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# WINE SPECTATOR'S 2017 TOP 100 AT A GLANCE

KANK	SCORE	PRICE	WINE
_ 1	95	\$98	<b>Duckhorn</b> Merlot Napa Valley Three Palms Vineyard 2014
2	95	\$45	K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Powerline Estate 2014
3	96	\$37	Château Coutet Barsac 2014
4	95	\$65	Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino 2012
5	95	\$43	Château de StCosme Gigondas 2015
6	95	\$44	Domaine Huët Vouvray Demi-Sec Le Mont 2016
7_	95	\$61	Château Canon-La Gaffelière StEmilion 2014
8	95	\$70	Meyer Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014
9	95	\$75	Pahlmeyer Chardonnay Napa Valley 2015
10	95	\$80	Booker Oublié Paso Robles 2014
11	96	\$65	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Our 40th Harvest 2012
12	93	\$25	Bedrock Zinfandel California Old Vine 2015
13	94	\$35	Sixto Chardonnay Washington Uncovered 2014
14		\$109	Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015
15	94	\$30	Domaine des Baumard Savennières 2015
16	95	\$48	Turley Zinfandel Paso Robles
10	33	Ψ	Ueberroth Vineyard 2014
17	92	\$17	Volver Alicante Tarima Hill Old Vines 2015
18	92	\$25	Bodega Colomé Malbec Salta 2015
19	93	\$31	Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Reserva 2012
20	96	\$60	San Felice Brunello di Montalcino Campogiovanni 2012
21	94	\$38	Hartford Family Zinfandel Russian River Valley
		400	Old Vine 2015
22	97	\$98	Saxum James Berry Vineyard Paso Robles Willow Creek District 2014
23	95	\$55	Mazzei Maremma Toscana Tenuta Belguardo 2013
24	94	\$50	Justin Justification Paso Robles 2014
25	92	\$24	Roederer Estate Brut Anderson Valley NV
26	93	\$25	Tablas Creek Patelin de Tablas Blanc
			Paso Robles 2015
27	92	\$30	<b>Bodegas Alto Moncayo</b> Garnacha Campo de Borja Veraton 2014
28	91	\$17	Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay California
		<u>'</u>	Vintner's Reserve 2015
29	91	\$15	<b>Viña Santa Ema</b> Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley Reserva 2015
30	91	\$15	Hijos de Rainera Perez Marin Manzanilla
31	92	\$19	Forge Riesling Finger Lakes Classique 2015
32	91	\$20	Sidebar Sauvignon Blanc High Valley 2015
33	91	\$20	Jim Barry Riesling Clare Valley The Lodge Hill Dry 2016
34	91	\$22	Finca Decero Malbec Agrelo Remolinos Vineyard 2015
35	91	\$21	Pazo de Señorans Albariño Rías Baixas 2016
36	91	\$23	Tait The Ball Buster Barossa Valley 2014
37	91	\$23	Karine Lauverjat Sancerre 2016
38	92	\$16	Luigi Einaudi Dogliani 2015
39	94	\$50	Spring Valley Frederick Walla Walla Valley 2014
40	90	\$12	Matua Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2016
41	90	\$17	Bodega Garzón Tannat Uruguay Reserva 2015
42	91	\$26	Colene Clemens Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains Dopp Creek 2014
43	92	\$35	JA. Ferret Pouilly-Fuissé 2015
44	97	\$55	Domaine StPréfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape
		, , ,	Auguste Favier Réserve 2015
45	90	\$20	Kaiken Malbec Mendoza Ultra Las Rocas 2015
46	91	\$27	Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino 2015
47	90	\$17	Bodegas Palacios Remondo Rioja La Vendimia 2015
48	90	\$20	Penley Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Phoenix 2015
49	92	\$29	Rust en Vrede Syrah Stellenbosch 2014
50	90	\$22	Quinta das Carvalhas Touriga Nacional Douro 2014
51	91	\$20	Bodegas y Viñedos Raúl Pérez Mencía Bierzo
			Ultreia StJacques 2015

