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Australia 2012

THE BEST VINTAGE IN 20 YEARS

AWARD-WINNING Local Wines

DISCOVER OUR LATEST COLLECTION, IN STORES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015
the benchmark for 2012 Barossa Shiraz

For many wine lovers, the rich, concentrated and spicy Shiraz that is the signature expression of the Barossa Valley is also the undisputed champion of Australian winemaking. There’s no doubt that the aromatically intense and full-flavoured Shiraz grown in the blistering sun of the hot, dry Barossa Valley played a massive role in establishing, and maintaining, the global reputation of Australia. The highly anticipated 2012 vintage was defined by moderate daytime temperatures and cool nights and has brought forth Shiraz, such as this example from 3 Rings, that demonstrates the commanding intensity so prized in this region, but with a refinement and sophistication that has these wines being hailed as the greatest in 20 years.

**3 RINGS SHIRAZ 2012**
Barossa Valley, South Australia
015495 (XD) 750 mL $18.95

TASTING NOTE: Polished to a sheen, this frames pretty cherry and red plum flavors with a satiny texture and hints of green olive and spice as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2020. Score: **90** (Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com, June 15, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
Featured in *A Very Good Aussie Year*
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a very good Aussie year

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA WITH THIS COLLECTION OF 2012s – DEEMED THE BEST VINTAGE IN TWO DECADES.
Australia, long a winemaking nation, became a winemaking superpower in the 1980s when the rest of the world first fell in love with its signature big, bold, even audaciously styled wines. But hold on to your hearts: 2012 is being hailed as the best vintage in not one but two decades – a stunning vintage that fashioned wines of power and elegance from a place that seems ordained to produce great wines year after year. Come fall in love again with our selection of remarkable 2012s.
the 2012 vintage story

When discussing a place as large and diverse as Australia, one must be careful not to make sweeping generalizations about things like weather conditions, but there were significant commonalities across the country that made 2012 so universally successful.

- Following many vintages marked by heat waves, heavy rain, and bush fires, 2012 offered Australian winemakers the best and most consistent growing conditions they had seen in two decades.

- In general, South Australia enjoyed a WET WINTER AND SPRING, which introduced considerable subsoil moisture to the vineyards, alleviating concerns of drought during the growing season.

- Well-timed and SUFFICIENT RAINS DURING THE GROWING SEASON resulted in good canopy health.

- WARM – BUT LOWER THAN AVERAGE – TEMPERATURES promoted great balance in the developing grapes, which translated into wines of great harmony.

- RIPENING WAS CONSISTENT AND UNHURRIED, allowing winemakers considerable leeway and control over the harvest.

- PLENTIFUL SUNSHINE allowed for wines with fantastic intensity, concentration...
and expression, with modest alcohol levels for Australia.

- Despite the favourable conditions, one of the defining factors of 2012 was RELATIVELY LOW YIELDS caused in part by the low bud fruitfulness coming out of the difficult 2011 vintage.
- March (autumn in Australia) was perfect, with MILD, BRIGHT DAYS FOLLOWED BY COLD NIGHTS that assured outstanding flavour development while preserving the natural acidity for all varieties.

JIM BARRY THE LODGE HILL DRY RIESLING 2012
Clare Valley, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Bright straw-green; there is more on show here than with The Florita; ripe citrus blossom on the bouquet dictates the path the palate takes, again with lashings of citrus fruit needing the acidity it duly finds on the finish. Score: 94 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 11, 2013)

Aromatic & Flavourful
262469 (XD) 750 mL $25.95

AD LIB HEN & CHICKEN OAKED CHARDONNAY 2012
Great Southern, Western Australia (The Yard Company)

This wine is known as the ‘Ad Hoc’ in Australia. The name was changed in North America to avoid confusion with chef Thomas Keller’s Napa Valley restaurant of the same name.

TASTING NOTE: The highly fragrant bouquet of peach blossom and citrus zest leads into a delicious fruit-driven palate, presumably based on the Gingin clone; chardonnay purity personified. Score: 94 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 27, 2014)

Full-bodied & Rich
297697 (XD) 750 mL $19.95
I have to go back to 1982 to remember growing conditions as good as those we had in 2012.

-- James Halliday (Aug. 8, 2012, ABC radio interview)
PENNY’S HILL CRACKING BLACK SHIRAZ 2012
McLaren Vale, South Australia

**TASTING NOTE:** Deep crimson-purple; a rich, smooth, hedonistically-fruited wine showing all the good things about McLaren Vale in this great vintage – satsuma plum, blackberry, bitter chocolate and ripe tannins; oak present but not aggressive. Drink [until] 2027. Score: 94 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 27, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
396473 (XD) 750 mL $22.95 ✓
**New at VINTAGES**

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Full-bodied & Smooth
015495 (XD) 750 mL $18.95 ✓
**Featured as the Benchmark**

LEASINGHAM WINEMAKERS SELECTION BIN 61 SHIRAZ 2012
Clare Valley, South Australia

Leasingham has been an integral part of the Clare Valley since 1893. The Bin range (which includes a Riesling and a Cabernet/Malbec) was conceived in the mid-1960s and is produced from a selection of the best fruit from the vintage. Their 2012 Bin 61 Shiraz is a modern-styled Shiraz that will offer red fruit with touches of dark chocolate and vanilla. Try this with beef stew.

Full-bodied & Smooth
448241 (XD) 750 mL $25.95 ✓

HEARTLAND DIRECTORS’ CUT SHIRAZ 2012
Langhorne Creek, South Australia

**TASTING NOTE:** Dense, rich and spicy, this offers a plush mouthful of blackberry, currant and cocoa flavors, with a long, creamy and open-textured finish. Drink now through 2020. Score: 92 (Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com, Mar. 31, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
048496 (XD) 750 mL $35.95 ✓
The 2012 vintage in Victoria produced great wines across the board, including terrific Shiraz. In the Strathbogie Ranges, periods of wind and overcast skies impacted yields, but consistent and timely rainfall maintained good moisture levels in the soils, and overall conditions were so favourable that the grapes were of outstanding quality. The Stone Dwellers Shiraz will be a velvety, fruit-laden wine with touches of clove and earth framing a spicy finish.

Full-bodied & Smooth
265967 (XD) 750 mL $19.95 

HENRY’S DRIVE H SYRAH 2012
Padthaway, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Replacing the “Dead-letter Office” label, the deep garnet-purple colored 2012 “H” Syrah has pretty, lifted black cherry and crushed blackberry aromas dotted with hints of anise, mocha and baking spices. Big and voluptuous in the mouth with a nice structure of medium to firm, grainy tannins and refreshing acid, it finishes long. Drink it now to 2020. Score: 91 (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, erobertparker.com, Feb. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
402693 (XD) 750 mL $24.95 

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FOYLES STONE DWELLERS SHIRAZ 2012
Strathbogie Ranges, Victoria

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Full-bodied & Smooth
265967 (XD) 750 mL $19.95 

YANGARRA SHIRAZ 2012
McLaren Vale, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Deep garnet-purple in color and showing aromas of blackcurrants, black plums and baker’s chocolate with hints of tree bark, charcoal and bacon fat, the medium-bodied 2012 Shiraz is tightly knit on the palate with ripe tannins and fruit that are both elegant and nicely expressed in the mouth. It finishes with good persistence. Drink it now to 2018+. Score: 90 (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, erobertparker.com, May 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
911974 (XD) 750 mL $32.95
In any vintage, Australia can be counted on to produce great wines from some of the world’s most beloved varietals. These are some of their biggest stars.

**RIESLING**
Australian Rieslings are known for striking a precise balance between their expressive fruit and the crisp acidity that makes them such a perfect choice as food wines. Clare Valley Rieslings are dry, with distinctive lime notes.

**CHARDONNAY**
Australia’s most versatile white grape, Chard flourishes in every region of the country. Known for its rich fruit and complexity, Australian Chardonnay has evolved from earlier heavily oaked versions to more fruit-driven, balanced and elegant expressions.

**SHIRAZ**
This classic Australian red variety is immediately identified with the typically earthy, soft and spicy roasted fruit expression of the Barossa Valley, home to some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world. Examples from cooler regions such as the Clare Valley reveal a more aromatic and peppery style.

**CABERNET**
Coonawarra may be the epicentre of premium Australian Cabernet, but superb examples can be found throughout the country displaying attention-grabbing regional variation. For example, Cabernets from Langhorne Creek tend to be softer expressions than those found elsewhere.

**GSM**
The popular Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvèdre (Mataro) blend originated in France’s Southern Rhône region, but the acronym GSM was born in Australia. The Rhône versions tend to be more linear and savoury, while Australian GSMs deliver more formidable fruit flavours.

