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Santa Margherita  
USA CEO Vincent  
Chiaromonte.

## SEEING IS Believing

**SANTA MARGHERITA USA CEO  
VINCENT CHIARAMONTE REFLECTS  
ON THE WINE BUSINESS PRE- AND  
POST-PANDEMIC**



Palazzo Marzotto is the Santa Margherita founding family's villa in the Venetian comune of Portogruaro.

*Leaders,* be they people, products, or companies, can be judged by how they act and/or fare in times of crisis. This spring, as the world inched toward the post-pandemic era, I sat down with Santa Margherita USA (SMUSA) CEO Vincent Chiamonte to discuss how he steered the Italy-based wine giant's ship through the storm—and how he sees the seas ahead. Where others cut back on staff and budgets, he and his team threw financial and personal support to the industry. His vision and actions serve as a case study in the (albeit overused) concept of the year: pivoting.

**Lars Leicht:** It has been a rough 14 months. How do you see the beverage industry's future, especially on-premise?

**Vincent Chiamonte:** Fortunately for the wine trade, we are seeing significant interest from consumers. Consumption is relatively flat overall, yet people are drinking better; [they're] spending more time cooking at home and pairing wines to the occasion. Unfortunately, restaurants have suffered greatly. Yet we see their resiliency through adaptation, creativity, delivery, and, in some markets, being able to sell bottles of wine to the consumer.

**LL:** Can you share any of the steps and strategies that you and your team took to deal with the challenges that were thrown at us over the past year?

**VC:** As we saw the world changing before our eyes, we felt we had to move quickly and took a very active position through a conversation with our consumers via social media to celebrate the beautiful moments of human connection. Santa Margherita launched [internal fundraising initiative] Uncork



A promotional image celebrating 60 years of Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio.

Your Extraordinary on March 27 [of last year], and we committed our support to the community with charitable donations to help those in need.

We shifted to virtual education and seminars to stay relevant and vibrant, [taking] the trade virtually to Italy every chance we could. We celebrated the first National Chianti Day with a live webinar from [Tuscan estate] Lamole di Lamole's vineyards—hosted by none other than you, Lars—and we had a virtual cooking class with [SMUSA business development director] Vittorio Marzotto and Dario Cecchini, the famous butcher of Panzano. We shared an intimate evening visit at [Franciacorta winery] Ca' del Bosco, with founder Maurizio Zanella raising a glass to all we had been through. We wanted the trade to feel welcome and know that they were always in our minds.

In addition to a donation to the National Restaurant Association's Employee Relief Program, we created a concept called "Homecoming" to connect safely to our distributor and restaurant community. We called it that because many SMUSA employees, like myself who grew up in this industry, feel that going to restaurants is like coming home. We focused on "frequenting" restaurants (via delivery, curbside pickup, or in person) to support our "extended family" through this period.

**LL: What are some of the takeaways from the pandemic that will guide you in the future?**

**VC:** Technology is part of the future in an even more significant and accelerated way. It makes the world smaller and closer, so we will continue to adapt and get better at navigating new technology. That said, I hope and desire that, once the markets reopen as they are starting to now, we can get back to telling our story in person. No technology, in my opinion, can take the place of a face-to-face gathering. Ultimately, we are all human and crave togetherness. We genuinely believe that the experience of dining in a restaurant—being together, choosing a wine to

accompany your meal, learning the story of that wine, trying a new style—is all part of growing the wine category and our brands. The wine trade is more social than other businesses.

**LL: The year 2021 marks an important milestone for Santa Margherita USA, doesn't it?**

**VC:** What a way to start the year! First off, *Gambero Rosso*, the prestigious Italian publication, named Santa Margherita Gruppo Vinicolo as the winery group of 2021. We are proud and humbled to have received this important honor—it validates our ongoing commitment to offering the best-quality wines from the best regions.

Then, our famous Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio celebrates 60 years. This milestone is really incredible. Sixty years ago, the Marzotto family changed the future of the Italian wine market by creating a white Pinot Grigio. This introduction was the start of a trailblazing change that started in Italy and carried over to the U.S.: Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio remains one of American consumers' favorite wines. It's an extraordinary legacy.

**LL: That is a very valid point—Pinot Grigio was historically a copper-colored wine. Santa Margherita pioneered Pinot Grigio as we know it today and was ahead of the curve on other regional wines as well.**

**VC:** The Santa Margherita Group has a long history of innovation, dating back to 1935. Our founder, Count Gaetano Marzotto, fell in love with the abandoned region of Portogruaro by the Venetian lagoon. From there, the legacy continued with his love for Prosecco and the introduction of our Santa Margherita Prosecco Superiore in 1952. The Marzotto family further expanded the range with the introduction of Chianti Classico Riserva and our Sparkling Rosé in the 2000s. [And] this year marks another significant milestone for us with the introduction of Santa Margherita Rosé. This is our first new product introduction in over a decade.

**An Uncork Your Extraordinary tasting tent at an event in Tulsa, OK.**



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—Santa Margherita USA CEO Vincent Chiamonte



We have so much to celebrate and look forward to, but we are most excited [about], and most look forward to, being together in person again. Our industry is about connectivity and stories: Seeing is believing.

**LL:** So what do you have in store for the rest of this year and going forward?


**VC:** We are excited to partner with *The SOMM Journal* this year on our insert booklet “Our Italian Wine Mosaic,” [appearing with the August-September issue,] that will take us on a virtual exploration of each of the wineries Santa Margherita USA represents. It will serve as the single source to learn more about each of our iconic

vineyards, wineries, and wines. We will also bring our winemakers and ambassadors together for a *SOMM Journal*-hosted webinar in September where we can speak about each of the wineries with the trade. Very soon, we hope to be able to travel to the wineries and Italy in person.

We are true ambassadors of our wineries, bring[ing] the story of each winery to life in the U.S. We believe in a food and wine culture and work toward identifying the best attributes of each wine for consumers’ enjoyment. The family remains true to Count Marzotto’s beliefs and produces [each] region’s best wines with respect for their origin [but also a] nod to innovation. We see

the upcoming family members also [maintaining] their legacy, and we are excited for the future.

**LL:** If you had a crystal ball and could look 60 years into the future, what do you envision as the legacy of Santa Margherita USA?

**VC:** From our humble beginnings in 2015 to 60 years later, it would be a great honor to be remembered as an organization that prided itself on bringing quality wines to the U.S. for the happiness and enjoyment of others. Our lives are all about family, friends, and business partners—and hopefully leaving this world as a better place for the future. 

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# Fetzer Appoints Margaret Leonardi as Winemaker Amid Brand Revitalization

**Fetzer**, a sustainability leader in the wine industry, has appointed Margaret Leonardi as winemaker. The first woman to lead winemaking for the brand in its 50-plus-year history, Leonardi has taken the reins as Fetzer unveils new packaging.

Part of the Fetzer Vineyards winemaking team since 2015, Leonardi has overseen Fetzer's acclaimed white wines in recent years and assumes responsibility for the complete brand collection this year. "Margaret continues to raise the bar on quality, placing Fetzer wines in a category well above their price while helping to meet the growing demand for sustainable wine and making it accessible for all," says John Kane, vice president, winemaking and winery operations, for Fetzer Vineyards.

Fetzer proudly carries the globally recognized B Corp Certification—the B stands for "benefit" and refers to benefiting workers, the community, customers, and the environment—as well as the TRUE Zero Waste and CarbonNeutral certifications; each is now clearly featured on the back label of the refreshed package. "This is an exciting moment for Fetzer, and I am proud to embark on the next chapter of the brand's enduring legacy in California," says Leonardi. "It feels good to know we are creating delicious wines that people love while helping to build a more sustainable future."

**Margaret Leonardi** was recently appointed as winemaker for Fetzer.



## Ole Smoky Distillery Releases Mini-Bottles of Five Fan Favorites

**Ole Smoky Distillery** has released five of its most innovative whiskeys—Salty Caramel Whiskey, Mango Habanero Whiskey, Peanut Butter Whiskey, Peach Whiskey, and Salty Watermelon Whiskey—in 50-milliliter mini-bottles for sale in liquor stores and other off-premise locations across the United States.

Handcrafted in small batches, Ole Smoky's whiskey line launched nationally in 2017 and has expanded to 17 inventive flavors. "We are pleased to introduce new whiskey minis featuring our fan favorites, including our number-one-selling whiskey, Salty Caramel, followed closely by our most recent release, Peanut Butter Whiskey," says CEO Robert Hall. "These small bottles are perfect for traveling, gifting, trying a new flavor, or offering customers a one-shot bottle of our award-winning whiskey line." (For more information on Ole Smoky, see page 88.)



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### Actor Pedro Pascal to Star in Casillero del Diablo's Wine Legend Campaign



**Casillero del Diablo** has named Chilean-American actor Pedro Pascal the new star of its global Wine Legend campaign. Known for roles in *The Mandalorian*, *Game of Thrones*, *Narcos*, and *Wonder Woman 1984*, Pascal will play a new, mysterious character in upcoming advertising programming that will debut later this year on television and social media.

One of *Entertainment Weekly's* 2020 Entertainers of the Year, Pascal recently wrapped filming the Wine Legend spots in Santiago, Chile; building on prior Casillero del Diablo campaigns, they feature dramatic cinematography and celebrated characters to bring new energy to the iconic brand. In addition, Pascal is now Casillero del Diablo's official ambassador, which "marks our first appointment of a global brand ambassador," says global marketing director Sebastián Aguirre, adding, "Pascal is a celebrity well known around the world who is enjoying an extraordinary moment in his career. Originally from Chile, he shares many notable characteristics with our brand, including sophistication, trustworthiness, and intrigue, among others."

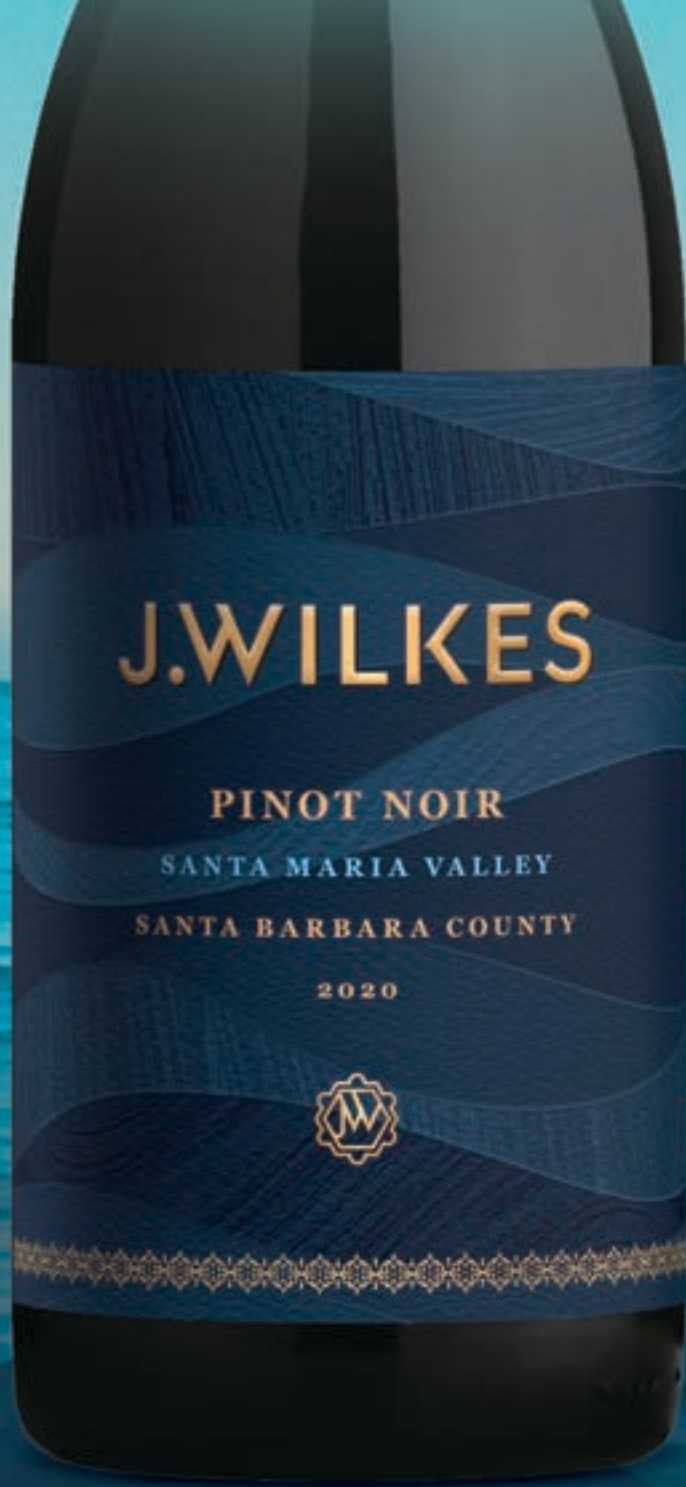
Casillero del Diablo—which means the "Devil's Cellar"—is today the number-one 750-milliliter Chilean wine brand in the U.S. and the second-most powerful wine brand in the world for four years running, according to Global Wine Brand Power Index. In 2020, Casillero del Diablo accelerated to a global volume of 6.6 million cases, a million more than were shipped in 2019. Fueling the brand's remarkable growth, along with its reputation for quality, is the Wine Legend campaign series—now poised for its most exciting chapter yet with Pascal at the fore.

## Scheid Family Wines Continues Its Growth in Sales and Marketing

**Scheid Family Wines** has welcomed Rick Pettiford to its Northeast sales team as an area manager covering Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine; it has also appointed Kate Hart as a senior brand manager on its marketing team.



Pettiford brings more than 20 years of industry sales experience to Scheid Family Wines and "works with a contagious enthusiasm for the brands he represents," according to Tony Stephen, chief sales officer for Scheid Family Wines. Hart, meanwhile, brings five years of wine marketing leadership garnered from previous roles at The Wine Group as well as a "team-player attitude, combined with an innovative approach and passion for the wine industry," says Jennifer Evans, marketing director for Scheid Family Wines. [L](#)



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# Bad Packaging Can Break Good Wine

**A buyer's decision** to carry a wine isn't based solely on its quality, price point, value proposition, or brand story. Granted, these are the most important criteria, but all too often, wines that meet them sit in warehouses collecting dust rather than on retail shelves or in restaurant cellars. While it's true that one shouldn't judge a book by its cover, judging a wine by its packaging is a reality of the trade.

When deciding on packaging, then, producers should keep their primary buyers in mind, whether on-premise, retail, or both. Since few wine lists include photos, most on-premise sales are not based on looks; conversely, in a saturated retail market where shelf space is premium, eye-grabbing bottle shapes or labels can significantly impact purchases. That's not, however, to say that unusual packaging is beneficial even in an off-premise context. Here are some common reasons buyers might reject a wine they otherwise might like due to its outward appearance. Wineries, take heed: This information may very well save you from developing an unsuccessful brand.

**The Box:** The best advice here is to follow the 3 S's: simple, small, sturdy. If special tools are required to open your shipping container, you can throw any hope of case stacks or by-the-glass placements out the window. Wooden crates that require crowbars or screwdrivers are a no-no; if your buyers are too busy bleeding from errant staples or wood splinters, they are probably not going to be on the floor selling your wine. Consider a sliding lid secured by an easily cut band instead. Additionally, if a box is too big (due typically to unnecessarily wide or tall bottles), it's harder to store and stack. No restaurant was ever built with enough storage space, so small footprints are key to fitting in the cellar. Lastly, the box must be sturdy enough to stack and



lift without falling apart. However, its cardboard shouldn't be so thick, or so heavily glued or stapled together, that it is difficult to break down.

**The Bottle:** Standard-sized formats are best. If the bottles are unusually tall, wide, or oddly shaped, they might not stack properly or fit in wine fridges, on shelves, or in bins. As anyone who has ever used a wine fridge can tell you, it's beyond frustrating when a bottle is too stout to fit in the racks without risk of damaging the label when stocking or pulling (if at all). Similarly, a bin meant for nine or ten standard bottles may only be able to store half as many wide ones; the same goes for display shelves. In short, taking up too much space can get a wine kicked out of the program.

**The Closure:** This is most important for by-the-glass programs. Unnecessarily thick and/or hard-to-cut foils that will shred hands are a hard no, as are super-fat and therefore hard-to-extract corks. Avoid wax-dipped tops at all costs. Everyone hates them—everyone! When they fracture into tiny shards or

powder, they create mess and frustration; busy sommeliers don't have time to clean up the shrapnel tableside. But if you can't be talked off that ledge, at least ensure you use a properly rubberized wax that will easily come off so as not to slow down service. That said, if you want your wine to be a by-the-glass hit, the screwcap is your best friend.

**The Label:** It should match the aesthetic of your brand without being overly gimmicky. Beyond ensuring that it clearly communicates important information such as appellation, vintage, and variety, you should strive to avoid hard-to-read fonts; dark-on-dark (or light-on-light) color schemes; or ambiguous terms such as "special reserve," "winemaker's selection," et cetera. You should also give each SKU a noticeably different label for easy identification.

You've likely put significant effort and expense into making your wine. Don't let all of that go down the drain because you didn't package it correctly. **W**



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# Getting Back to (a New) Normal

D.C. LIFTS RESTRICTIONS JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER

As I write this, it's late May, and for weeks, those in the DMV have eagerly anticipated two things: the arrival of billions (maybe trillions) of cyclical Brood X cicadas making their appearance after 17 years underground and the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in D.C. While the former may have entomology nerds swarming with excitement, it's the latter that's really got the region abuzz, as restaurants and bars ready their rooftops, courtyards, and indoor dining rooms for 100% capacity.

But lest you assume there is no common thread between these orange-eyed, winged creatures and the local hospitality scene, think again: Enterprising operators are stoking cicada fever. For instance, Old 690 Brewing Company (whose owner has specimens from the 1987 and 2004 Brood X on display at the brewery) is making a New England-style IPA cleverly named BrewdX, while adventurous diners can tuck into cicada tacos with mole verde at the Mexican street food-inspired Cocina on Market.

I'm more into the crunch of fried

chicken than fried exoskeletons, so I was excited when the Miami-based Yardbird Southern Table & Bar opened just a few blocks from the White House. The huge space is loud, loud, loud, but a table opening up onto the sidewalk proved to offer just the right mix of ambiance and fresh air for a childhood friend and me to catch up over a St.

A low-ABV Cynar Spritz at Columbia Room.



The "BLT" with fried green tomatoes at Yardbird.

George Terroir Gin Martini with pickled Virginia ramps and a bacon-infused Bourbon Old Fashioned. A play on a BLT topped fried green tomatoes with house-smoked pork belly, frisée, smoky tomato jam, and a gob of pimento cheese it could have done without. But we came for the fried chicken, brined to be juicy but not overly salty and served with hot honey sauce. Utterly perfect.

By the time this column goes to print, capacity restrictions on D.C. bars will have lifted. But just because we'll be able to sip cocktails indoors more easily doesn't mean we'll want to, especially with so many great al fresco spots. At Columbia Room in Shaw,

tables spill into Blagden Alley and onto the terrace as part of the establishment's Spritz Garden, which pays homage to Italy's cafes and their iconic aperitivo. The menu lists the ABV of each so you can choose your own adventure wisely, be it a Watermelon Americano with Campari, Dolin Blanc, watermelon soda, and a clear ice spear; a low-ABV (2.8%, to be exact) Cynar Spritz with grapefruit soda and a touch of salt to offset the artichoke-based liqueur's bitterness; or a zero-proof option made with Lyre's nonalcoholic apéritif, Naughty alcohol-free sparkling wine, and sparkling mineral water. It's going to be one refreshing summer. **LT**

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Yardbird Southern Table & Bar's Gin Martini, garnished with a pickled ramp.

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by Marci Symington

Recreating a 19th-century New Orleans street scene indoors, Grey Hen Rx serves the city's classic cocktails.



# Shaking Up the Cocktail Hour

**In March, Rich Furnari and Jason Asher** of Phoenix-based Barter & Shake Creative Hospitality reopened Century Grand after a six-month closure. Like many in the industry, they were faced with making major modifications to their business model during the pandemic: The result was to move their award-winning tiki-inspired bar, UnderTow, into the building where Platform 18 and Grey Hen Rx already resided—thereby uniting three cocktail programs under one roof.

Reservations are highly recommended for the unique 90-minute guest experiences offered at each of the three concepts. Furnari and Asher worked with local artists, audiovisual

## BARTER & SHAKE CREATIVE HOSPITALITY UNITES ITS TRANSPORTIVE BAR CONCEPTS UNDER ONE ROOF

as possible . . . when you go on a ride and feel fully immersed.”

The vision for Platform 18 involves the creation of the transcontinental railroad. Its decor imagines the private train car of one Hollis Cottley Pennington, a fictional railroad tycoon and bootlegger: The “windows” are TV screens projecting videos that make guests feel as though they’re traveling through the Rockies in the wintertime, while the bartenders, dressed as conductors, pour welcome glasses of Champagne. The chapters of the

cocktail book, titled *The Man Behind the Curtain*, contain the story of Pennington, along with over 45 Prohibition-themed drinks that tie into the storyline with names like Wake the Conductor, Pennington Peaks, and Linen Closet.

Grey Hen Rx draws inspiration from 19th-century New Orleans, the bustling port town that was then a hub of apothecaries and coffee shops, the precursors to the cocktail bar; it was also home to the Sazerac, often referred to as America’s first cocktail. Guests can be seated in the pharmacy-like barroom or the adjoining (indoor) “patio” set beneath oak trees dripping with Spanish moss. Asher, an award-winning mixologist, developed the menu to showcase high-quality bourbons and other whiskeys in drinks such as the Vieux Carré and the Golden Apple as well as his experiments with nonalcoholic spirits, sorbets, and ice creams.

UnderTow is a nautical-themed bar whose name is a play on words, referencing both the undertow of the ocean and the prior location in the oil-changing bay of a former auto garage. The new space retains the charm of the original with a menu relating the tale of Captain John Mallory, a time-traveling spice trader. There are 52 seats in an interior designed to resemble the belly of a clipper ship, with “portholes” screening film footage of rainstorms and pirate battles on the high seas. Exotic and tropical drinks are the specialty here, with classics like the Mai Tai and the Planter’s Punch supplementing original creations featuring rare rums, such as the Song of Sycorax with St. George California Agricole.

Seeing the demand for cocktail experiences in the broader Phoenix area, Furnari and Asher have signed a lease to open a second UnderTow location at retail and dining destination Epicenter at Agritopia in Gilbert. Their imagination is limitless, and I, for one, am excited to see what they come up with next. **LD**



Prohibition-themed drinks evoke the heyday of train travel at Platform 18.

companies, and contractors such as architect Wesley James of design firm LINE LAB to create settings that transport guests to another place and time, while Furnari collaborated with industry friends (including Fox Restaurant Concepts beverage director Mat Snapp) to compose fictional narratives loosely based in history to weave through the cocktail menus. Explains Barter & Shake director of marketing and PR Kailee Asher, “They wanted [the experience] to be as close to Disneyland



UnderTow’s interior is designed to resemble the belly of a clipper ship.

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A partial lineup of wines at the Chianti Classico preview event.

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# Back in Business

CELEBRATING THE RETURN OF TASTINGS—AND THE SIGNATURE WINES OF TUSCANY—IN NEW YORK CITY

**Though I expected the restrictions** on international travel over the past year to impede my ability to review wines, the industry has actually done an impressive job of keeping those of us who report on it informed and up to date. Video platforms like Zoom and Skype were vital tools for conducting interviews and learning about current releases. Still, there is no substitute for in-person tastings, so I was thrilled to attend vintage previews by two of Italy's premier winemaking consorzi when they returned to New York City this spring.

In May, a tasting of the much-anticipated 2016 vintage of Brunello di Montalcino was held exclusively for members of the Wine Media Guild ([winemediaguild.org](http://winemediaguild.org)) at Gianfranco Sorrentino's Il Gattopardo on West 54th Street. Because this was a walkaround tasting followed by a seated lunch, guild policy dictated that all guests show their vaccination cards to gain entry. Sorrentino worked with the Consorzio del Vino Brunello di Montalcino to curate about 45 of the newly released wines; included in the mix were a dozen or so 2015 Riservas. To say that these two vintages, both



**Wine Media Guild members taste 2016 Brunellos at Il Gattopardo.**

rated five stars by the consorzio, impressed me would be an understatement: Not since 2006 and 2007 have two consecutive vintages of Brunello been so highly regarded, and my feeling is that the 2015s and 2016s are even better. Among the many standouts were Altesino, Val di Suga, and my personal favorite, La Rasina.

I also attended a Chianti Classico tasting at the Hotel Eventi in Chelsea, which was a seated affair with individual tables for each guest. About 200 wines were available to sample from various vintages; flights were ordered through an app and efficiently served by waitstaff. I focused on the 2018



**A flight of 2018 Chianti Classico.**

and 2019 vintages, which I had tasted in pre-release while in Tuscany last year, just before the pandemic ended travel. Another year of bottle aging showed these wines to have stood up to my original findings; they presented ripe fruit, good acidity, and tannic structure, making them a solid choice to purchase.

With restrictions now eased for most gatherings, these two events offered the perfect way to get back in the swing of safely being around others, and I foresee many more in my near future. In the meantime, my advice is to stock up on these vintages. Your customers will be thrilled. **LR**



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# BEYOND the BARREL

In *Beyond the Barrel*, deputy editor Eric Marsh tastes everything from craft spirits and fine wines to brilliant innovations and zany concepts that land outside the box. He then reviews the products with a judicious approach and the cognizance that all goods have a market.

## Hampton Water Rosé, South of France (\$25/750-mL bottle)

This rosé is a blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, and Syrah from the Languedoc. Wet-stone aromas precede pickled watermelon and macerated strawberry on the palate, along with some herbaceousness owing to the time the wine sees in French oak. The brand was created by Jon Bon Jovi and his son Jess Bongiovi, so it will likely satisfy French rosé aficionados and power-rock lovers alike.



**Better Than Milk (\$4/1-L bottle)** What makes Better Than Milk stand apart from other alt-milks? Well, in addition to being vegan, organic, and non-GMO, all five varieties are made with spring water sourced from the Lessini Mountains of Northern Italy. The brand purports to make the creamiest alt-milks out there, and that's conceivably true of its Unsweetened Oat Drink and Unsweetened Rice + Calcium Drink, both of which are likely to work as well as a dairy replacement in cocktails like the Brandy Alexander as they do in coffee and smoothies.



## ReBru Gin (\$26/750-mL bottle)

Sustainability is a trend as hot as this summer is forecasted to be; these days, spirits brands are as quick to tout their green initiatives as the flavor profiles of their products. Hopefully this is not mere tokenism; San Diego-based ReBru, for one, is taking it to another level. Rather than sourcing raw grains to ferment and produce its spirits, the employee-owned microdistillery procures out-of-code and overstocked yet high-quality craft beer from local breweries and distributors—suds destined for the drain and the local wastewater system, which can ultimately be noxious to the ecosystem. It then distills the beer to make small-batch vodka, gin, and whiskey; it also obtains spent charcoal and charred oak from its onsite wood-fired pizza and barbecue restaurant to filter, refine, and flavor its spirits. I was partial to the gin, which shows generous notes of juniper on the nose, cardamom and orange pith on the slightly rustic palate, and a clean finish.

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## Three Weavers Brewing Company Some Dark Hollow (\$20/4-pack 12-oz. cans)

Thankfully for the sake of variety, IPAs have become less ubiquitous in the craft beer industry than they were few years back. And while this Inglewood, California-based brewery offers no shortage of pale ales, it also produces several other styles, including this silky, rich Imperial Stout that's aged for 12 months in ex-Jameson barrels. Some Dark Hollow offers notes of dark chocolate and cinnamon, lace cookie, and Medjool dates—the plump, gooey, melt-in-your-mouth kind. It's an indulgence deserving of medals.



**Stem Ciders Chile Guava Apple Cider (\$9/4-pack 12-oz. cans)** I was expecting this guava- and guajillo chile-infused apple cider from Colorado to taste saccharine and synthetic, but I was pleasantly surprised. The guava is soft on the palate before the chile shows up on the finish, lingering on the tip of the tongue and in the back of the throat. First dry and then acidic, the beverage is redolent of chile-spiced dried mango. Highly recommended! [V](#)








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## Sweetness and Light

KÖLSCH AND DELICATE CHEESES ARE THE PAIRING OF THE SUMMER

**When it's hot outside and time for lunch,** I reach for kölsch. This brisk German beer style is crisp, thirst-quenching, and low in alcohol—usually under 5% ABV—so you don't need to head for the nearest couch after your meal.

For a breezy al fresco spread, chill a six-pack of kölsch and assemble a cheese and charcuterie board. Pale straw in color and pristinely clear, the beer delivers sweet, malty flavor without weight, so you need to pair it with fresh, delicate cheeses or lightly aged wheels that won't overwhelm it. Add olives, pickled vegetables, and taralli or other favorite crackers; your friends won't notice that you didn't cook a thing.

Here are a few favorites.

**Bellwether Farms Fresh Sheep Cheese:**

This new creation from a highly regarded Northern California creamery is less than a week old when it's shaped into 5-ounce logs and vacuum packed.

Bring it fully to room temperature for maximum creaminess and spread it on crostini. Fold in freshly snipped chives to make it your own.

**Cowgirl Creamery Clabbered Cottage Cheese:**

This California creamery resumed making its beloved cottage cheese a couple of years ago after a long lapse. Produced with skim milk cultured slowly over 18 hours, the large curds develop a lively tang and a cheesecake aroma. The "clabber" is the rich dressing of crème fraîche, cultured milk, and salt that cloaks the curds. Serve with radishes, cucumber spears, or sliced tomatoes.

**Crucolo:**


This cow's milk cheese from Northern Italy's Trentino region tastes like a young Asiago or havarti but better, with a buttery aroma and a moist, open, tender texture. It finishes with a cultured-milk tang and melts beautifully. Made by a single family

in the Dolomite Mountains, Crucolo isn't widely distributed in the U.S., but online merchant [igourmet.com](http://igourmet.com) stocks it.

**Di Stefano Burrata:**

Mimmo Bruno grew up in Puglia, the heel of the Italian boot, and made his first mozzarella when he was 12. After settling in Southern California, he launched Di Stefano with his teenage son to introduce burrata, a then-little-known specialty of Puglia, to the U.S. Their version—a pouch of mozzarella encasing a filling of buttery, cream-coated mozzarella shreds—is dreamy. Serve it on toast with cracked black pepper and extra-virgin olive oil.

**Fleur Verte:**

Made in France's Périgord region, this 5-pound wheel of fresh goat cheese is coated with dried thyme, tarragon, and crushed pink peppercorns. The flavor is moist and lemony, and the aroma will transport you to Provence. Pair with Niçoise olives and salumi. 

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# Recipes for Reinvention

HOUSTON'S **UNDERBELLY HOSPITALITY GROUP** RISES TO THE POST-PANDEMIC OCCASION

**Staying afloat in the hospitality** boat on the choppy waves of 2020 required not only equanimity but a willingness to take risks. Good thing that comes naturally to Houston chef Chris Shepherd; the James Beard Award winner is known for daily menu changes, a roster of guest chefs, and other impediments to predictability—which means his team at Underbelly Hospitality Group was accustomed to

lists, creating cocktail recipes, and conferring on interior design even as business ticks up at Underbelly ventures across the city, including steakhouse Georgia James; UB Preserv, a contemporary showcase of Houston's diverse culinary influences; and Hay Merchant, a destination for craft beer, cocktails, and comfort food.

"Opening new concepts is always challenging, and this year has a few

ning ahead becomes more difficult."

Like many restaurants with deep inventories during the pandemic, Georgia James and other UB concepts sold wine at retail as well as cocktail kits and pre-batched cocktails to make ends meet, thanks to a waiver in Texas' permitting laws. Legislation allowing on-premise establishments to sell alcohol to go was officially signed into law in May, securing what proved to



*"If we had a motto, I think it would be 'LFG'—'Let's F'in Go!'"*

*—Matthew Pridgen*

**Westin Galleymore and Matthew Pridgen, shown here at Georgia James in Houston, TX, respectively direct the bar and wine programs for Underbelly Hospitality Group.**


redirection even before the pandemic and the global shipping crisis. "Last year was all about change, and I feel like the adage 'Every day is a new day' sums up 2020 in a nutshell," says wine director Matthew Pridgen. Even as they dust themselves off from an unprecedented year, they're planning—red tape permitting—to open three new concepts in the coming months.

"Chris keeps us on our toes," says Pridgen. "If we had a motto, I think it would be 'LFG'—'Let's F'in Go!'" And so he and bar director Westin Galleymore now find themselves developing wine

extra layers added in," says Pridgen, whose wine choices run the gamut from by-the-glass Pinot Noir for \$12 to Grand Cru sparklers that cost hundreds of dollars. (Georgia James' wine list alone includes more than 500 selections.)

"Shipping is backed up both domestically and internationally, doubling or tripling the expected time for product to arrive. And tariffs, while they're currently suspended, have left many importers and distributors with very little product. I try to purchase ahead of my needs, but with business increasing and new [ventures] coming online, plan-

be a lucrative revenue stream for many businesses. "To-go cocktails will be a significant part of our programs going forward," says Galleymore.

But above all, he and Pridgen—who heard their customers' needs during the pandemic and sold Margaritas in Ziploc baggies at the historic Houston Farmers Market—are ready to get back to community building, one glass at a time. "We love the connection between beverage and food, and how it can bring people from just about any background together," Pridgen says, adding, "Let's f'in go!" 



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# Tackling Texas

THE **PASO ROBLES CAB COLLECTIVE** IS USING A MATCHING-FUNDS GRANT TO PURSUE AN EXCEPTIONAL MARKETING OPPORTUNITY IN A NEW MARKET

**Plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon** and other Bordeaux varietals (CAB) in Paso Robles have increased by 58% over the past decade to account for over 60% of all vineyard plantings in the AVA today. After Napa, Paso Robles is now the second-biggest producer of premium CAB in California, and the demand for its CABs has never been higher as trade, media, and consumers discover the exceptional quality and value delivered by the region's family-owned and -operated wineries.

Justin Baldwin of JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery and Jerry Lohr of J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines to the area to help put it and its wines on the map.

In 2012, a group of small, independent CAB growers and producers led by Daniel Daou banded together to form the Paso Robles CAB Collective (PRCC), a grassroots organization whose mission is to educate trade and media about what makes Paso Robles special: the wide diurnal temperature swings that allow its fruit to achieve full ripeness; the calcareous soils with relatively high pH that contribute to the bright acidity in its wines; and phenomenal phenolics that provide finesse, structure, and ageability. Now 22 members strong, the PRCC has grown through collaborations and the sharing of best practices, as has its vision for the future.

Last fall, based on the region's growth and its own strategic goals, the PRCC was awarded a USDA Value-Added Producer Grant. The matching-fund grant effectively provides \$500,000 to market Paso Robles CAB in the great state of Texas. "The PRCC is honored to be awarded the USDA Value-Added Producer Grant for a two-year campaign to raise awareness and sales for our member wineries through the Texas Tackle campaign," says PRCC board president and Ancient Peaks Winery co-owner Doug Filipponi. "It's tremendous to see how our sponsors, members, and partners have come together to make this vision possible. Together, we will be able to introduce our world-class wines and region to a new audience."


Key on- and off-premise programs are already being curated, including marketing initiatives supported by visits from member winemakers and principals. "The enthusiasm of our members and sponsors for the future of the region and its CABs is at an all-time high, and Texas Tackle provides a perfect opportunity for continued exposure of these remarkable wines," says PRCC executive director Linda Sanpei. "And the dedication of our sponsors, such as our title sponsor, Hood Container Corporation, [among] others, provides us the wings to soar. We believe the best is yet to come." 



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The caves at Eberle Winery, a pioneer in what is now the Geneseo District.

Established in 1983, the Paso Robles AVA was first recognized for its potential to grow Bordeaux varietals by André Tchelistcheff, who was America's most influential post-Prohibition winemaker. In the early 1970s, he guided Dr. Stanley Hoffman to plant some of the region's first Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in what is now the Adelaida District, declaring it "a jewel of ecological elements"; decades later, the site is now owned by DAOU Family Estates and Adelaida Vineyards & Winery.

Around the same time, Gary Eberle—fresh out of UC Davis with a doctorate in enology—arrived in Paso Robles to fulfill his dream of planting Cabernet Sauvignon on what was considered the east side of town, now the Geneseo District. "The potential of the region was clear to me from the start," says the Eberle Winery founder and proprietor. "We make many beautiful wines here, but Paso Robles is CAB Country." The subsequent decade brought



Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at harvesttime in Paso Robles.

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by Jessie Birschbach

# Smooth Oper-ator

OUR OVERVIEW OF BOCK BEER STYLES CONTINUES WITH THE **DOPPELBOCK**

**Although it's July and far too hot here in Los Angeles,** I'm still going to insist that we finish what we started in the spring with regard to learning the basics of bock beer. The primer on the typically heavy, malt-balanced style that ran in the March/April issue of our sister publication, *The SOMM Journal*, was seasonally appropriate from both a historical and palatal perspective.