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53	94	\$60	PlumpJack Syrah Napa Valley 2014
54	90	\$20	Innocent Bystander Pinot Noir Yarra Valley 2016
55	92	\$38	Trimbach Pinot Gris Alsace Réserve
			Personnelle 2015
56	91	\$20	<b>Domaines Dominique Piron</b> Morgon La Chanaise 2015
57	90	\$19	Mason Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Yount Mill Vineyard 2016
58	94	\$55	Domaine de Beaurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015
59	90	\$24	Bodegas Emilio Moro Tempranillo Ribera del Duero 2015
60	90	\$25	Casa Santos Lima Lisboa Colossal Reserva 2015
61	97	\$62	Cantina del Pino Barbaresco Ovello 2013
62	95	\$74	Clos Fourtet StEmilion 2014
63	94	\$50	Purple Hands Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Latchkey Vineyard 2015
64	94	\$58	Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas Terres Brûlées 2015
65	93	\$39	Greywacke Pinot Noir Marlborough 2014
66	92	\$40	Scacciadiavoli Montefalco Sagrantino 2011
67	91	\$32	<b>The Calling</b> Chardonnay Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2015
68	92	\$30	Gorman Zachary's Ladder Red Mountain 2014
69	90	\$21	Gini Soave Classico 2016
70	94	\$60	<b>Lingua Franca</b> Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Tongue 'N Cheek 2015
71	90	\$18	Donnachiara Aglianico Irpinia 2015
72	90	\$20	Domaine Petroni Corse 2015
73	93	\$20	Powell & Son Riverside Barossa 2015
74	95	\$50	<b>Domaine de la Solitude</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape White 2016
75	93	\$45	Résonance Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2015
76	96	\$69	Louis Chèze Condrieu Pagus Luminis 2015
77	90	\$23	Oberon Merlot Napa Valley 2015
78	92	\$35	<b>Prager</b> Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Steinriegl 2015
79	94	\$98	Alban Syrah Edna Valley Reva Alban Estate 2013
80	90	\$28	Michele Castellani Valpolicella Classico Superiore San Michele Ripasso 2015
81	92	\$44	<b>Dutton-Goldfield</b> Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2015
82	90	\$22	Pali Wine Co. Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Riviera 2015
83	93	\$53	<b>Domaine Faiveley</b> Mercurey Clos des Myglands 2015
84	90	\$18	Simone Santini Vernaccia di San Gimignano Tenuta Le Calcinaie 2015
85	90	\$33	Josep Maria Raventós i Blanc Brut Nature Vino Espumoso de Calidad de la Finca 2013
86	94	\$75	Lancaster Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley 2014
87	92	\$50	Chartogne-Taillet Brut Champagne Cuvée SteAnne NV
88	93	\$58	Fonseca Vintage Port Guimaraens 2015
89	94	\$85	Daou Cabernet Sauvignon Adelaida District Estate 2014
90		\$120	Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto Don Melchor 2014
91	95	\$135	Château Léoville Las Cases StJulien 2014
92	90	\$25	Garofoli Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Podium 2014
93		\$165	Revana Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014
94	90	\$27	di Meo Greco di Tufo G 2016
95	93	\$20	<b>Selbach-Oster</b> Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken Mosel Zeltinger Himmelreich 2015
96	91	\$33	Feudi del Pisciotto Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane Versace 2015
97	92	\$45	Odoardi Calabria GB 2014
98	94	\$75	Prats & Symington Douro Chryseia 2014
99	95	\$92	Robert Weil Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Rheingau Kiedricher Gräfenberg GG 2015
100	95	\$67	Sadie Family 'T Voetpad Swartland 2015

### **SELBACH-OSTER**

Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken Mosel Zeltinger Himmelreich 2015

**93** \$20 Germany

The Selbach family owns 51 acres in some of the most prestigious vinevards in the Middle Mosel. This off-dry Riesling comes from the low-to-mid slopes of the Zeltinger Himmelreich vineyard, where the slate soil typical of the region coupled with near-perfect weather conditions to create an ideal growing environment in 2015. Only healthy, not overripe or botrytized grapes are picked for this wine, which is fermented with indigenous yeasts in both stainless steel and traditional 1,000-liter German oak fuders and then left on the lees until bottling. 140 cases imported.



### **FEUDI DEL PISCIOTTO**

Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane Versace 2015

**91** \$33 Italy

Italian publishing tycoon Paolo Panerai established this Sicilian outpost in 2002, following on the success of his wineries in Tuscany's Chianti Classico and Maremma regions. Managing director and winemaker Alessandro Cellai planted 80 acres of vines on the hillsides of this extensive estate that sits just inland from the southern coast of Sicily. with the island's indigenous Nero d'Avola occupying half of that area. The Versace label is from the winery's Italian designers collection, a creative partnership with some of Italy's top names in fashion that dedicates a portion of the wines' proceeds to the restoration of art and architecture in Sicily, Vinified in stainless steel, the 2015 spent 10 months in new (50 percent) and second-pass French oak barrels before bottling. 1,166 cases made.



### **ODOARDI**

Calabria GB 2014

**92** \$45 Italy

Calabria, the "toe" of Italy's "boot," has long been overlooked internationally as a winegrowing region, but Odoardi is one of a few producers whose wines have drawn attention to the area in recent years. The family's flagship GB rosso—an homage to Giovan Battista Odoardi, father of the current owner—is made from a selection of the best grapes on the estate, in both the Savuto and Scavigna DOCs. In 2014, the region's traditional Gaglioppo and Magliocco Canino accounted for 60 percent of the blend, which was aged 12 months in French and American oak barriques and an additional six months in bottle. 3,500 cases made.



### PRATS & **SYMINGTON**

Douro Chryseia 2014

**94** \$75 Portugal

Chryseia, "golden" in ancient Greek, is a collaboration between the Symington family, owners of Graham, Cockburn, Dow, Warre and Quinta do Vesuvio Ports, and Bruno Prats, former owner of Bordeaux's Château Cos-d'Estournel, Launched in 2000. Chryseia is a dry red table wine sourcing grapes from steep, terraced vineyards of the Upper Douro's Quinta de Roriz and Quinta da Perdiz estates, which boast elevations of as high as 1,400 feet. A blend of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca aged 15 months in 400-liter French oak barrels, this wine is an exceptional effort in a challenging vintage in the Douro. 2,000 cases made.



# **ROBERT WEIL**

Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Rheingau Kiedricher Gräfenberg GG 2015

**95** \$92 | Germany

Although founded in 1875, Robert Weil is one of the younger estates in the Rheingau, Currently run by Robert's great-grandson Wilhelm, the estate is also among the most highly respected German wineries. Weil's famous Gräfenberg vineyard is one of the VDP's (Germany's most important growers association) Grosse Lage sites, the equivalent to France's grand cru. The Grosses Gewächs or "great growth" designation is used only for the highest-quality dry wines from these classified sites. This Riesling expresses the phyllite, loess and loam soils, delivering complexity and distinctive minerality. Fermented in large oak casks, it's rich and round. with fine potential for aging. 2,500 cases made.

