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Tuscany	Baracchi	Ardito 2017	93		This is a solid red with blackberry, dark chocolate and hints of new oak. The palate is solid and beautiful with lots of attractive fruit and wood, which will blend together even more with bottle age. Drink after 2023.	JS	
Tuscany	Baracchi	Toscana Rosso O'Lillo 2020	92	8/4/2021	Yummy. Plenty of berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium-bodied with round, juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Plenty going on. Drink now.	JS	
Tuscany	Baracchi	Toscana Bianco O'Lilla 2020	90	8/4/2021	Lots of lemon curd and sliced cooked apple on the nose, following through to a full body with a creamy texture and a fresh finish. Drink now.	JS	
Veneto	Begali	Amarone Ca' Bianca 2015 MAGNUM	95	8/30/2019	From a small winery based in San Pietro in Cariano, this riserva is sourced from the Cengia and Monte Ca' Bianca hills. After 100 days of appassimento, it is aged in French oak barrels for 40 months. Focused on balsamic notes with a mint-chocolate character and cherry fruit, the texture is grainy yet the tannins are sweet and dense over the palate, with firm acid balancing fruit concentration. Savoury and toasty, it finishes with lingering liquorice and tobacco.	Decanter	NA
Veneto	Begali	Tigiolo 2017	93	12/16/2021	The Begali Lorenzo 2017 Tigiolo is a blend of air-dried 45% Corvina, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot and 5% Rondinella grapes. The clusters are left to dry for 50 days before being pressed, and the wine is aged in French oak for two years. This so-called super-Venetian wine is proud and thickly concentrated; however, it also maintains its freshness and a distinct territorial identity. There are pretty layers of spice, tar and smoke that point to the unique appassimento approach to winemaking that is practiced so widely in this corner of Italy. In this case, it is applied to international grapes, and that's what makes this wine so different.	WA	\$28.00
Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2004	91	8/30/2009	The 2004 Solare is a powerful, dense offering that bursts from the glass with an array of earthiness, tar, smoke, black cherries and grilled herbs. This rich, sensual wine reveals superb depth and a long, harmonious finish. Solare is 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia Nera that spent 2 years in French oak. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2022.	WA	\$105.00
Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2007	90	10/30/2014	The 2007 Solare is 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia Nera aged for two years in French oak. The wine is showing nicely right now, with evolved fruit tones that are set against a pretty framework of spice and tobacco. An evident mineral note of ash or crushed granite enhances the wine's overall presentation and elegance.	WA	NA

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Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2006	90	10/30/2014	The 2006 Solare has maintained its integrity over the years and opens to dark fruit aromas of prune, plum and dried cherry. Tertiary aromas of licorice and crushed granite are only just beginning to appear, adding an extra layer of complexity and intensity. Like the other wines from Capannelle, there is that distinctive touch of rusticity that characterizes this Sangiovese-Malvasia Nera blend. It won't appeal to everyone, but it does speak to the cooler conditions of the Gaiole in Chianti area.	WA	NA
Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2010	93	12/30/2016	Capannelle hits all the high marks with the 2010 Solare. This is among the best editions ever produced. I wouldn't say that the nose is pristine, because it is not. Instead, it offers lots of charm and character with dark fruit and spice that are nicely contrasted against one another. The finish reveals a crisp vein of acidity. Solar shows a bright and sunny personality that underlines its Tuscan charm.	WA	NA
Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2011	93	10/31/2017	From the Gaiole in Chianti comune, the 2011 Solare is a historic blend of 80% Sangiovese and 20% Malvasia Nera. The wine opens to a dark garnet color with pretty crimson highlights. The bouquet is slightly evolved with drying mineral tones followed by licorice, dried rose petal and candied cherry. The effect is delicate and graceful, and the mouthfeel shows a fleeting sense of weightlessness. This is a special wine with a tender heart.	WA	\$48.00
