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A photograph of a man and a woman standing in a vineyard. The woman, on the left, has blonde hair styled in a bun and is wearing a dark green long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The man, on the right, has a full beard and is wearing a dark plaid button-down shirt and dark trousers. They are standing on stone steps in front of a vine-covered wall. The background shows lush green grapevines and a building.

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PERFECT MATCH

90 Arianna Occhipinti Terre Siciliane White SP68 2014 \$29 Spice and herb notes leap from the glass in this expressive, medium-bodied white. The creamy palate offers notes of melon, salted almond skin, bergamot and guava, framed by well-knit acidity. Intriguing. Albanello and Zibbibo. Drink now through 2021. 784 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Le Vigne di Eli Etna White 2014 \$24 Fine and creamy, with a floral overtone and a smoky underpinning to the flavors of glazed apricot, ground cardamom, almond skin and lemon parfait. Well-knit, presenting a lingering, mineral-tinged finish. Drink now through 2021. 292 cases made.—A.N.

89 Planeta Chardonnay Menfi 2014 \$41 Light- to medium-bodied and balanced, this fresh and easy-drinking version offers a round, creamy palate of Gala apple, chopped hazelnut, lemon curd and white peach. Drink now through 2019. 25,000 cases made.—A.N.

87 Planeta Sicilia La Segreta White 2014 \$14 A zesty white, easy-drinking and fresh, with a creamy mix of pineapple, melon, ground ginger and stone notes. Gre-canico and Chardonnay with Viognier and Fiano. Drink now. 50,000 cases made.—A.N.

ITALY Umbria

94 Tabarrini Montefalco Sagrantino Colle alle Macchie 2011 \$70 See Highly Recommended, page 117.

92 Tabarrini Montefalco Sagrantino Campo alla Cerqua 2011 \$60 There's a rich, sanguine edge to the ripe flavors of spiced blackberry, currant, smoke, fig paste and herbed olive in this silky red, framed by sculpted tannins that firm the finish. Best from 2019 through 2026. 165 cases made.—A.N.

92 Tabarrini Montefalco Sagrantino Colle Grimaldesco 2011 \$45 A rich red, with real muscle from the burly tannins, featuring a core of iron-tinged minerality and flavors of fig cake, raspberry ganache, wild herb, olive and ground peppercorn that should become more expressive with time in the cellar. Best from 2019 through 2029. 1,100 cases made.—A.N.

90 Falesco Cabernet Umbria Marciliano 2010 \$50 An elegant red, with well-spiced fruit notes of plumped cherry and dried fig, offering accents of chocolate pudding, graphite, wild herb and black olive tapenade, all framed by supple tannins. Well-knit and lightly juicy, with a chewy finish. Drink now through 2025. 500 cases made.—A.N.

90 Tabarrini Montefalco 2012 \$29 A dense, juicy red, with chalky tannins cloaked in sappy black cherry, dried thyme, marjoram, fig and bresaola notes. Burly, with spice and tar accents on the finish. Best from 2019 through 2014. 1,900 cases made.—A.N.

88 Falesco Cabernet Sauvignon Umbria Tellus 2013 \$16 A smoky underpinning and dusty tannins frame flavors of crushed black currant, *garrigue*, graphite and olive in this bright, medium- to full-bodied red. Best from 2017 through 2023. 6,667 cases made.—A.N.

87 Lungarotti Umbria White Torre di Giano 2014 \$16 Balanced and tangy, with apple and floral notes layered with stone and citrus details. Fresh and easy-drinking. Vermentino, Trebbiano and Grechetto. Drink now. 30,000 cases made.—A.N.

86 Goretti Pinot Grigio Umbria 2014 \$12 Light and zippy, with stone, apple blossom, minced ginger and lemon zest notes. Drink now. 4,167 cases made.—A.N.

86 Vitiano Umbria 2013 \$12 This fresh, easy-drinking red offers a creamy mix of crushed plum, cured tobacco, star anise and mineral. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Drink now through 2018. 125,000 cases made.—A.N.

86 Vitiano Umbria Rosato 2014 \$12 Fresh and juicy, with wild strawberry, spiced plum and red licorice flavors. Hints of aromatic herb and spice show on the finish. Drink now. 3,300 cases made.—A.N.

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Veneto / Dessert & White

92 Maculan Breganze Torcolato 2011 \$40/375ml Rich and creamy, with truffle and butterscotch notes underscoring flavors of peaches and cream, glazed apple, chopped hazelnut and crystallized honey. Well-balanced, presenting a lasting, spiced finish. Drink now through 2026. 1,500 cases made.—A.N.

