elegant take of sandy Alavesa tempranillo. Cool and penetrating. Nothing else like it./ Yeah, that's got the spunk and the fruit sweetness. Wholly racy acid. Fine tannin. Salivating mealtime wine. 92+/100.

**46. 17 RIOJA RESERVA, BODEGAS MUGA**  
**24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12**

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

**47. 18 CAMPO DE BORJA DON RAMON, BODEGAS ARAGONESAS**  
**8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Garnacha & tempranillo; 3 months in American oak cooperage. One of the best vintages of this. It's a fruit forward, happy face vintage. Depth and integrity too. Old vines concentration. Tempranillo adds dark fruit to the usual CdB garnacha basis./ And the oak comes into play too, adding complexity. Sweet, fruity finish. Good acid overall. Really, one of the best vintages of this. Top value. 91/100.

**48. 17 MONTSANT L'EFECTE VOLADOR, JOSEP GRAU VITICULTOR**  
**15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Family estate; garnacha, samso, & syrah; 30-50 yrs old; on slate and granite; half aged in French foudres and barriques. Seems to be pretty well along in bouquet development in early maturing 2017. An accommodating style of Montsant./ Well, the palate has a large measure of freshness and vitality I wasn't expecting to find. And a measure of tannin too. One unique, serious, and adventuresome Montsant. Totally mealworthy. Popular with the group. 91+/100.

**49. 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.

**--ITALY - RED--**

**50. 16 BARBARESCO, MAURO VEGLIO**  
**24.99 each; 293.95 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 93 - EDITORS' CHOICE: 'Red-berry, dog-rose and grilled herb aromas mingle together in the glass along with a whiff of eucalyptus. On the smooth full-bodied palate, notes of licorice and vanilla accent a core of ripe black cherry. Polished, enveloping tannins provide smooth support. Drink through 2028. \$40.'

**51. 19 LANGHE NEBBIOLO, FRANCO SERRA****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Tart, wild cherry nebbiolo nose./ And flavor. Great texture, savor, fine tannin, balance. The picture of nebbiolo at an intro price. 92+/100.

**52. 20 ALTO ADIGE SCHIAVA, ELENA WALCH****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Crisp and high toned schiava--spot on. Ripeness and depth follow./ Great acid and exceptional flavor intensity. For food. Writes the book on schiava. 92+/100.

**53. 17 VERONA CAMPOFIORIN, MASI****16.99 each; 199.95 case of 12**

The original ripasso; first vintage: 1964; corvina, rondinella, molinara. I like the way they do this. It's ripasso but not with a vengeance. Gently sweet, tarry, raisined, and barrel aged./ Ripasso sweetness amplified on the palate. Yet everything's under control. The most traditional of ripassos. Nothing blowsy about it. 92+/100.

**54. EMILIA LAMBRUSCO MONTELOCCO, VENTURINI BALDINI****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

All salamino. Dark color./ Sweet and spot on. Tangy fizz and acidity. Black and purple berries./ Equally bountiful berry flavors. Exactly what I'm looking for in a semi-sweet lambrusco. 92/100.

**55. 18 CHIANTI, CONTEA DI LUCA****8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Hearty, abundant 2018 fruit. Cherry, dried cherry, and a nice tarry component for basis./ Medium bodied. Good, brisk acidity. Flavorful. Well padded. Dry and mealworthy. 91/100.

**56. 18 CHIANTI CLASSICO, SOC. AGR. DIAVOLE****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Sweet 2018 fruit, inky dark disposition of Diavole as always./ The palate is loaded with dry extract, tannin, fruit material. In tune. A good vintage for this estate, and a good estate for this vintage. The vintage softens it; the house style keeps the vintage from being too tender. 92+/100.

**57. 18 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, GIULANO ROSATI****8.49 each; 99.95 case of 12**

Only half a percent more alcohol than its two table mates, but I can smell the extra power. Less fruit aroma the first evening./ Fruiter to the taste. This has personality and varietal ID on the palate. Fine acidity. 91/100.

**58. 18 AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE GRICOS, AZ. AGR. GRIFALCO****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Aged 6-12 months in second year American oak barrels and French tonneaux. Purple/black color../ Oh, my! That velvety, deep, alluring, utterly noble aroma of tar and violets that marks this the 'Barolo of southern Italy'. Yikes, what a bargain!/ The velvet texture continues. Full bodied and flavored. Saturates the palate. Long finish. Cellar worthy for sure, but useful now at the table. 92+/100.

**59. 18 SICILIA NERO D'AVOLA ACANTEO, CIVIAS****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

This is really a well extracted nero./ The taste is equally saturated. Complete. Deal. 91/100.

