Stashing away bottles for later is not common practice for every wine lover. We generally live in the here and now, opting for immediate gratification over delayed. However, in some cases, popping open a special bottle of well-aged wine can be much more transcendent than enjoying it young.

Beyond the fact that aged bottles can show immense depth, complexity and balance, we can't forget about wine's ability to transport you to a certain time and place. Celebrating a fifth wedding anniversary might be made more nostalgic by enjoying a bottle that was served on the momentous occasion. Reliving a past trip to a winery could be enhanced by popping open procured bottles five, 10 or 15 years later. The aromas, flavors and impressions of wine can help you revel in your past experiences.

To guide you with finding the special bottles that will stand the test of time, every year we release our Top 100 Cellar Selections list—a ranking of the best wines to age that are available now. This year's list boasts eight 100-point wines from the iconic regions of Bordeaux, Champagne and the Douro Valley in Portugal. However, the full collection is stocked with options from around the globe, including Argentina, California, Italy and beyond.

While some selections carry a hefty price tag, more than 80 of them are $100 or under, making this list not only incredibly quality driven—the average score is 95 points—but also immensely value conscious.

So, with that in mind, turn the page for a list of the best wines to buy now and age that we hope will offer a gateway to creating new memories in the years to come.

These ageworthy beauties are built for a lifetime of memories.

BY THE EDITORS OF WINE ENTHUSIAST
100 Sandeman 2017 Quinta do Seixo Port. This is going to be a major, impressive wine. All the elements are there: ripe blackberry fruit, powerful acidity, dense tannins and spice. It has the structure to live on for decades. Drink from 2030. Evaton, Inc. —R.V. abv: 20.5% Price: $70

2 Château Pontet-Canet 2016 Pauillac. A voluptuous wine, this is rich and fruity yet properly balanced by a magnificent structure. Pure, crisp and packed with a black currant flavor, this will be a remarkable wine as it develops. Still young, it needs many years to develop. Don’t think about drinking before 2025. K&L Wine Merchants. —R.V. abv: 13.5% Price: $159

3 Castello di Neive 2016 Barbaresco. Rose, violet, just-tilled vineyard soil and perfumed berry are just some of the aromas you’ll find on this dazzling, fragrant red. The elegant, delicious palate is chock-full of elegance and flavor, delivering juicy Morello cherry, raspberry compote, cake spice and a balsamic note. It boasts fantastic tension and finesse, and will be even better with more bottle age. Gorgeous. Drink 2026–2036. ILS–Winebow. —K.O. abv: 14.5% Price: $40

4 Cayuse 2016 God Only Knows Armada Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley). Insanely aromatic notes of potpourri, raspberry, white pepper, soot, funk and earth are followed by bright, fresh, focused, rich fruit and savory flavors. It shows a sense of delicacy and intensity with unparalleled balance. There is no end to the finish. What makes this Grenache-driven wine so extraordinary? God only knows. Best from 2023–2027. —S.S. abv: 13.6% Price: $100

5 Stony Hill 2016 Chardonnay (Spring Mountain District). This mighty white from the historic producer rarely disappoints—a study in nuanced structure and ageability. Crisp, focused acidity boosts a core of delicious green apple, lemon verbena and wet stone. The wood imprint is subtle and quiet, the wine having aged 10 months in neutral French oak. Allow this to age; enjoy 2024–2028. —V.B. abv: 10% Price: $70

6 Pieropan 2016 Calvarino (Soave Classico). Lemon drop candy, apricot, crushed stone, bitter almond and beeswax are just some of the aromas you’ll find on this intriguing, classy wine, the 45th anniversary edition of what is one of Italy’s most iconic whites. The savory, elegant palate is focused and bright, delivering ripe white stone fruit, citrus, tangy mineral and a hint of baking spice. It’s impeccably balanced, with bright acidity. Enjoy now or hold for even more complexity. Drink through 2031. LUX Wines. —K.O. abv: 12.5% Price: $40


8 Freeman 2016 Gloria Estate Pinot Noir (Green Valley). This gorgeous wine shows an expressive wild-cherry aroma, a vibrant and pure black-cherry flavor and a firm, fine-grained texture for an enticing mouthfeel. Touches of mineral and iron in the aroma, and hints of rhubarb and forest floor in the flavor give it exciting breadth and complexity. Best after 2023. —J.G. abv: 9.5% Price: $68