**CABERNET/SHIRAZ**
Cabernet/Shiraz is considered by many to be Australia’s signature blend. Shiraz is ideal for introducing softness and body to Cabernet, much the same way Merlot does in Bordeaux. Shiraz also introduces flavour depth and complexity by imparting bright blue fruit and peppery spice notes to the blend.
When people think of Australia, they often think Hugh Jackman, the Sydney Opera House, and kangaroos perhaps, but those have little to do with winemaking. Australia is also known for its legendary sun, and it’s this ample, predictable and reliable sunshine common to all its winegrowing regions that makes Australia such a successful wine producer. Though temperature (combined with elements such as differences in soil, elevation, aspect and the moderating influence of oceans) is of course a critical influence on the style, flavour and character of the wines – Australia is home to both warm and cool growing regions and can produce everything from powerful Shiraz to sophisticated Pinot Noir and Riesling – the driving force that makes winemaking possible at all is photosynthesis, and that requires sunlight.
KILIKANOON KILLERMAN’S RUN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Clare Valley, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: The Clare Valley doesn’t always come up with the right answers with cabernet sauvignon, yet in this vintage it did so in spades. The wine is full-bodied, with a classic array of black fruits and savoury/earthy tannins to provide texture and structure; the oak handling has also been spot on. Special Value. Score: 93 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 26, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
675223 (D) 750 mL $19.95

MITOLO JESTER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
McLaren Vale, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Features 20% dried grapes, which give an already oomph wine even more oomph. They’re technical terms by the way. Well, it most certainly does not lack oomph or concentration. Chocolate, blackcurrant, currants, dried cranberry and cherries with a little spicy wood. Full bodied, juicy cherry essence, dark chocolate, some almost violetty mouth perfume and a thick wad of smooth ripe tannin. Tannin and sweet fruit carry the finish on for ages. Within its style, a very good wine. Has vibrancy despite its size. Drink [until] 2020+. Score: 92 (Gary Walsh, winefront.com.au, July 23, 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth
043224 (XD) 750 mL $22.95

BLEASDALE MULBERRY TREE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Langhorne Creek, South Australia

TASTING NOTE: Has the colour of the ’12 vintage, and is indeed a most attractive medium-bodied wine with pure blackcurrant varietal fruit supported by cedary oak and fine tannins. Great value. Drink by: 2025. Special Value. Score: 93 (James Halliday, winecompanion.com.au, July 25, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
661892 (XD) 750 mL $17.95

New at VINTAGES
DANDELION VINEYARDS
MENAGERIE OF THE BAROSSA
GRENACHE/SHIRAZ/MATARÔ 2012
Barossa Valley, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: Medium garnet-purple in color ... aromas of warm mulberries, kirsch and red currant jelly highlighted by hints of garrigue, dried herbs and pepper. Medium to full-bodied with mouth-filling red berry preserve, pepper and baking spice flavors, it has a medium level of velvety tannins and a lively acid line carrying the fruit to a long finish. Drink it now to 2018+. Score: 90+ (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, erobertparker.com, May 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
399899 (XD) 750 mL $20.95
New at VINTAGES

SCHILD ESTATE GMS GRENACHE/MOURVÈDRE/SHIRAZ 2012
Barossa Valley, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: Dark, focused and distinctive, with smoky, licorice-accented plum and currant flavors, dancing with relative lightness over refined tannins on the harmonious finish. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Shiraz. Drink now through 2019. Smart Buy. Score: 90 (Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com, June 15, 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
108183 (D) 750 mL $19.95

TAIT THE BALL BUSTER RED 2012
Barossa Valley, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: A blend of 78% Shiraz, 12% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2012 The Ball Buster has a pronounced nose of creme de cassis, mocha and dried plums with underlying hints of yeast extract and licorice. Rich, expressive and well-balanced, this full-bodied wine is bursting with black fruit flavor and velvety textured goodness. It finishes with great persistence. Drink it now to 2017+. Score: 90 (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, erobertparker.com, May 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
269472 (XD) 750 mL $24.95
New at VINTAGES

DUTSCHKE 80 BLOCK ST. JAKOBI VINEYARD MERLOT 2012
Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
TASTING NOTE: Deep garnet-purple colored and redolent of warm plums, mulberries and spice cake with hints of pepper and dusty earth, the full-bodied 2012 80 Block Merlot offers plenty of rich, warm blackberry and baking spice-laced fruit flavors supported by velvety tannins and lively acid. It fins es long. Drink it now to 2020+. Score: 90 (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW, erobertparker.com, Feb. 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
393744 (XD) 750 mL $23.95
New at VINTAGES
“2012 is a very different story. From pretty much right across Australia EFFORTLESSLY GREAT whites and reds will be hitting the global markets soon...”

These award-winning ONTARIO WINES are better than gold.

SIZING UP THE COMPETITION(S)

ALL CANADIAN WINE CHAMPIONSHIPS
First held in 1981, the ACWC is Canada’s longest-running wine competition. Over 1,000 wines, from hundreds of wineries coast to coast, enter each year. In 2014, a single Double Gold Medal winner was selected in each of 50 categories.

ONTARIO WINE AWARDS
Created by wine writer and Order of Canada recipient Tony Aspler and first held in 1995, the OWAs are open to wines grown and made in Ontario. The 2014 competition included over 500 wine submissions and awarded 29 Gold Medals.

NATIONAL WINE AWARDS OF CANADA
Open to wines grown and made in Canada, the NWACs were founded in 2001. Entries for the 2014 competition spanned 1,335 wines from 209 wineries across the country; just 14 wines were given the highest award of a Platinum Medal.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ONTARIO WINES
Established in 2011 by the Honourable David C. Onley, these awards recognize outstanding achievement in VQA wines from Ontario. In 2014, just 11 wines were selected for the award from a field of 275 entries from 77 Ontario wineries.
CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES
OLD VINES RIESLING 2012
VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake
277228 (D) 750 mL
$16.95

“This wine characterised for me what Ontario Riesling is all about. What made it so exciting was the mouth-freshening acidity, and how it shows that vines 25 years and older can produce complex, mineral-driven wines. (90 points)”
– Tony Aspler, judge, 2014 Ontario Wine Awards

ANDREW PELLER
SIGNATURE SERIES
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012
VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake
(Peller Estates Niagara)
405043 (XD) 750 mL
$30.20

“This Sauvignon stood out among the many entries as it offered terrific concentration, purity of fruit, potent aromatics and pitch-perfect ripeness. (90 points)”
– Sara d’Amato, judge, 2014 National Wine Awards of Canada

INNISKILLIN DISCOVERY SERIES BOTRYTIS AFFECTED VIOGNIER 2013
VQA Niagara Peninsula
405027 (S) 375 mL
$39.95

“Beautiful, restrained, and ephemeral with uplifting flavours of Earl Grey tea, apricots and beeswax. It was a gorgeous surprise and is a delightful example of the excellent wines being crafted in this province.”
– Astrid Brummer, judge, 2014 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines

BRICKLAYER’S REWARD
BLOCK 7 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
VQA Lake Erie North Shore
(Colio Estate Winery)
406124 (XD) 750 mL
$19.95

“I scored this wine very highly. It is structured, balanced, with purity of fruit and a long finish. Quite a showing. (91 points)”
– Vic Harradine, judge, 2014 All Canadian Wine Championships

FOR COMPLETE TASTING NOTES, SEE PAGES 21 TO 23.
Inspired by the signature wine styles of Veneto, Italy, vintners here in Ontario have turned to the science of dried grapes – called ‘appassimento’ or ‘passito’ in wine terms – to expand the palette of the wines they create. Not content to merely replicate the achievements of the Venetian wines that inspired them, Ontario producers continue to mix it up with exciting new spins on appassimento and its capacity to add richness, body and complexity to wine. Here, a taste of three inventive examples showing different takes on the technique.

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Dry Reign

Ontario winemakers are putting exciting new spins on the time-honoured appassimento method.
The **Burning Kiln Stick Shaker Savagnin 2013** is made with an ancient, thick-skinned white grape variety from France’s Jura region, where it's used to make the oxidative wine *vin jaune*. The thick skins of the Savagnin grape make it a prime candidate for drying; Burning Kiln grows it in Norfolk County and makes their Stick Shaker with 100% appassimento grapes. The result is a powerful, full-bodied white with less of the sherry notes of *vin jaune* in favour of more exotic fruit (think persimmon and dried apricot) and honeyed notes. The previous vintage of this wine was rated 93 points by critic David Lawrason; this new bottling is still too fresh on the scene for critical reviews, but it offers an equally intriguing wine experience.