Father beer"), which eventually was shortened to "Salvator." The monks also drank the filling stuff during Lent to temper their fasting, and thus nicknamed the beer "liquid bread."

By 1799—after the doppelbock had become its own style and several other breweries had developed their own versions—the monks sold their brewery to the state. A few years later

feature a rich, super-smooth profile grounded in dark fruits—often plum, grape, or fig, sometimes dried—along with a smattering of chocolate and a nice top note of leather. Unlike the original version, which was underfermented, it's one of the strongest lager styles one can find (trumped only by Eisbock), with glorious, tempered sweetness derived from its bready




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That's less true now, but the reality is that I'm writing this under a faux fur blanket in my air-conditioned home. And if someone (hint: my wife) were to give me a plate of fresh chocolate chip cookies right at this moment, not only would I be powerless against them, I would level up and pour a chilled doppelbock to wash them down. But before I tell you why, allow me to first share some history about the substyle that's pretty darn interesting.

In Munich in the early 1600s, the monks of St. Francis of Paola began brewing a super-sweet, super-high-gravity (read: heavy) version of the already popular bock beer to sell during the Feast of the Holy Father festival in the spring. It was the first doppelbock, but they called it *Sankt Vater bier* ("Holy

it was purchased by a man named Franz Xaver Zacherl, who changed the brewery's name to Paulaner and trademarked "Salvator," as it had become the generic name for the style. In protest, or maybe just in a sign of plain ol' marketing savvy, other breweries appended the suffix "-ator" to the names of their own doppelbocks, and to this day we enjoy examples called Optimator, Animator, Celebrator, and the like. Eventually, however, the citizens of Munich began calling it a "double bock"; funnily enough, Paulaner then had to fall in line with its competitors and include "doppelbock" on its labels.

A good doppelbock—the more common dark versions, anyway, and yes, they can be light in color—will typically

malt character. That very trait is why I suspect that if I could travel back in time and offer those monastic brewers fresh chocolate chip cookies to go with their Salvator, they'd break that fast on the doppel. 

## Doppelbock by the Numbers

**Main Ingredients:** Munich and Vienna malt, noble hops, soft to fairly carbonated water, and lager yeast  
**IBUs:** 16–26  
**SRM:** 6–25  
**ABV:** 7–10%

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by Michelle M. Metter



**Sunhee Park, a sommelier at Wally's Beverly Hills,** splits her time between the establishment's retail shop and restaurant. We chatted with Park about her path to the wine industry and what the average day looks like behind the scenes at the iconic Southern California retailer.

**Q Tell me about your current role and responsibilities.**

Wally's is a very fast-paced, dynamic environment where you get to work with a wide range of wines in different styles and price points. It is truly a destination for wine lovers, and we have guests visiting from all over the world. I start my day off by going over my inventory, checking to see what I am low on and what needs to be replenished. We have a vast selec-

tion available to both our dining guests and retail shoppers, so things turn over very quickly; I could bring in a case of something, come back the next day, and find out every single bottle has been sold out. Also, our wine list is updated weekly, so I need to make sure my servers are up to date with the new offerings.

**Q How would you describe your journey into the wine industry?**

My wine journey started out of curiosity. I was an occasional wine drinker, and when I saw people wax poetic about what they were drinking, I became curious what all the fuss was about. I started going to tastings and workshops here and there, but it wasn't enough, and soon I found myself wanting to learn more in a structured setting. So I enrolled myself in wine courses, which eventually led to getting a diploma with WSET. I am fascinated by the fact that wine is an amalgamation of many different fields. Take Champagne, for example: You not only learn about how the bubbles get in the wine but also the history of the region, why the soil and climate matter, and so on. I also love how wine brings people together.

**Q Are you currently helping to mentor a team, and if so, what does that look like in the current climate?**

I try to make myself available to my team members as much as I can. Since we have a vast selection that turns over so quickly, it is important to keep everyone up to date. When I see someone struggling to grasp the concept of appellation or feeling intimidated about the pompousness of wine talk, I tell them not to worry and remember that they're dealing with a beverage, not operating on someone. Also, during the pandemic we were running as a wine shop only, and therefore there was a lot of fine-tuning to do to the wine list when we were allowed to reopen the restaurant. We also had quite a few new members joining the team, so bringing them up to speed was crucial.

**Q You have ten minutes and one bottle of wine. What are you drinking and who are you with?**

I'm loving the Bierzo made by Raúl Pérez. It's fresh and precise, with a pleasant earthy undertone. I'm having this with my hubby, who appreciates whatever bottle I open for him. 



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# “Just a Bunch of Liquor Nerds”

KIKI LITCHFIELD AND DAVID  
MAGUIRE SHAKE IT UP  
WITH AUSTIN, TX, RETAILER  
**THE AUSTIN SHAKER**

**The first time I walked into liquor retailer The Austin Shaker,**

it felt as if I were stepping back into a time before the pandemic, when a typical Thursday evening was spent meeting friends at my neighborhood bar. Perhaps it was the familiar woody aroma, the upbeat music, or the hip and exceptionally friendly staff that greeted me upon entering, but the mood it evoked was exactly what Kiki Litchfield and her husband/partner David Maguire were hoping for when opening the first of what are now three store locations in Austin, Texas, in 2015.

When Litchfield moved to Austin in 2013, she was surprised at the lack of retail stores catering to the professional bar community despite the city’s huge cocktail scene. Noticing an old liquor store for rent while driving home one evening, she knew instantly that it would be the perfect spot to start a business, and—with just six months of savings to her name and the warnings of countless naysayers in her head—signed the lease just five days later. She may not have been able to predict the eventual success of her leap of faith, but what she did know about was liquor.

As she explains, Litchfield started bartending at a young age back in the 1990s, when Cosmopolitans and Apple Martinis were all the rage. “Eventually, once those trends passed and people started caring more about where everything came from, it was just a natural progression—you start learning more about what you’re doing,” she notes. Also, whenever she has a question, she asks Maguire: “David has a wealth of knowledge. He’s one of those guys that can remember everything about everything.”

Meanwhile, Litchfield continues to watch new trends come and go. For instance, “the ready-to-drink and seltzer category has absolutely exploded” in a city with a population as young as Austin’s, she points out: “When you’re in your 20s, you’re looking for the easiest thing to drink and not necessarily looking for designer craft cocktails.” But she remains steadfast in her commitment to quality. No matter how beautiful the package, how cool the backstory, or which celebrity backs it, she says, “If the juice doesn’t taste good and it isn’t made in an upstanding way, I’m not going to carry it.” The Austin Shaker’s amazing selection is proof of this statement. From hard-to-find amaros and bitters to books and barware, it’s a go-to for enthusiasts and industry pros alike.

Just as rewarding, Litchfield says, is being able to provide a comfortable and accepting work environment for her team; after all, a welcoming staff is key to any retail business, and she believes in leading by example. Whether teaching them how to make cocktails or learning their kids’ names, she aims to provide the same level of service to her customers as she did when bartending. In her words, “We’re just a small company that’s trying to do the best we can . . . a bunch of liquor nerds [making] sure everybody gets a chance to try cool stuff.” **LF**

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# A Focus on Finishes, Part II

In my last column, I took a look at finishing—the increasingly popular practice of transferring aging whisky to an alternative barrel in order to add different flavours and/or greater complexity to the final product.

As I noted, a handful of producers of single malt Scotch began experimenting with finishes back in the early 1980s, and after a slow start, the technique was more widely adopted by other distilleries. But because it's expensive and time-consuming, it remained largely confined to single malts, with their smaller volumes and higher prices—until recently.

After all, unchanging character was the point of blended whisky: Loyal consumers wanted and needed to know that their bottle of choice would be the same time after time. Delivering this consistency was considered the master blender's single most important skill.

No longer, it seems. Though brands' core expressions will, generally speaking, remain true to house style, the sales and marketing opportunities presented by finishing haven't gone unnoticed—and the blenders themselves appear to relish the challenge of creating new small-batch whiskies. (Presumably it makes for a nice break from the day job!) Hence the arrival of a new generation of blends with alternative finishes, notably presented by two major producers.

For Johnnie Walker, access to Diageo's unrivalled stocks meant

an opportunity to experiment while turning the PR spotlight on younger members of its 12-member-strong blending team. The Blender's Batch range, launched in 2016, has expanded to include such limited releases as Johnnie Walker Red Rye, Rum Cask, Wine Cask Blend, Espresso Roast, Triple Grain American Oak, and, most recently, Blenders' Batch Sherry Cask—though it should be noted that only the Triple Grain American Oak and the Wine Cask styles are available in the U.S. market. More recently, Johnnie Walker has concentrated on other special releases like the Celebratory Blend, Blue Label Legendary Eight, and the Bicentenary Blend to mark the brand's 200th anniversary, though the pandemic inevitably muted the celebrations.

Not to be outdone, in early 2019 rival Dewar's launched its Double Double range, a premium collection of 21-, 27-, and 32-year-old blended Scotch whiskies in stylish 50-centiliter bottles that showcased the effect of three different types of Sherry casks. They quickly sold out.

In June of that year, the regulations controlling the maturation of Scotch whisky were relaxed to allow many new cask types (see my column in the September 2019 issue of *The Tasting Panel*). Refusing to rest on her Double Double laurels, Dewar's master blender Stephanie Macleod—the first female winner of the Whisky of the Year award and two-time Master Blender

of the Year at the International Whisky Competition—was quick to respond to this opportunity with the Dewar's Smooth range.

This collection of eight-year-old blended Scotch now comprises Caribbean Smooth (finished in rum casks), Illegal Smooth (mezcal), Portuguese Smooth (Port), and the latest expression, Dewar's Japanese Smooth, which launched July 1. In contrast with the luxury Double Double whiskies, the Smooth range is affordable and accessible—and, according to my spies inside the brand, it has been so well received that both the Caribbean Smooth (\$22) and Japanese Smooth (\$25, reflecting the cost of rare Mizunara wood casks) will remain as permanent additions to the line.

Experiments like these reflect the industry's considerable efforts to seduce more discerning consumers and malt mavens. However the market develops, it seems unlikely that we're finished with finishes. **WZ**



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Free Range Flower Winery founder Aaliyah Nitoto.

**Florals are welcome aromas in some of the world's most beloved wine varieties**, but there is yet another option out there for those who stop to smell the roses or submerge themselves in lavender baths as a means of relaxation: Free Range Flower Winery in Oakland, California. It's run by herbalist turned winemaker Aaliyah Nitoto, who's dedicated to fermenting organic and sustainable wines out of—you guessed it—flowers.

Nitoto's career transition sounds novel, but as she explains, it's rooted in history. "This process can be traced back to ancient techniques learned through herbalists [who were] making wine [with] herbs and flowers" in Ancient Greece, China, Europe, and even North America, she notes. But because these "garden" or "country" wines were typically made by middle- to lower-class women who were utilizing plants they had access to on their own properties, such as dandelions and elderflowers, the stories behind their creation were largely undocumented. Nitoto's own enological journey started with a desire to recover the forgotten skills of these women, whose wines were disregarded in favor of grape-based winemaking. Lamenting "the volume of history that was lost because the people making [flower wines] were not people with power or money," she says, "I am just bringing it back."

Nitoto spent almost eight years perfecting her lavender wine recipe before founding Free Range Flower Winery in 2018. Her process starts off in one of two ways: The first, like making tea, involves pouring boiling water over whole flowers and letting them briefly steep, while the other involves soaking macerated flowers in cold water for a longer period of time. From there, her approach is tailored to the specific plant. For example, the strong, aromatic, and bitter lavender wine requires extra care. "[Lavender] takes finessing to pull out the essence so that you can get the experience that you get smelling it, but in a glass and on your tongue," she says. Anyone who has seen hummingbirds navigating from bud to bud in search of nectar knows that some flowers have an inherent sweetness; while Nitoto often must add some sugar to reach the desired alcohol levels, she has recently been experimenting with naturally sweet pineapple guava flowers. They're handpicked fresh, a process known as "wild crafting," rather than sourced dry from local growers like most of her ingredients.

So what's it like to drink a glass of liquid rose and hibiscus or marigold? Nitoto describes a feeling of replenishment that's tied to her bond with the land and her goal of revitalizing history: "When I can put my fingers in the dirt, and when I am able to put my fingers in flowers and pick them and work with them, it connects me back to my source—and that's what I hope people feel when drinking the wine." **V**







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# All Hail the King of Riesling

A ROUNDUP OF CURRENT RELEASES FROM THE **LOOSEN BROS.** PORTFOLIO

by Anthony Dias Blue

**Known in Mosel, Germany,** as “the King of Riesling,” Ernst Loosen trained as an archaeologist before taking over the Loosen vineyards owned by his family for more than 200 years. He immediately implemented modern winegrowing and winemaking techniques, providing a serious impetus for other Mosel producers to up their game; in addition, he purchased an estate in the Pfalz region that’s now called Villa Wolf.

Loosen Bros., meanwhile, has become an important importer of premium producers from the region—which is Europe’s northernmost viable wine-producing area—to the U.S., thanks to a business partnership with Washington’s Chateau Ste. Michelle.

These are some of the best Rieslings in the world; here are my tasting notes for the current releases.

## MAXIMIN GRÜNHÄUSER

**2019 Herrenberg Riesling, Mosel (\$62)** A stunning dry wine with fresh flavors of lime and minerals; lush, tangy, and long. A triumph. **95**

The Dr. Loosen estate in Germany’s Mosel region.

**2019 Abtsberg Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$70)** Brilliant, tangy, and elegant. Balanced and juicy; long and lovely. **95**

**2019 Maximin Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$16)** Off-dry. Smooth and clean; fresh and long. **88**

**2019 Monopol Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$22)** Dry, pétillant, and bright with fresh lime. **91**

**2019 Herrenberg Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$34)** A lovely traditional sweet wine with a smooth texture and notes of ripe lime and honey; long and balanced. **94**

**2019 Abtsberg Riesling Spätlese, Mosel, Germany (\$46)** Sweet, creamy, and classic, with vanilla, honey, and ripe lime; elegant and long. **94**

## WITTMANN

**2019 Estate Riesling Trocken, Rheinhessen, Germany (\$20)** Fresh, racy, and juicy, with a lime nose, tangy acidity, and uplifted flavors of lime and citrus; snappy yet warm and charming. **92**



## VILLA WOLF

**2013 Waschenheimer Belz Riesling Dry, Pfalz, Germany (\$32)** The floral nose melds with rich, deep flavors of white flowers and citrus; clean and long. **91**

**2013 Forster Pechstein Riesling Dry, Pfalz, Germany (\$40)** Aromatic, dense, and ripe; balanced and complex. **92**

**2019 Riesling Dry, Pfalz, Germany (\$12)** Dry and crisp yet smooth with fresh lime; aromatic, long, and a great value. **90**

**2019 Riesling, Pfalz, Germany (\$12)** Fresh, bright, and tangy, with balanced sweetness and soft citrus. **90**

## DR. LOOSEN

**Dr. L NV Sparkling Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$16)** Off-dry. Bright and crisp; juicy and peachy; balanced and delightful. A great value. **91**

**2014 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Réserve, Mosel, Germany (\$92)** Smooth, dense, and lush, this dry wine demonstrates the potential of aged Riesling. Pure, rich, and long, with mature flavors of ripe peach. **95**

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**2014 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Réserve, Mosel, Germany (\$92)** Lush and seamless, this is a superb aged Riesling, with complex, mature flavors and a lasting finish. **96**

**2014 Erdener Prälater Riesling Réserve, Mosel, Germany (\$162)** Dry, fresh, and tangy yet creamy, with racy citrus and ripe peach; balanced, pure, and long. **95**



**2018 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Alte Reben Dry, Mosel, Germany (\$54)** Sleek and elegant, with juicy peach and citrus. It's a lovely food wine. **94**

**2018 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Alte Reben Dry, Mosel, Germany (\$54)** Racy, refined, and long, with green peach and citrus. **94**

**2018 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Alte Reben Dry, Mosel, Germany (\$54)** Deep and luscious, this stunning example of a classic dry Riesling shows peach, lime, and great finesse. An icon. **96**

**2019 Red Slate Riesling Dry, Mosel, Germany (\$18)** Smooth, clean, and simple; dry but soft, with fresh fruit. Balanced, long, and a good value. **88**

**2019 Blue Slate Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$22)** Lively, tangy, and sweet, with racy acidity. **93**

**2019 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$28)** Crisp and sweet, with notes of peach and honey balanced by fine acid structure; pure and long. **94**

**2019 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$28)** Rich and lush with ripe peach and citrus. **95**

**2019 Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese, Mosel, Germany (\$34)** Intensely sweet, with notes of peach and tangy citrus, yet balanced and long. **95**

**2019 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Spätlese, Mosel, Germany (\$34)** Fresh and creamy, with notes of honey, candied apricot, and vanilla. Pure and spectacular. **96**

#### FRITZ HAAG

**2019 Riesling Trocken, Mosel, Germany (\$20)** Smooth yet fresh and crisp; racy and tangy, with lively citrus and fine acidity. **92**

**2019 Brauneberger Riesling Trocken, Mosel, Germany (\$30)** Juicy and dense; clean yet rich with apple and citrus; balanced and long. **92**



Author Anthony Dias Blue with a lineup of Dr. Loosen wines.

**2019 Juffer Riesling Trocken, Mosel, Germany (\$46)** Silky texture; rich yet crisp, with layers of complex flavors; pure and elegant. **94**

**2019 Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Trocken, Mosel, Germany (\$58)** Dry, dynamic, precise, and long, with apple and citrus. **95**

**2019 Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$26)** Juicy, crisp, and classic; balanced, fresh, and elegant. **94**

**2019 Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese, Mosel, Germany (\$42)** Smooth and sweet, this exemplifies extra-ripe Riesling. Pure, deep, and long. **94**

**2019 Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese, Mosel, Germany (\$56)** Creamy and juicy, with notes of ripe peach, honey, and vanilla. A spectacular wine. **96**



#### ZILLIKEN

**2019 Rausch Riesling, Saarburg, Mosel, Germany (\$80)** Smooth and dry, with floral notes; round and rich yet elegant. Lovely. **94**

**2019 Butterfly Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$22)** Luscious with peach and citrus yet fresh and clean; silky, balanced, and long. **91**

**2019 Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$22)** Ripe and lush with sweet peach and lime; pure and elegant. **92**

**2019 Saarburg Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$28)** Fresh yet rich, with lively acidity and lots of charm. **93**

**2019 Rausch Riesling Kabinett, Saarburg, Mosel, Germany (\$44)** Lush and crisp, with racy acidity and ripe peach; concentrated and dazzling. **94**

**2019 Rausch Riesling Spätlese, Saarburg, Mosel, Germany (\$64)** Honey nose; intensely sweet, with lovely notes of ripe peach, honeysuckle, and vanilla; long and exquisite. **95**

**2019 Rausch Riesling Auslese, Saarburg, Mosel, Germany (\$104)** Honeysuckle nose; creamy and intense, with honeyed peach and crisp acidity. **96**



#### WEINGUT ROBERT WEIL

**2019 Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, Germany (\$20)** Silky, bright, and juicy; dry and classic, with lime and citrus. **92**

**2019 Kiedricher Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, Germany (\$38)** Smooth, floral, and luscious; elegant, classic, and long. **94**

**2019 Kiedrich Turmberg Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, Germany (\$55)** Bright citrus nose and notes of dry, juicy lime and citrus; pure, with balance and finesse. **94**

**2019 Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, Germany (\$90)** Floral and bursting with fresh lime; ripe, long, and smashing. **95**

**2019 Riesling Tradition, Rheingau, Germany (\$20)** Clean, round, and balanced; juicy and sweet, with citrus and honey. **92**

**2019 Riesling Spätlese, Rheingau, Germany (\$30)** Ripe and lush yet balanced, with elegant style and notes of vanilla. **94**

**2019 Kiedrich Gräfenberg Riesling Spätlese, Rheingau, Germany (\$90)** Exquisite, with sweet notes of citrus, honey, and vanilla; juicy and tangy yet complex, long, and lovely. **96** [TW](#)



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# Message in a Bottle

**SEAGLASS WINE COMPANY** DELIVERS A TASTE OF THE CENTRAL COAST

by Paris Vasser

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**When ocean tides hit the California shoreline**, they scatter what appear to be colorful gems across the sands. Located in Santa Barbara County, SEAGLASS Wine Company adorns each of its labels with pastel illustrations of these shards of sea glass—an ode to the coastal setting that gives the wines their distinctive character.

The cool climate and marine layer here create ideal conditions for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and the Los Alamos Vineyard—itsself a gem nestled within the sands of the Santa Ynez Valley—is a prime example of the area’s viticultural virtues. Established 20 years ago, the site was originally used for cattle and cow grazing; today, remnants of the grass remain, and longtime SEAGLASS viticulturist Matt Frank still refers to it as “the ranch.”

Los Alamos Vineyard is located  
20 miles from the Pacific Ocean  
in the Santa Ynez Valley.



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Like its namesake gems hidden in the sands of the Central Coast, SEAGLASS wines are true products of the Pacific. Each wine is a message in a bottle from the ocean, expressing the coastal characteristics of enviable sites like Los Alamos in every glass. **▮**

**SEAGLASS viticulturist Matt Frank.**

Santa Ynez is marked by a rare east-west coastal range and influenced by marine winds. But what sets Los Alamos apart from nearby vineyards are its sandy soils, says Frank: “The ranch is like beach sand. It’s very light—almost white—and is a unique soil that you don’t have anywhere else.” It also heats up early, which Frank welcomes, as it not only helps to initiate early budbreak but also allows for water to easily navigate through the vineyard; it dries quickly and drains rapidly, resulting in small grape clusters with concentrated flavor. “We have a lot of control because of the sand, since the water flows right through it. We can stop vegetative growth whenever we want,” says Frank. This allows the vines to focus less on secondary growth, which can lead to watery fruit and bland flavors, and instead utilize all of their energy on producing grapes with mature, ripe flavors and inherent minerality.

Also crucial to the health of the vines is the coastal fog cover that settles over the vines in the early evening. “The marine influence comes in with the wind around 6 or 7 p.m., and the fog will cover the vineyard,” giving the vines “time to relax” and enabling the grapes to maintain their acidity, Frank explains. But the vines also “get plenty of time in the sun, [which mitigates] rot, mold, or mildew” and greatly reduces the need for pesticides.

In his ten years of experience in working on SEAGLASS’ Los Alamos ranch, Frank has developed a connection and sense of familiarity with the vineyard that aids his approach to cultivating it. Early on, the self-proclaimed “plant nerd” would exert energy trying to manipulate the vines, but after taking a step back to reassess his philosophy, he’s embraced the grapes’ natural qualities. “As I’ve matured over time, it’s more about, ‘What’s the least we can do to promote the varietal character and express the terroir and what makes it so unique?’” he says. The answer partially involves planting the right varieties, such as Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay, and installing the most effective trellis systems—in this case the Lyre, Vertical Shoot Position (VSP), and Modified VSP systems—to provide the optimal balance of sun and shade while protecting the clusters and increasing yields.

Los Alamos is home to more than vines and sand: An abundance of wildlife—sometimes even a roadrunner or two—mingles with Frank’s day-to-day routine at the vineyard. Keeping this coastal habitat intact is a priority for SEAGLASS, which is SIP (Sustainability in Practice) Certified and implements practices such as canopy management and the use of cover crops. The company also contributes to organizations, among them the Coastal Conservation Association Texas and



**SEAGLASS 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Barbara County (\$12)**

The brand is named for the sea glass depicted on the label. Polished by the wind, sea, and fog, these stones represent the maritime terroir where the grapes are sourced along California’s Central Coast—namely Los Alamos Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, situated 20 miles from the Pacific. Flinty aromas accompanied by grapefruit peel

give way to a palate that shows more of a floral tone. Lifting and sweet notes of juicy pear, tangerine, and honey precede the tart grapefruit-lime finish.

**90** —Meridith May

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## Ballard Lane 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast (\$13)

Sweet and tart grapefruit notes are softened by honeyed pear, vanilla, and chamomile. A charming salinity whets the palate before adding pizzazz to the finish. **90.5**

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## Bonterra 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, California (\$14)

Fresh scents of lemon blossom waft from this organic blend of 88% Sauv Blanc, 5% Chardonnay, 4% Verdelho, and 3% other white grapes. Floral notes persist in the mouth, key to the profile of this spring garden of a wine. Hibiscus, honeysuckle, mango, and just-squeezed lime are gracefully zippy. **90**

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## Tree Fort 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Monterey (\$17)

Mouth-filling notes of nougat and key lime surround a crisp grapefruit core. Tropical fruit and a divine wash of floral and herbal notes coat the tongue. **91**

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## Villa Maria 2020 Single Vineyard Taylors Pass Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$27)

A stately white with minerality and herbs commingling in a steely frame. Salted lemon drop, jalapeño, and oregano walk along the tightrope of acid structure. **92**

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## Merry Edwards 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$45)

Aged sur lie for four months in 18% new French oak, this wine does not disappoint as it reveals the floral components we have come to love from it year after year. Luxurious scents and flavors include white petals scattered throughout an English garden on a bright spring day. Juicy pear and white peach are enhanced by a hint of guava and an inherent crispness on the lush mouthfeel. **94**

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## Le Garenne 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, Loire Valley (\$15)

Herbal scents of dill and snap pea intertwine with wet stone and honeysuckle on the expressive nose. The flinty palate leaves the mouth dry, but striking salinity creates a mouthwatering effect that adds to the wine's lively, even racy character. Honeysuckle, lemon verbena, and kiwi play a part in the deliciousness from start to finish. **91**

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## Cannonball 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, California (\$15)

Dry Creek Valley, Lake County, and Monterey provided the fruit for this vivacious unoaked Sauv Blanc. Zippy notes of grapefruit, just-ripened nectarine, honeysuckle, and lemon meringue leave a clean taste on the palate. Herbal notes follow on the finish. **90**

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Jaime Araujo is proprietor of the Trois Noix label.

## Ehlers Estate 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$36)

A glossy, glassy array of citrus, tropical fruit, and white flowers. Creamy to the finish, with a light patter of papaya and salted pear. Aged in 72% stainless steel, 22% concrete egg, and 6% new French oak puncheon. **94**



## Trois Noix 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$40)

Vintner Jaime Araujo has our attention with this stunner. Based on the Musqué clone from a small plot in the Oak Knoll District, it's aged in 48% neutral French oak and 52% stainless steel. Pineapple and lime emerge as extroverted characters on the first pass, followed by fresh and exacting flavors of buttercup, powdered sugar, and lemon ice. The finish is crisp and racy. **93** 





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**Nicolas Fanucci is chef and owner of Nicolas’ Eatery in Malibu, CA.**

# “We’re Hiring!”

## REFLECTIONS ON THE STAFFING SHORTAGE

**It’s a hot topic across the nation:** The hospitality industry went from 0 to 100 as soon as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, and now we’re all scrambling to keep up with the influx of customers who are itching for a cocktail and any food that is not made in a microwave.

For a year, those of us who weren’t laid off sat by the phones at work, twiddling our thumbs and waiting for takeout orders to be placed. Now, “We’re Hiring!” signs are on the front of nearly every restaurant. I’ve heard horror stories about restaurateurs unable to reopen their dining rooms due to the employee shortage, and a lot of the cooks at the establishment where I work in Southern California are being pulled in multiple directions, since most of them have second jobs; there are times that I as a GM sense there is a masked man lurking outside my restaurant, luring half our staff away. (Poacher, you know who you are.) Our chef is working nonstop to keep the food coming, and his back hurts. Some servers are now wearing multiple hats, picking up supervisor shifts in addition

to their serving jobs so that our AGM and I can take days off to rest. (Thank you, Emilio and Anthony.)

I turned to a couple of other friends in the business to get their opinions on the latest crisis. Nicolas Fanucci, chef and owner of Nicolas’ Eatery in Malibu, said his employees were readjusting to a fast-paced environment: “We have a very small team now, and it is taking some time to [get] back to normal. They want to be busy and see success; however, with the shortage in staff, it requires them to do more work to compensate for the ones who did not return.” (Fanucci’s family also helps out, both in the front and the back of the house.)

Amber Cassle, co-GM of Larsen’s Grill in Simi Valley, observed that “we are all on a nonstop ride for sure. The restaurant industry has been severely attacked [for increasing COVID-19 transmission], when in fact there still has been no proof. Now, you have patrons [confused by] this, and some want to sit at the bar and some still want to sit outside, [so] all you can do

is fasten the seat belt and take it day by day.” After losing valuable employees to a competing steakhouse, Cassle has been fighting to keep them by offering pay raises and accommodating everyone’s schedule requests as much as possible.

As hard as things have been, there are positives as well. Above all, we are so grateful for the return of business; it’s a genuine pleasure—and honor—to welcome our community again. We had missed our work families and love the renewed camaraderie among our teams. The Brené Brown quote on my desk calendar today is a good fit: “The courage to be vulnerable is not about winning or losing; it’s about the courage to show up when you can’t predict or control the outcome.” And here we are. **EM**

*Comments or general life questions? Send Roberts an email at 100proofemma@gmail.com or reach out to her through her YouTube channel, 100 Proof Emma, or Instagram @100proofemma.*

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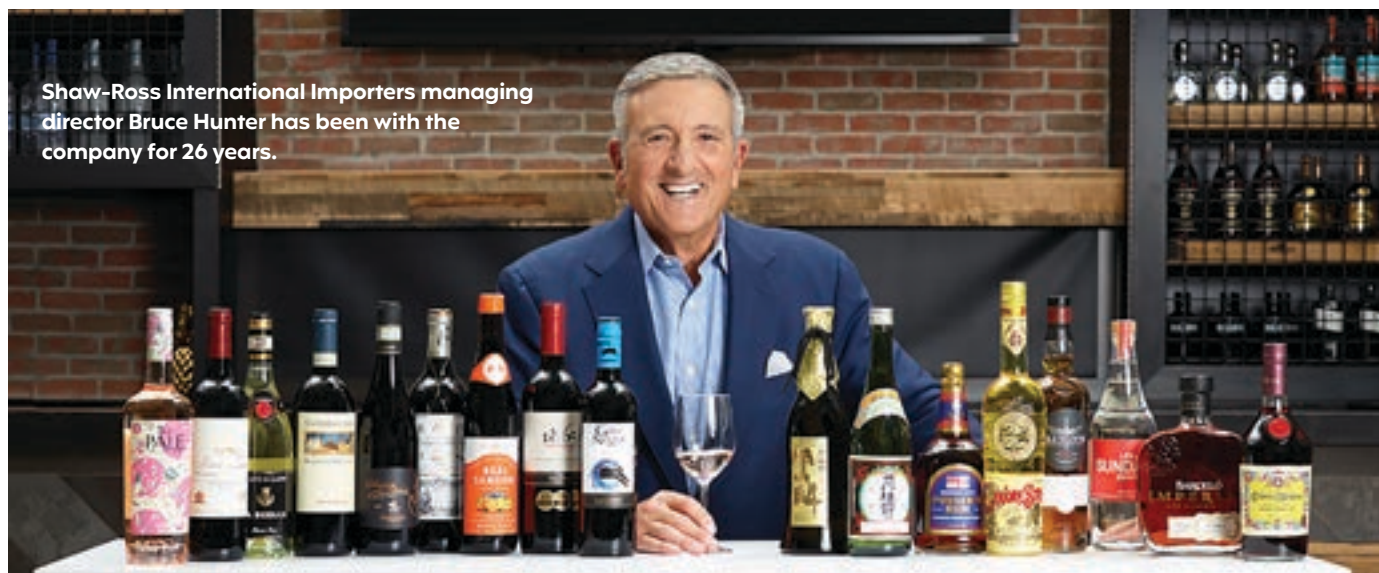


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Shaw-Ross International Importers managing director Bruce Hunter has been with the company for 26 years.

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# Brand Champions

BRUCE HUNTER PRESIDES OVER **SHAW-ROSS INTERNATIONAL IMPORTERS'** DYNAMIC PORTFOLIO *by Meredith May*

**About two years** after he was promoted to managing director of Shaw-Ross International Importers in 2007, Bruce Hunter would make an impact on the global wine industry by introducing a then little-known Provençal rosé called Whispering Angel to the U.S. marketplace.

His good friend, winemaker Sacha Lichine, had invited him to Château d'Esclans in the south of France to introduce him to the wine; at first, Hunter was hesitant, arguing that rosés did not sell well back home. But being the good, trusting friend he was, he agreed to add it to the Shaw-Ross portfolio. Not only has Whispering Angel blossomed here, one could say it has since become a veritable pink beanstalk towering over the marketplace, accounting for about 20% of all Provençal rosé sold in the U.S. "We started at zero and we are now up to half a million cases," Hunter says. In short, Shaw-Ross is responsible for the rise of rosé to the iconic category leader it is today.

But that's just one of many success stories that Hunter and his team at Shaw-Ross have to tell. What started as a boutique importing group in 1968 has since grown to become a major player,

expanding its sales team, educational staff, and brand managers to bring prestigious wine and spirits brands from around the globe into its portfolio.

As champions of saké, Shaw-Ross also took over the Gekkeikan brand under Hunter's watch. "We are one of the few importers who have a full team of WSET-certified Level 1 saké educators," he proudly reveals; after all, having brand knowledge is one thing, but understanding saké's complicated production process is another. The company and its distributor partners are now selling as many 500,000 cases of Gekkeikan annually, making placements both on- and off-premise. "We were able to break into mainstream restaurants, where wine directors and sommeliers are pouring it chilled into wine glasses; it's a wonderful food-pairing beverage," Hunter says.

Four years ago, Hunter was able to bring in Italian wine giant Frescobaldi purely by being at the right place at the right time. "Sacha [Lichine] was celebrating an important anniversary, and my wife and I flew to France to celebrate with him," he notes. "Lamberto Frescobaldi, a 30th-generation Tuscan winemaker, was there, drinking rosé, of course. I chatted with him in Italian,

and the rest is history—700 years of history, in fact, with Frescobaldi."

But Hunter has not stopped there: Other famous names he's introduced to the portfolio include great Veneto estate Sartori di Verona, La Scolca in the Piedmontese region of Gavi, and Spain's Marques de Riscal and Réal Sangria, as well as Bordeaux's Mouton Cadet. He looks for products that are not only both family-owned and viable with buyers and wholesalers but also have an important story to tell. His sales team and brand managers take that passion from the suppliers to the street.

Once connected to Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Shaw-Ross has been an independent importer and exporter for seven years, although SGWS is its largest wholesale partner throughout the States. Beyond his talent for bringing in top producers, how does Hunter keep the company relevant? "We don't have a crystal ball, but we are still, and will always be, a people business," he says. "We don't want to just be a collector of brands, so we find out what the buyers and distributors want to sell, maintain personal contact, and stay true to our mantra: 'People building brands.' We believe that we can communicate that passion to our customers." *LE*

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“Talkies” are the little cards appended to retail shelves that educate the consumer through tasting notes and, sometimes, ratings. They are an invaluable tool when there isn’t a knowledgeable employee available and/or the customer is too intimidated to ask for help. For this reason, we are supplementing the traditional rating system with our “Talkie” rating system to assess retail wines/spirits/beers based on the aforementioned factors—and, of course, taste!

#### 1 TALKIE

Clear, legible label; solid branding. Good overall for retail.

