WINES BY THE GLASS

 SPARKLING WINES|CHAMPAGNE 125ML

21 Col Vetoraz ‘Brut’ Prosecco Valdobbiadene DOCG Veneto IT 17

NV Bellavista ‘Alma Gran Cuvée’ Franciacorta DOC Lombardy IT 25

NV Louis Roederer ‘Collection 243’ Reims Champagne FR 30

18 Mandala Blanc de Blanc Yarra Valley VIC 16

NV Quartz Reef Rosé Central Otago NZ . 19

 WHITE WINES 150ML

22 Frankland Estate Riesling Frankland River WA 18

23 Shaw & Smith Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills SA 18

21 Kellerei Kaltern Pinot Grigio Alto Adige IT 16

22I Campi Campo Base Soave DOC Veneto IT 17

22 Henschke “Innes Vineyard” Pinot Gris Adelaide Hills SA 19

21 Stonier Chardonnay Mornington Peninsula VIC 20

22 St Micheal Eppan ‘Fallwind’ Chardonnay Alto Adige IT 28

20 Livon ‘Solarco’ Friulano|Ribolla Gialla Collio DOC Friuli-Venezia Giulia IT 24

22 Giorgio Meletti Cavallari Vermentino|Viognier Bolgheri Bianco DOC Toscana IT 20

 ROSÉ WINES 150ML

21 Minuty ‘Prestige Rosé’ Côtes de Provence AOP FR 20

22 Masseria Li Veli ‘Torrerose’ Negroamaro Rosé Puglia IT 16

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20 Vietti ‘Perbacco’ Nebbiolo Langhe DOC Piemonte IT 28

19 Villa Cerna “Primocole” Chianti Classico Toscana IT 19

21 Bera Barbera D’alba 18

21 Catalina Sounds ‘Sound of White’ Pinot Noir Marlborough NZ 18

22 Seppeltsfield Barossa Grenache Barossa SA 18

21 Argiano Rosso di Montalcino DOC Toscana IT 25

20 Leeuwin Estate ‘Prelude’ Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River WA 18

21 Tscharke ‘Stonewell Vineyard’ Shiraz Barossa Valley SA 17

20 Varvaglione ‘Passione’ Primitivo Salento IGT Puglia IT 18

23 Unico Zelo Fresh A.F Nero d’Avola & Zibibbo Barmera, Riverland SA ‘Served Cold’ 15

# SPARKLING WINES - 375ML BOTTLES

NV Ca Del Bosco Franciacorta DOCG Lombardy IT 115

Predominately Chardonnay, defining the house style, for freshness and delicacy.

NV Pierre Gimonnet & Fils Cuis 1er Cru Blanc de Blancs Lombardy IT 120

 Lively, ethereal, mouth-watering and perfectly balanced, this Non-Vintage Brut Cruis 1er Cru represents the archetype of the Pierre Gimonnet & Fils style. This cuvee is the pillar of the estate and an initiation into our approach.

NV Bruno Paillard ‘Première Cuvée’ Reims FR 128

More than 30 Crus and 25 vintages create this flagship, showing beautiful maturity.

NV Louis Roederer ‘Collection 244’ Reims FR 128

 On the palate, plush, concentrated fruit is powered along by a wave of saline minerality, which carries through to the chalky, fresh, and persistent finish.

NV Taittinger ‘Prestige Rosé’ Reims FR 180

Vibrant in colour, bubbles are fine and persistent. Wonderfully expressive, aromas of wild raspberry, cherry, blackcurrant. A fine balance of velvety texture with fresh, crisp red fruits.

NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims FR 180

 A supple, harmonious attack on the palate, very rounded. Vinosity that is not excessive, supported by excellent freshness. Beautiful pale golden yellow colour with gentle green reflections, a vibrant, luminous colour.

# WHITE WINES - 375ML BOTTLES

22 Livon Pinot Grigio Collio DOC Friuli IT 63

Fresh apples and steely minerality. It is quite round and supple on the palate. The ripe apple flavour carries through with a touch of lemon and a bit of creaminess to the mineral driven finish.

22 Donnafugata ‘Anthìlia’ Sicilia Bianco DOC Sicilia IT 63

 The nose offers a fresh and fragrant bouquet with notes of white pulp fruit (peach) combined with hints of wildflowers. In the mouth we find the evident fruity note, refreshed by a pleasant sapidity.

22 Jim Barry ‘The Florita’ Riesling Clare Valley SA 72

Purity in a glass, this Riesling is from a magnificent micro site that shows aromas and flavours of lime with stone fruit characters.

22 Pascal Jolivet Sancerre Loire Valley FR 78

A wine of style marked by richness, elegance and smoothness. Citrus and mineral herbaceous notes combined.

21 Kooyong Estate Chardonnay Mornington Peninsula VIC 72

Pristine and intense with notes of citrus blossom and grapefruit pith. Fine and complex, with great poise and concentration of flavour and minerality, the wine has beautiful line and length.

20 William Fevre Chablis Burgundy FR 82

Fleshy and elegant bouquet revealing citrus, white fruits and flowers aromas. The mouth is fresh, supple underscored by mineral.

18 Yarra Yering Chardonnay Yarra Valley VIC 125

Finesse combined with pillowy fruit weight, this is a wine that is fine boned with citrus flavours dominating its youth, A citrus energy drives the palate with a pithy interest and texture on the back palate. An extremely fine-grained oak tannin framework lingers on the finish.

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# ROSÉ WINES - 375ML BOTTLES

22 Triennes Meditérranée IGP Provence FR 38

Provence Rosé with a bouquet of strawberries and white flowers with hints of vanilla.

The perfect accompaniment to a sunny summer afternoon.

RED WINES - 375ML BOTTLES

21 Wirra Wirra ‘Church Block’ Cab Sauv|Shiraz|Merlot McLaren Vale SA 38

A full flavoured palate with delicious ripe blackberry, blackcurrant and dark chocolate with fine tannins. Generous fruits and savoury character come together in a long, even, and balanced palate.

19 Torre A Cona Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG Toscana IT 55

Juicy, ripe cherry notes are framed by pleasant tannins. A long backbone of acidity and forest floor notes compliment the vibrant fruit.

21 Brokenwood Shiraz Hunter Valley NSW 62

Bright crimson with gentle earth and leather folded into dark berry and plum fruit with fine, savoury tannins.

21 Torbreck ‘The Steading’ Grenache|Mataro|Shiraz Barossa Valley SA 65

The heart and soul of Torbreck: Aromas of dark cherry, blackberry and star anise. Dense dark fruits with liquorice, plum, black olive, earth, white pepper and Asian spice. Complex yet elegant with supple, silky tannins.

20 Prunotto ‘Occhetti’ Nebbiolo Langhe DOC Piemonte IT 69

Elegant aromas of raspberries, roses and liquorice. Full and balanced in flavour and length.

20 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico DOCG Toscana IT 74

Dark fruit and pressed flowers on the nose. Tight, young and grippy palate with racy plum and cherry fruit, touches of pepper and an aromatic, herby finish. A wine of depth and fascinating complexity.

19 Kooyong ‘Estate’ Pinot Noir Yarra Valley VIC 90

An aromatic and expressive nose offers dark cherry and red raspberry. Lovely earthy notes with some woody touches. Sweet spice with a crisp acidity feel. Medium length Fine tannin provides structural support.

15 Paringa Estate Pinot Noir Mornington Peninsula VIC 95

 This wine has a lifted fragrant bouquet of red & dark cherries complimented by spicy, savoury oak. The palate has an abundance of fine tannins wrapped around a core of spicy dark cherry fruit, displaying great texture & length.

21 Rusden ‘Black Guts’ Shiraz Barossa Valley SA 120

 Totally impenetrable black as night core with a deep dark red, black hue. Wafting out of the glass are hedonistic scents of black plums, liquorice, blackberry and dark chocolate which are married to vanillin oak, fennel and mocha. Rich and lush with velvet smooth tannins.

14 Voyager Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River WA 129

Only a small percentage of Merlot was used in this classic Cabernet. Complex with sweet cassis fruit, dried rose, bay leaf and sage. Rich earthiness is intertwined with notes of vanilla, dark chocolate and cigar box. Fine-grained velvety tannins and a long finish.

18 Marchesi di Barolo ‘Barolo’ DOCG Piemonte IT 144

This Barolo is a beautiful dense ruby red colour. Aromas of cherries, blueberries, raspberries, a hint of mint and even cedar wood. On the palate it is well balanced with lots of fruit, fine spice, and gentle tannins.

20 Gaja Barbaresco DOCG Piemonte IT 570

Aromatics of spiced orange peel, an assertive bouquet of dried purple florals and a touch of dried mint. The palate balances the savoury character of baking chocolate and fennel seed with an abundance of ripe red berry fruits—notes of strawberry and balsamic, raspberries and fresh mint and dried tobacco.

SPARKLING WINES

18 Mandala Blanc de Blancs Yarra Valley VIC 75

Crisp green apple with nutty and honey notes. Mineral and refreshing finish.

NV Quartz Reef Methode Traditionnelle Brut Central Otago NZ 85

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay; exuding elegance and finesse. Royal gala apple and hints of lime and brioche. Focused and crisp with invigorating creamy acidity, beautiful balance and length.

18 Yabby Lake Single Vineyard ‘Cuvée Nina’ Yarra Valley VIC 127

The 2018 season was characterised by a warm and extended summer. The wines are intensely flavoured, yet poised and balanced, ensuring their longevity.

16 Clover Hill ‘Cuvée Exceptionnelle’ Blanc de Blancs Piper River TAS 175

Brioche and honey with a hint of toasted hazelnuts. A creamy, textural palate with flavours of preserved citrus and lemon curd.

# ITALIAN SPARKLING WINES

NV Bandini Prosecco DOC Veneto IT 60

100% Glera fruit. Extra dry with crisp acidity - yet delicate and complex with fruity notes of peach,

green apple and melon.

22 Col Vetoraz ‘Brut’ Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Veneto IT 85

From the hillside vineyards of the Valdobbiadene. Fine and aromatic bouquet, dry and intense, very harmonious.

22 Angelo Bartolin ‘Brut’ Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Veneto IT 89

 Super fine bubbles, superb length and hints of complexity while still remaining fresh and vibrant.

NV Bellavista ‘Grande Cuvée Alma Brut’ Franciacorta DOCG Lombardy IT 160

Full and inviting with hints of ripe fruit, pastry and candied citrus peel. A crunchy texture of elegance and harmony

17 Bellavista ‘Rosé’ Franciacorta DOCG Lombardy IT 225

Enchanting antique rose hue. White peach, wild strawberries, citrus fruit, golden delicious apples and rose. Dry and elegant with an undertone of blackcurrant and sweet almond.

# ROSÉ SPARKLING WINES

NV Deviation Road ‘Altair’ Rosé Adelaide Hills SA 75

Strawberry, cherry and spice notes and a touch of Chardonnay gives citrus lift and finesse. Lively and enticing.

NV Quartz Reef Methode Traditionnelle Rosé Brut Central Otago NZ 90

100% single vineyard Pinot Noir, wild strawberry and brioche notes. Dry and crisp with vibrant, lingering acidity.

## NON VINTAGE ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE

NV Moët & Chandon ‘Rosé Impérial’ Épernay 165

Balanced palate combining structure, smoothness and freshness. The texture is unctuous with a succulent sensation, finishes with a fresh note of blood orange.

NV Ruinart Rosé Reims 245

On the palate the attack is distinct and full, cradled by a gentle effervescence. The aromas of freshly picked berries are fully expressed.

NV Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose 470

100% Pinot Noir, the full salmon colour an immediate indication of its provenance. The bouquet complex and alluring leading directly into the cherry and strawberry flavours of the long, sustained palate and excellent finish.

## VINTAGE ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE

12 Veuve Cliquot ‘Reserve Rosé’ Reims 279

The palate is powerful and voluminous, with an attack that is distinct and clear. It unfolds with initial aromas of luscious red fruit, strawberry, and Morello cherry.

16 Louis Roederer Rosé Reims 360

 "Salmon pink hue with bright red tints. Deep, intense colour. The bubbles are fine yet vibrant and energetic. The summery bouquet shows exceptional intensity and freshness with its aromas of ripe, juicy stone fruit (wild peach) complemented by zesty red fruit (redcurrant) and citrus notes (blood orange). The soft, delicate bubbles coat the palate and impart a velvety texture.

12 Louis Roederer ‘Cristal Rosé’ Reims 1695

The 2012 is 55% Pinot Noir from Ay and 45% Chardonnay from Mesnil and Avize. Rich, vivid and crystalline in the glass. White-peach and nectarine aromas, chalky notes, white and red flowers with sweet red berry fruit.

# NON VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

NV Taittinger ‘Brut Réserve’ Reims 170

 The palate is soft and smooth, nicely modulated and finishing clean and fairly dry but still soft and creamy.

NV Veuve Clicquot Brut Reims 175

 Tightly knit, focused by robust acidity and a streak of minerality, this offers subtle notes of white peach, anise, biscuit and kumquat.

NV Louis Roederer ‘Collection 243’ Reims 180

 Bright, golden hue with shimmering highlights. Fine, lively mousse with lingering threads of bubbles. The bouquet is open and rich yet also wonderfully fresh.

NV Bruno Paillard ‘Première Cuvée’ Reims 195

More than 30 Crus and 25 vintages create this flagship, showing beautiful maturity.

NV Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Reims 205

 An extra touch of aging before disgorgement has given this Champagne a fine balance. Hints of toast as well as tight acidity have come from the equal blend of the three main grapes. The fruitiness is still very present, offering crisp citrus to balance the edge of maturity.

NV Ruinart ‘R de Ruinart’ Brut Reims 225

 The wine is elegant with floral notes to the fore and hints of white peach and acacia on the palate. An excellent apéritif wine, this is a splendid introduction to the delights from this most ancient of Champagne Houses.

NV Brocard Pierre Tradition Brut d’Assemblage NV 260

Brut d’Assemblage is dominated by the red fruit of pinot noir and offers beautiful harmony and freshness on the palate, lightly framed with notes of brioche. It is a vinous and substantial Champagne with great freshness and no heaviness, making it an ideal wine to enjoy solo or with food.

NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims 295

 A supple, harmonious attack on the palate, very rounded. Vinosity that is not excessive, supported by excellent freshness. Beautiful pale golden yellow colour with gentle green reflections, a vibrant, luminous colour.

NV Krug ‘Grande Cuvée Édition 170’ Reims 750

52% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay and 13% Meunier. Aromas of flowers in bloom, ripe, dried and citrus fruits, as well as marzipan and gingerbread. Flavours of hazelnut, nougat, barley sugar, jellied and citrus fruits, almonds, brioche and honey.

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15 Moët & Chandon ‘Grand Vintage’ Épernay 195

 The maturity of this champagne is immediately apparent with autumnal notes of roasted chestnuts, toasted buckwheat, honey and nougat. White fruit is revealed next, reminiscent of a beautifully ripe apple or pear.

15 Pierre Gimonnet & Fils ‘Cuvée Fleuron’ Blanc de Blancs Épernay 269

 100% Chardonnay predominantly Grand Cru vineyards; crunchy pear and apple, delicate floral notes and citrus characters. Precise, fine and elegantly structured

15 Pol Roger Épernay 315

Traditional house blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay. Instantly appealing with its lively effervescence.

13 Dom Perignon Épernay 610

 The 2013 is a lovely wine, defined by the long, cool growing season. Offering up aromas of crisp stone fruit, tangerine oil, buttered toast, pear, almonds and clear honey, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with bright acids and a pillowy, enveloping profile, concluding with a long, saline finish.

12 Dom Perignon Épernay 630

 Energy dominates on the palate. After a welcoming opening, the wine quickly becomes vibrant and then literally explodes with a surge of effervescence and tonicity.

12 Veuve Clicquot ‘La Grande Dame’ Reims 790

Initial notes of white flowers on the nose, such as jasmine and honeysuckle then opening with fruitier nuances of apple, pear, and peach. A few notes of fresh almond and frangipane complete the bouquet. In the mouth more complex aromas are revealed: dried apricot, hazelnut, honey, and sugar candy. Silky textures with depth, power and elegance.

09 Ruinart ‘Dom Ruinart’ Reims 1050

 Rich and elegant; delicate acidity meets the freshness of stone fruit to create wonderful sapidity on the palate. Beautifully balanced, Dom Ruinart 2009 is a flavourful and vivacious wine with a long and subtle finish. Its delicate effervescence only enhances its refined texture.

12 Pol Roger ‘Sir Winston Churchill’ Épernay 1295

“My tastes are simple; I am easily satisfied with the best" – Sir Winston Churchill.

Pinot Noir predominates, providing structure, breadth and robustness whilst Chardonnay contributes elegance, finesse and subtlety.

99 Salon ‘Cuvée S’ Blanc de Blanc Le Mesnil-sur-Oger 1745

Polished and subtly creamy in texture yet brightly juicy with apple and lemon, this displays an uncanny sense of lift and refinement, perfectly complementing the honeysuckle and heliotrope perfume that waft inner mouth. You could lose yourself in the ineffability of this wine’s floral diversity and in its resonantly nut and grain low tones.

96 Salon ‘Cuvée S’ Blanc de Blanc Le Mesnil-sur-Oger 2455

Champagne Salon is a masterpiece of complexity, created for pleasure, pure and simple. Brioche, white bread, white blossom, white fruit, and bitter almond flavours are still developing. The middle palate and aftertaste are crystalline, and it has a lingering finish with hints of citrus.

14 Louis Roederer ‘Cristal’ Reims 890

A deep and vinous wine, bright and noble, a true Cristal. It is balanced by a chalky freshness that cuts through and stretches the wine giving it with a slender fuselage and great finesse.

08 Louis Roederer ‘Cristal’ Reims 1495

The 2008 Cristal is a perfect wine. This incredible wine offers a beautiful perfume of clean, crisp fruits, layers of complexity in its toasted spice and white flowers, and an utterly seamless, yet powerful style on the palate.

# RIESLING

22 Wines by KT ‘5452 Watervale’ Clare Valley SA 62

This is a dry Riesling with zesty flavours, showing citrus and punchy fruit characters with a crisp finish.