Appassimento wines aren’t all made exclusively with dried grapes. The Foreign Affair Winery, under the leadership of proprietor and Veneto wine fanatic Len Crispino, crafted the **Foreign Affair Dream 2012** using 25% dried grapes to add extra dimension to a blend of Bordeaux varieties grown in Crispino Vineyard in Niagara. What’s particularly interesting about this technique is that it creates a wine in which you can

> **Ontario may be poised to become the second epicenter of appassimento.”**

– JOHN SZABO, M.S., WINEALIGN.COM, APRIL 4, 2014

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*CLOCKWISE FROM CENTRE: Drying grapes for appassimento wines at The Foreign Affair Winery. A vineyard and barrel cellar at Ridgepoint Wines on the Niagara Escarpment. Burning Kiln Winery, situated on a former tobacco farm in Norfolk County. Sorting grapes at Burning Kiln.*
taste plenty of fresh fruit along with rich undertones of dried fruit and spices simultaneously.

Then there are those wines that don’t actually press any dried grapes at all to make the wine – at least, not directly. Modelled after the ripasso style made famous in Veneto, the Ridgepoint Merlot 2010 crushes fresh Merlot grapes grown in Twenty Mile Bench, then introduces the skins of dried grapes to kick-start a second fermentation that adds layers of texture and complexity. Adding to the intrigue, Ridgepoint uses dried Cabernet Sauvignon as well as dried Merlot grapes to make this wine. Though he keeps the exact recipe a secret, proprietor Mauro Scarsellone says this subtle innovation pays big dividends in the character of the finished wine.
product notes

DRINKABILITY INDEX
This index is intended as a guideline and reflects the collective view of our purchasing panel.

DRINK NOW: Enjoy and drink. There is no benefit to cellaring.

DRINK OR HOLD: Can be enjoyed now, but may be matured further by cellaring, depending on individual preference.

HOLD: Ideal for further cellaring. This wine may well be enjoyed now by some but we feel that it will develop favourably under ideal cellaring conditions.

PERCEIVED SUGAR CONTENT
Perceived dryness/sweetness by tasting evaluation. VINTAGES scale ranges from Extra Dry to Sweet: XD, D, M, MS, S. Please discuss specifics with our Product Consultants.

WINE STYLES
Every wine in this section includes a style, above the product number (e.g. Full-bodied & Smooth, Aromatic & Flavourful). These simplified flavour profiles are designed to help customers quickly and easily choose products. For detailed descriptions of each style, and more information, visit lcbo.com/winestyles.

ORGANIC PRODUCTS
Wines designated as organic contain 30 mg/L or less of free sulphur for dry wines (<50 g/L sugar); 35 mg/L or less for sweeter wines (50-99 g/L sugar); 45 mg/L or less for sweet wines (>99 g/L sugar).

ALCOHOL CONTENT
The alcohol/volume content for any product released by VINTAGES is available on our website. Visit vintages.com and enter the LCBO# into the Product Search field.

Products in this catalogue are available in limited quantities. Please see store staff for details.

Prices listed in this catalogue are subject to change without notice. Up-to-date prices are listed online. For current pricing, simply visit vintages.com and enter the product name or number in the product search box. All prices include applicable container deposit and HST.

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FORTIFIEDS

PORT

DALVA 20-YEAR-OLD
TAWNY PORT
DOP

TASTING NOTE: Beautiful mid-deep amber/tawny colour. Complex aromas of nuts, figs and apricots. Silky smooth and very refined, extending to suave complexity. Lithe and delicate, long, fine and wonderfully poised – a near-perfect combination of the freshness of youth melded with the complexity of age. Score: 98 (Richard Mayson, decanter.com, Feb. 20, 2013)

Sweet

400689 (S) 750 mL $46.95

FONSECA TERRA PRIMA
ORGANIC RESERVE PORT
DOP

TASTING NOTE: ... just terrific. The nose is so fresh and well defined with blackcurrant fruit infused with faint touches of mandarin, dark cherries, fresh dates and liquorice. The palate is nicely balanced with slightly tarry black fruit. It offers lifted acidity and a spiritual nature without any loss in tension and there is a pleasant kick of volatility towards the refined, harmonious finish ... This comes highly recommended. Drink now-2020. Score: 92 (Neal Martin, erobertparker.com, Feb. 2013)

Sweet

067132 (S) 750 mL $26.95

Organic Product

SHERRY

LA GUITA MANZANILLA
Sanlúcar de Barrameda
(Hijos de Rainera Perez Marin)

David Lawrason awarded this wine a rating of 91 points, calling it “... A very authentic example at an unbelievable price ...” (winealign.com, Oct. 9, 2013)

TASTING NOTE: ... a very strong and marked character of brine, green olives and mustard seeds, with an overall sweet sensation. The medium-bodied palate is precise, very dry and intense, with some brine and rancio flavors and great length ... Drink 2013-2014. Score: 90 (Luis Gutierrez, erobertparker.com, Aug. 2013)

Dry

337022 (XD) 750 mL $15.95

DESSERT WINE

COTNARI VIN ALB DULCE
TÂMÂIOASĂ ROMÂNEASCĂ 2012
DOC Cotnari, Romania

Stephen the Great so loved the wines of Cotnari that he is reported to have built roads in the 15th century for the express purpose of gaining greater access to them. That may be more legend than fact, but Tâmâioasă Românescă is certainly one of the oldest wine grapes in the world, making these wines historic in their own right. This will be floral, with citrus and peach and a crisp acidity. A great companion for sweet desserts.

Medium Sweet

651653 (S) 750 mL $13.95

INNISKILLIN DISCOVERY SERIES
BOTRYTIS AFFECTED VIOGNIER
2013

VQA Niagara Peninsula, Ontario

One of only 11 wines out of a field of 275 to earn a Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Excellence in Ontario Wines in 2014.

TASTING NOTE: ... a rich, expressive nose that suggests sweetness: brioche, honey and candied fruit, and a basket of ripe fruit reminiscent of Meyer lemon, yellow apple, peach, orange and pineapple. The wine is sweet, with surprising acidity, low alcohol, with the sweetness giving an impression of richness. This is a wine that will repay an extended cellaring of five to ten years. Highly unusual but very rewarding. Score: 92 (Tim Appelt, winediscovery.ca, May 28, 2014)

Lusciously Sweet

405027 (S) 375 mL $39.95

Featured in Proving Their Mettle

CHAMPAGNE

MOUTARD GRANDE CUVEÉ
BRUT CHAMPAGNE
AC

TASTING NOTE: Light gold. Ripe pit fruits, orange and fresh bread on the highly perfumed nose. Fleshy, round and smooth, offering ripe pear and nectarine flavors and a refreshing jolt of bitter citrus pith. A subtle honeysuckle quality comes up on the finish, which clings with very good tenacity and spiciness. Score: 90 (Josh Raynolds, International Wine Cellar, Dec. 2013)

Rich & Complex

400432 (XD) 750 mL $44.95
SPARKLING WINE

SCHLUMBERGER BRUT SPARKLING
Méthode Traditionnelle, Austria
Schlumberger has been producing sparkling wines for 173 years, making it the oldest sparkling wine producer in Austria. Created with 100% Welschriesling (no relation to Riesling), this refreshing traditional method sparkler is great with seafood or ideal for everyday sipping.

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

284596 (D) 750 mL $16.95

VEUVE AMBAL GRANDE CUVÉE BRUT CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE
AC, Burgundy, France
TASTING NOTE: [translated from the French] Their Grande Cuvée ... comes in a beautiful pale colour streaked with emerald and lively, fine bubbles. The elegant bouquet opens with white flowers followed by scents of pear and peach. The palate is distinguished by its size, its finesse, and vivacity which gives it a lot of pep and length. Perfect for shellfish. Score: ★★★ (Very well-made) (Guide Hachette, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Flavourful

209619 (D) 750 mL $19.95

CANADA – WHITE WINE

ONTARIO

ANDREW PELLER SIGNATURE SERIES SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012
VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake (Peller Estates Niagara)
Peller Estates Niagara was named 2014 Canadian Winery of the Year at the National Wine Awards of Canada, while this Sauvignon Blanc took home a Platinum Medal – one of only 14 wines of a field of 1,335 so honoured. It is made from free-run juice fermented by wild yeast, with 85% of the wine aged sur lie for 12 months in French oak.

Aromatic & Flavourful

405043 (XD) 750 mL $30.20

Featured in Proving Their Mettle

BURNING KILN STICK SHAKER SAVAGNIN 2013
VQA Ontario
TASTING NOTE: More elegant than the impressive 2012, this vintage offers a complex assortment of exotic persimmon, dried apricot, sweetgrass and honey, with a long, generous finish. Nice as a sipper, it’s also a great chameleon with food, wrapping itself around the flavours of the dish and filling in the gaps. (Vintages panel, Dec. 2014)

Full-bodied & Rich

367144 (D) 750 mL $24.95

Featured in Local Talent

CHÂTEAU DES CHARMES OLD VINES RIESLING 2012
VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake
This wine won Gold Medals at the 2014 Ontario Wine Awards and the 2014 National Wine Awards of Canada.