9 Yangarra 2016 Ovitelli Grenache (McLaren Vale). This is the second release of this wine, sourced from the estate’s old bush vines and fermented on skins in large ceramic eggs. The nose is a complex medley of aromas like dried rose petals, brambly red berries, mushrooms, damp earth and what seems like a whole garden of herbs. Texturally, it’s like chalk dust, sliced with laser-sharp acidity and wound with tight-grained tannins. A tightrope walk of power and elegance, the bright, juicy fruit and savory, mineral nuances flow right through to the finish. Drink 2020–2030. Majestic Imports. —C.P. abv: 14.5% Price: $50

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<td>Domaine Zind-Humbrecht 2017 Goldert Grand Cru Muscat (Alsace)</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Orange blossom, Mandarin and jasmine create a beguiling perfume on the nose of this wine. The palate immediately convinces, with lemon zestiness that counters and accompanies the aromatic riches. Orange zest, more summer blossom and even saltines take turns to dazzle in this aromatic marvel of a wine. A creamy element accentuates and unifies the freshness of the aromatic strands. Drink 2020–2035. Kobrand. —A.K. Price: $51</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Contucci 2015 Mulivvecchio (Vino Nobile di Montepulciano)</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>Rose petal, wild herb, red berry and pipe tobacco aromas are front and center on this fragrant, elegantly structured wine. The smooth, linear palate delivers raspberry compote, pomegranate, cinnamon and white pepper alongside a backbone of taut but refined tannins and fresh acidity. Give this time to develop to its full potential. Drink 2023–2035. Martignetti Companies. —K.O. Price: $49</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Franchetti–Passopisciaro 2016 Contrada G Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane)</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Enticingly fragrant, this stunning red opens with delicate but alluring scents of wild berry, Mediterranean brush, rose, crushed rock and a whiff of exotic spice. It’s full bodied but loaded with finesse, delivering creamy red cherry, raspberry compote, star anise and white pepper. Taut, refined tannins and lively acidity provide support and balance, while a savory mineral note lingers on the close. Drink 2021–2036. T. Edward Wines Ltd. —K.O. Price: $79</td>
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<td>Daou 2016 Eye of the Falcon Reserve (Paso Robles)</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Focused aromas of black currant jam, cocoa nib, espresso bean and German chocolate cake show on the nose of this blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petite Verdot. Polished tannins support luxurious flavors of cocoa powder, hoisin, baking spice and black currant paste. Drink 2020–2036. —M.K. Price: $75</td>
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<td>Gini 2016 La Froscà (Soave Classico)</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Radiant and loaded with finesse, this stunning white opens with enticing scents of fragrant spring flower, acacia, white stone fruit and wild herb. The round, elegant palate is focused, precise and energetic, delivering peach, Bartlett pear, ginger and tangerine drop candy alongside bright acidity. It closes on a tangy mineral note evoking crushed oyster shell. A gorgeous wine. Drink through 2028. de Grazia Imports, LLC. —K.O. Price: $34</td>
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<td>Styring 2015 Wit Reserve Estate Pinot Noir (Ribbon Ridge)</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>This barrel selection reserve is truly exceptional. Showing focus and precision, it pushes firm black cherry, caramel, praline and toasted cashew flavors into full display. The ripeness, richness and overall deliciousness pin the pleasure meter. Drink through 2030. —P.G. Price: $65</td>
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<td>Château Palmer 2016 Margaux</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Powerful tannins and hugely rich fruit balance together in this superb wine. The velvet texture belies the power behind the concentrated, ripe black-fruit flavor, with vibrant acidity giving ample lift. The wine’s structure will ensure aging for many years. Drink from 2024. K&amp;L Wine Merchants. —R.V. Price: $330</td>
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<td>Paolo Scavino 2015 Prapò (Barolo)</td>
<td>97</td>
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<td>Aromas of incense, rose, iris and eucalyptus carry the nose of this compelling wine. The full-bodied palate is smooth and enveloping, delivering juicy black cherry, pomegranate, licorice, tobacco and clove. It has a fantastic combination of structure and finesse that shows the power of Serralunga and the elegance that is the hallmark of this estate. Hold for even more complexity. Drink 2025–2035. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —K.O. Price: $73</td>
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<td>Schram 2010 J. Schram (North Coast)</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>This dry and beautifully aged bubbly is made from 84% Chardonnay and 16% Pinot Noir. Rich gold in color, it opens with fascinating and well-developed aromas of toasted baguette, toasted walnuts and marzipan, followed by a warm, buttery flavor that’s backed by baked apple and cinnamon. The fine-beaded texture is luxuriant and the finish is long and lingering. Best through 2024. —J.G. Price: $120</td>
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<td>Domäne Wachau 2017 Ried Achleiten Grüner Veltliner Smaragd (Wachau)</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Notes of salty miso, celery, lemon and green pear unite into an intriguing nose. On the palate, it is ripe, juicy pear that takes the lead, but savory salt and pepper add freshness and allure to this fluid, slender, concentrated and zesty wine. The finish echoes with citrus and white pepper. It will take some time to come into its powerful own. Drink 2020–2030. Gonzalez Byass USA. —A.K. Price: $46</td>
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94 Mettler Family Vineyards 2016 Estate Grown Petite Sirah (Lodi). Wine doesn’t get much deeper in color or more concentrated in fruit flavor than this. The black color goes to smoky red on the rim, while the aroma is rife with blackberry, licorice, sweet oak and black pepper. The palate boasts plump blackberry, soft blueberry and dark chocolate flavors. Fans of bold, full-bodied and saturated reds are going to love this. Best through 2030. —J.G.