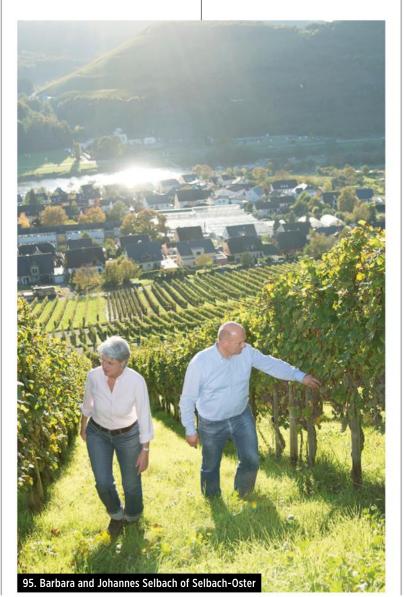


### **SADIE FAMILY**

'T Voetpad Swartland 2015

**95** | \$67 | South Africa

In addition to being one of South Africa's more dynamic winemakers, Eben Sadie is also a champion of old vines, urging their protection at a time when many vineyards are being pulled up due to low yields or demand for land. This wine is sourced from a 3.5-acre parcel of vines planted between 1887 and 1928, tucked away in a back corner of a wheat farm. It had been relatively abandoned until Sadie nursed it back into production. He picks the Chenin Blanc, Sémillon, Palomino and Muscat for the blend at the same time, presses them together and coferments them in old oak barrels. 280 cases made.



89 Hedges Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley H.I.P. 2015 \$17 Supple and easygoing, with blackberry, dusty dark chocolate, olive and spice flavors that linger toward lively tannins. Drink now through 2022. 4,200 cases made.—T.F.

88 Columbia Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia **Valley 2014** *\$16* Tightly wound, with a slight tannic edge, this offers focused currant, mineral and espresso notes. Best after 2018. 109,000 cases made.—T.F.

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### Riesling

- 95 Chateau Ste. Michelle-Dr. Loosen Riesling Horse Heaven Hills 2014 \$60/375ml Just outstanding, rich and unctuous, this is impeccably balanced by refreshing acidity. Seductive apricot nectar and petrol aromas elegantly dance toward rich, polished pear and hazelnut flavors. Drink now through 2024. 400 cases made.—T.F.
- 90 Figgins Riesling Walla Walla Valley 2016 **\$30** Sleek and snappy, with floral quince and star fruit aromas and lively, lingering flavors. Drink now. 280 cases made.—T.F.
- **90** Pacific Rim Riesling Yakima Valley Solstice **Vineyard 2015** *\$24* Lively and crisp, with expressive lime and petrol aromas and precise flavors that finish on a spice note. Drink now. 215 cases made.—T.F.
- **90** Poet's Leap Riesling Columbia Valley 2016 **\$20** See Smart Buys, page 157.
- 89 Pacific Rim Riesling Columbia Valley Sweet **2016** *\$11* See Best Values, page 158.

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### Other Red

- **92** Henry Earl Homesteader Red Mountain 2015 **\$45** Well-built, combining power with polish, offering black cherry, espresso and spice flavors that persist toward refined tannins. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. Drink now through 2024. 250 cases made.—T.F.
- 90 Fielding Hills Syrah Wahluke Slope River**bend Vineyard 2014** *\$42* This distinctive red shows an appealing touch of wild game, paired with flavors of plum, espresso and cracked pepper and good structure. Drink now through 2023. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 450 cases made.—T.F.
- 90 Gorman The Devil You Don't Know Columbia Valley 2015 \$28 Plump and zesty, with smoky black cherry and grilled herb aromas and snappy plum and anise flavors. Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2022. 625 cases made.—T.F.
- 90 Tenor Syrah Columbia Valley 2014 \$58 Expressive black raspberry and licorice aromas combine with precise smoky plum and cracked pepper flavors, finishing with refined tannins. Drink now through 2022. 210 cases made.—T.F.
- 89 Chateau Ste. Michelle Syrah Columbia **Valley 2014** *\$15* Expressive blackberry and smoky meat aromas lead to modestly proportioned licorice and cracked pepper flavors framed by ripe tannins. Drink now through 2022. 15,000 cases made.—T.F.
- 88 North by Northwest Syrah Walla Walla Valley NXNW 2014 \$40 Supple and elegant, with open-knit red plum and raspberry flavors accented by cinnamon and pepper notes. Drink now through 2022. 1,025 cases made.—T.F.
- **87** Next Red Blend Columbia Valley 2015 *\$30* Fresh and easygoing, with soft raspberry and spicy cinnamon flavors. Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2020. 1,500 cases made.—T.F.

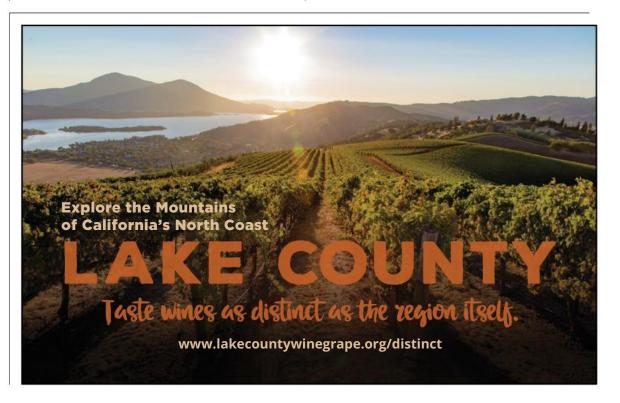
### **Special Report**

# 2017 Top 100

The reviews that follow are the on-release tasting notes for the wines of the 2017 Top 100. Ranking is indicated by the number in the red box to the left of each note. Prices given are release prices. The date in parenthesis indicates the issue in which the wine was first reviewed. An overview of this year's Top 100 and profiles of each of the selected wines begins on page 50.