22 Alkoomi Frankland River WA 68

Finger lime and orange blossom with a hint of musk. Racy acidity, Grapefruit and citrus characters

21 Chaffey Bros ‘Zeitpunkt’ Eden Valley SA 68

Citrus, spiced apple and a hint of jasmine, fresh Eden Valley acidity from this organic single vineyard wine.

23 Rieslingfreak N5 Clare Valley SA 68

 The balance in this release is excellent. The ripeness of fruit and the laser-like acidity all lends itself perfectly to make this more 'Germanic' expression of the Clare Valley.

20 Mac Forbes ‘Spring’ Strathbogie Ranges VIC 75

A luscious style of Riesling, almost off dry in style. Gentle acidity and generous fruit weight balance the minerality that comes from the granitic soils of the Strathbogie ranges.

22 Frankland Estate Frankland River WA 75

A very crystalline Riesling with white citrus flowers, lime and lemon pith. Clean and driving acidity.

22 Parish Vineyard Coal River Valley TAS 82

A long taut spine of slate like acidity is balanced by texture. Aromas and flavours of wildflowers and citrus; chamomile, lavender, jasmine and grapefruit with a touch of sea spray.

22 Clos Clare Clare Valley SA 84

Aromas of Granny Smith apples, lemon thyme and mandarin. The palate has finesse, generosity and structure, with flavours of finger lime, blood orange and star fruit.

16 Pewsey Vale ‘The Contours’ Eden Valley SA 92

Pale straw with green hues, the aromas are intense but restrained with classic lemon and a floral influence with nuances of bottle aged toast, clove oil and lemongrass.

22 Donnnhoff Estate Nahe DE 99

 The wine is the absolutely perfect manifest destiny of German Riesling in its everyday form; complex, spicy, delineated and articulate, insanely delicious, and more versatile than its dry sibling, though this is never ever sweet just sublime.

21 Peter Zemmer Alto Adige DOC IT 93

Elegant with delicate, soft florals, enticing acidity and lively scents of fresh peaches.

21 Hochkirch ‘Towards Laidlaws’ Henty VIC 98

An intense style with vibrant acidity and a mineral centre. Crunchy green apple and floral aromas with flavours of crisp pear and floral blossom and a lovely weight.

21 St. Michael Eppan ‘Fallwind’ Alto Adige DOC IT 98

 Intense aromas of white peach and stone fruit with mineral acidity make a truly captivating wine.

13 Mitchell ‘McNicol’ Clare Valley SA 106

This is a rich, luscious Riesling with the aged hallmarks of toast and butter. Preserved lemon and elegant acidity drive the concentrated rich fruit that dominates in this mouth-filling powerhouse of Riesling.

22 G.D. Vajra ‘Petracine’ Langhe Piemonte DOC IT 149

Pale lemon yellow in colour, this is a fresh, youthful wine with zesty lemon-lime aromas and classic mineral notes. On the palate, it is dry and clean, with good structure and flavours of crisp ripe apple and a long, citrussy finish.

21 Heymann Lowenstein Shieferterrassen Mosel DE 170

##  From the nose to the palate this wine shows a playful synthesis of fine nuances between fragrant fruit and minerals. The palate shows nashi pear, ripe citrus fruits, spice and a wet-slate character. It's piercing, engaging and long.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC|SEMILLON|BLENDS

22 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough NZ 70

Ripe gooseberry, soft passionfruit and citrus notes, framed by mouth-watering acidity, chalky minerality with a persistent finish.

23 Shaw & Smith Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills SA 78

Lively, delicate yet intense palate flavour, great varietal character and finishes clean, dry and long.

22 Pierro ‘LTC’ Sauvignon Blanc|Semillon Margaret River WA 78

‘A Little Touch of Chardonnay’ in this blend gives a touch of body and power to the fresh flavours of citrus, pear, green apple, melon and tropical fruit with both complexity and elegance.

22 Domaine Naturaliste ‘Sauvage’ Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River WA 78

‘Sauvage’ is matured “sur lie” on yeast lees in 500L French oak adding depth and richness to the palate. Aromas of red currant, passion fruit and orange blossom are laced with exotic notes of lychee and clove.

22 Craggy Range ‘Te Muna Road’ Sauvignon Blanc Martinborough NZ 82

Fresh and exuberant: Typical aromas of passionfruit pulp, white stone fruit and kaffir lime leaf. Fruit driven, with mineral notes and saline acidity.

22 Gentle Folk ‘Blanc’ Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills SA 82

 A homage to the wines of the Loire Valley, the 2022 Blanc is a pure expression of what our region can produce when the vineyard and vintage come together in perfect harmony.  Barrel fermented with full malolactic fermentation from super vineyard sites in the heart of Piccadilly.

21 Charles Oliver ‘Vin Blanc Macére’ Sauvignon Blanc Pyrenees VIC 87

 Sauvignon Blanc from the Taltarni vineyards in the Pyrenees. Whole bunch pressed and aged in old oak for 10 months. Fermented on skins for 5 weeks, full malolactic fermentation, no fining, no filtration, minimal SO2.

21 Balter Sauvignon Blanc IGT Trentino ITA 89

 In the mouth, it is fresh and aromatic with mineral notes, a result of the vineyard’s altitude, the influence of the wind blowing over Lake Garda, and the sun shining on the countryside to the south.

 22 Latta ‘Quartz Bianco’ Sauvignon Blanc Pyrenees VIC 90

 A great example of Owen Latta's explorative winemaking mind - a fascinating Sauvignon Blanc from a quartz riddled vineyard in Moonambel, Pyrenees. A brisk and minerally expression with sea spray, tart lemon and lime and fennel herbaceous ness.

23 Domain Simha Sauvignon Blanc Derwent Valley TAS 95

An expressive Sauvignon Blanc, Passionfruit, sweet pea, lemon, gooseberry, and fresh basil notes. Bright, fruitful, softly textured, and fresh. A wonderful expression of cool climate Sauvignon Blanc.

18 Tyrrell’s HVD Vineyard Semillon Pyrenees VIC 98

 Textbook HVD Semillon showing a lifted, generous floral aromatic and just beginning to show a hint of bottle age complexity. The palate is vibrant with an abundance of mouth filling citrus fruit, typical of the vineyard with a fine boned acidity with an almost chalky finish.

21 The Paper Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough NZ 98

 The 2021 Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc displays intense lifted aromas of jasmine, preserved lemons and citrus blossom. The palate introduces delightful citrus-based mouth-watering intensity and finishes with a strong textural component.

22 Cullen ‘Grace Madeleine’ Sauvignon Blanc|Semillon Margaret River WA 102

60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon harvested on fruit and flower days. With a touch of oak to build complex aromas of white flowers, nettle and gooseberry. Structured but refined.

Grace Madeleine was a suffragette; campaigned for women’s rights and was awarded an MBE for charity work.

# WHITE VARIETALS|BLENDS|SKIN CONTACT

22 Forest Hill Gewürztraminer Mount Barker WA 60

Aromas of honeysuckle and rose petals. Fresh lychee and ginger on the palate with fresh citrus mineral notes.

23 Nuova Scuola Viognier South Barnett QLD 65

 Grown widely in the Rhone Valley in France, Viognier ranges in flavour from pear, nectarine and peach to grapefruit, rose and honeysuckle. This 2023 Viognier has notes of citrus, nectarine and apricot.

22 Kalleske Florentine Chenin Blanc Barossa Valley SA 65

 The palate is bright with plenty of fresh juicy fruits. White fruits lead along with tropical notes and a touch of sherbert. There is zesty citrus acidity and an underlying minerality that combine to give a beautiful structure and backbone.

21 Unico Zelo ‘Alluvium’ Fiano Adelaide Hills SA 73

 A bright, textural, and refreshing wine with sweet-vermouth aromas, nectarine and toasted almond. The palate is balanced with lemon acidity and salty salinity.

21 Aphelion ‘Callow” Grenache Blanc McLaren Vale SA 78

 Intense and vibrant fruit character aromatics mingle with citrus and spice. A textural edge provides a food friendly aspect, and cinnamon and nutmeg spice complement the nashi pear and stone fruit flavours.

22 Nanny Goat ‘Cross Breed’ [skin contact] Central Otago NZ 85

51% Pinot Gris, 46% Gewürztraminer, 3% Sauvignon Blanc; The palate is fruit forward, with ripe stone fruit giving the illusion of sweetness ahead of a saline core of fine sinewy skin derived tannin. A bead of bright acidity brings focus, drawing the palate to a long lingering finish reminiscent of white peach stone and fennel.

23 Domain Simha Pinot Gris Derwent Valley TAS 92

 Skin fermented Pinot Gris with exotic fragrance and shapely texture (lightly cloudy). Perfumed dreams, heady lychee and damask rose, pink pear skins, stone fruit, smoky spice, bitter orange, gingerbread, musky dusk.

21 Scorpo ‘Bestia’ Pinot Grigio [skin contact] Mornington Peninsula VIC 95

A colour between burnt orange and rose gold, richly aromatic, spicy and heady with blood orange and mandarin, a touch of red fruit, pithiness and texture.

20 Falkenstein Gewürztraminer Südtirol Alto Adige DOC ITALY 135

Fresh acidity with intense aromatics of rose petal, lychee, vanilla, and sweet acacia honey. The flavours are enveloping and soft, harmonious, and aromatic retaining an appealing freshness.

21 Fumey Chatelain Savagnin Ouille ‘Arbois’ Jura FR 170

As one of France’s best preserved winegrowing regions and one of the smallest, Jura’s unspoilt low hills, expansive alpine woods and bountiful streams present the perfect conditions for Savagnin and other traditional varieties. Zippy citrus smoothed over, a la lemon curd. There's powerful bristling acid, pithy complexity and a little waxiness coating the mouth. A little skinsy snap. Organic fruit, from Jura— that oft-overlooked region that's baby in the corner no longer. Like so many Jura wines, there's a little quirk factor here, but it's endlessly endearing.

19 Yarra Yering No 1 Dry White Yarra Valley VIC 190

 65/35% semillon/chardonnay. Lime juice, green apple peel and a little white flower. Bright green apple crunch and lime citrus from the Semillon grapes, Chardonnay brings some of the stone fruit weight and a pillowy texture from maturation in neutral oak barrels.

# PINOT GRIS|GRIGIO|BIANCO

23 Hughes & Hughes Pinot Gris Tamar Valley TAS 65

 Hughes & Hughes Pinot Gris is vivid in the glass, exciting the visual senses with its coppery hues as much as it does the nose and palate with its fabulous aromas and flavours.

22 Delatite Pinot Gris Mansfield VIC 68

Aromas of ripe pear and stone fruit with herbaceous characters. A touch of oak gives warm vanillin notes.

22 S.C. Pannell ‘Prōterō’ Pinots Adelaide Hills SA 69

Grigio with a dash of Pinot Nero; marzipan and white blossom with nectarine, pear and yellow strawberry.

Orange zest and apple.

22 Astrolabe Pinot Gris Marlborough NZ 70

Fine, aromatic wine with a delicate structure. poached pear and light stone fruits and bright red apple notes.

Long with refreshing acidity.

23 Ghost Rock Pinot Gris Northdown TAS 78

 This Pinot Gris displays superb intensity and flavour. Hints of nectarine and pear are complimented by a freshness on the palate that will see this wine match wonderfully with a range of foods.

23 Primo Joseph d’Elena Pinot Grigio Adelaide Hills SA 79

Intense bouquet of Nashi pear, apple and citrus. Exotic pear fruit flavour balances green apple acidity on the palate. Elegant, full mouthfeel and a classic mineral finish. Natural acidic balance and savoury mineral length make this the perfect food wine.

23 Ocean Eight Pinot Gris Mornington Peninsula VIC 82

Fine, aromatic wine with melon notes and a hint of ginger and nashi pear. Complexity and texture,

with a clean acidity to finish.

22 Quartz Reef Pinot Gris Central Otago NZ 89

Lemon-gold with an alluring bouquet of nutmeg, honey, ginger and white peach. Voluptuous texture

with spice and richness finishing beautifully dry.

22 Henschke ‘Innes Vineyard’ Pinot Gris Adelaide Hills SA 89

Fragrant aromas of white flowers, citrus blossom, stone fruits and nashi pear, with hints of rose petal, ginger, tarragon, and white pepper. A beautifully intense palate of fresh nectarine, white peach, and pear.

18 Domaines Schlumberger Les Princes Abbés Pinot Gris Alsace FR 109

The palate sweeps in with the ripe juiciness of yellow pear, adding lovely phenolic pithiness that provides texture and direction. Subtle freshness highlights the beautifully dry and concentrated finish.

# ITALIAN PINOT GRIS|GRIGIO|BIANCO

## ALTO ADIGE

Italy’s northernmost wine region; nestled right up on the border of Austria and known to locals as "Südtirol." Pinot Grigio is the most cultivated white variety in Alto Adige

21 Kellerei Kaltern Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 72

A beautiful yellow colour, fruit dominated nose, with overtone of pineapple, banana and ripe pears. Full bodied with a juicy, voluptuous character.

22 Peter Zemmer Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 87

 A lightly smoky and minerally Pinot Bianco with sliced-apple and lemon aromas and flavours. Medium to full body, creamy texture and a long, flavourful finish.

21 St. Michael Eppan ‘Fallwind’ Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC 98

Aromas of Alpine wildflower and peach blossom unfold on this refined mountain white. The balanced palate offers Anjou pear, yellow apple, mineral, tangerine and white almond coupled with crisp acidity.

22 Nals Margreid ‘Berg’ Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 99

Golden Delicious apple, pear and a hint of melon. Chamomile and jasmine, a touch of sandalwood and

fresh cut grass. A long clean finish.

20 Alois Lageder ‘Porer’ Pinot Grigio Sudtirol Alto Adige DOC 120

For over 150 years the Lageder family have been committed to creating terroir driven wine from Alto Adige

They have always had a sustainable, holistic approach, and are now Demeter certified biodynamic.

This is a dynamic balance of acid and fruit sweetness, savouriness, power and delicacy.

## FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Boasting some of the world’s finest white wines. This northeast corner of Italy is renowned for perfumed, crisp whites.

21 Antonutti Pinot Grigio Friuli DOC 65

This wine is crisp, clean and elegant and has flavours of green apple and bosc pear; it’s pleasingly fresh and mouth-watering. The finish is clean and leaves a greatly refreshed palate.

22 Fattori ‘Valparadiso’ Pinot Grigio delle Venezie DOC 70

Peach, pear and apple with subtle florals and green tea. A portion of barrels add texture and softness.

21 Vigneti Le Monde Pinot Grigio [skin contact] Friuli Grave DOC 75

Golden in colour but delicate with an elegant structure. Stone fruits and floral notes. A touch of skin contact for colour and phenolics.

21 Livon Pinot Grigio Collio DOC 85

Aromas of freshly sliced apples and steely minerality. The ripe apple flavour carries through with a touch of lemon and a bit of creaminess to the crisp finish.

21 Jermann Pinot Grigio Venezia Giulia IGT 130

A fresh mineral laden wine, very expressive aromatics but tightly wound acidity and poise. An almost salty, savoury finish with nutty, earthy characters underpinning the zesty citrus notes.

21 Vie di Romans ‘Dessimis’ Pinot Grigio Friuli Isonzo DOC 175

"This copper-coloured Pinot Grigio (a result of brief skin contact) offers subdued aromas suggesting yellow flower, toasted nut and citrus zest. Aged in barriques, the linear, rather lean palate offers oak, coconut, lemon, and a note of bitter nut while a saline note wraps up the finish. An expressive white wine with enveloping palate that makes for an elegant and satisfying tasting experience.

CHARDONNAY

22 De Iuliis Hunter Valley NSW 64

Subtle aromas of vanillin oak and melon with a hint of green pear. Elegant fruit characteristics integrate with the creamy texture from the French Oak; rounded out with a clean and vibrant finish.

22 Nick O’Leary Tumbarumba NSW 73

Well balanced with bright citrus upfront and some tropical fruits. Creamy, buttered toast, rich and satisfying. Cool climate but generous in weight.

22 Kooyong ‘Clonale’ Mornington Peninsula VIC 80

A complex nose with citrus varietal aromas meshed with classy oak. Seamless on the palate with long, fine cool-climate flavours.

21 Stonier Mornington Peninsula VIC 82

 This is a highly distinctive expression of Chardonnay, typically showing a complex array of exotic fresh citrus fruit flavours supported by natural acid with a delicate mineral character.

22 Domaine Naturaliste ‘Floris’ Margaret River WA 82

Fresh yet textural with flavours of white peach and nectarine, a flinty character and citrus crunch. A subtle creaminess rounds out the palate.

19 Settlement ‘Poplars Vineyard’ Marlborough NZ 95

Toasty savoury notes complimented by lifted aromas of citrus and spice. Tightly structured on the palate with the nutty character extending into a lengthy savoury finish.

22 Fleet Yarra Valley VIC 99

 Bright pale lemon colour, yellow stone fruits, smoky/grilled almonds and flinty/mineral notes. Citrus backbone, powerful and salivating length.

21 Scorpo ‘Estate’ Mornington Peninsula VIC 110

A concentrated and powerful chardonnay with delicious notes of Meyer lemon, Golden Delicious apple, stone fruits and nougat notes. Intricate yet complex on the palate with fennel, vanilla and mushroom undertones

21 Bicknell FC ‘Applecross’ Yarra Valley VIC 115

Dave Bicknell of Oakridge fame has his own little project: from the ‘Applecross Vineyard’ in Gladysdale he makes a zesty, smoky, spicy Chardonnay. Flint, lemon and stone fruit. Layered and tense yet complex.

20 Mac Forbes ‘Villages Gladysdale’ Yarra Valley VIC 128

Elegant intensity with grilled almond and marzipan, a whiff of smoke and a creamy character. A sweep of grapefruit and nectarine with long, refined, mouth-watering acidity.

21 Michael Hall ‘Piccadilly’ Adelaide Hills SA 126

Hand-picked and barrel fermented under the aegis of ambient yeast. This has impressive intensity and aromas of sliced peach, lemon and pear sit fresh amid nicely placed oak and a minerally edge. The palate is succulently fresh, with acidity drawing a mouthwatering deep finish. Sliced nectarines hold long and fresh.