abv: 14.5%
Price: $25

95 Wohlmuth 2017 Ried Hochsteinriegl Sauvignon Blanc (Südsteiermark). Subtle elderflower, fern and grass on the nose attain an incredibly rounded richness on the palate. The green tartness is plumped out with Mirabelle plum ripeness and buffered by a rich, creamy texture while a sparky streak of lemon zest keeps everything focused. Texture, fruit and freshness combine in a most winning fashion. Drink 2020–2035. Black Lamb Wine. —A.K.

abv: 13%
Price: $80

96 Château Angélus 2016 Saint-Émilion. This is a rich, perfumed wine, with dense tannins and intense layers of black plum and spice. The palate is firmly built yet broadened out by plump dark-fruit tones and honed by a solid, dry core. Drink from 2025. K&L Wine Merchants. —R.V.

abv: 14.5%
Price: $400

96 Quinta da Romaneira 2016 Reserva (Douro). The reserve wine from this major estate is certainly a bottle for aging. It’s a blend of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca that shows a lot of structure. Tannins and black fruits abound, showing density and richness. Drink from 2022. Vias Imports. —R.V.

abv: 14%
Price: $53

96 Monte da Ravasqueira 2015 Vinha das Romãs (Alentejano). A blend of Touriga Franca and Syrah has produced an immensely structured, darkly tannic single-vineyard wine. It has power and rich black fruits, with a fine perfume and layers of spice. The wine wears its alcohol lightly, freshened by the acidity that lifts the finish. Drink from 2022. Luiz’s Grocery and Liquors. —R.V.

abv: 14%
Price: $28

96 Denner 2016 Mother Of Exiles (Paso Robles Willow Creek District). Extremely dense and dark in color, this blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc shows crisp black currant, cocoa and cola on the pure and delicious nose. Polished yet firm tannins meet with snappy acidity on the palate, where flavors of black currant fruit and stone converge in long-lasting harmony. Drink through 2041. —M.K.

abv: 14.2%
Price: $80

96 Quinta do Vale Meão 2017 Port. Ripe with succulent black fruits, this wine is also immensely structured by a core of solid tannins. Bright acidity gives the essential contrast to this power and contributes to its great aging potential. Drink from 2032. Deutsch Family Wine and Spirits. —R.V.

abv: 19.5%
Price: $89

96 Muhr-Van der Niepoort 2016 Ried Spitzerberg Blaufränkisch (Carnuntum). A heady, floral nose of violet and peony hovers above the scents of tart, bright red fruits. The palate gives a slightly darker aspect of blueberry to the brisk cranberry and red-currant notes, while both white pepper and cinnamon shimmer. The body is sinuous, guided by fine tannins and pervaded by an immensely uplifting freshness. The lovely, mouthwatering grip becomes apparent on the finish. Silky, slender and oh-so seductive. Drink 2022–2035. —A.K.

abv: 13%
Price: $80

96 Château Haut-Monplaisir 2016 Pur Plaisir (Cahors). This top wine from an organically run estate is powerful. Black fruits aged in new wood have a perfumed, spicy character as well as layers of toastiness. The rich, complex texture of the wine, with minerality contrasting the sweet berry flavors, sets it up for aging. A Fournié family wine, it will be ready from 2023. Vintage ’59 Imports. —R.V.