#### 2 TALKIES

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**SEAGLASS 2020 Rosé, Monterey County (\$12)** This blend of 49% Pinot Noir, 29% Grenache, and 22% Syrah exudes keen aromas of red berries and acacia. Ripe and juicy strawberries are washed by a salty sea breeze as white flower petals, tangerines, and a touch of vanilla quench the dry mouthfeel. **90**



TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES



**Noble Vines Collection 2018 Marquis Red, California (\$12)** Aged in American and French oak, this dense, ripe, rich red is a multidimensional powerhouse that lends sweetness to layers of fruit that weave between brown-sugared blueberry and sage-kissed cedar. **90**



DELICATO FAMILY WINES



**Blue Canyon 2019 Estate Grown Chardonnay, Monterey County (\$13)** Blue Canyon is situated 100 yards from the Monterey Bay, a funnel for morning fog and afternoon winds with plenty of sunshine. The lean and lithe body offers up notes of lime ice, vanilla bean, and green apple. Scented with Italian herbs, pineapple and pear are sweetened by well-integrated oak. **90**



SCHIED FAMILY WINES



**Butternut 2019 Chardonnay, California (\$15)** Grapes from California’s best Chardonnay growing regions are sourced for this extroverted expression. The oak influence displays subtle notes of vanilla custard atop apple pie. The taste factor is high with this wine, as is its demonstration of great balance between acid and fruit. **91**



MILLER FAMILY WINE COMPANY



**RED I.Q. 2018 Red Wine, Columbia Valley, Washington (\$15)** Sourced from vineyards in Horse Heaven Hills and the Walla Walla Valley, this blend of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, and 14% Petit Verdot offers a spice rack of deep flavors: Black cherry, clove, and cinnamon are joined by cracked black peppercorn and chili pepper, which keep the palate zingy. It’s a great value: Labor-intensive blending and aging in French oak for 20 months ensure its I.Q. score soars above its price. **91**



**No Curfew 2018 Red Wine, California (\$15)** This is a fitting label for the times, now that more and more of us are able to go out at night and safely enjoy ourselves. As the blend of 92% Zinfandel and 8% Petite Sirah opens up, its delightful array of floral aromas proves quite appealing. Dark fruit laced with lavender splashes the palate alongside round tannins; the ripe character shows both a sweet side and a savory component thanks to sour cherry and beetroot. This wine overdelivers. **90**



AMICI CELLARS



**Trapiche 2019 Tesoro Cabernet Sauvignon, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$15)** A sturdy body with a bolster of black fruit and anise follows a line of minerality. The mouthfeel is formidable as well as elegant and upright, offering notes of violets tinged with salted cedar. Aged 13 months in French and American oak. **90**

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VINTAGE WINE ESTATES



**Angels & Cowboys Brut, California**

(\$23) Produced in the méthode traditionnelle, this blend of 56% Pinot Noir; 40% Chardonnay, and 4% reserve wine exhibits a note of Northern California terroir in its minerality. Apple and tapioca meld with notes of fresh brioche on the nose and palate. A lovely, creamy finish follows lightly prancing bubbles that emit an energetic burst of lemon verben. **90**

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**J. Lohr 2019 October Night Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, Monterey County**

(\$25) Emulating the key clones from the Burgundy Grand Cru Corton-Charlemagne, the highly aromatic Dijon Clone 809 and a smaller amount of Clone 548 have an impact on the style of this graceful white. Brilliant notes of sun-kissed lemon, orange blossom, and honeyed cashew surround a core of deeper flavors. It's as palate coating as it is crisp, with a hint of mocha nougat and a wash of pineapple that show its layered effect. **92**



**The Pale Rosé by Sacha Lichine, Provence, France**

(\$17) Aromas of candied orange peel and mineral-kissed white flowers are clean and inviting, and on the palate, pink grapefruit is washed by meringue sweetness and tempered by cherry pith. A dynamic streak of crushed stone races across the tongue before melon and lilac appear on the finish. **93**

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**Painted Fields 2020 Cuvée Blanc, Sierra Foothills, Amador County**

(\$25) Joining Vermentino as the lead at 68%, 15% Chenin Blanc, 10% Arinto, and 7% Sémillon make for a fabulously aromatic cast. The perfume of honeysuckle, gingerbread, and white peach is stunning, and on the palate, apple tart makes a play for sugared jasmine and white tea flowers as kiwi and peach pair up. Superb acidity gives way to a long finish. **93**

ANDIS WINES



**Schild Estate 2017 Ben Schild Shiraz, Angus Brae Vineyard, Barossa Valley, South Australia**

(\$30) Perky with notes of creamy, spiced boysenberry and iron, this juicy red from the Angus Brae Vineyard (*brae* is Scottish for "steep hillside") matured in French, Hungarian, and American oak for 18 months. It's seamless and delicious, with hints of grilled sausage, white pepper, and cinnamon. **92.5**



**Three Finger Jack 2018 East Side Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi**

(\$20) Blended with a small amount of Petite Sirah and Malbec, this big-shouldered Cab offers up cedar, Worcestershire sauce, and tarry notes of blackberry preserves. Roasted coffee beans combine with plum-brandy notes for a concentrated mouthfeel as plush tannins go deep. **91**

DELICATO FAMILY WINES




**MacRostie 2019 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast**

(\$25) Sourcing from vineyards in Carneros, the Russian River Valley, and the Petaluma Gap, winemaker Heidi Bridenbagen works with such prestigious growers as the Duttons, Sangiacomos, and Martinellis to make this spiritual white. It possesses an inner glow thanks to the juiciest peach, the sweetness of honeysuckle, and a splash of tangerine, which join underlying minerality, a lift of acidity, and a touch of vanilla nougat. The pineapple juice-like finish is memorable. **94**



**Mathis 2017 Überblend, Mathis Vineyard, Sonoma Valley**

(\$35) With a foundation of 42% Petite Sirah joining 23% Grenache, 22% Carignan, and 13% Alicante Bouschet, this wine showcases plush tannins with textural, teeth-grabbing cherry skin. Dried violets and roasted coffee bean come into play with a base coat of anise. Big, spiced notes of tobacco lead to a savory finish. **93** 



**Dussek 2017 Syrah, Columbia Valley, Washington**

(\$25) Spiced blackberry is powerful and armed with notes of black pepper and black licorice. A touch of grilled meat adds strength to supple tannins. **89**

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# Up-Scale

VARIED ALTITUDES AND SOIL TYPES HEIGHTEN THE ALLURE OF CHILEAN LUXURY WINERY **VIK**

by **Meridith May**

**In the Millahue Valley at the foot of the Andes** is VIK's ultramodern winery, designed by Chilean architect Smiljan Radić beneath a stretched-fabric roof. The estate, which also houses a hotel and spa called VIK Chile, was built on the idea of minimally impacting the soaring mountain

landscape, offering panoramic views of its private nature reserve. With over 800 acres of vines planted across 12 valleys within the region, VIK produces wines that reflect the nuanced, high-altitude terroir, boasting an assortment of soils and microclimates.

Chief winemaker Cristián Vallejo interprets the Millahue Valley through his aging program. "Two ideas

come to me to find different ways to get 100% microoxygenation from our terroir [and] decrease the high tannic properties of [our] grapes," he explains, noting that introducing small amounts of oxygen into the wine also ensures desired color, aroma, and texture. Vallejo's original terminology offers insight into his conception of clay and oak aging.

**Amphoir:** The word is a combination of "amphora" and "terroir," says Vallejo: "We are making our own amphoras with the clay from our own property to naturally achieve microoxygenation."

**Barroir:** A portmanteau of "barrel" and "terroir." "We have oak trees that are more than 120 years old," Vallejo notes. "We toast the barrels [made] with our native oak."

For my notes on VIK's latest releases, see the sidebar at right. [↗](#)

**A view of the Andes from the ultramodern VIK Winery.**



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**VIK 2015 Millahue, Cachapoval Valley, Chile (\$139)** Winemaker Cristián Vallejo proves he's an artist with this magnificent red. Expressive, concentrated fruit develops as it opens up, while plum, lavender, mountain brush, and charcoal bring in the darker side of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc. It's absolutely fit for royalty. Vallejo comments, "That year was fresh, and the Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc from the various valleys that make up the property see the cold wind from the Pacific. It is really important that the elegant aspects shine through; that's what we were looking for in our wine. The blend shows happy, vibrant tannins and tension with an amazing acidity. The train of tannins open in the middle mouth, using the whole space without heaviness." **96**



**VIK 2018 La Piu Belle, Millahue, Cachapoval Valley, Chile (\$79)** Vallejo describes the 2018 vintage as "fantastic," adding, "For me this harvest reveals the real personality of our vineyard. The wines are very fresh thanks to a long ripening season. I sense an amazing, elegant vibrancy and juicy flavors that push me to find new ways to show the uniqueness from this terroir." If romance could be a flavor, then this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère, and Syrah would be a love affair.

Plush tannins pluck at the heartstrings with piercing notes of violets, ripe boysenberry, and mountain brush. White pepper woos the layers of chocolate and sweet tobacco on the satisfying finish. **95**

**VIK 2018 Milla Cala, Millahue, Cachapoval Valley, Chile (\$39)** There's a purity to this blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Carménère, 14% Cab Franc, 7% Syrah, and 1% Merlot. Fragrant with violets and lavender, it also coats the tongue with floral notes. Cured meats meld with dark blackberry within a suit of silky tannins. Opulent and high-toned, it finishes with toasty mocha that lends a dab of spice to the tongue. Aged 20 months in French barrels. **94**

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# TAKING INVENTORY YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR VOICES

## Given the demands of the hospitality industry, how do you achieve work-life balance?



### GIANNI VIETINA

CO-OWNER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF,  
BIANCA, CULVER CITY, CA

I don't achieve it. My work is my life. I grew up with restaurateurs as parents; my father, Alfio, opened his first restaurant in [the Tuscan town of] Forte dei Marmi in 1962, called Maitó. I would go after school, hang out with my friends there, and help out. In the 1980s, we moved to Los Angeles, where my father opened Madeo Ristorante. My work at Madeo and some other restaurants around the world—including Saudi Arabia and Italy [as well as] across the U.S.—is complemented by my passion for wine. I earned my [title] as a Certified Sommelier and, for a while, taught at the Italian Sommelier Association and the North American Sommelier Association. In 2019 I opened Bianca in Culver City, which is named after my grandmother, in partnership with my brother, Nicola, and Federico Fernandez. It's a bakery and restaurant with a menu influenced by our roots with Argentinian, Italian, and French cuisine. Being a restaurateur and sommelier has always just been part of who I am.

The question suggests that my work and my life exist in two separate worlds, but in reality, it's all one and the same. I don't show up to work as one person, take off my chef coat, and become another person. Maybe it's not about balance; for me, it's about the integration of all [these] things and going with the flow to make the most of each day. Some days I work much longer and other days I step away to spend time with my daughters or travel. . . . Well, actually, they make that happen: Just last month, my wife and daughters scheduled a "mini-vacation," [telling] me it was just a few days to convince me to go, but then I looked at the return ticket and saw they added some extra days.

[But] I also find ways to bring my family and friends together. My customers are my friends, and many are like family to me. I've known some of them for more than 30 years; I even know [some of] their grandchildren. I have been invited to their homes. My crew, I've also known and worked alongside for years, some of them for decades. We experience life together and we work together.

Even my hobbies, like producing Armagnac, is something I actually do with my wife's family. We produce Cyrano, an Armagnac crafted in very small quantities in Gascony, France. We are currently selling it in the U.S., so that has become part of my work and life as well.

[So] maybe the secret is not looking at work and life as separate things but figuring out [where] it all aligns. The goal is alignment over balance.

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## ADAM EVANS

OWNER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF, AUTOMATIC SEAFOOD & OYSTERS, BIRMINGHAM, AL

Right before the pandemic, this was a big issue in the hospitality industry—that’s why you saw a lot of chefs come out and say, “I struggle with drugs and alcohol”—and it’s definitely something my wife and I are focused on. I’m not saying we’ve achieved it; right at this moment, we’re lucky to have a busy restaurant. But we’re expecting our first child at the beginning of August, so we talk about this topic a lot.

It’s [partly] about having the right people working for us, people we trust, so that I don’t have to be here all the time. I used to want to be involved in everything, but I don’t want to do that anymore. It’s about empowering the people who work for us to feel that they’re equipped to answer questions and make decisions, even if they’re not in a direction I would go. That’s what we’re kind of striving for now: “You’re in this position for a reason,” whether it’s the chef who’s running the kitchen or the GM or the floor manager. Also, if I don’t have my family, I’m not going

to be my best self, so I think it’s better for the restaurant if I deal with less of the day-to-day, making fewer decisions that have a bigger impact.

One thing that really helped us is that my wife had never worked in restaurants [before Automatic opened]; she was kind of thrown into the fire. And from an outsider perspective, she would say, “Why would you do [this thing] that way?” Sometimes I couldn’t give her a reason; I’d say, “Well, that’s just the way we’ve always done it.” I realized that sort of mentality is kind of debilitating—in an industry where you rely on creativity, you should be thinking outside the box. [For instance,] why can’t we put as many people as we can on salary, give them the same schedule every week and more stability, and retain more people [that way]? And it’s worked out. Cooks who have had the same schedule for months on end come up to me and say, “Giving me the same off-days has helped me in my life.”

For my days off, my wife got me

a membership to a golf course here, and I’ve been playing every week. Just having that to look forward to has been really nice for me. Fly-fishing is one of my favorite things to do; if I could do that and make money, I would not be a chef anymore. [Laughs.] During the pandemic I was fishing a lot by myself, and I found this 7,000-year-old arrowhead; now I do a lot of artifact hunting. I’ve got a spearfisherman who brings us the most amazing fish, and I want to learn how to spearfish. I want to go scuba diving again. And now I’m able to say to my friends, “Oh, I can do that next Monday.” That kind of sounds silly, but in our industry, it’s not always achievable to have a set schedule and make plans that far in advance. So it’s a work in progress, but we have a good blueprint for achieving a regular life. **LD**

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**Head winemaker Joshua Harp has more than seven harvests at Jada under his belt.**

**Organically farmed since 2014**, Jada Vineyard & Winery is an estate producer of Rhône and Bordeaux-style wines in the Paso Robles sub-AVA of Willow Creek. Chalky, calcareous, high-pH soil and steep elevations define the area—situated in one of the cooler sections of Paso Robles' west side—as much as its abundant sunshine and maritime influence do.

With hilltop terraces that exceed 1,300 feet, Jada has 46 acres of vineyards planted to four clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, three clones of Syrah, and two clones of Grenache as well as Tannat, Viognier, Graciano, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, Malbec, and Merlot. The estate captured our hearts years ago, but its latest releases have us over the moon. Here are some on our wavelength.

### **Jada 2017 Sawbones, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$85)**

Working from Willow Creek's fractured limestone and clay soils, Jada winemaker/alchemist Joshua Harp started with a skeleton of 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Syrah, and 14% Petit Verdot and transformed it into a living thing with heartstrings and a liquid soul. Aged 18 months in French oak, it features a combination of chewy tannins and a luscious coating of chocolate and fennel that makes for an exquisite textural experience. Cloaked in blackberry preserves and slathered in notes of slate, this concentrated red indeed has great bones. **97**



### **Jada 2017 Jersey Girl Syrah, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$66)**


Juicy and mouth-filling, with plenty of concentrated plum integrity—both fruit and skins. Melting bittersweet chocolate claims the palate in tandem with chewy tannins and a voluptuous body. 88% Syrah, 9% Viognier, and 3% Graciano. **97**

### **Jada 2017 Strayts, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$66)**

This opulent red blends 51% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petite Sirah, 13% Petit Verdot, and 3% Malbec from Jada's estate vineyard, which uses organic, Biodynamic, and sustainable farming practices. Unfined and unfiltered, it aged for 15 months in French and neutral oak. Notes of chocolate and plum are lush and round, and violet petals are coated in blueberry nectar. **96**



### **Jada 2017 Hell's Kitchen, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$66)**

A blend of 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache, 16% Graciano, 3% Viognier, and 1% Tannat, this wine is named for the New York neighborhood where winery founder and president Jack Messina's immigrant ancestors lived. Notes of cured meats, cranberry, plum, and white pepper are enveloped in a lush body, with mouth-coating, grainy tannins holding up its broad shoulders. Chocolate and rhubarb meld with a stony core. It's bright from mid-palate to finish, keeping the shadows at bay. **96** 

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# Building a Bigger Glass



## **UNCORKED BY COSMOPOLITAN CELEBRATES THE POWER OF WOMEN AS WINE CONSUMERS**

**BY WANDA MANN**

The Cosmo woman famously wants it all—and now she has a wine to call her own. Founded more than a century ago, the iconic magazine *Cosmopolitan* has long captivated its readers with racy yet down-to-earth articles about life, love, and the career world. Now it's charming them with *Uncorked by Cosmopolitan*, a collection of wines introduced in November 2020 to put the brand's vivacious and adventurous essence in a bottle for young women who are serious about enjoying themselves.

The biggest media company in the world focused on millennial women, *Cosmopolitan* has its finger on the pulse of its audience—and according to editor-in-chief Jessica Pels, what that audience loves is wine. “It’s the center of their girls’ nights, date nights, and, for the past year, their sanity and survival,” she points out. “*Cosmo* readers had more than 32.7 million glasses of wine last week alone and spent \$166 million on wine last year.” And yet, while a number of brands are now being marketed to young women, “there’s really no widely available wine on the market that’s [truly] made for [them], despite their growing buying power. We wanted to do better for them.”

That’s why “boring” is the ultimate insult for the *Uncorked by Cosmopolitan* development team. “Pardon the dig, other wines! But when you walk into a wine store right now, you see serious bottles of

serious wine, designed to be taken seriously. We wanted to make something fun and celebratory, which reflects the lives young women live and the part wine plays in them,” says Pels.

To capture its *joie de vivre* in the form of fermented grapes, *Cosmopolitan* partnered with Napa, California-based Guarachi Family Wines. The company was selected for its excellent track record as both an award-winning producer and distributor, Pels explains, “but what really sold us was the fact that they were so game to let young women call the shots” when it came to style.

Certainly Alex Guarachi, founder and CEO of Guarachi Family Wines, didn’t shy away from the invitation to join the project, appreciating the opportunity to craft entry-level wines: “After a few meetings with our team and the Hearst group, we felt that there were lots of synergies between our companies,” he says. “Guarachi prides itself in producing quality wines at various price points with the customer’s palate in mind. [So] we did not change anything dramatically; the wines were produced with great structure, high-quality fruit, and soft tannins to appeal to millennials.” The Uncorked by *Cosmopolitan* lineup currently consists of a Chardonnay, Rosé, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon, all sourced from vineyards across California and sold in a vibrant and modern package that, from its colorful design to its stress-free screwcaps, conveys the brand’s emphasis on good times. “It’s *Cosmo* in a bottle: a pretty holographic label that’s cool enough to Instagram, genuinely delicious taste, and a price point that’s accessible but also indicative of quality,” asserts Pels. At an SRP of \$15, the wines are available for purchase at Safeway, Kroger, H-E-B, and Albertsons in some markets as well as at *wine.com*.

Also on brand are Uncorked by *Cosmopolitan*’s labels, which steer away from technical terminology in favor of casual and cheeky language that captures moods and moments. The **Uncorked 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon**, for instance, “pairs well with: having friends over for a dinner party, meeting The Parents for the first time, watching



**Cosmopolitan editor-in-chief  
Jessica Pels.**

eight consecutive episodes of a show, *Mercury Retrograde*.”

“That’s enough today for today,” declares the front label of the **Uncorked 2019 Chardonnay**. Lest there be any confusion, the back label brings the message home: “Look, I’m not saying you should stockpile as much of this wine as possible for every single time you have people over. But I’m also not . . . not saying that. Keeping a chilled bottle (or four) of this peachy, pineapple-y refreshing-ness in the fridge makes up for the fact that the

only other thing in there is a single expired yogurt.”

For avid pink drinkers, there’s the **Uncorked 2019 Rosé**, which does not shame them for keeping it to themselves. “We’re just gonna warn you right now: You will NOT want to share this wine. So if you’re planning to bring this citrus-meets-strawberry bottle of goodness to a friend’s place, we suggest you reassess,” the back label brazenly encourages.

“Cuz Mercury’s Always in Retrograde,” it and other astrological



Guarachi Family Wines founder and CEO Alex Guarachi.

shenanigans are blamed for all sorts of drama here on Earth; the **Uncorked 2019 Pinot Noir** comes with tasting notes and advice. “Step 1: Twist open the bottle and pour into your fanciest wine glass. Step 2: Swish the cherry and strawberry flavors across your tongue. Step 3: Pause momentarily to contemplate quitting your real life to move to a vineyard and stomp grapes for a living. Step 4: Find a bigger glass.”

But while the messaging is light-hearted, Guarachi’s team was strategic in their approach to meeting the stylistic expectations of the *Cosmopolitan* team. “After 35 years in business, I believe I understand consumers’ palates, and we have only worked with wineries and growers that have achieved excellence,” says Guarachi. It seems the market would agree: Based on the positive response to Uncorked by *Cosmopolitan*, the partners aim

to build out the collection with more accessible yet well-made bottlings with sassy labels. “We started with the varietals we know young women favor, with the plan to expand into new wines as the line grows,” says Pels.

*Cosmopolitan* is also passionate about helping young women increase their overall wine knowledge; to that end, it published its first annual “*Cosmo Wine Awards*” in July 2020. A team of 27 editors tasted 90 bottles and selected the best in creative categories that would resonate with their audience, including “Best Mimosa Bubbles,” “Most Chuggable,” and “Best Celeb Owned Wine.”

Some have said that figuring out what women want is no easy feat—but when it comes to what female millennials want to drink, Uncorked by *Cosmopolitan* may have cracked the code. **U**

## Tasting Notes

These easy-drinking, varietally correct wines have personality plus and deserve 90-point scores across the board! —*Meridith May*

### **Uncorked by Cosmopolitan 2019 Chardonnay, California (\$15)**

A balance of acid structure, fruit, and oak makes this buttery Chardonnay a stunner. Lemon meringue and chamomile strike up a friendship with toffee nougat. **Delish! 90**

### **Uncorked by Cosmopolitan 2019 Rosé, California (\$15)**

Splashes of strawberry, watermelon, and peach keep this pink perky. A delicate thread of minerality and a hint of rosewater add to its charm. **90**

### **Uncorked by Cosmopolitan 2019 Pinot Noir, California (\$15)**

Tart cherry, high-toned cranberry, and striking acidity ignite the palate. Spiced cinnamon, cedar, and clove show this Pinot Noir’s savory side; sweet tobacco and an underlying earthiness augment its complex nature. **90**

### **Uncorked by Cosmopolitan 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$15)**

Spiced blackberry and an echo of bramble create a sensational textural experience. Dark chocolate and licorice sweeten the lush tannins, while sage and bergamot heighten the adventure on the lengthy finish. **90**

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# RUM



## *Comes Out of Its Shell*

**BARNACLES RUM** HIGHLIGHTS THE EVOLUTION OF AN ULTRA-PREMIUM CATEGORY **by Allyson Reedy**

**They say you eat with your eyes first;** the same principle applies to drinking. What we see in—and on—a bottle affects our perception of how the liquid inside will taste. And what consumers will see in Barnacles Rum is a Caribbean paradise, from the calm seas and rainforest-dwelling fauna on the label to the gorgeous amber rum swishing around the glass.





That first impression doesn't lie. Barnacles' two expressions—an eight-year-old Signature Blend and a 12-year-old Gran Reserva—both deliver on their daydream-inducing promises of a tropical vacation. The Signature Blend begins with aromas of orange zest and flowers and finishes with notes of vanilla bean, tropical fruit, and roasted pecan, while the Gran Reserva delivers buttery aromas of caramelized banana before the harmonious palate brings in light citrus and rich butterscotch. Though fruit-tinged, these rums aren't overly sweet, making them equally good for sipping straight as mixing into an umbrella drink.

Traditionally made at an artisanal distillery in the Dominican Republic, Barnacles Rum's two expressions have lighter, crisper flavor profiles than most Caribbean rums. Both the Signature Blend and the Gran Reserva are distilled from estate-grown sugarcane in the drier Cuban style, which allows the rums' natural complexity to shine through. Barrel aging also contributes to the nuances found in the spirits, which are laid in American and French white oak barrels at 150 proof; at 75% ABV, distillates have a high proportion of congeners that affect the intensity and quality of the aromas and flavors. This process is constantly supervised and monitored by the distillery's *maestro bodeguero* and *maestro ronero*, who ensure that the proper conditions for the maturation process are met. Once aged, the maestro ronero carefully selects the best barrels for blending to result in the aromatic and fruity Signature Blend and the toastier, more robust Gran Reserva.

"Traditionally handcrafted Cuban-style rums are sought after by enthusiasts—and for a good reason," says Marina Wilson, founder and president of Barnacles Rum. Noting their "light, elegant, and refined profile," she explains, "You taste more natural flavor, and it's that taste that sets it apart. It's



## TASTING NOTES

**Barnacles Rum 8 Year Old Signature Blend, Dominican Republic (\$35)** Aromas of honey-rubbed bacon, cigar leaf, and peach nectar are exciting and enticing. The sumptuous texture on entry speaks to sassafras and brown-sugared walnuts. Peach cobbler and ripe banana flavors create a hedonistic experience all the way through the lengthy finish. **94** —*Meridith May*

**Barnacles Rum 12 Year Old Gran Reserva, Dominican Republic (\$40)** Perfumes of cherrywood, patchouli, resin, and buttery pecan pie are absolutely mesmerizing. Toasted oak, raisin, and dried fig edge toward grilled pineapple and apricot with a defined minerality that surrounds the liquid. Brown-sugared brioche on the finish is memorable. **96** —*M.M.*

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**Barnacles Rum founder and president Marina Wilson.**

something you need to experience for yourself. We also believe it's one of the most beautiful presentations currently available." That packaging comes courtesy of design studio Makers & Allies, which took inspiration from the ecological diversity of the Dominican Republic to create an elegant homage to the Caribbean country. Featuring gold foil, embossing, and images of the island nation's rugged natural environment of tropical forests, beaches, mountains, and lagoons, the labels tell a story that you want to be a part of.

And as the mastermind behind two other brands, Espanita Tequila and Puerto Angel Rum, Wilson has a keen sense of where that story's going. "Like the super-premium tequila category, the growth of which has been largely propelled by growing consumer interest toward . . . spirits [that are] deeply entrenched in heritage and craftsmanship," she says, "top-shelf rums have started to draw an increasing demand from the imbibing public, which [is]



discover[ing] how rich, complex, smooth, and satisfying a finely aged rum can be. Once you start enjoying them, you don't want to go back. You want a rum that is authentic and made [with] devotion and commitment."

It's those newcomers to the sophisticated and delicious category who are making super-premium rums the fastest-growing segment within it. The good news for their wallet is that the Barnacles Gran Reserva is priced at the lower end of the tier, defined by the Distilled Spirits Council as \$35 or higher; after all, says Wilson, "The goal is to make fine craft spirits financially available to people. We want to recruit [these] rum drinkers." And thanks to an eye-catching bottle and the sippable spirit within, she's making sure Barnacles Rum is part of their conversion. **VZ**



### **MAIAMI Old Cuban**

*Recipe courtesy of mixologist Barbara Correa at MAIA in Miami, FL*

- 2 oz. Barnacles Signature Blend Rum
- 4–6 fresh, medium-sized mint leaves
- ½ hull of a squeezed lime
- ¾ oz. Monin Cane Syrup
- ¾ oz. fresh lime juice
- 2 heavy dashes Angostura bitters
- 2 oz. Prosecco or Cava

Muddle the mint and juiced lime hull lightly in a cocktail shaker. Add the Barnacles Signature Blend Rum, cane syrup, lime juice, and bitters. Shake until well chilled, double strain into a chilled Highball glass, and top with sparkling wine. Garnish with mint and, if desired, powdered sugar.





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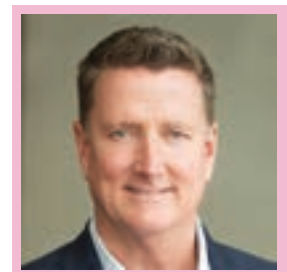
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# Refining—and Redefining—a Classic

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MISUNDERSTOOD SPIRIT

by Allyson Reedy

**Chopin Vodka  
founder and CEO  
Tad Dorda sources  
all his potato, rye,  
and wheat from  
fields within 18  
miles of his distillery  
in Poland.**



**You'd be forgiven** if you missed the big news about vodka that broke in April 2020—it's not as though there weren't other pressing events crashing down around us at the time. But the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau finally amended its definition of vodka to account for the distinctive character, flavors, and aromas that it had previously described the spirit as lacking. To which anyone who has ever enjoyed vodka said, "Well, duh."

One of those people would be Tad Dorda, the founder and CEO of Chopin Vodka. (Although "duh" probably wasn't the exact word coming out of the well-spoken gentleman's mouth.) Dorda has been advocating for the spirit for decades, long rejecting the idea that all vodkas are the same. "The first step is recognizing that it does have character, taste, and aroma," he says. "If it didn't have those things, why would we drink it?"

Dorda was learning and talking about precisely those things even before he launched Chopin back in 1992. In fact, it was his curiosity about and passion for vodka that led him to become a distiller, using traditional methods and top-quality ingredients from his native Poland. And anyone who's tasted Chopin's trio of single-ingredient expressions knows how different the creamy potato vodka is from the peppery rye, and how the wheat, with its light sweetness, stands apart too.



Chopin's distillery sits on a 17-acre estate in the Polish village of Krzesk.

"Don't look at it as a neutral spirit; don't look at it as if there's nothing to be said about it," Dorda insists. "The story behind vodka, the history of how it's made and where and how it's consumed, is as rich as any other alcohol—as rich as whiskey, and as rich as a lot of other products out there that we talk more about. The deeper you look into it, the more interesting the story gets: It's all about ingredients, terroir, water, and climate. The things we can learn from wine—how it's linked to the terroir, the weather, the people who make it, the slopes, the sun—it's exactly the same thing in vodka. What is growing on that land, who cultivates it, why is the soil that way, is it sunny, is it foggy? We need to start to talk about vodka in an intelligent way."

Dorda's passion is contagious. It's also drinkable, and a drinkable passion is our favorite kind of passion, not least considering that Chopin is one of the few vodka brands in the world that manages the entire process from start to finish. Like a winery that sits amid its vines, Chopin's distillery is located within 18 miles of the potato, rye, and wheat fields from which Dorda's team thoughtfully selects each crop. They choose various types of potatoes, for example, based on their flavor profiles, because—again, just like wine grapes—differ-

ent varieties can impact the character of the final product.

Their respect for their ingredients, processed fresh and fermented naturally to allow them to shine, extends to the water they tap from 100-meter-deep wells on the property. The liquid is distilled in an old-fashioned copper column that has been making vodka for so long it's practically an alloy of element and spirit. And then it rests for a minimum of six months, because this isn't a process to be rushed. That's how it's been at Chopin since the beginning: caring for every ingredient, apparatus, and technique that contributes to the special spirits in the frosted bottles.

So yes, Chopin was making vodkas with distinctive character, taste, and aroma since before it was "allowed." And along the way, it collected a famous fan who's as obsessed with the details as Dorda: fashion designer Vera Wang. "Vera is a passionate Chopin drinker. She discovered [it] some time ago, and it's the only thing she drinks," Dorda says. After the two met and bonded over their shared passion, Dorda decided that Wang should have a special vodka made just for her. So he brought her some 20 different potato vodkas (her preference) to taste, and she selected her favorite. Of course, since this is Vera Wang we're talking about, she created an exquisite black-and-white bottle in which to house her spirit of choice. The collaborative special edition hit stores in spring 2021.

Now that vodka's definition has officially changed, Dorda believes there's even more to talk about, like building a vocabulary to describe its nuances, sharing cultural aspects of the drink, and diving into the heart of how it's sourced and made. "It's not about [Chopin] being better than another spirit rather than being different," Dorda says. "We're ready to have intelligent discussions about the care that goes into it, how it's made, the ingredients, the process. I want to tell you our story, and maybe you'll be fascinated by what I have to say. That's what Chopin is all about." 



Visitors to the tasting room have exclusive access to bottlings such as the J. Wilkes Platinum Series.

# MAKING Waves

WITH A STYLISH TASTING ROOM STEPS FROM THE PACIFIC AND A NEW WINEMAKER, **J. WILKES** IS STAKING ITS CLAIM ON THE “AMERICAN RIVIERA”

by Jonathan Cristaldi

**A two-minute stroll from the iconic wooden pier** at Stearns Wharf in downtown Santa Barbara, California, will land you at the steps of the luxurious Hotel Californian—and, within it, the modern, stylish J. Wilkes tasting room, which opened its doors in November 2019. Just steps from the famous Funk Zone cultural district and in good company with neighbors Margerum and Melville Winery, this is a place to see and be seen.

Members of the wine trade would do well to book a stop at J. Wilkes to taste through its portfolio of nationally distributed, SIP-certified wines from the Santa Maria Valley and Paso Robles Highlands District as well as its Platinum Series of small-lot wines from various Central Coast AVAs, exclusive to the tasting room. On the venue’s small patio, whose seating has overflowed onto the sidewalk to maximize

accommodations for outdoor tastings, salt-tinged Pacific Ocean breezes mingle with the lavish aromas wafting up from generous pours of mineral-laced Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc; dark-fruited, chewy Pinot Noir; and plush Cabernet Sauvignon. The interior, meanwhile, boasts a Restoration Hardware-esque aesthetic of cool grays and white countertops illuminated under intricate and expansive chandeliers.

Owned by Miller Family Wine Company, the J. Wilkes brand is in the midst of an exciting transformation that goes beyond the chic tasting-room upgrade. Its labels are getting a refresh that aims to capture the spirit of the late founder, Jeff Wilkes—a grower, vintner, and avid sailor

who became friendly with the Millers during their mutual visits to the Santa Barbara Yacht Club—through their striking wave-like pattern, which also serves as a nod to the ocean’s influence over the winery’s vineyard sources.

The packaging update is part of J. Wilkes’ goal to position itself as the standard-bearer of wines from the Central Coast and its various appellations, becoming the enological epitome of an area known as “the American Riviera,” says Tommy Gaeta, director of marketing for Miller Family Wine Company. “Jeff Wilkes was a man who was defined both by his



**J. Wilkes is unveiling its new packaging with the 2020 vintage.**



**Winemaker Jonathan Nagy joined J. Wilkes in March 2020.**

relationship to the ocean and his relationship to the vines,” he adds, “and we will carry that legacy forward. For most of the wines coming from the Santa Maria Valley, the marine influence is extreme, but all Central Coast AVAs have those maritime influences and impactful diurnal shifts—even the Paso Robles Highlands District.”

Crucial to the brand’s future is maintaining its legacy without resting on its laurels. Enter Jonathan Nagy, who is tasked with helping to redirect the style of J. Wilkes as its new winemaker. Hired in March 2020 after 19 years at Byron Winery, where he initially worked under the tutelage of Ken Brown and went on to craft Pinots and Chardonnays to critical acclaim, Nagy brings an intimate knowledge of prime Central Coast sites as well as valuable experience from stints at Mondavi and Cambria. “I knew the Millers [from] working with Bien Nacido and Solomon Hills vineyard, so they’ve been peers and friends over the years,” Nagy says.

With the 2020 vintages, “I get to put my personality into J. Wilkes,” Nagy notes excitedly, as former winemaker Wes Hagen passed the torch to him in the midst of production on the 2019 bottlings. Nagy has big shoes to fill given that Hagen has previously been named one of the 100 most influential U.S. wine-

makers by *Decanter* and also was among those who helped establish the Sta. Rita Hills AVA, but he’s more than up for the job. “The first thing I did was taste the entire portfolio to see where the wine style was, and from there [I] set about asking what we could implement to up the quality,” Nagy told me.

Take the Pinot Blanc, which Nagy is fermenting in stainless steel and, for the first time in the winery’s history, aging in neutral barrels “to deliver a richness to the mid-palate [without covering] up any of those pretty floral characteristics,” he says. For the Chardonnay, previous aging regimens employed hardly any new oak, but Nagy plans to change that, digging deep into his Rolodex of coopers to find the right wood for J. Wilkes’ Santa Maria Valley grapes, “which bring a lot of acidity,” says Nagy. The Chardonnay goes through full malolactic conversion, “but there’s loads of wet-stone minerality and tropical stone fruit; to me it’s very representative of Santa Maria.”

For Pinot Noir, he’s turning to the vineyard to make improvements. “I like freshness and having a lot of texture,” he says, “so I’m looking to pick a little earlier depending on the vintage and working with the coopers we know that do well in the [Santa Maria] Valley like François Frères, which was not previously used; [it] brings smoke and toast and spice to the blend, which marries well with the earthy, floral, fruity qualities we get from our Pinot.” As for Cabernet Sauvignon, it’s all about cap management and the length of fermentation, posits Nagy. “We’re implementing *délestage* [rack and returns] and putting down to a good chunk of new barrels, around 40%, [because we’re] going for that smoky mocha quality to marry into the richness and fruit expression of the grapes.”

With its fresh new design, J. Wilkes’ tasting room serves as the perfect backdrop for experiencing the transformation of its portfolio. Now that Nagy is eagerly tackling the challenge of balancing the wines’ signature coastal influence with bold new aromas and textures, readers would do well, as they say on the evening network news, to “watch this space.” **W**

## TASTING NOTES



**J. Wilkes 2019 Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$30)** Aromas of cherrywood, mocha, oregano, and tilled soil are heady and refined. Mocha-laden dark cherry, black plum, and Asian spices match with fine acidity and eloquent notes of wet earth and dark berries. The mouthfeel is meaty and almost chewy, adding body to the soulfulness of the wine. **93** —*Meridith May*



**J. Wilkes 2019 Chardonnay, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$25)** Flavors of peaches and cream commence at first sip, landing in a field of honeysuckle and lemon blossom. With mineral notes of seashell and copper penny, this white is illustrious in its expressive, modern appeal. **93** —*M.M.*



**J. Wilkes 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles Highlands District (\$30)** Chalky, spice-dusted fruit and a sense of salinity set a dramatic stage for this meaty, dynamic wine to shine with ripe plum backed by plum-skin tannins. Tongue-coating notes of boysenberry-vanilla cream add weight to the already plush texture. **92** —*M.M.*



**J. Wilkes 2019 Pinot Blanc, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$20)** Stainless steel-fermented and -aged, this exciting white is a welcome treasure: Pinot Blanc is not planted in high quantities in California, but the Santa Maria Valley is a perfect home for it. Succulent aromas of pear and honeysuckle add depth to a perfume of just-squeezed lime, and on entry, a startling thread of minerality and high-wire acidity keeps the palate dry and edgy. Notes of prickly pear and sage appear on the finish. **93** —*M.M.*



PHOTO: ALEXANDER RUBIN

**Redwood Empire Whiskey head distiller Lauren Patz at the brand's Graton, CA, distillery with Ræburn Winery associate winemaker and cellar master María Maldonado.**



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# WOODS

**SISTER SONOMA COUNTY BRANDS REDWOOD  
EMPIRE WHISKEY AND RAEURN WINERY  
CHART A NEW COURSE FOR SUCCESS**

**BY AMY ANTONATION**

**THINK WAY, WAY BACK TO . . . DECEMBER 2019.**

A new decade was just days away, and, as with any approaching milestone, expectations were running high. But can you actually remember any of the predictions the pundits were making about the first year of the Roaring (20)20s? Probably not—because not long after those glam New Year’s Eve soirées, the best-laid plans of mice, men, and markets began to go very, very awry.