22 Giant Steps ‘Tarraford Vineyard’ Yarra Valley VIC 149

This is impeccable ‘not to mention incredible shape’. Controlled. Powerful. Tarraford should be the richest, for site and aspect, but it’s so taut, almost salty in its savouriness. Cracking wine. The ‘loudest’ of the single vineyards in that it brings the flavour but simultaneously so very, very good.

21 La Crema Russian River Valley California USA 142

Ripe apples, fresh blossoms, a scant touch of citrus and mildly caramelly; subtle complementary oak merges seamlessly in this rich and very well-crafted wine.

22 Marco Lubiana Huon & Derwent TAS 149

 Hand-picked and hand sorted, the ferment was wild and slow. This wine has a powerful nose, which to me has a mix of lemon meringue, flint, oak spice, hazelnuts and toast, the acid line is long and taut but balanced out by a rich and smooth texture.

CHARDONNAY

21 Tony Bish ‘Golden Egg’ Hawkes Bay NZ 149

A medley of nectarine, peach and apple blossom. Richly textured, hints of almond and summer stone-fruit with a bright citrus finish that lingers and refreshes. Fermented in New Zealand’s first ceramic eggs.

21 Savaterre ‘Frere Cadet’ Beechworth VIC 155

 A complex and powerful Chardonnay made with tradition in mind, aromas of pear, white peach, citrus blossom and toasted almond waft from the glass. Exceptional quality grapes from the Savaterre Beechworth vineyard, mineral with a body of oak from ageing in French barriques.

20 Lowestoft Estate Derwent Valley TAS 165

 A revelry of fresh grapefruit and citrus zest is framed by rich cashew nut, toasted oak and baking spice. Powerful yet understated – a wine with a long future.

21 Shaw + Smith ‘Lenswood’ Adelaide Hills SA 175

 Offers a journey into the deep heart of Adelaide Hills chardonnay country, which is both fine and powerful. Quite the winemaking statement in what was a difficult year. Citrus, flint, grapefruit pith and bite and peach skin.

22 Tolpuddle Coal River Valley TAS 210

On the nose, there is great purity, with florals, lemon, and lime notes. The palate has intensity and flavour, but the personality of this wine is defined by its lightness, delicacy, and precision. It has excellent balance, with a crystalline character, fresh acid, and impressive persistence of flavour.

21 Savaterre Beechworth VIC 240

Light straw with green Chartreuse tinges. Initial glimpses of pear, white peach, preserved lemon, lime blossom, galangal, white flowers, grilled almond, subtle gun flint and exotic spices such as curry leaf, nutmeg, and allspice in the background. All defined within a mineral framework. The palate confirms its pedigree.

Power, complexity, minerality and incredible length interwoven seamlessly.

22 Felton Road ‘Block 6’ Central Otago NZ 235

 Intense chardonnay with salty mineral, oyster shell, citrus, white flower and ginger the most prominent flavours in this taut, mouth-watering wine. Impressive purity, high energy, and bright acidity with a lingering finish. It gives a nod in the direction of Chablis.



20 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Margaret River WA 315

 The palate is precise, focussed and fine with delicately woven texture through the mid-palate. Juicy white peach combines with pear at the core. Threaded within is harmony, elegance and vibrancy that pulls all elements together in a seamless line.

15 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Margaret River WA 386

 Creamy yet fresh in its textural feel it combines complexing elements of cashew, citrusy nougat and subtle infusions of gun flint with the fruit. Excellent acid structure, superb power and a long driving finish that persists for minutes on the aftertaste.

14 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Margaret River WA 495

 Incredibly youthful quartz-green colour; a great chardonnay, its intensity and length right up there with the best prior vintages; white peach and nectarine open the batting, pink grapefruit coming swiftly thereafter, creamy/nutty oak almost lost in the crowd. If this weren't enough, the aftertaste is a work of art, complete in itself.

12 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Margaret River WA 519

It's all class and quality but the drinkability factor is extremely high. It's like sitting with someone expert in the art of conversation; it makes you laugh and cry and lean in closer. Fruit, oak, texture, acidity, length: a hand full of aces, neatly arranged, trim and terrific.

## WHITE BURGUNDY

21 Louis Jadot Chablis AOC 139

 A vibrant bouquet with subtle yellow flowers and underlying mineral tones. The palate is fresh and taut, superbly focused with just a touch of spiciness toward the long and sustained finish.

22 Domaine de I’Enclos Chablis AOC 165

On the nose, apple, citrus, peach skin, almonds, and dried pastries, accompanied by sea air and shells that have just washed up on the coast. Freshness and finesse are the credo on the tongue, the impression of salt lemon omnipresent. With all its elegance, it literally grabs you with its vibrant nature and salty length.

21 Saumaize-Michelin 'Pentacrine' Pouilly Fuissé AOC 169

 The aromas here are of white flowers, honeysuckle, acacia and stone fruit with mineral notes. The expression of this wine is balanced with a silky structure and fresh fruit, without any heaviness with a saline finish.

20 William Fevre 1er Cru 'Vaillons' Chablis AOC 190

 Derived from old vines in Les Minots (that are a source for the Fèvre massale selection), as well as holdings in Roncières and Chatains, the 2020 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons unwinds in the glass with notes of white flowers, crisp stone fruit and clear honey.

20 Château Meursault ‘Clos du Chateau” Bourgogne AOC 229

Round, complex and well-balanced. Nice length with expressive floral notes and elegant oak. Good minerality to balance the toast and nutty characters. Classy Bourgogne Meursault.

18 Pascal Bouchard Grand Cru, Vaudesirs “Les Vielles Vignes” Chablis AOC 399

A feminine delicacy with a charming side blessed with a beautiful minerality, toasted notes and nuttiness. Captivating and complex, apples and pear, citrus and stone fruit with a rounded and well-balanced acidity.

21 Domaine de l’Enclos Grand Cru, Les Clos Chablis AOC 410

Aromas of lemon curd, stone fruits, orange blossom, crushed oyster shell. Full-bodied, silky, very long with a pronounced mineral core.

## ITALIAN CHARDONNAY

22 Tormaresca Puglia IGT 65

Tormaresca is the Antinori family’s outpost in Puglia. Restrained aromas of jasmine flower, citrus and white peach. Fragrant and savoury with well balance acid and fruit.

21 St. Michael-Eppan ‘Fallwind’ Alto Adige DOC 110

Ripe apple and melon notes, with a gentle minerality. The silky elegance coats the powerful core, well-balanced by the natural acidity. Deceptive in its complexity and freshness.

21 Bellavista ‘Alma Terra’ Curtefranca Bianco DOC Lombardy 135

 This wine presents itself to the wine enthusiast wonderfully dry. On the nose you’ll reveal a nuance of rose, lemongrass and pink grapefruit. The fruity aspects of the bouquet are joined by notes of barrel aging such as even more fruity-balsamic nuances.

22 Cantele ‘Teresa Manara’ Puglia IGT 140

Intense, rich and warm, this chardonnay spends 8 months in barrique and shows generous stone fruits and subtle nuances of white flowers and spice. Velvety, layered and complex on the palate.

16 Bellavista ‘Convento SS. Anunciata’ Curtefranca Bianco DOC Lombardy 229

Deep straw yellow, broad and appealing. Hints of ripe fruit; apricot and pineapple. An attractive and elegant vanilla note and a mineral vein. Excellent balance and freshness on the palate and a long, tangy finish.

20 Isole E Olena ‘Collezione Privata’ Toscana IGT 248

Rich aromas of toasted almonds with buttery notes. On the palate, there is great balance between rich, ripe fruit, creamy brioche and complex minerality.

20 Antinori ‘Cervaro della Sala’ IGT Umbria 269

A complex nose with intense notes of citrus fruit, acacia blossoms that blend with hints of vanilla. A rich, mineral palate offers light notes of hazelnut butter with a lengthy and persistent finish.

ITALIAN CHARDONNAY



22 Gaja ‘Rossj Bass’ Chardonnay|Sav Blanc Langhe DOP IT 325

 In the mouth the rich, full texture is balanced by a crisp acidity and intense tropical fruit, citrus and toasty flavours which linger long on the tongue.

21 Gaja ‘Rossj Bass’ Chardonnay|Sav Blanc Langhe DOP IT 315

This wine opens up on the palate to citrus and tropical fruit, mixed with a touch of minerality that adds complexity and depth to this wine. A vibrant wine, with a firm texture noticeable along the entire centre of the tongue with a crisp, long and lingering finish.

19 Gaja ‘Rossj Bass’ Chardonnay|Sav Blanc Langhe DOP IT 325

 ‘Rossj-Bass’ is Chardonnay enhanced with a tiny part Sauvignon Blanc; though only 10% of the blend, its presence is felt in a big way. Crisp and luminous, pristine and sharply delineated tones of exotic fruit, peach and white rose.

21 Gaja ‘Gaia & Rey’ Langhe DOC 760

 Always a fantastic chardonnay with apple pie, nougat, vanilla, and flint aromas and flavours. Hints of salted caramel. Medium to full body with racy acidity and bright fruit.

20 Gaja ‘Gaia & Rey’ Langhe DOC 790

 It is creamy and voluptuous on the palate. 2020 Gaia & Rey is a moving wine, with a vibrant freshness and lingering finish with a quality of sapidity. It shows remarkable elegance.

18 Gaja ‘Gaia & Rey’ Langhe DOC 805

A poised and elegant expression from this vintage, delicate yet powerful. Tightly wound citrus, mineral and flinty notes.

17 Gaja ‘Gaia & Rey’ Langhe DOC 810

A warmer vintage and a touch richer; orchard and citrus fruits are framed with spice, almond and wildflowers. This wine really delivers, coating the mouth with a creaminess as the wine builds to a fresh, lingering finish.

15 Gaja ‘Gaia & Rey’ Langhe DOC 870

2015 was a hot vintage resulting in an opulence to this wine: aromas of Golden Delicious apple, white peach, wild sage, ginger and honey. Use of larger older oak keeps a tension and energy to the finish.

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## VALLE D’AOSTA

Tucked in Italy’s Northwest corner above Piemonte and surrounded by the Alps, the Valle d'Aosta is home to the highest elevated vineyards in all of Europe.

21 Les Cretes ‘Mont Blanc’ Vino Bianco 80

Pinot Grigio, Bianco and Chardonnay: A tight and delicate with aromas of hay and alpine flowers. Citrus, crushed rocks and green melon on the palate; very precise and chiselled with lots of personality.

## PIEMONTE

Piemonte is not usually thought of for white wines, but a few are worth considering: Cortese grown around the Village of Gavi and Arneis meaning “Little Rascal”.

21 Fontanabianca Arneis Langhe DOC 72

Young and lively with fresh flavours and an intense bouquet of fresh white fruit and yellow flowers.

19 Paolo Scavino ‘Sorriso’ Langhe DOC 82

A blend of 40% Chardonnay and 40% Sauvignon Blanc with the rest Viognier. Fresh and charming with white flowers, sage, stone fruits and mineral notes. Elegant with a soft texture combined with refreshing acidity

19 Mauro Molino Arneis Roero DOCG 92

Straw yellow in colour with greenish highlights, intense floral and fruity aromas, well-structured with a balanced acidity and a long finish.

21 Villa Sparina Gavi DOCG 99

Apples and green almonds on the nose, with an overtone of chamomile flowers. Gently fruity on the palate with balanced mineral notes.

22 Luigi Baudana ‘Dragon’ Langhe Bianco DOC 104

The palate is citrusy whit flavours of orchard fruit, macerated elder flower and candied orange peel that shine through the fresh and vibrant acidity. Drinkable and accessible it totally reflects the elegance and energy of the vintage.

## FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Boasting some of the world’s finest white wines. This northeast corner of Italy is renowned for perfumed, crisp whites as well as golden hued textural expressions.

17 Ronco del Gelso ‘Latimis’ Isonzo Del Friuli DOC 90

This wine is a blend of Friulano, Riesling, Pinot Bianco and a small amount of Traminer Aromatico. It is a big, concentrated yet balanced wine.

20 Zuani Bianco ‘Vigne’ Collio DOC 98

Friulano joining forces with Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Pinot Grigio to produce a balanced wine with complex, rich fruit enhanced by balanced acidity and lingering mineral notes.

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## FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

20 Livon ‘Solarco’ Friulano|Ribolla Gialla Collio DOC 112

Crunchy apples, acacia and fresh tropical fruits. A touch of fresh crusty bread and vanilla notes complete this very fine blend.

21 Ronco Dei Tassi Friulano Collio DOC 123

 From fifty-year-old vines, this is aged mostly in stainless steel with a small portion going through malolactic in old barriques. Straw yellow with green highlights, the nose displays acacia flowers, and the palate is distinctly varietal with citrus fruit, pear, liquorice & almond.

20 Ronco Dei Tassi ‘Fosarin’ Collio DOC 140

 Fosarin is a 40-40-20 blend of Pinot Bianco, Friulano and Malvasia. Aged for six months in a combination of stainless steel and barriques, this is fresh and fruity in its youth, filling out with time in the bottle to become rich and spicy.

20 Vie di Romans ‘Flors di Uis’ Friuli Isonzo DOC 145

The ‘Flors di Uis’ is relatively light on its feet, with a graceful personality that is impossible to resist. High-toned floral notes from the Malvasia grace the impeccable finish. A blend of Malvasia, Tocai and Riesling.

12 Gravner Ribolla Venezia Giulia IGT 295

Ribolla grapes date back more than a thousand years in this region. Gravner uses Georgian amphorae buried underground, with long maceration, wild yeasts and no temperature control. After five months in amphorae the wine spends six years in large oak barrels. Bottled without fining or filtration.

## VENETO

Located in the North-East of Italy, Veneto is the home of the amazing white wines of Soave, made mostly from the Garganega grape.

21 Cantina Pra ‘Otto’ Soave Classico DOC 70

Fresh, aromatic with slightly savoury edge. Classic food wine.

21 Fattori ‘Danieli’ Soave DOC 73

Floral jasmine with fresh peach, pear, apricot and citrus fruit. Intriguing notes of graphite, nettle and sage.

22 Inama ‘Vin Soave’ Soave Classico DOC 78

A restrained fruit driven style: there is aromas of field flowers; chamomile, elderflower, iris. Minerality on the palate with a finish of almond, typical of classic Garganega.

22 I Campi ‘Campo Base’ Soave DOC 78

Plenty to enjoy on the 2022 release with aromas of apple, pineapple and perfumed minerals. Medium-bodied with intense and long-lasting flavours.

20 Tenuta Sant’Antonio Vigna Monte Ceriani Soave DOC 80

 Straw yellow in colour with greenish highlights, the bouquet is pleasantly citrusy, with notes reminiscent of grapefruit. In the mouth it is fresh and long persistent, characterised by a bitter almond finish, typical of Soave.

21 Tamellini ‘Le Bine de Costìola’ Soave DOC 90

 On the palate, it presents a rich, somewhat mineral texture with notes of almonds, finishing with bright, crisp acidity. Persistent and full bodied, this is a serious wine that ages well and gains complexity over time.

21 Quintarelli ‘Bianco Secco’ Veneto IGT 213

Garganega, with splashes of Trebbiano, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Saorin. White peach, apricot and jasmine aromas. Riper characters of exotic fruits, blanched almonds and fresh herbs with mineral complexity.

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## EMILIA ROMAGNA

Emilia-Romagna runs across the top of the Italian peninsula, south of the Po River, from the Adriatic Sea almost to the west coast.

21 Podere Pradarolo ‘Vej 100 Bianco Antico’ 125

100% Malvasia di Candia Aromatica with 210 days on skins in cement, aged in steel, here is a young and fresh wine with aromas of dried white flowers with notes of tea, dried herbs, citrus peels and preserved stone fruit.

## TOSCANA

Tuscany is one of the most famous and prolific wine regions anywhere in Europe. Its vineyards produce an array of wine styles far beyond the well-known reds:

20 Val Delle Rose ‘Litorale’ Vermentino Maremma DOC 70

Juicy, vibrant and fresh. Ripe fruit notes with a lovely salinity from this coastal region. Classic Vermentino.

19 Poggio Al Sole ‘Chiara’ Toscana IGT 73

Light pale green in colour; a blend of 85% Chardonnay and 15% Bianco di Sangiovese. This is a racy, mineral-driven wine with crisp notes of citrus, melon and green apple.

21 Bibi Graetz ‘Casamatta Bianco’ Toscana IGT 80

This Vermentino is bright, saline and full of energy. Lovely perfumes of fresh red apple, honeydew melon and magnolia flowers and a very good depth of fruit with a rich, flavourful finish.

22 Giorgio Melleti Cavallari Bolgheri Bianco DOC 80

Vermentino and Viognier in equal parts. Complex and intense nose of pear and stone fruit. Floral characters and a savoury mineral note.

21 Il Palagione ‘Hydra Vernaccia di San Gimignano’ Toscana DOCG 85

 Delicate scents suggesting white spring flower, citrus and white stone fruit lead the nose. The bright, enjoyable palate doles out white peach, honeydew melon, lemon zest and a tangy hint reminiscent of oyster shell.

19 Tenuta di Ghizzano ‘Il Ghizzano’ Bianco Costa Toscana IGT 92

Made from traditional Tuscan white grapes: Trebbiano, Vermentino and Malvasia Bianca. This is a fresh and fruity wine, easy drinking, but not at all simple. Long, fine acidity and subtle grip makes this a wonderful match with seafood.

20 Gaja Ca’Marcanda ‘Vistamare’ Toscana IGT 265

The playful name of this wine was inspired by the sea breeze, sun, and cheerful and light-hearted outlook of the Tuscan coast. The vineyards used for Vistamare enjoy a panoramic view of the Tuscan horizon and their Vermentino and Viognier grapes are gently inebriated by the saline air and brilliant colours of the Tuscan Sea.

## LE MARCHE

Le Marche region is located in Eastern Italy and sandwiched between the Adriatic Sea and the Apennines. Home to the regions beloved Verdicchio grape or ‘little green one’.

20 Bisci Verdicchio di Matelica DOC 75

Pale straw yellow in colour with lovely green reflections. An intense and complex nose with white flowers, almond and green apple. It is well structured yet fresh and balanced.

20 La Distesa ‘Terre Silvate’ Marche Bianco IGT 98

An energetic Verdicchio with a small amount of Trebbiano, fermented and aged in old concrete vats. Open and expressive in its youth, it has stone fruits, salinity and a pleasant, almond-like bitterness.