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abv: 14%
Price: $50
96 Isole e Olena 2016 Cepparello (Toscana). Cedar, pipe tobacco, black-skinned fruit and balsamic aromas shape the nose along with French oak and iris. Full bodied and elegant, the savory palate has nice weight, doling out mature Marasca cherry, black plum, espresso, orange zest and spice while fresh acidity keeps it balanced. It’s still young, with tight-knit tannins, and needs time to come into its own. Drink 2023–2036. Petit Pois. —K.O.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $95

94 Obsidian Ridge 2016 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon (Red Hills). A deep, dark color and generous black-fruit aromas lead to well-extracted flavors of blackberry, blueberry and black currant on the palate, while a thick blanket of fine-grained tannins wraps it all in. It is huge in structure but matched by luxurious, layered fruit and spice flavors. Best from 2023-2033. —J.G.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $32

96 Cockburn’s 2017 Port. This wine’s opulent intensity comes from the powerful tannins. A jammy blackberry flavor shines through and is lifted by bright acidity. Depth and structure ensure long-term aging. Drink from 2030. Premium Port Wines, Inc. —R.V.  
abv: 20.5%  
Price: $95

95 Travaglini 2013 RiservaGattinara. Focused and loaded with finesse, this wine opens with aromas of rose, wild herbs, camphor and a whiff of dark spice. The bright palate offers precision and youthful tension, delivering sour cherry, cranberry, licorice, orange rind and iron notes alongside fine-grained tannins and vibrant acidity. Drink 2021–2033. Taub Family Selections. —K.O.  
abv: 13.5%  
Price: $60

95 Harper Voit 2016 Maresh Vineyard Old Vine Riesling (Dundee Hills). Stunning aromatics combine spicy citrus, tangy tropical fruit and spun sugar notes. It’s tart, racy and complex, with the structure to age for 15 years or longer, but delicious already. The vines date back to the early 1970s. Drink through 2034. —P.G.  
abv: 12.6%  
Price: $30

95 Bucci 2016 Villa Bucci Riserva (Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico). Delicate, enticing scents of Spanish broom, botanical herbs, beeswax and ripe citrus shape the nose. Linear and supremely elegant, the vibrant palate delivers ripe yellow peach, apricot, grapefruit and mineral alongside tangy acidity. A classic varietal note of bitter almond graces the lingering finish. Hold for even more complexity. Drink through 2026. Empson USA Ltd. —K.O.  
abv: 13.5%  
Price: $61

94 Trisaetum 2018 Wichmann Dundee Riesling (Dundee Hills). This wine shows superb concentration and pinpoint focus. It’s loaded with flavors of Meyer lemon, grilled pineapple and lemon drop candy. Delicious already, it could easily last through 2035. —P.G.  
abv: 11.1%  
Price: $32
95 Stolpman 2016 Angeli Syrah (Ballard Canyon). Dense and focused on the nose, this winery’s top bottling is built to last, starting with aromas of elderberry, cola, wisteria and jasmine. Those flower elements extend to the palate, where crushed boysenberry, candied violets and black-pepper flavors are just starting to coalesce. Patience will reward with more savory elements, all wrapped in purple flowers. Drink 2020–2036. —M.K.  
Price: $68

94 Fritz Haag 2017 Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Spätlese Grosse Lage (Mosel). Savory tones of crushed slate, smoke and honeycomb are brightened by layers of concentrated peach and apricot in this delicately textured yet penetrating spätlese. It’s sweet and ripe yet steely and filigreed, with a reverberating backbone of acidity. It drinks well now but it is likely to improve through 2035. Loosen Bros. USA. —A.I.  
abv: 8%  
Price: $34