**--ITALY - WHITE--****60. 19 ROERO ARNEIS RENESIO, MALVIRA****20.99 each; 246.95 case of 12**

This is bright, fresh, alert, crisp. It offers up a generous noseful of varietal character./ And both feel and flavor are full too. Racy acidity. Impressive. Arneis and a half. Best vintage of this I've tasted. 93/100.

**61. 19 FRIULI PINOT GRIGIO, CONTI****9.79 each; 114.95 case of 12**

Boy, that's a bright, green apple face of grigio. Very forthcoming, refreshing, appealing./ Yes, vivid fruit acidity and plentiful flavor, plus a nice tender core. Lasting acid relief on the finish. Bargain! 91/100.

**62. 05 VIN SANTO DEL CHIANTI RUFINA, VILLA DI VETRICE half liter****29.99 each; 176.50 case of 6**

Dry amontillado sherry nose. Hazelnut and barrel earned tawnyness. Spot on./ Then comes the full sweetness. Dried fruit and nuts. Very flavorful and lasting. 95/100.

**63. 20 VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO, TENUTA LE CALCINAIE****15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Oh, my goodness! This trumps the 2019! The freshness, the amplification, and the vigor. All the while, the degree of fulfillment at such a tender age./ Well, still a little banana flavor and bitterness, so not quite ready for prime time. The nose alone though is worth the price of admission! Hallmark! 92+/100. Tasted 6/2/21.

**64. 20 SANNIO TABURNO FALANGHINA, AZ. AGR. FRATTASI****15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Est 1576; the estate boasts vines up to 200 years old. Boy, that's heavy on the mineral side of falanghina. Serious dinner fare. Pear and stone fruit wisps emerge with aeration. Impressive./ The acid is admirable. The stoniness and the fruitiness too. Juggles three rings adeptly. Long, well balanced finish. The group was very enthusiastic about this one. 92/100.

**65. 19 SICILIA CATARRATTO DEL MASSO, FEUDO MONTONI****18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

55 year old vines. A full and rightful expression of the varietal. Total clarity here. A paean to precision./ A beautiful catarratto, intensely rendered and so pure. Kudos to the winemaker. Best I've tasted. Acid rings on the finish to complete an Oscar performance. 93/100.

**--INTERNATIONAL--****66. 19 PODRAVJE FURMINT SIPON, KABAL ESTATE****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

From Slovenia. Admirable nose. The quick research I've done seems to point to sipon being the local term for furmint. This is one of the most intense and complicated dry furmints I've nosed. The nose features both fruit and spice./ As does the flavor. Great texture too. Lingers. The complete package. 92/100.

**67. 20 ATTIKA SAVATIANO, MYLONAS****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 94: 'Stamatis Mylonas has been plumbing the possibilities of savatiano since he took over the family winery in 2006. This is his skin-contact version, from a high-altitude vineyard in Keratea, in southeastern Attika, where the hills climb high enough to catch some of the breeze off the Aegean. Keeping the grapes cool, he destems them and lets the juice ferment with ambient yeasts, leaving it on the skins for 15 days. It stays another six months on the lees, with frequent stirring, before he bottles it, unfiltered and unfiltered. Light gold, the wine is wildly herbal, with scents of crushed chamomile, thyme, tarragon and za'atar. All that spice surrounds a juicy center of apple flavor, a bit of skin tannins adding texture and the structure to help this last for days after opening. And it does all of this with an open-armed ease, welcoming in its nakedness.'

**--U.S. - RED--****68. 18 BOOKWALTER READERS BLEND COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON****21.99 each; 258.50 case of 12**

76% cab sauv, 16% syrah, 8% malbec. Deep, dark, husky, and well endowed with barrel extras. Inspires a word I don't often use to describe a WA cabernet: complex./ The palate spreads a peacock's tail of fruit and oak flavors that fully validate the 'complex' descriptor. This has been in the market before, and always impressive. For the quality, this is very fairly priced. 93/100.

**69. 18 A X R NAPA VALLEY RED****37.99 each; 223.50 case of 6**

66% cab sauv, 19% malbec, 15% merlot. Inky red violet./ A large, powerful, 2018 fruit concentrated Napa claret. Plenty of the barrel augmentation it deserves too. Whole nine yards./ 2018 sweet fruit abundance coats over the oak. Whopping mouthful with marked Napa achievement. In retrospect, very well priced. I want it on the shelf. 93+/100.