- 95 Duckhorn Merlot Napa Valley Three Palms Vineyard 2014 \$98 A powerful red, with concentrated flavors of red plum, cherry and boysenberry that are layered with plenty of rich spice and mineral accents. Touches of slate and cardamom make for a complex finish. Drink now through 2023. 3,170 cases made. -K.M. (11/30/17)
- 2 95 K Syrah Walla Walla Valley Powerline Estate 2014 \$45 A knockout Syrah, precise and impeccably built but explosive with personality. Smoky roasted meat and floral blackberry aromas combine with bold, supple flavors of dark plum, pepper and licorice. The tannins are big but polished. Drink now through 2024. 1,319 cases made.—*T.F.* (8/31/17)
- 3 96 Château Coutet Barsac 2014 *\$37* This shows the vivid, racy side of Barsac, with streaming flavors of pineapple, yellow apple, green plum and white ginger, displaying lovely energy from start to finish. Ends with enough honeysuckle and orange blossom notes to balance the richness. Best from 2020 through 2035. 4,000 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/17)
- 4 95 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino 2012 \$65 Effusive aromas and flavors of raspberry, cherry, floral, mineral and tobacco are at the center of this linear, vibrant red. Well-structured, this offers terrific length on the sinewy finish. Best from 2020 through 2035. 6,054 cases made.—B.S. (6/15/17)
- 5 95 Château de St.-Cosme Gigondas **2015 \$43** A textbook version of the brawny side of Gigondas, this offers a grippy alder bass line underneath layers of dark currant and fig fruit, while lots of tobacco, rosemary and bay leaf fill in throughout. Muscular and

- energetic, this is built for the cellar. Best from 2019 through 2030. 4,000 cases made.—J.M. (11/30/17)
- 6 95 Domaine Huët Vouvray Demi-Sec **Le Mont 2016 \$44** This tilts toward the flattering side of off-dry, showing a plump feel to the core of creamed pear, white peach and yellow apple fruit. Lovely verbena, honeysuckle and mineral accents keep this balanced and driven, with a long finish that lets the fruit echo. Drink now through 2032. 2,000 cases made.—J.M. (9/30/17)
- 7 95 Château Canon-La Gaffelière St.-Emilion 2014 \$61 This cuts a wide swath, with mouthwatering tobacco and warm ganache notes leading the way, followed by a wave of fig, blackberry and black currant preserves. Shows remarkable definition already, even though the structure is strident. Tempting now, but just put this in the back of the cellar. Best from 2020 through 2035. 4,083 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/17)
- 8 95 Meyer Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2014 \$70 Strikingly complex and detailed, with supple, harmonious blackberry, currant, anise, licorice and crushed rock flavors. Gains depth while holding focus and persistence. Drink now through 2032. 1,200 cases made.—J.L. (9/30/17)
- 9 95 Pahlmeyer Chardonnay Napa Valley 2015 \$75 This offers a gorgeous mouthful of rich, buttery Chardonnay, loaded with exotic tropical fruit, pear, melon and pineapple flavors. Impressive for its opulence and silkiness, a nice combination. Drink now through 2022. 2,500 cases made.—J.L. (7/31/17)
- 10 95 Booker Oublié Paso Robles 2014 **\$80** Expressive and impressively structured, with savory blackberry aromas and accents of rosemary, thyme and crushed stone, opening to complex, densely layered flavors of currant, pepper and espresso. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Counoise. Best from 2018 through 2028. 1,500 cases made.—T.F. (3/31/17)
- 111 96 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Our **40th Harvest 2012** *\$65* Cherry, leather and iron notes mark this suave, elegant red. A bit reticent now, but the fruit is fresh and long on the finish. The dense tannins leave a mouthcoating impression, but this opens up beautifully over a few hours. Best from 2021 through 2035. 10,000 cases made.—B.S. (6/15/17)



