

WINES BY THE GLASS

draft wines are available by the 6 oz. glass, 15 oz. half carafe and 30 oz. carafe

- 🍷 ROUND POND ESTATE, Sauvignon Blanc, California, Napa, Rutherford, 2020 13/30/54
 🍷 THREE PEARS, Pinot Grigio, California, Lodi, 2020 10/22/42
 🍷 SABINE, Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, France, Provence, 2021 12/26/48
- 🍷 SAN FERDINANDO TOSCANA IL GARGAIOLO, Italy, Tuscany, 2019 10/22/42
 🍷 LIBERTY SCHOOL, Cabernet Sauvignon, California, Paso Robles, 2019 12/26/48
 🍷 ANGELINE RESERVE, Pinot Noir, California, Mendocino, 2020 12/26/48
- 🍷 PAOLO SARACCO. Moscato d'Asti, Italy, Piedmont, 2020 12/42
 • piemonte is home to the very finest expressions of this varietal, in my humble opinion..and this is one of our favorites..orange blossoms, ruby grapefruit, vanilla, hints of wild herbs..layer after layer of fruit in harmony with juicy acidity and a hint of spice. (92JS)
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 • this bottle is impossibly aromatic..notes of papaya, orange zest and peach..lightly off dry with racy acidity that is the hallmark of the riesling grape..pairs well with dishes with a little kick!
- 🍷 FABIO MOTTA, Bolgheri Bianco, "NOVA", Italy, Tuscany, 2019 10/40
 • allow me to introduce you to a wine that is the essence of refreshment. a blend of vermentino, sauvignon blanc and viognier, it is everything you want to sip on a warm and sunny day..ripe pineapple, blood orange zest and citrus curd notes are joined by salinity and a finish as fresh as the sea air..absolutely delicious..trust me on this wine.
- 🍷 CAMBRIA, Chardonnay, Katherine's Vineyard, California, Santa Maria Valley, 2019 13/48
 • rich and ample in mouthfeel..medium to full bodied, this chardonnay is simply a beautiful postcard from sunny california and hits every note..grilled lemon, brioche, hints of butter, roasted fresh peach and spice..it is simply delicious. (94VM/93WE/91WS)
- 🍷 HARTFORD COURT, Chardonnay, California, Russian River Valley, 2019 17/60
 • classic russian river valley chardonnay..ripe pear, just slightly underripe peach skin, sugared grapefruit, notes of ginger spice and a whiff of honey..vibrant and juicy fruit on the finish..absolutely outstanding..love it.
- 🍷 CASTELLO DI VERRAZZANO, Chianti Classico, Italy, Tuscany, 2020 15/48
 • certified organic and sustainable, i just tasted this delicious bottle and was completely impressed..one of the founding members of the consorzio del chianti classico, castello di verazzano has produced wine since the very earliest times, dating back to the etruscans..rich in flavors of blackberry and amarena cherry..incredible balance and structure..explorer giovanni da verazzano was the first to discover america's east coast, landing in the bay of new york in the early 16th century and yes, that iconic bridge pays homage to him..this is an outstanding wine.
- 🍷 AVIGNONESI, Super Tuscan, "Grifi", Italy, Tuscany, 2018 17/60
 • certified organic, sustainable and biodynamic..a blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon..dark ruby red hue in the glass..notes of wild blueberries, blackberries and forest fruits..a touch of warm spice rounds out the gorgeous finish..complex and persistent and gorgeous. (94JS 2017 vintage)
- 🍷 MAURO MOLINO, Langhe Nebbiolo, Italy, Piedmont, Langhe, 2020 14/52
 • a gorgeous wine right out of the gate..perhaps the ultimate food wine, as it complements just about everything..it is fresh and easy to sip and is a wine that truly plays well with everyone in the sandbox. (91WS)
- 🍷 MURRIETA'S WELL, "The Spur", Livermore Valley, 2019 15/48
 • cabernet sauvignon with a splash of petite sirah..ripe blueberry and blackberry..dried cherry..allspice and vanilla..rich and luscious mouthfeel..one of our "go-to" glasses. (90WE)

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THE BUBBLES

we are the toast of the town..the life of the party..the friends who show up at every celebration..we are fond of all sorts of food, particularly those with salty or spicy personalities..although our true spiritual home is champagne, we are spotted jet setting around all corners of the globe..we are audrey hepburn in breakfast at tiffany's..the perfect little black dress that is always ready for a party..diamonds may be a gal's best friend but, we are a close second!

- S000 VALDO, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Brut, Italy, Veneto, NV SPLIT/12
• crisp granny smith apple, filled with verve and zest, finishing with a lightly spicy note, completely refreshing.. (91JS//92WE//90VM)
- S001 ACCADEMIA, Prosecco DOC, Brut, Rainbow Collection, Italy, Veneto, N/V 40
• an elegant mousse..notes of crisp, granny smith apples and citrus..fresh, light and lively on the palate..a delightful sip.
- S007 BERLUCCHI, Franciacorta '61, Brut, Italy, Lombardia, N/V 70
• a blend of chardonnay and pinot nero (noir), this bubble is bodacious! zesty with citrus notes, along with yellow apple and anjou pear..finishes long and crisp..drink up. (92WE/90WA/Top 100 WS)
- S002 VALDO, Brut Rosé, FLORAL EDITION, Italy, Veneto, N/V 45
• a fruit filled nose offering ripe strawberries and bing cherries..medium to full bodied with an elegant and creamy mousse..the perfect date! (90JS)
- S003 🍷 BARONE PIZZINI, Franciacorta Brut Naturae, Italy, Piedmont, 2014 75
• pure and crisp, crafted from chardonnay and pinot noir..hits all the right notes with aromas of toasted brioche, lemon and juicy tangerine.. (95WE)
- S004 🍷 MEDICI ERMETE, Reggiano Lambrusco, Le Tenute Solo, Italy, Emilia-Romagna, 2019 12/42
• one of the oldest producers of lambrusco in the region, the winery was founded in 1890 and was already producing high quality lambrusco to satisfy their restaurant guest's thirst..this bottle is prized for it's elegance and it is indeed light and refreshing..filled with crushed red berry notes, red raspberry and notes of spice..it's quite the quaffer.(90WE)
- S005 FERRO 13, Millesimato Brut Rosé, "The Link", Italy, Emilia-Romagna, 2018 40
• gentle aromas and flavors of strawberry cream and raspberry seed..a lively and crisp finish..pairs exceptionally well with charcuterie and is a delicious pizza bubbly.
- S006 🍷 BARONE PIZZINI, Franciacorta Rosé, Italy, Lombardia, 2014 90
• certified organic..a lovely nose of strawberry, light almond and herb..offers a juicy, spicy palate profile..a finish that goes on and on, tinged with lively, brisk acidity..this bubble just brings your whole mouth to life and anything you pair with it. (92VM/90WA)