Tuscany	Capannelle	Solare 2013	94	10/31/2018	This is an expansive and generous blend of Sangiovese and a smaller part Malvasia Nera from the Gaiole in Chianti subzone where wines tend to show a more wild or untamed personality. The 2013 Solare offers a distinctive bouquet that gives more prominence to savory tones of tobacco, cigar ash and Asian spice. There is plenty of primary fruit at its core, and it recalls dark plum or sun-dried cherry. This vintage shows extra focus and sharpness with spots of tannic astringency. It is poised to withstand a 10-year drinking window or longer.	WA	NA
Lazio	Casale del Giglio	Bellone Anthium 2020	TRE BICCHIERI	2022		Gambero Rosso	

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Tuscany	Castello di Bolgheri	Bolgheri "Varvara" 2020	93	7/29/2022	Here's a quality, easy-to-drink blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The 2020 Bolgheri Rosso Varv�ra is integrated and smooth with no rough spots. Black fruit, pressed rose, earth and spice are carefully woven together. All elements are in place, and the wine is available at a very attractive price point.	WA	\$36.00
Tuscany	Castello di Bolgheri	Bolgheri "Varvara" 2020	93	7/4/2022	A linear and vivid red with black-cherry and orange-peel aromas and flavors. Fresh flowers, too. Medium to full body, chewy tannins and a bright finish. Give it a year or two, but already very pretty. Drink or hold.	JS	
Tuscany	Castello di Bolgheri	Bolgheri Superiore 2019	96	7/29/2022	With a stone-vaulted winery within the castle walls, Castello di Bolgheri makes wines that appeal to those who look for classic and traditional lines. There is indeed a lot of important history behind the 2019 Bolgheri Superiore, a blend of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with small elements of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Like the entry-level Varv�ra, this wine boasts beautiful integration and soft lines that frame black fruit, spice and campfire ash. This wine holds back just a bit in terms of ripeness, and that explains the smooth elegance you get here. <i>This is a special wine.</i>	WA	\$80.00
Tuscany	Castello di Bolgheri	Bolgheri Superiore 2019	95	5/31/2022	Distinguished by its silky texture, this red exudes black currant, cherry, tobacco, iron and spice aromas and flavors. Sleek in profile, well-structured and beautifully balanced, with a long finish driven by vibrant acidity. Features finesse, along with grip for aging. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. 2,500 cases made, 300 cases imported.	WS	\$90.00
Bulgaria	Chateau Burgozone	Burgozone Cote du Danube Pinot Noir 2020	90	9/1/2022	This light cherry red Bulgarian Pinot Noir has aromas of black cherry and red raspberry with top notes of tobacco and saddle leather. It is soft on entry with flavors of cherry vanilla, tobacco leaf and a bright splash of ripe macerated cherries on the finish.	WE	\$15.00
Cahors	Ch Famaey	Malbec Cuvee X 2018	93	9/1/2021	This rich, new-wood-aged wine is firmly structured and has great promise. The wood aging just keeps to the right side of balance with the blackberry fruits, leaving a juicy, ripe wine that will age well. Drink from 2024	WE	\$29.00
Cahors	Ch Famaey	Malbec Prestige 2018	90	9/1/2021	The firm tannins of rich Malbec shine in this wine, which conveys a sense of power as well as great concentration. With its density, layers of black plum and impressive structure, this is a wine to age. Drink from 2023	WE	\$18.00

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Bordeaux	Ch Haut Pezat	St Emilion 2018	90	3/1/2021	From a vineyard on the plain beneath the hill of Saint-Emilion, this wine is perfumed from wood aging and rich in dense tannins. Freshness from the black-currant fruit acidity comes through as the wine opens up. Drink from 2022	WE	\$30.00