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## ABRUZZO|UMBRIA

The rugged mountainous region of Abruzzo offers an abundance of delightful, uncomplicated wines that tend to represent very good value.

21 Cirelli ‘La Collina Biologica’ Trebbiano d’Abruzzo DOC 75

One of Abruzzo’s rising stars in organic viticulture; Francesco Cirelli. Shining yellow hue with white peach, musk melon, golden delicious apples and a floral note on this organic Trebbiano. Sweet hay and melon-tinged finish.

12 Paolo Bea ‘Arboreus’ Trebbiano Spoletino Umbria Bianco IGT 225

A white wine of precious and refined profile, it is macerated on the skins for more than 20 days. From 40 years old vines site at 200 meters above sea level. Complex bouquet of very ripe fruits, honey and spices. Enveloping on the palate, lush, fresh and sour.

## LAZIO

Lazio, centred around the ancient capital city of Rome, has a long history of winemaking. Volcanic soils of the hills give minerality to the white of the region.

21 Cincinnato ‘Pantaleo’ Greco Lazio IGT 70

Pale straw yellow, peach, pear and fresh apple. A nice multi-layered, complexity from chamomile and almond notes, minerality and a lovely balanced acidity.

## CAMPANIA

Campania, like many Italian regions, is home an impressive array of grape varieties, some of which are found almost nowhere else on earth.

20 Pietracupa Falanghina Benevento IGT 124

Fresh wine with drive and purity. Citrus notes of bitter orange and lemon zest with a touch of pine, minerality and a slight oiliness gives texture excellent length.

19 I Cacciagalla ‘Aorivola’ Falanghina Roccamonfina IGT 128

Volcanic soils gives this Falanghina a distinct mineral presence. Only natural occurring wild yeasts are used and it is never filtered. A golden hue, round and supple with depth and complexity, this wonderfully off-beat wine is extremely versatile with food.

21 Luigi Maffini ‘Kratos’ Fiano di Avellino 132

"Kratos" is the perfect expression of the style of Luigi Maffini’s Fiano; a measured and elegant wine. Full of exotic stone fruit, kiwi and apricot with an exceptional purity and tantalising sweet spice and floral aromas.

## PUGLIA

The southern portion of the region is a flat and fertile peninsula that forms the characteristic heel of the Italian "boot". Puglia has always been the engine-room of Italian wine production.

21 Varvaglione ‘12 e Mezzo’ Bianco Puglia IGP 76

Organic blend of Chardonnay Malvasia and Fiano; its elegant aromatic bouquet of floral and citrus notes lead to a palate that is fresh and long, with more citrus and white flowers.

21 Cantele ‘Rohesia’ Bianco Puglia IGP 95

This Malvasia Bianca has aromas of pineapple and peach with floral note of chamomile and refreshing acidity.

20 Masseria Li Veli ‘Askos’ Verdeca Gioia Del Colle IGP 137

Intense tropical fruit, citrus, pear with honeysuckle and fresh spices. The palate is full, well balanced with a good acidity. Rich minerality with fruit, honey and a mildly spicy finish.

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## SICILIA

One of Europe’s oldest wine regions, Sicilia is home to some unique varietals and many modern Sicilian producers have embraced ancient farming and winemaking techniques.

22 Graci Etna Bianco DOC 98

Carricante and Catarratto producing a tight, crisp and perfectly balanced wine, with accents of stone and graphite underscored by pear, green plum and anise notes.

22 Valdibella ‘Sulle Bucce’ Grillo IGP 102

 Color: straw yellow with golden reflections. Bouquet: notes of flowers, citrus and aromatic herbs. Taste: full taste, rightly tannic, warm but elegant and balanced by a good minerality that gives a long and complex finish.  Its organoleptic expression is therefore more complex, starting from its orange colour but also more authentic thanks to the choice not to add sulphites.

21 Cantine Russo ‘Luce di Lava’ Etna Bianco DOC 105

 Straw yellow colour with greenish hues, this is a full-bodied, balanced wine with hints of tropical fruit and citrus. Taste is persistent, fresh, with distinct mineral notes.

22 Donnafugata ‘Sur Sur’ Grillo IGP 107

 SurSur 2022, with a bright straw yellow colour, offers the nose a fresh bouquet with captivating notes of white-fleshed fruit (peach and cantaloupe melon) combined with hints of wildflowers and mint. In the mouth it is soft, with a return of fruity notes combined with a pleasant freshness.

22 Tenuta di Fessina ‘Erse’ Etna Bianco DOC 169

Predominantly Carricante: Fresh with mountain herbs, lemon peel, almond and white flowers. Flinty notes with high acidity, salinity on the finish. ‘Erse’; the call of the sunrise and the dew at dawn

21 Tenuta di Fessina ‘A’Puddara’ Etna Bianco DOC 215

100% Carricante here, lifted graphite, orange zest, mango, broom, aromatic herbs. Gentle buttery notes and a savoury and marine finish.

20 IDDA Etna Bianco DOC 242

Gaja has a new project: IDDA means ‘she’ in Sicilian dialect referring to Mount Etna herself. Focussing on the native grape Carricante. This expression is taut and mineral with lovely, focused citrus and pear fruit. Clean, linear and with some grapefruit, a touch of salinity and a lovely precision.

## SARDEGNA

In the region of Gallura, in the northeast of the island, the heat and marine winds create optimal conditions for ripening Vermentino as the island’s only DOCG: Vermentino di Gallura DOCG.

20 Cantina Gallura ‘Gemellae’ Vermentino di Gallura DOCG 70

Citrus, orange blossom, delicate white peach, white grapes, bitter almond and just a touch of salty caper brine.

21 Dolia Nova ‘Prendas’ Vermentino di Sardegna DOC 75

Clean, slightly floral, vibrant fruit and a fresh salinity. A touch of nuttiness and a lifted acidity at the finish.

21 Sardus Pater ‘Terre Fenicie’ Vermentino di Sardegna DOC 80

At the nose it has a scent of finesse, floral and fruity with notes of elderflower and white peach. In the mouth the wine is broad and smooth, with a good balance between fruity aromas and freshness.

# ROSÉ

22 Longview ‘Juno’ Adelaide Hills SA 60

A light dry rosé with a pale pink hue with just a touch of orange. Bright strawberry aromas with fresh orange peel, pink grapefruit and subtle mush notes.

21 Latta ‘Blush’ Pyrenees VIC 82

 Winemaker Owen Latta's take on Syrah rosé is an effortlessly cool and fresh affair, crafted naturally with terroir in mind. Bottled unfiltered and unfined, with spice, fruit, and freshness at the forefront.

21 Cobaw Ridge Il Pinko Macedon Rangers VIC 113

##  Silky texture that fines perk from minerally acidity, a faint sheath of tannin, extraordinary length and a sense of the palate being saturated in all and sundry flavours and textures. In essence, world class rose.

## ITALIAN ROSATO

22 Masseria Li Veli ‘Torrerose’ Rosato Puglia 70

Pale and bright Negroamaro rose; dry, savoury and saline. Fresh fruit and floral notes. Refreshing acidity

22 La Calcinara ‘Mun’ Rosato Marche IGT 79

Made from Montepulciano this is completely dry but has a savoury-sweet complexity that is fantastic when food comes into play. Blood orange with Campari notes, thyme, wild rose and a touch of smoky flintiness.

21 Graci Etna Rosato Sicily DOC 88

Nerello Mascalese gives a bone-dry rosé with strawberries and herbs, spice and wildflowers, and a touch of blood orange. Shimmering with acidity, a sturdy mineral core.

18 Villa Sparina Rosato del Monferrato ‘Chiaretto’ Piemonte DOC 95

Contemporary style composed of Barbera and Dolcetto from Piemonte. Complexity, acidity, length and minerality but also delicate fresh fruits and floral notes to the palate of this wine.

20 Vini Cali ‘Galatea’ Terre Siciliane Rosato Sicily DOC 98

Nerello Mascalese rosé with wild strawberries and peach blossom. Crisp and elegant with minerality.

## FRENCH ROSÉ

22 Maison Aix Côtes de Provence AOP 79

An elegant pale pink colour. The nose is perfumed and complex with red berries, grapefruit and floral notes. A wonderful example of Provence rose to be enjoyed on a hot afternoon.

21 Minuty Prestige Côtes de Provence AOP 85

 Shimmering pink with crisp aromas that pack a punch with yellow grapefruit, white currant, blood orange and fresh berries. It’s just as crisp, strong and clean on the palate with a lovely salty and zingy aftertaste.

21 Whispering Angel Côtes de Provence AOP 115

 Whispering Angel is today’s worldwide reference for Provence rosé. Made from Grenache, Cinsault and Rolle (Vermentino), its pale colour is pleasing to the eye and draws one in. The rewarding taste profile is full and lush while being bone dry with a smooth finish.

21 Domaine Ott\* ‘Château Romassan’ Bandol AOC 158

Predominantly Mourvèdre complimented by Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah, pink grapefruit, vine peach and floral notes. Complex and concentrated on the palate with lengthy acidity.

19 Château de Bellet Bellet AOC 169

Produced from the Braquet grape, native to this area of Provence. Very elegant wild strawberries with complex notes of violets and spices. Generous on the palate with notes of red berries, raspberries and redcurrants. The finish is long with notes of blood peach, almond, and a beautiful minerality.

20 Domaine Ott\* ‘Etoile’ Côtes de Provence AOC 395

This Grenache dominant rosé is crystal-clear appearance tinged with pink mother-of-pearl. The captivating first nose is suggestive of grapefruit and vanilla. The complexity is lifted by touches of wild peach and raspberries.

# PINOT NOIR

21 Catalina Sounds ‘Sound of White’ Marlborough NZ 80

The Sound of White vineyard provides a richness and density of fruit. Cherries, dark berries and plum with touch of violet aromatics. Juicy and powerful with a silken elegance framed with oak tannins.

21 Freycinet Vineyards ‘Louis’ Freycinet Coast TAS 86

Spicy red berry fruits with subtle oak and a generous round palate: Awash with sweet cherry and plum flavours overlaying savoury silky fine tannins and a smooth textural long finish.

22 Giant Steps Yarra Valley VIC 90

 This wine delivers a remarkable vibrancy and approachability, the underlying complexity and intensity of flavour makes this a standout - and exceptional value for money at this price.

21 Millton ‘La Cote’ Gisborne NZ 90

Expressive with notes of dark cherry, juniper berry and a hint of fennel and manuka flower. Firm tannins and ripe fruit underpinned by a savoury mineral edge.

21 Urlar ‘Gladstone’ Wairarapa NZ 90

‘Urlar’ is Gaelic for the Earth; dark red berry fruits, dried herbs, lifted red florals and subtle savoury notes; spices, earthy cedar and forest floor. Elegantly concentrated with fine tannins and a silky texture.

20 Domain Road Central Otago NZ 95

Lifted aromas of violets, plums and cherry. Rich dark fruits with pretty raspberry and a hint of leather and spice. A complex wine with good depth and concentration with a long finish.

20 La Crema ‘Monterey’ California USA 102

Aromas of black plum, cherry, rhubarb and hints of earth. Plush and richly textured with juicy, yet balanced acidity and integrated toasty barrel spice.

21 Springvale ‘Estate’ Freycinet Coast TAS 104

Deep ruby red in colour, dark cherry and spice with hints of dried herbs. An intensity of dark berry fruit flavours, plush mouthfeel and forest floor undertones. Finishes with persistent velvety tannins.

22 Gentle Folk ‘Village’ Adelaide Hills SA 110

 Such a fresh and vibrant expression but even, elegant and svelte too. A pure and controlled expression of pinot noir that does fragrance, bright and distinct cherry-red berry fruit, gentle spice and pretty meadow herb and floral notes so well. It’s cool and even, tightens on gentle tannins, has depth but length and vim. Its such a delightful pinot, joyous stuff that should be tried by all pinot enthusiast.

21 Michael Hall Adelaide Hills SA 125

 Medium-bodied, spicy red fruit with a blood orange zest, plenty of energy, a fine grip of emery tannin, and a sour cherry and grainy grip finish of good length.

21 Craggy Range ‘Te Muna Road’ Martinborough NZ 129

An elegant, concentrated core of savoury dark red berry and earthy flavours with nuances of game and dried herb. This is elegantly rich, complex and savoury with fine structure.

22 Marco Lubiana Huon & Derwent TAS 149

This is great drinking for any pinot lover. Fragrant, all dark cherry and woody spice, tasty, all dark cherry and woody spice. You get seduced by its freshness and lithe, bright feel.

22 Yabby Lake Mornington Peninsula VIC 149

Attractive rose petals, dark cherries and spice aromas. The palate is fine, tight and dry with a cherry and plum centre and balanced, savoury tannins.

21 Burn Cottage ‘Moonlight Race’ Central Otago NZ 159

Bright notes of cherry, florals and pepper spice are accompanied by rosehip and savoury earth characters. There is a lovely concentrated core supported by supple texture, and fine tannins extending through the palate.

17 Nautilus ‘Clay Hills’ Marlborough NZ 159

Beautifully poised with aromas of raspberries, plums and toasted spice. Firm, fine grained tannins and an earthy, truffle character contribute to a lingering elegant finish.

# PINOT NOIR



22 Felton Road ‘Bannockburn’ Central Otago NZ 290

 A pure but powerful drive of fruit on a perfect cusp of ripeness, with complexing notes of sandalwood and spice. This is all about harmony and balance with the transparency of fruit allowing the detail to shine through. Silken tannins finish the package.

21 Felton Road ‘Bannockburn Central Otago NZ 290

 Black cherries and cream on the nose introduced cherry crumble on the palate with baked spices. Very harmonious for a wine so young, but a brooding undertow reveals the intrinsic power of the wine.

22 Felton Road ‘Cornish Point’ Central Otago NZ 290

 Through the entire palate there is a gentle mineral seam that stops anything from tipping over into excess, so it seduces rather than hollers. There will be no lack of complexity to come for those with patience, but it is very hard to resist now.

21 Felton Road ‘Cornish Point’ Central Otago NZ 290

 Off to a good start with an intense aroma that is a mix of floral/violet and blackcurrant compote notes. The palate is more complex and very intense with a peacock's tail display of dark cherry, cassis, oriental spices, and a whisper of nutty oak.

20 Felton Road ‘Cornish Point’ Central Otago NZ 295

 Intense floral notes of lavender and violets along with plum, clove and dark chocolate. This smaller berried and earlier harvest at Cornish Point contributes saturating fruit, spice and hints of sandalwood on the palate.

21 Felton Road ‘Calvert’ Central Otago NZ 290

 A very open and plush textured red with velvet and tile undertones. Full and layered with plums and oranges. Firm at the end. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Better in two to three years.

20 Felton Road ‘Calvert’ Central Otago NZ 295

 Immediately bursting with characteristic Calvert florals that are supported by dark cherry, plum and allspice. Violets flow endlessly on a silk laden mid-palate that intensifies and firms in the normal Calvert manner.

22 Felton Road ‘MacMuir’ Central Otago NZ 290

 The nose is dark, as is the colour, beguiling, but restrained. There is a stature to the palate here; a sort of authority to the way it stands back and allows you to explore its detail.

21 Felton Road ‘MacMuir’ Central Otago NZ 290

 Dark fruit and cocoa lead this saturating and brooding bouquet. The palate is similarly intense, a different iteration of Felton Road, but it nevertheless has the openness and immediate silky appeal. Sandalwood, dark chocolate and cranberry lingers on a sustained and immensely impressive finish.

22 Felton Road ‘Block 5’ Central Otago NZ 325

 The vivacious character of the 2022 vintage leads the intense nose of dark florals, black cherry and an array of classic Central Otago spice and dried herbs. The flavours are again classic with plentiful diversity and complexity.

21 Felton Road ‘Block 5’ Central Otago NZ 325

 The 2021 Pinot Noirs delight in their finesse and poise: not heavy or cloying like some other vintages, and as we have seen before, the Block 5 naturally luxuriates in these finer and elegant years.

20 Felton Road ‘Block 5’ Central Otago NZ 345

 A diverse and complex nose dominated by polished leather and dark rose. The power on the palate is seamlessly integrated with the refined fruit and transparent winemaking.

22 Felton Road ‘Block 3’ Central Otago NZ 320

 Concentrated, powerful pinot noir with a medley of dark, strong cherry/berry fruits that almost mask a subtler suggestion of floral and fresh herb characters. A moderately assertive backbone of fine, peppery oak and fruit tannins suggests good cellaring potential although the wine is certainly accessible now.

21 Felton Road ‘Block 3’ Central Otago NZ 320

 It’s incredibly transparent on the palate, drawing you in to the chocolate that lies beneath the surface. The tannins are surprisingly svelte and perfectly formed. All the power is focussed on the back of the palate, as it should be.

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. PINOT NOIR

21 Ten Minutes by Tractor ‘Up the Hill’ Mornington Peninsula VIC 155

Selected from our Main Ridge vineyards –‘up the hill', this wine speaks of the subregion with lifted spice – hints of cinnamon, cardamon and crushed Autumn leaves intertwined with a potpourri of strawberry, red fruit, rose petal & violets.

22 Mewstone Flowerpot TAS 159

 It's a prime spot for Jonathan Hughes to craft high-quality Pinot Noir. The fruit picked on the knife edge of ripeness, but with crunchy acidity as a backbone. A Pinot of full body and flavour with polish and precision in spades. It's a stellar release.

20 Scorpo ‘Old Cherry Orchard’ Mornington Peninsula VIC 188

 Intense cherry along with porcini mushroom, dried herbs and hints of cedar. The palate is tight and delicate with great length. Fine tannins and a great backbone of acidity.

19 Savaterre Beechworth VIC 177

The extremely densely planted Savaterre vineyard sees low input biodynamic viticulture. This is a terroir driven pinot of great power, structure and intensity, seasoned in new, tight grained French oak.

12 Pegasus Bay ‘Aged Release’ Canterbury NZ 220

Aromas of a developing wine show first with red berry fruits beginning to dry a little, darker plum and an earthy, mineral integrated complexity. Primary fruit notes remain too, but these are hidden behind the toasty smoky layers of wood and bottle-age. aromas of cinnamon and wood smoke, clove and vanilla spice.