What is Franciacorta?

*Franciacorta is the closest you can get to Italian "champagne" ..
it is produced in the same traditional method that champagne is and
is a similar blend of grapes, using pinot nero, chardonnay and
pinot bianco rather than meunier..as with champagne,
franciacorta is produced in a variety of styles from bone dry
to off dry, golden or pink..
from the lombardia region in northern italy,
it is the very best expression of bubbles from italy
and we simply adore it..try it for yourself and sip what you've been missing.*

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THE WHITES

SUPER COOL WHITES FROM ITALY

you may not know us as well as the more popular girls, but we are known in our neck of the woods for our personalities as well as our good looks..we are the interesting ones..the ones who take risks..the ones for those explorers and discoverers of new adventures..we embrace and embody our homelands and offer endless enjoyment for those willing to, in the words of ABBA, take a chance on us. .and, those who take us out on the town have always called for a second date.

- 1100 🍷 PAOLO SARACCO . Moscato d'Asti, Italy, Piedmont, 2020 11 /36
• piemonte is home to the very finest expressions of this varietal, in my humble opinion..and this is one of our favorites..orange blossoms, ruby grapefruit, vanilla, hints of wild herbs..layer after layer of fruit in harmony with juicy acidity and a hint of spice. (92WW)
- 1101 🍷 TORRE ROSAZZA, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friulano, Italy, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, 2018 45
• vibrant is the word which best describes this indigenous varietal of the friuli region..light to medium in body, it offers a mouthwatering minerality, coupled with notes of yellow peach and almond..pairs best with seafood dishes. (90WS)
- 1102 FERRO 13, Pinot Grigio, "The Lady", Italy, Veneto, 2018 35
• hints of white melon and grapefruit skin..light on her feet and easy to sip.
- 1103 🍷 FABIO MOTTA, Bolgheri Bianco, 'NOVA', Italy, Tuscany, 2019 10/40
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- 1104 🍷 SELLA & MOSCA, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore, "Monteoro", Italy, Sardinia, 2020 48
• from organically farmed grapes, this incredibly fresh and fabulous wine offers notes of lemongrass, grapefruit, slightly underripe white peach and papaya. (92JS)
- 1105 🍷 ELVIO COGNO, Langhe "Anas-Cetta", Nascetta di Novello, Italy, Piedmont, 2016 58
• a rare piemontese white of distinction and personality plus..indigenous to the commune of novello, it is a wine rarely seen in our country, this white is an herb garden in your glass..hints of mint, layers of almost unripe peach..fresh and citrus driven with a salinity that reminds me very much of vermentino. (92JS/91WA/90VM)
- 1106 🍷 TENUTA ALOIS LAGEDER, Pinot Grigio "PORER", Italy, Alto Adige, 2018 52
• this has long been a go-to bottle for us..a delicate nose of pear and yellow apple..it is clean and kissed by minerality and if you've never had a pinot grigio that actually has depth of flavor and palate presence..try this one. (92JS/90WE)
- 1108 🍷 VIETTI, Roero Arneis, Italy, Piedmont, 2019 54
• arneis translates to "little rascal" in piemontese dialect..pale, straw yellow with notes of freshly cut flowers, lemon zest and hand melon...unoaked, dry and pretty as a picture..an excellent aperitif wine and pairs quite beautifully with vegetarian options, shrimp and burrata. (91WA)
- 1110 🍷 ENRICO SERAFINO, Gavi del Comune di Gavi, Italy, Piedmont, 2020 45
• the noble white grape of piedmont called cortese provides a wine with freshness, cut and clarity..granny smith apple and citrus on the nose and palate, with a tangy and refreshing zip that fits the bill as a great aperitif wine and also pairs beautifully with salads, starters and seafood and mollusk preparations. (91JS/91WE)

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WHITES FROM THE UNITED STATES

RIESLING & LIGHTLY SWEET BLENDS

i am the gossamer grape..i am elegant and intense and when you smell my perfume, you are powerless to resist..my personality can be sweet or quite dry..i prefer cool temperatures in order to maintain my acidic wit and i love views of long rivers and deep lakes...i adore spicy food and have rarely met a pork product that doesn't think i am just the cat's pajamas.

- A120 🍷 CHARLES SMITH, Riesling, KungFu Girl, Washington, Columbia Valley, 2020 10/35
• this bottle is impossibly aromatic..notes of papaya, orange zest and peach..lightly off dry with racy acidity that is the hallmark of the riesling grape..pairs well with dishes with a little kick!
- A121 🍷 SOKOL BLOSSER, "Evolution" White, Lucky No. 9, Oregon, Willamette Valley, 2020 35
• a blend of 9 different whites, including muscat canelli, gewurtztraminer and riesling for freshness and brightness..and a light touch of sweetness..it pairs beautifully with dishes with a little heat and i've long counted it a favorite. (91JS/90WE 2019 vintage)

SAUVIGNON BLANC

from zippy and zesty to flinty and minerally, my personality is light and refreshing and there is always a bounce in my step..i am the liquid equivalent of a crisp, white linen shirt on a summer's day..i come from a diverse background and am grown in many areas..my favorite spots are france, new zealand and california, but i travel well to other destinations too..my favorite dishes are those that are lighter on the palate..i adore all sorts of seafood and fish and i even pair well with salads..give me some goat cheese and i'll be your best pal.