- 12 93 Bedrock Zinfandel California Old Vine **2015 \$25** Rich and supple, this is an explosion of pure, decadent fruit. Floral huckleberry and Chinese five-spice powder aromas open to layered blackberry, dark chocolate and licorice flavors that linger. Drink now through 2026. 4,500 cases made.—T.F. (6/15/17)
- 13 94 Sixto Chardonnay Washington **Uncovered 2014 \$35** Dynamic, yet sleek and refined, driven by a core of minerally acidity that meshes with the delicately complex apple, Meyer lemon and spicy yeast accents that linger long on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 1,835 cases made.—T.F. (8/31/17)
- 14 98 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$109 This offers a drop-dead gorgeous core of cassis and raspberry pâte de fruit flavors that hold center stage but still allow notes of Lapsang souchong tea, anise, incense and shiso leaf to chime in. Very long, with a sublime feel through the mineral-tinged finish. So seductive already, but this should cruise in the cellar. Drink now through 2040. 6,000 cases made.—J.M. (11/30/17)
- 15 94 Domaine des Baumard Savennières **2015 \$30** Alluring, with quince, creamed pear, verbena and green almond flavors allied to a creamy texture, all offset beautifully through the finish by light quinine and mineral hints. Approachable, but this seems built for the cellar. Best from 2018 through 2030. 1,500 cases imported.—J.M. (10/31/17)
- 16 95 Turley Zinfandel Paso Robles Ueberroth Vineyard 2014 \$48 An impressive combo of refinement and torque. This features ripe, rich fruit backed by great minerality and structure, with notes of raspberry and blackberry plus licorice, sage and pepper. Drink now through 2028. 1,380 cases made.—T.F. (3/31/17)
- 92 Volver Alicante Tarima Hill Old Vines 2015 \$17 This red shows grace and depth. Black cherry, plum, mineral and smoky flavors mingle harmoniously over well-integrated tannins, while lively acidity keeps this focused. Not showy, but all the pieces fit together. Balanced, in the modern style. Drink now through 2025. 10,000 cases made.—T.M. (12/31/17)
- 18 92 Bodega Colomé Malbec Salta 2015 **\$25** Refined and rich-tasting, with effusive minerality to the red berry and cherry flavors, lathered with plenty of creamy accents. Pepper and cigar box notes show on the long and complex finish. Drink now through 2022. 27,300 cases made.—K.M. (12/31/17)
- 19 93 Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Reserva **2012 \$31** Black cherry, currant and floral notes are expressive and alluring, balanced by loamy earth, tobacco and mineral elements that add a savory quality. Firm, wellintegrated tannins give support to the polished texture, while orange peel acidity fuels the fresh finish. Drink now through 2027. 10,000 cases imported.—T.M. (11/30/17)
- 20 96 San Felice Brunello di Montalcino Campogiovanni 2012 \$60 In a traditional style, featuring beefy tannins and savory earth notes, with a core of leather and cherry flavors. Shows some sweetness midpalate and picks up energy on the long finish. Hangs together, ending in an uplifting, resonant manner. Best from 2021 through 2036. 5,833 cases made.—B.S. (6/15/17)
- 21 94 Hartford Family Zinfandel Russian River Valley Old Vine 2015 \$38 This is what Russian River Zinfandel is all about. Rich, dynamic and lavered, with complex fruit, offering notes of jammy black raspberry, stony mineral, herbes de Provence and licorice. The finish unfurls at length. Drink now through 2026. 1,700 cases made.—*T.F.* (6/15/17)
- 22 97 Saxum James Berry Vineyard Paso Robles Willow Creek District 2014 \$98 A dramatic wine that weds power and opulence, maintaining impeccable balance along the way. Brooding dark berry and loamy mineral aromas lead to rich flavors of currant, licorice, dried sage and smoky pepper. Ripe tannins frame

- the finish. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Counoise and Roussanne. Best from 2018 through 2028. 1,400 cases made.—T.F. (3/31/17)
- 23 95 Mazzei Maremma Toscana Tenuta Belguardo 2013 \$55 A red of great purity and polish, offering black cherry, blackberry, spice and herb flavors, this evokes tobacco, graphite and leather nuances as it builds nicely on the palate. Finishes with grip, harmony and complexity, as well as terrific length. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2028. 1,083 cases made.—B.S. (8/31/17)
- 24 94 Justin Justification Paso Robles **2014 \$50** Smooth-textured, graceful and refined, with a tenderness to the texture and tannins. Features a warm, inviting mix of red and dark berry flavors and subtle shades of licorice, light mocha and savory herbs, revealing floral scents and a long, persistent finish that echoes the core essence. Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Drink now through 2035. 11,000 cases made.—J.L. (10/31/17)
- 25 92 Roederer Estate Brut Anderson **Valley NV \$24** A voluptuous and expressive sparkler, with floral red apple, brioche and cinnamon spice aromas and rich, vibrant flavors that finish on a luxurious note. Drink now through 2018. 80,000 cases made.—T.F. (8/31/17)
- 26 93 Tablas Creek Patelin de Tablas Blanc Paso Robles 2015 \$25 This vibrant and mouthwatering white shows green apple, Meyer lemon and dried pineapple flavors that are fresh and juicy. Lemon verbena and lime sherbet notes reverberate on the long, detailed finish. Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne and Marsanne. Drink now. 2,920 cases made.—M.W. (2/28/17)
- 27 92 Bodegas Alto Moncayo Garnacha Campo de Borja Veraton 2014 \$30 Expressive flavors of cherry, raspberry and dark chocolate mingle in this polished red, balanced by notes of licorice and wild herbs. The tannins are well-integrated, and balsamic acidity keeps this balanced. Dense and harmonious, in the modern style. Drink now through 2022. 3,000 cases made.—T.M. (11/15/17)
- 28 91 Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay California Vintner's Reserve 2015 \$17 Plush, with loads of richness to the well-honed flavors of beeswax, baked pear and lemon tart. Minerally midpalate, with a fresh and zesty finish that finishes with pastry notes. Drink now through 2020. 100,000 cases made.—K.M. (6/15/17)
- 29 91 Viña Santa Ema Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley Reserva 2015 \$15 Dark plum and dried red berry flavors dominate this muscular red, with plenty of minty and savory accents. Medium-grained tannins support chocolate and cream details on the finish. Drink now through 2021. 25,000 cases made.—K.M. (11/30/17)
- 30 91 Hijos de Rainera Perez Marin Manzanilla Sanlúcar de Barrameda La Guita NV \$15 Distinctive, with verbena and tarragon notes leading the way, followed by lemon pith and jicama flavors. Flashes of gooseberry and talc run through the finish. Bottled June 2016. Drink now. 200,000 cases made.—J.M. (6/15/17)
- 31 92 Forge Riesling Finger Lakes Classique **2015 \$19** Weighty for a Riesling, with a rounded feel and layers of creamed yellow apple, white peach and persimmon flavors. Delivers energy and cut throughout, with lemon pith, citrus oil and chamomile accents filling in. Shows length and range through the finish. Drink now through 2021. 1,800 cases made.—J.M. (10/31/17)
- 32 91 Sidebar Sauvignon Blanc High Valley **2015 \$20** Focused and precise, with detailed lemon meringue, orange blossom and lime zest flavors that are intense, fragrant and harmonious on the long, crisp finish. Drink now. 2,198 cases made.—M.W. (5/31/17)
- 33 91 Jim Barry Riesling Clare Valley The Lodge Hill Dry 2016 \$20 A taut and linear white, with a lip-smacking blend of peach, lime and green apple