**70. 19 BONTERRA CALIFORNIA MERLOT****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 92: 'This has a delightfully appealing nose of salted plum, chocolate, and beet. On the palate, ripe Bing cherry, mocha latte, and sumptuous boysenberry make each sip increasingly pleasurable as minerality adheres to the lively frame. This one overdelivers. \$16.'

**71. MICHIGAN VINTNER BLACK LABEL RESERVE RED****5.99 each; 69.95 case of 12**

By Brian Cain who, since working at VC in the early 1970s while in college, has had just about every job in the wine profession imaginable, including heading his own winery. Primarily 2017 marquette grown in the Kamphuis and Leroux vineyards near Holland MI. Aged two years in neutral vessels. Deep and nicely evolved bottle bouquet./ Well, very suave, the tannins fully integrated. Savory, and well balanced for current drinking. Great acid of course. Sally's pork roast and baked apples further mellow it. 91/100. List price: \$12.

**72. 18 CHALK HILL ESTATE WINERY SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR****18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Est 1972 by Fred Furth, U of M law school grad; aged in French oak barrels. A fresh, cool Sonoma Coast approach. This really is spot on. Some from this AVA are too shrill and herbal. This is ideally cool fruited./ Yes, it's sweet enough while holding to cool posturing. Pleasant degree of melted tannin. Relatively uncomplicated, yet it paints the picture. Wide mealtime applications. 92+/100.

**73. 19 MCMANIS FAMILY ESTATE LODI PINOT NOIR****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 92: 'Luxardo cherries and cassis make for dramatic aromas, and the palate is ripe and dense, with rich, compelling notes of spiced strawberry, pomegranate, brown sugar, and cinnamon that pave the way for a long-lasting finish of toasty vanilla.'

**74. 17 MARIETTA ESTATE CHRISTO NORTH COAST RED****18.99 each; 223.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 92: 'Concentrated and well structured, this deeply colored and effusively spicy wine grabs attention with its flavors of graphite, black cherry and iron, while woodsmoke, black pepper and cloves swirl across the palate. Based on mostly Syrah and Grenache, it is quite firm, moderately tannic and should age well. Best from 2025. \$24.'

**75. 18 TERRA D'ORO AMADOR BARBERA****15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

I sat with winemaker Jeff Myers at Palio last month for his farewell business trip to Ann Arbor before retirement. He described how he took a new tack producing his 2018 Barbers: 'The 2018 Barbera was fermented in stainless steel tanks and spent 45 days on the skins with pumpovers to coax color and flavor from the grapes while giving the wine a beautiful backbone of earthiness and structure. The wine was then aged for 12 months in a combination of French and American oak (20% new) to add well integrated aromas of toasty oak to the finished wine.' Bingo! Easily his best Barbera yet!

**76. 18 ANCIENT PEAKS SANTA MARGARITA RANCH ZINFANDEL****16.79 each; 197.50 case of 12**

Wine Enthusiast 91: 'Baked blackberry aromas provide intense density on the nose of this bottling, with accents of fennel frond and cola adding nuance. The palate combines baked earth and sagebrush flavors with black currant and blackberry, with just enough tension holding it together.'

**--U.S. - WHITE--****77. 19 MASON YOUNT MILL VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC****14.99 each; 176.50 case of 12**

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

**78. 19 RAYMOND R COLLECTION LOT 3 CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

That's a bright one, with lots of aromatic intensity for a modest priced chardonnay, while not showing any ameliorations./ Malo softness doesn't suppress sprightly acidity. Well balanced and flavorful. Kudos. 91/100.

**79. 19 NEYERS 304 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY****23.99 each; 279.95 case of 12**

Wine & Spirits 92: 'The fruit for this stainless-steel chardonnay grows at Paul Larson's vineyard on what was once a creek bed in Carneros. The salted-caramel richness and flinty reduction come from the lees, recirculated from the bottom of the tank and slowly sprayed over the must at the top. As the reduction blows off with air, the wine reveals peach pit and bitter almond notes in a complex and integrated creaminess, incorporating the minerality of the lees. Serve it chilled with chicken Milanese.'



**80. 20 CHATEAU FONTAINE LEELANAU PENINSULA PINOT GRIS****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

Unique. Fuller than usual. Showing both fat and foil./ Balanced and mouth-coating. Pinot gris for sure. Well, seems a new take on LP pinot gris. I like that. 91/100.

**81. 17 ST. INNOCENT FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT BLANC****15.79 each; 184.95 case of 12**

Just released. Cool, clear, green melon like pinot blanc. Nice nasal etch./ Good and plump center with acid edge. Balanced and dry. Invigorating texture. Freshness of 4 years at the winery instead of in a middleman's warehouse. Provenance matters. I can hand sell this, overcoming consumer reluctance to select a four year old pinot blanc. 92/100.