- A123 🍷 ROMBAUER, Sauvignon Blanc, California, Napa and Sonoma Counties, 2021 60
• absolutely fresh as a daisy..honeydew melon and passionfruit aromas abound as well..this is a wine at home with any shellfish, mollusk or freshwater fish preparation..this is the wine to sip with clams alla bianco, trust me. (92WS)
- A125 🍷 LAIL VINEYARDS, Sauvignon Blanc, "Blueprint", California, Napa Valley, 2020 80
• absolutely my favorite napa valley sauvignon blanc...it combines the freshness factor of stainless steel with the complexity of partial barrel fermentation, which also adds an element of richness not often associated with the varietal..incredibly versatile at the table..try it with penne with lemon and artichokes or winechick pizza..it's flipping fabulous. (93JS)

PINOT GRIS

when i'm in italy, they call me pinot grigio, but pinot gris is the name on my passport..some find me a bit ho-hum, but when i am cared for properly and grown in my favorite spots, i can be downright fascinating..my favorite places are northern italy, oregon and that little corner of paradise in france called alsace..i am a reliable friend, one that you can always count on for good times and laughter

- A126 🍷 ELK COVE, Pinot Gris, Oregon, Willamette Valley 2020 48
• perennial favorite...plump mouthfeel with orchard fruits, tangerine, asian pear and subtle notes of ginger on the palate...closes with peach and spice..a great example of how very delicious pinot gris can be. (91WA)

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CHARDONNAY

i am often called the winemaker's grape because my personality adapts so well to a wide range of conditions..i can be a lean machine or a voluptuous vamp..i am full of orchard fruits and i often enjoy long and luxurious baths in oak barrels or in stainless steel when i'm feeling fresh and fruity..a misguided few say that they don't care for me and that's just fine..i have devoted fans from all corners of the globe..my favorite foods are crustacean in character, there's not a lobster i've met who hasn't fallen head over tail in love..chard no way, you say? hold my glass.

A131 🍷 CAMBRIA, Chardonnay, Katherine's Vineyard, California, Santa Maria Valley, 2019 13/48
• rich and ample in mouthfeel..medium to full bodied, this chardonnay is simply a beautiful postcard from sunny california and hits every note..grilled lemon, brioche, hints of butter, roasted fresh peach and spice..it is simply delicious.(94VM/93WE/91WS)

A132 🍷 HARTFORD COURT, Chardonnay, California, Russian River Valley, 2019 17/60
• classic russian river valley chardonnay..ripe pear, just slightly underripe peach skin, sugared grapefruit, notes of ginger spice and a whiff of honey..vibrant and juicy fruit on the finish..absolutely outstanding..love it. (94WE/91+WA)

A133 EL MOLINO, Chardonnay, California, Napa Valley, Rutherford, 2018 130
• founded in 1871, el molino is one of the oldest wineries in the napa valley..a storied tradition deserves a wine to stand up to the reputation and this delivers in spades..burgundian in style..granny smith apple, lemon curd and bright floral aromas..ends with notes of brioche and toasted hazelnuts..dare i say it's california chassagne? (92WS)

A134 FREEMARK ABBEY, Chardonnay, California, Napa Valley, 2020 75
• a rich and nuanced chard..opens with notes of apple and peach cobbler, cream and lemon curd..vibrant and balanced, medium to full bodied..ends with a flourish of vanilla, baking spices and cream. (94JS)

A136 🍷 CHAPPELLET, Chardonnay, Grower Collection, Calesa Vineyard, California, Sonoma, Petaluma Gap, 2018 90
• simply stated, this chard is STUNNING..a delicate nose, featuring feminine and floral aromas of honeysuckle and jasmine..freshly sliced peach and meyer lemon cream on the palate..fresh cut on the finish..long, lovely and positively luscious. (93WA/93VM/92VM)

A137 KERR CELLARS, Chardonnay, Rued Vineyard, California, Sonoma Coast, 2019 120
• recently featured on the cover of wine spectator magazine, cristie kerr is a legend in the golf world and the wine world as well..this cool vineyard site and close proximity to the ocean lends a sea spray salinity that is impossible to resist..coupled with aromas of lemon curd, guava, orange zest and crème brulée, this wine is vibrant and gorgeous, much like cristie herself! (93JS)

A138 🍷 PETER MICHAEL, Chardonnay, "La Carrière", California, Sonoma, Knight's Valley, 2019 175
• the la carrière vineyard is steep and rocky and, as a result, produces fruit with incredible concentration and flavor..this is the most "chablis-esque" of peter michael's single vineyard chardonnays..vivid minerality coupled with aromas and flavors of lemon curd and freshly baked brioche..stunning acidity makes this sip like a grand cru burgundy..tough to come by and worth every penny. (97WA/96JD)

A140 🍷★ MARCASSIN, Chardonnay, Marcassin Vineyard, California, Sonoma, 2013 300
• is this chardonnay perfect? perfect score aside, it does hit every note on every level..grilled citrus..toasted hazelnut..candied orange peel..apricot jam..vibrant, toe tapping acidity..this wine is like that beautiful rainbow after a summer shower..with a vinous pot of golden liquid at its end.
EXTREMELY LIMITED AVAILABILITY (100WA)

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THE REDS FROM ITALY

SANGIOVESE

i am the most famous grape of central italy and that is my favorite place to hang. i'm a secret agent grape..the 007 of tuscany, if you will..i am known by so many names and have so many aliases..over 50, in fact! brunello? yup, that's me..prugnolo gentile? that's me too! my favorite dishes are the robust, red-sauced staples of my homeland..bolognese is my bestie..not so long ago, i was a complete fiasco..but better living conditions have allowed my many personalities to thrive and flourish..say it with me...SAN-GEE-OOHH-VAY-SAY!