That was as true for the beverage industry as any. Yet even in times of crisis, there are still opportunities for growth and innovation for brands bold enough to seize them. Take Sonoma County’s Redwood Empire Whiskey and Raeurn Winery, both owned by Purple Brands (whose portfolio also includes Benham’s Gin and wine labels Avalon, Four Vines,

and Scattered Peaks). They weathered the pandemic surprisingly well—albeit with very different approaches—and are therefore perfectly poised for further success.

### SPIRITS AMONG THE TREES

Redwood Empire Whiskey is nestled in the tiny town of Graton in the midst of its namesake region. A former apple cannery houses the craft distillery, which launched its first product in 2017, a single whiskey blended from the stockpile of bourbon and rye that Purple Brands owner Derek Benham had been acquiring for several years (it's still the largest such stash in California). Today, it offers three products, all blends of house distillate with lots aged up to 14 years: Pipe Dream, a bourbon; Emerald Giant, a feisty and spice-forward rye; and Lost Monarch, composed of 40% bourbon and 60% rye.

As Redwood Empire's master distiller, Jeff Duckhorn has always looked ahead. In 2015, he put whiskey destined for a bottled-in-bond release into the barrel; the final product will hit shelves this September. In the meantime, sales of the core lineup have more than tripled: Shipping 7,000 cases in 2019, the brand managed to move 11,500 in 2020 and had significant growth in the off-premise market. (That's notable for a product line initially intended for majority on-premise sales, especially in a year when a pandemic shut down bars and restaurants nationwide, sometimes for months at a time.) Aided no doubt by strong reviews—including those from *The Tasting Panel*, which granted Pipe Dream 94 points and Emerald Giant a mighty 97—Redwood Empire is now on track to ship 25,000 cases by the end of 2021.

To help manage the boom, it brought on head distiller Lauren Patz in January, just as Duckhorn was tasting through the barrels that would go into its bottled-in-bond edition. Patz hopes to contribute to Redwood Empire's upward trajectory beyond bringing a new palate to the whiskey-making process. "I ask a lot of questions," she says, "and I drive us further toward defining our identity on the distilling side. We have such a strong brand



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identity, and I want that to be equally represented on the production side." She's looking ahead in her new role, too: "I really want to take advantage of the rapid acceleration our whiskeys are experiencing," she says, likening her sense of anticipation to that moment a roller coaster grinds to the top of a hill, just before it takes off like a rocket.

She points to a few reasons for that, including Redwood Empire's strong brand presence—the bottles are

stunning—and the value it offers. "I think the product is pretty incredible for the price point," she notes, with all three whiskeys going for an SRP of \$40. "A[n affordable] bourbon blend that includes some awesome 12-year-old whiskey is a steal for people who are looking for a staple in their own bar." What's more, she predicts the interest in craft spirits will only continue to grow. "Spirits invite the consumer into their world a little more than beer and





Vale Patrick Larivaud is beverage director at State Street Eating House + Cocktails in Sarasota, FL.

## GOLDEN STATE STUNNERS

Vale Patrick Larivaud, beverage director (or “bar czar,” as he prefers) at State Street Eating House + Cocktails in Sarasota, Florida, loves Redwood Empire Whiskey Pipe Dream in part for what it’s not: from Kentucky. That may seem contrary, but Larivaud’s not trying to pick a fight. He’s on a mission to show the guest at the end of the bar—you know the one, the guy who insists that the only good bourbon hails from the Bluegrass State—that the quest for quality whiskey needn’t be hampered by details as minor as state lines. “Any time someone says, ‘You can only get this from this region,’” he says, “one of my favorite things is being able to introduce people to Pipe Dream as something out of California.”

Granted, when Larivaud first encountered the brand in 2019, he too was surprised by its origin: “I didn’t know California could be a hub for whiskey,” he admits. But he was impressed by the bourbon’s smooth

profile and its ability to mesh with the “random cocktails that we like to create in our little lab that is State Street.” Of late, Larivaud is utilizing



Redwood Empire Emerald Giant Rye is State Street’s well whiskey.

Pipe Dream in lighter applications—combining it, for example, with fresh lemon, grapefruit liqueur, ginger beer, and a touch of grenadine in a drink called the Bourbonite. He’s also a big

fan of topping the spirit with sparkling wine: “I want people who are vehemently opposed to whiskey—who say, ‘I don’t drink brown whiskey, it’s too strong’—to be able to consume it.” These fresher, more delicate cocktails have been big sellers, he says.

But Emerald Giant, Redwood Empire’s rye, also makes a strong showing at State Street as its well whiskey, going into the glasses of the category’s more traditionally minded fans. Not only is its price right, but Redwood Empire’s partnership with environmental nonprofit Trees for the Future to plant a tree for every bottle sold was a cause the eatery could get behind. “We sell *a lot* of Old Fashioneds,” notes Larivaud—though personally, his favorite cocktail to craft with Emerald Giant is a New York Sour.

wine,” she explains. “You set beer and wine in front of you and you enjoy them straight. You can do that with spirits—many people do—but spirits are more like an ingredient. There’s been an explosion of craft producers that’s a reflection of consumer interest [in mixology].”

### STICKING TO THE PLAN (WITHOUT GETTING STUCK)

Redwood Empire’s sister brand, Raeburn Winery, located in the Russian River Valley AVA, is also enjoying the benefits of forward motion. Buoyed by 90-plus ratings, sales of its flagship Chardonnay (which received 94 points from *The Tasting Panel*) increased 45% between April 2020 and March 2021, an impressive figure for a top-five category leader. Maria Maldonado, Raeburn’s associate winemaker and cellar master, laughs as she admits, “I’m not a Chard drinker, but this one in particular raises the fruit profile and raises the acidity. I started drinking Chardonnay when we started making it.” Not to be outdone, the Chard’s siblings are also on a tear. Raeburn Pinot Noir (92 points, *The Tasting Panel*) is a relative newcomer to the market, but sales are already soaring, increasing by 176% over the past year; those of its Rosé (93 points, *The SOMM Journal*) shot up by a whopping 540% over the same period to make it the third-fastest-growing domestic rosé above \$12.

Maldonado can’t, however, talk about Raeburn’s growth without looking to the past. She started at the winery in 2003 as a barrel worker; not even a year later, she was the first woman at Raeburn to be promoted to the cellar. She moved steadily through the ranks from there, earning an enology degree to supplement her hands-on experience along the way. “They call me *la patrona* [the boss],” she says, noting that several employees who taught her the ropes when she started at Raeburn now report to her. “If you learn more than they do,” she points out, “they respect you.” She calls it the mutual mentoring cycle, and she returns the favor by constantly encouraging staff to further their wine education. “Don’t get stuck!” she admonishes.



PHOTO: ALEXANDER RUBIN

With Raeburn’s bottles flying off the shelves at an SRP of \$20–\$25, Maldonado’s main focus is to preserve the quality the brand has already established. “The wines are the right price, and we like to deliver quality above that price point,” she says. To that end, she’s zeroed in on working even more closely with winemaker Joe Tapparo over the past year. “We tasted every single vineyard lot and decided together what’s the best style

for each lot. We’re ensuring we get the consistency of the previous years—you don’t want the customers to experience whiplash because of [changes in quality or style].”

There’s no single way to generate success. Whether growth comes from stirring the pot or staying the course, both can—and have—moved Redwood and Raeburn further down the road, even during the strangest time in the brands’ histories. **LE**



Kathleen Hans is food and beverage director at Artie's South Shore Market & Grill in Island Park, NY.

## A PERFECT PAIR

When Artie's South Shore Market & Grill reopened its doors in November 2020 in Island Park, New York, it was ready to welcome back old friends: customers who'd flocked to Artie Hoerning's fish market since 1974 and to the attached restaurant since 1999. Generations of villagers grew up eating seafood that Hoerning had liberated from the depths just hours earlier—and even those who didn't like the blunt, cigarette-smoking fisherman couldn't stay away from his restaurant, says food and beverage director Kathleen Hans. "They loved the fish too much," she says with a laugh.

The OG Hoerning died in 2017, but his two daughters kept the place up and running (even making 5 a.m. fishing trips before showing up at their own full-time jobs) until 2019, when a broken walk-in forced a closure and some hard discussions about the fate of the business. Enter the "new



**Raeburn Chardonnay is Hans' go-to pairing for fish dishes of all kinds, be it sole oreganata or the daily catch broiled in lemon butter and white wine and topped with breadcrumbs.**

Arties": Arthur Horak and his son, Arthur Jr., who spruced up the joint and—crucially—began selling beer and wine after decades of training customers to BYOB. Immediately, Hans brought Raeburn Winery's Chardonnay into the program. Asked why she loves the wine, she readily reels off her reasons: "One: The bottle is *gorgeous*. Two: The taste is phenomenal; it's not too heavy. Because we only serve seafood, our biggest concern was pairing it with fish, so when we tasted it [with the distributor] we tasted it with fish. It just pairs so well."

Raeburn is one of two Chardonnays on the wine list at Artie's; Hans knows customers have different preferences. But Raeburn is her go-to recommendation, and it now outsells its competitor by three times; as she notes, "I've had so many compliments about this wine." Her favorite pairing? Artie's sole oreganata.



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**SPIRITS BRANDS YOU  
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by Kelly Magyarics

**“A clarifying experience”** is how Lars Leicht, *The Tasting Panel’s* VP of education, half-jokingly described the first installment of Back to Spirits School, our educational webinar series co-sponsored by Lyre’s Non-Alcoholic Spirits in collaboration with Florida International University’s Bacardi Center of Excellence. Moderated by Leicht in May, “A Salute to Clear Spirits” brought together representatives from seven exciting brands, who shared information on the production methods, flavor profiles, and cocktail applications of their products.



## BACARDÍ SUPERIOR WHITE RUM

**What do the Corliss Centennial steam engine**, the Remington typewriter, and Alexander Graham Bell’s first telephone have in common with what’s arguably the world’s most recognizable brand of rum? They were all presented at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia—more colloquially known as the World’s Fair. That’s also where BACARDÍ, founded in Cuba in 1862, won its first of many prizes over the years; today its portfolio has amassed more than 550 awards, making it one of the winningest spirits on the globe.

Yet for all its fame, brand ambassador Manuel De Avila pointed out, most people don’t know its rich history—including the fact that it has been credited with premiumizing the entire rum category. When BACARDÍ’s founder, Catalan wine merchant Facundo Bacardí Massó, first emigrated to Cuba, he noticed that only those in well-to-do communities were buying fine wine and spirits, while the less affluent were consuming *aguardiente*, a rougher and more unrefined precursor to rum. “Bacardí [Massó] sought to bridge the gap between *aguardiente* and a fine spirit, making a rum everyone can enjoy,” De Avila explained.

The four pillars on which he built production are the same ones employed today: the use of a consistent yeast strain, a dual-distillation process, aging, and charcoal filtration to strip color. “What most people don’t realize is that you can actually fine-tune the flavor through charcoal,” De Avila said, adding that it helps to think of charcoal as a fine strainer—one used to highlight the notes of fruit, vanilla, and rich molasses or to pull out the dark, resinous tones imparted by the wood.

Made in a true Cuban style with no added sugar, BACARDÍ Superior Rum is to this day the perfect rum for mixing into a classic Mojito, Daiquiri, or Papa Doble, or endless modern riffs thereon.



**BARTENDERS AND HOME COCKTAILIANS CAN "PLUG AND PLAY" LYRE'S INTO LIBATIONS IN TWO WAYS: EITHER AS A 1:1 REPLACEMENT FOR ITS COUNTERPART SPIRIT OR IN A 50/50 MIX TO RENDER A MORE APPROACHABLE, LOWER-ABV COCKTAIL.**

## LYRE'S NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS

*Though the zero-proof category has burgeoned in the past few years,* with producers employing an ever-larger variety of techniques to come up with ever-more esoteric flavors, the approach taken by Lyre's is to pay direct homage to the classic bottles on the backbar or in your home liquor cabinet. "For us, it's really about allowing people . . . to drink what they would like and how they would like," explained Tommy Quimby, Lyre's brand ambassador for the western U.S. "That means allowing them to have the same . . . experience people get with full alcoholic cocktails."

To that end, the Australia-based company spent three years in development, sourcing natural ingredients from around the world in collaboration with sommelier and "global flavor architect" David Murphy. Rather than remove alcohol post-distillation, which often results in a loss of quality and flavor, Lyre's worked to build its products from the ground up, experimenting with more than 6,000 extracts and often coming up with as many as 100 iterations of a recipe before finalizing it. Today, the team has a wide portfolio of vegan, low-sugar expressions—containing upwards of 40 essences and extracts—that include alternatives to clear spirits.

The brand is named for the lyrebird, an Australian ground-dwelling fowl known for its ability to mimic the songs of other birds (among countless other sounds), because "that's really what we've done," Quimby said. Dry London Spirit, for instance, matches the profile of the gin you'd put in, say, a Clover Club, while White Cane Spirit can substitute for the white rum that would be shaken into an Airmail.

Bartenders and home cocktailiers can "plug and play" Lyre's into libations in two ways: either as a 1:1 replacement for its counterpart spirit or in a 50/50 mix to render a more approachable, lower-ABV cocktail. As Quimby put it, "What we're doing is . . . providing that freedom for people to drink any way that they'd like and not have to sacrifice flavor."

## WEED CELLARS HANDCRAFTED VODKA

*With its irreverent connotations, the word “weed”* was a natural fit for an eclectic lifestyle brand, said Dane Throop, vice president of sales: West for the Nashville-based Weed Cellars, which makes wine, beer, and spirits. The company was actually able to trademark the word and now owns the rights to it in 80 countries—yet its expressions have nary a hint of cannabis . . . so far. There are whispers of a significant portfolio expansion in the near future, but the brand team is keeping their cards close to the vest for now. (Stay tuned.)



With a whiskey already in distribution, Weed Cellars has in the meantime made a foray into the clear-spirits space, producing a small-batch, handcrafted vodka made from organic semolina grown in Lagnasco in Italy’s Piedmont region and water from Monte Rosa in the Italian Alps. Five times distilled and gluten free, it joins aromas of eucalyptus, candied orange, dried apple, and chamomile with flavors of key lime, fennel, and white pepper before a vanilla-tinged finish. Open-top, ambient fermentation and carbon filtration lend it a smoothness and, said Throop, “[a] viscosity [that] gives that mouthfeel of creaminess without being really heavy,” allowing the vodka to cozy up to foods like smoked sausages,

gravlax, roast beef, and pork chops.

The company works with mixologists to develop cocktails like the Weed Garden—in which the vodka is shaken with Cointreau, rosewater syrup, and lemon, then topped with Topo Chico and rosemary—and the Weed Gr8 Danger with muddled jalapeño, agave, lime juice, and cilantro; recipes are published on its website. Meanwhile, fans of the brand can sample the vodka in person in Weed Lounges as they continue to pop up in markets including Los Angeles, Nashville, Dallas, Miami, and Chicago.



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## SIPSMITH VJOP GIN AND EL SILENCIO JOVEN MEZCAL

*Given the diversity of clear spirits produced around the world,* it’s fun to compare and contrast them, noted Allen Katz, director of mixology and spirits education for Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits. Take gin and mezcal blanco. While seemingly dichotomous products, “there are actually some similarities between the Sipsmith and the Silencio,” he said. “They’re both made using a very quaint pot still–distillation methodology, and both have a very earthy note.”

Clocking in at 57.7% proof, Sipsmith VJOP Gin is a juniper-forward expression that also contains coriander seed as a botanical bridge to spices like cinnamon and cassia bark as well as citrus, including lemon and orange peels. He recommends replacing the simple syrup in a Gimlet—a cocktail that he believes truly showcases the character of gin—with a few spoonfuls of a syrup infused with cinnamon or cassia bark to coax out those subtler botanicals. Likewise, he advised, a few drops of Bittermens Hellfire Habanero Shrub can play along with Sipsmith’s dry mouthfeel while offsetting its fruity qualities.

The El Silencio Joven Mezcal, meanwhile, flaunts a complexity born of a combination of agave species. Starting with “a majority of Espadín harvested after nine or ten years of age,” explained Katz, the juice is “blended with a couple of wild agave strains that are really unique.” Mexicano adds delicately sweet and savory flavors to its dry and earthy base profile, while Tobaziche lends herbaceousness.

Katz described the resulting mezcal as having notes of sun-dried nectarines and apricots along with a sweet smokiness. Its hints of tea and herbs call for a riff on a Sour featuring El Silencio and jasmine tea— or fennel-infused syrup.



## BOMBAY SAPPHIRE GIN

**Launched in 1986 as a leader of the modern gin renaissance,** Bombay Sapphire is one of the only gins in the world to be 100% vapor distilled—a process that completely changes its profile, according to Eddie Johnson, West Coast ambassador for the House of Bombay Gins. “A lot of times, when you hear people talk about how they don’t like gin, it’s usually because of that really cooked, heavy, piney note,” he said. “Our vapor-infusion process really just brings out the most true-to-nature expression of all of these botanicals, so they express in a much more crisp, clean way.”

Ivano Tonutti is the brand’s official master of botanicals, tasked with sustainably sourcing ingredients from all over the world, including almonds and lemon peel from Spain, Chinese licorice, and coriander from Morocco. “What we did with Bombay Sapphire is really push it forward at a time where people weren’t using a lot of different exotic botanicals, and we really kind of opened the door to creativity and innovation in the gin space,” Johnson noted. For instance, in the 1980s, Bombay added grains of paradise from Ghana and cubeb berries from Java to the original formulation dating back to 1761, which lent floral and black pepper notes that necessitated an increase in proof to 47% to stand up to the spicy bite.

What’s more, Johnson explained, current master distiller Dr. Anne Brock “was an organic chemist before she was ever a distiller, so she’s really familiar with how these delicate flavor molecules interact with each other.” That will surely be evident in the newest addition to the portfolio: Bombay Bramble, a blackberry- and raspberry-flavored gin that’s perfect mixed with soda over ice.

## PAQUÍ TEQUILA

**As a self-described “serious wine drinker with industry experience,”** John Chappell always believed a tequila could be as complex as a wine, with enticing aromas, fruit on the palate, and a soft finish. But he just wasn’t finding such qualities in the big luxury brands. So the career beverage executive decided to create his own, becoming CEO and founder of the New York-based Tequila Holdings, Inc., and developing PaQuí Tequila. “I wanted to create a liquid that’s a pleasure to sip,” he said. In the Nahuatl language of the Aztecs, the word *paqui* means “to be happy”; the logo on the pyramid-shaped bottle depicts a figure with the headdress of an Aztec warrior but no weapons, indicating that he’s ready to party and have fun. In short, the brand philosophy encapsulates the joy of drinking tequila.

PaQuí Silvera Tequila is made with 100% Blue Weber agave grown in the highlands of Jalisco, which is harvested between seven and ten years old at 25–26 Brix. Piñas are steamed in stainless-steel autoclaves, then fermented for five days in stainless-steel vats instead of wood. “We use very clean conditions, because tequila is very sensitive to bugs,” Chappell explained. “And we use fresh wine yeast to avoid the variations in ambient yeast, which gives us absolute consistency of results.” Perhaps most important is to separate the heart of the distillate to pull out impurities, which yields a smaller amount of a higher-quality product; while the industry standard is 7 kilos of agave for 1 liter of tequila, PaQuí requires 10 kilos.

Such astute attention to detail results in a silver tequila with floral and grassy aromas, sweet agave, easy drinkability, and a smooth finish (the company also produces a Reposado and an Añejo). “Tequila has this cool energy and fun sociability about it, not unlike Mexico itself,” Chappell said. “We tried to capture that and built the brand around what we learned [about the culture].”

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## SPOTLIGHT ON clear spirits



### Hunch Punch Cooler

- ▶ 1½ oz. Ole Smoky Hunch Punch White Lightnin' Moonshine
  - ▶ 3 oz. lemonade
  - ▶ ¼ oz. lemon-lime soda
  - ▶ ¼ oz. cranberry juice
- Stir ingredients in an ice-filled glass and garnish with a lime wheel.

PHOTO COURTESY OF OLE SMOKY

## A Clear Spirit with a Colorful Side:

# OLE SMOKY HUNCH PUNCH LIGHTNIN'

**Moonshine is arguably the most notorious spirit in the United States**, largely because of its illicit history; it has flowed clear from homemade stills for centuries, with moonshiners working by the light of the moon to evade notice from law enforcement. To this day, there are no precise recipes or strict rules for crafting 'shine; for instance, it can be distilled from anything fermentable, though in most cases it's derived from corn.

Considering the spirit's past illegality, it makes sense that moonshiners did not barrel age the liquid to impart nuanced flavors and slightly mellow it; after all, it was imperative to get the 'shine on the road as quickly as possible. Perhaps, though, that allowed the consumer to flavor and drink it however they pleased.

Most associate moonshine with rural southern Appalachia, where both dis-

tilling and drinking the liquid has been a pastime since before Prohibition. Ole Smoky founder Joe Baker began learning the secrets of the trade at age 14, when his father took him out to the still where he was making a batch of the heady stuff. The teen's job was to hold the hose that mixed the mash, circulating it as it was cooking. "I think my interest was sparked that day, and it always remained a part of me," Baker said. So when the Tennessee Legislature moved to finally legalize moonshine in 2009, he was determined to become the first in the state to legally distill it, partnering with co-founder Cory Cottongim to tweak the Baker family's century-plus-old, corn-based recipe. Founded in 2010, Ole Smoky now has four distilleries across Tennessee, which together make over 40 moonshine and whiskey products sold in all 50 states as well

as moonshine-based canned cocktails and a newly released premium straight bourbon whiskey, which are available in select markets.

Among Ole Smoky's most popular flavors in the summer months is its 80-proof Hunch Punch Lightnin' Moonshine; in fact, said marketing director Stephanie Moraine, "It's one of our top-selling SKUs for both on- and off-premise." Flavored with orange, cherry, and pineapple juices, the refreshing quaff can "be consumed on the rocks [or] by simply adding lemon-lime soda, or [it can be] used to create some delicious cocktails," she explained. Hunch Punch is available in 750-milliliter mason jars, pocket-sized 50-milliliter bottles, and 1-liter bottles, which are easier to pour for on-premise accounts.

If you want the incendiary spirit in its classic form, Ole Smoky still offers its Original and White Lightin' moonshines, both of which clock in at 100 proof. But it's summer, after all, so if you're looking for something that goes down easy on its own or in a no-fuss cocktail like the one above, give Hunch Punch a whirl and enjoy your leisure time. (Just be sure to "shine responsibly," to use one of the distillery's slogans.) **LE**



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# Prosecco PROUD

THINGS ARE LOOKING ROSY  
FOR SPARKLING WINE IN 2021

by Nell Jerome



**With celebrations canceled and restaurants closed in 2020**, total sales across all segments of sparkling wine declined by about 8%, according to data from the International Wine and Spirits Record. But the wine industry remains optimistic about a quick recovery, as it's relying on the popularity of Prosecco—now the bestselling sparkling wine in the world, with approximately 484 million bottles produced last year—to drive growth for the entire category.

Prosecco, as we all know, is an Italian sparkling wine crafted from the aromatic white grape Glera; other grapes can be used as well, but they can't comprise more than 15% of the blend. Unlike Champagne, which is made in the traditional method, or *méthode Champenoise*, Prosecco is made in the Charmat or tank method. Characterized by its fruit and floral flavors as well as its light bubbles, the wine supposedly gained fame in 1948 as the key ingredient in the original Bellini at Harry's Bar in Venice, Italy; today it's beloved for its easy-drinking style and its value, especially compared to its sparkling counterparts from France.

Those who expect Prosecco to be quite sweet will be pleasantly surprised by the unexpectedly crisp, light FIOL Extra Dry Prosecco. People who already appreciate the category, meanwhile, will be drawn to the striking label—depicting an artistic take on grapevine trunks—which hints at the quality behind the brand. So does its name: *Fiol* is an ancient Venetian word for “son” that is now commonly used to refer to a natural-born leader, someone who defies convention and is admired by others. By the same token, says co-founder Gian Luca Passi, “FIOL is not just a drink. It embraces the whole Italian culture and way of living; it embodies being part a group of friends

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**FIOL winemaker Marzio Pol is a veteran in the Italian wine industry.**

sharing a passion for wine and enjoying every moment of life.”

He should know, as the Treviso native and his fraternal partners, Pietro and Giovanni Ciani Bassetti, are themselves childhood friends who consider the launch of FIOL “a lifelong ambition.” More recently they were joined by winemaker Marzio Pol, an industry veteran who has served as chairman of the Italian Society of Viticulture and Enology since 2002. The newest addition to their lineup is part of an exciting development in Italian wine: Prosecco now comes in pink. Prosecco DOC Rosé was officially approved by the Italian government in May 2020, and exports were allowed beginning in November 2020.

According to the regulations set by the Consorzio di Tutela del Prosecco DOC, it must contain a minimum of 85% Glera, and only one red grape is permitted for the remainder of the blend; it also must undergo fermentation and spend a minimum of 60 days in tank. FIOL's version is crafted with Glera from Treviso and 15% Pinot Noir, which shows on the complex palate

through rich red-currant and floral notes as well as the traditional strawberry. Like the original expression, it's prime for celebratory gatherings, serving as an ideal accompaniment to caviar and charcuterie while making the perfect fit for al fresco brunches and picnics on the beach.

Meanwhile, per Nielsen data, bubbles might already be making a comeback: Sparkling wine was up 18.4% this year as of April. Assuming that trend continues, we may well have Prosecco Rosé to thank. **91**



**FIOL Prosecco DOC, Italy (\$17)** The pale straw hue of this extra dry sparkler belies its bouncy personality, expressed in aromas and flavors of ripe Bosc pear and cider apple drizzled with honey amid flashes of salted marzipan; a current of bitter lemon streams just under the creamy mouthfeel. **91** —*Ruth Tobias*

**FIOL Prosecco DOC Rosé, Italy (\$19)**

Perfumed with strawberry and watermelon, this powder-pink blend of 85% Glera and 15% Pinot Noir comes across as a touch leaner and more restrained than its 100% Glera counterpart on the palate, where the ripe strawberry is laced with slender threads of Amalfi lemon, apricot, and sour apple candy. **91** —*R.T.*



# Anthony Dias

## BLUE *REVIEWS*



by THE TASTING ALLIANCE

In each issue, senior editor Anthony Dias Blue selects a wide range of the best wines and spirits from among the more than 500 he samples over the course of a month. The reviews are subjective editorial evaluations, made without regard to advertising, and products are scored on a 100-point scale:

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**88-89: VERY GOOD**

**90-94: OUTSTANDING**

**95-100: CLASSIC**

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Prices are for 750-mL bottles unless otherwise noted.

### DOMESTIC

**94** Canard Vineyard 2017 Estate Zinfandel, Napa Valley (\$45)

Rich and deep aromas of earth, spice, and berries are echoed on the fresh, clean, and complex palate; balanced and charming, long and seductive.

**95** Canard Vineyard 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Napa Valley (\$150)

Opaque garnet color and a rich nose of toast and plum. Smooth texture and nuanced flavors of rich fruit, spice, mocha, and licorice.

**92** FEL Wines 2019 Chardonnay, Anderson Valley (\$32)



Bright, fruit forward, and balanced, with toast and good acidity—and you thought Cliff Lede didn't make Chardonnays.

**95** Flora Springs 2018 Trilogy Red Wine, Napa Valley (\$85)

Deep garnet color and a lovely nose of toast, chocolate, and mocha. Ripe, dense, and layered, with smooth, chewy flavors and notes of Christmas spice. 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, and 8% Malbec.



**96** Flora Springs 2018 Flora's Legacy Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$175)

Ripe and rich with berry notes, this is an exquisitely crafted Cabernet Sauvignon. Long and complex, stylish and balanced.



**95 Gary Farrell 2018 Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay, Russian River Valley (\$45)** Silky, fresh, and elegant, with classic structure and bright notes of citrus and peach; juicy and balanced. Another home run for this label.

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**93 Flora Springs 2018 Flora's Legacy Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$70)** Fresh yet toasty, creamy, and dense with ripe pear; balanced and long.



**95 Cliff Lede 2018 Magic Nights Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley (\$110)** Deep, dark, and fresh; silky and elegant, ripe and spicy. Balanced, complex, and long, it's another hit from this fine winery.

**94 JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$60)** Deep garnet color and an earthy plum nose; smooth, dense, and spicy, with notes of licorice and a lengthy finish.



**94 JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery 2018 Trilateral, Paso Robles (\$55)** Rich blackberry nose; velvety, lush, and showing blackberry, blueberry, and cassis. Excellent structure and a long, balanced finish. 54% Syrah, 28% Grenache, and 18% Mourvèdre.



**96 JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery 2018 Focus, Paso Robles (\$110)** A smooth and fresh Syrah, with juicy and intense flavors of ripe berries and excellent acid structure. Dense, layered, and very long.

**92 Lorenzi Estate 2017 The Catalyst, Temecula Valley (\$75)** Opaque garnet color and a concentrated nose. Dense, crushed berries and intense spice define the deep, plummy, and expressive palate. A creative statement.



**94 Priest Ranch 2018 Snake Oil, Napa Valley (\$110)** A smooth, rich, and spicy Cabernet Sauvignon with deep, dark color. Intense, stylish, and generous; long and amiable.

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# BLUE REVIEWS

**95 Morgan Winery 2019 Twelve Clones Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands (\$35)** Medium ruby color and a spiced cherry nose. Juicy, fresh, crisp, and tangy; balanced and delicious, with bright acidity and excellent length.



VINEYARD BRANDS

**94 Ridge Vineyards 2019 Geyserville, Sonoma (\$45)** A Zinfandel-dominant blend with a healthy dose of Carignane as well as Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet. Smooth, juicy, tangy, and pure, with great balance and style.

**95 Ridge Vineyards 2016 Lytton Estate Syrah, Dry Creek Valley (\$48)** Dark and silky, with notes of lush blueberry, boysenberry, and cassis. A remarkable wine—the addition of 7% Viognier gives it spice.

**93 Ridge Vineyards 2018 Boatman Zinfandel, Alexander Valley (\$36)** Deep ruby color and a lush berry nose; juicy, balanced, and long, with notes of earth, blackberry, spice, and vanilla.

**95 Shafer Vineyards 2018 One Point Five Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley (\$98)** Deep garnet color; velvety, toasty, and spiced, with rich boysenberry and black raspberry. Splendid and beautifully balanced.



**91 Signature Reserve 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$38)** Lush color and a deep and toasty nose. Intense but user friendly, with notes of rich plum and spice and a smooth texture; complex, balanced, and long. Available at Safeway.

**93 Tablas Creek Vineyard 2020 Vermentino, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$40)** A rare California bottling of this Northern Italian variety, also known as Rolle in France. Tangy and juicy, with lots of crisp tropical fruit.

VINEYARD BRANDS

**92 Tablas Creek Vineyard 2020 Dianthus, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$30)** A blend of 48% Mourvèdre, 37% Grenache, and 15% Counoise with a deep pink color. Fresh yet silky, round, and lush with bright berry and cherry notes.

**94 Testarossa 2019 Single Vineyard Series Chardonnay, Sierra Mar Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands (\$53)** Smooth and juicy, clean and neatly balanced; long and lovely, with a core of racy acidity.

**96 Work Vineyard 2018 Lamya's Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga (\$130)** Toasty, intense, and long, with a concentrated nose and notes of rich plum, berries, and chocolate.

## IMPORTED

**91 Château Miraval 2020 Côtes de Provence Rosé, France (\$28)** Pale pink color; silky, dry, and crisp; fresh, lively, and balanced. A nice Provençal wine from a château part-owned by Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.



VINEYARD BRANDS

**92 Fable Mountain Vineyards 2017 Night Sky, WO Tulbagh, South Africa (\$26)** A rich and intense Southern Rhône-style blend of 50% Syrah, 35% Grenache, and 15% Mourvèdre with a medium ruby color. Fresh and bright yet meaty, with depth, finesse, and notes of boysenberry and blueberry.

TERROIR SELECTIONS

**92 Jean Diot Premier Regard Brut Champagne, France (\$45)** Lush with ripe, forward fruit yet clean, fresh, and stylish; crisp and long, with intensity and balance.

**92 Les Cadrans de Lassègue 2017 Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Bordeaux Blend, France (\$30)** Deep garnet color and lush aromas of plum; dense, meaty, and spicy, with soft tannins, good balance, and notes of toast as well as plum. Give it a couple years to come around.

ACADIA IMPORTS

**90 Poggio del Moro 2020 Pet Nat Bianco Frizzante, Toscana, Italy (\$30)** Fresh, crisp, and dry, with lively bubbles and ripe fruit; clean, balanced, and long. Equal parts Trebbiano, Grechetto, and Malvasia.

GRAPEJUICE GROUP

**91 Poggio del Moro 2020 Spumante Rosato, Toscana, Italy (\$30)** Bright, clean, and vivacious, with a hint of strawberry; dry, balanced, and charming.

GRAPEJUICE GROUP

**92 Surrau 2019 Sciala Vermentino di Gallura Superiore DOCG, Italy (\$27)** A rich and lush example of Vermentino that remains fresh, with clean flavors of fruit and minerals.

DALLATERRA

**94 Vintage Longbottom 2019 Henry's Drive Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia (\$50)** A definitive wine with a luscious blackberry nose and a tangy, fresh palate of ripe berries.



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## VALUE

**90 Ca' di Prata Brut Prosecco, Italy (\$16)** Ripe, juicy, and full-bodied yet fresh, clean, and crisp; off-dry, with a long finish.

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**91** Clean Slate 2019 Riesling, Mosel, Germany (\$12) Lively, tangy, and balanced, with notes of lime, peach, and minerals; a great value. ☺

WINEBOW IMPORTS

**90** Bonny Doon Vineyard 2020 Picpoul, Beeswax Vineyard, Arroyo Seco (\$15) Bright, tangy, and fresh, with crisp acidity; juicy and appealing. Get to know this Rhône variety, because it's doing very well in California. ☺

**88** Beronia 2019 Verdejo, Rueda, Spain (\$12) Clean and smooth, with dry, ripe flavors; balanced and long. A remarkable value. ☺

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**89** Bonny Doon Vineyard 2020 Vin Gris de Cigare Rosé, Central Coast (\$15) Pale salmon pink; dry, smooth, and aromatic, with notes of strawberry. ☺



**92** Dry Creek Vineyard 2020 Fumé Blanc, Sonoma County

(\$16) A charming modern wine with a fresh nose and a floral, juicy palate. Layered, ripe, and tangy, with a lovely balance of interesting elements. ☺



**92** Dry Creek Vineyard 2020 Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg (\$16)

Lush floral nose; smooth, ripe, and charming. An enchanting expression of an underrated variety. ☺

**90** Funckenhausen 2020 Rosé, Mendoza, Argentina (\$15/1-L) Pale salmon pink; dry, juicy, and fresh, with notes of strawberry. ☺

GLOBAL VINEYARD IMPORTERS

**90** Funckenhausen 2018 Malbec Blend, Mendoza, Argentina (\$15/1-L) A clean, smooth blend of 50% Malbec, 35% Bonarda, and 15% Syrah, with a rich garnet color; ripe, long, and nicely balanced.

GLOBAL VINEYARD IMPORTERS

**94** Mascota Vineyards 2017 Unánime Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina (\$20) Fragrant and intense, with a smooth texture and lush notes of spice and ripe blackberry.

SARANTY IMPORTS

**94** Morgan Winery 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Arroyo Seco (\$18) Lovely nose of ripe citrus; smooth and juicy, with fresh, balanced flavors of crisp orange and peach. Delicious. ☺



**92** Pierre Sparr 2019 Gewürztraminer, Alsace, France (\$20) The rose-petal nose paves the way for a floral palate; ripe and aromatic, this wine is a lovely example of a variety that you maybe still can't pronounce. ☺

WILSON DANIELS

**91** Pierre Sparr Crémant d'Alsace Brut Rosé, France (\$20) Crisp and juicy with bright cherry; dry, tangy, and long.

WILSON DANIELS

**92** Matchbook 2019 Pillars of Hercules Red Blend, Dungen Hills (\$20) This eclectic blend of Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot, and Teroldego amounts to a deep, lovely wine. It's juicy, seamless, and luscious, with ripe berry notes and a long finish.