Ticino	Delea	Carato Merlot 2016	90	2/28/2020	From 40-year-old vines in the best expositions, the 2016 Ticino Merlot Carato offers a pure, elegant and spicy bouquet of ripe cherries and berries intermixed with fine toasty aromas. Round and smooth on the silky palate, this is a full-bodied, elegant and charming Ticino Rosso with fine tannins and vivacious acidity. Very delicate, fresh and digestible, it's an authentic and well-made wine that was aged for nearly two years in new French barriques. Tasted in October 2019.	WA	NA
Australia	Delinquente	Nero D'Avola 2021 Hell Series	95	9/1/2022	A vibrant ruby-red hue, this organically grown Sicilian variety—which makes total sense in the dry, sunbaked Riverland region—is deliciousness in a bottle. Aromas are both delicate and powerful, evoking wild Aussie springtime flowers and herbs, blueberry and rhubarb crumble, and a savory spiced spine. The palate takes a similar course although the focus here is on texture. The plump fruit shows purity and freshness, supported by subtle tannins. A minerality and fresh herbal nuance is present throughout. This has all the energy, drinkability and complexity of a top natural wine.	WE	\$30.00
Australia	Delinquente	Montepulciano Roko Il Vagabondo 2021	93	9/1/2022	This is a stereotype-busting Aussie red that, despite being from a hot, dry climate, exudes all the freshness and varietal charm you could hope for. Lively cherry, rhubarb and violet aromas are underscored by a tangerine-rind and medicinal herb nuance. The palate is medium weight and fresh, with tart fruit, bony dry, quite medicinal tannins and a feeling of nourishment. Drink young and slightly chilled.	WE	\$22.00
Australia	Delinquente	Malvasia 2021 Hell Series	91	9/1/2022	True to the variety, this is a hugely aromatic wine. Fireworks of pineapple juice, lemon sherbet, grapefruit rind and lemon basil are grounded by muskier, earthier notes of wet hay and stones. The palate is viscous, gliding along the tongue. Flavors don't pop like they did on the nose, and the finish is a touch dirty, but there's still juicy drinkability here and that not-too-messed-with edge that carries so much wild appeal.	WE	\$30.00

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Australia	Delinquente	Rose of Nero D'avola 2021 Pretty Boy	91	8/1/2022	Vibrant pink in color, this Nero d'Avola-based rosé takes a moment to reveal its charms, but with air, the delicate scents of fresh strawberry and florals show themselves. Much of the flavor resides on the palate, where zippy acidity and a bite of skiny tannins add energy to the red berry and watermelon fruit notes. Steers clear of heavy-handed rosé winemaking techniques in favor of stripped back deliciousness, at an affordable price to boot.	WE	\$22.00
Australia	Delinquente	Weeping Juan Pet Nat Sparkling	93	9/1/2022	Considering it's made from heat-loving Italian varieties (mostly Vermentino with 10% Nero d'Avola) in the hot Riverland region, the freshness here is stunning. Antique rose in color, with delicate watermelon, floral and wet stone aromas, it's vibrant and crunchy with lively bubbles and textural appeal. A hint of fruit sweetness softens this otherwise dry sparkler. The result is a frighteningly easy-to-drink bottle of refreshment.	WE	\$22.00
Austria	Heinrich Hartl	Pinot Noir Classic 2019	90	10/1/2022	This is classic, but with an interesting sun-dried tomato note to start, followed by red cherry and some fresher notes. It gets a wave of acidity midpalate that accentuates the whole experience and balances the slight grip and body.	WE	\$24.00
Austria	Heinrich Hartl	Rotgipfler 2018	92	3/1/2020	Red apple and wet earth come together in a lifted nose. The palate surprises with its roundness and its almost oily, very rich texture and immense concentration. There also is a creamy aspect that underlines all this generosity even more. Yet a wonderfully zesty core frames this richness and gives it contour, zing and freshness. A rich, dry wine for rich food.	WE	\$24.00
Austria	Hillinger	Blaufrankisch Leithaberg 2017	93	9/1/2022	This is marked by both power and poise, showing terrific purity to the spiced plum, juicy black cherry and raspberry notes. It delivers refined tannins and dusky spice flavors that build richness and texture. Its acidity plays the directing role, keeping all elements in check. Drink now through 2035.	WE	\$39.00
Austria	Hillinger	Pinot Noir Eveline 2018	92	10/1/2022	Notes of cola and black licorice are layered with flavors of dried thyme, baked black cherry and mandarine orange zest and loamy mineral in this rich, yet silky medium-bodied version. It is nicely knit with well-integrated tannins that just add to the overall experience.	WE	\$25.00