- 1200 🍷 CASTELLO DI VERRAZZANO, Chianti Classico, Italy, Tuscany, 2020 15/48
• certified organic and sustainable, i just tasted this delicious bottle and was completely impressed..one of the founding members of the consorzio del chianti classico, castello di verrazzano has produced wine since the very earliest times, dating back to the etruscans..rich in flavors of blackberry and amarena cherry..incredible balance and structure..explorer giovanni da verrazzano was the first to discover america's east coast, landing in the bay of new york in the early 16th century and yes, that iconic bridge pays homage to him..this is an outstanding wine.
- 1201 🍷 CASTELLO DI ALBOLA, Chianti Classico Riserva, Italy, Tuscany, 2016 75
• aromas of dark berries and a whiff of spice..harmonious with a mineral, red berry tinged finish. (92WS/91WE/90JS)
- 1202 🍷 LE CINCIOLE, Chianti Classico Riserva Gran Selezione, "ALUIGI", Italy, Tuscany, 2016 90
• one of the finest examples i have ever had the pleasure to taste..very bright and intensely aromatic with dark red fruits, berries, spice and a touch of coffee bean..powerful, yet perfectly polished..a truly great wine and certified organic. (96VM/95DC)
- 1203 🍷 CASTELLO VOLPAIA, Chianti Classico Riserva Gran Selezione, "COLTASSALA", 2017 120
• remarkable purity and precision..black cherries, cranberries and notes of toasty spice..medium to full body and a finish full of verve and vibrancy..certified organic grapes. (95JS/93WA/93VM)
- 1204 🍷 LE POTAZZINE, Brunello di Montalcino, Italy, Tuscany, 2017 150
• an absolute favorite, this wine has always held a space in my heart..notes of wildflowers, red berries and spice on the nose..bright cherry and orange rind round out this favorite and great acidity makes it a divine food partner, it is elegance in a glass. (97WE/95WA/94VM/93JS)
- 1205 🍷 BIONDI SANTI, Rosso di Montalcino, Italy, Tuscany, 2016 160
• the most famous estate in montalcino..this is pure sangiovese in all its glory..impressive notes of delicate rose and violet..scores of wild forest fruits with a savory balsam and forest floor note on the palate..this is intense, fruity and focused and displays just what the very best of sangiovese can offer..absolutely outstanding. (95WA)
- 1206 🍷 CARPINETO, Brunello di Montalcino, Italy, Tuscany, 2016 115
• this is an energetic and lively brunello from this venerable estate..it really hits all the notes that you would expect from a brunello of this caliber..silky red fruits, touches of tobacco, earth, iron and mineral..finishes with layers of spice. (94WS/92WA)
- 1207 🍷 CIACCI PICCOLOMINI d'ARAGONA, Brunello di Montalcino, Italy, Tuscany, 2017 125
• probably my very favorite brunello, this bottle is in complete harmony..medium-bodied with bright acidity and balance..an elegant brunello that truly showcases its sense of place. (97WE/93WA)
- 1208 🍷 SAN FELICE, Brunello di Montalcino, Campogiovanni, Italy, Tuscany, 2016 100
• the 2016 vintage was challenging for some but the best producers made truly extraordinary wines from this most prestigious appellation from tuscany..dark and savory with mediterranean herbs and an expressive nose of dark forest fruits with touches of cinnamon spice and dark dried cherry..it's a beautiful wine from a stunner of a vintage. (94WS/94WA/93WE)

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SUPER TUSCANS

if you think we're boastful by calling ourselves super? heck, we are so super, we have an entire quality level in italy that was created just for US! some us are more traditional..some of us have a renegade spirit..but, we are the essence of innovation and experimentation..we love our homeland sangiovese, but our wanderlust found us wanting to take a little spin with some bordeaux varietals..when we were first born, we created quite a stir and we continue to make scores of headlines today..we are the super tuscans and We..ARE..SPARTACUS!

- 1222 🍷 AVIGNONESI, Super Tuscan, "Grifi", Italy, Tuscany, 2018 17/60
• certified organic, sustainable and biodynamic..a blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon..dark ruby red hue in the glass..notes of wild blueberries, blackberries and forest fruits..a touch of warm spice rounds out the gorgeous finish..complex and persistent and gorgeous. (94JS 2017 vintage)
- 1223 🍷 AIA VECCHIA, Bolgheri Rosso Superiore, "Sor Ugo", Italy, Tuscany, 2018 85
• a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot, this is a beautiful baby super tuscan from the bolgheri region.. succulent and rich, with black cherry, baking spice and a touch of mint..finishes with verve and richness..reminds me of a rich chocolate spice cake with cassis...it's just beautiful. (94VM)
- 1224 🍷 PRELIUS, "PRILE", Maremma Toscana, 2015 110
• certified organic..equal parts cabernet sauvignon and sangiovese with a splash of merlot to add to the plush mouthfeel..juicy, with firm tannins..classic cab aromas of leather and graphite..floral notes keep it fresh on the palate..elegant and powerful at the same time. (90WE)
- 1225 🍷 FATTORIA LE PUPILLE, Super Tuscan "SAFFREDI", Italy, Maremma, 2017 160
• captures the pure richness of the vintage with loads of dark red berries, warm spices, forest floor, wet earth and a touch of licorice..super concentrated with an intense finish that lasts for minutes..one of the best of the vintage..outstanding. (97WA/96JS/94VM)
- 1226 🍷 ARGIANO, SOLENGO, IGT Super Tuscan, Italy, Montalcino, 2017 135
• one of the most important producers in montalcino, the solengo super tuscan epitomizes the word "SUPER"..dense and structured with amarena cherry and dark cacao on the nose and palate..a subtle hint of balsamic and mediterranean herbs..medium to full body with tremendous concentration and depth with a long, long finish..love it. (95JS)
- 1227 🍷 MARCHESI ANTINORI, "Tignanello" IGT, Super Tuscan, 2018 225
• this wine was one to put the super tuscan category on the worldwide vinous map..sangiovese with cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc..ripe red fruits and licorice..cassis from the cabernet contribution..smooth and endlessly fascinating...we love our TIG around here and this vintage is one of the best ever..at the best price in town. (98WA/96JS/92WS)
- 1230 🍷 TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA, "Ornellaia", Super Tuscan, 2015 325
• to fans of the super tuscan category, this wine needs NO introduction..this is probably the best vintage of the venerable ornellaia that i have tasted in my lifetime..just impeccably balanced with blackberry, raspberry jam, mint and floral notes..astounding and an absolute reference point for the category..let us decant it for you. (98VM/97WS/98JS/93WA)