**91** RouteStock 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$17) Soft, ripe, and smooth, with crisp acidity and notes of peach and citrus.

**90** RouteStock 2020 Chardonnay, Carneros (\$18) Spicy and tangy, with a clean, fresh style and a lengthy finish. ☺

**88** Signature Reserve Brut Sparkling Wine, California (\$20) Fresh and lively, with energetic bubbles; clean and simple, coarse and dense. Acceptable for large gatherings.

**91** Surrau 2020 Limizzai Vermentino di Gallura DOCG, Italy (\$16) Fresh, clean, tangy, and bursting with fresh-fruit acidity. Totally charming and a fine accompaniment to food.

DALLA TERRA



**90** **Three Henrys 2019 Chardonnay, Pays d'Oc, France (\$17)**  
Clean and juicy, with minerals, fresh fruit, and appealing acid structure; balanced, long, and a good value. ☺

**90** **Three Henrys 2019 Pinot Noir, Pays d'Oc, France (\$17)**  
Medium ruby color with a spicy nose that carries over to the palate of dusty fruit. ☺

## SPIRITS

**90** **Ron Veleiro Mamajuana Spiced Rum, Dominican Republic (\$16)** Deep amber color; very sweet and simple on both the nose and palate. Try it with Coke.

VENTURE BEVERAGE



**100** **Highland Park 31 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$3,000)** Rich amber color and creamy notes of vanilla and buttered popcorn. Toasty and intense as well as elegant and balanced, it's everything you could ever want in a Scotch—and worth saving up for.

**99** **Springbank 25 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$1,500)** Deep golden-amber color and a smooth vanilla nose. Lush, rich, and intense, with notes of honey, toasted caramel, and nougatine.



**98** **Glen Scotia 27 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$850)** Rich, toasted nose; smooth texture; and mouth-filling flavors of sweet spice, treacle, and dried flowers. A very special experience.



**96** **Cambus 42 Year Old Single Grain Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$1,250)** Rich, mind-blowing aromas of spice and tea emerge from this kick-ass spirit. Powerful, transporting, and long.



**96** **Old Fitzgerald Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$85)** Rich, spicy, floral nose; silky-smooth, with notes of tea and flowers. Elegant, sleek, and long, this is another triumph in an admirable series—spectacular.

**92** **Deep Eddy Lime Vodka, USA (\$16)** Cloudy green color and aromas of fresh lime that expand on the clean and juicy palate. Crisp, tangy, and remarkably authentic—try it in your next Margarita.

**91** **Flecha Azul Tequila Reposado, Mexico (\$70)** Light amber color and a smooth nose of toasted agave; toasty, earthy, and dense, with a long, complex finish.

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**93** **Zignum Mezcal Joven, Mexico (\$35)** Silky-smooth, earthy, and balanced, with herbal agave flavors and natural spice.

**94** **Zignum Mezcal Añejo, Mexico (\$60)** Deep amber color and a smoky nose. Spicy, sleek, and lovely, with depth and style.

**91** **Signature Reserve Canadian Whisky, Canada (\$20)** Smooth and lush with sweet, toasted notes; clean, balanced, and deep. Spicy and showing style and finesse. Available at Safeway.

SIGNATURE RESERVE SPIRITS

**94** **The Sassenach Blended Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$99)** Smooth and elegant, with lovely depth, toasted spice, rich flavors, and good length. A spirit tailor-made for *Outlander* fans, as the label was created by lead actor Sam Heughan. 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

SASSENACH SPIRITS



In each issue, Tasting Panel publisher/editor-in-chief Meridith May selects her favorite wines and spirits of the moment. Check here for the latest arrivals in our offices, the hottest new brands on the market, and an occasional revisited classic.

# Publisher's PICKS

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*Publisher Meridith May and her dog, Porter, with Emma Roberts (author of our “Dear Emma” column) of Porta Via restaurant in Los Angeles, CA.*

## WINES



**SEAGLASS 2019 Pinot Grigio, Central Coast (\$12)** Graceful notes of apricot, peach, and white flowers sweeten the palate of this wine sourced from the Los Alamos Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, not far from the Pacific’s coastal climate. Fine minerality leaves a trace on the tongue before a kiss of kiwi arrives on the finish. **90**

TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES



**El Coto 2020 Blanco, Rioja, Spain (\$13)** This crisp and most refreshing blend of Viura, Verdejo, and Sauvignon Blanc zips across the palate with honeysuckle and lemon blossom. Vibrant acidity and a touch of white tea and spiced lime on the finish give it extra shine. **90**



**Zeroicondotta 2019 Barbera, Piedmont, Italy (\$14)** Within the fine acid structure, tart cherry and spiced plum merge with waves of tobacco and orange peel. A wonderful food-pairing wine with abundant personality. **90**

THE TRITON COLLECTION



**Smashberry 2020 Rosé, Paso Robles (\$15)** This clean, stark, and refreshing wine exudes delightful scents of pink roses, cotton candy, and melon. The dry palate offers sleek notes of tangerine with a stony cherry-skin mouthfeel. **90**

MILLER FAMILY WINE COMPANY



**Ferraton Père & Fils 2020 Côtes du Rhône Samorëns Rosé, Rhône Valley, France (\$15)** It’s easy to fall under the spell of this blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Cinsault, whose hypnotic flavors of jasmine, ginger, and rose petal are nestled within a juicy frame. Minerality is well defined on the finish. **92**

SERA WINE IMPORTS



**Les Vignes de Bila-Haut Pays d’Oc Rosé, Languedoc, France (\$15)** A blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Cinsault, this dynamic pink excites the palate with grapefruit zest, basil, sage, and white pepper. Enhanced by wet stone and red cherry skins, the liquid has a weighty presence and a unique texture that’s pleasurable and refreshing. **91**

SERA WINE IMPORTS



Worthy of a smooch.  
 French-style double bizou.  
 Wildly infatuated.  
 Seriously smitten.  
 Head over heels in love.



**Trapiche 2019 Tesoro Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$15)**

Meaty aromas are deep and shadowed. Tarry plum and violets align on the palate as an iron-like mineral component melds with black pepper and espresso. Plush leather and blackberry preserves are pronounced on the finish. **91**

GRUPO PEÑAFLORES



**No Curfew 2019 Pinot Noir, California (\$15)**

Deep mocha and blackberry preserves make for extroverted aromas and flavors in this silky wine, which provides depth and balance through roast coffee, cigar leaf, and plum. **90**

AMICI CELLARS



**Bonterra 2019 Merlot, California (\$16)** Made with organic grapes, this lush and delicious blend of 79% Merlot, 13% Petite Sirah, 2% Zinfandel, and 6% other red grapes has a delightfully appealing nose of salted plum, chocolate, and beet. On the palate, ripe Bing cherry, mocha latte, and deeply sumptuous boysenberry make each sip increasingly pleasurable as minerality adheres to the lively frame. This one overdelivers. **92**

FETZER VINEYARDS



**Blue Canyon 2019 Estate Grown Pinot Noir, Monterey (\$16)**

Hidden under the Monterey Bay is a 60-mile-long and 2-mile-deep geologic wonder known as the Blue Grand Canyon, which inspired the name of this label. Earthy, delicious, and indulgent, this is a well-balanced Pinot Noir, with notes of smoked meats and black cherry. The chewy texture indulges the palate. **91**

SCHEID FAMILY ESTATES



**Santi 2016 Ventale Valpolicella Superiore DOC, Veneto, Italy (\$16)**

Made from 80% Corvina, 10% Corvinone, and 10% Rondinella grown in a windy maritime climate near Lake Garda, this sleek wine offers notes of sandalwood and tart berries. Nutmeg and balsamic follow with a light touch on the mouthfeel before rose petals and earth seal the deal on the finish. The necker has an innovative QR code that guides consumers to educational information like recommended food pairings, tips for an elevated tasting experience, and the history of the wine. **93**

FREDERICK WILDMAN & SONS



**Three Finger Jack 2019 Rum Barrel Aged Red Blend, Lodi (\$20)**

This blend of Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah is a tremendously pleasurable experience. While a portion of the well-structured, dark-fruited red is aged traditionally in French and American oak, a unique approach is taken with the remainder: aging in rum barrels. Butterscotch, molasses, baking spices, and sandalwood are well defined on the nose, and on the palate, the character derived from the rum barrels is unmasked to reveal flavors of Luxardo cherry, graham cracker, and devil's food cake. **92**

DELICATO FAMILY WINES



**Skyside 2018 Chardonnay, North Coast (\$20)** The fruit for this white is sourced from the five counties—Mendocino, Sonoma, Lake, Solano, and Napa—that make up California's North Coast AVA. It's defined by a mélange of summer peach, vanilla, and honeysuckle in a rich, creamy body. Notes of lemon cake are balanced by a fine acid structure. **90**



**Z. Alexander Brown 2019 Uncaged Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$18)**

Distinctive and seductive, with a mélange of dark red fruit, mocha, and cedar in a generous and round body. This red unites power with princely charm. **92**

DELICATO FAMILY WINES



**Kennedy Shah 2017 La Vie en Rouge, Yakima Valley, Washington (\$20)**

This Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant blend offers a surge of fruit on the nose as well as in the mouth, which is energized by ripe cherry and inherently perky acidity; on the mid-palate, cinnamon-spiced cranberry is juicy and vibrant. 85% aged for 26 months in neutral French oak and 15% for six months in new French oak. **92**

THE WOODHOUSE WINE ESTATES



# Publisher's PICKS



## Château des Ferrages 2020 Roumery Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France (\$20)

A blend of Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah, and Vermentino from Maison M. Chapoutier, with a pink onion-skin hue and fresh aromas of white melon, salty pear, and pine nut. A zingy entry highlights white pepper and high-wire acidity before the mid-palate unveils a crisp texture with raspberry and a hint of oregano. A wash of peach and mango defines the finish. **89**



SERA WINE IMPORTS



## St. Francis 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County (\$22)

Fruit from both estate vineyards in the Russian River Valley and top growers in the Dry Creek and Alexander valleys make up the blend of this well-structured red. Aromas of dark plum, oak, and coffee lead to firm tannins on the palate, where crushed violets teem in waves of mocha and boysenberry. Black pepper and Italian herbs season cedar and espresso on the finish. **91**



KOBRAND



## San Rucci Winery 2020 Benvenuta, California (\$24)

The San Joaquin Valley is home to the Muscat (90%) and Chardonnay (10%) that make up this impressive white. Nougat, vanilla bean, orange peel, and white flowers bring its brightness into focus. The mid-palate expresses lush apricot, tart citrus, and a finish of high-toned minerality. With an ABV of 12%, it sees no malolactic. **90**



## Scarlet Vine 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo Valley, Chile (\$20)

In a century-old mountain vineyard 1,750 feet in elevation, rocky soils and cold winds from the Andes add to the concentration of flavor and dense mouthfeel of this well-endowed red. Violets and dark chocolate are a romantic gift for the nose and palate. Blackberry and anise coat sturdy tannins with a chalky undertone, and sweet tobacco meets a lengthy graphite-and-black-berry finish to create textural pleasure. **91**



DELICATO FAMILY WINES



## Esk Valley 2019 Red Blend, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand (\$22)

Gimblett Gravels' deep soils, good drainage, and low vigor prove worthy in this outstanding blend of 47% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 15% Malbec. Graphite and black olive work in tandem with blackberry and a range of oak, sandalwood, and cedar notes. Bittersweet dark chocolate and black cherry sidle up to balsamic and iron shavings on the dynamic finish. **93**



WINEBOW IMPORTS



## Painted Fields 2018 Amador Classico, Sierra Foothills, Amador County (\$25)

Tart cherry and sweet earth combine for a pleasure ride powered by 44% Barbera, 20% Petite Sirah, 12% Zinfandel, 12% Grenache, and 12% Malbec. The mouthfeel is meaty, with white pepper, rosemary, and rhubarb joining defined acidity and precise notes of cinnamon and wild strawberry. Balanced and hearty, with an ABV of 14.7% that makes a statement. **93**



ANDIS WINES



## Trivento 2018 Golden Reserve Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina (\$21)

This elegant wine guides its flavor profile from tart black cherry to slate and sage. Oak and plum-skin tannins merge with black pepper and grilled meat. **91**



FETZER VINEYARDS



## Mathis 2020 Rosé de Grenache, Mathis Vineyard, Sonoma Valley (\$22.50)

Aged four months in stainless steel, this clean, crisp, and yet somehow opulent sipper expresses itself with aromas and flavors of watermelon, raspberry, and orange peel. A lithe mineral base and a savory quality of pine nut and basil lend a French accent to the California rosé. **92**



## Kith & Kin 2020 Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$25)

Fermented in stainless steel and aged for five months, this label's debut Chardonnay was whole cluster-pressed in the crémant style to impart fine acidity and inner sunshine. The fresh nose of just-sliced lemon gives way to a perfectly balanced palate with glossy and clean notes of melon, guava, and banana. Stoniness on the mid-palate persists through the finish, leaving a trace of terroir on the tongue. **93**





**Chalk Hill 2019 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$26)** Cool-climate fruit from the rugged Sonoma Coast shows itself through the clean, crisp entry, while grapes from Foley Family Estate vineyards in Carneros and Chalk Hill add depth of character. This glossy white—which underwent 100% malolactic fermentation and aged sur lie in French, American, and Hungarian oak—has some marvelous components that show through in flavor and texture. Notes of lemon curd, caramel, and sandalwood revive the senses. The liquid slides across the palate, paving an exacting path with fine acidity before apple pie and cinnamon add to a creamy finish. **93**

FOLEY FAMILY WINES



**Oak Ridge Winery 2019 1906 Vintners Chardonnay, Lodi (\$25)** Cinnamon-kissed peach and apricot contribute plushness to the mouthfeel. Base notes are deep, resonant, and full of character beneath well-integrated vanilla and cedar. Acidity keeps the wine fresh as it demonstrates Lodi's best potential. **92**



**Minus Tide 2019 Chenin Blanc, Buddha's Dharma Vineyard, Mendocino (\$29)**

This white is sourced from an organic and dry-farmed 76-year-old vineyard owned by the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, a Buddhist monastery. With its sense of sunshine and authenticity, it brings to mind a Buddhist quote: "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth." It possesses a flinty nature; racy acidity; and notes of fresh linen and white flower petals that are delicately lined with peach and pine nut. **93**



**Tempos Vega Sicilia 2018 Oremus Mandolás Furmint, Tokaj, Hungary (\$34)**

This dry white is from the subregion of Mandolás on the slopes of the Zemplén Mountains, where the soils consist of clay on ancient volcanic debris. The wine rests for six to eight months in locally sourced new oak barrels with frequent lees stirring. Minerality comes forward on the nose with a whiff of lemongrass, and unctuous notes of salted pear with a hint of caramel appear on the palate as patches of basil and tarragon surface on lemon-lime tartness. Searing acidity keeps things crisp and racy. **94**



**Eduardo Vidal 2018 Nube Negra Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina (\$35)**

From its elegant structure to its savory notes of balsamic and black olive, this is one standout Malbec. The floral perfume is mirrored on the palate, where it's wrapped in dark chocolate and blue fruit. The pillow-like texture seemingly floats above the tongue as the mouth fills with layers of flavor. **94**



CONCURRENT WINES



**Chappellet 2020 Signature Chenin Blanc, Napa Valley (\$40)**

This variety was planted on the famous Pritchard Hill property before the Chappellet family founded their winery in the late 1960s; the vines replanted there are now over 15 years old, imparting sensual aromas of a lemon tree orchard in spring. The mouthfeel is delicately honeyed, with echoes of pear and kiwi, and a fine thread of minerality extends through the finish of melon and tropical flowers. **94**



**Schramsberg Vineyards 2017 Blanc de Noirs, North Coast (\$43)**

The fruit sourced for this blend of 83% Pinot Noir and 17% Chardonnay hails from Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa, and Marin counties. It's a lovely, medium-bodied brut with aromas of late-spring fruit: fresh and succulent apricot and crisp apple with a spark of gingerbread. The perfume continues as honeyed tropical fruits and Asian pear chime in on the palate. **93**



**Caprio Cellars 2018 Eleanor Estate Red, Walla Walla, Washington (\$48)**

Aged 18 months in 100% French oak, this charming Bordeaux blend of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 15% Malbec, and 7% Cab Franc offers a gorgeous entry via a silk road of tobacco, earth, and bright blackberry. The sturdy and dry tannins caress the palate while maintaining a flow of tension. **94**



# Publisher's PICKS



## Schug 2018 Estate Grown Chardonnay, Carneros, Sonoma County (\$50)

Aged sur lie for seven months in (34% new) French oak, the grapes for this exquisite white are planted at the base of a high ridge on the Schug estate, located on the windy western edge of the Carneros AVA. Rich and luxurious flavors of vanilla bean, baked apple, and lemon tart build to a crescendo, showing staying power lifted further by acidity before the balanced and clean finish. The winery, founded by Walter Schug, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. **93**



## Verdon Estate 2018 Blue-line Vineyards Proprietary Red, Napa Valley (\$58)

Aged ten months in second-use French oak barrels, this superb blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Malbec, and 20% Merlot with aromas of briar-laden boysenberry, chocolate, and coffee bean is rich on the palate, as notes of melting dark chocolate give it a grainy mouthfeel. It's sumptuous, meaty, and almost chewy, with notes of iron and white pepper that awaken the back of the palate. A tremendous surge of blue fruit drenches the mouth on the finish. **94**



ATC NAPA



## Ossian Vides y Vinos 2018 Verdejo, Castilla y León, Spain (\$50)

Creamy notes of caramel-covered Bartlett pear and crisp acidity bring this white to life. White flower petals echo on the rich mouthfeel as acidity keeps the palate clean and fresh. **93**

ALMA CARRAOVEJAS



## J. Lohr 2017 Carol's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$60)

This black-and-blue-fruited "Cabernet with a cause" is named after Jerry Lohr's late wife; a portion of its proceeds support the J. Lohr Touching Lives program, a partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Even-tempered yet plush and expressive, it offers complex notes of roasted coffee bean and a meaty quality on the mid-palate. Minerality comes through with grace on the powerful foundation. **95**



## Cattleya 2019 Cuvée Number Five Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$55)

Another great wine from Bibiana González Rave, who was born and raised in Colombia (cattleya is Colombian Spanish for "orchid," the country's national flower) and trained in France at the University of Bordeaux. Her Chardonnay comes from maritime-influenced high-elevation vineyards and is aged in cellar for 15 months. Notes of pancake batter, lemon butter, and vanilla bean are topped with a dollop of orange cream; despite that richness, the wine's smooth transition between flavor, good acidity, and billowy texture makes it feel weightless. **94**



## Davies Vineyards 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$65)

In its seventh vintage, this red from the J. Davies Estate in Diamond Mountain blends grapes sourced everywhere from the valley floor to both the Mayacamas and Vaca mountain ranges. Blended with 14% Malbec and 2% Merlot, it aged 21 months in 52% French oak and exudes luscious notes of dark chocolate and cedar that plunge into a sea of blackberry preserves. It's equally generous in its offerings of tobacco, tar, sage, and coffee bean, which envelop plum notes and offer an aesthetic sense of balance through the finish. **95**



## Calla Lily Estate 2016 Ultimate Red Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$65)

The first vines on this 20-acre estate vineyard, located in Pope Valley on the eastern side of Howell Mountain, were planted in 1995; the property also boasts a small plot of pre-phylloxera vines. Winemaker Cary Gott's aging regimen for this blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cab Franc, 6% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot is 22 months in 40% new French oak. Dry, chalky tannins grip the teeth with sage and plum as graphite and deep notes of mocha keep the senses alert. This is an accessible yet exceedingly regal red, with pepper and mountain brush emerging though a veil of black cherry and tilled soil. **94**



## Ehlers Estate 2018 Petit Verdot, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$72)

This perfectly crafted, small-production 100% Petit Verdot aged 22 months in French oak. Flavors and textures join forces within its big body, from a bounty of boysenberry, dried violets, and crushed stone to notes of bittersweet chocolate. **96**





### Milsetentayseis 2018 1076

#### Tinto, Ribera del Duero, Spain (\$80)

An extreme altitude of more than 3,000 feet, mineral-rich soil, and harsh weather conditions make for one big, bold wine. Aged for 18 months in French oak, this blend of 95% Tempranillo and 5% native varieties exhibits notes of crushed rock as well as broad strokes of leather, tar, and balsamic. At once graceful and powerful, it makes a stand to showcase an abundance of black fruit. **94**

ALMA CARRAOVEJAS



### Dancing Hares 2017 Red Blend, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$125)

Crushed violets, wet stone, and sturdy tannins keep this rabbit hopping as sweet earthy notes combine with an animated sweep of dark fruit and a chalky texture that grips the teeth. It's dusty and shadowed, with tarry notes racing alongside coffee bean and bittersweet chocolate on the finish. **95**

AMULET ESTATE



### Turnbull 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Leopoldina Vineyard, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$135)

According to winemaker Peter Heitz, Leopoldina—which sits on top of the renowned Oakville Bench—is the “crown jewel” of Turnbull’s four estate vineyards. With elevations up to 860 feet and iron-rich volcanic soil, it was one of the first sites to be planted in the Oakville region. Though armed with depth of character, the blue fruit is high-toned, thanks in part to a keen mineral component that sharpens the senses. Savory herbs, dried violets, brown-sugared espresso bean, and a hint of tobacco line up for attention. The fruit becomes darker—not to mention softer and richer—on the finish. **96**



## SPIRITS



### Coco Sky Coconut Cream Liqueur, USA (\$20)

Touted as the world’s only all-natural and gluten-free premium cream liqueur that uses gin as its base, this 30-proof spirit is a pleasant surprise. The producer claims that no refrigeration is required for the blend of fresh coconut water, gin, and fresh cream, yet its shelf life is one year after opening. The gin’s clean botanicals come through with notes of lavender and lime, while the lithe coconut flavor is balanced, with no cloying aftertaste. The cream, meanwhile, is well integrated and not too rich—likely helped by the low calorie count and sugar content. **93**



### Casa México Tequila Reposado, Mexico (\$38)

Founded by Mexican-American beverage industry pioneer Eric Buccio in partnership with actor Mario Lopez and famed boxer Oscar De La Hoya, this exceptional Highlands tequila is aromatic, with a great mouthfeel. Sweet scents of peach enhance vibrant agave notes. The palate offers tremendous appeal via lemon verbena and baked apple with a dash of white pepper. Well-integrated oak does not mask the true agave flavors of the expressive and clean liquid. **94**



### High Goal Gin, USA (\$50)

The term “high goal” refers to the most advanced level of official tournament polo. This 80-proof spirit is produced in Charleston, South Carolina, by spirits veteran Matti Christian Anttila and polo champion Nic Roldan. Light notes of juniper and lime are backed by jasmine and white flower petals on the nose. The palate is unctuous, with a coat of spearmint and licorice that lines the mouth; a dash of black pepper follows as grapefruit zest seals in the unique texture and flavors. **95**

GRAIN & BARREL SPIRITS



### Los Siete Misterios Mezcal Joven, Oaxaca, Mexico

The layered nose of vanilla, fresh agave, black pepper, and clay features a delicate touch of smoke. The palate is rich and unctuous with notes of vanilla, marshmallow, and lime zest. At 88 proof, it has intense character; yet the fine agave still shines through. Well-defined minerality emerges amid the superb balance of flavor and texture before a tropical finish of grilled pineapple and mango. **95** *TR*

CHATHAM IMPORTS

# Red Carpet *Treatment*

WE'RE ROLLING OUT THE PINOTS AND CABS

*Just For You*

WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carton  
AVA in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Geographical Digest, sister publication *The SOMM Journal's* ongoing webinar series in partnership with *National Geographic* and *SommCon*, continued in May with two installments: "Pinot Noir: Aspects From Delicacy to Durability" and "It's All About Napa." Participating producers shared their insights as well as their wines with attendees; now we're sharing our thoughts on them with you.

**Domaine Anderson 2017 Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley (\$45)** The presence of striking acidity within a depth of boysenberries and cola makes for one dynamic red. White pepper-sprinkled Luxardo cherries go earthbound with mushrooms and dried leaves before the remarkably savory finish leaves a fine trace of plum skin on the palate. **94**

MAISONS, MARQUES & DOMAINES



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**Lloyd Cellars 2018 Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$50)**

Sourced from the La Viña and Rio Vista vineyards, the juice fermented in stainless steel and aged for ten months in French oak before spending an additional 12 months in bottle prior to release. The senses are piqued by aromas of earth, basil, and white pepper as the cool yet vibrant palate leads with cherry and briar. Dynamic acidity and a sleek texture allow notes of rhubarb, tomato leaf, and candied cranberry to shine. **94**



**Calera 2017 Pinot Noir, Ryan Vineyard, Mt. Harlan (\$75)**

Aromas and flavors of sweet earth and vibrant rose petals open this ethereal red. Jasmine takes shape with underlying notes of crushed rock and sugared beets. Hedonistic as it is, it gradually gentles, paving the way for the elegant finish. **96**



**Louis Jadot 2018 Clos des Ursules Premier Cru, Beaune, Burgundy (\$90)**

Brilliant aromas of summer cherry and a rose garden precede vivid glossiness on the palate, where mocha-tinged earthiness reveals white pepper and cinnamon-covered raspberry. There's an intensity midway that creates tension while ushering in a juicy flow of spiced pomegranate on the finish. **96**



KOBRAND

**WillaKenzie Estate 2018 Pinot Noir, Yamhill-Carton, Willamette Valley (\$55)**

Aromas of earth are sweetened by wildflowers and mocha. Scrumptious, sumptuous notes of strawberry and more mocha are elegantly joined by a unique thread of red tea with a hint of maple. The finish ushers in bright notes of cherry-flavored licorice and a touch of salinity. **93**



THE SPIRE COLLECTION BY JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**Cono Sur 2017 Ocio Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley, Chile (\$70)**

This dynamic Pinot Noir, which spent 14 months in barrel and one month in stainless-steel tanks, expresses itself through tobacco, leather, and deeply penetrating notes of dark cherry and plum. Spiced cedar and cinnamon lead to a tart and energetic cranberry core surrounded by an herb garden. Red plum accents—and sweetens—the finish. **95**



FETZER VINEYARDS

**Scattered Peaks 2017 Small Lot Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$125)**

Celebrated winemaker Joel Aiken is at his best with this masterfully crafted red sourced from both Morisoli Vineyard in Rutherford and Ridge Vineyard on Howell Mountain. Concentrated notes of cedar, slate, and a slathering of grainy-textured dark chocolate meld with black cherry and plum. Sophisticated and regally structured. **96**

PURPLE BRANDS

**Giesen 2016 Pinot Noir, Clayvin Vineyard, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$60)**

Scents of wet leaves, cherry, and cinnamon become broad and juicy on the palate. Against a backdrop of perky acidity, cinnamon joins forces with clove and saffra as wild strawberry surrounds a sweet yet slightly savory core of earth. The finish is dusky and floral. **93**

PACIFIC WINES & SPIRITS



**Merry Edwards 2018 Meredith Estate Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$68)**

A combination of scents—raspberry jam, tilled earth, and nutmeg—immediately captivates. The liquid floats across the palate with cinnamon-charmed cherries and dusty, supple tannins. This is an eye-opening red, with lively white-peppered cedar defining a luxe finish. **94**

MAISONS, MARQUES & DOMAINES



**Chappellet 2018 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$250)**

A silk road ascends to a dynamic peak, where a hallelujah of flavor and texture rings out. The juiciness of this tamed beast shows through its opaque black fruit. A savory middle carries tar, tobacco, and Worcestershire notes. A triumphant red. **97**



**Guarachi 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Meadowrock Vineyard, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley (\$95)**

Concentrated, with spiced notes of black and red fruit. Tight-fisted tannins broaden by the minute as the dry, dusty mouthfeel is held together by the wine's fine structure. Drenched with coffee and sandalwood, a juicy flow of black fruit wraps around the palate. **98**

**Louis M. Martini 2017 Cabernet, Napa Valley (\$45)**

Perfumed with wild strawberry, iron, and coffee bean, this wine possesses exceptional vibrancy. Bittersweet chocolate leads and engages the palate, while big shoulders hold up layers of coffee, black plum, and cured meats. Plum-skin tannins and pencil shavings coat the tongue. **94** **IZ**

LUX WINES

SPOTLIGHT ON  
*Pinot Noir*

*Pretty,*  
PROVOCATIVE,  
Profound

PINOT NOIR CAN BE MANY  
THINGS, BUT “BORING” IS  
NEVER ONE OF THEM

**In 2003, British wine writer Stuart Walton observed** that, “of all the French varieties that have migrated around the viticultural world,” Pinot Noir “excites the greatest passions. More tears are shed, greater energy expended, more hand-wringing despair engendered over it than over any other variety.” Though truer words have rarely been penned, the grape didn’t really make its mark in the U.S. until the release of a certain film the following year (insert obligatory *Sideways* reference here).

But these days, the literally and figuratively thin-skinned pride of Burgundy follows only Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay in terms of popularity among American drinkers—thanks not least to the blood, sweat, and, yes, tears of winemakers up and down the West Coast, particularly in Oregon and California’s cooler regions. In this report, we take a look at a few American Pinot Noir producers with roles to play on your BTG lists and/or retail shelves while reviewing the recent releases of many more, both domestic and imported.



PASSING THE BOTTLE TEST:

## Lloyd Cellars

During a recent Pinot Noir-themed webinar hosted by sister publication *The SOMM Journal*, California-based winemaker Rob Lloyd asserted that, for all its complexities and nuances, a well-made Pinot ultimately boils down to one factor: sheer drinkability. “Does it go down smoothly enough that you want to open a second bottle?” he asked. If so, it passes his test for success.

Clearly he keeps that criterion top of mind while crafting his Lloyd Cellars Pinot Noir with grapes from the Sta. Rita Hills sub-AVA of Santa Ynez Valley in Santa Barbara County. Without diminishing the fresh character derived from the region’s coastal terroir, Lloyd seeks to highlight the equally desirable qualities of fruit-forwardness, soft tannins, and well-integrated oak. Submerged-cap fermentation is a key means to that end, allowing for the gentle extraction of flavor and the retention of aromatics (while reducing the need for sulfur); it’s followed by ten months of barrel aging plus 12 months in bottle.

Does the result meet Lloyd’s standard of pure pleurability? See page 105 for our review—but it’s safe to say that consumers would do well to purchase more than one bottle at a time.

**Bonnie and Rob Lloyd run the Napa, CA-based Lloyd Cellars.**



NO AVERAGE JUICE:

## Wine by Joe

Wine by Joe was founded in 2002 by its namesake, Joe Dobbles, with a mission to make exceedingly good Oregon wine that can be enjoyed at any time. “That mission remains today,” says assistant marketing manager Amelia Dobbles, who adds that the brand sources its grapes “from some of Oregon’s most established and emerging vineyards, including our 214-acre Sea Breeze Vineyard.” The Wine by Joe 2018 Pinot Noir contains a blend of grapes from the Willamette and Rogue valleys; like the other labels in the brand’s portfolio, it’s produced at Wine by Joe’s urban winery in Dundee, located in the heart of the Willamette Valley.

**Wine by Joe 2018 Pinot Noir, Oregon** This red commands a striking freshness and fine acidity. Seasoned minerality brings in notes of thyme and white pepper. Rainier cherry and pomegranate are well developed and become more prominent as the wine opens up. **91** —*Meridith May*



BALANCE AND BRAWN:

## Bucher Wines

In 1997, John Bucher planted the first Pinot Noir blocks that would become the Bucher Wines estate in the Russian River Valley; today, the property encompasses 38 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay across 15 blocks as well as a 700-cow organic dairy. Winemaker Adam Lee, who has been with the Bucher family since 2011, coaxes intense flavors and stylistic elegance from the grapes as he crafts the winery’s lineup of estate wines, available in limited amounts.

**J. Bucher 2018 Three Sixty Pinot Noir, Bucher Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$65)** Deep and shadowed, with dusky notes of plum preserves, espresso, and cherry skins. Aromas and flavors of earth and cigar leaf are topped with peppercorns and a layer of cedar. **93** —*M.M.*

**J. Bucher 2018 Pommard Clone Pinot Noir, Bucher Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$55)** Earth, plum, and cinnamon converge on the nose. Chocolate and plum are surrounded by a gamey sensation of terroir that is profound on the palate. Wild strawberry and Italian herbs meld with a fine sprinkle of black pepper. Stunning. **96** —*M.M.*

**J. Bucher 2018 Opa’s Block Pinot Noir, Bucher Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$75)** Aromas of lavender, raspberry, and roasted coffee inspire the nose. Focused acidity; dry, chalky tannins; and cedar-swathed orange peel have an intense and gratifying impact. Tilled soil and cigar leaf are present from start to finish. **95** —*M.M.*

**J. Bucher 2018 Pinot Noir, Bucher Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$40)** This Earth Mother is assertive, but black cherry, mocha, and Red Delicious apple impart sweetness while gentling her soul. Waves of sandalwood and tarry notes linger on the savory finish. **93** —*M.M.*

# Setting His Sites:

TOLOSA WINERY'S FRED DELIVERT RELEASES  
THE 2019 SINGLE VINEYARD COLLECTION

by Meridith May

**The Edna Valley–based Tolosa Winery** offers a single-vineyard series that spans California's finest cool-climate growing regions. With the 2019 vintage, French-born winemaker Fred Delivert truly delivers the goods. "The 2019 growing season was a textbook cool-climate one [in these vineyards]," he told *The Tasting Panel*. "The wines from this vintage subsequently took their sweet time to develop and are now finally coming out of their shell, showing a lot of layers and depth. [It's] a vintage well worth cellaring, especially for the Pinot Noir [wines], as I have no doubt they will age beautifully."

Here is a sampling of some recent releases from 2019.

**Tolosa 2019 Pinot Noir, Gunsalus Vineyard, Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$130)** The newest wine in Tolosa's single-vineyard lineup is sourced the furthest from its Edna Valley headquarters; Green Valley is known as the coolest part of the Russian River Valley, and this vineyard, surrounded by redwood trees, enjoys plenty of fog from the Sonoma Coast. One of the most floral of this collection, it gives us roses, jasmine, and the cleanest scent of red berries. The grip on the palate combines with notes of tart cranberry, fir tree, and a hint of leather. Vanilla and cherry blossom are divine, and as the wine continues to open up, we encounter a touch of salinity. **97**

**Tolosa 2019 Hollister Pinot Noir, Edna Ranch, Edna Valley, San Luis Obispo County (\$130)** Here, Delivert turns to the Hollister block on Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. The block lies closest to the Pacific, and its chalky limestone soils bring great acidity and texture to this red; harvesting each section within it separately, he also ferments separately and then ages the wine for nine months in French oak (28% new). Brushy aromas are distinct, as are scents of clove, cherry cola, and minerality. White-peppered cherry, pomegranate, and orange peel are held in check; meanwhile, the freshness almost gives off sparks. **96**

**Tolosa 2019 Apex Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County (\$130)** Situated 28 miles from the Monterey Bay and owned by the Francioni family, this benchtop vineyard consists of 77 acres of Pinot Noir. A wispy curtain of bright acidity opens to white cherry and hibiscus as the wine begins with an ethereal lightness, but the deeper you go, the more the savory notes appear. A mineral quality lends tonality to spiced rhubarb and a hint of balsamic. The path to the finish is dappled with white pepper and strewn with ripe strawberry. **96**


**Tolosa 2019 Pinot Noir, Drum Canyon Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County (\$130)** Farmed by the Dierberg family, this maritime site receives strong breezes from the Pacific and often sees foggy mornings. The wine exhibits an array of floral notes on nose and palate: hyacinth, jasmine, and plum blossom. Boysenberry is spiced with nutmeg and cinnamon, while broad notes of mushroom and tilled soil are surrounded by black cherry. Juicy and mouth-filling. **97** 



PHOTO: DUANE HALL

**Hollister Ranch is one of the blocks in Tolosa Winery's Edna Ranch Vineyard. The AVA is located in California's Central Coast, which claims some of the coolest climates in the state. Composed of rocky soils situated on challengingly steep hillsides, Hollister is located only 5 miles from the Pacific.**



Tolosa winemaker Fred Delivert.

PHOTO: DUANE HALL

SPOTLIGHT ON  
*Pinot Noir*

# FIVE OF A KIND

SCHEID FAMILY  
WINES OFFERS A  
RANGE OF PINOT  
NOIRS FOR EVERY  
PALATE AND  
BUDGET

*by Michelle Ball*

**D**riving through the Salinas Valley along Highway 101, you can't possibly miss spotting Scheid Family Wines, flanked by an expansive stretch of vines and a giant, 400-foot-tall wind turbine. But you also can't—or shouldn't—miss the prominent Monterey producer in the Pinot Noir market. Having built their business as grape growers before delving into production, the Scheid family has more than 3,000 acres under vine, an abundance that allows them to tailor specific blocks to quality tiers within a broad range of programs, including five 100% Monterey County Pinots between them—from a label partly fermented with native yeast right in the vineyard to a low-alcohol, low-calorie wine for health-minded consumers.