TASTING NOTE: This is fine and honeyed, mineral riesling, perfectly pitched between fruit and earth, stones and fruit. The palate is fullish and off-dry, quite richly flavoured, with solid intensity – a wine of genuine complexity and length. Classy and complex. Surely a top riesling in the riper and richer style, and as usual arguably the best value riesling in the country. Tasted June 2014. Score: 91 (John Szabo, M.S., winealign.com, June 9, 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful

277228 (D) 750 mL $16.95

Featured in Proving Their Mettle

RIDGE ROAD RIESLING 2013
VQA Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: Lofty notes of peach, citrus and tropical fruits. Very refreshing and bright, with a citrus zest and excellent balance. Good replays and a long finish. (Vintages panel, April 2014)

Off-dry & Fruity

346858 (M) 750 mL $15.95

Featured in Proving Their Mettle
THIRTY BENCH SMALL LOT CHARDONNAY 2012
VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: Impactful right from the start, this offers up rich notes of apple, pear, tropical fruit and mineral notes on the nose. Round and full-bodied, the palate is equally interesting, with exciting citrus and spice notes shining alongside the replays. Long and mineral on the finish. A good choice for grilled chicken, or pork dishes. (VINTAGES panel, Jan. 2014)

Full-bodied & Rich
203703 (XD) 750 mL $30.00

BRITISH COLUMBIA

QUAILS’ GATE CHARDONNAY 2013
BC VQA Okanagan Valley
TASTING NOTE: Round and rich with attractive golden appearance and yellow pear aromas and flavours. Almost full-bodied with a mouth-filling roundness. Score: 90 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Nov. 15, 2014)

Full-bodied & Rich
377770 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

CANADA – RED WINE

ONTARIO

BRICKLAYER’S REWARD BLOCK 7 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
VQA Lake Erie North Shore (Colio Estate Winery)
Double Gold Medal winner at the 2014 All Canadian Wine Championships.

TASTING NOTE: The hot 2012 vintage has delivered a full-bodied cabernet though there is still the red grapefruit note to the nose which indicates to me the essentially cool climates nature of its origin. Expect aromas of red grapefruit, black cherry with some generous but well integrated oak spice. The palate shows some firm cabernet tannins which make the finish a little dry, so best to age for a few years, though with a steak today after an hour in a decanter it would be fine. Best 2015 to 2020. Very good length. Last tasted October 2014. Score: 89 (Steve Thurlow, winealign.com, Oct. 1, 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
406124 (XD) 750 mL $19.95

USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

BONTERRA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013
Mendocino County/Lake County
TASTING NOTE: Quite intense nose with grass and herbs along with tropical notes. Ripe and fresh, with a bright and zesty citrus heart. A great choice for seafood or just for sipping. (VINTAGES panel, June 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful
086249 (D) 750 mL $18.95

Organic product

FOREIGN AFFAIR DREAM 2012
VQA Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: Gorgeous aromatics open the scene on this appassimento-style blend of 33% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Franc, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. One quarter of the grapes were dried before pressing, lending rich, velvety texture and tons of fruit. This is huge yet graceful, “like a moose moving through a forest” as one panelist described it. Drinking well now. (VINTAGES panel, Dec. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
364380 (XD) 750 mL $29.95

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RIDGEPOINT MERLOT 2010
Ripasso style, VQA Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula
TASTING NOTE: Vinified in the classic Italian method, the fermented wine aged on fully dried Merlot and Cabernet grape skins to add depth and weight, this intensely flavoured wine offers notions of dried fruit, black berries, chocolate fudge, vanilla, and exotic spice. Dry, full bodied, the texture is satin-like, the structure subtle, the flavours of dried and dark fruits replaying on the palate, layered with notes of licorice, dried herbs, sweet spice and white pepper. Finishing long and flavourful, the wine’s a match for Porchetta-style roast pork. Score: ★★★★☆ (Susan Desjardins, winecurrent.com, Nov. 3, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
270488 (D) 750 mL $19.95

Featured in Local Talent

NEW
USA – WHITE WINE

CALIFORNIA

EDNA VALLEY PARAGON CHARDONNAY 2011
Central Coast
TASTING NOTE: Lush and smooth with ripe, juicy flavors of pear, white peach and spice; rich, creamy and dense; balanced, crisp and lovely. Score: 90 (Anthony Dias Blue, tastingpanelmag.com, July 2013)

Full-bodied & Rich
984153 (D) 750 mL $19.95

ESSER CHARDONNAY 2012
Monterey County
This wine was rated #18 in the Wine Enthusiast Top 100 Best Buys of 2014.

Full-bodied & Rich
675017 (XD) 750 mL $18.95

HARTFORD COURT CHARDONNAY 2012
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
TASTING NOTE: The Hartford family winery was established in 1994 and has been called “one of the most impressively run wineries in the Russian River AVA” by Robert Parker Jr. Their 2012 Russian River Valley/Sonoma County Chardonnay is sourced from cool sites in both these regions and offers notes of vanilla, caramel and spice in a rich and expressive package. (Vintages panel, June 2014)

Full-bodied & Rich
404277 (XD) 750 mL $39.95

WASHINGTON

HOGUE CHARDONNAY 2012
Columbia Valley
TASTING NOTE: Light and bright, with refreshing pineapple accents to the pear and citrus flavors, finishing with restraint. Drink now. Score: 88 (Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com, Dec. 15, 2013)

Full-bodied & Rich
402172 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

USA – RED WINE

CALIFORNIA

CLAYHOUSE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Red Cedar Vineyard, Paso Robles
Winemaker Blake Kuhn has been with Clayhouse since July 2011. Before that, he was Toasted Head’s winemaker since 2003. The 2012 Paso Robles vintage, which produced wines of concentration, power and texture, represents his first full year of oversight here. The Clayhouse is well priced and approachable and, like a typical Paso Robles Cab Sauv, is rich and velvety with oak and coffee accents.

Full-bodied & Smooth
057869 (XD) 750 mL $19.95
CLOS DU VAL

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011**

Napa Valley

Since its creation in 1972, Clos du Val Winery has become synonymous with producing high-quality, cellar-worthy wines. Clos du Val's very first vintage, a 1972 Napa Valley Cabernet, was chosen as one of the six California Cabernets to participate in the 1976 Paris Tasting and was the wine awarded first place honours in the 1986 rematch. This handcrafted wine from an iconic producer will be ripe and generous and a great partner for grilled steak or steak medallions.

**Full-bodied & Firm**

325779 (XD) 750 mL **$46.95**

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FOLIE À DEUX ZINFANDEL 2012

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County


**Full-bodied & Smooth**

147231 (D) 750 mL **$24.95**

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KNUNDE FAMILY ESTATE

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012**

Sonoma Valley

The Kunde Family Estate extends along just over 3 km of the Sonoma Highway. The majority of the estate is situated upon a band of rust-red volcanic soil known as Red Hill, which was formed by lava five million years ago, but the estate encompasses the great diversity of topography and soil that Sonoma is famous for. The estate has valley floor, hillside and mountain sites, which allows Kunde to produce 20 different varietals, including vibrant whites and structured, balanced and elegant reds such as this Cabernet.

**Full-bodied & Firm**

226977 (XD) 750 mL **$26.95**

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HARTLEY-OSTINI HITCHING POST

**HOMETOWN PINOT NOIR 2013**

Santa Barbara County

Hartley-Ostini Hitching Post wines are made by Buellton Hitching Post owner/chef Frank Ostini and his good friend Gray Hartley, a former fisherman. Frank and Gray began making wine at home in 1979, and in 1984 they moved to a winery, producing wines exclusively for the Hitching Post Restaurant. Their Hometown Pinot characteristically offers dark cherry and vanilla notes with focused tannins. It will pair nicely with salmon or prime rib.

**Medium-bodied & Fruity**

256644 (XD) 750 mL **$29.95**

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J. LOHR LOS OSOS MERLOT 2012

Paso Robles

Los Osos is named for a particular type of soil formed in glacial till, volcanic ash and andesite (a volcanic rock). For those of you who aren’t either professional geologists or hardcore Minecraft players, the upside is that these soils are ideal for growing Merlot in Paso Robles. This generous, crowd-pleasing wine is aged 12 months in oak and serves up rich, smoky dark fruit wrapped in velvety tannins.

**Full-bodied & Smooth**

027516 (XD) 750 mL **$20.95**

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KUNDE FAMILY ESTATE

**ZINFANDEL 2013**

Lodi

(Delicato Family Vineyards)

‘Old Vines’ refers to vines that produce fewer clusters of grapes, which are also smaller than those produced by younger vines. What this means is that they create wines of greater colour and fruit concentration. The old vines at Gnarly Head are between 35-80 years old. This very popular, crowd-pleasing wine will be great for pulled pork or barbecued pork ribs in a rich sauce.