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NEBBIOLO

i am the powerhouse of piedmont, the beast of barolo, the undisputed, heavyweight, champion of italian grapes..i am fiercely devoted to my homeland and don't take kindly to strangers that think they can tame me..my hue is unmistakably fiery orange red and my personality can be downright dastardly if not cared for in the manner that i am accustomed to..those who mistake my thin skin as weakness have lived to regret it! in my youth, i can be all rough and tumble..but as i age, i just keep getting better..i am big, i am bold, i am beautiful.

- 1242 🍷 MAURO MOLINO, Langhe Nebbiolo, Italy, Piedmont, Langhe, 2020 14/52
• fresh, easy drinking and approachable now, with generous notes of red fruit, touches of menthol and floral nuances..harmonious, with a long and exuberant finish. (91WS)
- 1243 🍷 G.D. VAJRA, Langhe Nebbiolo, Claré JC, Italy, Piedmont, 2021 60
• one of the most fascinating expressions of nebbiolo that i have ever tasted..the name, claré jc, pays homage to thomas jefferson - who visited piemonte in 1787 and described nebbiolo as "dry as a claret, sweet and lingering as madeira, brisk as champagne"..and this forgotten style of nebbiolo has a beautiful, unctuous texture and a very subtle touch of sweetness..serve with a slight chill..it is crafted in a style that is a cross between a red and a rosé and is positively delicious..a nebbiolo meant for consumption in its youth. (92VM)
- 1244 🍷 TRAVAGLINI, Gattinara, Italy, Piedmont, 2018 75
• this has always been THE go-to bottle that clearly expresses the characteristics of the appellation..it is a stunning ruby in the glass with tinges of garnet..dark plum, abundant notes of spice and licorice..a long, smooth finish. (94WA/93WE)
- 1245 🍷 ELVIO COGNO, Barbaresco, Bordini, Italy, Piedmont, 2017 100
• if a bowl full of ripe cherries married a bottle of the finest balsamic vinegar, their offspring may very well have the aroma of this bottle..it evolves in the glass, offering more earthy notes and subtle ginger and mocha tones..fine and persistent with a long and silky smooth finish. (92WS/93VM/95JS)
- 1246 🍷 SERIO E BATISTA BORGOGNO, Barolo Cannubi "Truffle Hunters", Italy, Piedmont, 2017 90
• a savory and spicy interpretation from one of the most celebrated cru sites in piedmont..2017 was a rather warm vintage and the result is super concentrated fruit with gobs of smoky cherry, mint, blood orange and earth..medium in body but loads of grippy tannins..an amazing, savory finish, lasting for minutes. (94DC/93WA/93VM)
- 1247 🍷 GIOVANNI VIBERTI, Barolo, "BUON PADRE", Italy, Piedmont, 2017 95
• this bottle is a standout for me in terms of quality for the price..black cherries, violets, a touch of tobacco and tar with that signature whiff of rose potpourri that screams.."I Am Barolo...Hear Me ROAR" ..round and juicy and approachable now. (93JS)
- 1248 🍷 DAMILANO, Barolo, Brunate, Italy, Piedmont, 2015 115
• one of the most celebrated vineyards in piedmont, offerings from brunate typically offer tremendous structure with notes of eucalyptus and spice..and, indeed this offering from damilano is full of both..it is a hurly-burly bottle, masculine and muscular..will show its very best qualities when paired with veal milanese or pork ragu. (96JS/93WE/92WS)
- 1250 🍷 G.D. VAJRA, Barolo, "Albe", Italy, Piedmont, 2017 75
• enticingly floral and extremely fragrant..notes of rose petals, indicative of the varietal, pure and extremely elegant with wild strawberry and herbal notes of eucalyptus and mint..incredibly balanced, sleek and sexy..built for bolo and beef. (93WE/93WA/91VM/92JS)

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ROCK STAR ITALIAN REDS

danny zucco needed the t-birds..tom brady his o-line..bruce his e-street band..we are an integral part of every performance and are no less important than the star of the show..many of us are heralded as the very BEST from our corner of the globe..we are the risk takers, the dream makers, the love takers..and we cordially invite you to mess around with us.