- flavors, finishing on a refreshing note. Drink now. 3,000 cases imported.—M.W. (4/30/17)
- 34 91 Finca Decero Malbec Agrelo Remolinos Vineyard 2015 \$22 An elegant style, with a core of vibrant cherry, plum and currant flavors that are supported by fresh acidity. This is supple midpalate, with a finish that lingers with dried ginger and white pepper details. Drink now through 2022. 18,000 cases imported. —K.M. (11/15/17)
- 35 91 Pazo de Señorans Albariño Rias Baixas **2016** *\$21* This big white is round and polished, with good weight and solid acidity behind the pear, blanched almond and white tea flavors. Ginger and briny notes give this a savory character. A muscular style. Drink now through 2022. 3,000 cases imported.—T.M. (9/30/17)
- 36 91 Tait The Ball Buster Barossa Valley 2014 \$23 Bold, with dense notes of dark chocolatecovered coffee bean, plum paste, wild blackberry, cigar box and date bread. Expressive and generous. The velvety tannins linger. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2027. 8,500 cases made.—M.W. (6/15/17)
- 37 91 Karine Lauverjat Sancerre 2016 **\$23** Crunchy, with lots of gooseberry and thyme notes bouncing around, while flint and fleur de sel accents drive the mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2020. 3,125 cases imported.—*J.M.* (10/31/17)
- 38 92 Luigi Einaudi Dogliani 2015 \$16 A beam of bracing acidity at the core of this intense, saturated red helps delineate the blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry and graphite flavors. This has grip and complexity, but just needs a little time. Best from 2018 through 2024. 9,000 cases made.—B.S. (7/31/17)
- 39 94 Spring Valley Frederick Walla Walla **Valley 2014 \$50** Refined and impeccably structured, with floral black cherry and dusty dried spice aromas, and complex plum, olive and mocha flavors that glide toward polished tannins, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc. Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Drink now through 2023. 2,966 cases made.—T.F. (8/31/17)
- 40 90 Matua Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough **2016 \$12** Succulent, fleshy peach and nectarine flavors are accented by Key lime, mango and ruby grapefruit notes. Shows nice intensity on the long, expressive finish. Drink now. 589,000 cases made.—M.W. (11/15/17)
- 41 90 Bodega Garzón Tannat Uruguay Reserva 2015 \$17 Well-sculpted, with dense, rich flavors of dark plum, dried blackberry and dark currant that are supported by firm tannins. Christmas pudding and rich savory notes show on the finish. Drink now through 2022. 12,000 cases made.—K.M. (12/15/17)
- 42 91 Colene Clemens Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains Dopp Creek 2014 \$26 Firm and focused, with cinnamon notes floating around red berry and floral flavors, finishing with gentle persistence against lively acidity and fine tannins. Best from 2018 through 2022. 3,100 cases made.—HS (2/28/17)
- 43 92 J.-A. Ferret Pouilly-Fuissé 2015 *\$35* A sleek, stony version, this white exhibits lime blossom, apple, mineral and subtle spice flavors. Energetic, resonating on the long, citrus- and mineral-infused aftertaste. Drink now through 2024. 4,500 cases made.—B.S. (9/30/17)
- 44 97 Domaine St.-Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape Auguste Favier Réserve 2015 \$55 Vibrant and captivating, with exuberant fruitcake, cinnamon and black tea aromas leading the way for a fleshy core of raspberry pâte de fruit, plum sauce and cassis, all allied to a lovely velvety texture. Maintains intensity through the finish, showing a long echo of pastis. Best from 2020 through 2040. 1,300 cases made.—J.M. (10/31/17)
- 45 90 Kaiken Malbec Mendoza Ultra Las Rocas 2015 \$20 Dense and rich-tasting, with a muscular mix of dark currant and black olive flavors that are

supported by firm tannins. Cocoa powder and slate notes fill the finish, along with peppery hints. Drink now through 2022. 10,000 cases made.—K.M. (12/15/17)

46 91 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino 2015 **\$27** Bright, delicate and vibrant, with berry and floral flavors. Accents of earth, tobacco and spice add interest as they linger on the finish. Well-rounded and long. Drink now through 2023. 16,666 cases made.—B.S. (9/30/17)

47 90 Bodegas Palacios Remondo Rioja La Vendimia 2015 *\$17* This red shows good density, with black cherry, plum, espresso and black olive flavors mingling over firm tannins and balsamic acidity. Stays balanced and focused through the smoky finish. Drink now through 2027. 3,552 cases imported.—T.M. (2/28/17)

48 90 Penley Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Phoenix 2015 \$20 Dense tannins and flavors are packed into this wine, with briny Kalamata olive and black licorice nuances to the core of plum, cassis, sage, tobacco and cedar flavors, which fan out on the finish. Drink now through 2030. 4,300 cases imported.—M.W. (11/15/17)