**Full-bodied & Smooth**

678698 (D) 750 mL **$17.95**
USA — RED WINE CONT’D

CALIFORNIA

MELVILLE ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2012
Santa Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County
TASTING NOTE: Crushed red berries, mint, flowers and cinnamon lift from the glass in the 2012 Pinot Noir Estate Sta. Rita Hills. This is one of the most polished, refined and aromatically expressive wines I have tasted from Melville. What a gorgeous, radiant and totally sexy wine this is. Score: 94 (Antonio Galloni, vinousmedia.com, July 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
405548 (XD) 750 mL $52.95

RUTHERFORD RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Napa Valley
TASTING NOTE: A balanced wine and a great value. This is mostly cabernet sauvignon with some merlot and zinfandel grapes in the blend. Dark fruit aromas are wrapped in toasty oak. Nice symmetry and balance with full-bodied weight. Gets my vote! Finished with dried herbs and dark fruit. Pair with roast beef. Score: 91 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Dec. 6, 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
191700 (XD) 375 mL $13.95

SIMI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
TASTING NOTE: Grown in the cooler-climate Alexander Valley, this is an excellently structured and balanced Cabernet brimming with juicy cassis and fresh blackcurrant fruit backed by toasty oak. This is big enough for flavourful cuts of meat or aged cheeses and has the poise to cellar for 5+ years. (VINTAGES panel, Oct. 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
025221 (XD) 750 mL $22.95

WASHINGTON

HEDGES FAMILY ESTATE RED 2011
Red Mountain, Yakima Valley
In addition to John Szabo’s rating, this wine was awarded 92 points by winealign’s Sara d’Amato, David Lawrason and Michael Godel.

TASTING NOTE: Here’s a nicely structured, savoury, full but balanced, succulent red ... This is still very youthful and stands to gain considerable complexity in time, and will develop into an exceptional bottle of wine (although it is excellent now to be sure). A terrific example of the balance of fruity and savoury components, not to mention ripeness and freshness, which is possible with careful vineyard management in the right terroir. Fine stuff. Score: 92 (John Szabo, M.S., winealign.com, Feb. 20, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
001594 (XD) 750 mL $34.95

STONESTREET MONUMENT RIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010
Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
TASTING NOTE: A lovely Cabernet, ripe and delicious, yet complex enough to hold your interest. It’s just beginning its journey in the bottle. Very dark in color, with hard tannins, it has an immense core of blackberries and cherries. Give it at least 6-8 years, but it could still be rocking in 2022. Cellar Selection. Score: 93 (Steve Heimoff, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 2013)

Full-bodied & Firm
285098 (XD) 750 mL $52.95

VOLKER EISELE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010
Napa Valley
TASTING NOTE: A beautiful bouquet of blueberry and black currant fruit intermixed with floral undertones jumps from the glass ... Medium to full-bodied, elegant, pure and nicely textured, this strong effort possesses lots of character and richness. The finish is reassuringly long. Enjoy it over the next 10+ years. Score: 92 (Robert Parker Jr., erobertparker.com, Oct. 2013)

Full-bodied & Firm
053926 (D) 750 mL $68.95
ARGENTINA – WHITE WINE

PENEDA BORGES RESERVA CHARDONNAY 2012
Mendoza (Yuhan)
TASTING NOTE: Chardonnay has taken to Argentina in a big way – the grape has flourished in all wine regions. The high-altitude vineyards of Mendoza allow for the development of fresh, bright and crisp examples with excellent acidity. This one has a creamy texture and well-applied oak framing the tropical fruit flavours. A good choice for grilled chicken or pork chops. (VINTAGES panel, March 2014)
Full-bodied & Rich
399824 (XD) 750 mL $17.95

ARGENTINA – RED WINE

JUANA DE SOL RESERVA MALBEC 2012
Single Vineyard, Mendoza (Fincas de la Juanita)
Now family owned, this 100-year-old property is situated at an altitude of nearly 2,300 feet and has many vines that are in excess of 50 years old. Irrigated by melting snow from the Andes, the varied elevations and mesoclimates allow for the cultivation of terroir-driven Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonarda, Syrah, Torrontés, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. This Malbec is a great value and will offer spicy black fruit notes in an easy-drinking style.
Full-bodied & Smooth
288381 (D) 750 mL $15.95

CHILE – WHITE WINE

TABALI RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013
Limarí Valley
TASTING NOTE: The 2013 Sauvignon Blanc Reserva is un-oaked and without malolactic, from a selection from the Talinay vineyard and 20% from the Tabali vineyard. It has an herbaceous note of asparagus and peas, a chalky sensation, and a fresh palate with bitter and citric flavors. It’s a superb value. Drink now-2016. Score: 89 (Luis Gutierrez, erobertparker.com, June 2014)
Aromatic & Flavourful
662999 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

CHILE – RED WINE

KOYLE GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
Alto Colchagua, Colchagua Valley
A great value that will match well with grilled steaks with a flavourful sauce or rich meat-based pasta dishes.
TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon seems like a ripe, commercial-driven Cabernet, with textbook aromas of cassis, blackberries and graphite, and the telltale tannins of the Bordeaux grape, with grip and good acidity. Pleasant, representative of the grape, and easy to drink. Drink now-2016. Score: 88 (Luis Gutierrez, erobertparker.com, June 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
256073 (XD) 750 mL $17.95

VIÑA CASABLANCA NIMBUS SINGLE VINEYARD SYRAH 2011
Casablanca Valley
TASTING NOTE: Shows lots of verve to the raspberry tart and chocolate mousse flavors, with peppery accents. Offers silky tannins, complementing a long, pure-tasting finish filled with spice and cream details. Drink now through 2016. Score: 89 (Kim Marcus, winespectator.com, web only, 2014)
Full-bodied & Smooth
399386 (XD) 750 mL $19.95
NEW ZEALAND – WHITE WINE

**LAWSON’S DRY HILLS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014**
Marlborough, South Island
After growing grapes since 1980, Ross and Barbara Lawson made the leap to winemaking in 1992. They are a member of the Family of Twelve, an organization of 12 prestigious and artisanal wineries (six from the North Island and six from the South) that was established in 2005. Lawson’s Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc is barrel-fermented and will have a touch of toasty oak in addition to the typical tropical and herbal notes so loved in Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

Aromatic & Flavourful
214460 (XD) 750 mL $18.95

**WITHER HILLS RARANGI SINGLE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013**
Marlborough, South Island
TASTING NOTE: One of my favourite New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs year after year! It’s herbal but not too grassy with a lovely lime lift through the mid-palate and finish. Crisp and refreshing. The grapes for this zesty white wine come from Rarangi, Benmorven and Taylor River regions. Minerality, umami, old foreshore, sea salt and lime aromas. This would be perfect with seafood and light-hearted conversation. Pair with: chicken, pork tenderloin, hodge-podge, pasta. Drink: 2013-2016. Score: 93 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Nov. 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful
288134 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

NEW ZEALAND – RED WINE

**CJ PASK GIMBLETT ROAD CABERNET/MERLOT/MALBEC 2010**
Hawkes Bay, North Island
TASTING NOTE: This is a lovely red blend that delivers a lot of complexity in the concentrated and solid fruit, together with good structure and definition. The acidity is clean and balanced and the tannins are supple and easy-going. It’s a delicious blend, and very versatile with food. Score: ★★★★★ (Rod Phillips, winealign.com, May 10, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
279869 (XD) 750 mL $19.95

SOUTH AFRICA – RED WINE

**BARISTA PINOTAGE 2013**
WO Western Cape
This wine is Integrity & Sustainability Certified by the South African Wine and Spirit Board. The rich coffee aromas and flavours are produced by fermenting some of the carefully selected grapes in oak. The wine will offer up red berry fruit, smoke, spice and, of course, coffee. Try this with braised beef, or with a hearty beef stew.

Medium-bodied & Fruity
172585 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

**FLAGSTONE TREATY TREE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERLOT 2012**
WO Western Cape
Integrity & Sustainability Certified by the South African Wine and Spirit Board.