Austria	Hillinger	Hill 1 Red 2015	90	11/1/2022	Here is a red that will find its fans in those who like polished wines with velvety smooth texture and ripe fruit expressions. It is well-made but is for lovers of the style.	WE	\$65.00

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Tuscany	I Fabbri	Chianti Classico Riserva 2018	91	2/28/2022	Delicate nose of dried and fresh blackberries, warm spices and undergrowth notes. Velvety texture showing finesse and fine-grained tannins.	Decanter	
Tuscany	Il Borro	Toscana 2018	97	7/4/2022	Aromas of blackberries, tar and bark. Complex. Full-bodied with ultra-fine tannins that spread across the palate. Fresh and vivid. Seamless. 50% merlot, 35% cabernet sauvignon and 15% syrah. Beautiful to drink now, but will be even better in three or four years.	JS	
Tuscany	Il Borro	Sangiovese Polisenna 2017	95	7/14/2021	A really refined sangiovese with cherries, strawberries and some citrus undertones. Hints of walnuts, too. Full-bodied with round, creamy tannins that are so beautiful and soft. The texture is exceptional. From organically grown grapes from a beautiful single vineyard. Better in 2022, but already a beauty.	JS	
Tuscany	Il Borro	Sangiovese Polissena 2018	96	1/3/2022	This is a fantastic Polissena. So transparent and perfectly ripened with plum, cherry and orange peel. Full-bodied with fresh acidity and a complement of tannins that spread across the palate and provide a weightless feel. Pure, single-vineyard sangiovese. Top Brunello level. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but even better with age.	JS	
Tuscany	Il Borro	Rose del Borro 2021	92	7/4/2022	Aromas of minerals, stones and flowers with fresh cantaloupe. Medium body, fresh acidity and a creamy finish. Always excellent. Sangiovese. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.	JS	
Tuscany	Il Borro	Pian di Nova 2019 (Syrah blend)	92	7/4/2022	A fresh and fine red with cherry and spice character. Medium body, delicate tannins and a crisp finish. Balanced and delicious. A blend of syrah and sangiovese. From organically grown grapes.	JS	
Austria	Jalits	Ried Szapary Eisenberg Reserve 2017	94	3/1/2020	Just a hint of tar and a swish of black cherry appear on the still shy nose. The palate is more open and brims with beautifully aromatic, ripe black cherry and blueberry fruit that is supported by a fine, firm and dense web of graceful, still slightly crunchy tannin. Cinnamon spice shimmers amid the fruit, while lovely freshness brightens everything. A powerful but elegant, full-bodied wine.	WE	\$39.00

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Alto Adige	Kaltern	Chardonnay Saleit 2019	93+	9/17/2020	The Cantina Kaltern 2019 Alto Adige Chardonnay Saleit offers a fresh and light expression of the grape in which the purity of the naked fruit is given highest priority. Citrus aromas are underlined here with white almond, minty apple, wild rose and delicate orchard fruit. The wine presents a distinct mineral side with crushed oyster shell and sea salt. If you love crisp, transparent Chardonnay with lifted intensity and purity, this is your wine. Production is 40,000 bottles.	WA	\$32.00
Alto Adige	Kaltern	Chardonnay Saleit 2020	93	9/16/2021	The Cantina Kaltern 2020 Alto Adige Chardonnay Saleit offers underlined primary fruit intensity with orchard fruit, nectarine, lemon zest and a touch of warm custard cream that gives more depth and complexity to the bouquet. The mid-weight approach on offer here gives the wine extra dimension and enables it to wrap smoothly over the palate. This release of about 40,000 bottles would be terrific with a baked, breaded cod.	WA	\$32.00
Alto Adige	Kaltern	Pinot Bianco Vial 2020	93	9/16/2021	In this edition of 50,000 bottles, the 2020 Alto Adige Pinot Bianco Vial presents a classic expression of this excellent winemaking region in the far north of Italy. The wine represents an ideal match of grape variety and territory with a clear and exacting bouquet, followed by good dimension and firmness. The rather neutral personality of the aromas, with white peach, honey and pear, makes this wine ideal to serve with a delicate fish or crabmeat. Pretty notes of crushed white rock help to extend the mouthfeel, add momentum and conjure up visions of the Dolomite cliffs.	WA	\$32.00