21 By Farr ‘Farrside’ Geelong VIC 198

 Each vintage of Farrside pinot noir exhibits more finesse, structure and savoury components, while deep meaty, spicy and mineral flavours also continue to evolve. A balanced array of red and black fruits, Farrside pinot noir is fresh and edgy with bucketloads of character. This is a firm yet delicate wine with a long-textured finish.

19 Quartz Reef ‘Single Ferment’ Central Otago NZ 205

Rich and elegant on the palate with ripe plum, cherry and cinnamon. Medium bodied with velvet tannins integrated acidity and a long finish.

23 Domaine Simha ‘Rama’ Derwent Valley TAS 210

 Vintage 2023 is a brilliant expression of a long, cool season. Phenomenal sunshine gave us perfectly balanced, fine and structured wine; perfumed, long, spicy and textural with striking character.

22 Tolpuddle Coal River Valley TAS 220

This wine is true to the Tolpuddle Vineyard Pinot Noir style: intensely aromatic, medium bodied with savoury spice notes, along with purity of varietal expression, fresh acidity and ripe tannins.

18 Craggy Range ‘Aroha’ Martinborough NZ 255

Aroha delivers an intriguing aromatic mix of wooden spices, dried herbs, dark red roses and dark cherries reminiscent of Burgundy. Vibrant dark cherry colour. Beguiling aromatics of dark rose, ripe cherry, and a hint of freshly trampled dry pine needles.

17 Craggy Range ‘Aroha’ Martinborough NZ 259

 The palate has a smooth, fine and elegant yet dense and powerful tannin frame with a supple, even and plush feel and such composure and fruit purity.

14 Craggy Range ‘Aroha’ Martinborough NZ 285

Cherry, raspberry, strawberry, plus earthy herb and wet stone flavours, the wine is smooth but lively. Its structure is spot-on: a light grip, mineral acid and loads of delicate flavour, and an effortlessness that's perfect.

12 Pegasus Bay ‘Prima Donna’ Canterbury NZ 295

This is totally seductive and delicious; it’s wonderfully matured with dark berry, charcuterie, cedar, dried herb and leather notes on the nose. The multi-layered palate delivers outstanding concentration and persistency backed by seamlessly pitched tannins, offering structure as well as lavish texture.

# ITALIAN PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noirs from the Alto Adige, Italy’s northernmost wine region, yield a wonderful balance of natural acid and tannin. These are some of the finest Pinot Noirs in Italy.

22 St Micheal Eppan Sűdtirol Alto Adige DOC 90

Softly full and supple with harmonious sour cherry, bramble fruits and spice. Velvety and elegant with a subtle touch of oak.

22 Tenuta Mazzolino ‘Terrazze’ IGT Lombardia 95

Small red berries (raspberry/strawberry) dominate the sip, the well-ripened acidity present makes the sip crisp and invites a second glass. Lingering finish on raspberry and white pepper tones.

21 Tieffenbrunner ‘Turmhof’ Sűdtirol Alto Adige DOC 130

 This Pinot Noir is ruby-red in colour with a garnet-red glow and a subtle bouquet of blackberries, raspberries and cherries. It has a youthful strength and pedigree; soft and full-bodied while being balanced and elegant on the palate.

19 Falkenstein ‘Vinschgau’ Sűdtirol Alto Adige DOC 165

Beautiful cherry and fruits of the forest aromas with a subtle earthy tone. The palate is smooth, elegant and long with fine tannins. Finesse is the word that comes to mind.

# RED BURGUNDY

18 Gabin et Félix Richoux ‘Irancy’ Veaupessiot 149

 A wine that delivers tons of fruit on the nose. Aromas of mulberry, black currant, and touches of violet. The palate is well balanced, regional in style but with fresh tightly wound blackberry supported with hints of white pepper.

14 Vincent Girardin Santenay ‘Les Vielles Vignes’ Côte de Beaune Santenay 185

 Medium ruby colour, medium intensity on the nose. Notes of earthy, leather, cherry, cranberry, oak, vanilla, dry, high acidity, medium-tannins, medium bodied, 13% abv, palate is similar to the nose, long length finish Lovely burgundy PN which hits the right spots.

13 Louis Lequin ‘Les Brûlées’ Nuits Saint George 195

Round and generous fruit profile with floral, earthy undertones. Red currant, spice and rose, supple but persistent tannins result in great length and a detailed finish.

20 Henri Prudhon & Fils Saint~Aubin 1er Cru ‘Sur le Sentier du Clou’ 195

 This cuvée from old vines offers very complex notes combining red fruits and spices. The numerous small clusters very rich in “Millerand” (small berries) give a beautiful depth to the wine and an unsuspected ability to defy time.

19 Domaine Roux Aloxe-Corton Les Boutiѐres Saint-Aubin 245

 The deep soil begets a vigorous, full-bodied Pinot Noir, robust yet refined. Tender and fruity, this wine reaches its peak after 3 to 5 years in the cellar, revealing a firm and well-built body, richly chewy and with pleasing tannins.

20 Domaine Pavolet Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru ‘Aux Gravains’ 255

The 2020 Savigny-lès-Beaune Aux Gravins 1er Cru has a perfumed, floral bouquet with black cherries, boysenberry and violet aromas, a little heady but managing to stay focused.

20 Domaine Lucien Boillot Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru “Les Cherbaudes” 490

A wine of great purity and remarkable amplitude, while remaining delicate and voluptuous. Very elegant and very wide. This Gevrey is very classy.

# RED VARIETALS|BLENDS

22 Chalmers Nero d’Avola Heathcote VIC 65

Vivid crimson colour; very fragrant bouquet with raspberries; light-bodied and fresh palate.

21 La Zona Barbera King Valley VIC 65

Ripe cherry, blackberry and chocolate, rounded out by toasty vanilla oak and balanced with fine tannin.

23 Unico Zelo Fresh A.F Riverland SA 70

 Great red chilled (Yes that's right) during warmer weather. It's surprising refreshing, a great option for those folks who predominantly drink red though have to opt to Rose in summer.

22 Dominique Piron ‘Beaujolais-Villages’ FR 72

 Piron’s Beaujolais Villages gathers the best villages of Beaujolais.  Such a generous and expressive wine for this humble appellation with plenty of violet and herbal aromas and healthy tannins.

20 Mr Riggs Montepulciano D’Adelaide Adelaide Hills SA 73

Bright violet, vibrant with hints of cinnamon, sweet tobacco, fresh vanilla and opulent tannin structure.

19 Rouleur ‘Ronda’ Nero d’Avola McLaren Vale SA 78

Layers of red fruits, cherry cola and umami-like spice, lovely ripe cranberry fruit, sour cherry tang, elegant tannin and saline minerals to finish.

16 La Prova ‘Monaciello’ Aglianico Adelaide Hills SA 82

‘Monaciello’ is the ‘little monk’; a fairy tale character in Naples! Aglianico is ferrous and dark with bramble and graphite. A rustic charm and complex tannins demanding food. Mesmerising.

20 Longview ‘Saturnus’ Nebbiolo Adelaide Hills SA 96

Enticing fragrance of liquorice root and dark cherry with nuances of violets and roses. Spicy and delicious; medium bodied and complex with rich, savoury fruit, refreshing acidity and fine dusty tannins.

21 Domenica NebbioloBeechworth VIC145

Domenica holds the oldest Nebbiolo vines in Beechworth, producing a classic and age worthy wine. The single acre of Nebbiolo is grown in a cool, protected pocket on the southern corner of the property. Tiny yields per vine develop the intensity of fruit required to make Nebbiolo with beautiful structure, and a deep complex core of fruit. The Wine Front has described Domenica’s as “the best Nebbiolo in Australia” and is a top-rated wine in the Halliday Wine Companion.

21 Latta ‘Headwaters’ Nebbiolo Pyrenees VIC 102

 Another stunning wine from one of Victoria's most energised young winemakers, Owen Latta. Tannin is fine but firm, sweeps through the light juiciness of the palate, the length unreal with persistence of gamey things and pomegranate juice.

21 Dominique Piron ‘Morgon’ Côte du Py FR 129

 The Côte du Py is the most revered climate of Morgon, which itself is generally regarded as one of the two greatest of the 10 crus of Beaujolais. Almost incense-like perfume, cherry and raspberry, plenty of spice and subtle earthiness. Medium-bodied, juicy cherry, but precise too, stony tannin, a smattering of aromatic herbs and spice, cool feel, and a long finish.

18 Cobaw Ridge ‘Lagrein’ Macedon Ranges VIC 149

 Some dark cherry, dark chocolate, tobacco too. Savoury, light and dry to taste. More of the dark cherry, chocolate going on, with leather, spice, graphite-like minerality a feature.

08 Cobaw Ridge ‘Lagrein’ Macedon Ranges VIC 159

 The Lagrein has an admirable deep inky hue followed by seductive Italian-like aromas of black cherries, plums and hints of violets. The wine is incredibly moreish with intense flavours giving way to super supple medium-bodied tannins and texture that peters out to a smooth finish.

18 Castagna ‘Un Segreto’ Sangiovese|Syrah Beechworth VIC 195

The powdery, savoury tannins of Sangiovese still make their presence felt, and the Syrah contributes richness to the palate without dominating the blend. Un Segreto bears the stamp of its creator and also that of the vineyard. It’s a unique wine.

Please note that earlier vintages may be available for this wine.

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# CABERNET SAUVIGNON|BLENDS

20 Leeuwin Estate ‘Prelude’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 72

Fine and elegant with redcurrants, blueberries and dark cherries. Energy and drive. Cedar and cassia notes and a deep core of fruit, finishing with dusty, graphite-like tannins.

17 Mitchell ‘Sevenhill’ Cab Sav Clare Valley SA 78

Dark crimson colour. Medium weight with a soft elegant structure, displaying refined flavours of blackcurrant, cedar and spice.

17 Freycinet Vineyards Cab Sav|Merlot Freycinet TAS 95

Full bodied style with plenty of cool climate charm and elegance. A lifted mixture of black currant and berry fruits with herbs, olives and cedar perfume, firm tannins and a long savoury finish.

20 Vasse Felix Cab Sav Margaret River WA 120

A bouquet of spice, floral and savoury earthy notes combine with chocolate, while the palate is silky, with gentle mouth-coating tannins. The use of a dash of Malbec gives great lift and structure.

07 Mitchell ‘Sevenhill’ Cab Sav Clare Valley SA 140

Aged release of this stunning Clare Valley Cabernet: Dark cherries and blackcurrant move elegantly across the palate with some smoky cedar and spice. Soft fine grained well integrated tannins with leather and spice.

19 Forest Hill ‘Block 5’ Cab Sav Mount Barker WA 145

Blackcurrant, graphite and cinnamon followed by tobacco and dark chocolate. Vibrant red and blue fruits on the palate with characters of nutmeg and cloves. Silky tannins and a long finish.

16 Bellwether Cab Sav Coonawarra SA 145

 Dried sage, rosemary, an early smaller harvest. This fragrant nose follows to a wine with great density and length. Will age a long time 25-30 years. Yet to be released, be the first to sample this powerful wine.

08 Bellwether Cab Sav Coonawarra SA 255

Sue put some of this wine away hoping her business would survive long enough to see it to maturity. Pleased to stay we are still here and this is in the zone!  Milk Chocolate and Classic very fine grain tannins, drinking well but will age for 20 years or more. Hand pruned and picked, natural yeast fermentation, matured in french oak barriques, about 30% new.

15 Grey Sands ‘The Mattock’ Merlot|Cab Sav|Cab Franc Tamar Valley TAS 170

Deep red in colour with rich aromas of ripe mulberries, plum tart and fine oak. Layers of dark fruit, cocoa and spice, finishing with mouth-coating tannins adding to the persistence of this powerful wine.

16 Craggy Range ‘Sophia’ Merlot|Cab Sav Hawkes Bay NZ 295

Exceptional vintage, a Merlot dominant blend from the Gimblett Gravels. Luxurious, polished wine showing blackberry, tobacco, black olive, mocha, graphite and dried herb. Focussed intensity and fine, layered tannins.

18 Henschke ‘Cyril’ Cab Sav Sav Eden Valley SA 345

Rich purple and inky blue fruits soar from the glass: cassis, mulberry, violets and an almost pine forest-like ozone freshness that brings lift and clarity to the sumptuous palate. Beautiful length, elegance and purity, with smooth graphite-like tannins and vibrant acidity.

09 Domaine de Trévallon ‘Apilles’ ‘Sophia’ Cabernet|Syrah Provence IGP FR 565

The 2009 Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Alpilles is drinking beautifully today and shows the ripe, sexy, voluptuous style of this vintage in the Southern Rhône Valley. Gorgeous kirsch, herbes de Provence, lavender, tobacco and exotic spice characteristics all flow to a full-bodied, opulent 2009 that has sweet tannin, plenty of mid-palate oomph, and a great finish.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON|BLENDS



18 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 228

 Rich and expansive the medium to full bodied palate is laden with red to black currant and mulberry fruits which meld into a vanillin cedar, spicy tobacco, light earth and bay leaf infused back drop.

17 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 235

Dense and concentrated nose with blackcurrants, blueberries and boysenberries. A delicate fragrant lift of violets and lavender offer beautiful symmetry and balance.

15 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 250

 Rich yet possessing an elegant polish, the palate features red to dark currant and ripe mulberry flavours over vanillin cedar, subtle earthy herb infusions, light spicy tobacco, and bay leaf. Super fine, well integrated tannins.

14 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 270

A great vintage producing expressive Cabernet: generously textured mid palate, finishing fine, with long and silky tannins. Classical blackcurrant and cherry fruits meet with coffee bean and cocoa, well integrated oak.

13 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 382

 Aromas of black licorice, blackberry, and rust. Hot stone. Full body layered and juicy with loads of fresh fruit and chewy tannins. Sexy, muscular cabernet with tone and focus. Screw cap. Hard not to drink now.

11 Leeuwin Estate ‘Art Series’ Cab Sav Margaret River WA 382

Concentrated dark fruit with ripe blackcurrants, cherries, and a hint of cassis. Coffee bean, dark chocolate and black olive lie beneath. Subtle dustiness combines with a seductive violet lift, enhancing the fragrant complexity.

## GRENACHE|BLENDS

20 S.C. Pannell ‘Basso’ Grenache McLaren Vale SA 68

Fresh aromas of bright red berries and watermelon, a touch of rose petal and musk with a plush palate. Medium-bodied and lively, with lacey tannins and a hint of dark spice.

22 Seppeltsfield ‘Classic’ Grenache Barossa Valley SA 68

 Sourced from the Seppeltsfield plantings of Grenache on the western ridge, this red wine is joven in style and medium-bodied, with a core of pure fruit and lithe tannin.

21 Mr Riggs ‘The Magnet’ Grenache McLaren Vale SA 72

On the nose is raspberry perfume, laden with cherries and liquorice. Vibrant earth plum with hints of spice of cumin, wooden bark and chocolate round the palate and give it an unctuous mouth feel.

21 Minim ‘Landsborough’ Grenache Pyrenees VIC 93
Wild cherry, stewed quince and plum with heaps of spices. There is a savoury herbaceous element reminiscent of amaro and grippy tannins.

21 Kalleske Old Vine Grenache Barossa Valley SA 119
The palate is full-bodied with plush varietal fruit throughout. It is a rich wine; initial softness opens to a fine structure and then light natural tannins emerge. Pure and honest, varietal old vine Grenache fruit is meshed through every layer and extends long into the lingering finish.

21 MMAD Vineyard Grenache Blewitt Spring SA 149
Here is purity and density, but also a lightness that belies the energy and power of the fruit.  The aromatics are intense and perfumed with notes of raspberry coulis, cinnamon and a hint of fennel seed which unfurl slowly.

18 Torbreck ‘The Steading’ Grenache|Shiraz|Mataro Barossa Valley SA 165
The heart and soul of Torbreck: Aromas of dark cherry, blackberry, and star anise. Dense dark fruits with liquorice, plum, black olive, earth, white pepper and Asian spice. Complex yet elegant with supple, silky tannins.

20 Torbreck ‘Les Amis’ Grenache Barossa Valley SA 450

 The 2020 Les Amis Grenache is savoury, resinous, structural, and firm. The core of red fruit remains protected, but there is a long future for this wine that is obvious from now, and it will only evolve over time.

# SHIRAZ|SYRAH

21 Chalk Hill Luna McLaren Vale SA 60

 Medium to full bodied, this wine has silky soft tannins and a fine lingering finish. Layers of fresh dark fruits combine with red liquorice and spice notes.

20 Red Claw Heathcote VIC 69

 This Shiraz though is sourced from the Cambrian rich soils of Heathcote, a region which has quickly become one of Australia's premier Shiraz growing areas. Dark berry and spice dominated, there are underlying notes of pepper and crushed herbs.

22 Ministry of Clouds McLaren Vale SA 75

Full flavoured, textural, and with gentle sandy tannins, this wine melds red, blue and black fruits to savoury heathy with salty notes.

21 Tscharke ‘Stone Well Vineyard’ Barossa Valley SA 75

Single Vineyard Barossa Shiraz with ripe dark raspberries, plums and a hint of liquorice over spicy vanillin oak.

21 Barr-Eden Estate ‘Dream of Gold’ Eden Valley SA 78

“Dreams of Gold” exhibits vibrant red fruits with minty, eucalypt and winter green nose. These aromatics pass through on the palate & complement the soft supple tannins.

15 Yangarra Estate Vineyard McLaren Vale SA 80

Excellent dark-purple hue; succulent and velvety texture with some power to the chiselled tannins, savoury yet pristine fruit the key.

21 Sons of Eden ‘Zephyrus’ Barossa SA 87

 God of the West Wind: wild berry fruits, richly concentrated with supple layered tannins.

21 Wirra Wirra ‘Woodhenge’ McLaren Vale SA 87

Deep crimson with plum and dark chocolate, spiced with star anise and fresh cedar. Deep and juicy blue and black fruits framed by sandy tannins and rich vanillin oak.

21 Ngeringa Adelaide Hills, SA 90

A vibrant Syrah featuring abundant, lifted perfume, fruit and spice. Light to medium bodied, fruit plum and sour cherries, yet savory and spicy with approachable.

18 Jericho Adelaide Hills SA 90

 An alluring, red-fruited melange of morello cherries, musk sticks, rhubarb, and rose petals entices. Freeze dried strawberries mingle with bouquet garni and silky tannins, culminating in a finish of great length and balance. A truly sophisticated wine.