Scheid Family Wines COO Kurt Gollnick, executive vice president Heidi Scheid, founder Al Scheid, and president and CEO Scott Scheid.

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While each of these offerings is crafted with a specific buyer in mind, all will appeal to the environmentally conscious, made as they are by an industry leader in sustainability.

Thoughtful practices are at the heart of Scheid Family Wines. Not only is its winery powered entirely by 100% renewable wind energy, but its team also made the critical decision to transition the majority of its already certified sustainable vineyards to organic farming methods. “If you love to farm, you want to do things that really challenge you,” says company COO Kurt Gollnick, who has been with the Scheid family since 1988. Roughly 1,500 acres, or nearly half of their holdings, are currently undergoing accreditation. Gollnick emphasizes that “boot prints” are key to success when it comes to sustainability; as he puts it, “It’s all about getting into the vine-

yard—get your intimacy factor way up so you spot things long before they’re a problem.”

Indeed, despite his corporate title, Gollnick is a farmer first, one who deliberates over the intricacies of microbes and soil with as much passion as a sommelier musing over a Grand Cru. “Research has shown that healthy soils actually produce healthier vines, and those vines produce healthier grapes, which require less inputs. That’s because you’re getting more out of the soil, and you’re getting a healthy biome,” explains Gollnick, who adds that Scheid’s properties are also 100% herbicide free.

Such conscientiousness is impressive for a large-scale producer, yet it’s consistent with Scheid Family Wines’ forward-thinking approach to its business overall. Gollnick believes organic farming to be the future, especially in



**Scheid Family Wines’ wind turbine towers over its estate in California’s Salinas Valley.**

regions with conditions as favorable as those of Monterey: Its semi-arid climate and persistent coastal winds allow for excellent airflow, which reduces disease pressures. They also create the ideal environment for Pinot Noir, the area's most celebrated varietal.

Maritime fog blankets the Monterey region on most mornings, followed by ample midday sunshine and brisk afternoon winds that drive out the inland heat and channel the cold ocean air, beckoning the cycle to start again. This encourages even ripening throughout a long growing season, resulting in a greater concentration of flavors, improved tannin structure, and firm natural acidity with which the winemaking team can play to produce its range of Pinot Noirs for different price points and palates. Here's a closer look at each of the five distinctive expressions.



Farming his own 30-acre vineyard organically for five years gave Scheid Family Wines COO Kurt Gollnick the confidence to implement it at the winery. "Honestly, I didn't have the courage to do some of the practices on a large scale until kind of living it myself," he says.

### *District 7:*

#### THE SIGNATURE MONTEREY PINOT

Named for the county's official designation among California's 17 grape-growing districts, **District 7** is a contemporary offering that represents Monterey-grown Pinot Noir at its most characteristic: alluring, bright red fruit with soft tannins and spice. The 2019 vintage is sourced from estate vineyards in the northern reaches of Monterey County and French oak-aged for 14 months (30% new). At only \$18 retail, this Pinot Noir overdelivers on typicality, making it a prime candidate for every wine director's by-the-glass program.

#### **District 7 2019 Pinot Noir, Monterey (\$18)**

An inviting perfume of tilled soil, Bing cherry, and red tea flowers leads to a juicy and vivacious palate. White pepper and pomegranate connect with a hint of mocha. There's a tone of sweet tobacco intertwined with fresh, bright red cherry on the finish. **92** —*Meridith May*



### *Sunny with a Chance of Flowers:*

#### THE LIFESTYLE PINOT

We've seen the evolution of low-ABV and nonalcoholic wine in recent years, but what we haven't seen is a version that's this true to the varietal. The **Sunny with a Chance of Flowers Positively Pinot Noir** offers the best of both worlds: It's low-alcohol, lower-calorie, and sugar-free, yet it tastes like true Pinot Noir. Scheid Family Wines' winemaker Casey Di Cesare tinkered with the formula before settling on 8.5–9% ABV, which proved to be the sweet spot for hitting the reduced-calorie target without compromising typicality. "The higher the grape quality is at the start, the easier it is to get to that 9% and not worry about losing mouthfeel or flavor," he explains. Because of Scheid's stake in Pinot Noir acreage, Di Cesare can blend the ideal profile for the intended wine before using a gentle proprietary process to slowly reduce the alcohol. As a result, Sunny Pinot Noir allows consumers to imbibe without compromising their nutritional goals.

#### **Sunny with a Chance of Flowers 2019 Positively Pinot Noir,**

**Monterey County (\$17)** Red-floral and cherry aromatics are bright and sassy. Vibrant acidity keeps the freshness level high, enhancing ripe cherry and tart cranberry, as an underlying earthiness adds complexity. **90** —*M.M.*





## The Halo Tier:

# THREE SIDES OF PINOT

When Di Cesare joined the Scheid winemaking team in 2017, experimentation played a significant role in his day-to-day. The results are reflected in **Metz Road**, a brand for which the focus has been on growing ultra-pristine fruit and employing techniques in the winery that might be considered risky, especially for a company of this size—including wild yeast fermentation. Di Cesare wanted to create a wine that represented the true terroir of the estate Riverview Vineyard, where all of the grapes for Metz Road are sourced. Since commercial yeast strains dominate in the winery, the best way to ferment exclusively with native yeast was to do it in the vineyard. Today, a refrigerated shipping container sits on a concrete slab in the middle of Riverview, where Di Cesare processes a portion of the fruit.

The **Metz Road 2019 Pinot Noir** is a combination of native ferments conducted not only in the vineyard but also in a room off the main winery where infiltration is minimal; the team also does a controlled inoculation with non-saccharomyces yeast to start the fermentation before the indigenous yeasts take over. “I really like the way the 2019 turned out in terms of complexity and color,” Di Cesare notes. “What’s interesting [with Metz Road] is there are a lot of different yeasts working, not just one.” While insisting that this approach is not superior to using commercial yeasts, he adds that it results in a distinctive profile, as the non-saccharomyces yeast imparts different flavors to the wine before it’s out-competed by the more dominant saccharomyces strains.

Consequently, the wine serves as an excellent contrast to the **Scheid Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir**. Like Metz Road, Scheid hails predominantly from the Riverview Vineyard (75%), yet it’s crafted with traditional commercial yeasts to create a specific desired profile. “With the Scheid brand, we play a lot more with clonal selection,” explains Di Cesare. “We’re staying with a consistent, clean winemaking style to really deliver on the fruit.” There’s a freshness and a high-toned red-fruit quality to this style of Pinot Noir that he appreciates.

While yeast type may distinguish the two offerings, they both benefit from their source. The Riverview Vineyard sits along Metz Road on the eastern benchland of the Salinas Valley opposite the famed Santa Lucia Highlands (SLH). Its western exposure means it receives more light in the late afternoon compared to its counterparts across the valley, which are blocked by the mountains to their west. Winds from the Monterey Bay can also be more extreme at Riverview. For these reasons, Di Cesare says, “I find SLH [wines] to be a little more subtle and Riverview to be a little bit more robust.”

Although the Scheid family does not own property in the Santa Lucia Highlands, Di Cesare acknowledges that it must be a part of the conversation when it comes to Monterey Pinot Noir. Therefore, they partnered with the Hahn family to source grapes from the notable Doctor’s Vineyard. “It’s an opportunity to make a super-premium SLH Pinot Noir,” says Di Cesare, who shares that no expense is spared for the **Scheid Vineyards 2018 SLH Reserve Pinot Noir** from Doctor’s Vineyard. The focus for the winery’s pinnacle bottling is on highlighting the distinctive flavors of the fruit through painstaking technique—from hand-harvesting to the use of small open-top fermenters in which punchdowns are done gently by hand two or three times daily to aging in 100% French oak (42% new) for 18 months. “It’s all about being super-refined and technical with the winemaking,” says Di Cesare, who adds that this dark, highly concentrated wine is limited to only 122 cases.

Scheid Family Wines’ impressive selection of Pinot Noirs is a testament to its adaptability and diversity of approach in an ever-changing market. As Di Cesare puts it, “I appreciate that the Scheid family puts so much value on innovation. We’re not just turning out the same stuff all the time; we’re always trying to improve. I think it’s really important for a company to do that, and it’s awesome to have it expressed in [all of our] brands.” 

**“I just love Metz Road, since it’s all [sourced] from our Riverview Vineyard, which is just this wonderful alluvial fan that comes pouring out of the canyon that’s above it,” says COO Kurt Gollnick.**



**Metz Road 2019 Pinot Noir, Riverview Vineyard, Monterey (\$36)** This vintage absolutely shines. Bright, vibrant floral tones are accompanied by cherry-skin tannins, clove, and cinnamon. Expressive and deeply resonant, the palate is spiked with white-peppered boysenberry, followed by a long finish of beetroot and cedar. **94** —*M.M.*



**Scheid Vineyards 2019 Estate Pinot Noir, Monterey (\$36)** Aromas of cherry, mint, orange peel, and sweet tobacco are thrillingly deep and resonant. An alertness exists within this wine’s depth of character: Cinnamon-spiced cherry, brown-sugared pecan, and saffras are dotted by a tickle of white pepper, and an earthy core keeps its many layers well structured. **95** —*M.M.*



**Scheid Vineyards 2018 Santa Lucia Highlands Reserve Pinot Noir, Doctor’s Vineyard, Monterey (\$75)** This serious Pinot Noir with a strong personality is juicy from the start, with flavors of spiced berries and cigar leaf as well as robust, dark, shadowed notes of coffee bean and mocha. Black cherry weaves through its earthy, black-peppered soul. **95** —*M.M.*

SPOTLIGHT ON  
*Pinot Noir*

# *Pinot* Parade

OUR TOP PICKS FOR SUMMER

**Rural Wine Company  
2019 Pinot Noir, Eagle  
Peak Mendocino County**

**(\$22)** This new brand from third-generation vintners Ben and Jake Fetzer, who created the Eagle Peak AVA, helps to further define Mendocino County's grape-growing regions. Combining estate grapes and old-vine fruit from "hidden historic sites off the beaten path," Rural's Pinot was aged sur lie in French oak for ten months. Dusky and savory, with dark cherrywood, tobacco, and sweet earth. Red-tea and jasmine aromas persist as minerality adds to the wine's structure. **91**



**MacRostie 2018 Wildcat  
Mountain Pinot Noir,  
Sonoma Coast**

**(\$58)** Wildcat Mountain Vineyard is owned by Steve MacRostie and his partners Nancy and Tony Lilly. Its volcanic soils, strong maritime winds, and coastal fog contribute to the distinctive character of this lushly layered red, which opens with inspiring notes of cinnamon roll and cherry pie. A more complex mid-palate unfolds with jasmine, frankincense, and other exotic floral notes, leaving a trace of lavender and plum on the finish. **94**



**Castello di Amarosa  
2019 Rosato, Cresta  
d'Oro Vineyard, Green  
Valley of Russian River,  
Sonoma County**

**(\$39)** A dry, delicate rosé made from 100% Pinot Noir, planted on Goldridge soil and aged entirely in concrete eggs. Aromas of tangerine, melon, and tarragon are alluring, and zippy salinity keeps the palate energized. White peach and orange blossom join just-squeezed tangerine sparked by a fine acid structure. Sweet rose petals guide the way to a well-balanced finish. **93**



**SEAGLASS 2018 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County (\$15)**

Spiced cranberry aromas are gentled by scents of chocolate and cedar. The wine opens with brushy notes of sage, cola, and tobacco. Black cherry comes in mid-palate on a swath of earth, flint, and white pepper before clove melds with deep red-berry tones on the lingering finish. **90.5**

TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES



**Notre Vue Estate 2019 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$45)**

One of the most elegant Pinot Noirs we've tasted boasts ripe black cherry as its star attraction, set amid perfectly balanced acidity and just a gentle touch of Mother Earth. Aromas of red roses and red tea accompany the red fruit, while perky notes of white-peppered acacia and a hint of mocha add to this cheerful wine. **94**



**Merry Edwards 2019 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$60)**

Aged sur lie for nine months in 55% new French oak, this wine is a merriment of earthly delights. Just-picked strawberries in tilled soil, mocha-kissed cherries, cinnamon, and coriander are demonstrative on both the nose and palate. Basil and sage echo on the red-fruited finish. **94**

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



**Le Garenne 2020 Pinot Noir, Loire Valley, France (\$15)**

Dry farmed and wild yeast-fermented, this Loire Valley Pinot Noir is dramatic and stylish. Blue fruits, cured meats, celery root, and mocha are some of its elegant hallmarks. Great acid structure and juicy through the finish. **90.5**

ASGRAM LLC, MIAMI



**Schug 2018 Carneros Estate Grown Pinot Noir, Sonoma County (\$50)**

Earthy notes of root vegetables and pomegranate are enveloped in dried roses: What a perfume! On the palate, lean flavors of candied orange peel and bright cherry are dotted with white pepper and mocha. Lovely and light bodied, with balanced acidity and a touch of oak. **92**



**Goldeneye 2018 Pinot Noir, Confluence Vineyard, Anderson Valley (\$85)**

A valley-floor vineyard with a range of soils planted to nine different clones ensures this red is dramatically expressive. Notes of cherry, pomegranate, rhubarb, and minty mocha are brush-scented and flavorful. A savory spiced-root quality coats the tongue. Wild strawberry imparts ripeness as black-tea tannins and bright acidity take hold. **94**

THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



**Tree Fort 2020 Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County (\$17)**

Spiced cranberry and raspberry cola maintain this wine's bright profile. The lush flow of red and blue fruit suggests an energy from within, keeping the palate wanting more. **91**

3 BADGE ENOLOGY




**Migration 2018 Pinot Noir, Drum Canyon Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County (\$70)**

Farmed by the renowned Dierberg family, this vineyard on the eastern edge of the Sta. Rita Hills AVA is steep and sandy, experiencing cool winds off the Pacific. It's tempered by the freshness of dark cherry and pomegranate around a core of cinnamon and cedar. Almost cooling on the palate, its energy is induced by bright acidity. **94**

THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



**Sea Smoke 2018 Ten Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County (\$80)**

Winemaker Don Schroeder has spent the past 18 years working with the 150 planted acres of Pinot Noir, including ten different clones across more than 30 individual blocks, on the Sea Smoke Estate Vineyard. "When we farm, we make decisions that go beyond a single vintage; part of our work is to lay the foundation for the vineyard managers and winemakers who come after us," says Schroeder in regards to the winery's commitment to organic and Biodynamic farming. A perfume of brined cherries and tilled soil leads to flavors of cinnamon, plum, and lavender. Intense and direct, with a plush finish. **93** 



**Villa Maria 2019 Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$35)**

The liquid feels pillow-light yet offers an unctuous coat of cherry preserves, tilled earth, and forest floor. Floral aromas and flavors persist, enhanced by white pepper, cinnamon, red apple, and a hint of mint; with the finish comes a juicy assemblage of sweet earth and tobacco. **92**

WINEBOW IMPORTS



# Monet

## MEETS SONOMA

A LOOK AT CALIFORNIA  
PRODUCER BENZIGER  
FAMILY WINERY IN

*Full Bloom*



Cow horns are used in Biodynamic farming applications.

Lilies bloom in a pond on Benziger Family Vineyards' Sonoma Mountain estate.

story by Liz Thach, MW  
photos by Alexander Rubin

## PICTURE A VAST POND

covered with lily pads blooming in hues of palest pink, yellow, and white. To one side is a garden filled with bright orange marigolds, sweet white alyssum, and tumbling goldenrod. Bees buzz and hummingbirds dart from purple clover to pink hollyhocks; butterflies flutter over Russian sage and flowering dill. It is difficult to believe that all of this beauty has flourished in the service of wine.

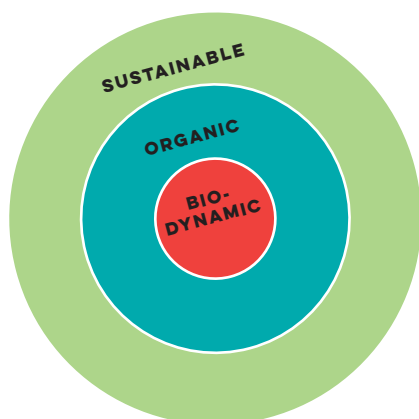
But it has. “The gardens are here to attract beneficial insects,” explains Chris Benziger, Benziger Family Winery brand ambassador and the youngest son of late family patriarch Bruno Benziger. “These tiny creatures help to control insects that could harm the grape vines. For example, wasps are beneficial because they eat the eggs of the leafhopper bug, which can seriously damage vines.”

### HITTING THE SUSTAINABILITY BULLSEYE

Benziger Family Winery was established on Sonoma Mountain by Bruno and his oldest son, Mike Benziger, in 1980. Over the past 40 years, the family has developed the property into one of the most famous eco-friendly wine estates in the U.S. All of the vineyards they own across Sonoma County, totaling 122 acres, are not only certified sustainable for their positive environmental, social, and economic practices but also certified organic by



**Benziger Family Winery's Chris Benziger and director of winemaking Lisa Amaroli with a basalt pillar that serves as an “earth acupuncture needle.”**



the CCOF and Biodynamic by Demeter. Only a handful of domestic producers can make such a claim. (The team also purchases grapes, but only from certified-sustainable growers, many of whom are converting to organic viticulture.)

“We like to refer to this as the bullseye of protection,” explains Chris, “with each certification building upon the previous one in terms of requirements.

Biodynamics is at the center because it is the highest level of organic farming.”

Benziger’s portfolio spans four tiers. The entry label, Benziger Family, is crafted from sustainably farmed grapes. Next up is the Appellation series, which contains fruit grown at all three vineyard certification levels. The top two labels, Estate and de Coelo, are made exclusively from biodynamically farmed grapes.



Chris Benziger's dog, Bluie, takes a dip in the estate's irrigation pond.



Wildflowers growing on the Benziger property may find their way into Biodynamic preparations.

## A WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS

On a bright and sunny day in May, Chris and Benziger Family Winery director of winemaking Lisa Amaroli gave me a tour of the Benziger Ranch, elaborating on their farming and winemaking philosophies as Chris' dog, Bluie, led the way.

"Instead of pushing nature out with chemicals, we invite nature back in by farming naturally," Chris explained. In

addition to using only organic products in the vineyard and creating an ecosystem in which beneficial insects and birds help protect the health of the vines, they also keep sheep that graze among the vines to control weeds and till the earth with their hooves, while big, shaggy Scottish Highland cows provide natural fertilizer with their manure.

Lisa walked over to a large, black basalt pillar on the edge of one of the

insectary gardens. "We call this an 'earth acupuncture needle,'" she said. "It is designed to attract the forces of light from the sky [to] gravity from the ground." Along with burying cow horns filled with natural material and spraying the vines with natural preps, this practice is key to Demeter-certified Biodynamic farming. Though it may seem a little strange at first to novice wine consumers, it is part of viewing the environment as a living organism with an eye toward bringing the land back into balance.

## WINE TASTING AT THE LILY POND


As we walked the property, we passed a large rose garden near the tasting room, its multihued blossoms perfuming the air. Eventually, we arrived at the irrigation ponds, and Bluie immediately jumped in to take a refreshing swim.

"These ponds," said Lisa, "are designed to filter the water [used in the winery] naturally, using reeds and special types of soil. Through this natural recycling process, we save 100 million gallons



of water annually.” The ponds are surrounded by wildflowers, including white yarrow, pink valerian, yellow chamomile, and dandelion—all of which go into some of Benziger’s Biodynamic preparations.

Next, we headed to the lily pond, where a table under a shaded awning was set for a tasting of four new releases in the Benziger Family series, all sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards in the North and Central coasts. Chris pointed to the gold circle on the front label as illustrating “a circle of light and sustainability,” incorporating trees, birds, animals, and other symbols of environmental stewardship.

We ended the tasting with two Biodynamic wines from the Estate and de Coelo series: a rosé of Pinot Noir and a complex red blend. As we enjoyed them, a large orange-and-black butterfly landed on a nearby flowering bush and a gentle breeze ruffled the green leaves on the vines bordering the lily pond. Chris smiled and said, “This is why we call this ‘Monet’s California Garden.’” 

## Tasting Notes

**Benziger Family Winery 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, North Coast (\$16)** With an enticing nose of white flowers and fresh-cut grass, this well-balanced wine exhibits juicy citrus, green pear, and a hint of crème brûlée on the palate. The grapes were sustainably grown in the alluvial soils of an old riverbed. **91**—*Liz Thach*

**Benziger Family Winery 2018 Chardonnay, Sonoma County (\$16)** Extremely expressive, with a nose of bright yellow apple and lemon. The creamy mouthfeel is balanced by crisp acidity and hints of spice and toast on the finish. Aged in Hungarian oak for nine months. **90**—*L.T.*

**Benziger Family Winery 2018 Pinot Noir, Monterey County (\$20)** With a nose of rose and raspberry, this elegant and silky Pinot allures. The spicy palate shows red cherry, nutmeg, allspice, and tea leaf, plus a note of toasty oak. Aged in Hungarian and French oak for ten months. **89**—*L.T.*

**Benziger Family Winery 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County (\$20)** An exceptionally juicy, dark-fruited beauty with a stellar mouthfeel of dried lavender, dark chocolate, and black plum. Sweet tobacco adds a savory note to tilled soil before soy sauce brings in salty minerality on the sleek finish. **93**—*Meridith May*

**Benziger de Coelo 2020 Rosé, Sonoma Coast (\$45)** With its soft pink color and enticing nose of honeysuckle and orange blossom, this biodynamically farmed wine opens to an expressive palate of ripe strawberry, melon, and raspberry. Crisp natural acidity joins bright and cheerful fruit with a hint of sweetness on the finish. Sourced from a cool site only 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. **92**—*L.T.*

**Benziger Estate 2016 Oonopais, Sonoma Valley (\$49)** Aged in French oak for 16–18 months, this biodynamically farmed blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 14% Malbec, and 7% Cabernet Franc smells like a Bordeaux, with complex aromas of earth and black tea. On the dense and concentrated palate, it exhibits nuances of black currant, anise, and pencil lead, plus meaty, chewy tannins, before an impressively long finish. *Oonopais* is the name the Miwok tribe used for Sonoma Valley. **94**—*L.T.*



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**H**ood Container Corporation is a family-owned packaging company specializing in high-graphic displays, containerboard, kraft paper, and corrugated boxes. Beginning with the acquisition of the New Johnsonville Paper Mill in Waverly, Tennessee, in 2012, it implemented a rapid-growth strategy that has allowed it to significantly expand its resources, capabilities, and geographic footprint over the past nine years—primarily through the acquisition of 56 symbiotic facilities around the country, some in business for nearly a century—to become one of the largest integrated paper and packaging companies in the United States. But its focus on operational excellence, innovation, and customer service is matched by its emphasis on what it calls “One Hood” culture, which encompasses environmental stewardship as well as employee diversity and well-being; expansion has, in short, allowed the company to boost local economies and commerce while growing its own family of employees.

Hood Container takes a mill-to-market approach to its business, controlling production from raw material through design and

A Hood Container floor display for the Paso Robles CAB Collective.





Hood Container created this in-store display for Dr. Pepper.



**Hood Container Corporation president and COO Greg Hall.**

manufacturing to printing and product fulfillment. While that's a benefit only a corporation of its size can offer, it still strives to operate like a boutique business at the service level, building close relations with its customers over time—including those in the beverage industry. As a turnkey supplier, Hood Container provides expertise and guidance from the concept stage to the delivery of creative graphics, innovative designs, digital printing, and manufacturing with the goal of helping brands stand out in an otherwise crowded marketplace. Keeping form and function in mind to meet today's evolving demands, it's also leading the way with eco-friendly solutions such as temperature-controlled packaging. "Through the use of renewable resources, [we are proving that] sustainability has always been at the core of who we are as an organization," says company president and COO Greg Hall.

The resulting on-shelf solutions, captivating point-of-purchase displays, and other packaging products ensure a special unboxing experience at home or increased lift at retail. These might include customized boxes with bottles of wine and corkscrew-and-glassware sets for corporate gifts or an in-store display that tells the story of a brand—be it a full-size replica of a distillery's bourbon barrel top or an illustrated carrying case for the limited-edition release of a craft brewery.

Looking to the future, Hood Container's knowledge of the needs of not only brick-and-mortar retailers but also e-commerce operations is imperative to its ability to meet client expectations. Due to increased competition for shelf space, the team recognizes that eye-catching graphics, thoughtful design, and clever promotions will become even more essential to grab the attention of off-premise shoppers. E-commerce, meanwhile, will continue to explode as consumers increasingly work from home and enjoy the convenience of delivery. This trend requires customized packaging that protects a brand's products from varying weather conditions and breakage while remaining true to its standards and aesthetics.

With locations in California and Texas as well as Illinois, New Jersey, Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, and Louisiana, Hood Container Corporation continues to grow its operations to meet client demand. Its Burbank Experience and Collaboration Center near Los Angeles is open to clients, allowing for their personal involvement in the development of their brand's image and messaging through their packaging. In its current partnership with the Paso Robles CAB Collective, for instance, Hood Container has used its expertise in consumer buying habits to produce in-store displays that showcase the wine organization in the marketplace (see image on facing page).

Assets like these are what have landed Hood Container among the top ten largest paper and packaging companies in the U.S.—but that ranking hasn't changed its values: From investing in capital projects to donating to local charities in their communities, Hood takes corporate and social responsibility to heart. **LV**



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## THE 2021 SAN FRANCISCO WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION

I don't need to mention that this was a very unusual year for the San Francisco World Spirits Competition (SFWSC). As a result of the pandemic, an interruption in the flow of an ever-growing number of entries was expected. Last year, just before lockdown, there were 3,000. This year? Who knew.

Yet it's a testimony to the status and unique importance of the SFWSC that the competition got underway in April with nearly 4,000 spirits entries, more than a 20% increase from 2020. Notable among them were 408 gins; 153 American rye whiskeys, representing one of 22 whisk(e)y subcategories; and a huge number of entries from Asia, including lots of baijiu from China, Japanese whisky and shochu, and whisky from India and Taiwan.

Here are the gold and double gold medal winners from the 2021 Competition. Silver and bronze awards can be found at [sfspiritscomp.com](https://www.sfspiritscomp.com).

## BEST IN SHOW AWARD WINNERS

### BEST IN SHOW LIQUEUR – ALSO: BEST FRUIT LIQUEUR

CHOYA UMESHU CRAFT FRUIT LIQUEUR, JAPAN

### BEST IN SHOW WHISKEY – ALSO: BEST SINGLE MALT SCOTCH 20 YEARS AND OLDER; BEST SCOTCH

GLEN SCOTIA 25 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT SCOTCH, SCOTLAND

### BEST IN SHOW WHITE SPIRIT – ALSO: BEST MEZCAL

MEZCAL AMARÁS CUPREATA, MEXICO (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS

### BEST IN SHOW BRANDY – ALSO: BEST PISCO

TACAMA DEMONIO DE LOS ANDES ACHOLADO PISCO, PERU (\$12)  
PARK STREET IMPORTS

## PREMIUM AWARD WINNERS

**DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR: KAVALAN**

**DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: PROXIMO**

**IMPORTER OF THE YEAR: BEAM SUNTORY**

### BEST IN CLASS

#### BEST AMERICAN BLENDED WHISKEY

High Bank Whiskey War Barrel Proof, USA (\$50)

#### BEST AMERICAN GRAPE BRANDY

Argonaut Fat Thumb Brandy, USA (\$50)

#### BEST AÑEJO TEQUILA

El Tesoro Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$85) BEAM SUNTORY

#### BEST APÉRITIF

Astobiza Vermouth, Spain (\$33) BON VIVANT IMPORTS INC

#### BEST APPLE BRANDY

Ocean Hill Apple Brandy, USA (\$40)

#### BEST AQUAVIT

OP Anderson Original Aquavit, Sweden (\$39)  
FREDERICK WILDMAN

#### BEST ARMAGNAC

Château de Laubade Cask Strength Vintage 1986  
Armagnac, France (\$250) BARON FRANCOIS LTD

#### BEST BARLEY SHOCHU

Nishiyoshida Kintaro, Japan (\$1,400) MUTUAL  
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#### BEST BARREL-AGED GIN

Sorgin Yellow Gin, France SURVILLE/PARDELA  
USA

#### BEST BLENDED IRISH WHISKEY

Silkie The Legendary Dark Irish Whiskey,  
Ireland (\$43) PREISS IMPORTS

#### BEST BLENDED MALT SCOTCH

MacNair's 21 Year Old Lum Reek Blended Malt  
Scotch, Scotland (\$175) IMPEX BEVERAGES

#### BEST BLENDED SCOTCH - 16 YEARS & OLDER; BEST BLENDED SCOTCH

Dewar's Double Double 27 Year Old Blended  
Scotch, Scotland (\$90)

#### BEST BLENDED SCOTCH - NO AGE STATEMENT

Compass Box Glasgow Blend Scotch, Scotland  
(\$40)

#### BEST BLENDED SCOTCH - UP TO 15 YEARS

Dewar's Caribbean Smooth Blended Scotch,  
Scotland (\$22)

#### BEST CANADIAN WHISKEY

Canadian Club Chronicles 43 Year Old Whisky,  
Canada (\$232) BEAM SUNTORY

#### BEST COFFEE LIQUEUR

The Edwards Potato Vodka Company Single Origin  
Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur, UK (\$25) PARK STREET  
IMPORTS

#### BEST COGNAC EXTRA-AGED/VINTAGE

Gautier Tradition Rare, France

#### BEST COGNAC VSOP OR EQUIVALENT

Camus VSOP Borderies Single Estate, France (\$67)  
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#### BEST COGNAC XO OR EQUIVALENT

Camus Cognac XO Borderies Family Reserve  
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#### BEST CORN WHISKEY

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#### BEST CRAFT DISTILLER WHISKEY

Canyon Diablo Spirits John Shaw Single Malt  
Mesquite Smoked Whisky, USA (\$45)

#### BEST CREAM/DAIRY LIQUEUR

Select Club Pecan Praline Whisky & Cream  
Liqueur, Canada (\$28) ELITE BRANDS

#### BEST DARK/GOLD RUM

Zaya Gran Reserva Rum, Trinidad & Tobago (\$30)

#### BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH – 13 TO 19 YEARS

Talisker 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
(\$180) PARK STREET IMPORTS

#### BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH – NO AGE STATEMENT

Highland Park Cask Strength, Scotland  
EDRINGTON AMERICAS

#### BEST DISTILLERS' SINGLE MALT SCOTCH – UP TO 12 YEARS

Lagavulin 8 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
(\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS

#### BEST EXTRA AÑEJO TEQUILA

El Tesoro Extra Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$150)  
BEAM SUNTORY

#### BEST EXTRA-AGED RUM

Appleton Estate 8 Year Old Rum, Jamaica  
CAMPARI AMERICA

#### BEST FLAVORED GIN

Collective Arts Distilling Lavender & Juniper Gin,  
Canada METRO CUSTOMS BROKER

#### BEST FLAVORED RUM

Ron Colón Salvadoreño Ron Colón Salvadoreño  
Coffee Infused, The Netherlands (\$30) PREISS  
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### BEST INDEPENDENT MERCHANT SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

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### BEST ITALIAN GRAPE BRANDY

Vecchia Romagna Tre Botti, Italy GALLO

### BEST JAPANESE WHISKY

Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 18 Years, Japan (\$220)  
IMPEX BEVERAGES

### BEST LIGHT AROMA BAIJIU

Jiangji Distillery Intimate Friend Hand-Craft Sorghum Liquor, China

### BEST LONDON DRY GIN; BEST GIN

Henstone Distillery London Dry Gin, UK (\$39) PARK STREET  
IMPORTS

### BEST NAVY STRENGTH GIN

Tanglin Black Powder Gin, Singapore (\$51) ARCHIPELAGO  
TRADERS

### BEST NON-ALCOHOLIC

Lyre's Italian Spritz, Australia (\$36)

### BEST OTHER AGAVE SPIRIT

Perra Suerte Raicilla 100% Agave Maximiliana, Mexico (\$97)  
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### BEST OTHER LIQUEUR

Ancho Reyes Verde Chile Poblano Liqueur, Mexico (\$30)  
CAMPARI AMERICA

### BEST OTHER SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Kavalan Solist Oloroso Sherry Single Cask Strength Single Malt  
Whisky, Taiwan (\$225) PARK STREET IMPORTS

### BEST OTHER WHISKY

Three Ships 5 Year Old Whisky, South Africa

### BEST OTHER WHITE SPIRIT

Ola Brew Okolehao, USA

### BEST OUZO/RAKI

Vittorio Spirits Ou7o (Ouzo), Australia (\$43) PARK STREET  
IMPORTS

### BEST OVERPROOF RUM

Barrell Private Release B617, USA

### BEST PRE-MIXED COCKTAIL

Cutwater Spirits Whiskey Mule, USA

### BEST PURE POT STILL IRISH WHISKEY

Midleton Very Rare Dair Ghaelach Knockrath Forest, Ireland  
(\$375) PARK STREET IMPORTS

### BEST REGULAR GIN

Asbury Park Distilling Gin, USA (\$30)

### BEST REPOSADO TEQUILA

Cierto Reserve Collection Reposado Tequila, Mexico

### BEST RICE AROMA BAIJIU

Cardinal Tien Junior College of Healthcare and Management  
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# ASTOBIZA NEWS



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## 2021 San Francisco World Spirits Winner



## Astobiza Vermouth Double gold award



## Best Spanish London Dry Gin

Astobiza London Dry Gin, **best Spanish London Dry Gin in the 2020 World Gin Awards.**



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## Double gold in The San Francisco World Spirits Competition

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[ Best in Class continued ]

**BEST RICE SHOCHU**

Mercian Yatsushiro Shiranuigura Hakusui Kome Genteishu, Japan PARK STREET IMPORTS

**BEST RYE WHISKEY**

WhistlePig The Boss Hog VII Magellan's Atlantic, Canada (\$499)

**BEST SAUCE AROMA BAIJIU; BEST BAIJIU**

Yidushaofang Z Year of the Zodiac Memorial Baijiu, China

**BEST SILVER/GOLD TEQUILA; BEST TEQUILA**

Calle 23 Tequila Blanco Criollo, Mexico (\$88) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**BEST SINGLE BARREL BOURBON - 11 YEARS & OLDER; BEST SINGLE BARREL BOURBON; BEST BOURBON**

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**BEST SINGLE BARREL BOURBON - UP TO 10 YEARS**

Henry McKenna Single Barrel, USA (\$50)

**BEST SINGLE GRAIN WHISK(E)Y**

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**BEST SINGLE MALT IRISH WHISKEY; BEST IRISH WHISKEY**

Waterford Hook Head Edition 1.1 Single Malt Irish Whisky, Ireland (\$95) GLASS REVOLUTION IMPORTS

**BEST SMALL BATCH BOURBON - 11 YEARS & OLDER**

Blue Run 14 Year Old Bourbon, USA (\$199) AMERICAN SPIRITS EXCHANGE

**BEST SMALL BATCH BOURBON - 6 TO 10 YEARS; BEST SMALL BATCH BOURBON**

Parker's Heritage Collection 10 Year Old Heavy Char Bourbon, USA (\$120)

**BEST SMALL BATCH BOURBON - UP TO 5 YEARS**

Barrell Private Release BA1C, USA (\$110)

**BEST SOJU**

Jinmaek Jinmaek53, Korea (\$79) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**BEST SOTOL/BACANORA/COMITECA**

IZO Bacanora Silver, Mexico (\$68)

**BEST SPECIAL BARREL-FINISHED BOURBON**

Bardstown Bourbon Company Chateau de la Baude, USA (\$130)

**BEST STRAIGHT BOURBON**

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**BEST STRONG AROMA BAIJIU**

Jinshengjiu Qinghua 20 Baijiu, China

**BEST SWEET POTATO SHOCHU**

Hombo Shuzo Arawaza Sakurajima, Japan (\$8)

**BEST TENNESSEE WHISKEY**

Uncle Nearest 1820 Premium Single Barrel Whiskey, USA (\$120)

**BEST THAI RICE SHOCHU; BEST SHOCHU**

Ikehara Shirayuri, Japan (\$98) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**BEST WHEAT WHISKEY**

Bainbridge Two Islands Islay Cask Barrel Proof Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$110)

**BEST WHITE RUM; BEST RUM**

Hidden Harbor White Rum, USA (\$35)