Alto Adige	Kaltern	Pinot Grigio 2021	90	7/6/2022	An aromatic pinot grigio with tons of sliced-pear and candied-lemon fruit, plus more depth and richness than is the norm for this category. Quite a bold finish. From organically grown grapes with Fair'n Green certification. Drink or hold. Screw cap.	JS	
South Africa	Kumusha	Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2020	90	3/14/2022	Hailing from cool ward Sondagskloof, which forms part of the Cape South Coast delineation. Here temperatures rarely exceed 20°C, though the sunlight hours are long making for good ripening conditions while still retaining acidity. Its flavor profile speaks of its cool origins, with top notes of blackcurrant leaf, crushed lime and green strawberry. Winter melon on the restrained but long palate; the acid is crunchy, piquant with just the softest lick of cream to a good, dry finish.	Decanter	

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Piedmont	Lodali	Barbaresco Cru Lorens 2017	92+	7/23/2020	Aromas of blue flowers, red berries and menthol with a whiff of tilled soil lift out of the glass. Full bodied and elegantly structured, the linear palate features juicy red cherry, strawberry compote and tobacco alongside firm, fine-grained tannins. Drink 2023–2031.	WA	\$72.00
Piedmont	Lodali	Barbaresco Rocche dei 7 Fratelli 2019	95	9/1/2022	This savory red has great aromatics, including ripe red cherry, dark spice, underbrush and new leather. Still young but showing class and incredible aging potential, the vibrant palate features ripe red cherry, licorice, mint and white pepper set against a backbone of fine-grained tannins. Bright acidity keeps it vibrant and lends great aging potential. Drink 2027–2039	WE	\$60.00
Piedmont	Lodali	Barolo Bricco Ambrogio 2018	92	8/9/2022	Dried red cherry, rich spice and a hint of grilled mushroom on the nose. A touch of bitter marmalade, too. Medium-to full-bodied, silky and smooth with very fine, spice-coated tannins. Flavorful, spicy finish. Lots of spicy oak here. Almost ready to go. Drink from 2023.	JS	
Piedmont	Lodali	Barolo Bricco Ambrogio 2018	91	1/25/2022	If Bricco Ambrogio is characterised by steepness and altitude, Lodali lies within the MGA at the highest and steepest point; freshness is its signature. The colour is very light and bright with a garnet tinge. A funky note of Parmesan jumps out of the glass, followed by elegant red currant aromas loaded with strawberry flavour and watermelon delicacy. Tight and toasty, it shows good velvety tannins with zesty acidity. A bit briefer than expected on the finish, although this is to be expected in the 2018 vintage.	Decanter	NA
Piedmont	Lodali	Barolo Cru Lorens 2016	94		This is the best rendition of this wine since at least the 2004, and probably better than that vintage. Beautifully ripened, it is rich and soft but not overtly fruity... just open and inviting, with lovely savory accents and wood that lends a bit of spice and grip but never gets in the way of the fabulous fruit. Although this is undeniably delicious now, it will develop beautifully, and become considerably more complex once tertiary notes kick in from time in bottle	Michael Franz	\$95.00

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Piedmont	Lodali	Barolo Cru Lorens 2016	94	7/23/2020	Dedicated to his father, Lorenzo, Walter Lodali's 2016 Barolo Lorens is a perfumed and delicate wine with a pretty inner grace and balance. Its power and intensity grow steadily as the wine evolves and takes on more air in the glass. The slow, fluid movement of this Barolo is its most beautiful trait. Otherwise, the aromas are classic and linked to the vintage. You get small-berry fruits with camphor ash, smoke, tar and licorice. The tannins are integrated, and there's a nice touch of dustiness on the long finish. What a deserving tribute to Dad. Exactly 5,049 examples of this edition were made.	WA	\$92.00