95 Domaine le Clos du Caillou 2017 Les Safres White (Châteauneuf-du-Pape). Whisps of vanilla, orange blossom and tangerine zest perfume this exuberant but also fresh-fruited white. A blend of Grenache Blanc, Roussanne and Clairette, it offers juicy lemon and Asian pear flavors that fall on the palate in plump layers. It drinks gorgeously already but should gain more depth and a translucent purity. Only later does it show flavors of clove, tart red raspberry and cassis, and is deliciously memorable in every way. Drink 2026–2036. —V.B.  
Price: $90

98 Bollinger 2004 R.D. Extra Brut (Champagne). The wine’s name stands for recently disgorged and this vintage Champagne was taken off its lees in 2018. That gave many years for it to develop its depth of flavor, its richness and its beautifully memorable toasty flavors. Drink through 2028. Vintus LLC. —R.V.  
abv: 12%  
Price: $300

99 Gaja 2015 Costa Russi (Barbaresco). Aromas of rose, violet, red berry and baking spice mingle with a whiff of menthol on the nose of this compelling, gorgeous red. The vibrant, full-bodied palate is all about flair and finesse, delivering crushed raspberry, Marasca cherry, licorice and a hint of tobacco, all framed by taut, fine-grained tannins. Young and intense, it will be ideal after a few more years of aging, but will continue to develop for decades. Drink 2023–2040. Terlato Wines International. —K.O.  
abv: 14.5%  
Price: $455

100 Château Haut-Brion 2016 Pessac-Léognan. Immensely tannic, this is a great Haut-Brion, one of the finest for many years. It shows the severe side of this estate, with a dense structure to match the powerful black fruits. Rich with berry flavors and lifted by enough acidity, the wine will age for many years. Drink from 2026. Millésima USA. —R.V.  
abv: 14%  
Price: $650

94 Lavinea 2016 Lazy River Vineyard Chardonnay (Yamhill-Carlton). This wine was barrel fermented in 20% new French oak. It’s racy, inviting and aromatic, with sharp flavors of lemon, gooseberry, lime and cantaloupe. Tart and stylish, it’s built for aging. Drink through 2028. —P.G.  
abv: 13.5%  
Price: $45

95 Johannisf Hof Reinisch 2016 Holzspur Pinot Noir (Thermenregion). A rather subtle nose reveals crisp red-cherry fruit. The palate has a similar but promising reluctance. Everything here is crisp, tart and reminiscent of red currant and cranberry. There is aromatic depth and a translucent purity. Only later does the smokiness of oak envelope that lovely fruit, while fine tannins effect a gentle grip. This needs bottle age but will blossom into an elegant, light-footed Pinot Noir. Drink 2022–2030. Circo Vino. —A.K.  
abv: 15.5%  
Price: $90

94 Latta 2015 Dana Dibble Freewater Rocks Vineyard Syrah (Walla Walla Valley). This is the winery’s first offering of Syrah. There’s no mistaking the fruit comes from The Rocks District, with the area’s hallmark aromas of olive, fire pit, charcuterie, plum, dried herb, orange peel and parsley that are intense but still show a sense of subtlety. The palate is textured and rich but still in balance, full of fruit and savory flavors. An insanely long, 30-plus-second finish caps it off. Best after 2021. —S.S.  
abv: 13%  
Price: $90
Lapeyre 2016 La Magendia de Lapeyre (Jurançon). Sweet, concentrated and honeyed flavors are lifted by acidity and perfumed pear and apricot. This wine is as much about freshness as sweetness. Light in feel, it’s poised and immediately delicious. It can be drunk now but will be better from 2020. Charles Neal Selections. —R.V. 

Price: $40

abv: 12.5%

Vincent Girardin 2016 Corton. This is a blend across various Pinot Noir parcels of Corton Grand Cru vineyards. It is a powerful wine, but the power is tempered by the elegant texture and open red fruits. Its concentration is undeniable and very present, showing the way to long-term aging. Drink from 2025. Vineyard Brands. —R.V. 

Price: $130

abv: 13.5%

Cadence 2016 Camerata Cara Mia Vineyard (Red Mountain). This wine is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc. Distinctive aromas of black cherry, graphite, dark raspberry, fresh herb, flower and scorched earth lead to a fresh, flavorful palate packed with fine-grained structured tannins. An extended finish ups the interest. Give it at least 24 hours to decant if drinking in the near term. Best after 2025. —S.S. 