19 Tellurian ‘Tranter’ Heathcote VIC 93

 A mighty tidy shiraz, striking deep purple hues with lifted aromatics melding with black berries, liquorice, chocolate and Aussie bush notes. Taut, fine tannins are in perfect balance.

22 Fleet Yarra Valley VIC 95

 This 2022 Fleet Yarra Valley Syrah is vibrant and fun.  Fresh, juicy plummy fruits lifted by a heady mix of florals and long ripe fruit.

19 Marion’s Vineyard Deviot TAS 105

Crimson in colour and flavour. Layers of white pepper, cranberry and pomegranate which continue to the palate. There’s a delicious savouriness here.

18 Kaesler ‘Reach for the Sky’ Barossa Valley SA 98

Dark fruited opulence of the Barossa but with an air of freshness and lift. Blackberries, boysenberry, charcoal and chocolate. Fine tannins compliment and complete this wine.

# SHIRAZ|SYRAH

22 Battles Frankland River WA 120

 The 2022 Battles Shiraz palate is full bodied with a deep core of dark fruits and a persistent tannin structure, which helps the wine draw long, with some gentle spice and savoury notes on the finish.

21 Torbreck ‘The Struie’ Barossa SA 122

Elegance and power combine to make a wine with layers of dark chocolate, nuances of plum, blackberries, violets and hidden spice characters all further enhance the natural elegance and tension.

19 Michael Hall ‘Flaxmans Vineyard’ Eden Valley SA 135

Michael’s attention to detail has led him to make single site wines of precision: plush redcurrant and tart plum, Asian spices, ferrous earth, cocoa and fine-grained tannins. Power as needed but finesse and elegance all over.

20 Sons of Eden ‘Remus’ Eden Valley SA 148

Remus the more refined Brother: Complex red cherry and blackcurrant aromas underpinned by dried spice and bay-leaf. Concentrated, fleshy and well-structured palate.

20 Sons of Eden ‘Romulus’ Eden Valley SA 148

 The Brothers of Rome; Romulus the more powerful. Alluring aroma of dark-cherry, plums and roasted vanilla bean. Powerful and well-structured with chewy textured tannins finishing with polish and focus.

20 Shaw + Smith ‘Balhannah’ Adelaide Hills SA 195

A complex, finely textured Shiraz: Rich red plum, berry and smoke, dark chocolate, espresso, pepper and leather all combine richness and generosity.

20 Yarra Yering ‘Dry Red No2’ Yarra Valley VIC 215

 A complex and layered wine; sweet and savoury all at once. The fragrance is melting pot of violets, plums, savoury spices and a whiff of bramble.

16 Yarra Yering ‘Dry Red No2’ Yarra Valley VIC 265

Fragrance and headiness, this exudes intense perfume, mixed berry fruits, floral notes and spice. The addition of Mataro, Viognier and Marsanne intensify the Shiraz while providing complexity, richness, and generosity.

20 Standish Wine Co ‘The Standish’ Barossa Valley SA 265

Stylish, seductive and devastatingly powerful. Aromatics of coal, currant and black truffle. Dark and brooding with immense concentration and persistence laced with silken tannins.

20 Standish Wine Co ‘The Relic’ Barossa Valley SA 265

Delicately proportioned and beautifully balanced, notes of acacia, crème de cassis and Szechuan pepper, cocoa and limestone. Fragrant, taught and finely poised. A small addition of Viognier gives a vibrancy and lift.

21 Standish Wine Co ‘Lamella’ Barossa Valley SA 275

Full-bodied, dark and perfumed with distinct raspberry coulis aromas, liquorice and chocolate, earthy ferrous notes too! Intense tea-like tannins, black fruit and dried raspberry with spice and peppermint.

20 Standish Wine Co ‘The Schubert Theorem’ Barossa Valley SA 335

The 2020 The Schubert Theorem Shiraz was made with fruit from the Roennfeldt Road vineyard in Marananga, with 70% whole bunches in the ferment. Lots of tannin, kind of gummy and firm, a tea-like flavour and perfume too, really quite sticky in feel, but ample fruit flavour, lots of mouth-perfume, and iron grip of tannin to close on a long and fresh finish.

16 Wirra Wirra ‘Chook Block’ McLaren Vale SA 325

#  A layered and voluptuous wine with a core of opulent black fruit and McLaren Vale dark chocolate character, supported by fine, grainy tannins. This distinct shiraz is marked by a savoury complexity and exceptional depth of flavour.

# SHIRAZ|SYRAH



06 ‘Descendent’ Barossa Valley SA 395

 The 2006 Descendant is another impressive release of this wine, the colour making that immediately apparent: completely black/purple with healthy, vibrant magenta hues. A pure, wild, powerful nose of blackberry and tar is complimented by a gentle floral lift of lavender and violets. Full-bodied with great concentration, silky tannins and perfectly judged extract, this vigorous and suave young wine has a long, long future ahead of it.

14 ‘The Factor’ Barossa Valley SA 520

From small parcels of fruit from old dry grown vines. Subtle notes of olive tapenade, saddle leather and minerals. Ripe aromas of plum and wild blackberries, olive, pepper and spice are all supported by a dark core of espresso roast, ripe blackberries and saltbush. Brooding and densely packed.

15 ‘RunRig’ Barossa Valley SA 685

 More approachable in its youth, with enormously appealing aromas of grilled fruit, savoury complexities and rich, velvety tannins. Of course, it's full-bodied and concentrated, with the stuffing to age for up to a couple of decades, and it has a long, liquorice-tinged finish.

14 ‘RunRig’ Barossa Valley SA 785

 Intense, lifted aromatics of dense cherry plum and dark chocolate all come to the fore with an opulent fruit profile of mulberry and five-spice. A silky textured palate of deep red cherry fruits, clove and liquorice all interwoven with hints of sweet spice and cinnamon.

13 ‘RunRig’ Barossa Valley SA 790

 Deep garnet-purple in colour, the 2013 RunRig has a tantalizingly exotic nose of cloves, fenugreek, star anise and cassia with a core of mulberries, baked blackberries and blueberry preserves, hints of potpourri and dusty earth.



ICONIC EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ

The Henschke vineyards are nurtured under biodynamic principles.

17 ‘The Wheelwright’ 305

‘The Wheelwright’ pays tribute to the founding father of the Henschke winery. Old Vine Shiraz, planted in 1968. Rich and plush, deep and concentrated with layers of spicy red cherry and red currant, interwoven with anise and vanilla.

18 ‘Mount Edelstone’ 810

 A rich, plush, and beautifully integrated palate offers layers of spicy dark fruits, pepper, sage, musk and clove, balanced by bright acidity, excellent depth and long and elegant fine, velvety tannins.

17 ‘Mount Edelstone’ 810

The Mount Edelstone Vineyard was planted in 1912. Intense and evocative aromas of briary black currant, blackberry, blueberry, Satsuma plum, with lifted notes of sage, bay leaf, crushed flowering herbs, black pepper, anise and hints of cedar.

16 ‘Mount Edelstone’ 845

Deep crimson with violet hints. Spicy aromas of black pepper, anise and rich mulberry, blackberry and plum flavours.

15 ‘Mount Edelstone’ 890

Plush aromas of sweet ripe plum, anise, blackberry and blue fruit are complimented by nuances of spicy black pepper and fresh sage,

17 ‘Hill of Roses’ 780

Coming from a small parcel of younger vines on the Hill of Grace Vineyard. Medium garnet, perfumed aromas of garden florals, blueberry, blackberry, raspberry compote and red currant, supported by musk, star anise and crushed herbs, with hints of violet and cedar.

16 ‘Hill of Roses’ 805

Concentrated flavours of spiced mulberry, black plum and black pepper are balanced with gentle acidity, layered tannins and excellent length.

18 ‘Hill of Grace’ 1790

 The palate is plush, deep, complex and powerful, with a core of supple blackberry and blueberry fruit laden with spice and pepper, and beautifully balanced by fine acidity resolving into a long and elegant finish of rolling, velvety tannins.

17 ‘Hill of Grace’ 1890

 Deep crimson in colour with violet hues. Lifted, exotic aromas of star anise, sage, bay leaf and fennel frame dark and brooding blackberry, Satsuma plum, mulberry and red currant notes. The palate is rich, plush and concentrated with amazing depth and complexity from succulent plum, blackberry and blueberry revealing star anise, black pepper, charcuterie and cedar.

16 ‘Hill of Grace’ 1990

The iconic ‘Hill of Grace’ Vineyard was originally planted around 1860. The wine is rich, plush and complex. Black plum, mulberry, 5 spice, black pepper, charcuterie and cedar. Layered tannins, balanced acidity, structure and persistent length.

15 ‘Hill of Grace’ 2100

A fairy tale vintage after the challenges of 2014. Concentrated fruit intensity with all the blackberry and mulberry flavours with charcuterie, cedar and spice notes. Refined and elegant structure showing complexity and depth.

14 ‘Hill of Grace’ 2190

A challenging vintage with low yields but exceptional quality. Rich, lush and elegantly structured with layers of texture. The aromas and flavours of blue and black fruit, 5 spice, black pepper and dried sage compliment a savoury mid palate and incredible length.

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## PIEMONTE

Nebbiolo, the greatest Italian red varietal, is grown and made here, with Barolo the epicentre for the finest Nebbiolo wines. Lighter, fresher Dolcetto and Barbera wines are great value, easy drinking styles.

21 Renato Corino Barbera d’Alba DOC 78

Simply stunning, elegant, clean, full fruit and velvety texture with notes of brown spice, deep red fruit and cassis. Good acidity and balancing tannins. Medium length finish.

21 Bera Dolcetto d’Alba DOC 80

It is the wine of the Langhe tradition, absolutely dry, young, and fragrant, ruby red in colour with violet tones and intense fruity fragrances that reminds one of cherries.

22 Bera Barbera d’Alba DOC 82

The rich, deep dark ruby tone is echoed by intense blackberry, sweet blackcurrant, black olive tapenade, charred meat and liquorice characters on the nose and the palate. The fine, juicy tannins are in total harmony with the dense fruit characters, making for a long, morish finish.

21 Paolo Scavino Dolcetto d’Alba DOC 85

 Purple color, fresh and delicate aromatics of cherry, blueberry, spices and flowers. The structure has a lightness and brightness in it. Well defined by good tannins and harmonious acidity this wine has a pleasant freshness and intriguing character.

19 Laiolo Reginin ‘La Mora’ Barbera d’Asti DOCG 90

 La Mora is a wine that recalls the sweet scent of the fruit. It contains all the essence of the limestone and sandy land, typical of the Monferrato.

19 Hilberg-Pasquero ‘Vareij’ Brachetto|Barbera 105

Pretty wild rose florals and elegant spice drive this blend of Brachetto and Barbera from Annette Hilberg & Michele Pasquero.

21 Giacomo Fenocchio Barbera Superiore Bussia DOC 129

The color is a deep ruby red with garnet reflections. It has a rather intense bouquet, with scents typical of the vine and a full bodied and dry flavor, with a distinct and pleasing acidity.

21 Renato Corino Nebbiolo DOC 122

The nose shows dark berries and spices. On the palate, the wine is juicy, concentrated with supple tannins and good balance. An excellent Nebbiolo with good development potential.

20 Vietti ‘Perbacco’ Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 129

 Fruity with hints of mint, spices and candy. Round and elegant tannins add to a long and refined finish. Robust, intense, powerful in youth; complex, elegant with ageing.

21 Luigi Giordano Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 135

 This Nebbiolo offers intense and fragrant aromas of violets, wild strawberry and raspberry. The palate exudes innate elegance with dusty tannins and a smattering of dried herbs.

22 Sottimano Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 135

 Sweet, perfumed cherry and rose petal nose. Beautiful, dark cherry and plum fruit, this wine is already in balance and drinks lovely. Will reward mid-term aging and develop into something really special. Outstanding value for this baby Barbaresco!

21 Giacomo Fenocchio Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 140

The colour is a deep ruby red with garnet reflections and an intense and fruity bouquet of plum and cherry. The flavour is dry with good body, well balanced tannins and harmonious with hints of liquorice, rose and gudron.

19 Bera Barbaresco DOCG 165

An elegant Barbaresco, ethereal with a spicy fragrance, light vanilla and floral notes. A full-bodied, well-balanced wine with a long finish and structured tannins

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19 Vinchio Laudana Nizza Barbera DOCG 160

The Laudana has a ruby red colour with garnet hues because of the oak ageing. The nose has intense aromas, ethereal slightly spicy with velvety oak scents. On the palate, the wine is full body, harmonious and round with velvety tannins and long finish.

20 Marchesi di Barolo ‘Peiragal’ Barbera d’Alba DOC 179

Concentrated aromas of dark plum and cherry fruits and a hint of vanilla spice. The palate is fine and fleshy with fine-grained tannins and great acid balance.

17 Aldo Conterno ‘Il Favot’ Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 240

Complex and layered aromatics of rose petal, wild raspberry and smoky earthy tones. A touch of vanilla and baking spices, long fine tannins and elegant structure.

21 Bruno Giacosa Nebbiolo d’Alba DOC 245

 This is a stunning bottle of Nebbiolo that defies its humble DOC. Notably, it is not a Langhe Nebbiolo and carries quite a different profile to the Nebbiolo from further South. Instead, it is a wine that is very elegant, high toned but sure-footed and very much baring the maker’s mark of restrained power and proudly the young Nebbiolo of the range.

19 GD Varja Barolo Able DOCG 220

 The 2019 Barolo Albe is a nuanced, understated wine, but it is also a rare that Albe needs time in bottle. Sweet floral and spice notes open first, leading to an attractive core of Nebbiolo fruit.

19 Fratelli Revello Barolo DOCG 245

 Heady aromatics, soft, ripe tannins, sweet spice, leather and dark plum cherry fruit, Revello exemplifies the elegance of Barolo from La Morra.

18 Fratelli Seghesio Barolo DOCG 250

Classically styled with a rigidity to the youthful tannins but top notes of florals and fresh earth help to open this Barolo up; a clarity of fruit and subtle yet appreciated oak bring it all together.

19 Fratelli Revello Gattera Barolo DOCG 279

 This is a rather feminine rendition of Barolo offering balance, elegance, and delicate spice. Lovely aromatics of sweet, dried cherry, mint, spice and crushed flowers. The fruit is forward, supple, and expresses lovely varietal sweetness, with fine tannin, fresh acid and a lingering spice note.

18 Paolo Conterno ‘Riva Del Bric’ Barolo DOCG 329

Younger vines producing an approachable and open style. The aromas are bright with wild cherry, crushed flower and blood orange. Earthy and ferrous notes also add layers of interest.

17 Luigi Vico ‘Comune di Serralunga d’Alba’ Barolo DOCG 345

A delightful and powerful Nebbiolo sourced from the ‘Meriame’ vineyard in Serralunga is essentially a single-vineyard wine. Wild raspberry and plum, chocolate and cocoa nib, light pepper notes, fine tannins and elegance.

16 Luigi Vico ‘Comune di Serralunga d’Alba’ Barolo DOCG 365

 Forest berry, violet and dried mint mingle with truffle aromas on this classically crafted red. Boasting structure and refinement, the linear palate offers juicy sour cherry, blood orange and star anise. It's balanced, with taut fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity.

19 Fratelli Revello Cerretta Barolo DOCG 375

 The 2019 Barolo Cerretta, Revello's one wine from Serralunga, packs plenty of punch. The flavours are richer and darker than in the La Morra Barolos. Black cherry, incense, gravel, smoke, cured meats and liquorice add to an impression of somber intensity.

18 Elvio Cogno ‘Ravera’ Barolo DOCG 379

Firm, elegant and potent on the nose; scents of rose, mint and tobacco, spice, coffee, liquorice, truffle, leather and minerals. A full-bodied, rounded bouquet of great structure and balance, redolent of plum jam and withered brambles. The persistent chocolatey aftertaste is harmonious and enticing.

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19 Giacomo Fenocchio ‘Villero’ Barolo DOCG 430

 It’s vibrant and youthful, with delicate yet luscious strawberry, redcurrant and cherry aromas and a rosy scent. The palate is fleshy with well-rounded tannins that are ripe and extremely polished, resulting in a wine that’s opulent yet not overdone.

16 Luigi Vico ‘Prapò’ Barolo DOCG 550

Aromas of red cherry and crushed strawberry with liquorice, violet and cocoa nib notes. Rich but elegant with fine-grained tannins and a long, structured finish.

15 Giacomo Fenocchio ‘Bussia 90 dì’ Riserva Barolo DOCG 615

 The color is a deep garnet red with orange reflections. Intense scents typical of Nebbiolo grape, rose, truffles, leather. The palate shows hints of black cherry, truffles, spices and notes of aromatic herbs. Texture subtle and velvety tannins with a remarkable depth and complexity.

13 Paolo Scavino ‘Rocche dell’Annunziata’ Riserva Barolo DOCG 785

 The bouquet is redolent of dark fruit, spice, tar, black truffle and chocolate-covered hazelnut. It really hits home with beautifully tight and elegant Nebbiolo aromas. Moist earth and tobacco add subtle complexity at the back. The wine delivers firm but noble tannins that wrap smoothly over the palate without feeling too heavy or sharp.

18 Vietti ‘Cerequio’ Barolo DOCG 820

 On the palate it is full, fruity and citrus notes are perceived (strawberry, plum, cherry). The tannin is fine and imposing at the same time to support an enveloping and persistent structure. All the harmony and complexity of one of the most important crus of the land of Barolo stands out.

19 Gaja Barbaresco DOCG 925

Gaja's 2019 Barbaresco is gorgeous. Bright and nervy, with fabulous balance, the 2019 captures all the best this tricky vintage had to offer. Gaja did not bottle any other Barbaresco crus, opting to use the best lots for this bottling.

20 Gaja Barbaresco DOCG 925

 Aromatics of spiced orange peel, an assertive bouquet of dried purple florals and a touch of dried mint. The palate balances the savoury character of baking chocolate and fennel seed with an abundance of ripe red berry fruits—notes of strawberry and balsamic, raspberries and fresh mint and dried tobacco.