49 92 Rust en Vrede Syrah Stellenbosch **2014 \$29** This is well-rendered, with a core of brambleedged boysenberry, blackberry and raspberry fruit laced with mouthwatering savory and anise notes. Shows judicious toast through the finish, as roasted apple wood details dance through, letting the fruit win out in the end. Drink now through 2024. 3,540 cases made.—J.M. (8/31/17)

50 90 Quinta das Carvalhas Touriga Nacional Douro 2014 \$22 Supple but tightly knit, this focused red offers blackberry and currant fruit woven together with black olive, anise and grilled herb accents. Black tea and mineral notes chime in on the firm finish. Drink now through 2022. 7,500 cases made.—G.S. (8/31/17)

51 91 Bodegas y Viñedos Raúl Pérez Mencía Bierzo Ultreia St.-Jacques 2015 \$20 Smoke, forest floor and mineral notes mingle in this savory red. Lively acidity and light, firm tannins give grip to the polished texture. Cherry and floral accents sing through the finish. Energetic. Drink now through 2023. 1,200 cases imported.—*T.M.* (9/30/17)

52 90 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret Tradition 2014 \$20 A good bolt of graphite drives underneath while lightly mulled plum and blackberry fruit form the core. Singed mesquite and tobacco fill in on the finish. Grenache, Syrah and Carignan. Drink now through 2020. 3,500 cases made.—J.M. (8/31/17)

53 94 PlumpJack Syrah Napa Valley 2014 **\$60** Polished and impeccably structured, with blackberry and smoky meat aromas and layered, rich flavors of licorice and espresso that linger toward big but firm tannins. Drink now through 2027. 1,124 cases made.—T.F. (3/31/17)

54 90 Innocent Bystander Pinot Noir Yarra Valley 2016 \$20 Plush and elegant, with raspberry, cherry and fresh sage notes that are harmonious, juicy and intense on the finish. Drink now through 2027. 1,900 cases imported.—M.W. (7/31/17)

55 92 Trimbach Pinot Gris Alsace Réserve **Personnelle 2015 \$38** A mouthwatering Pinot Gris, with exotic notes of papaya and grated coconut accenting the peach, anise and almond blossom flavors. Sleek acidity focuses this through to the spicy, mineraltinged finish. Drink now through 2029. 1,500 cases imported.—A.N. (11/15/17)

56 91 Domaines Dominique Piron Morgon La Chanaise 2015 \$20 This ripe, light- to mediumbodied red sports layers of pure blackberry, cassis and damson plum, edged with licorice, floral and apricot details. Tangy, mouthwatering acidity highlights the mineral and spice details on the long, lightly grippy finish. Drink now through 2020. 13,000 cases made.—G.S. (5/31/17)

57 90 Mason Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Yount Mill Vineyard 2016 \$19 Clean, smooth and crisp, offering a lip-smacking mix of pear, melon and Key lime flavors, with plenty of intensity on the finish. Drink now. 4,900 cases made.—M.W. (10/31/17)

58 94 Domaine de Beaurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 \$55 A beautiful wine, with dark fig, warm boysenberry reduction and alluring creamed raspberry flavors streaming forth, accented by graphite, black tea and pastis. There's a healthy dose of singed apple wood through the finish, but it's well-embedded as everything pulls together. Best from 2020 through 2040. 5,500 cases made.—J.M. (11/30/17)

59 90 Bodegas Emilio Moro Tempranillo Ribera del Duero 2015 \$24 Black cherry, red plum and currant flavors are fresh and lively in this firm red, backed by dark chocolate, licorice and toasty notes. Light, firm tannins and citrusy acidity keep this focused. Drink now through 2023. 58,333 cases made.—T.M. (11/30/17)

60 90 Casa Santos Lima Lisboa Colossal **Reserva 2015 \$25** Plum and boysenberry notes weave together with dried herb and smoky mineral accents in this sleek red. Savory spice details chime in on the finish. Offers moderate, grippy tannins. Drink now through 2020. 55,000 cases made.—G.S. (6/30/17)

61 97 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco Ovello **2013 \$62** A pretty, firmly structured red, with delicate flavors and subtle power, this evokes floral, red berry, mineral, tobacco and tar aromas and flavors, remaining harmonious and long on the mineral- and tobaccotinged finish. Best from 2020 through 2036. 500 cases made.—B.S. (12/31/17)

62 95 Clos Fourtet St.-Emilion 2014 *\$74* A sleek, lean cat, with distilled currant and raspberry fruit that races from start to finish, maintaining tension throughout thanks to a riveting chalky spine. A light floral hint hangs in the background. Should develop into a perfumy beauty with time. Best from 2022 through 2035. 3,167 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/17)