92 Suavia Recioto di Soave Acinatium 2009 \$55/375ml In form and weight, this vibrant sweetie is graceful and svelte, packed with glazed nectarine, candied pink grapefruit zest, butterscotch, praline, cognac, floral, herb and spice notes. The long, lasting finish is fresh overall and creamy in texture. Drink now through 2026. 20 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Suavia Garganega Veronese Le Rive 2011 \$30 Rich and creamy, offering a silky palate of pineapple cream pie, candied ginger, lemon curd and toasted coconut. Lively acidity provides balance and focus. The juicy finish echoes spicy mineral notes. Drink now through 2021. 60 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Suavia Soave Classico Monte Carbonare 2013 \$30 A lithe, sleek and mineral white, with mouthwatering acidity framing a finely meshed palate of ripe nectarine and apple blossom flavors, showing hints of blanched almond, tarragon and ground cardamom. Drink now through 2021. 400 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Maculan Veneto Dindarello 2014 \$22/375ml Vibrant and finely balanced, this lightly sweet dessert wine shows fruit-forward notes of mandarin orange, glazed nectarine and grapefruit granita, layered with candied ginger, ground cardamom and lavender flavors. Mouthwatering finish. Moscato. Drink now through 2024. 6,000 cases made.—A.N.

89 Maculan Veneto Madoro 2013 \$25/375ml A lightly sweet version, with plump, dusty tannins framing flavors of steeped black raspberry, tea rose, spice box and dark chocolate. Offers a juicy finish of graphite and spice. Marzemino and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2019. 250 cases made.—A.N.

89 Suavia Soave Classico 2014 \$15 Fig, white peach, grated ginger and apple blossom notes are underscored by stone and spice in this well-knit, mouthwatering white. This is hard to stop sipping. Drink now through 2019. 2,000 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Iginio Accordini Lugana Golfina 2014 \$23 A vivacious white, light-bodied and elegant, with a juicy mix of Asian pear, orange granita, stone and candied ginger. Offers a lightly spiced, mineral finish. Trebbiano. Drink now through 2019. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Inama Soave Classico Vigneti di Foscarino 2014 \$24 A soft and creamy white, with enough citrusy acidity to balance the rich notes of crushed almond, baked pear, chamomile and spice. Drink now through 2019. 5,000 cases made.—A.N.

ITALY

Veneto / Red

93 Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2011 \$85 A lovely, harmonious red, with plump and juicy dried cherry and strawberry fruit, abundant aromatic spice and herb notes, and accents of graphite, mocha, mineral and licorice. This really sings on the palate and keeps on chiming on the supple finish. Drink now through 2026. 1,300 cases imported.—A.N.

92 Cesari Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Bosan Riserva 2006 \$115 Rich and spiced, this graceful red seamlessly layers fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity with flavors of plumped cherry, eucalyptus, fig paste, forest floor and mineral. Lasting finish. Drink now through 2026. 3,335 cases made.—A.N.

91 Degani Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012 \$54 Spiced currant, herbes de Provence, fig cake and floral notes are bright and inviting in this medium- to full-bodied red, structured by grippy tannins and a lasting, spiced finish. Drink now through 2026. 600 cases made.—A.N.

91 Maculan Breganze Crosara 2012 \$100 A lovely, harmonious red, with a plump and juicy mix of spiced plum, fig cake, mocha and mineral married to refined tannins. Medium- to full-bodied, with a lingering, lightly chewy finish. Merlot. Drink now through 2026. 250 cases made.—A.N.

91 Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Costasera 2011 \$64 Finely balanced and silky, with the herb, mineral and woody spice elements of a more traditional version, bolstered by plenty of ripe wild cherry and dried strawberry fruit. Fresh and medium-bodied, delivering light, dusty tannins on the coffee-tinged finish. Drink now through 2026. 40,000 cases made.—A.N.

90 Inama Carmenère Colli Berici Oratorio di San Lorenzo Riserva 2012 \$65 Herbes de Provence, game and smoke notes are layered with plumped black cherry and mocha flavors in this medium- to full-bodied red, punctuated by sculpted tannins. Drink now through 2021. 6,600 cases made.—A.N.

90 Inama Veneto Bradisismo 2012 \$30 A meaty red, with an aromatic edge of grilled rosemary to the sanguine mix of dried black currant and black olive flavors. Medium-bodied, featuring grippy tannins on the lasting, spiced finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère. Drink now through 2026. 2,200 cases made.—A.N.