TASTING NOTE: Deep ruby, this Cabernet brings Merlot to the table, offering aromas of black currant, black cherry, plum, exotic spice and earth. Medium-full bodied, it’s fruity and tangy, round, generous and approachable. Blackcurrant and raspberry flavours caress the palate framed by ripe tannin and fresh acidity. Attractive savoury notes of toast, dried herbs and dark chocolate whisper through the dry finish. Excellent value and a great choice for grilled flatiron steak. Score: ★★★★★ (Susan Desjardins, winecurrent.com, Feb. 25, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
278382 (D) 750 mL $16.95

**GRAHAM BECK THE GAME RESERVE SHIRAZ 2012**
WO Stellenbosch
TASTING NOTE: The Game Reserve line honours Graham Beck’s commitment to wildlife conservation efforts in South Africa. Each wine in the line has an image of an endangered animal on the label; the Shiraz highlights the eland, Africa’s largest antelope. A complex and layered nose of cherry, plum, blackberry, dark chocolate and oak. The mouth offers ripe dark fruit, spice and cocoa, with touches of earth adding depth. (VINTAGES panel, Feb. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
383570 (XD) 750 mL $17.95
FRANCE – WHITE WINE

ALSACE

JEAN BIECHER & FILS RESERVE RIESLING 2012
AP Alsace
TASTING NOTE: Lively, with ground ginger, white pepper and grapefruit zest accents, driven by sleek acidity. This offers flavors of persimmon, melon and stony mineral. Drink now through 2020. Score: 90 (Alison Napjus, winespectator.com, web only, 2013)

Aromatic & Flavourful
403105 (D) 750 mL $14.95

BURGUNDY

CAVE DES GRANDS CRUS BLANCS POUILLY-FUISÉ 2013
AC
TASTING NOTE: Mineral and young, this tight, nervy wine needs to develop. Apple and pear flavors are ripe while also bringing out attractive acidity. The texture is still firm and steely, needing time. Drink from 2016. Score: 89 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 2014)

Light & Crisp
404582 (XD) 750 mL $26.95

STEPHANIE ET VINCENT MICHELET PETIT CHABLIS 2013
AC (Courtault-Michelet)
TASTING NOTE: Stephanie and Vincent Michelet produced their first wine in 2008; a Petit Chablis that was awarded a Gold Medal at the Chablis wine competition. Their 2013 Petit Chablis offers superb balance, with excellent stone fruit, grapefruit, citrus and mineral notes. (VINTAGES panel, Sept. 2014)

Light & Crisp
405852 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

LOIRE

DOMAINE DES HUARDS ROMO COUR-CHEVERNY 2010
AC (Michel Gendrier)
TASTING NOTE: I’ll admit it. I love romorantin, especially when it’s grown by Michel Gendrier at the Domaine des Huard. This is one of the great white wines of the Loire, with the coolness of a cave carved out of white tuffeau rock. It parallels that rock in a flavor of almond meringue, a savory heirloom apple freshness and equally fresh lime zest across the palate. Deep and savory, this would be delicious with boudin blanc, or an aged goat cheese. Score: 94 (wineandspiritsmagazine.com, April 2014)

Light & Crisp
401257 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

LA GRIFFE BERNARD CHÉREAU MUSCADET SÈVRE & MAINE 2013
Sur Lie, AP (Chéreau-Carré)
This charming wine has earned a special place with VINTAGES customers who delight in its floral, citrus, apple and mineral tones. Suggesting that you pair Muscadet Sèvre & Maine wines with mussels is a bit like using ‘babbling brook’ in a poem, but that doesn’t change the fact that it is one of the most exquisite wine and food pairings there is.

Light & Crisp
948182 (XD) 750 mL $15.95

MIDI

GAYDA VIognier 2013
IGP Pays d’Oc
TASTING NOTE: A floral wine with aromas of peach, pear, nuts and spice. Nice elegance and balance with good fruit and spice and a long finish. (VINTAGES panel, June 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful
395129 (XD) 750 mL $13.95
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FRANCE – RED WINE

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DE PANIGON 2011
AC Médoc
(D.W.L France, Prop.)

TASTING NOTE: This structured, fruity wine has a core of dense tannins. The firm smokiness from wood marries well with the blackberry fruit and tight acidity. Well balanced, and likely to age well for 4-6 years. Score: 90 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Sept. 2013)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
230367 (XD) 750 mL $19.95

CHÂTEAU MOULINS-LISTRAC
2010
AC Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

Gold Medal winner at the 2013 Sélections Mondiales des Vins Canada.

TASTING NOTE: Good depth and complexity on the nose, with dark fruit, cassis, oak and spice notes. Fashioned in a modern style, round with silky tannins and richly expressed blackberry and spice, this value-priced wine will be a fine match tonight with the classic Bordeaux pairing of lamb but will also be a wine to follow for 3-5 years. (VINTAGES panel, Sept. 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
403048 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

CHÂTEAU PEYRABON 2010
AC Haut-Médoc
(Patrick Bernard Gérant)

James Molesworth awarded this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot a rating of 91 points, calling it “Rock solid ... Dense and chewy ...” (winespectator.com, web only, 2013)


Full-bodied & Firm
336925 (XD) 750 mL $29.95

BEAUJOLAIS

DOMAINE DE LA MADONE LE PERRÉON BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2013
AC
(Jean Bérerd & Fils)

In his review, Neal Martin refers to this, the winery’s flagship red, as “Tradition.”

TASTING NOTE: The 2013 Beaujolais “Tradition” has an attractive nose of raspberry leaf and mulberry fruit that is well-defined and feels very natural. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannins, very pure fruit and great tension running through the strawberry and cranberry infused finish. Excellent – and an absolute steal. Drink now-2018. Score: 90 (Neal Martin, erobertparkerv.com, June 2014)

Light-bodied & Fruity
981175 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

BURGUNDY

COLLIN-BOURISSET COTEAUX BOURGIGNONS 2012
AP

TASTING NOTE: Founded in 1821, Collin-Bourisset is situated in Crêches-sur-Saône, bordering on the vineyards of both Beaujolais and Mâconnais. The 2012 Coteaux Bourguignons offers impressive notes of fresh flowers, ripe cherry, and strawberry on the nose. Juicy and perfectly delicate on the palate. This has the structure to pair with grilled or roasted meats. (VINTAGES panel, Sept. 2014)

Light-bodied & Fruity
404574 (XD) 750 mL $15.95

MIDI

CHÂTEAU LA BASTIDE 2012
AP Corbières

TASTING NOTE: Evocative notes of dark plum, blueberry, cherry, earth and spice. The palate is ripe, with concentrated fruit notes and good balance and expression. A fantastic value that will be great with burgers or grilled sausages. (VINTAGES panel, July 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
360487 (XD) 750 mL $13.95
**GÉRARD BERTRAND SAINT CHINIAN SYRAH/MOURVÈDRE 2011**

**AP**

**TASTING NOTE:** The 2010 was impressive and the 2011 maybe even better. This is a big juicy rich red, almost North American in style. Smoky, savoury red fruits and black licorice notes and similar flavours flecked with smoked meat. Try this with full-flavoured menu items. Score: 89 (Anthony Gismondi, gismondionwine.com, Aug. 10, 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth

370247 (XD) | 750 mL | $18.95

**DOMAINE LES GRANDS BOIS CUVÉE MAXIMILIEN CÔTES DU RHÔNE-VILLAGES CAIRANNE 2012**

Unfiltered, AC

(Farjon Besnardeau, Vign.-récolt.)

**TASTING NOTE:** ... (50% Grenache, 35% Mourvedre and 15% Syrah, aged 7 months in concrete) offers up a rocking bouquet of darker fruit, licorice, mineral and toasty qualities. This flows to a Medium to full-bodied, pure and textured 2012 that has excellent mid-palate depth and sweet tannin. It’s a knockout Cairanne that will have 7-8 years of longevity ... Score: 92 (Jeb Dunnuck, erobertparker.com, Dec. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth

286336 (D) | 750 mL | $22.95

Organic product

**RHONE**

**CHÂTEAU SIMIAN COMBE DES AVAUX CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2010**

**AP**

**NEW**

**TASTING NOTE:** [translated from the French] This blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsault, starts off as intensely fruity (cherry, strawberry), wide, long and well-structured on the palate but not aggressive, built on fine tannins this is approachable now, but will continue to evolve for another two to four years. Score: ★★★ (Remarkable) (Guide Hachette, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth

400283 (XD) | 750 mL | $17.95

**DOMAINE TOUR SAINT-MICHEL CUVÉE DES DEUX SOEURS CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2012**

AC

(Earl Vignobles Fabre)

**TASTING NOTE:** ... 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah ... exhibits plenty of kirsch, toasted bread, caramelized meats and spice on the nose. Medium-bodied, supple, pure and elegant, with a finesse-driven style and pretty tannin ... I wouldn’t push the aging curve here and would opt for drinking bottles over the coming 4-5 years ... Score: 91 (Jeb Dunnuck, erobertparker.com, Oct. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth

400390 (XD) | 750 mL | $44.95

**GERMANY – WHITE WINE**

**RHINGAU**

**LANGWERTH VON SIMMERN HATTENHEIMER NUSSBRUNNEN TROCKEN RIESLING KABINETT 2011**

Gutsabfüllung, Prädikatswein

**TASTING NOTE:** So, what was your family doing in 1464? Tough question? Well, not for the von Simmerns. They were doing exactly what they are doing now – making wine. The 2011 is floral, with notes of apple, petrol, wet stone and flint. Complex and very well made. (VINTAGES panel, March 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful

394098 (D) | 750 mL | $19.95

**NEW**

**DOMAINE DU GRAPILLON D’OR GIGONDAS 2012**

AC

(Céline et Bernard Chauvet, Prop.)