19 Bruno Giacosa ‘Falletto’ Barolo DOCG 1305

 There are very few stories in the world of wine that are more important to tell than that of Bruno Giacosa. A man’s legacy etched into lore, and with such gravitas that it is still felt today in his native Piemonte by almost all the producers in the region. Red garnet in colour. Showcasing elegant and fine aromas of fresh plum, cherry and spice notes, the wine is dense and structured with great freshness on the palate and well-balanced tannins.

17 Bruno Giacosa Falletto Vigna le Rocche Riserva DOCG 2998

In their youth, Le Rocche Riserva is an immense wine. It is not forthcoming with its fruit when young, but nor is it disjointed in alcohol or tannin at any point. A rare kind of wine that seems carved from billet rather than made up of different parts. A cohesive wine of the tallest order, with some vintages vying for greatest wine of Italy.

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VENETO

Located in the North-East of Italy, Veneto is home to the famous Valpolicella and Amarone. The grapes for Amarone are dried to intensify the sugars of the fruit, which make these wines wonderfully intense.

21 Allegrini Valpolicella DOC 85

It's fragrant fruit with prominent notes of redcurrant, ruby red cherries and echoed by fresh hints of black pepper and aromatic herbs.

21 Cantine Pra ‘La Morandina’ Valpolicella DOC 90

Vibrant ruby red in colour with fresh cherry and plum aromas. Light and fresh with supple tannins.

20 Speri Valpolicella DOC 90

This generous and ripe traditional Valpolicella is all about leather, roasted almond, ripe currants and sour cherry.

The palate is mellow, with fine tannins and a sour cherry finish.

19 Le Salette ‘I Progni’ Ripasso Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC 96

Alluring aromas of spice, purple flower, blackcurrant and a chocolate note. Well-rounded, elegant and warm palate of dried cherry, ripe plum, liquorice and a hint of game with great acidity and well-structured tannins.

19 Bertani Ripasso Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC 109

 Intense ruby red colour. The nose offers fruity notes of cherry and underbrush, enriched with sensations of spice and chocolate. Tannin prevails in the mouth, with a meaty, savoury palate.

16 Bertani ‘Secco-Bertani’ Valpolicella Ripasso IGT 145

 80% Corvina, 10% Sangiovese Grosso 5% Syrah 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Intense ruby red colour. On the palate a pleasant flavor of red fruit, sour cherries, concentrated cherry and black tea, followed by fine, powdery tannins with a coffee bean finish. It is a plush wine with good weight and the typical complexity of mature vineyards.

18 Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 175

 Deep garnet red colour. Ethereal, vanilla, spicy aroma, with hints of cherry, bitter almond and plum. Full, warm and velvety flavour.

17 Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 190

Ample and sweet with moderate berry fruit with some prune notes. Peppery spice and a balsamic burr, silken tannins flow into a long finish with an elegant cocoa character.

17 Le Salette Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 215

There is a great persistence, purity and focus to this wine. Blackcurrant and cranberries are interwoven with cream and gentle oak spice. This is fresh and very drinkable.

18 Tommasi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 275

Deep ruby red colour with garnet shades. Warm, ripe on the nose, intense but refined. Complex and smooth, full bodied, lots of morello cherry and plum notes with nutmeg and clove spices.

12 Bertani Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 459

Intense red colour with hints of garnet. On the nose, typical notes of plum, cherry and Morello cherry followed by tea leaves, liquorice and spices. On the palate, notes of red berry fruit sweetened by soft notes of spices, in perfect balance with acidity.

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## VENETO



16 Giuseppe Quintarelli Valpolicella Classico Superiore Veneto DOC 465

 This hallmark Valpolicella is spicy, rustic, and loaded with classic flavors of meat, strawberry jam, and wild herbs. There is fruit, particularly black cherries and plums, but the wine goes way beyond that - forest scents, roses, prunes, cocoa powder, and minerals. Concentrated yet perfectly balanced with great depth and complexity, intense yet elegant, and, like all Quintarelli's wines, never heavy.

16 Giuseppe Quintarelli ‘Rosso Ca’ del Merlo’ Veneto IGT 465

As you’d expect from the late great Giuseppe Quintarelli, this is elegant, balanced and brooding. Black fruits, succulent red berries, peppery spices, dark chocolate and a savoury mineral core. The velvety tannins build to a lingering and kaleidoscopic finish. Using just enough Ripasso to build the power but retains elegance.

15 Giuseppe Quintarelli ‘Rosso Ca’ del Merlo’ Veneto IGT 539

More explosive fruit in the ca del merlo with blackberry and bright savoury cherry /cassis notes. The palate is rich with plenty of red dark fruit and layers of [dry](https://winedecoded.com.au/wine-terms/dry/) herbs and spice. Finishes firm, tight and precise*.*

13 Giuseppe Quintarelli ‘Alzero’ Cabernet Veneto IGT 1490

 ‘Mighty’ is the best word to describe this wine; concentrated, impenetrable yet luminous; made with the same appassimento drying technique as the Amarone which concentrates and intensifies the flavours. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

15 Giuseppe Quintarelli Amarone delle Valpolicella Classico Riserva DOCG 1650

 There's an almost-woodsy character to the 2015 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico. It opens with a complex blend of woodland herbs and underbrush giving way to wild berries, cinnamon sticks, shaved cedar and crushed rocks. It's surprisingly energetic yet still quite potent, with an intense wave of ripe red fruits offset by hints of spiced citrus and cloves. This finishes remarkably long, yet it maintains a vibrancy seldom seen from Amarone, as autumnal spices and staining of raspberry preserves taper off under an air of violet-tinged florals.

11 Giuseppe Quintarelli Amarone delle Valpolicella Classico Riserva DOCG 1850

 The Quintarelli Giuseppe 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva represents the last vintage seen by Bepi himself. There's magic in this wine; raise a glass to the master. It delivers elegant class and concentration, fruit freshness and the power that comes with appassimento. It's an ethereal wine from a hot and dry vintage.

09 Giuseppe Quintarelli Amarone delle Valpolicella Classico Riserva DOCG 2150

The 2009 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico is a mysteriously ephemeral wine but also a very powerful one at the same time. This wine shows a deep, dark color that is reinforced by thick density and smoky aromas that lift from the glass, followed by exotic spice, campfire ash, camphor and plenty of dark plum and raisin fruit.

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## FRIULI|TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE

In the far north of Italy Elisabetta Foradori has been largely responsible for resurrecting the Teroldego grape. An ancient variety native to the alpine Trentino region. But you also find varieties such as Lagrein and Pinot Noir

21 Nals Margreid ‘Sand’ Lagrein Sudtirol Alto Adige DOC 126

Maraschino cherry, pepper leaf and liquorice, opulent yet fresh. Lively on the palate with silky tannins and blackberry and balsamic notes. Smooth and elegant to finish.

18 Ronco dei Tassi ‘Cjarandon’ Riserva Friuli DOC140

 Released only in vintages favourable to Collio reds, Cjarandon is a blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc from a one-hectare vineyard. Aged 24 months in Allier barriques (60% new, 40% second use) and a further 24 months in the bottle, it is full of black cherry fruit with spice and mint, the palate fresh and focussed with a long finish.

19 Foradori ‘Sgarzon’ Teroldego Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 195

From the Sgarzon vineyard, meaning ‘vine shoot’ in the local dialect, this wine is fermented in clay amphorae.

Firm yet polished tannins frame a core of expressive red fruit in this harmonious, impeccably balanced wine: Black cherry, gravel, smoke, liquorice and dark spices.

19 Foradori ‘Morei’ Teroldego Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 195

‘Morei’ means dark in the dialect of Trentino and the grapes from this vineyard mirror this meaning. Like its sister ‘Sgarzon’ this wine is fermented in Amphorae. It tends to have a darker, denser, more brooding character with chewier tannins and a stronger mineral finish.

18 Foradori ‘Granato’ Teroldego Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 325

Comparing the **Foradori “Granato” Teroldego** to the other single-vineyard Teroldego is a fool’s errand. The Granato by Foradori owes its name to an ideal combination of two fruits, vine and pomegranate, which in this wine assume charm, beauty and surprising intensity. In this wine you find a display of wild berry, fresh peppery herbs, violets, and crushed stone.

## TOSCANA

For its strength of image this province is easily the best known and most evocative. The principal grape is Sangiovese. Often blended with other varieties, it has become one of the highest selling wines in the modern world.

21 Fiore Nero Chianti DOCG 62

Intense and lively ruby-red colour. Rich aroma of wild berries, violet notes, and hints of spice. On the palate it is full bodied and well balanced, with soft, elegant tannins.

20 Toscolo Chianti DOCG 62

 Chianti, 100% Sangiovese, is supple with cherry fruit and a soft, flavourful palate with appealing balance and that essential ‘bite’ that makes Sangiovese particularly food-friendly and versatile.

21 Poliziano Chianti Colli Senesi DOCG 69

A lighter, fresher style of Sangiovese which sees no oak, all red fruit and dark cherries with a subtle savoury character. Versatile with many foods.

19 Poggio al Tufo ‘Rompicollo’ Toscana Rosso IGT 70

A delicious blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon. Medium-bodied with a silky, spicy fruit core that pushes and pushes through the long finish, thanks to some citrusy acidity.

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19 Villa Cerna ‘Primocolle’ Chianti Classico DOCG 87

As the intensity of fruit, flavour and alcohol increases, so does the ‘body’ and weight of the wine. Think of medium to full-bodied reds as the goldilocks zone, where ripe fruit flavours are balanced with underlying acidity, oak and tannins.

19 Torre A Cona Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG 79

Juicy, ripe cherry notes are framed by pleasant tannins. A long backbone of acidity and forest floor notes compliment the vibrant fruit.

21 Antinori ‘Pèppoli’ Chianti Classico DOCG 88

Lively and elegant, showing herb, black cherry and spice flavours backed by dusty tannins. There's moderate length on the finish.

21 Argiano Rosso di Montalcino DOCG 95

 The tannins are smooth, and the finish lingers. Intense ruby-red colour, medium-bodied, with good concentration in the mid-palate. The palate is elegant and well-balanced with captivating flavours of red fruits, violet, menthol, and earth.

20 Silvio Nardi Rosso di Montalcino DOC 115

Sangiovese made in a more savoury style. Cherry and red berries with tobacco, sweet earth, liquorice, rosemary and a firm structure and integrated tannins.

20 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico DOCG 125

Dark fruit and pressed flowers on the nose. Tight, young and grippy palate with racy plum and cherry fruit, touches of pepper and an aromatic, herby finish. A wine of depth and fascinating complexity.

20 Le Macchiole ‘Bolgheri Rosso’ Bolgheri DOC 135

 Grilled herbs, orange zest, black plums, cherries, peach stones and peppercorns on the nose. Medium-bodied with creamy tannins. It’s deliciously round and fruity, yet firm, with a long and polished finish. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. So drinkable already

21 Casisano Rosso di Montalcino DOC 135

A complex bouquet that is reminiscent of violets, plums and red berry fruits, combined with delicate spicy hints. An attractive balance between acidity and tannin, offering the charm of an approachable style.

21 Tenuta San Guido ‘Guidalberto’ Toscana Rosso IGT 165

 The favorable weather conditions have strongly characterized the vintage which has produced healthy grapes, with excellent aromatic component but lower sugar content than usual. Healthy, crisp and well matured grapes produced balanced musts, with low alcohol content, sweet and velvety tannins. The good acidity, the right PH ratio, and lower alcohol content conveyed freshness combined with a good structure.

20 Tenuta San Guido ‘Guidalberto’ Toscana Rosso IGT 179

 The 2020 Guidalberto is a gorgeous, classy wine. Less opulent than it can be, the 2020 impresses with its energy and drive. Sweet red cherry, plum, mint, rose petal, cedar and pipe tobacco all take shape in this super-attractive, mid-weight offering from Tenuta San Guido. There's a bit more Merlot in the 2020, but Guidalberto is increasingly made from lots that don't make it into Sassicaia, which explains the style of recent vintages.

19 Tenuta San Guido ‘Guidalberto’ Toscana Rosso IGT 195

Cabernet and Merlot showing Aromas of spicy dark cherries and blackcurrant show excellent intensity with an overlay of dried herbs, earthy tobacco characters, traces of leather and spicy cedar.

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19 Fontodi ‘Filetta di Lamole’ Chianti Classico DOCG 169

Bursting with succulent cherries and berries, minerals and herbs, and hints of loam and pressed wildflowers. Bright acidity and fine-grained tannins showing Sangiovese’s finesse, rather than its raw power.

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## TOSCANA

17 Ampellaia Costa Toscana Rosso IGT 170

Organically grown Cabernet Franc fermented in cement and large oak: A beautiful, pure wine with blue fruit and minerality. Notes of slate and sage. Firm, silken tannins and a fresh, bright finish.

16 Ampellaia Costa Toscana Rosso IGT 180

 The 2016 Ampeleia is an organic expression of Cabernet Franc made with 10% whole-cluster fruit and fermented in a combination of large oak casks and cement. Fruit is drawn from a high-altitude site with calcareous clay soils, representing the best of Roccatederighi (the town where this winery is located). This vintage reveal sharpness and focus with cherry, wild berry and cassis.

15 Villa Trasqua ‘Trasgaia’ Toscana Rosso IGT 185

A blend of 50% Sangiovese, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc with blackberry, currant and cherry aromas. Vanilla and nutmeg notes with balsamic and liquorice. Integrated smooth tannins and great length.

20 Montevertine Pian del Ciampolo Toscana Rosso IGT 195

 A Tuscan red blend consisting of 90% Sangiovese and a dash of Canaiolo and Colorino for good measure. The Pian del Ciampolo is the more youthful and earlier drinking wine from Montevertine

19 Donne Fittipaldi Bolgheri Rosso DOC 205

 Great freshness and harmony. A classic, elegant red, with round and silky tannins that results in a pleasant and long-lasting finish.

16 Tenute Silvio Nardi Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 220

Powerful and elegant Brunello: Intense ruby red colour with garnet highlights. Clean, sophisticated, intense and complex aromas with hints of anise, ripe wild berries and a light touch of vanilla. Warm with supple tannins, great structure and good length.

19 Montevertine ‘Montevertine’ Toscana Rosso IGT 260

 The ‘Montevertine’ has a bouquet of raspberry, cherry and currant, followed by spicy notes of juniper, liquorice and a touch of moss and fern. The palate confirms the complex texture, evident in a composed tannin and a full, enveloping body. It is a fresh, well-balanced wine with great taste.

18 Antinori Pian delle Vigne Brunello Di Montalcino DOCG 269

Bright ruby red colour. On the nose some kitchen herbs, candied red berries, a touch of apricot, then floral notes of Christmas cookies. On the palate juicy, clear and balanced, shows polished tannin, nicely integrated, the fruit is beautifully elaborated, fun, a balanced finish.

16 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 275

Aromas of dried flowers and black cherries with complex fruit and spicy undertones. Full, velvety tannins with a bright acidity underneath and a harmonious texture. Elegant, balanced and powerful with impressive length.

15 Frescobaldi ‘CastelGiocondo’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 328

A pure and beautiful Brunello from organically grown grapes. Lively, vivid aromas of berries and sour cherry. Fine, abundant tannins, cinnamon, tobacco, mint and tea leaves complex with beautiful fruit and length.

20 Argiano Solengo Toscana Rosso IGT 330

Extremely captivating, breathtaking at first sight giving notes of black prunes, blackberries, coriander, nutmeg and cumin. Really spicy but solid with concentrated fruit showing a lot of muscle which covers the elegance in a balanced manner. Full bodied, very fine-grained tannins which border on silkiness and a persuasive finale, balsamic and essential which closes in a fulfilling manner without showing any heaviness. One of the best Solengo wines ever.

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## TOSCANA

21 Gaja Ca’ Marcanda ‘Magari’ Bolgheri DOC 350

 Vibrant, nuanced and medium in body, the 2021 possesses notable energy from start to finish. All the elements are so nicely balanced. Dark cherry, mocha, dried herbs, liquorice and menthol are finely sculpted in this super-expressive Bolgheri red. Terrific.

20 Gaja Ca’ Marcanda ‘Magari’ Bolgheri DOC 375

 Inky dark, exploding with aromas of juicy berries, exotic spices, cigar wrapper and fresh-cut herbs. Cabernet Franc with Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

17 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 345

In the palate the generosity of vintage 2017 becomes evident: the tannins are soft and silky, balanced by a subdued acidity, which perfectly embodies the energy of this sunny vintage. The ending is long and elegant, fresh and harmonious.

19 Isole e Olena ‘Cepparello’ Toscana Rosso IGT 415

One of the icon wines of Tuscany, the Isole e Olena 2019 Cepparello is all Sangiovese crafted by the loving hands of a winemaking legend, the great Paolo De Marchi. It is elegant and rich with fine aromas of black and purple fruit. It ferments in oak and ages in French [barrique](https://winedecoded.com.au/wine-terms/barrique/) for 20 months, with one-third new oak.

17 Isole e Olena ‘Cepparello’ Toscana Rosso IGT 465

Lovely seductive bouquet of cherries, dark berries, coffee, spices and liquorice with some oak and vanilla in the back. With time in decanter a nice meaty note appears. Good acidity, nice grip, medium plus in the body, firm but still quite soft tannins.

19 Fontodi ‘Flaccianello della Pieve’ Colli Toscana Centrale IGT 475

 The 2019 Flaccianello della Pieve is another potent wine from Fontodi in this vintage. That said, it has more than enough mid-palate heft and overall intensity to balance its equally imposing tannins. Black cherry, mocha, licorice, lavender, spice and tobacco fill out the layers.

18 Fontodi ‘Flaccianello della Pieve’ Colli Toscana Centrale IGT 485

100% Sangiovese from the heart of the Chianti Classico region. Pretty dried black cherries, hints of sandalwood, spice and savoury herbs. A lean yet focused palate of red berry fruits; cherry and raspberry, with silky textures giving way to subtle floral tones and spice in a pretty and lifted expression.

19 Antinori ‘Tignanello’ Toscana Rosso IGT 485

 Tignanello 2019 is an intense ruby red color. Complex notes of red fruits give rise to delicate aromas of apricots and peaches with sensations of vanilla, dried flowers, chocolate and spice. Its bouquet is complemented by notes of coffee, caramel and Mediterranean herbs. On the palate, the wine is rich and vibrant with silky tannins. Its lengthy finish and aftertaste bring back coffee and chocolate notes perceived on the nose.