89 Inama Carmenère Veneto Più 2013 \$20 Bright and well-balanced, with dark, brambly berry fruit, wild herb and Kalamata olive flavors and lightly chewy tannins. Aromatic hints of graphite, spice and orange zest show on the finish. Drink now through 2019. 7,775 cases made.—A.N.

88 Allegrini Veronese Palazzo della Torre 2012 \$23 Graphite and herbed black olive notes underscore the crushed blackberry and currant fruit in this inky red. Fine-grained tannins firm the moderately spiced finish. Corvina and Rondinella with Sangiovese. Drink now through 2019. 19,740 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Cesari Merlot-Cabernet Veneto Boscarel 2014 \$23 Spice and floral notes waft through the cherry, currant and grilled herb flavors in this medium-bodied, balanced red. Drink now through 2019. 20,830 cases made.—A.N.

88 Maculan Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon Veneto Brentino 2013 \$18 Herb and smoke notes lead the way, layered with enough juicy acidity and flavors of black currant, plum, olive and woody spice to offer pleasure. Medium-bodied, with a chewy finish. Drink now through 2019. 12,000 cases made.—A.N.

87 Masi Veronese Campofiorin 2012 \$19 Lightly chewy, this easy-drinking red features wild strawberry, dried herb, orange peel and spice notes. Drink now through 2018. 100,000 cases made.—A.N.

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Other / Red

93 Odoardi Calabria GB 2013 \$45 A rich and juicy red, in a modern style, this shows a sense of finesse to the integration of velvety tannins, with an expressive profile of pureed boysenberry, cocoa powder, dried lavender, melted licorice, spice and mineral notes. Offers a long,

grippy finish. Gaglioppo, Magliocco Canino and Nerello Cappuccio. Drink now through 2026. 1,800 cases made.—A.N.

92 Fattoria Galardi Campania Terra di Lavoro 2013 \$90 A sculpted red, with sleek tannins framing the fresh profile of crushed black currant, smoky mineral, dried fig, graphite and spice box. Dense and finely balanced, this should show well with at least a few years in the cellar. Aglianico and Piedrosso. Best from 2019 through 2026. 2,750 cases made.—A.N.

92 Montepeloso Toscana Eneo 2012 \$49 An alluring combination of black currant, black cherry, licorice, spice and mineral melds seamlessly with the firm structure in this powerful, harmonious red. Long and approachable now, but should cruise for several more years in the cellar. Drink now through 2023. 1,500 cases made.—B.S.

91 Ca' Marcanda Bolgheri Camarcanda 2011 \$155 A firm, crisp edge of acidity and tannins sets the stage for cherry, black currant, cedar, green olive and spice flavors. Tight, yet elegant and fresh, with a long aftertaste of spice. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. From Tuscany. Best from 2018 through 2027. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

91 Cecchi Morellino di Scansano La Mora Riserva 2011 \$40 Rich and complex, this red features black cherry, blackberry, plum, spice and mineral aromas and flavors. Firm tannins and vivid acidity provide support. This remains long and satisfying on the finish. From Tuscany. Drink now through 2020. 2,250 cases made.—B.S.

90 Bisceglia Aglianico del Vulture Gudarrà 2012 \$25 A grippy, medium-bodied red, offering well-knit flavors of black olive, dried cranberry and graphite, with a smoky, mineral underpinning. Presents a subtle, lingering finish of dried herb and ground spice. From Basilicata. Drink now through 2021. 2,900 cases made.—A.N.

90 Ceraudo Val di Neto Petrarò 2010 \$45 Plumped cherry and a hint of mocha are layered with mineral, herbed olive and spice notes in this supple red. Bright and balanced, with a lightly chewy, aromatic finish. Gaglioppo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Greco Nero. From Calabria. Drink now through 2025. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

90 Falesco Lazio Montiano 2012 \$50 Medium-to full-bodied and well-knit, with an expressive mix of leather, plumped currant, sandalwood, cocoa powder and underbrush notes, framed by supple tannins that show good grip on the aromatic finish. Merlot. Drink now through 2026. 4,100 cases made.—A.N.

90 Ruffino Chianti Classico Ducale Oro Riserva Gran Selezione 2011 \$42 A complex red, evoking cherry, strawberry, tobacco, tar and underbrush aromas and flavors. Harmonious and detailed, this lingers with an aftertaste of fruit, earth and woody notes. Drink now through 2023. 25,000 cases imported.—B.S.