Price: $55

abv: 14.4%

Marchesi Antinori 2015 Tignanello (Toscana). Leather, cassis, cedar, black-skinned berry and exotic spice aromas slowly shape the nose. Polished and savory, the refined, structured palate boasts an almost weightless elegance while still delivering layers of juicy black cherry, blackberry compote, licorice and a hint of tobacco. Fine-grained tannins lend seamless support. It’s also surprisingly well balanced for the hot vintage. Drink 2020–2030. Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. —K.O. 

Price: $125

abv: 14%

Robert Biale 2016 Monte Rosso Vineyard Zinfandel (Moon Mountain District Sonoma County). Sourced from a mountainous site, this wine is brimming in mineral aspects of volcanic ash and crushed rock. Tangy and expansive on the palate, it offers persistent tones of flowers, ginger and lavender that accent rich baked plum. Enjoy 2021–2031. —V.B. 

Price: $68

abv: 14.4%

Albert Morot 2016 Les Teurons Premier Cru (Beaune). This firm and structured wine is rich in tannins and juicy black fruits. It shows plenty of fruit concentration, which pushes through its dense structure. Drink from 2024. Multiple U.S. importers. —R.V. 

Price: $56

abv: 13%

Resalte 2015 Origen Crianza (Ribera del Duero). This opaque, big red opens with dark fruit and crude oil aromas smeared with smoke. A deep, lush palate deals a ton of berry fruit, with flavors of blackberry, cassis and dark plum transitioning seamlessly onto a long finish graced by lemongrass. Drink through 2030. Toros & Vinos LLC. —M.S. 

Price: $35

abv: 14.5%

Niner 2017 Pinot Noir (Edna Valley). Plush aromas of strawberry and cherry meet with subtle accents of clove, gingerbread, cinnamon and flowers on the nose of this bottling from Jespersen Ranch. A strawberry flavor dominates the palate, with touches of pepper and tobacco leaf, all framed by full tannins that hold firm into the finish. Drink through 2032. —M.K. 

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<td>Re-release from one of the legendary vintages of the last 30 years, this Champagne still shows some of the intense acidity that marked that year. It has gained maturity, but it’s still an ageless, magnificent wine. Although it is ready to drink, it will hold well through 2030. Maisons Marques &amp; Domaines USA. —R.V.</td>
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<td>Rutini 2015 Apartado Gran Malbec</td>
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<td>Mendoza</td>
<td>Tempranillo, Petit Verdot, Merlot</td>
<td>This atypical blend of 56% Tempranillo, 24% Grenache and 20% Graciano begins with impressive density to the nose, where aromas of concentrated violet and blackberry paste converge. The palate’s immense yet balanced concentration carries cassis and blackberry flavors into waves of lavender and singed oak. The tannins will uphold these flavors for years. Drink 2020–2031. —M.K.</td>
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<td>M.S.</td>
<td>This is round, ripe and complex on the nose, with exotic aromas of cardamom, spiced blueberry and rubber. The palate feels bold, crisp and bright. Flavors of blackberry, boysenberry and mixed spices drop off little by little on the finish. Drink for years to come; cellar through 2035. Graziano Imports. —M.S.</td>
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<td>This smoky, wood-aged wine comes from a walled vineyard next to the Château de Fuissé. Produced from old vines, it has concentrated apple and pear flavors, a touch of spice as well as bright acidity. The generous, opulent character will allow it to age. Drink from 2022. Frederick Wildman &amp; Sons, Ltd. —R.V.</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>$85</td>
<td>14.8%</td>
<td>R.V.</td>
<td>This is 100% varietal and remarkably impressive, true to form in earthy aromas of violet and sage. The mountainous appellation contributes girth and breadth, as well as densely layered texture and grip. Around the fullness are beautiful flavors of chocolate, graham cracker and blueberry. This will cellar well; enjoy 2025–2030. —V.B.</td>
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<td>81</td>
<td>Passing Time 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Horse Heaven Hills)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Walla Walla Valley</td>
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<td>Predominantly sourced from the Discovery and Champoux Vineyards, this wine offers aromas of scorched earth, cassis, cherry, bay leaf and whiffs of green pepper. There’s an exquisite sense of balance, intensity, density and granularity to the palate, with chocolatey flavors on the finish. It has a long life in front of it. Best from 2025–2030. —S.S.</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>$87</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
<td>R.V.</td>
<td>Heady aromas of malted milk and exotic florals are upfront; as the wine warms, the fruit follows. The wine is round, ripe and complex on the nose, with prominent streaks of graphite. The palate is knit together with fine-grained, tightly wound tannins and seamlessly balanced by silky-textured fruit and acidity. This should age beautifully for many years. Drink 2020–2033. Old Bridge Cellars. —C.P.</td>
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<td>82</td>
<td>Château de Fuissé 2017 Le Clos Monopole (Pouilly-Fuissé)</td>
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84 Alheit 2017 Magnetic North Chenin Blanc (Citrusdal Mountain). Lemon balm, cinnamon bark, yellow field flowers, spiced orange tea, just-dried straw and lightly toasted apple skin all dance on the nose of this ethereal and superbly attractive wine. The mouthfeel is fruited and rounded yet balanced and textured all at once, with a lovely bitterness and a lick of salted butter that play against the ripe orchard and citrus fruit flavors. Lingering notes of waxy melon, orange rind and whole spice like nutmeg and allspice unfold on the long, lightly nutty finish. It’s a charmer that’s hard to resist but will age well through 2030. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —L.B. abv: 14% Price: $100