**TASTING NOTE:** Also seriously impressive ... comprised of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah that was aged all in larger, older barrels. It shows the freshness and purity of the vintage nicely with plenty of crisp currant and blackberry fruit, edgy minerality, ground herbs and tinges of leather on the nose. This carries it to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and yet classically-styled wine that should be reasonably approachable on release, yet evolve gracefully for upward of a decade. Score: (91-94) (Jeb Dunnuck, erobertparker.com, Dec. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth

981787 (XD) | 750 mL | $32.95

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(Farjon Besnardeau, Vign.-récolt.)

**TASTING NOTE:** ... (50% Grenache, 35% Mourvedre and 15% Syrah, aged 7 months in concrete) offers up a rocking bouquet of darker fruit, licorice, mineral and toasty qualities. This flows to a Medium to full-bodied, pure and textured 2012 that has excellent mid-palate depth and sweet tannin. It’s a knockout Cairanne that will have 7-8 years of longevity ... Score: 92 (Jeb Dunnuck, erobertparker.com, Dec. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth

286336 (D) | 750 mL | $22.95

Organic product

**DOMAINE DU GRAPILLON D’OR GIGONDAS 2012**

AC

(Céline et Bernard Chauvet, Prop.)

**TASTING NOTE:** Also seriously impressive ... comprised of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah that was aged all in larger, older barrels. It shows the freshness and purity of the vintage nicely with plenty of crisp currant and blackberry fruit, edgy minerality, ground herbs and tinges of leather on the nose. This carries it to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and yet classically-styled wine that should be reasonably approachable on release, yet evolve gracefully for upward of a decade. Score: (91-94) (Jeb Dunnuck, erobertparker.com, Dec. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth

981787 (XD) | 750 mL | $32.95

**GERMANY – WHITE WINE**

**RHINGAU**

**LANGWERTH VON SIMMERN HATTENHEIMER NUSSBRUNNEN TROCKEN RIESLING KABINETT 2011**

Gutsabfüllung, Prädikatswein

**TASTING NOTE:** So, what was your family doing in 1464? Tough question? Well, not for the von Simmerns. They were doing exactly what they are doing now – making wine. The 2011 is floral, with notes of apple, petrol, wet stone and flint. Complex and very well made. (VINTAGES panel, March 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful

394098 (D) | 750 mL | $19.95

**NEW**
ITALY – WHITE WINE

ALTO ADIGE/TRENTINO

LUNA NUDA PINOT GRIGIO 2013
IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti
TASTING NOTE: ‘Luna Nuda,’ or ‘Naked Moon,’ is a term used to describe a bright full moon shining in a clear night sky over the vineyards, a sight both beautiful and inspirational. Luna Nuda aim to put that same experience into their wines. The 2013 PG is a pale straw colour with perfumed aromas of apple, pear and citrus. Dry, with good length and a fresh finish. (VINTAGES panel, July 2014)

Light & Crisp
401232  (XD)  750 mL  $14.95

FRIULI

CORMÔNS TOCAI FRIULANO 2013
DOC Collio
TASTING NOTE: A beautifully floral wine with quite a lifted nose. The palate is fresh, with a touch of spritz and lots of bright citrus, pear, grapefruit and mineral notes. Very nice. (VINTAGES panel, May 2014)

Light & Crisp
396945  (XD)  750 mL  $18.95

VENETO

TEDESCHI FILADONNA PINOT GRIGIO 2013
IGT delle Venezie
TASTING NOTE: From one of Veneto's most respected wine families, this is an aromatic Pinot Grigio that suggests grapefruit and lemon citrus with a fine minerality. Fresh and crisp on the palate with mouth-watering replays, this will be a nice partner for roast chicken dishes. (VINTAGES panel, May 2014)

Light & Crisp
295881  (XD)  750 mL  $17.95

ITALY – RED WINE

CALABRIA

LENTO LAMEZIA RISERVA 2010
DOC Lamezia Rosso
TASTING NOTE: The always intensely flavoured Lamezia Riserva is aged for two years in stainless steel, 12 months in French oak and then six months in bottle prior to release. This ready-to-drink beauty is loaded with floral, red berry and dark fruit aromas. The firm palate introduces a savoury complexity. A great choice for lamb or grilled steak. (VINTAGES panel, May 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
972208  (XD)  750 mL  $19.95

PIEDMONT

AURELIO SETTIMO BAROLO 2010
DOCG
TASTING NOTE: The 2010 Barolo is a beautiful wine with a tight and tonic quality that comes forward in distinct pulses of cassis, wild berry, toasted almond and black licorice. No one element is out of place. Bright acidity and finely-tuned tannins give the wine a clean, direct entry in the mouth with the good possibility of a slow and steady aging evolution. Drink: 2016-2028. Score: 92 (Monica Larner, erobertparker.com, July 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
291559  (XD)  750 mL  $49.95

GIRIBALDI BARBARESCO 2006
DOCG
TASTING NOTE: Attractive cherry, plum and tobacco aromas and flavors get support from dense tannins in this pretty yet well-toned red, which still needs time for the tannins to soften, but shows harmony and a lingering aftertaste of spice and mineral. Best [now] through 2024. Score: 93 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Dec. 31, 2011)

Full-bodied & Firm
101147  (XD)  750 mL  $32.95
PUGLIA

LIRICA PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA 2007
DOP (Produttori)
Wine writer Natalie MacLean also gave this wine a score of 90, suggesting a drinking window of 2013-2018.

TASTING NOTE: Smooth and supple, showing good density to its ripe, spicy blackberry and raspberry fruit, which remains fresh through to the tarry finish. Drink now. Score: 90 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, June 30, 2011)

Full-bodied & Smooth
326710 (D) 750 mL $18.95
Featured in Arrive in Style

TUSCANY

BORGO SCOPETO CHIANTI CLASSICO 2010
DOCG
TASTING NOTE: This is vibrant and energetic, with a base of fine-grained tannins lifting the cherry, currant, rhubarb and tobacco flavors. Taut and almost racy on the long finish. Best from 2015 through 2024. Smart Buys. Score: 92 (Bruce Sanderson, winespectator.com, Feb. 28, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
023325 (XD) 750 mL $18.95

LE MORTELLE BOTROSECCO 2011
DOC Maremma Toscana (Marchesi Antinori)
TASTING NOTE: (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Cabernet Franc): deep ruby colour; high toned, cedar, vanilla oak and spicy blackcurrant nose; blackcurrant, plum and prune flavour, medium-bodied, sweet fruit. Score: 89 (Tony Aspler, tonyaspler.com, A Wine Lover’s Diary, June 2, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
400846 (D) 750 mL $24.95

PRINCIPE CORSINI LE CORTI CHIANTI CLASSICO 2012
DOCG

Medium-bodied & Fruity
400861 (XD) 750 mL $21.95

LAMOLE DI LAMOLE CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2009
DOCG
(Vigneto di Campolungo)
Situated in the heart of Chianti Classico, Tenuta Lamole di Lamole’s vineyards are protected from cold north winds by Mount San Michele and include southwest-facing sites planted at an elevation of 350-550 metres that represent many of the most prized locations in Lamole.

TASTING NOTE: A fine, stylish, succulent, juicy and well balanced example of Chianti Classico, with firm and fine tannins and lively acids. Intensity is well above the mean, and length is solid. A fine, modern rendition all in all. Best now-2019. Score: 89 (John Szabo, M.S., winealign.com, Aug. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth
231241 (XD) 750 mL $37.95

LAMOLE DI LAMOLE

FONTE DI CHIANTI CLASSICO 2011
DOCG
TASTING NOTE: Aromas of dried tangerines and plums with hints of flowers. Full body with ultra-fine tannins and a delicious balsamic, dark-fruit and plum character. Savory and delicious. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Score: 93 (James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, Oct. 20, 2014)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
933317 (XD) 750 mL $34.95
Organic product
ITALY – RED WINE CONT'D

TUSCANY

ROCCA DI FRASSINELLO
POGGIO ALLA GUARDIA 2010
IGT Maremma Toscana

The 2013 Gambero Rosso awarded this wine a rating of ***, denoting a wine that is Above Average to Good.

TASTING NOTE: Dried fruits with vanilla and cocoa on the nose and palate. Full to medium body, with velvety tannins and a chocolate aftertaste. Drink now. Score: 92 (James Suckling, james-suckling.com, Sept. 7, 2012)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
025718 (XD) 750 mL $17.95

VENETO

REMO FARINA MONTECORNA RIPASSO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2012
DOC

TASTING NOTE: A benchmark example of the style that falls between those of Valpolicella Classico Superiore and Amarone Classico. Loaded with intense and concentrated notes of smoke, fig, dark fruit, plum, blackcurrant, mineral and spice, with great balance and lift, this will be great with a hearty lamb stew. (VINTAGES panel, May 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
056267 (D) 750 mL $19.95

LEBANON – RED WINE

CAVE KOUROUM PETIT NOIR 2012
Bekaa Valley

Cave Kouroum was established by Bassim Rahal, a respected and well-known grape seller who took the plunge and opened his own winery in 1998. The Bekaa Valley is the vine-growing heart of Lebanon and has played an important role in both viticulture and agriculture for millennia.