89 Cecchi Chianti Classico Riserva di Famiglia 2012 \$41 Black currant, blackberry and tobacco flavors are the main themes, supported by a firm structure. This feels balanced, with a long, spice- and tobacco-infused finish. Best from 2017 through 2023. 6,500 cases made.—B.S.

89 Tenuta I Gelsi Aglianico del Vulture L'Emozione Azienda Ofanto 2011 \$29 Sculpted tannins are married to ripe black cherry, leather, spice box and graphite notes in this juicy, medium- to full-bodied red. Firm finish. From Basilicata. Best from 2018 through 2023. 3,335 cases made.—A.N.

89 Odoardi Calabria Terra Damia 2013 \$21 Graphite and spice notes accent the sappy black currant, mocha, smoky mineral and licorice flavors of this medium-to full-bodied red. Suave and well-knit, with a juicy finish framed by the fine tannins. Gaglioppo, Magliocco Canino, Nerello Cappuccio. Drink now through 2023. 3,000 cases made.—A.N.

89 Odoardi Savuto 2014 \$17 Leather, smoke and black olive notes are layered with boysenberry coulis and cocoa powder flavors in this elegant red. Medium-bodied and silky in texture, with fine-grained tannins showing on the mineral finish. Gaglioppo, Magliocco Canino and others. From Calabria. Drink now through 2021. 4,500 cases made.—A.N.

89 Cantina Sociale di Santadi Cannonau di Sardegna Noras 2012 \$27 Rich notes of black olive tapenade, mocha and baking spices underscore the crème de cassis and dried fig fruit of this elegant red. Supple tannins provide light grip on the finish. A stylish red. From Sardinia. Drink now through 2021. 2,500 cases made.—A.N.

88 Cecchi Chianti Classico Storia di Famiglia 2013 \$21 This rich red is laced with black cherry, plum and leather flavors, backed by a solid grip of tannins. Features ample fruit and lingers on the firm finish. Best from 2017 through 2023. 65,000 cases made.—B.S.

87 Bisceglia Aglianico del Vulture Terra di Vulcano 2013 \$13 Ash, black olive and leather notes are layered with fine, dusty tannins and flavors of dried cranberry, tobacco and star anise in this medium-bodied, balanced red. From Basilicata. Drink now through 2018. 5,800 cases made.—A.N.

87 Nuraghe Crabioni Cannonau di Sardegna 2013 \$18 This creamy, medium-bodied red offers aromatic accents of flowers and spice, with a smoky underpinning to the raspberry, currant and wild herb flavors on the palate, followed by a bright, zesty finish. From Sardinia. Drink now through 2018. 1,665 cases made.—A.N.

87 Cantine Statti Lamezia 2014 \$15 Smoke and woody spice notes meet juicy plumped cherry, ripe plum and dried herb flavors in this well-knit, medium-bodied red. Fresh. Gaglioppo, Greco Nero, Nerello Cappuccio. From Calabria. Drink now through 2018. 3,750 cases made.—A.N.

86 Tenuta I Gelsi Basilicata Gelso Rosso 2013 \$15 Balanced and open-knit, with dark black currant and black olive flavors, showing accents of underbrush, mineral and spice. Aglianico. Drink now through 2018. 2,085 cases made.—A.N.

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Other / Sparkling & White

91 Ferrari Brut Rosé Trento Perlé 2008 \$60 Mouthwatering and harmonious, offering a rich hint of toast layered with crushed black cherry and strawberry fruit, sliced almond, orange granita and ground ginger. Offers a fresh finish of spice and citrus zest. Drink now through 2021. 2,916 cases made.—A.N.

91 Maso Martis Brut Trento Madame Martis Riserva 2005 \$140 Spiced plum and candied orange zest flavors are layered with apple tarte Tatin and coconut cream notes in this balanced sparkler, showing a soft and creamy mousse. Lightly juicy, presenting spun honey and chamomile accents on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 85 cases made.—A.N.

90 Ferrari Brut Rosé Trento NV \$35 A delicate rosé, with the lively bead carrying flavors of wild strawberry, smoked almond, singed orange peel and biscotti. Well-balanced and fresh. Drink now. 20,000 cases made.—A.N.

90 Ferrari Brut Trento NV \$26 See Smart Buys, page 118.

90 Ferrari Extra Brut Trento Riserva Lunelli 2006 \$60 Rich hints of spiced plum and chopped almond are framed by firm acidity and a refined mousse in this focused sparkler, well-meshed with flavors of glazed apple, lemon curd and biscuit. Drink now through 2021. 2,500 cases made.—A.N.



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