**BEST SPANISH GRAPE BRANDY & BRANDY DE JEREZ**

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Belvedere Vodka Organic Infusions Pear & Ginger, Poland (\$35)  
Belvedere Vodka Pure, Poland (\$30)  
Binhe Jiuliangchun Baijiu, China  
Burnett's 80 Proof Vodka, USA (\$9)  
Cardinal Tien Junior College of Healthcare and Management Rice Bran Wine  
38% Alc, Taiwan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Cardinal Tien Junior College of Healthcare and Management Rice Bran Wine  
52% Alc, Taiwan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Deepearth Farm Deep Magic Baijiu, Canada (\$34) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
E11EVEN Vodka, USA (\$30)  
Edible Fragrance Morris Shochu, Japan (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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Great Women Spirits The Countess Walewska Vodka, USA (\$39)  
Guoguan Wenhua Zhongguo Baijiu, China  
Guoyue Baijiu, China  
Holystone Distilling Perla Vodka, USA (\$36)  
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Hombo Shuzo Yakusugi Shochu, Japan (\$13)  
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Jianglingjiangjiu Cangjin Baijiu, China  
Król Potato Vodka, Ukraine (\$13)  
Kurouma Taru Shochu, Japan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Laizuju Zhencangban 35 Baijiu, China  
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Lvxi Distillery Jiangjin Shaojiu Craft Baijiu, China  
Lvxi Distillery Jiangjin Shaojiu Old Pot Baijiu, China  
Maopu Maopu Yuqiao Jiu, China DIAMOND HONG, INC  
Matsu Tong Yung Old Kaoliang Liquor, Taiwan (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Mercian Yatsushiro Shiranugura Orange Imo Shochu, Japan PARK STREET  
IMPORTS  
Mishka Pure Vodka, USA (\$30)  
Ren Shuai Nian Chun 2020 Baijiu, China  
Sassuyhamadaya Co Sassyu Sekitoba Shochu, Japan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Shachenglaojiao Taocangyuanjiang 20 Baijiu, China  
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Shachengshuangling 409 39 Degrees Baijiu, China  
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Shung Tang Lai Jia Co. Shung Tang Super 58 Kaoliang Liquor, Taiwan (\$15)  
PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Sight Vodka, Canada (\$36)  
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TTL Yushan Taiwan Superior Kaoliang 12 years Baijiu, Taiwan  
TTL Chiayi Distillery Yushan Daqu Baijiu, Taiwan (\$13) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
TTL Longtian Distillery Yushan Taiwan Kaoliang Liquor, Taiwan (\$12) PARK  
STREET IMPORTS  
Twenty Third Street Riverland Rose Vodka, Australia  
Vestal Black Cherry Vodka, Poland (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Vestal Crafted Vodka, Poland (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Vulcanica Vodka, Italy (\$39) WINEBOW  
Wangdashi Baijiu, China  
Willibald Farm Vodka, Canada (\$38) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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**Archie Rose Distiller's Strength Gin, Australia** (\$99) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Bates Gin Coffee Edition, Brazil** DNA SPIRITS  
**BEG New World Navy Gin, Brazil** (\$36) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Big Hill Distillery Spirit of George Gin, England** (\$50)  
**Black Water Distillery Boyles Gin, Ireland** (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Bluecoat Barrel Finished Gin, USA** (\$33)  
**Botany Distillery 12 Small Batch Old Tom Gin, Brazil** (\$249) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Brisbane Distillery Christmas Muscat Barrel Gin, Australia** (\$95) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Caledonia Spirits Tom Cat Gin, USA** (\$46)  
**Caorunn Highland Strength Gin, Scotland** (\$45) HOTALING & CO.  
**Catskill Provisions Distillery Pollinator Gin, USA** (\$32)  
**Citadelle Jardin d'été Gin, France** DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
**City of London Distillery Square Mile Gin, England** (\$48) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Double You Gin, Belgium** (\$45) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Exclusive Line Organic London Dry Gin, Austria**  
**Farmer's Botanical Gin, USA**  
**Filliers Barrel Aged Genever 21 Year Old, Belgium** PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Gate 11 Dry Gin, USA** (\$33)  
**Gin Lane 1751 Old Tom Gin, England** (\$38) M.S. WALKER  
**Glendalough Wild Botanical Gin, Ireland** (\$39)  
**Gold Coast Gin, Australia** (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Hardshore North Oak Barrel Rested Gin, USA** (\$40)  
**Herbit Red Lantern, China** (\$88) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Hernö Navy Strength Gin, Sweden** (\$45) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Imperial Measures Distilling Ounce Gin Bold, Australia** (\$80) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Martin Miller's Moons Barrel Rested Gin, England**  
**Method and Madness Micro Distilled Gin Lemon and Irish George Flower, Ireland** PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Mill Street Distillery Citrus Gin, Canada** (\$45) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Mythology Distillery The Foragers, USA** (\$35)  
**Native Spirits Melbourne Classic Gin by Patient Wolf, Australia** (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**NDC New Zealand Navy Strength Gin, New Zealand** (\$46) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Never Never Distilling Co. Southern Strength Gin, Australia** (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Never Never Distilling Co. Triple Juniper Export Strength Gin, Australia** (\$100) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**New Riff Kentucky Wild Gin, USA** (\$30)  
**Notaris Bartender's Choice Rome Genever, The Netherlands** (\$94) PREISS IMPORTS  
**Olafsson Gin, Iceland** (\$35) ELENTEY IMPORTS  
**Oregon Spirit Dry Gin, USA** (\$30)  
**Procera Green Dot 2021 Vintage Gin, Kenya**  
**Procera Red Dot 2021 Vintage Gin, Kenya**  
**San Francisco Distilling Company Forty Below Gin, USA** (\$35)  
**Sandy Gray Artisan Small Batch Gin, Australia** (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Scottish Kings Highland Dry Gin, Scotland** (\$50) PARK STREET  
**Smeaton's Bristol Method Dry Gin, UK** (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Sonbi Gin, South Korea** (\$57) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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**Tanqueray London Dry Gin, UK** (\$26) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Tanqueray No. Ten, UK** (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Three Floyds Distilling Oude Boatface Gin, USA** (\$55)  
**Three Floyds Distilling Wight Vvitch Midwestern Gin, USA** (\$70)  
**Tod & Vixen's The Flying Fox Series Bourbon Cask Finish Mature Gin, USA** (\$50)  
**Twenty Third Street Signature Gin, Australia**  
**Two Moons Signature Dry Gin, Hong Kong** PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Waterpocket Temple of the Moon Gin, USA** (\$25)  
**Wessex Distillery Alfred the Great London Dry Gin, UK**  
**Wessex Distillery Classic Wyvern London Dry Gin, UK**  
**Williams Elegant 48 Gin, England** (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Wings Gin, Brazil** (\$100) PARK STREET IMPORTS

## RUM, CACHAÇA

**Appleton Estate 15 Year Old Rum, Jamaica** (\$65) CAMPARI AMERICA  
**Appleton Estate Rare Blend 12 Year Old Rum, Jamaica** (\$42) CAMPARI AMERICA  
**BACARDÍ 16 Year Gran Reserva Especial Rum, Puerto Rico** (\$100)  
**BACARDÍ Gran Reserva Limitada Rum, Puerto Rico** (\$99)  
**Barceló Imperial Onyx Rum, Dominican Republic** (\$40)  
**Beenleigh 15 Year Old Rum, Australia**  
**Brisbane Distillery Brown Snake Rhum, Australia** (\$109) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Coconut Cartel Special Anejo Rum, Guatemala** (\$37) PARK STREET  
**Copalli White Rum Belize Edition, Belize** (\$45) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Dead Man's Fingers Hazelnut Rum, UK** (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Dead Man's Fingers Mango Rum, UK** (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Flor de Caña 12 Year Old Rum, Nicaragua** (\$40)  
**Flor de Caña 18 Year Old Rum, Nicaragua** (\$50)  
**Mainbrace Navy Strength Rum, Guyana & Martinique** (\$45) PARK STREET  
**Mas Guatemalan Rum, Guatemala** (\$42) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Merser Rum Double Barrel, Caribbean** (\$32) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
**Mezan XO Rum, Jamaica** (\$27)  
**Missouri State University Rum Navy Strength, USA** (\$16)  
**Mount Gay Master Blender Collection: The Port Cask Expression Rum, Barbados** (\$175) REMY COINTREAU  
**Myrtle Bank Jamaican Pot Still Rum, Jamaica** (\$100)  
**Plantation Isle of Fiji Double Barrel Rum, Fiji** DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
**Plantation Original Dark Rum, Barbados** DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
**Pusser's Gunpowder Rum, Guyana** (\$33)  
**Pusser's Reserve 15 Year Old Rum, Guyana** (\$74)  
**Renaissance Distillery Co. Cask 18033 Rum, Taiwan** (\$140) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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**Roble Viejo Extra Añejo Rum, Venezuela** (\$35) ZONIN USA  
**Roble Viejo Ultra Añejo Rum, Venezuela** (\$45) ZONIN USA  
**Star Union Reserve Rum, USA** (\$60)  
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 Bespoken Spirits Agave de los Robles Distilled Spirits Specialty, USA (\$40)  
 Bruxo Mezcal #2, Mexico (\$63) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
 Bruxo Mezcal #4, Mexico (\$90) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
 Bruxo Mezcal #5, Mexico (\$125) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
 Calle 23 Tequila Añejo, Mexico (\$51) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Calle 23 Tequila Blanco, Mexico (\$37) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Casa Noble Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$49)  
 Casazul Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$50) PARK STREET  
 Cava de Oro Gran Tequila, Mexico (\$85) GILDARDO PARTIDA LLC  
 Cincoro Blanco Tequila, Mexico (\$70)  
 Cutwater Spirits Mezcal, Mexico  
 De ELLA Tepezate, Mexico (\$170) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Doña Natalia Ensemble 3 Agaves Artesan, Mexico (\$200)  
 Doña Vega Espadín Mezcal, Mexico (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Dr. Stoner's Tequila Hierba Madura, Mexico  
 El Sativo Organic Single Estate Tequila Reposado, Mexico (\$46) EL SATIVO, LLC  
 El Tesoro Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$65) BEAM SUNTORY  
 Excellia Blanco Tequila, Mexico (\$48) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Familia Camarena Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$30)  
 Gracias a Dios Oaxaca Recipe Agave Gin, Mexico (\$86)  
 Herradura Selección Suprema Tequila, Mexico (\$350)  
 La Leyenda Mezcal, Mexico (\$70) BEVMATIC BRANDS  
 La Luna Mezcal Azul + Bruto Ensemble, Mexico (\$140)  
 La Luna Mezcal Chino + Bruto Ensemble, Mexico (\$140)  
 La Luna Mezcal Chino + Manso Sahuayo Ensemble, Mexico (\$100)  
 La Luna Mezcal Manso + Bruto + Chino Ensemble, Mexico (\$160)  
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 Mezcal Hacienda Oponguio Agave Inaequidens Frutal, Mexico (\$145) JMV IMPORTERS  
 Mezcal Raiz Oaxaca Espadín, Mexico (\$60) SHAND IMPORT LLC  
 Mezcal Toro Muerto, Mexico (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS

Mezcal Union El Viejo, Mexico (\$55) MHW LTD.  
 Mezcal Vago Elote, Mexico (\$50)  
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 The Bad Stuff Reserva Especial Extra Añejo, Mexico (\$200) AMERICAN SPIRITS EXCHANGE  
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10th Street Distillery Peated Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$65)  
 1792 Small Batch Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$30)  
 1st Round Whiskey Boom Boom Reserve, USA (\$50)  
 28 Mile Debonair Bourbon Finished in Cognac & Sherry Casks, USA (\$35)  
 291 Colorado Bourbon Whiskey Finished with Aspen Wood Staves, Barrel Proof Single Barrel, USA (\$100)  
 All Nations 6 Year Straight Bourbon, USA (\$70)  
 ASW Distillery Druid Hill Irish-Style Whiskey, USA (\$44)  
 ASW Distillery Optic Promise Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$49)  
 ASW Distillery Resurgens Rye, USA (\$39)  
 Bainbridge Battle Point Maple Cask Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$75)  
 Bainbridge Battle Point Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$60)  
 Bainbridge Two Islands Islay Cask Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$90)  
 Balcones Lineage, USA (\$40)  
 Balcones Mirador, USA (\$80)  
 Baltimore Epoch Rye Bottled in Bond, USA (\$100)  
 Bardstown Bourbon Company Phifer-Pavitt Reserve, USA (\$130)  
 Bardstown Bourbon Company Discovery Series #3, USA (\$125)  
 Bardstown Bourbon Company Discovery Series #4, USA (\$125)  
 Barrell Private Release Whiskey DH34 KY Whiskey Finished in an Oloroso Sherry Barrel, USA (\$110)  
 Barrell Seagrass, USA (\$90)  
 Barrell Batch 024, USA (\$90)  
 Barrell Batch 026, USA (\$90)  
 Barrell Batch 025, USA (\$90)  
 Barrell Batch 027, USA (\$90)  
 Belfour Spirits Special Edition Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$99)  
 Bernheim Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$30)  
 Bespoken Spirits Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
 Bird Dog Salted Caramel Flavored Whiskey, USA (\$20)  
 Black Velvet Apple Whisky, USA (\$10)  
 Blue Note Single Barrel Reserve Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
 Blue Note Premium Small Batch, USA (\$50)  
 Boldt Straight Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
 Bower Hill Barrel Strength Very Small Batch Bourbon, USA (\$100)  
 Brain Brew Whiskey Wheat Whiskey Finished with Artisan Wood, USA (\$65)  
 Brenne Estate Cask Single Malt Whisky, USA (\$60)  
 Bulleit 10 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$40)  
 Buzzard's Roost Toasted Barrel Rye Whiskey, USA (\$85)  
 Castle & Key Restoration Rye - Batch 1, USA (\$43)  
 Catskill Provisions Distillery New York Maple Bourbon, USA (\$50)  
 Cleveland Underground Bourbon Whiskey Finished with Black Cherry Wood, USA (\$40)  
 Clyde May's 8 Year Old Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
 Clyde May's Special Reserve Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
 Coal Creek Distillery Bourbon, USA (\$35)  
 Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$70)  
 Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr. Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
 Colonel E.H. Taylor Jr. Barrel Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$70)  
 Coppercraft Distillery Coppercraft Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
 Corsair Dark Rye, USA (\$47)  
 Crown Royal Noble Collection Rye Aged 16 Years, USA ALLIANCE MARKETING  
 David Nicholson 1843 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$30)  
 Davidson Reserve Tennessee Straight Bourbon Whiskey #14-0326, USA (\$50)  
 Davidson Reserve Tennessee Straight Bourbon Whiskey #15-0120, USA (\$50)  
 Detrick Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$70)  
 Doc Whiskey Cask Strength Single Barrel Bourbon, USA (\$22)  
 Driftless Glen Distillery Single Barrel Rye Whiskey, USA (\$65)  
 Driftless Glen Distillery Single Barrel Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$65)  
 Eagle Rare 17 Year Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$100)  
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- Ellington Reserve Root Beer Whisky, USA (\$18)
- Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$40)
- Evan Williams Single Barrel 2013, USA (\$30)
- Evan Williams Bottled-In-Bond Bourbon, USA (\$18)
- Filibuster Rye, USA (\$43)
- Filibuster Single Estate Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- FireBrand Spirits Toxic Masculinity Reserve Rye, USA (\$88)
- Found North Cask Strength Rye Whisky Batch 001, USA (\$125)
- Frey Ranch Bottled-in-Bond Rye Whiskey Batch #1, USA (\$60)
- Frey Ranch Single Barrel #22 Bourbon, USA (\$85)
- Frey Ranch Single Barrel Bourbon #420, USA (\$85)
- Garrison Brothers Laguna Madre, USA (\$300)
- George Dickel Bottled in Bond (Fall 2008) Whiskey, USA (\$40)
- George T. Stagg Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$100)
- Gold Bar Black Double Cask Straight Bourbon Finished in Wine Casks, USA (\$55)
- Gold Bar Rickhouse Cask Strength Straight Bourbon, USA (\$35)
- Golden Moon An Irish Style Colorado Single Malt, USA (\$59)
- Hartman's Distilling Single Barrel Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$40) PARK STREET IMPORTS
- Heaven's Door LTO Bourbon, USA (\$100)
- High West Double Rye, USA (\$35)
- Hillrock Estate Distillery Double Cask Rye OSR Pedro Ximénez, USA (\$130)
- Hillrock Estate Distillery Solera Aged Bourbon
- Homer Cask (Sherry Cask), USA (\$130)
- Horse Soldier Barrel Strength Bourbon, USA (\$79)
- Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Barrel Proof, USA (\$70)
- James E. Pepper 1776 Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$35)
- John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- Jos. A. Magnus & Co. Bourbon, USA (\$92)
- Jos. A. Magnus & Co. Cigar Blend Bourbon, USA (\$179)
- King's Family Distillery Tennessee Bourbon, USA (\$75)
- KO Distilling Distiller's Reserve Bottled-in-Bond Straight Bourbon, USA (\$70)
- Laws Whiskey San Luis Valley Straight Rye, USA (\$74)
- Lock Stock and Barrel Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$389)
- Lost Woods 88 Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$65)
- Lucky 7 The Proprietor. Bourbon, USA (\$129)
- Maker's Mark Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$27)
- MannCave Cinnamon Moonshine, USA (\$38)
- Marksman Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$25)
- Middle Creek 131 Moonshine, USA (\$33)
- Milam & Greene Triple Cask Bourbon, USA (\$45)
- Minor Case Straight Rye Sherry Cask Finished, USA (\$40)
- MISCellaneous Distillery Brill's Batch Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA
- Mythology Distillery Best Friend Bourbon, USA (\$52)
- Nashville Barrel Co. Single Barrel Rye Whiskey, USA (\$100)
- New Riff Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey Balboa Heirloom Grain Bottled In Bond Without Chill Filtration, USA (\$50)
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- Nine Banded Whiskey Wheated Bourbon Cask Strength, USA (\$45)
- O.H. Ingram River Aged Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$80)
- Orcas Island Distillery West Island Whiskey, USA (\$120)
- Pinhook Tiz Rye Time Vertical Series 5 Year, USA (\$50)
- Redemption Barrel Proof Rye Whiskey, USA (\$100)
- Redemption Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$30)
- Redemption Barrel Proof High Rye Bourbon, USA (\$100)
- Reservoir Holland's Blade Rummer Bourbon (Ardent Stout Rum Barrel), USA (\$125)
- Resurgent Custom Cask 100 Whiskey, USA (\$50)
- Rittenhouse Rye Whiskey, USA (\$28)
- Riverset Rye Single Barrel, USA (\$40)
- Rock Town Single Barrel Arkansas Bourbon, USA (\$65)
- Rogue Rolling Thunder Stouted Whiskey, USA (\$80)
- Russell's Reserve Single Barrel Rye, USA (\$64) CAMPARI AMERICA
- Russell's Reserve 10 Year Old Bourbon, USA (\$40) CAMPARI AMERICA
- Sagamore Spirit Distiller's Select Armagnac Cask Aged, USA (\$70)
- Sagamore Spirit Distiller's Select Manhattan Finish, USA (\$70)
- Sazerac Thomas H. Handy Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$100)
- Smoke Wagon Straight Bourbon, USA (\$30)
- Smoke Wagon Small Batch Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- Smoke Wagon Uncut Unfiltered Batch #42 Bourbon, USA (\$68)
- SoNo 1420 BBN Single Cask Barrel Strength, USA (\$70)
- Sonoma Brothers Distilling Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$65)
- Southern Comfort Comfort Black, USA (\$18)
- Stagg Jr. Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- Steamboat Whiskey Company Warrior Whiskey, USA (\$50)
- Steinmetz Sipping Bourbon, USA (\$70)
- Stellum Rye, USA (\$55)
- Still Austin The Musician Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$45)
- Sugarlands Roaming Man Tennessee Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)
- Swilled Dog Barrel Strength Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- Templeton Rye 10 Year, USA (\$85)
- Three Chord Twelve Bar Reserve Straight Bourbon, USA (\$75)
- Three Keys Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$49)
- Traverse City Whiskey Co. North Coast Rye, US (\$40) TRAVERSE CITY WHISKEY CO.
- Triple Eight Distillery The Notch 15 Year Old Nantucket Island Single Malt Whisky, USA
- TX Finished in PX Sherry Casks Texas Straight Bourbon, USA (\$64)
- TX Finished in Tawny Port Casks Texas Straight Bourbon, USA (\$64)
- Uncle Nearest Master Blend Edition, USA (\$79)
- Virginia Distillery Co. Courage & Conviction Cuvée Cask, USA (\$85)
- Virginia Distillery Co. Courage & Conviction Sherry Cask, USA (\$85)
- W. L. Weller Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- W. L. Weller Full Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)
- W. L. Weller Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$100)
- Wattie Boone & Sons 8 Year Old American Whiskey, USA (\$109)
- Westland Distillery Garryana Edition 6 Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$150)
- Westward Pinot Noir Cask American Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$90)

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 Whiskey Acres Bourbon Whiskey Finished in Maple Syrup Casks, USA (\$90)  
 WhistlePig Old World Rye, USA (\$129)  
 Whistling Andy Bottled In Bond Corn Whiskey, USA (\$55)  
 Wild Turkey 101 Rye, USA (\$26) CAMPARI AMERICA  
 Wild Turkey Rare Breed Rye, USA (\$60) CAMPARI AMERICA  
 William Heavenhill 8th Edition Bourbon, USA (\$180)  
 Woodford Reserve Batch Proof Straight Bourbon, USA (\$130)  
 Woodinville Whiskey Company Cask Strength Straight 100% Rye Whiskey, USA (\$70)  
 Woodinville Whiskey Company Private Select Single Barrel Bern's Steak House Barrel #1953, USA (\$70)  
 Yappy Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
 Yellow Rose Outlaw Bourbon, USA (\$55)

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Aberfeldy 16 Year Old Madeira Cask Single Malt Highland Scotch, Scotland  
 Aberfeldy 21 Year Old Madeira Cask Single Malt Highland Scotch, Scotland  
 Aberfeldy 21 Year Old Single Malt Highland Scotch, Scotland  
 Aberfeldy 12 Year Old Single Malt Highland Scotch, Scotland  
 Aberlour Casg Annamh Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$65)  
 Adelaide Hills Distillery Native Grain Project Weeping Grass & Malt Whiskey, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Alberta Premium 20 Year Old Rye Whisky, Canada (\$68) BEAM SUNTORY

Alberta Premium Cask Strength Canadian Rye Whisky, Canada (\$30) BEAM SUNTORY  
 Alfred Giraud Harmonie French Malt Whisky, France (\$190) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 anCnoc 24 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$159) HOTALING & CO.  
 Archie Rose Rye Malt Whiskey, Australia (\$119) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Ardbeg 19 Year Old Single Malt Scotch (Batch 2), Scotland (\$300)  
 Ardbeg 2021 Committee Release Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$140)  
 Ardbeg Corryvreckan Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$90)  
 Ardbeg Uigeadail Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$80)  
 Ardbeg 10 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$60)  
 Aultmore 21 Year Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
 Aultmore 12 Year Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
 Balblair 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$95) HOTALING & CO.  
 Balblair 25 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$615) HOTALING & CO.  
 Bearface Canadian Whisky Elementally Aged Triple-Oak, Canada (\$40)  
 Benriach The Thirty, Scotland  
 Benriach The Twenty Five, Scotland  
 Benriach The Twenty One, Scotland  
 Benriach Smoke Season, Scotland  
 Benriach The Smoky Ten, Scotland  
 Benriach The Smoky Twelve, Scotland  
 Benriach The Twelve, Scotland

Benromach 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$100) CHOPIN IMPORTS  
 Benromach 21 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$200) CHOPIN IMPORTS  
 Benromach 10 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$60) CHOPIN IMPORTS  
 Braunstein Library Col. 20:1, Denmark (\$110) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Bruichladdich Classic Laddie Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$60) REMY COINTREAU USA  
 Buchanan's Two Souls Blended Scotch, Scotland (\$34)  
 Buchanan's Master Blended Scotch, Scotland (\$50)  
 Compass Box The Story of the Spaniard Scotch, Scotland (\$70)  
 Cotswolds Hearts & Crafts Sauternes Cask Single Malt Whisky, England (\$100)  
 Cotswolds Sherry Cask Single Malt Whisky, England (\$87)  
 Crabbie 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$64) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Cragganmore 2020 Distillers Edition 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$85) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Craigellachie 13 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
 Craigellachie 17 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
 Cù Bòcan Creation #2, Scotland (\$80)  
 Dewar's 12 Year Old Blended Scotch, Scotland (\$30)  
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 Dunville's Three Crowns Sherry Cask Finish Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$40) DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
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**Glenglassaugh Octaves Batch 2 Classic, Scotland**  
**Glenglassaugh Peated Port Wood Finish, Scotland**  
**Glengoyne Legacy Series: Chapter 2, Scotland (\$100) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Glenkinchie 2020 Distillers Edition Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$85) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Glenmorangie 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$125)**  
**Glenmorangie 19 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$149)**  
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**Glenmorangie The Tribute Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$90)**  
**Glenmorangie Grand Vintage 1997 Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$750)**  
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**Glenmorangie Original Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$40)**  
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**Grace O'Malley Rum Cask Irish Whiskey, Ireland MHW LTD.**  
**GreatDrams Benrinnes Rare Cask Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$65)**  
**Highland Black 8YO Blended Scotch, Scotland (\$37) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Hinch Distillery Small Batch Bourbon Cask, Ireland (\$35) MHW LIMITED**  
**Hokkaido Akkeshi Single Malt Whisky Kanro, Japan CRAFT IMPORTS, LLC.**  
**Hokkaido Akkeshi Whisky Sarorunkamuy, Japan CRAFT IMPORTS, LLC.**  
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**Jameson Bow Street 18 Year Old Cask Strength, Ireland (\$238) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Kavalan Ex-Bourbon Oak Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan (\$129) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Kavalan Solist Fino Sherry Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan (\$470) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Kavalan Solist Madeira Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan (\$300) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Kavalan Solist Manzanilla Sherry Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan (\$600) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Loch Lomond 21 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**  
**Loch Lomond 30 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**  
**Loch Lomond Single Grain Whisky, Scotland**  
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**Mackey Enigma Triple Distilled Single Malt Whisky, Australia (\$189) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Mackey Trinity Triple Distilled Triple Wood Single Malt Whisky, Australia (\$189) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Mackey Triple Distilled Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Australia (\$200) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Method and Madness Single Pot Still, Ireland (\$91) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Oban 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$180) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Paul John Classic Select Cask, India (\$100)**  
**Paul John Mithuna by Paul John, India (\$300)**  
**Paul John Nirvana Unpeated, India (\$29)**  
**Peaky Blinder Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
**Port Charlotte 10 Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$70) REMY COINTREAU USA**  
**Port Charlotte Islay Barley 2012 Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$80) REMY COINTREAU USA**  
**Powers John's Lane 12 Year Old, Ireland PARK STREET IMPORTS**  
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**Royal Brackla 21 Year Old Sherry Cask Finish (Oloroso - Palo Cortado - Pedro Ximénez), Scotland**  
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**ACCOMPANI Crimson Snap, USA** (\$30)  
**Adelaide Hills Distillery Bitter Orange, Australia** PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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**Bottega Sambuca, USA** (\$30)  
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**Buffalo Trace Bourbon Cream Liqueur, USA** (\$25)  
**Bully Boy Distillers Rabarbaro, USA** (\$33)  
**Carolans Irish Cream Liqueur, Ireland** (\$15)  
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 Ola Brew Hibiscus Lavender, USA (\$96)  
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 Chen Taiji Baijiu, China  
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 Cruz Vintage Black Vodka, South Africa  
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 Holystone Distilling Tsunami Shochu, USA  
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Ren Shuai 2009 Baijiu, China  
Ren Shuai Lu Nian Chun Baijiu, China  
Reyka Vodka, Iceland (\$23)  
Rusty Barrel Vodka, Australia (\$89) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Shachengshuangling 306 Baijiu, China  
Shamochuanqi Wuhai Yinxiang Baijiu, China PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Shamochuanqi Rongxuan Baijiu, China PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Sheng Shi Long Ying Baijiu, China PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Shiwan Yu Bing Shao Liu Cheng Cang Jiu Baijiu, China  
Silvergrin Vodka, USA (\$30)  
Skyy Vodka, USA (\$15) CAMPARI AMERICA  
Smirnoff Zero Sugar Infusions Elderflower and Lemon Vodka, Russia ALLIANCE MARKETING  
Smirnoff Zero Sugar Infusions Cucumber and Lime, Russia ALLIANCE MARKETING  
Smirnoff Infusions Passion Fruit & Jasmine, USA (\$14)  
Smirnoff Zero Sugar Infusions Lemon Elderflower, USA (\$14)  
Smoke Lab Aniseed Vodka, India (\$20) MHW  
Sobieski Vanilla Vodka, Poland  
Sunny Vodka, USA (\$25)  
Teller Genuine Vodka, USA (\$20)  
Teller Apple Pie Vodka, USA (\$25)  
The SG Shochu Mugi, Japan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Thousand Trades Vodka, UK PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Tokki Soju Black Label, South Korea (\$48) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Tommy Bahama Estate Copper Pot Distilled Vodka, USA (\$30)  
TTL Yushan Kaoliang Liquor (Coco Gold), Taiwan (\$16)  
TTL Yushan Kaoliang Liquor (Deep Sea Blue), Taiwan (\$33)  
TTL Longtian Distillery Yushan Taiwan Kaoliang Liquor Aged 3 Years, Taiwan (\$12) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
TTL Longtian Distillery Yushan Kaoliang Liquor Aged 6 Years, Taiwan (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
UV Vodka, USA

Van Gogh Vodka Double Espresso, Holland (\$25) 375 PARK AVENUE SPIRITS  
VI Aquavit, Norway (\$40) LUXE BRANDS  
VIDO Vodka, USA (\$35)  
Vodka Bornholm Vodka, Denmark (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Vusa Vodka, South Africa (\$25) FINER THINGS  
Western Reserve Distillers Organic Handcrafted Vodka, USA (\$16)  
Wyborowa Vodka, Poland  
Xiaozhuxiang Baijiu, China  
Yidushaofang Hongjin Images Baijiu, China  
Yifuchun Baijiu Mianrou, China  
Yitanhaojiu Baijiu, China PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Yunshangkuanzhai 52 Degrees Baijiu, China  
Zai Yi Baijiu 52%, China PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Zhenjiu Zhen Thirty Baijiu, China  
Zhenjiu Zhen Fifteen Baijiu, China  
Zuimei Baijiu, China

### GIN, GENEVER

Adelaide Hills Distillery 78 Degrees Desert Gin, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Adelaide Hills Distillery 78 Degrees Sunset Gin, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Alamere London Dry Gin, USA (\$35)  
Altitude Gin, France (\$49)  
Ambrosia Premium Italian Gin Sicily Edition, Italy BANVILLE WINE MERCHANTS  
An Dúlámán Irish Maritime Gin, Ireland PREISS IMPORTS  
Archetype Smoked Archival Gin, USA (\$44)  
Audemus Spirits Pink Pepper Gin, France  
Australian Distilling Co. Gin, Australia (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Australian Distilling Co. Rhapsody Ruby Gin, Australia (\$85) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Aval Dor Cornish Dry Gin, England (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
BackDrop Dry Gin, USA (\$30)  
Baltimore Shot Tower Skeleton Gin, USA (\$33)  
Bareksten Lightness Gin, Norway (\$50) SERENDIPITY WINE IMPORTS  
Bareksten Darkness Gin, Norway (\$50) SERENDIPITY WINE IMPORTS  
BEG Brazilian Boutique Dry Gin, Brazil (\$32) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Berentsens Distillery Herbarium New Forest Gin, Norway (\$38) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Berkshire Botanical Dry Gin, England (\$20) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Bimini Coconut Gin, USA (\$35)  
Black Lodge Potions Stinging Nettle & Honey Gin, England (\$53) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Botany Distillery Signature London Dry Gin, Brazil (\$219) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Brass Lion Distillery Navy Strength Gin, Singapore (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Brookie's Byron Dry Gin, Australia (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Chase Pink Grapefruit & Pomelo Gin, United Kingdom (\$35)  
Citadelle Original Gin, France DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
City of London Distillery Old Tom Gin, England (\$27) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Colombo No. 7 London Dry Gin, Sri Lanka (\$34) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Coppercraft Distillery Coppercraft Gin, United States (\$30)  
Cuckoo Signature Gin, United Kingdom PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Darwin Craft Gin, Australia (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Darwin's Botanicals Gin, Falkland Islands (\$48) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Den Klodsede Bjørn Poodle Head Gin, Denmark (\$57) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Devils Backbone Distilling Co. Virginia Pine Gin, USA (\$40)  
Dodds Organic Explorer's Citrus & Spice, UK (\$47) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Dodds Organic Dry Gin, UK (\$47) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Eight Lands Organic Gin, Scotland (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Elephant London Dry Gin, Germany  
Fifty Pounds London Dry Gin, UK (\$30)  
Fords Officers' Reserve Gin, UK (\$35)  
Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin, Australia (\$33)  
Four Pillars Olive Leaf Gin, Australia (\$35)  
Geometric Cape Dry Gin, South Africa (\$40)  
Ginebra Mexicana Gin, Mexico  
Grace O'Malley Heather Infused Irish Gin, Ireland (\$37) GRACE O'MALLEY SPIRITS  
Gray Whale Gin, USA (\$45)  
Great Women Spirits Ada Lovelace Gin, USA (\$39)  
Harahorn Small Batch Gin, Norway (\$45) PREMIUM BRANDS LTD  
Hellfire Bluff London Dry Gin, Australia (\$80) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Hellfire Bluff Piquant Gin, Australia (\$90) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Hendrick's Gin, Scotland (\$35)  
Hernö Old Tom Gin, Sweden (\$40) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Highclere Castle Spirits London Dry Gin, UK (\$40) HIGHCLERE CASTLE SPIRITS LLC  
Hooghoudt RAW Genever/Holland Gin, The Netherlands (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Hotaling & Co. Junipero Gin, USA (\$36)  
Juniperium Blended Dry Gin, Estonia (\$53)  
Kalvelage London Dry, Brazil (\$20) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Karu Lightning Gin, Australia (\$69) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Laneway Distillers No. 11 Gin, Canada (\$45) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Little Juniper Distilling Signature Gin, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Marylebone London Dry Gin, England (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Marylebone Orange & Geranium Gin, England (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
McQueen Highland Dry, Scotland (\$34) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Monopolowa Dry Gin, Austria (\$18) MUTUAL WHOLESALER LIQUOR  
N.I.P. Rare Dry Gin, Hong Kong (\$62) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Never Never Distilling Co. Triple Juniper Gin, Australia (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Never Never Distilling Co. Dark Series Med Gin, Australia (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Nikle Co. Gin, USA (\$35)  
Ninth Wave Irish Gin, Ireland (\$35) MHW LIMITED  
O'Gin London Dry Gin, Brazil (\$18) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Old Pilot's London Dry Gin, Croatia (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Oslo Håndverksdestilleri Fjæra Rosè Gin, Norway PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Patient Wolf Melbourne Dry Gin, Australia (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Perfume Trees Gin, The Netherlands (\$93)  
Poltergeist Unfiltered Gin, Australia (\$80) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Portofino Dry Gin, Italy ARTISANAL CELLARS  
Procera Blue Dot 2021 Vintage Gin, Kenya  
Prohibition Original Gin, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
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Silent Pool Gin, UK (\$47) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Song Cai Vietnam Dry Gin, Vietnam PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Sonoma Brothers Distilling Gin, USA (\$35)  
Steamboat Whiskey Company Sleeping Giant Gin, USA (\$35)  
Tanglin Singapore Gin, Singapore (\$48) ARCHIPELAGO TRADERS  
Tanqueray Rangpur Lime Gin, United Kingdom (\$29) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
The River Test Distillery London Dry Gin, England (\$52) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
T-Rex Distillery The Herbivore Gin, Canada (\$49) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Two Accents Barrel Aged Shiraz Gin, Australia (\$96) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Warner's Distillery Harrington Dry Gin, UK PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Warner's Distillery London Dry Gin, UK PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Warner's Distillery Lemon Balm Gin, UK PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Weavers Gin, Ireland (\$28) DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
Whitley Neill Gooseberry Gin, England (\$35) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Willibald Farm Pink Gin, Canada (\$40) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Wimbledon Garden Gin, England (\$45)  
Wonderbird Spirits No. 97 Magnolia Experimental Gin, USA (\$75)  
VYV Destilaria MAR Gin, Brazil (\$24) PARK STREET IMPORTS