**--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--****82. 19 LA POSTA PIZZELLA VINEYARD UCO VALLEY MALBEC****13.99 each; 164.50 case of 12**

Parker 91: 'Usually my favorite of the Malbecs from La Posta, the 2019 Pizzella Malbec is aromatic, floral, varietal and harmonious. It's clean and juicy, with very fine tannins and a velvety and caressing texture. Really impressive. Drink now-2024. \$18.'

**83. 19 APALTAGUA ESTATE RESERVA APALTA VALLEY CARMENERE****11.49 each; 134.95 case of 12**

All carmenere. 60 year old vines. Sweet and smooth, uncomplicated ripe carmenere. All to the positive./ Full fruit cremes balanced by berry juice acidity. Good overall. 91/100.

**84. 19 ECHO BAY MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Tasting Panel 94: 'Favorite global winemaker Nick Goldschmidt really gets this variety. From the entry to the mid-palate and finish, tropical fruit abounds, as does a perfume of ripe pineapple and lemon verbena. Anointed by star fruit, the palate is crisp, tart, and refreshing, with acidity-driven energy and flavors of sage and dill that tickle the tongue. A truly great value.'

**85. 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.

**86. 20 VASSE FELIX FILIUS MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY****19.99 each; 117.50 case of 6**

Wine Enthusiast 92: 'This opens with a lift of tangy citrus and stone fruit, with just a hint of oak and native yeast complexities. The palate is light to medium in weight with a gentle textural creaminess, bright fruit and a salty crunch to the acidity. It's a classy yet approachable wine that demonstrates how much Aussie Chard has grown up.'

**87. 18 BABYLONSTOREN SOETMELKSVLEI SIMONSBERG - PAARL RED****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

'The land of milk and honey'; 45% cab sauv, 40% merlot, 7% malbec, 5% cab franc, 3% petit verdot; Whoa! In my face! It's clearly a riper, pushier New World take on claret than the four Bordeaux rouges that preceded it. All the same, it has an intriguing personality, unique, and appealing. Dark, firm, deep, and barrel touched./ Well, really good acidity, which comes as a surprise. Generous in both flavor and texture. Lasting. And only 15 bucks! 91+/100.

**--ROSE--****88. 20 TAVEL, PRIEURE DE MONTEZARGUES****19.99 each; 234.95 case of 12**

Est 1199; same owners as Chateaufeuf Chateau la Nerthe; 55% grenache, 20% cinsault, 10% clairette, 10% syrah, 5% mourvedre. Light red orange./ Tavel full, Tavel intricate. Love the complex range of aromatic subtleties imparted by its variegated encephagement./ Flavor spectrum just as broad and entertaining. Real Tavel fortitude. Well managed power. Good, light tannin grip. This will serve throughout a couple of upcoming winters. 92+/100.

**89. 20 COTEAUX D'AIX EN PROVENCE ROSE SABINE, BIELER PERE****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Underground Wine Letter - EXTRAORDINARY & BEST BUY: 'This rose is a blend of 35% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 13% Cinsault, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Rolle. Very pale golden orange color, it has a lovely perfume of cherry, with a touch of pear and an exotic floral tone. The wine is round and crisp, with lovely and finesseful fruit, cherries, with a floral undertone, balanced and crisp on the finish. A delicious rose. \$17.'

**90. 20 NIEDEROSTERREICH BLAUER ZWEIFELT ROSE TROCKEN, BRUNN liter****12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Cool and slightly astringent aroma of this variety as either red or rose. Good level of pungency; this aims to please./ Very zesty flavor and texture profile. Good acidity, and not without padding too. Accomplished effort. 91/100.

**--FORTIFIED/FRUIT--****91. VALDESPINO VIEJO C. P. MACHARNUDO VINEYARD PALO CORTADO SHERRY****27.99 each; 82.50 case of 3**

Unlike most other Palo Cortados, the creation of this one is well documented. They select the most delicate casks from the ninth criadera (the second stage) of their Fino Inocente and Amontillado Tio Diego soleras and fortify this mixture to around 18° to stop / further prevent the growth of flor. It then enters the Viejo C.P. system, with one solera and four criaderas, where it will complete the oxidative ageing process and soon turn from Fino / Amontillado to Palo Cortado. As Viejo CP is fed from Inocente and Tio Diego, it shares their old-school approach. It is a single vineyard Palo Cortado from the pago Macharnudo Alto, made from barrel-fermented musts. Its average age is estimated to be around 20-25 years. Oh, that's palo cortado, all right! Fino sea breeze briskness, oloroso power, depth, glycerol. Totally penetrating. Positively takes over my nostrils! Dry, medium bodied, finely burnished texture, well controlled alcohol level. A beguiling, hard to pin point fruit-flower expression on the aftertaste. 97/100.