85

86 Kalleske 2016 Greenock Shiraz (Barossa Valley). One of the Barossa’s long standing families has produced another classy, full-bodied, single-vineyard Shiraz. The nose whispers rather than shouts its aromas of cherry, currant, coffee, dark chocolate and baking spices. The palate is tightly wound, with grainy, woody tannins and tangy plum and cherry fruit. Finely structured for the long haul, this could be drunk now with a decant or cellared through 2035. Hudson Wine Brokers. —C.P. abv: 14.5% Price: $50

87 Domaine Fouassier 2017 Le Clos de Bannon (Sancerre). Biodynamically grown grapes from a small walled vineyard produce this beautifully balanced wine. Its clean lines and crisp acidity contrast with hints of tropical fruit and are all part of a wine that has a strong future. The wine’s structure and flinty texture should soften over the years. Drink from 2021. Opici Wines. —R.V. abv: 13% Price: $50

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89 Salwey 2015 Oberrotweiler Henkenberg Pinot Noir GG (Baden). Prominent notes of smoke, char and bramble mingle into zesty, invigorating bites of crisp black plum and cherry. Full bodied and velvety on the palate, it’s equal parts savory earth tones and pristine fruit, but needs a bit more time to meld. Open from 2021. It should improve through 2030 and hold further still. Rudi Wiest Selections. —A.I. abv: 13% Price: $50

90 Sixto 2016 Roza Hills Chardonnay (Washington). This wine comes from vines planted in 1977 at 1,350 above sea level—high by the state’s standards. Half fermented in concrete with the rest in oak barrel before being aged in puncheons, aromas of toast, pineapple, lanolin, cream and spice lead to a full-bodied palate, with textured tropical-fruit flavors. It’s a tasty, full-bodied, rich, stylistic offering of the variety that need some time in the cellar. Best after 2023. —S.S. abv: 14.5% Price: $55

91 San Román Bodegas y Viñedos 2015 Toro. Classy aromas of lemony oak, cigar box, bramble and berry fruits set up a massive palate with fierce tannins and years of aging potential. Dark, toasty flavors of pure cacao, charred oak and black fruits finish with power and structure. Decant if drinking anytime soon; best from 2022 onward. Grapes of Spain. —M.S. abv: 14.5% Price: $65

92 Lamadrid 2017 Single Vineyard Reserva Cabernet Franc (Agreglo). Aromas of blueberry and black currant are focused yet intense on the nose. The saturated palate brings dark plum and light herbal flavors that only improve with airing before finishing on a lingering note of mint. Drink through 2030. Vino Del Sol. —M.S. abv: 13.5% Price: $20