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Angostura 1824 Rum, Trinidad & Tobago  
Appleton Estate 21 Year Old, Jamaica (\$150) CAMPARI AMERICA  
BACARDÍ Gran Reserva Diez, USA (\$41)  
Barceló Gran Añejo Dark Series Rum, Dominican Republic (\$23)  
Beenleigh Flood Rum, Australia  
Bundaberg Master Distillers' Collection Small Batch Silver Reserve Rum, Australia (\$70) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Bundaberg Master Distillers' Collection Small Batch Distillery Edition Rum, Australia (\$80) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Bundaberg Master Distillers' Collection Blenders Edition Rum, Australia (\$95) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
CANA Classic Cachaça, Brazil (\$45) EAST BRAZIL COMPANY  
Copalli Barrel Rested Cask Strength Rum, Belize (\$40) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Copper Cannon Distillery Hand-Crafted Maple Rum, USA (\$32)  
Copper Cannon Distillery Hand-Crafted Aged Rum, USA (\$35)  
Cotton & Reed White Rum, USA (\$30)  
Equiano Light Rum, Barbados (\$38) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Equiano Rum, Barbados (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
George Bowman Rum, USA (\$30)  
Inner Circle Cask Strength Black Dot, Australia  
Jung & Wulff Barbados Rum, Barbados (\$50)  
Jung & Wulff Guyana Rum, Guyana (\$45)  
Maggie's Farm Sherry Cask Finish Rum, USA (\$45)  
Mainbrace Golden Rum, Guyana & Martinique (\$35) PARK STREET  
MOB33 Gold Heist Rum, Caribbean/Latin America (\$35) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Pampero Blanco Rum, Venezuela PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Plantation 3 Stars Rum, Barbados DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
Relicario Peated Malt Finish Rum, Dominican Republic (\$34) PARK STREET IMPORTS

Renaissance Distillery Co. Cask 18067 Rum, Taiwan (\$140) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Rhum Bakara Grand Réserve, Haiti (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Rhum Barbancourt 3 Étoiles (3 Star), Haiti CRILLON IMPORTERS LTD  
Romero Dark Rum Aged in Bourbon Barrels, Canada (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Ron 7 Villas 1511 Aged Rum, Spain PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Ron Añejo Calazan Premium Rum, Venezuela  
Ron Añejo Calazan Reserva Rum, Venezuela  
Ron Añejo Calazan Rum, Venezuela  
Ron Caribu Selection Solera Rum, Venezuela (\$18)  
Ron del Barrilito 3 Stars Rum, Puerto Rico (\$45)  
Ron del Barrilito 5 Stars Rum, Puerto Rico (\$90)  
Ron Inmortel Colombian Rum, Colombia (\$40) YOTOMO IMPORTS LLC  
Tampa Bay Rum Company Gasparilla Reserve, United States (\$40)  
Ten To One Dark Rum, Caribbean (Barbados, Dominican Republic, Trinidad, Jamaica) (\$46)  
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Triple Eight Distillery Nomans Dark Rum, USA

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1800 Cristalino Tequila, Mexico (\$65)  
1800 Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$34)  
1800 Milenio Tequila, Mexico (\$250)  
Aguaviva Mezcal, Mexico (\$43)  
Aqará Agave de Los Andes Plateado, Peru (\$45) CRAFT SPIRITS COOPERATIVE  
Aqará Agave de Los Andes Rosa Huandoy, Peru (\$50) CRAFT SPIRITS COOPERATIVE  
Aquí Nomás Mezcal Espadín Artesanal, Mexico (\$29)  
Azulejos Gran Alambique, Mexico (\$349) MEXCOR INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRITS  
Black Sheep Tequila Extra Añejo, Mexico  
Black Sheep Tequila Añejo, Mexico  
Bosscal Mezcal Joven, Mexico (\$42)  
Bruxo Mezcal X, Mexico (\$40) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
Bruxo Mezcal 1, Mexico (\$49) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
Bruxo Mezcal 3, Mexico (\$78) FIELDING & JONES LTD / DBA BEAM SUNTORY  
Casa Agave Miske Silver, Ecuador (\$35)  
Casa Agave Miske Reposado, Ecuador (\$45)  
Casa Don Ramon Mezcal Don Ramón Joven, Mexico (\$45)  
Casa Noble Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$45)  
Cierto Reserve Collection Blanco Tequila, Mexico  
Cierto Private Collection Reposado Tequila, Mexico  
Cierto Reserve Collection Añejo Tequila, Mexico  
Corazón de Agave Extra Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$70)  
Corazón de Agave Expresiones George T. Stagg Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$80)  
Corralejo Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$30)  
Corralejo Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$34)  
Creencias Organic & Kosher Tequila Blanco (100% Agave), Mexico (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
De Ella Espadín, Mexico (\$80) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
DeLeón Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$75)  
Don Camilo Reposado, Mexico (\$60) PACIFIC EDGE WINE & SPIRITS  
Doña Natalia Ancestral Durangensis, Mexico (\$400)  
El Mayor Cristalino Tequila, Mexico (\$40)  
Exotico Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$16)  
Gonzalez 1939 Joven Mezcal, Mexico (\$60) SAN BARTOLO FARMS INC  
Gonzalez 1939 Añejo Cristalino Tequila, Mexico (\$65) SAN BARTOLO FARMS INC  
Gracias a Dios Espadín Mezcal, Mexico (\$40)  
Gran Centenario Leyenda Tequila, Mexico (\$160)  
Gran Centenario Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$31)  
Grand Leyenda Silver Tequila, Mexico (\$60)

Grand Leyenda Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$90)  
Hotel California Blanco, Mexico (\$38)  
Hotel California Añejo, Mexico (\$48)  
INSOLITO Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$55) SPIRITS INNOVATION PARTNERS TEQUILA, LLC  
IZO Sotol, Mexico (\$75)  
JAJA Blanco Tequila, Mexico (\$30) SHAW ROSS  
José Cuervo Tradicional Plata Tequila, Mexico (\$33)  
José Cuervo Reserva de la Familia Extra Añejo Tequila, Mexico (\$199)  
Kah Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$60) PACIFIC EDGE WINE & SPIRITS  
Maestro Dobel Humito Tequila, Mexico (\$45)  
Mean Mule Distilling Co. Silver, United States (\$30)  
Mezcal Sacrificio Añejo, Mexico (\$50) MHW LTD  
Mezcal Sacrificio Tobala, Mexico (\$52) MHW LTD  
Mezcal Vago Ensemble en Barro Tio Rey, Mexico (\$75)  
Montelobos Mezcal Ensemble, Mexico (\$70) CAMPARI USA  
Nuku Mezcal, Mexico (\$30) WORLD TRADE LIQUOR IMPORT LLC  
Pacheco Añejo Cristalino Tequila, Mexico (\$65)  
PaQui Silvera, Mexico (\$50) PARK STREET  
Peloton de la Muerte Criollo, Mexico (\$45) M.S. WALKER  
Proeza Reposado Tequila, Mexico (\$46) WEST ROAD SPIRITS, LLC  
Star Union Rested Agave, USA (\$58)  
Tequila Cabal Reposado, Mexico (\$75)  
Tequila Cabal Añejo, Mexico (\$95)  
Tequila Corrido Tequila Corrido Blanco, Mexico (\$50) J FREV. IMPORTS  
Tequila Corrido Tequila Corrido Añejo, Mexico (\$95) J FREV. IMPORTS  
Tequila Enemigo Añejo Cristalino '89', Mexico (\$70)  
Tequila Ocho Plata, Mexico (\$50)  
Tequila Ocho Reposado, Mexico (\$55)  
Tequila Ocho Añejo, Mexico (\$65)  
The Lost Explorer Mezcal Espadín, Mexico (\$85) GLASS BOTTOM DISTRIBUTORS LLC  
Volcan de Mi Tierra Tequila Reposado, Mexico (\$55)  
YaVe Blanco Tequila, Mexico (\$40) PARK STREET  
Zignum Mezcal Joven, Mexico VENTURE LOGISTICS  
Zunte Mezcal, Mexico (\$40) WORLD TRADE LIQUOR IMPORT LLC

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1792 Single Barrel Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$40)  
Alamere French-Wheat Vodka, USA (\$35)  
American Eagle 4 Year Old Tennessee Bourbon, USA (\$38) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
ASW Distillery Fiddler Georgia Heartwood Bourbon, USA (\$69)  
ASW Distillery Tire Fire Peated Single Malt Whiskey (Cask Strength), USA (\$59)  
AW Distillery AL Young, USA (\$120)  
Bainbridge Two Islands Hokkaido Cask Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$100)  
Bainbridge Whiskey Forty Saloon, USA (\$70)  
Bardstown Bourbon Company Distillaire, USA (\$130)  
Barrell Private Release BA2K, USA (\$110)  
Barrell Private Release BX1A, USA (\$110)  
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Barrell Private Release Whiskey DHA6 KY Whiskey Finished in a St. Agrestis Brooklyn Amaro Cask, USA (\$110)  
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Barrell Armida, USA (\$90)  
Basil Hayden's Dark Rye, USA (\$40)  
Benchmark Bonded Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$20)  
Benchmark Top Floor Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$15)  
Bib & Tucker Small Batch Bourbon, USA (\$50)  
Bib & Tucker Small Batch Bourbon, USA (\$100)  
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Blue Run Rye Whiskey, USA (\$99) AMERICAN SPIRITS EXCHANGE  
Brain Brew Whiskey Wheat Whiskey Finished with Japan Mizunara Oak, USA (\$65)  
Brain Brew Whiskey Single Barrel Rye Whiskey, USA (\$65)  
Buckley's Rye Whisky, USA (\$60)  
Buffalo Chip Woody's Reserve Bourbon, USA (\$55)  
Bulleit Bulleit Bourbon, USA (\$25)  
Bulleit Bulleit 95 Rye, USA (\$25)  
Buzzard's Roost Barrel Strength Rye Whiskey, USA (\$85)  
Cascade Moon Edition No. 2 Whiskey, USA (\$250)  
Chicken Cock Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
Clear Water Distilling Co. Lorenz Crafted Spirit, USA (\$33)  
Cleveland Underground Rye Whiskey Finished With Black Cherry Wood, USA (\$40)  
Copper Fox SASSY Rye Single Malt, USA (\$55)  
Corsair Distillery Triple Smoke, USA (\$47)  
Cutwater Spirits Devil's Share Bourbon, USA  
Cutwater Spirits American Rye Whiskey, USA  
Davidson Reserve Tennessee Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$45)  
Davidson Reserve Tennessee Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
Daviness County Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey finished in Cabernet Sauvignon Barrels, USA (\$45)  
Daviness County Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Finished in French Oak Barrels, USA (\$45)  
Doc Swinson's Alter Ego Solera Aged Rye, USA (\$50)  
Eastside Distilling Small Batch Rye, USA (\$45)  
Elijah Craig Barrel Proof A121 Bourbon, USA (\$70)  
Elijah Craig Toasted Barrel, USA (\$55)  
Evan Williams 1783 Small Batch Bourbon, USA (\$20)  
Ezra Brooks Old Ezra 7 Year, USA (\$60)  
FEW Straight Bourbon, USA (\$40)  
FEW Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
Flaviar Corn Trooper Bourbon, USA (\$71) WOOLER BRANDS  
Frey Ranch Bottled-in-Bond Rye Whiskey Batch #2, USA (\$60)  
George Dickel Single Barrel Bourbon (Aged At Least 15 Years), USA (\$60)  
Headframe Kelley Single Malt, USA (\$45)  
High Bank Whiskey War Double Oaked, USA  
High Bank Whiskey War Barrel Select, USA  
High West American Prairie Bourbon, USA (\$35)  
Hillrock Estate Distillery Double Cask Rye OSR Port, USA (\$130)  
Hillrock Estate Distillery Estate Single Malt OPX, USA (\$105)  
Hotel Tango Bourbon, USA (\$30)  
Hotel Tango Reserve Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
Hudson Do The Rye Thing, USA (\$40)  
Hudson Back Room Deal Rye Whiskey, USA (\$55)  
I.W. Harper 15-Year-Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$100)  
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel Rye, USA (\$50)  
James E. Pepper 1776 Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$35)  
Kings County Distillery 7 Year Straight Bourbon, USA (\$149)  
Kings County Distillery Barrel Strength Bourbon, USA (\$99)  
King's Family Distillery Ryeconic, USA (\$75)  
King's Family Distillery Single Barrel Select Whiskey, USA (\$100)  
Knob Creek 9 Year Bourbon Whiskey, USA  
Knob Creek Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey, USA  
Kuleana Hawaiian Rum Agricole, USA (\$55)  
Larceny Bourbon, USA (\$25)  
Laws Whiskey Four Grain Straight Bourbon Bottled in Bond, USA (\$74)  
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Mystic Broken Oak Whiskey, USA (\$100)  
Nashville Barrel Co. Small Batch Rye Whiskey, USA (\$60)  
Neeley Family Distillery Maltley Crue Single Barrel Bourbon, USA (\$30)  
New Riff Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled in Bond Without Chill Filtration, USA (\$40)  
New Riff Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Single Barrel Bottled Without Chill Filtration, USA (\$50)  
New Riff Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey Single Barrel Bottled Without Chill Filtration, USA (\$50)  
Nine Banded Whiskey Wheated Bourbon Single Barrel, USA (\$50)  
Noble Oak Double Oak Bourbon, USA (\$35)  
Noble Oak Double Oak Rye, USA (\$40)  
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Old Hamer Straight Rye Whiskey Cask Strength, USA (\$40)  
Old Line Spirits Cask Strength Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$55)  
Old Line Spirits Golden Edition Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$95)  
Old Overholt Bottled in Bond Whiskey, USA (\$28)  
Paul Sutton Bourbon, USA (\$64)  
Penelope Barrel Strength Bourbon, USA (\$55)  
Penelope Rosé Cask Finished Bourbon, USA (\$65)  
Pikesville Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
Pinhook Bourbon War Vertical Series 5 Year, USA (\$50)  
Pinhook 2021 Flagship Rye - Hard Rye Guy, USA (\$38)  
Puncher's Chance Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$35)  
Ragged Branch Napotnik Reserve Straight Rye Whiskey Barrel Proof, USA (\$38)  
Rebel 10 Year Single Barrel, USA (\$80)  
Redemption High Rye Bourbon, USA (\$40)  
Redemption Barrel Proof Bourbon, USA (\$100)  
Redemption Wheated Bourbon, USA (\$46)  
Reservoir Wheat Whiskey, USA (\$80)  
Resurgent Straight Rye Whiskey, USA  
Rock Town Four Grain Sour Mash Straight Bourbon, USA (\$45)  
Rock Town Single Barrel Golden Promise Bourbon, USA (\$65)  
Russell's Reserve Rye 6 Year Old, USA (\$48) CAMPARI AMERICA  
Sacred Stave Cask Strength Single Malt, USA (\$65)  
Sacred Stave Caramellow, USA (\$23)  
Sagamore Spirit Distiller's Select Tequila Finish, USA (\$70)  
Sagamore Spirit Barrel Select Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$60)  
Samuel Maverick Straight Rye Whiskey, USA (\$75)  
San Francisco Distilling Company Forty Nine Mile Single Barrel Bourbon, USA (\$75)  
Sator Square Distillery Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
Seacrets Distilling Company Wild Fire Whiskey, USA (\$30)  
Shady Mile Straight Bourbon, USA (\$28)  
Six & Twenty Old Money Wheat Whiskey, USA  
Sixty Men Straight Bourbon, USA (\$32)  
Smooth Ambler Contradiction Bourbon, USA (\$40)  
St. Augustine Distillery Port Finished Bourbon, USA (\$80)  
Steinmetz Rye Whiskey, USA (\$70)  
Stellum Bourbon, USA (\$55)  
Swilled Dog Barrel Strength Rye Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
Templeton Rye 4 Year, USA (\$30)  
The Family Jones Ella Jones Colorado Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)  
Thomas S. Moore Port Finished Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$70)

Three Chord Strange Collaboration Bourbon (Finished in Pinot Noir Barrels), USA (\$45)  
Three Chord Whiskey Drummer Bourbon, USA (\$190)  
Three Floyds Distilling Divine Rite Whiskey, USA (\$40)  
Tincup Original Blended Whiskey, USA (\$25)  
Traverse City Whiskey Co. Barrel Proof Straight Rye, USA (\$80)  
Triple Eight Distillery The Notch 8 Year Old Nantucket Island Single Malt Whisky, USA  
Triple Eight Distillery The Notch 12 Year Old Nantucket Island Single Malt Whisky, USA  
TX Single Barrel Texas Straight Bourbon Bottled-in-Bond, USA (\$50)  
Very Olde St. Nick Harvest Rye Cask Strength, USA (\$172)  
Virgil Kaine Ribbon Rail Rye Straight Rye Whiskey Finished in Chocolate Malted Porter Barrels, USA (\$96)  
Virginia Distillery Co. Courage & Conviction Bourbon Cask, USA (\$85)  
W. L. Weller Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$50)  
W. L. Weller Special Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$24)  
Wanderback Whiskey Co. Batch No. 4, USA (\$85)  
Warbringer Southwest Bourbon, USA (\$60)  
Westland Distillery American Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$60)  
Westland Distillery Colere Edition 1 Single Malt Whiskey, USA (\$150)  
Wheel Horse Bourbon, USA (\$32)  
Whiskey Acres Blue Popcorn Straight Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$60)  
Widow Jane 10 Year Old Bourbon, USA (\$70)  
Widow Jane Oak & Apple Wood Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
Widow Jane American Oak Rye Whiskey, USA (\$50)  
Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon, USA (\$26) CAMPARI USA  
Wild Turkey Rare Breed Bourbon, USA (\$47) CAMPARI USA  
Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit Bourbon, USA (\$55) CAMPARI USA  
Wolf Moon Straight Bourbon, USA (\$34)  
Woodinville Whiskey Company PX Sherry Finished Bourbon Whiskey, USA (\$70)  
Yellowstone Select Kentucky Straight Bourbon, USA (\$40)

## IMPORTED WHISK(EY)

Aberlour A'burnadh Alba Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$90)  
Aberlour A'burnadh Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$100)  
Adelaide Hills Distillery 78 Degrees Australian Whiskey, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Alfred Giraud Heritage French Malt Whisky, France (\$155) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Amrut Classic Indian Single Malt Whisky, India (\$55) GLASS REVOLUTION IMPORTS  
anCnoc 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$60) HOTALING & CO.  
Archie Rose Single Malt Whisky, Australia (\$119) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
Ardbeg An Oa Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$63)  
Arrrrrrrdbeg! Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$180)  
Auchentoshan 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$170) BEAM SUNTORY  
Auchentoshan Three Wood Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$85) BEAM SUNTORY  
Aultmore 18 Year Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch, Scotland  
Bain's Cape Mountain Single Grain Whisky, South Africa  
Bellevoye Blanc, France (\$59) DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE AND SPIRITS  
Bowmore 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$100) BEAM SUNTORY  
Bowmore 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$160) BEAM SUNTORY  
Bowmore 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$70) BEAM SUNTORY



**Braunstein Library Col. 20:2, Denmark** (\$110) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Braunstein Danica Peated, Denmark** (\$70) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Brenne 10 Year Old Single Malt Whiskey, France** (\$100)

**Bruichladdich Islay Barley 2012 Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$70) REMY COINTREAU USA

**Buchanan's Red Seal Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$159)

**Bullterrier Veto Blended Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland** (\$20) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Bunnyville Single Grain Whisky No.3, Taiwan** (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Bushmills 10 Year Old Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$50)

**Bushmills 15 Year Old Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$130)

**Bushmills Original Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$24)

**Canadian Club Classic 12 Year Old Whisky, Canada** (\$24) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Connemara Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$55) BEAM SUNTORY

**Copper Dog Speyside Blended Malt Scotch, Scotland**

**Crabbie Yardhead Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland** (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Crabbie 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland** (\$48) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye, Canada** ALLIANCE MARKETING

**Crown Royal XO, Canada** ALLIANCE MARKETING

**Crown Royal Black, Canada** ALLIANCE MARKETING

**Crown Royal Reserve 12 Year Old Canadian Whisky, Canada** (\$50)

**Crown Royal Winter Wheat Noble Collection Whisky, Canada** (\$70)

**Dalwhinnie 2020 Distillers Edition, Scotland** (\$90) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Dewar's 25 Year Old Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$220)

**Dewar's Double Double 21 Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$50)

**Dewar's Japanese Smooth Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$24)

**Dewar's 15 Year Old Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$40)

**Dingle Single Malt Whiskey Batch No. 5, Ireland** (\$85) HOTELING & CO.

**Divergence Virgin French Oak, New Zealand** (\$70) FOOD VIEW USA BEVERAGES INC.

**Douglas Laing & Co. Big Peat Scotch, Scotland** (\$55)

**Dunville's Three Crowns Peated Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$47) DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS

**Eau Claire Distillery Rupert's Exceptional Canadian Whisky, Canada** (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Exclusive Line Rye Whisky, Austria**

**Fermentorium Distilling Co. Small Talk Whisky, Canada** (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Filliers Single Malt Whisky, Belgium** PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Flaviar Son of a Peat Batch 3 The Redeemer Scotch, Scotland** (\$80) WOOLER BRANDS

**Forty Creek Copper Pot Reserve Whisky, Canada** (\$25) CAMPARI AMERICA

**Forty Creek Confederation Oak Reserve Whisky, Canada** (\$65) CAMPARI AMERICA

**Georgian Bay Whisky, Canada** (\$35) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Glasgow 1770 Single Malt Scotch Whisky Peated, Scotland** (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Glen Garioch 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Scotland** (\$65) BEAM SUNTORY

**Glen Moray Elgin Heritage 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** 375 PARK AVENUE SPIRITS

**Glen Scotia 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**

**Glendalough Pot Still Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$59)

**Glenglassaugh 30 Years Old, Scotland**

**Glenglassaugh 40 Years Old, Scotland**

**Glenglassaugh Revival, Scotland**

**Glenglassaugh Torfa, Scotland**

**Glenglassaugh Octaves Batch 2 Peated, Scotland**

**Glenglassaugh Peated Virgin Oak Wood Finish, Scotland**

**Glengoyne 21 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$300) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Glengoyne 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$55)

**Glenmorangie The Elementa Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$71)

**Gwalarn Blended Whiskey, France** (\$35) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Headlands Muscat Cask Single Malt Whiskey, Australia** (\$88) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**High Commissioner Blended Scotch, Scotland**

**Hokkaido Akkeshi Blended Whisky Usui, Japan** CRAFT IMPORTS, LLC.

**Isle of Skye 12 Year Old Scotch, Scotland** (\$40) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Jameson Caskmates Stout Edition, Ireland** (\$34) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Jameson Caskmates IPA Edition, Ireland** (\$37) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Jameson Black Barrel, Ireland** (\$49) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**John Samson Blended Scotch, Scotland** (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Johnnie Walker 18 Year Old, Scotland**

**Johnnie Walker 200th Anniversary Celebratory Blend Scotch, Scotland** (\$80)

**Kanekou Okinawa Whisky, Japan**

**Kavalan Solist Ex-Bourbon Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$160) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kavalan Solist Brandy Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$300) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kavalan Solist Port Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$300) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kavalan Solist Amontillado Sherry Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$600) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kavalan Earth Silver Wine Cask Matured Single Cask Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$120) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kavalan Artist Series: Paul Chiang Peated Malt Single Cask Strength Single Malt Whisky, Taiwan** (\$100) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Knappogue Castle 12 Year Old, Ireland** (\$65) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Kujira Ryukyu 5 Year Old White Oak Virgin Cask Whisky, Japan**

**Lagavulin 16 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$130) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Laphroaig Quarter Cask Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$75)

**Laphroaig Four Oak Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$80)

**Limeburners Port Cask Strength, Australia** (\$230) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Limeburners Directors Cut, Australia** (\$365) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Loch Lomond 14 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**

**Loch Lomond 18 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**

**Loch Lomond 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland**

**Loch Lomond Signature Blended Scotch, Scotland**

**Masahiro Pure Malt Whisky, Japan**

**Mash Cut Blended Malt Whisky, Scotland** (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi, Japan** (\$65) IMPEX BEVERAGES

**Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi Sherry Cask, Japan** (\$80) IMPEX BEVERAGES

**Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 8 Years, Japan** (\$80) IMPEX BEVERAGES

**Matsui Pure Malt Whisky The Kurayoshi 12 Years, Japan** (\$100) IMPEX BEVERAGES

**Matsui Blended Whisky The Tottori, Japan** (\$40) IMPEX BEVERAGES

**Method and Madness Single Grain, Ireland** (\$64) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Method and Madness Single Malt, Ireland** (\$102) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Michael Collins Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$24)

**Monopolowa Whisky, Austria** (\$29) MUTUAL WHOLESALE LIQUOR

**Morris of Rutherglen Signature Australian Single Malt, Australia** (\$60) HOTELING & CO.

**Morris of Rutherglen Muscat Barrel Australian Single Malt, Australia** (\$90) HOTELING & CO.

**Mortlach 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$62) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Nagahama Roman 8 Year Old Pure Malt Whisky, Japan**

**Oban 2020 Distillers Edition Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$150) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Old Pulteney 15 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$95) HOTELING & CO.

**Old Pulteney 25 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$549) HOTELING & CO.

**Old Pulteney Huddart Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$70) HOTELING & CO.

**Old Pulteney 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$50) HOTELING & CO.

**Paddy's Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$20)

**POPS' Famous Brand Blended Canadian Whisky, Canada** (\$35)

**Proclamation Whiskey Blended Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$30) GRACE O'MALLEY SPIRITS

**Rare Perfection 14 Year Old Overproof Whisky, Canada** (\$169)

**Red Bear Whisky, Taiwan** HEWLETT GROUP HOLDINGS INC

**Redbreast Lustau Edition, Ireland** (\$71) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Redbreast 12 Year Old Cask Strength, Ireland** (\$122) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Redbreast 21 Year Old, Ireland** PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Redbreast Single Pot 15 Year Old, Ireland** PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Remarkable Regional Malts Rock Island Scotch, Scotland** (\$50)

**Samuel Gelston's Single Pot Still Bourbon Cask Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Samuel Gelston's Pinot Cask Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey, Ireland** (\$27) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Sculte Twentse Whisky Special Limited Edition 2MB Recipe Three, The Netherlands** (\$325) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Select Club Pecan Praline Whisky, Canada** (\$25) ELITE BRANDS

**Sheep Dip Blended Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$35) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Shene Cognac Cask Release Single Malt Whisky, Australia** (\$189) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Shibui Pure Malt 10 Year Old Whisky, Japan** (\$140) IND BEVERAGES

**Single Malt Nagahama Bordeaux Wine Cask Finish Single Malt Whisky, Japan** PARK STREET IMPORTS

**SLYRS Bavarian RYE Whiskey, Germany** PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Smokehead Islay Single Malt, Scotland** (\$60) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**SPEY Fumare Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** KEEPERS QUEST BRANDS

**Spot Whiskey Green Spot, Ireland** (\$56) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Starward Nova, Australia** (\$55) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Starward Fortis, Australia** (\$75) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Stunning El Clasico Rye Whiskey, Denmark** (\$95) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Swear Jar Whisky, Canada** IROKOS GROUP

**Takamine 8 Year Old Koji Fermented Whiskey, Japan** (\$99)

**Talisker Storm Single Malt Scotch, Scotland** (\$54) PARK STREET IMPORTS

**Tamduh 15 Year Old Sherry Oak Casks Scotch, Scotland** (\$132) PARK STREET IMPORTS



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Teeling Blackpitts Peated Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$75)  
 Teeling Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$65)  
 The Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$75)  
 The Busker Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$30) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 The Busker Triple Cask Triple Smooth Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$25) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 The GlenDronach Aged 18 Years, Scotland  
 The GlenDronach The Original Aged 12 Years, Scotland  
 The Glenrothes 18 Years Old Single Malt Scotch, Scotland EDRINGTON AMERICAS  
 The Glenturret 10 Year Old Peat Smoked 2020 Maiden Release Single Malt Scotch, Scotland (\$60) M.S. WALKER  
 The Irishman 12 Year Old Irish Whisky, Ireland (\$80) HOTELING & CO  
 The Kyoto Malt Whisky, Japan PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 The Pogues Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Cask 112.74 A Pre-natural Good-Striker, UK (\$120) MHW, LTD  
 The Scotch Malt Whisky Society Cask 35.264 Midnight Marmalade, UK (\$595) MHW, LTD  
 The Sexton Single Malt Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$29)  
 Three Ships 9 Year Old Blend Fino Cask Finished Whisky, South Africa  
 Tomatin 14 Year Old, Scotland (\$75)  
 Tomatin 30 Year Old, Scotland (\$500)  
 Tomatin 21 Year Old (Travel Retail Exclusive, Scotland (\$215)  
 Tomatin 12 Year Old, Scotland (\$40)  
 Tomatin 8 Year Old (Travel Retail Exclusive), Scotland (\$45)  
 Tomintoul Tlath, Scotland (\$35) ROYAL WINE CORP  
 Tomintoul 10 Year Old, Scotland (\$55) ROYAL WINE CORP  
 TTL Omar Single Malt Whisky Harvest Series Number 2, Taiwan (\$71)  
 TTL Omar Single Malt Whisky Cask Strength-Orange Brandy Barrel, Taiwan (\$161)  
 Tullamore D.E.W. 12 Year Old Special Reserve Irish Whiskey, Ireland (\$54) WILLIAM GRANT & SONS  
 Waterford Dunbell Edition 1.2 Single Malt Irish Whisky, Ireland (\$95) GLASS REVOLUTUION IMPORTS  
 Waterford Organic Gaia Edition 1.1 Single Malt Irish Whisky, Ireland (\$110) GLASS REVOLUTUION IMPORTS  
 Wayne Gretzky No. 99 Ice Cask Whisky, Canada (\$47)  
 Wee Smoky Single Grain Scotch Whisky, Scotland (\$44) PARK STREET IMPORTS

### COGNAC, ARMAGNAC, BRANDY, GRAPPA, PISCO

Alvisa Brandy XO, Spain (\$30) ALVISA USA  
 Branson Cognac XO, France (\$250) SHAW ROSS  
 Camus Cognac VSOP, France (\$61) CIL US  
 Camus Cognac XO, France (\$160) CIL US  
 Château de Lacquy Bas Armagnac Reference, France (\$47) PACIFIC EDGE IMPORTS  
 Cognac Park Borderies Mizunara Single Cru, France (\$90)  
 Cognac Planat Organic VSOP Special Edition (Virgin Oak), France (\$55) PREISS IMPORTS  
 Courvoisier Cognac VS, France (\$25)  
 Courvoisier Cognac VSOP, France (\$35)  
 Courvoisier Cognac XO, France (\$150)  
 Ferrand Cognac Double Cask Reserve, France DEUTSCH FAMILY WINE & SPIRITS  
 Fundador Brandy Aged in 12 Year Old Pedro Ximénez Sherry Casks, Spain (\$70)  
 Gautier Cognac VS, France  
 Gautier Cognac VSOP, France  
 Gautier Cognac XO, France

Germain Robin XO Brandy, USA (\$125)  
 King Selby Japanese Brandy Budouka, Japan (\$26) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Le Furet Brandy XO, France PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Lecarré VS French Brandy, France (\$29) PACIFIC EDGE IMPORTS  
 Lustau Finest Selection Brandy de Jerez, Spain (\$53) GOLDEN STATE  
 Martell Blue Swift, France (\$50) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Martell VS Single Distillery, France (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Martell XO, France (\$200) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Matsui Brandy Umeshu, Japan IMPEX BEVERAGES  
 Merlet Brothers Blend Cognac, France (\$60)  
 Odessa Brandy, Ukraine (\$12)  
 Ola Brew Starfruit Brandy, USA  
 Orcas Island Distillery Archipelago de Haro, USA (\$98)  
 Pisco Control Valle del Encanto 40° Pisco Control Valle del Encanto, Chile (\$22) CNI BRANDS  
 Rémy Martin VSOP, France (\$47)  
 Rémy Martin Tercet, France (\$118)  
 Tacama Gran Demonio Italia Pisco, Peru (\$18) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Tacama Gran Demonio Albilla Pisco, Peru (\$18) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Torres Gran Reserva Brandy, Spain (\$22)  
 Twenty Third Street Not Your Nanna's Brandy, Australia

### LIQUEURS, APÉRITIFS, OTHER SPIRITS

Abacaty Avocado Dry Spirit, Germany PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Amarula Ethiopian Coffee Liqueur, USA (\$24)  
 Amerisse Bitter Aperitif, France (\$30)  
 Ancho Reyes Chile Ancho Liqueur, Mexico (\$30) CAMPARI AMERICA  
 Antica Sambuca, Italy (\$27)  
 Baileys Colada Cream Liqueur, Ireland (\$28)  
 Baileys Churros Cream Liqueur, Ireland (\$28)  
 Baldoria Dry Vermouth, Italy  
 Brucato Amaro Orchards, USA (\$35)  
 Chemer Red Liqueur, Russia (\$11) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Nohya Amaro Golden Ume Fruit, Japan  
 Choya Umeshu Kokuto, Japan  
 Dahongpao Grapefruit Tea Fruit Liqueur, China  
 Disaronno Originale, Italy (\$28) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 Disaronno Velvet, Italy (\$30) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 Dos Deus Origins Red, Spain CHOPIN SPIRITS  
 Duvall Distillery Hot Chocolate Liqueur, USA (\$17)  
 Fast Penny Spirits Amaranico, USA (\$49)  
 Fast Penny Spirits Amaranico Bianca, USA (\$49)  
 Gammel Dansk Bitter Dram, Norway SAZERAC  
 Guaaja Tiquira Ambarana, Brazil (\$25) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 HB Pastis, France (\$28)  
 Headlands Liqueur of the Illawarra Plum, Australia (\$30) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Hecate Cacao Liqueur, USA (\$30)  
 Hombo Shuzo Joto Umeshu, Japan (\$8)  
 Hombo Shuzo Joto Umeshu Chiran-cha, Japan (\$11)  
 Imperial Measures Distilling Ruby Bitter Aperitif, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Jing Chinese Jing Jiu, China (\$20) DIAMOND HONG, INC  
 Licor 43 Horchata, Spain  
 Lo-Fi Aperitifs Dry Vermouth, USA (\$25)  
 Luigi Francoli Amaro, Italy FRANCOLI USA  
 Matsui Whisky Umeshu, Japan IMPEX BEVERAGES  
 Merlet Creme de Peche, France (\$30)  
 Merlet Lune d'Abriocot, France (\$35)

Mil Demonios Aguardiente, Colombia (\$26) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Ole Smoky Mountain Java Coffee Cream Liqueur, USA (\$25)  
 Otto du Val d'Aoste Amaro Ebo Lebo Gran Riserva, Italy DARK STAR IMPORTS  
 Padró & Co. Dorado Amargo Suave Vermouth, Spain PREISS IMPORTS  
 Regal Rogue Australian Vermouth Daring Dry, Australia (\$25) MHW, LTD.  
 Señor Rio Cafe Elegancia, Mexico (\$20)  
 Soda Jerk Root Beer Shot, USA (\$30)  
 Spring See Tea Fruit Liqueur, China  
 The Fifth Cup Liqueur, USA (\$33)  
 The King's Ginger Liqueur, UK (\$40)  
 Third Stage Absinthe Verte, USA (\$30)  
 Tia Maria Matcha, Jamaica (\$25) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 Tia Maria Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur, Jamaica (\$28) DISARONNO INTERNATIONAL  
 Valle del Marta Megrò Aperiamaro, Italia (\$33) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Valmas Coconut Cream Liqueur, USA (\$22)  
 Vara Vermut Seco, USA (\$20)  
 Vara Vermut Dulce, USA (\$20)  
 Villa Massa Amaretto, Italy (\$22) ZAMORA COMPANY  
 Wayne Gretzky No. 99 Canadian Cream, Canada (\$27)  
 Wayne Gretzky No. 99 Salted Caramel Canadian Cream, Canada (\$27)  
 Yipinhu Yinhu, China

### COCKTAIL PRODUCTS, SELTZERS, NON-ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS

All Hands Craft Cocktails Vodka Soda Raspberry Lemonade, USA (\$13)  
 Angel's Share Cocktail Co. Jus de Carotte, Canada (\$14) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Beautiful Drinks Co. Cucumber & Lemon Sparkling Vodka Collins, USA (\$15)  
 Beautiful Drinks Co. Lime & Ginger Margarita, USA (\$15)  
 Blood Brothers Hot Bloody Mary Mix, USA (\$10)  
 Blue Norther Hard Seltzer Wild Blackberry, USA (\$11)  
 Coppa Cocktails Espresso Martini, Netherlands (\$15) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Crown Royal Cans Peach Tea, Canada ALLIANCE MARKETING  
 Crown Royal Cans Whisky Cola, Canada ALLIANCE MARKETING  
 Curatif Plantation Pineapple Daiquiri, Australia (\$12) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Curatif Plantation Hurricane, Australia (\$12) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Cutwater Spirits Cucumber Vodka Soda, USA  
 Cutwater Spirits Spicy Bloody Mary, USA  
 Cutwater Spirits Gin & Tonic, USA  
 Devils Backbone Distilling Co. Lemonade Smash Vodka, United States (\$13)  
 Fresh Victor Three Citrus & Mint Leaf, USA (\$8)  
 Fresh Victor Mexican Lime & Agave, USA (\$8)  
 Georgian Bay Cranberry Gin Smash, Canada (\$3) PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 High West Barrel Finished Old Fashioned, USA (\$55)  
 Licor 43 Carajillo, Spain  
 Lyre's Amalfi Spritz, Australia (\$15)  
 Lyre's G&T, Australia (\$15)  
 Prohibition Gin & Tonic Can, Australia PARK STREET IMPORTS  
 Siponey Cafe, USA (\$40)  
 Siponey Royale, USA (\$40)  
 Watershed Distillery Old Fashioned, USA (\$33)  
 Witherspoon Whiskey Old Fashioned, USA



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