- 1260 🍷 PICO MACCARIO, Barbera d'Asti, "Lavignone", Italy, Piedmont, 2020 48
- nebbiolo gets all the attention, but barbera is the most widely planted red varietal in piedmont..it pairs extraordinarily well with red sauced pasta dishes and has inherent acidity to balance the rich and hearty flavors of many of our dishes..this bottle is big and juicy..certified organic and sustainably produced. (90WA/90WS)
- 1261 🍷 BERTANI, Valpolicella Ripasso, Italy, Veneto, 2019 50
- bertani is practically synonymous with the veneto region..as renowned as they are for their amarone wines, i find this bottle to be an absolute standout at a far lower price point..absolutely redolent with freshest cherries so typical of the region..notes of spice and white pepper on the palate..this is an outstanding wine for spring sipping.
- 1262 PECCHENINO, Dogliani san Luigi, Dolcetto, Italy, Piedmont, 2020 40
- tangy and full of life, dolcetto is the piemontese "go-to" grape for informal gatherings with family and friends..full of fresh cherry aromas and flavors with touches of christmas spice and woodland berries. (89WA/89WS)
- 1263 🍷 TENUTA TASCANTE, Etna Rosso, Ghiaia Nera, Italy, Sicily, 2019 45
- fine and lithe, with notes of smoke, crushed red berries, orange peel and mineral..light to medium bodied, elegant, exciting and the perfect warm weather red..shall we dance? (95JS/92WE)
- 1264 🍷 FEUDO MONTONI, Nero D'Avola, "Vrucara", Italy, Sicily, 2016 75
- the vrucara plot, where these grapes are sourced, rises to 1,640 feet above sea level in the west central portion of sicily..as such, the grapes are blessed with beautiful breezes and great diurnal temperature variance to retain their acidity and freshness..notes of plums, fennel, eucalyptus and spice cake are at the core of this sicilian stunner..layers upon layer of fleshy fruit and a long finish..sicilian wines have come a long way from their humble roots and this bottle is one of the best examples of nero d'avola that i have ever tasted! (93JS/93VM)
- 1266 🍷 MASTROBERARDINO, Redimore Irpinia, Aglianico, Italy, Campania, 2019 48
- mastroberardino is the most important name in campania..and, the aglianico grape is the most important red in campania..medium to full bodied, it also has a fairly high level of tannin..look for aromas and flavors of black pepper, dried cherry and smoke..this is a rustic wine, in the best way possible and is most at home with heartier fare.
- 1267 🍷 TOMMASI, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, Veneto, 2016 92
- rich and luscious..notes of dried figs and plums..blackberries and cocoa..a little hint of espresso bean..medium to full bodied..if ever there was a wine that one could describe as opulent, this would be it..one of the preeminent producers in the veneto. (94JS)
- 1268 🍷 ALLEGRINI, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, Veneto, 2016 125
- ripe, smooth and concentrated..loads of plum and spice aromas with a licorice and black cherry core that is impossible to resist..full bodied, lush and round with a mineral driven finish, featuring dark cocoa nib and fig..powerful and awesome. (95WE/95VM/94JS/92WS)
- 1269 🍷 ZENATO, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, Veneto, 2015 100
- this was the winner from many amarones that i sampled..rich and textured, with layers upon layers of chocolate, dark berries..it reminds me of a chocolate covered cherry with all that luscious fruit and spice character..this is a voluptuous redhead. (94JS/93WS/92+VM/90WS)
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THE REDS FROM THE UNITED STATES

PINOT NOIR

yes, my personality can be a bit difficult...but, for those with the patience to care for me the way i should be, their patience is rewarded in spades..i am persnickety..a touch on the finicky side..but, i am also the most sensual of grapes..i am silky and most elegant..i am the grace kelly of the grape world..my appetite for food knows no limits...i am proof that one doesn't need to shout to get one's point across..sometimes, a whisper is far more effective.

- A150 🍷 PALI, Pinot Noir, "Riviera", California, Sonoma Coast, 2019 52
• big and bright and beautiful..aromas of cherry cola and ripe strawberry spring from the glass..a touch of damson plum preserve and notes of grilled herbs..smooth as a jockey's silks. (90WE)
- A151 🍷 KEN WRIGHT CELLARS, Pinot Noir, Oregon, Willamette Valley, 2020 60
• lovely floral notes of rose potpourri and gentle touches of baking spices..bright red cherry and white raspberries on the palate..the finish is smooth as silk and very clean..begs you to take another sip. . a standout wine from a very challenging vintage.
- A152 🍷 ELK COVE VINEYARDS, Pinot Noir, Oregon, Willamette Valley, 2018 65
• bright and aromatic with black cherries, ripe plums and ripest red raspberries..hints of exotic tea, asian spices and bitter orange on the endlessly fresh and fascinating finish..elk cove is one of the most important oregon wineries and consistently crafts some of the best pinot noir hailing from the state. (94WA/93VM)
- A153 🍷 ZENA CROWN, Pinot Noir, "The Sum", Oregon, Willamette Valley, Eola-Amity Hills, 2017 125
• pretty is as pretty does and this bottle delivers on all fronts..expressive and graceful, with notes of pure raspberry and field flowers..elegant finish that is kissed with a touch of spice. (93JS/93WA)
- A154 🍷 GRAN MORAINÉ, Pinot Noir, Yamhill Carlton District, Oregon, Willamette Valley, 2019 80
• incredibly expressive..ripest cherries, red raspberry..savory hints of fresh mediterranean herbs..from a dynamite willamette producer..finishes with a flourish..one of my favorites from the appellation..it's just an absolute stunner. (93WS/92WE)
- A155 🍷 WIND RACER, Pinot Noir, "Sealift Vineyard", California, Sonoma Coast, 2018 135
• ripe and juicy with a lush texture and silky tannins that just dance across your palate..ripe cherry, notes of clove and spice, finishing long and elegant, dancing across that finish line. (93WE/92WS)
- A156 🍷 GARY FARRELL, Pinot Noir, Hallberg Vineyard, California, Russian River Valley, 2016 100
• for fans of spice driven pinot, this bottle fits the bill nicely..if you've ever studded oranges with cloves around the holidays, you will notice that aroma in this bottle..dried cherries and notes of black tea and earth round out the initial impressions..fresh acidity and a balanced finish complete this pretty package of pinot. (94WE/94D/92WS/92WA)
- A157 🍷★ WILLIAMS-SELYEM, Pinot Noir, California, Sonoma County, 2020 140
• williams-selyem is my absolute favorite pinot noir producer in california..i have found that no other expresses the terroir with such magnificence..this sonoma county offering is fresh and exuberant..round and harmonious..like your favorite symphony..notes of rose petal, saffras and bergamot..if you've never had a williams-selyem pinot, you owe it to yourself to try this one. (93WA 2019 vintage)