Spain	Miguel Merino	Rioja Reserva 2016	93	7/22/2022	The 2016 Reserva feels like a textbook classical reserva, not easy to find in a small producer. It's elegant and has high potential for aging. It has ripeness with freshness, power and elegance achieved through a soft vinification, but it's still powerful and has abundant, grainy tannins. They selected vineyards from the 1950s and 1960s with a warmer exposition, mostly Tempranillo with some 5% to 10% Graciano that gives depth and tension. They use fine American oak barrels that give it the style but without excess, looking for elegance. 7,380 bottles were filled in March 2019.	WA	\$60.00
Spain	Miguel Merino	Rioja Vinas Jovenas 2019	92		No pretensions, says Miguel Merino Jr of this young vine cuvée, made with fruit from four vineyards in the El Rincón sub-zone of Briones. And yet this is a superb blend of Tempranillo and 10% Graciano, with real grace and elegance. The wood is barely apparent here, the strawberry and bramble fruit silky, supple and refined. Drink 2022-2027	Decanter	
Spain	Miguel Merino	Rioja Gran Reserva 2014 (MAGNUM)	93	10/30/2020	Like the Reserva, the 2014 Gran Reserva also shows brilliantly, complex, nuanced, polished and elegant, showing the essence of traditional Rioja in a clean and expressive way. They selected grapes from old vines (planted between 1918 and 1960) that fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in new French oak barrels. The wine has absorbed most of the new oak by now and feels quite classical, perhaps a little creamier than the old-timers, with fine tannins and developed flavors. 4,821 bottles and 378 magnums were filled in March 2017.	WA	\$100.00

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Italy	Monchiero Carbone	Barbera D'Alba "Monbirone" 2018	92	6/17/2021	The Monchiero Carbone 2018 Barbera d'Alba Mon Birone is celebrating a big 100th birthday (1918-2018) and boasts special packaging as a result with a proud "100" printed on the top of the capsule. The floral intensity of this red wine is incredible. It boasts a bouquet that recalls wild rose, lavender and pressed violets. There is plenty of purple and black fruit, spicy plum and blackberry preserves. The wine closes with elegant freshness and dusty tannins. This release of 10,500 bottles makes a great showing for such an important anniversary.	WA	\$33.00
Italy	Monchiero Carbone	Barbera D'Alba "Monbirone" 2018	92	6/2/2021	Violets and dark spice dominate the black fruit on the nose and palate. Medium-bodied with fine-grained oak tannins and a coffee/chocolate finish. But the fruit persists well. Tasty. Drink now.	JS	
Austria	Netzl	Anna Christina 2018	94	9/1/2022	Here is a classic expression, with a very pure offering of kirsch, raspberry pâte de fruit and licorice, wrapped in a full-bodied profile. It features ripe, corduroy-like tannins that give this structure, but also a sense of depth and complexity. A subtle mineral element chimes in on a finish. Drink now through 2035.	WE	\$69.00
Austria	Netzl	Edles Tal 2018 (Zweigelt, Merlot, Syrah)	92	9/1/2022	This is fresh and perfumed in feel, with a silky texture decorated with red currant and pomegranate joined by sandalwood and Breakfast tea nuances. It is firmly-structured, but beautifully balanced, showing good length on the finish.	WE	\$39.00
Austria	Netzl	Rubin Carnuntum 2019 (Zweigelt)	92	9/1/2022	A medium to full-bodied red, showing nice concentration of flavors, including ripe dark plum, black currant and touch of loamy earth. Dried savory spice accents the midpalate, followed by a lasting finish. Drink now through 2032.	WE	\$30.00
Mt Etna	Palmento Costanzo	Mofete Bianco 2019	92	10/1/2020	Spring blossom, white stone fruit and Mediterranean scrub aromas form the delicate, enticing nose. On the racy palate, crisp acidity accompanies ripe pear, apple and lemon drop candy, while a briny note backs up the already energized finish.	WE	\$25.00
Mt Etna	Palmento Costanzo	Mofete Rosso 2017	91	12/31/2020	Red-berry, wet stone, wild-rose and Mediterranean brush aromas are front and center on this fragrant red. The taut, linear palate presents sour cherry, saline and aniseed alongside tight, fine-grained tannins that leave a grippy finish. Drink after 2023.	WE	\$26.00

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Mt Etna	Palmento Costanzo	Bianco di Sei 2019	91	10/1/2021	Made with 90% Carricante and 10% Catarratto, this opens with delicate scents of beeswax, yellow spring flowers and hazelnut. The focused, vibrant palate presents ripe yellow apple, Meyer lemon and saline before a honeyed almond finish.	WE	\$25.00