93 Penfolds 2014 Grange Shiraz (South Australia). The latest vintage of this iconic wine is more approachable and elegant than in previous years. This 98% Shiraz and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon blend offers an ocean of aromas: plum, mocha, coffee, tomato leaf, black olive, ground pepper, cedar, wet tarmac and sage. These tones swell toward a beautifully balanced palate that is powerful yet poised and silky in texture. The American oak is there but feels quieter than it has in the past, letting other nuances wash ashore, all held afloat by fine-grained herb and salt-flecked tannins. While other vintages seem untouchable in their youth, the 2014, with time in decanter, could offer immediate gratification yet still cellar well through 2044. Treasury Wine Estates. —C.P. abv: 14% Price: $850
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93 Duckhorn 2015 Three Palms Merlot (Napa Valley). Reduced and brimming in barrel oak, this is a full-bodied, concentrated and ageworthy wine, flavored in strong layers of baked plum, cinnamon and soy. As it opens, generous helpings of blueberry and fig figure into the mix, adding to the complexity. Enjoy 2025–2030. —V.B.  
*abv: 14.7%  
Price: $98*

93 Château d’Esclans 2017 Garrus Rosé (Côtes de Provence). This is a rich, impressive wine, with spicy flavors from wood aging that are well integrated with the ripe berry fruits. Together, they give intensity, sophistication and power, making this a perfect candidate to enjoy alongside food. Drink now, although the wine should age well through 2022. Shaw-Ross International Importers. —R.V.  
*abv: 14%  
Price: $100*

95 Te Mata 2017 Coleraine (Hawke’s Bay). The latest vintage of Te Mata’s top red is a wine for the cellar. It offers cassis, black licorice, bay leaf, ground black pepper and graphite notes on the nose. The palate brings chalky tight-grained tannins that knot firmly around the tongue. But all is in place for this wine to develop into an elegant and classy drop. Just give it time. Drink 2021–2034 and likely beyond. Wine Dogs Imports LLC. —C.P.  
*abv: 13%  
Price: $85*

96 Santa Rita 2014 Triple C Estate Bottled (Maipo Valley). Earthy aromas of berry fruits introduce a flush palate that sizzles with acidity. Flavors of black fruits and toasted oak finish warm and spicy. All that energy and acidity means this will last another decade or more; drink through 2034. DFV Wines. —M.S.  
*abv: 14.5%  
Price: $40*

97 Tablas Creek 2016 Esprit Blanc De Tablas (Adelaida District). Loads of white flower, guava peel and orange blossom aromas show on the nose of this blend of 75% Roussanne, 18% Grenache Blanc and 7% Picpoul Blanc. Light pear, peach and guava flavors make for a mellow expression that will age for years but is drinking great now. Drink until 2030. —M.K.  
*abv: 13%  
Price: $45*

98 Trapiche 2015 Terroir Series Edición Limitada Finca Laborde Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (La Consulta). A mix of forest and floral aromas frames berry notes on the attractive nose. Full extraction and heavy tannins make for a weighty palate that needs more time, while this Cabernet tastes like a bowl of plums and blackberries. On the finish, licorice and burnt toast notes rise up. Drink through 2025. The Wine Group. —M.S.  
*abv: 14.5%  
Price: $50*

99 Viña el Principal 2014 Memorias (Maipo Valley). Flower, plum and berry aromas are spicy and lightly herbal on the nose. They do a good job of capturing the essence of this Cabernet Sauvignon, which includes about one-third Syrah and Petit Verdot. A loaded palate is rough and tumble, while this tastes of spicy, foresty berry fruits. Oak, espresso and toast flavors along with heat are the big four on the finish of this cellar-worthy red blend; drink through 2028. Regal Wine Imports Inc. —M.S.  
*abv: 14.5%  
Price: $58*

100 Ata Rangi 2016 Pinot Noir (Martinborough). Like many of this renowned producer’s wines, this is a bottle to take your time with. It changes with every pour, from bright cranberry and raspberry fruit to licorice; from dried roses and violets to sandalwood and savory spice. The palate is medium bodied and silky textured, with tightly wound, leathery tannins and fruit that feels like you could take a bite out of it. Through it all is Ata Rangi’s signature mineral streak. For all its appeal, however, this wine is still a baby, elegant and complex but austere. Drink through 2028. Verity Wine Partners. —C.P.  
*abv: 13%  
Price: $80*