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- A158 🍷★ ARISTA, Pinot Noir, "UV Lucky Well Vineyard", California, Russian River Valley, 2017 135
 • this bottle represents the definition of TERROIR and showcases why pinot noir is one of the most terroir driven and expressive according to site selection..this has a savory edge, coupled with layers of perfumed rose petal, blackberry and wild raspberry..it is fleshy and fresh and fabulous.(95WA)
- A160 🍷★ PETER MICHAEL, Pinot Noir, "Le Caprice", California, Sonoma, Fort Ross-Seaview, 2019 225
 • a man so legendary at his craft that he has been knighted by THE QUEEN..and that is no joke..i'm often asked what my favorite pinot noir is..sort of like asking which is my favorite thoroughbred..but this may just be THE ONE..impossibly fragrant with wild raspberry, violet, rose petal, kirsch..a mouthfeel like the finest silk..medium to full bodied with a finish that lasts for minutes..an amazing bottle from a true legend. (96-97WA)
- A163 🍷★ MARCASSIN, Pinot Noir, Marcassin Vineyard, California, Sonoma Coast, 2012 300
 • one of the toughest "gets" in winedom..perhaps a touch indulgent on my part, but this bottle is life-altering stuff and that is no exaggeration..it is no secret that pinot noir is my spirit grape and if you are of similar persuasion, treat yourself to this truly legendary bottle. (97WA)

ZINFANDEL, SYRAH AND JUICY BLENDS

i am fun, fruity, and fabulous..i am a big bowl full of bodacious..my hobbies include jammin' with friends and smokin' up the grill..i am often called "america's grape" but i actually come from croatia..i love to soak up the sun and i am luscious and luxurious..i've got a head for business, and a bod for sin..I..Am..ZIN.

- A172 THE PESSIMIST, Red Blend, California, Paso Robles, 2020 60
 • an unctuous blend of petite sirah, syrah and zinfandel..an upfront, bold, in your face, unapologetically boisterous bottle..plush and ripe with dark fruits at the core..finishes with ripe, juicy blackberries and a cabinet full of warm, baking spices. (92WA)
- A173 🍷 ORIN SWIFT, Red Blend "ABSTRACT", California, 2020 75
 • an inky purple blend of grenache, petite sirah and syrah..filled with dark fruits, notes of christmas fruitcake and mocha..hints of spice, vanilla and ends on a fleshy note, tinged with smoke and spice..a BIG BOY built for beef. (91WA)
- A176 🍷 SHAFER, "Relentless", California, Napa Valley, 2015 175
 • now, this is a big mouth full of delicious..syrah and petite sirah grapes are the hallmark of this very limited release from shafer..ripe boysenberries, mulberries, black cherry jam with notes of asian and indian spices..the name really resonates with me.RELENTLESS.
 (95+ WA/93WS/94WE/93VM)
- A177 🍷 MARTINELLI, Zinfandel, Lolita Ranch, California, Sonoma, Russian River Valley, 2019 90
 • the martinelli family has been growing grapes and crafting vino since the 1880's in sonoma..all of their wines are produced from estate grown grapes, solely owned by the family..the martinelli's employ a "hands off" approach to winemaking, preferring to allow the grapes to express themselves with minimal intervention..this is rich and redolent with oodles of plum and black cherry..touches of lilac and spiced orange peel..luscious mouthfeel and a long, lingering finish..YUM. (95VM)

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LIMITED RELEASE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

we are the rock stars, the ones you can't wait to get your mitts on..the ones who get an A+ on every exam..we are some of the finest expressions of cabernet sauvignon from the united states...we aren't cheap dates, but at least we hold the door open for you...some may even say we are PERFECT.