Mt Etna	Palmento Costanzo	Contrada Santo Sprrito 2016	93	12/1/2020	Balsamic notes of camphor mingle with mature black-skinned berry, exotic spice and a whiff of violet on this fragrant, delicious red. Made with organic grapes, the smooth, velvety palate offers mature black cherry, prune, white pepper and cinnamon alongside polished, fine-grained tannins. Drink through 2026.	WE	\$72.00
Piedmont	Rocche Costamagna	Barolo Annuziata 2017	95	7/2/2021	Aromas of sweet berries, roses and other flowers. Fragrant. Full-bodied with chewy yet fine tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Ripe and intense, but held together and framed with polished phenolics. Try after 2025.	JS	
Piedmont	Rocche Costamagna	Barolo Annunziata 2017	92	12/31/2021	Inviting aromas of black-skinned berries, forest floor and leather lead the way. The polished, full-bodied palate offers blackberry jam, licorice and tobacco alongside fine-grained tannins. Drink 2023–2029	WE	\$55.00
Australia	Silkman	Semillion 2018 Hunter Valley	92	12/1/2021	This bottling presents the iconic Aussie style of Sémillon. Citrus zest, pineapple, white spice and honeysuckle characteristics melt into a waxy mouthfeel on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Zippy acidity and tangy citrus and spice notes linger on the finish. Clocking in at under 12% alcohol, the wine offers food-friendly drinking now, with the capability to age into a more complex creature through 2025.	WE	\$23.00
Austria	Steindorfer	Beerenaulese Cuvee Klaus 2018	94	12/1/2020	Musk, rose petal, fir honey and dried fig are the rich aromas on the nose. The intense palate is lusciously sweet and very concentrated, showing a viscous, almost balm-like mouthfeel that seems to burst with luscious fruit. Equally concentrated is the sharp freshness that brings everything alive. What a package. Drink by 2050.	WE	\$30.00
Austria	Stift Klosterneuberg	St Laurent Ausstich 2014	90	3/1/2017	The dark red fruit is enveloped in the rounded, rich and chocolaty scent of oak. The palate shows a lighter side with delicate fruit of a red-cherry nature. Freshness sumptuous oak and red-cherry notes marry well. This is lovely now, but just a few more months in bottle will allow it to knit together more.	WE	\$25.00

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Austria	Tegernseerhof	Gruner Veltliner Loibenberg Smaragd 2018	92+	3/31/2020	Mittelbach's 2018 Grüner Veltliner Ried Loibenberg Smaragd offers a delicate but ripe and intense, nicely concentrated ripe berry and mango aroma intermingled with very fine mineral, herbal and even flint-stone notes. Lush and round on the palate, this is a full-bodied, generous and juicy as well as fine and even filigreed Loibenberg with lingering salinity, tart phenolic grip and grapefruit flavors on the long and stimulating finish. This is a remarkably good Loibenberg from a very hot year. Bottled with a screwcap and 14% alcohol. Tasted in October 2019.	WA	NA
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Gruner Veltliner Loibenberg Smaragd 2019	94	12/16/2021	The 2019 Ried Loibenberg Grüner Veltliner Smaragd assembles the fruit from six plots in different altitudes and soil types but is a clearly loess-dominated wine that displays an intense lemon color. The nose is deep and ripe but also fresh, slightly flinty and very elegant in its fruit expression. Finessed and refreshingly pure and mineral on the palate with a serious phenolic structure and food-friendly grip, this is an excellent, salty, piquant and tensioned Loibenberg with a long and stimulating finish. 14% alcohol. Tasted at the domain in June 2021.	WA	NA
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Kellerberg Smaragd 2014	92	4/27/2016	Clear and fresh, with concentrated stone fruit and crushed stone aromas on the nose opens the 2014 Riesling Smaragd Kellerberg. Full-bodied, very elegant and lingeringly salty, this is a rich and powerful but also pure and well-concentrated Riesling with. It has very good aging potential. Keep it at least for another 2-3 years.	WA	NA