Medium-bodied & Fruity
260141 (XD) 750 mL $13.95

PORTUGAL – WHITE WINE

MORGADIO DA TORRE ALVARINHO
VINHO VERDE 2013
DOC Vinho Verde, Monção e Melgaço (Sogrape Vinhos)

A fine example of characterful Alvarinho, this will be fresh and lively, with a vibrant acidity and a stony minerality to go along with bright citrus and peach. Chill and enjoy as a perfect sipper, or pair with seafood.

Light & Crisp
960955 (XD) 750 mL $17.95

PORTUGAL – RED WINE

DELAFORCE TOURIGA NACIONAL 2012
DOC Douro
(Real Companhia Velha)

TASTING NOTE: A full-bodied, generous Portuguese red wine with mocha and toasty oak on the nose. Black plum and raspberry with dark spices on the mid-palate and finish. Long finish on this D.O.C. wine. There's been a revolution in dry red wines from Portugal: try this one and you’ll know what I’m talking about. This particular wine hails from a well-known producer of port, the fortified dessert wine. The Touriga Nacional grape offers signature black fruit aromas and richness. Loaded with toasty oak and tarry black fruit with a bitter bite. Decant 1 hour … Great with game meats. Drink: 2014-2018. Score: 92 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Oct. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
324517 (XD) 750 mL $22.95
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PARCELAS 2010
DOC Douro
(Quinta de Porrais)
Ranked #38 in Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 Best Buys of 2014.

TASTING NOTE: The wine has power, structure and density. Hard initial tannins show that it needs to age, but the black fruits come through richly as it opens up. The strong mineral character gives a firm texture to the wine. Drink from 2017. Best Buy. Score: 92 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
397422 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

SPAIN – RED WINE

PRIMA 2012
DO Toro
(Bodegas y Viñedos Maurodos)

TASTING NOTE: ... 90% Tempranillo and 10% Garnacha and other red grapes grown on sand and clay soils in Toro which aged for 16 months in a mixture of French and American oak barrels of different ages. It is very ripe with exuberant aromas of morello cherries, damsons and violets, with dark notes of shoe polish, graphite and peat. The palate is medium to full-bodied, with abundant, grainy tannins, good acidity, power and concentration, ending slightly warm ... A powerful, drinkable Toro ... Score: 89 (Luis Gutierrez, erobertparker.com, Aug. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
080762 (D) 750 mL $19.95

ROTLLÁN TORRA 2010
DOCa Priorat
(Vina D’alta Qualitat)

TASTING NOTE: Savoury and juicy with great complexity and depth. Smooth and full-bodied with lusciously ripe and fleshy dark berries. If you haven’t tried many wines from the Priorat region of Spain, this is a great place to start. This wine needs no coaxing out of the glass. Decant for 1-2 hours. This full-bodied red wine pairs well with steak. Pair with: gourmet hamburgers, meat lovers’ pizza. Drink: 2013-2018. Score: 93 (Natalie MacLean, nataliemaclean.com, Sept. 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
267989 (XD) 750 mL $18.95

ROMANIA – WHITE WINE

CRAMA GIRBOIU VARANCA FETEASCA REGALA DEMISEC 2012
IG Vrancea Hills

Founded in 2005, Girboiu is a winery that prides itself on combining the very best in modern technology with the sheer joy of making wine. Their energetic and dynamic approach is inevitably reflected in the wines themselves. Girboiu sources their grapes from the mineral-rich soils of the gently rolling Vrancea Hills, a region recognized for centuries for producing high-quality wines. Feteasca Regala (Royal Maiden) is a grape variety noted for producing fresh, crisp wines with bright and lively acidity.

Off-dry & Fruity
397901 (M) 750 mL $13.95

VIÑA ZACO TEMPRANILLO 2011
DOCa Rioja
(Bodegas Bilbaínas)

TASTING NOTE: The 2011 Vina Zaco changed labels and profile to a more modern style a few years ago and displays a darker shade of cherry color, ripe notes of red and black berries, flowers and a meaty palate where the wood is perfectly integrated with the fruit, which finally feels more classical than what the label makes you think. It is very good value. Drink 2014-2017. Score: 90 (Luis Gutierrez, erobertparker.com, Dec. 2013)

Medium-bodied & Fruity
146209 (XD) 750 mL $14.95

QUINTA DO MONDEGO 2009
DOC Dão
(Fontes da Cunha)

TASTING NOTE: With a firm, almost granite structure, this is a terroir-driven wine, from a quinta named after the River Mondego that flows through the Dão region. It has a dense, tannic character based on ripe berry fruits and concentrated juicy black currents. The wine is intense and still needing to age. Drink from 2018. Score: 92 (Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Aug. 2014)

Full-bodied & Firm
399766 (XD) 750 mL $19.95

 romanian wine, which is known for its bold flavors and rich history. The wine activist is dedicated to promoting the culture and craftsmanship behind wines from this region, focusing on the high-quality, terroir-driven wines that are produced there. The wine store carries an extensive selection of Romanian wines, showcasing the diversity and quality of the country’s winemaking traditions. Whether you are a wine enthusiast or looking for a unique addition to your wine collection, the wine activist is the perfect destination for exploring the rich world of Romanian wine.
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Owner and Winemaker, Norman Hardie Winery
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Head Winemaker, Tawse Winery
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Vice-president of Winemaking, Colio Estate Wines
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DO Jerez, Spain
A full-throttle sherry that is intense and complex. Dry and crisp, with nutty notes throughout.

96 points (Robert Parker Jr., erobertparker.com, Aug. 2012)

Dry
677856 (D) 375 mL $18.95

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**CALERA VIognier 2012**
Central Coast, California
Ripe melon, apple and pear, with honey-suckle and dried apricot. Elegant, nuanced, sleek and refreshing.

90 points (MaryAnn Worobiec, winespectator.com, Mar. 31, 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful
968875 (XD) 750 mL $39.95

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**QUIPÉ SAWYER LINDQUIST VINEYARD SYRAH 2010**
Edna Valley, California
Biodynamically farmed, this offers exotic violet with ginseng and mineral notes. Fresh and balanced.

93 points (wineandspiritsmagazine.com, Oct. 2013)

Full-bodied & Smooth
403972 (XD) 750 mL $50.95

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**TWO HANDS SAMANTHA’S GARDEN SHIRAZ 2012**
Clare Valley, South Australia
Seductive, sleek and polished, with dark cherry and black tea. Approachable, refined and seamless.

93 points (Harvey Steiman, winespectator.com, June 15, 2014)

Full-bodied & Smooth
067355 (XD) 750 mL $67.95

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**WIENINGER PREUSSEN GRÜNER VELTLINER 2012**
Austria
Green herbs, smoke, white pepper and mineral combine to create a complex, intense and layered experience.

93 points (David Schildknecht, erobertparker.com, April 2014)

Aromatic & Flavourful
400812 (XD) 750 mL $46.95

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**DOMAINE JEAN-MARC MOREY CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 2012**
AC, Burgundy, France
Concentrated and intense, with nice complexity and freshness. This will reward 2+ years of patience and bottle ageing.

Full-bodied & Rich
403071 (XD) 750 mL $59.95

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**DUN BHEAGAN ARDMORE ST. ETIENNE RUM FINISH 12-YEAR-OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT 2002**
Scotland, United Kingdom
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KAIKEN MALBEC
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2009
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DCC, Veneto, Italy
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578581 (S) 750 mL $17.50
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**Red Wines**

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**CHÂTEAU SAINT-ROCH CHIMÈRES 2012**
AC, Midi, France (119354)

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**NAPA CELLARS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012**
Napa Valley, California (135145)

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Tuscany, Italy (378257)

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Veneto, Italy (037648)

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**GRAY MONK PINOT GRIS 2013**
BC VQA Okanagan Valley, British Columbia (118638)

**MARIE-PIERRE MANCIAT CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE**
AC, Burgundy, France (402362)

**WILLIAM HILL CHARDONNAY 2012**
Napa Valley, California (276675)

**RED WINES**

**HOWLING MOON OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2011**
Lodi, California (057356)

**ZONTE’S FOOTSTEP LAKE DOCTOR SHIRAZ 2012**
South Australia (072975)

**FINCA LA EMPERATRIZ RESERVA 2008**
DOCa Rioja, Spain (359927)

Prices not available at press time.
with a Prim in its prime

Several things produced in 2007 have aged very well – among them, the film *No Country for Old Men*, the album *In Rainbows*, and this wine. Though Primitivo (like its California cousin, Zinfandel) is often enjoyed in its youth, this mature example has evolved intriguing flavours of blackberry pie and plum liqueur, and earned 90 points from *Wine Spectator*.