**--SPARKLING--****92. 13 ANDRE CLOUET BOUZY GRAND CRU DREAM VINTAGE BRUT CHAMPAGNE****44.99 each; 264.50 case of 6**

All Bouzy; all chardonnay! Super toasty from its long on lees sojourn. There's something about Montagne de Reims blanc de blancs that's extra heavy duty too. I find it in Coutier's Ambonnay bdb./ Wow, big weight and character. Dinner wine for sure. You gotta like this gear-oil style, which comes forth in extraordinary vintages but takes 'elevation' in years like 2013. 94/100.

**93. CREMANT D'ALSACE BRUT, JOSEPH CATTIN**

**12.99 each; 152.95 case of 12**

Half each pinot blanc, pinot auxerrois. 15 months en tirage. At Voegtlinshoffen, elevation 1100 feet.. Very cool and clear and bright. Light bottle bouquet and good pinot basis./ Mid brut dryness. Good fruit-bottle bouquet balance. And good price! 91/100. List price: \$18.

**94. 18 MARI SIMPLICISSIMUS OLD MISSION PENINSULA SPARKLING RIESLING**

**23.99 each; 139.95 case of 6**

Winemaker Sean O'Keefe's hit his target. Wow, it's dry, it's crisp, has exceptional fruit extract. Real riesling without the soft fruits and flowers stuff. Sparkling Grosses Gewachs./ Yeah, that's stony. That's the crux of it all. Wide casting mealtime applications. Got to get me some of this one. 94/100.

**--POTPOURRI--**

**95. PILSNER URQUELL BEER four pack of 16 oz cans**

**6.49 each; 37.95 case of 6 plus Deposit .40 each; 2.40 case of 6**

Pilsner Urquell was the first pale lager, and the name pilsner is often used by its copies. It is characterized by its golden color and clarity, and was immensely successful: nine out of ten beers produced and consumed in the world are pale lagers based on Pilsner Urquell. The German name, which means 'original source', was adopted as a trademark in 1898. Brewed at Pilsen in the Czech Republic since 1842, it continues to incorporate the original recipe and local ingredients.

**96. ZOE EXTRA VIRGIN SPANISH OLIVE OIL 3 liter tin**

**24.99 each; 73.50 case of 3**

Our best selling olive oil, a Wine Club staple for decades. Simply Recipes: Coming in at #1 in our taste test was Zoe's Extra Virgin Olive Oil, which is a cold-pressed Spanish olive oil. We found this olive oil to be well-balanced, smooth, and a little slow to arrive to a spicy finish, which meant the flavor was present but not overpowering—in other words, a great everyday oil!

**97. LONG CLAWSON THOMAS HOE RUTLAND RED LEICESTER pound**

**3.99 each; 15.50 case of 4**

Made using Thomas Hoe Stevenson's original recipe of the late 1800s, Rutland Red is buttered, cloth-bound and matured for six months to produce a flaky, open texture cheese with a slightly sweet, caramelized flavor and rich golden orange color. Rutland Red is an award winning cheese winning 3 golds at the Global Cheese Awards and 4 golds and the Tesco Red Leicester Trophy at the International Cheese awards. This is an extraordinary offer. Due to a supplier's overstock, we have been afforded the opportunity to sell this cheese to AAWC for half its normal wholesale price.

**98. PILLER'S BLACK KASSEL OLD FOREST SALAMI WHIPS 3.5 oz package**

**3.19 each; 18.50 case of 6**

A 60 year old Canadian charcuterie maker that adheres to Old World traditions. These long, chewy 'whips' are pork based and taste smoky & spicy. Each package contains four 2-foot long whips.

**99. GREAT LAKES PICKLING CO. SMOKED GARLIC DILL SPEARS 32 oz jar**

**5.99 each; 17.50 case of 3**

In Fraser MI, this company hardwood-smokes the garlic that goes to make this a uniquely flavored pickle.

**100. D'ARBO SEEDLESS ROSEHIP FRUIT SPREAD 16 oz jar**

**4.49 each; 12.95 case of 3**

The Darbo family of Austria has been making fruit preserves and spreads since 1879. The ingredients list is simple: rosehips, sugar, fruit pectin, lemon juice concentrate.