18 Antinori ‘Tignanello’ Toscana Rosso IGT 485

Breaking the 1970’s Chianti rules to produce a blend of Sangiovese and Cabernets from the Tignanello Vineyard. Complex with notes of ripe red fruit, black cherries and sour cherries with sweet hints of vanilla and delicate white pepper and myrtle. It is rich and well-balanced: supple velvety tannins, exceptional freshness with length, elegance and persistence.

17 Antinori ‘Tignanello’ Toscana Rosso IGT 515

 Tignanello 2017 is remarkable for its complexity. Rich red fruits such as preserved cherries, raspberries and plums complement spicy aromas of cloves and liquorice. Sweet balsamic and chocolate complete the complex bouquet. It is mouth-filling and vibrant with supple velvety tannins. A lengthy finish and persistent aftertaste.

18 Tenute le Potazzine Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 640

 Dark ruby with a light rim. On the nose dark red fruits, cedar and crushed rock with a fine grilled spiciness. A balanced wine, to which the cooler sites and the light sea breeze give profile and contour at the same time.

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## TOSCANA

19 Montevertine Le Pergole Torte Toscana Rosso IGT 745

 ‘Le Pergole Torte’ preserves its elegant and timeless style. Ripeness and a hint of extra cherry concentration that gives this wine beautiful intensity. The tannins are shapely and fine, but they reveal tight youthfulness that will soften with more time in the bottle. Silky, supple tannins are a hallmark of ‘Le Pergole Torte’.

17 Le Macchiole ‘Scrio’ Toscana Rosso IGT 820

Aromas of scorched earth, cassis, leather and eucalyptus form the nose along with a whiff of lead pencil. On the forward palate, velvety, fine-grained tannins accompany dried cherry, prune, black pepper and vanilla. Showing the heat of the vintage, this is already accessible but also offers several years or more of fine drinking.

19 Tenuta San Guido ‘Sassicaia’ Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 745

 The latest release from Tenuta San Guido is the 2019 Bolgheri Sassicaia. The bouquet is up front and very expressive from the get-go. It offers a generous display of crunchy, dark cherry that hints at the extra concentration and fruit weight obtained in the 2019 growing season. This vintage will be remembered for the crisp richness of the fruit and its important textural imprint.

18 Tenuta San Guido ‘Sassicaia’ Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 775

 Another success, this 2018 Sassicaia has garnered rave reviews. James Suckling scored these 98 points saying "Beautiful, serene aromas of sweet berries and wildflowers with light lavender and fresh sage. Really aromatic. A firm, silky red with medium to full body and ultra fine tannins that are polished and beautiful.

17 Tenuta San Guido ‘Sassicaia’ Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 795

85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc. Although 2017 was hot this is elegant, precise with fine detail. The fruit is voluptuous but surprisingly the wine retains freshness. Wild berries and a hint of dried rosemary. Juicy, fresh black cherry, blackberry, pomegranate. Velvety ripe tannins, superbly balanced.

16 Tenuta San Guido ‘Sassicaia’ Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 820

Extraordinary vintage for Tenuta San Guido with expressive aromatics and excellent concentration. Black cherry, plum, liquorice spice and violet. Tannins but with energy in an explosive, thrilling Sassicaia that will drink well for several decades.

13 Isole e Olena ‘Gran Selezione’ Chianti Classico DOCG 845

 Black cherry, pomegranate, rose petal, mint and lavender all meld together in this super-expressive, resonant Chianti Classico. An absolutely killer wine, the Gran Selezione is a fabulous, contemporary expression of Chianti Classico at its very finest. Drops of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah round out the blend. Paolo De Marchi gave the 2013 a year in barrique and second year in cask.

15 Antinori Solaia 2045

The nose to this Solaia is truly phenomenal with currants, blackberries, roses and violets. So perfumed. Full-bodied and everything is in check and harmony with polished tannins that last for minutes. Purity and focus. Is it the greatest Solaia ever? So drinkable already, but this is a wine for ages ahead.

13 Antinori Solaia 1862

Marchesi Antinori's 2013 Solaia is a profound and meaningful wine that is based mostly on Cabernet Sauvignon with Sangiovese and Cabernet Franc in supporting roles. It sports a dark and thick texture with plump fruit and spice, grilled herb and black pepper. The bouquet is intense and layered with the kind of complexity that is best admired as the wine shifts and evolves in the glass.

12 Antinori Solaia 1892

This stunning expression of Solaia opens with ample aromas of exotic spices, tilled soil, mature, black-skinned fruit and an underlying whiff of fragrant blue flowers. The vibrant, elegantly structured palate doles out high-toned black cherry, ripe blackberry, white pepper, cinnamon, clove and Mediterranean herbs alongside a backbone of firm, polished tannins and bright acidity.

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The Pieve Santa Restituta estate was acquired by the Gaja family in 1994, named after the church situated in the middle of the estate which dates back to 400AD.

18 Gaja Pieve di Santa Restituta Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 395

 Rich notes of ripe red cherries, blackberries, and plums dance harmoniously with elegant hints of dried herbs and delicate floral undertones. With each swirl, the bouquet unfolds, revealing layers of complexity and depth. On the palate, the 2018 Gaja Pieve Santa Restituta Brunello di Montalcino is a revelation.

17 Gaja Pieve di Santa Restituta Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 395

 This vintage of Brunello di Montalcino displays initial aromas of dried rose petal and hawthorn, followed by blackberry and white pepper. The palate is juicy, smooth and lush with velvety tannins and vibrant acidity leading into an elegant and lingering finish.

16 Gaja Pieve di Santa Restituta Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 540

Intense colour. Expressive nose with cherry, aromatic herb, flowery and juniper notes. On the palate it reveals mature tannins, balanced acidity, rich structure and lingering finish.

15 Gaja Pieve di Santa Restituta Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 585

In the palate, this Brunello di Montalcino expresses ripe tannins, integrated acidity, rich structure and a lingering finish. Succulent, pure red fruit bursts from the glass, accompanied by crushed wildflowers, wet river rocks, cypress, exotic spices and warm cigar wrapper.

18 Gaja ‘Rennina’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 765

Rennin With the 2018 Rennina, one can immerse themselves in the evocative essence of Tuscany`s dusty terrain and aromatic, herbaceous notes. The palate is filled with flavours of cherry and violet, saturating it with their vibrant presence.

16 Gaja ‘Rennina’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 795

Rennina comes from three ancient vineyard sites around the church. Often more structured than ‘Sugarille’.

The 2016 ‘Rennina’ has aromas of spices, liquorice, rosemary and juniper bark with blueberry, black cherry and walnut. It is rich and graceful on the palate with a lively freshness of rose and pomegranate. A taut but silky texture, fine-grain tannins and a polished finish.

15 Gaja ‘Rennina’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 879

2015 was a fairy tale vintage for Brunello with aromas of wild herb and balsamic notes of juniper and thyme followed closely by blueberries, liquorice, and nutmeg. This wine has remarkable structure with layers of fruit and the tannins are firm but silky with vivid acidity and a lingering finish.

18 Gaja ‘Sugarille’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 905

 The 2018 Brunello di Montalcino Sugarille keeps me coming back to the g lass again and again to take in its spicy yet also wonderfully lifted bouquet, as shavings of cedar and pine evolve to reveal mentholated herbs, flinty stone and dried black cherries.

16 Gaja ‘Sugarille’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 995

Single vineyard site offering floral complexity, a tighter core and a blacker heart compared to ‘Rennina’

Toned, poised yet wonderfully elegant. Purple-tinged florals, crushed stone, blackberries with hints of tobacco and spiced orange. It’s silky and soft with a dense core of primary fruits and fine-grained tannins combined.

15 Gaja ‘Sugarille’ Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 1120

Contained power and an abundance of complex aromas: Hints of dark chocolate and mocha are lifted by a bright violet top note. The full-bodied, firmly structured palate of raspberry compote, black cherry, tobacco and star anise is set against a backbone of close-grained tannins.

## UMBRIA

Bordering Tuscany and right above Rome is the lesser-known and less travelled region of Umbria. It’s here where you’ll find some of the most amazing, delightfully undervalued Italian wines.

19 Antonelli Rosso di Montefalco DOC 95

 Sangiovese with Sagrantino and Montepulciano; an intense and fruity wine with hints of cherry and wild berries. Balanced and well structured. The freshness provided by the Sangiovese gives it an excellent drinkability.

15 Fongoli Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG 180

Dark garnet, dense, almost impenetrable, with great consistency. The olfactory impact is intense and elegant, with ample fruity, ethereal, and spicy notes. On the palate it shows remarkable structure, offering perfect tannins, it is a wine of great body, dense, chewy, unique.

10 Paolo Bea ‘Rosso de Véo’ IGT 255

 Dark ruby mixed with brown core and pinkish hue. Vanilla and spices on the nose. The palate opens with dark cherry followed by smoke, chocolate, tea leaves and leather reminiscent of Barolo. Slightly bitter herbs and spices on the finish. Medium plus tannins and acidity. Delicious bouquet.

10 Paolo Bea ‘Pipparello’ Montefalco Rosso Riserva DOC 290

 The 2010 Montefalco Rosso Riserva Pipparello is a blend of 60% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino and 25% other red grapes from the vineyards. The bouquet reveals immediate and compelling spiciness, with dried blackberry and black fruit backed by smoke, tar, cardamom and Teriyaki barbecue sauce. The wine is black, austere and savory at its core. There is virtually no fruity sweetness, nor will you find much in the way of primary intensity. Instead, you get bold personality with smoky flavors of scorched earth and charred spice. The finish is powerful and firm.

10 Paolo Bea ‘Pagliaro’ Montefalco Sagrantino DOCG 365

The 2010 Sagrantino di Montefalco Pagliaro is gracefully tamed and tranquil. All those biting tannins that you might expect from the structured Sagrantino grape have been delicately subdued and rendered silky and smooth. It's magic. The wine opens to a dark garnet color with luminous ruby-like sparkles. The bouquet delivers fine aromas of dried cherry and exotic spice.

## EMILIA ROMAGNA|ABRUZZO|MARCHE

Italy is seldom known for the simplicity of its wines, yet the ruggedly mountainous region of Abruzzo offers an abundance of delightful, uncomplicated wines that tend to represent good value.

18 Collefrisio ‘Vignaquadra’ Montepulciano d’Abruzzo DOC 92

Young forward-thinking wine makers producing rich wire from the traditional grapes of the area. A strong fruit forward aroma, containing hints of spices, cherry plum and jam. Well balanced and lasting taste.

19 Tenuta Terraviva ‘Lui’ Montepulciano d’Abruzzo DOCG 105

This organic Montepulciano D'Abruzzo is ruby coloured in the glass with aromatics showing black cherry, forest floor and musk. Fruit dominates the palate via soft tannins and mild acidity.

15 San Lorenzo ‘Il Solleone’ Montepulciano Marche Rosso IGT 148

Dark ruby red, notes of beetroot, elderberry, cocoa, ink and liquorice. An unmistakable olfactory profile that opens to a rich, deep and sanguine taste. Balanced by a slight acidity,

##  PUGLIA

Puglia forms the heel of the Italian "boot”, a region of constant sea breezes and long-established bush vines, with indigenous varieties such as Nero di Troia, Aglianico and Primitivo.

18 Rocca ‘Rossovero’ Primitivo del Salento IGT 50

Layers of herbal characters and spice keep you coming back. Concentrated flavour with a classy, zesty twist.

20 ‘12 e Mezzo’ by Varvaglione Negroamaro del Salento IGP 60

Bright berry and vanilla with enticing spice and black tea aromas. Soft and plush tannins and a velvet finish.

21 Varvaglione ‘Passione’ Primitivo del Salento IGP 75

Deep red in colour, an elegant bouquet and a rich aromatic taste. This wine is full-bodied with a smoothness to its tannins.

21 Masseria Li Veli ‘Orion’ Primitivo IGT 98

Orion is dense ruby red with a purplish rim, it is immediately intense on the nose with marked aromas of ripe and fleshy red fruits, notably cherries followed by spicy notes of cinnamon and nutmeg; in the mouth it is full, powerful, smooth and very long.

21 ‘Papale’ by Varvaglione Primitivo di Manduria DOP 125

Ruby red with round, soft aromas of jam and berries. First made for Varvaglione’s 90th anniversary this wine identifies its territory with its structure, while respecting the elegance that sets it apart. Generous and velvety

20 Cantele ‘Teresa Manara’ Negroamaro IGT 140

Intense, cherry and spice notes. Bold and refined flavours of blueberry, vanilla, tobacco and cocoa.

21 Masseria Li Veli Susumaniello Salento IGT 155

Susumaniello, is an ancient indigenous grape variety in the southern Italian region of Puglia. Pretty aromas of violet, raspberry and blackberry carry to the light, fresh palate. This shows juicy fruit flavours struck against a solid structure, making this a great red to enjoy as the weather turns slightly cooler.

17 Varvaglione ‘Collezione Privata’ Negroamaro del Salento IGT 158

Specially selected Negroamaro that stands out for its elegant red fruit, black pepper, cinnamon, tobacco and distinctive aromas of liquorice. On the palate, its balance leaves a long and persistent balsamic finish.

18 Tormaresca Bocca di Lupo Aglianico Castel del Monte IGT 290

Rich with silky, vibrant tannins on the palate that reveals excellent aging potential. A lengthy and persistent finish with balsamic notes. Made from 100% Aglianico Bocca di Lupo is a deep, intense ruby red colour. The palate is refined with vibrant yet silky tannins. A lengthy and persistent finish delivers pleasant sensations of freshness and complexity.

12 Gianfranco Fino ‘Es’ Primitivo di Manduria IGT 450

Deep ruby colour, rich, warm and flamboyant character with extremely slow legs. Solid structure, deep complexity and tremendous nose based on plum, dark chocolate with some licorice notes. Flavours of fig, cassis, coffee, vanilla, tobacco, prune and cherry make this wine very special. Simply remarkable.

## SARDEGNA

Sardegna’s wine growing history stretches back to the 16th century. Dozens of indigenous varieties make for diverse wines. Cannonau and Carignano feature heavily.

21 Sardus Pater ‘Foras’ Cannonau di Sardegna DOC 70

Intense ruby red colour. Mediterranean bouquet, complex, blueberry and ripe-blackberry aromas.

warm, soft, sweet tannins of rare intensity in the mouth.

20 Dolia Nova ‘Anzenas’ Cannonau di Sardegna DOC 72

Pleasant aromas of white flowers and herbs, with a delicate salty nuance. A fruity bouquet and

balanced freshness on the palate. The finish is savoury and mineral.

20 Capichera ‘Liánti’ Carignano|Syrah Isola dei Nuraghi IGT 95

The “Lianti” by Capichera is an intense and full-bodied red wine from [Carignano](https://www.callmewine.com/en/carignano-V49.htm) grapes, aged for 12 months in barrique. It has a complex and fruity aromatic profile, with nuances of ripe cherries, wild berries, coffee and sweet spices. On the palate it smooth, warm and structured, with a generous character.

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## SICILIA

One of Europe’s oldest wine regions, Sicilia is home to some unique varietals and many modern Sicilian producers have embraced ancient farming and winemaking techniques.

19 Graffetta Nero d’Avola DOC 70

Ripe red fruit combine with leather and mineral notes. The palate it is velvety, with a juicy and soft finish.

21 Colomba Bianca ‘Resilience’ Nero d’Avola DOC 95

 Embracing, silky, Resilience Nero d’Avola possesses a red berry, wild strawberries and raspberries palate alongside notes of orange peels and oriental spices, a subtle hint of vanilla.

21 Occhipinti ‘SP68’ Rosso Vittoria Classico IGT 99

'SP68' is the road which passes the winery and, according to Arianna Occhipinti, is "the most ancient wine route in existence”. A blend of Frappato and Nero d'Avola aged in stainless steel, this wine is bright and aromatic with a high-tone raspberry note.

20 Vini Cali ‘Moro’ Etna Rosso DOC 99

Predominantly Nerello Mascalese with a parcel of older vine Cappuccio which brings a savoury, darker edge to this wine. Bramble fruits, soft wild herbs and florals with the minerality of volcanic soils.

19 COS Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico DOC 135

A deep ruby red colour. It has aromas of dried cherry, chocolate, smoke, herb and spice. It gains some liquorice notes with time in the glass. Soft round fruity medium bodied palate with a good dose of acidity.

21 Tenuta di Fessina ‘Erse’ Etna Rosso DOC 169

Round and spicy; ‘Erse’ tells an old story about Etna winemaking, where for hundred years the red grapes have been mixed with the white ones. A touch of Carricante with the reds here. A picture of our melting pot vineyard where tastes and roots are melted together, giving a feminine complexity.

19 Tenuta di Fessina ‘Il Musmeci’ Etna Rosso DOC 245

A silky and velvety wine made from Nerello Mascalese: Red fruit, spice and forest floor notes with persistent acidity, marasca cherry with nutmeg. A round finish which is enveloping and complex.

20 Girolamo Russo ‘San Lorenzo’ Etna Rosso DOC 255

 Complex nose, wet rocks smoke and wild forest berries. The palate is very elegant yet fleshy and seductive with red fruit, sweet floral notes and spice. Powerful finish with firm tannins structure.

19 Girolamo Russo ‘San Lorenzo’ Etna Rosso DOC 270

Nerello Mascalese with small percentages of Nerello Cappuccio. This displays an amazing balance of power and grace, throwing in a shovel load of terroir, Of the three Girolamo Russo 'contrada' wines, this is the purest, most high-toned expression of Nerello.

20 Idda Etna Rosso DOC 295

IDDA is also the name of the joint project of two families, Gaja and Graci. Concentrated notes of juniper, graphite, cinchona, and orange lead to delicate rose on the finish. Very intense and spicy, with a warm, enveloping aroma. Tamarind, carob, and date emerge in the mouth. Creamy and enveloping. Straight tannins, medium-bodied, fresh, and flowing.

19 Donnafugata ‘Mille e una Notte’ Rosso di Sicilia DOC 360

With an intense ruby ​​red colour, Mille e Una Notte 2019 presents a complex bouquet characterized by fruity notes of blackberries and currants, fresh mentholated hints, spicy notes of black pepper and delicate nuances of sweet toasting. In the mouth it is broad and with velvety tannins.