- A179 🍷★ HUNDRED ACRE, FORTUNATE SON, Cabernet Sauvignon, "The Dreamer", California, Napa Valley, 2018 225
• a project of jayson woodbridge whose name needs no introduction to lovers of world class cabernet sauvignon..this offering is 92% cabernet sauvignon..lush, layered and incredibly complex..notes of red currants, the darkest chocolate, plum preserves, violet, loads of exotic spices and finishing with a touch of iron and camphor..outrageously good. (95WA)
- A180 🍷★ ROUND POND, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, California, Napa Valley, Rutherford, 2017 160
• plush entry of ripe black cherry and blackberry pie is followed by richer tones of toffee, fresh oak and a hint of black pepper. elegant and supple, this wine showcases a long finish and those signature rutherford dust qualities.(97TP/92VM/92JS)
- A181 🍷★ SHAFER, Cabernet Sauvignon, One Point Five, California, Napa Valley, Stags Leap, 2017 180
• very limited availability..powerful and pristine..this bottle checks all the boxes..brooding dark red fruits..a sturdy dose of tannin..a very muscular and masculine wine..long and lush..like the quarterback who is also an expert ballroom dancer.. (95JS/94WE/93WS/91WA)
- A182 🍷★ ORIN SWIFT, Proprietary Red, "Papillon", California, Napa Valley, 2019 135
• an homage to the famed left bank blends of bordeaux..cabernet sauvignon based with all 5 traditional varietals in play..powerful and seductive aromas of graphite, cassis..uber ripe dark fruits envelop your palate with a flourish..a hint of mint on the finish. (94WA)
- A183 🍷★ STAG'S LEAP WINERY, Cabernet Sauvignon, "The Leap", California, Napa, 2018 140
• this is an absolute stunner from a stellar winery that needs no introduction..full-bodied and rambunctious..checks off all the boxes that you want..huge and expressive. (96JS/94WA)
- A184 🍷★ TURNBULL CELLARS, Cabernet Sauvignon, "Black Label", California, Napa Valley, Oakville, 2017 250
• we are unabashedly crushing on this bottle..from one of our very favorite napa valley wineries..this bottle will take your breath away..it is indescribably delicious..plush and fleshy, ripe and sexy..it's a very special bottle. and scored a perfect 100 points from critic Antonio Galloni...so, there's that. THIS IS A SPECIAL BOTTLE. (100VM/95+ WA)
- A185 🍷★ DAOU VINEYARDS, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, California, Paso Robles, 2019 120
• think paso robles can't compete with the best of napa? i cordially invite you to sample this bottle and have your mind changed...and blown..a veritable treasure trove of tastes..creme de cassis, violets, graphite, this is a full-throttle, unadulterated, hedonistic bottle of liquid pleasure with a long finish. (94WA/93JD)
- A186 🍷★ K VINTNERS, KING COAL, Washington State, Columbia Valley, 2018 160
• EXTREMELY LIMITED! this wine is not produced in every vintage! it is, without a doubt, one of the happy bastard's favorite bottles..lush and full of black fruit compote with touches of hazelnut and mocha..it is full bodied, sexy and gorgeous. (98JD/96JS)
- A187 🍷★ SPOTTSWOODE, Cabernet Sauvignon, California, Napa Valley, St. Helena, 2014 300
• like a thoroughbred, this wine has a power that is also graceful, elegant and equipped with legs to run ALL DAY..crushed rocks, winter potpourri, red currants, dried plums, very firm tannins and a persistent acidity. (98WA/98WE/96JS)

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MORE FAB CABS AND BORDEAUX BLENDS

i am the quarterback, the prom king, the male model and the CEO, all wrapped up in a leather jacket..you'll be hard pressed to find someone that doesn't worship me..i am cocky, at times a bit arrogant, yet my name is tops on every guest list..i'm from all over the world..from the left bank to the left coast..i am powerful and personality plus..women want to marry me and men want to be like me..i even enjoy cult like status in some parts..how to win friends and influence people is my favorite book..and a juicy steak is my favorite snack..you know you want me.

- A190 🍷 MURRIETA'S WELL, "The Spur", California, Livermore Valley, 2018 15/48
• cabernet sauvignon with a splash of petite sirah..ripe blueberry and blackberry..dried cherry..allspice and vanilla..rich and luscious mouthfeel..one of our "go-to" glasses. (90WE)
- A191 🍷 PURSUED BY BEAR, Proprietary Red, "BEAR CUB", Washington State, Columbia Valley, 2018 75
• i am SO excited to introduce this wine to you..a project of kyle maclachlan of twin peaks fame (among many other films and shows)..this cab-based blend is a stunner..aromas of coffee bean, ripe cherry and warm baking spices..ayered and rich with a finish that reminds me of the very finest dark chocolate cherry cordial..an absolutely delicious bottle. (93WE Editor's Choice/92WS)
- A192 🍷 KULETO ESTATE, Proprietary Red "Native Son", California, North Coast, 2019 48
• the wines of kuleto are just super fun to sip..this proprietary red begins with cabernet sauvignon at the base and adds a few splashes of petite sirah and zinfandel to keep it fresh and fruity yet still dry..blackberries, dark cherries, touches of baking spice..just a fun and affordable bottle built for pizza and pasta.
- A193 🍷 WHITEHALL LANE, Cabernet Sauvignon, "RASSI", California, Sonoma Valley, 2017 70
• fantastic fruit concentration from this outstanding sonoma cab..exquisitely balanced with black raspberries, cassis and wild blueberries..it is an exceptionally smooth and rounded cab and a beautiful representation of the appellation. (91WW)
- A196 🍷 STEWART CELLARS, Bordeaux Blend, "Tartan", California, Napa Valley, 2018 90
• stewart is an absolute cab specialist and this pays homage to the best blends of bordeaux..elegant with richness..aromas and flavors of forest berries, red currant and and ripe cherry..notes of warm spices round out the creamy finish..we're just mad for this plaid. (92WS)
- A197 🍷 TREFETHEN FAMILY, Proprietary Red, "DRAGON'S TOOTH", California, Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, District, 2018 100
• a blend of primarily malbec with splashes of petit verdot and cabernet sauvignon..ripe aromas and flavors of black cherry, blackberry, mocha, saffras and fig..medium to full bodied and a long and luxurious finish..outstanding. (94JS/92VM/90WA)
- A200 🍷 BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS, Proprietary Red "ARISE", California, Napa Valley, 2018 125
• tasted recently at a trade tasting, this wine was an absolute standout amongst its peers..crushed red and black fruits, herbal nuances, hints of espresso bean..it is impossibly delicious. (92VM/91WS)
- A201 🍷 MARTIN RAY, Cabernet Sauvignon, Diamond Mountain, California, Napa Valley, 2018 120
• a big, big, BIG BOY cabernet sauvignon.. the diamond mountain appellation is renowned for its structure and grip..notes of lilac and lavender add a graceful note to this otherwise thoroughly masculine cab. (95JS)
- A202 🍷 JCB, Enrapture Red Blend, California, Napa Valley, 2019 150
• a blend of fruit from 4 of the most prestigious ava's in napa..howell mountain, rutherford, st. helena and oakville..dark fruits, a touch of violet..toasty oak and a plethora of spice..full bodied with medium to high tannins and a finish that lasts for minutes. (95JD/92VM)

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