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Kellerberg Smaragd 2017	94	12/28/2018	From vines averaging 25 years of age on gneiss and loess soils whose grapes were picked at the end of October, the 2017 Ried Kellerberg Riesling Smaragd offers a ripe and concentrated bouquet of mangoes, lemons, marilles and crushed stones. Very elegant and pure on the well-balanced but tensioned palate, this is a remarkably fine Kellerberg with a very long and stimulating mineral finish. Surely one of the best Kellerberg Rieslings you can find from this vintage. Really delicate, fresh and expressive without too much power. Tasted in Dürnstein/Wachau, September 2018.	WA	\$50.00

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Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Ried Kellerberg Smaragd 2019	95	3/1/2021	A flinty touch of reduction accompanies the lemon notes on the wine's nose. The palate comes with immediate clarity and brightness that underlines the vivid citrus freshness at the very core. This is bright and juicy, streamlined and utterly refreshing, always reverberating with fine lemony pithiness.	WE	\$52.00
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Steinertal Smaragd 2017	93	12/28/2018	From 32-year-old vines harvested at the end of October, the 2017 Ried Steinertal Riesling Smaragd displays a well-concentrated and aromatic nose of ripe but spicy stone fruits with flinty notes of the chalk-free Gföhler gneiss soils. Pure, fresh and linear on the palate, this is a straight and racy-piquant, well-concentrated and precise Riesling with good ripeness, intensity and mineral tension. Stimulating lemon flavors in the tightly woven finish. Highly promising. Tasted in Dürnstein/Wachau, September 2018.	WA	\$42.00
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Reid Steinertal Smaragd 2018	94	3/1/2020	Wonderfully zesty notes of ripe bergamot shimmer on the aromatic nose of ripe apricots. The palate is generous and concentrated, presenting fruity, juicy generosity, anchored in a central core of zestiness. This is streamlined but rich, linear but smooth, releasing wave upon wave of ripe, pure, aromatic fruit. Drink now–2040.	WE	\$52.00
Austria	Tegernseerhof	Riesling Reid Steinertal Smaragd 2018	92	3/31/2020	The 2018 Riesling Ried Steinertal Smaragd opens with a mango aroma intertwined with herbal and stony notes on the pretty intense yet also reductive nose. Fresh and pure on the first attack, this is a full-bodied, lush and intense Riesling with lingering mineral finesse and grip and a sustainable finish. Very aromatic but fine and elegant, with lingering and stimulating salinity. drink 2020-2034	WA	NA
Australia	Vinden	Pokolbin Blanc Vinden Headcase White 2021	91	9/1/2022	Like the red blend, the varieties in this are a mystery—it's more about the sum of its parts. If you can get past the hipster indulgence of the winemaker's self-portrait on the label, it's a tasty little wine with a raw, barefoot, wind-in-its-hair appeal. There's wildflower, bruised apple, subtle citrus and stone fruit and a lovely ethereal minerality. Tangy acidity pierces the tongue. There's a raking, chalky texture to back it up. The bruised fruit and mineral nuances flow to the finish.	WE	\$30.00

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Australia	Vinden	Shiraz Nouveau 2021 Vinden Headcase	92	9/1/2022	This is Hunter Valley Shiraz but not as you know it. Made like a Beaujolais Nouveau although, thanks perhaps to the open concrete fermenters, it tastes more like a young southern Rhône. There's a bouncy, pretty perfume of tart cherries, blueberries, dried flowers, bay leaf and ground white pepper. Lovely acidity and tart, supple fruit lead the medium-weight palate, supported by spicy, skins (not oak) derived tannins. Purity, freshness and drinkability are the name of the game, and it makes a refreshing change. It is a weeknight staple for drinking slightly chilled in any season.	WE	\$30.00
Australia	Vinden	Semillion Vinden the Headcase Somerset Vyd 2021	93	9/1/2022	A classic Aussie style with a modern twist from a second-generation winegrower, this is made from over 50-year-old vines utilizing concrete eggs, neutral oak and extended lees contact. It's bright, clean, low alcohol, and less mean and lean than some regional counterparts, with vivid orchard fruit, blossom, almond oil and citrus pith backed by a yeast character. The piercing acidity is balanced by lovely textural weight and flavor depth. Food friendly, this could gain honeyed complexity with time. Drink now thorough 2037.	WE	\$30.00