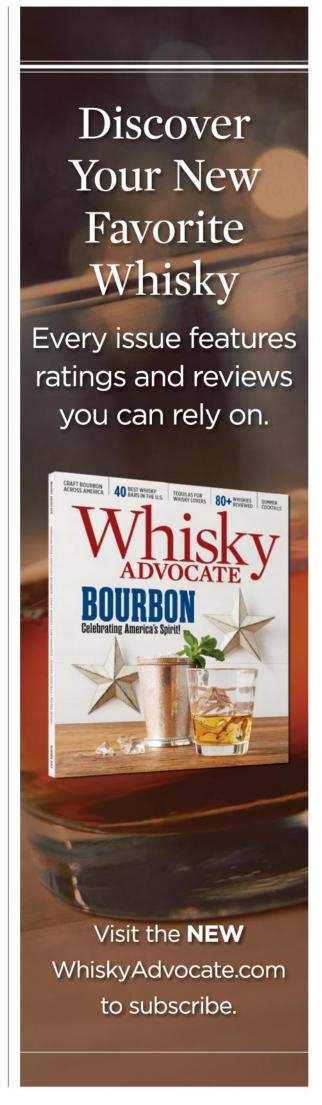
63 94 Purple Hands Pinot Noir Dundee Hills Latchkey Vineyard 2015 \$50 Silky and harmonious, with an elegantly precise structure and black cherry, fresh violet and spice notes that glide expressively toward the long finish. Drink now through 2022. 600 cases made. -T.F. (9/30/17)

64 94 Jean-Luc Colombo Cornas Terres Brûlées 2015 \$58 Plush in feel, with layers of dark fig, blueberry and blackberry reduction leading the way, inlaid with light charcoal and bay leaf accents that emerge steadily through the finish. Ends with a tug of tar. Best from 2020 through 2035. 1,300 cases made.—J.M. (10/31/17)

65 93 Greywacke Pinot Noir Marlborough **2014 \$39** Detailed, with notes of dried lavender, white pepper, fresh loamy earth and black tea set against a core of strawberry and raspberry flavors. Smooth and plush, this becomes even more expressive on the finish, where spice details fan out. Drink now through 2025. 750 cases imported.—M.W. (5/31/17)

92 Scacciadiavoli Montefalco Sagrantino2011 \$40 This finely balanced Sagrantino layers creamy tannins with a pretty array of raspberry ganache, fig cake and dried sage flavors, accented by aromatic hints of rose petal and spice. Elegant and lightly juicy, with a subtle mineral streak that gains momentum on the finish. Drink now through 2027. 4,000 cases made.—A.N. (4/30/17)

67 91 The Calling Chardonnay Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2015 \$32 Ultrarich and extracted, offering a firm core of pear, apple, melon and spice flavors. A truly impressive effort, with depth and dimension. Drink now through 2022. 7,000 cases made. —J.L. (9/30/17)



- 68 92 Gorman Zachary's Ladder Red Mountain 2014 \$30 Rich yet densely structured, with expressive black cherry and blueberry fruit, accented by smoky licorice and finishing with big but refined tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Best from 2019 through 2025. 600 cases made.—T.F. (7/31/17)
- 69 90 Gini Soave Classico 2016 *\$21* A lithe, light-bodied white, with racy acidity and a subtle streak of mineral, layered with nectarine, melon and pink grapefruit pith flavors. This is well-knit, with a lingering, lightly spiced finish. Drink now through 2020. 9,000 cases made.—A.N. (11/30/17)
- 70 94 Lingua Franca Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Tongue 'N Cheek 2015 \$60 Lithe and delicately complex, offering rose petal and tart blueberry aromas, with effortlessly balanced raspberry, river rock and spice flavors that finish with refined tannins. Drink now through 2022. 594 cases made.—T.F. (5/31/17)
- 71 90 Donnachiara Aglianico Irpinia 2015 **\$18** This is elegant and well-meshed, with fine tannins and a fragrant skein of ground spice layered with flavors of baked black currant, herbes de Provence, smoke and fig cake. The fresh finish is chewy and lingering. Drink now through 2022. 2,083 cases made.—A.N. (11/30/17)
- 72 90 Domaine Petroni Corse 2015 \$20 Lightly rustic, with bramble and dried anise notes weaving throughout. The core of violet plum sauce and raspberry coulis is pure and vibrant, extending through a lengthy finish. A fun, character-filled wine. Niellucciu, Syrah and Grenache. Drink now through 2019. 6,500 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/17)
- 73 93 Powell & Son Riverside Barossa 2015 **\$20** A supple, seamless mix of cherry and raspberry flavors, with dried violet, savory and smoky details, accented by hints of sarsaparilla. Polished and refined, especially on the effortless finish. Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz. Drink now through 2030. 2,000 cases made.—M.W. (6/15/17)
- 74 95 Domaine de la Solitude Châteauneufdu-Pape White 2016 \$50 This is dreamy, with creamed melon, pear and green fig flavors gliding along, framed by light brioche and meringue notes. The long finish lets the fruit hang beautifully. Offers refined opulence. Drink now through 2022. 800 cases made.—J.M. (11/30/17)
- 75 93 Résonance Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2015 \$45 Supple and elegantly structured, with expressive raspberry and orange zest aromas and polished flavors that pick up depth and momentum toward a spicy finish framed by refined tannins. Drink now through 2023. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 4,000 cases made. —T.F. (12/31/17)
- 76 96 Louis Chèze Condrieu Pagus Luminis **2015 \$69** This has power, with a large core of creamed peach, nectarine and yellow apple fruit. Lengthy, pure and vibrant, with a mineral streak running underneath and chamomile and honeysuckle notes gilding the finish. Dreamy wine. Drink now through 2022. 1,200 cases made. —J.M. (9/30/17)
- 77 90 Oberon Merlot Napa Valley 2015 \$23 A robust style, with inky notes to the dark currant, dried sage and fig flavors that glide across the palate. The sanguine finish is richly spiced. Drink now through 2020. 4,000 cases made.—K.M. (1/1/17)
- 78 92 Prager Riesling Federspiel Trocken Wachau Steinriegl 2015 \$35 A fruity style, boasting apricot, ripe apple, white pepper, mineral and floral notes, this is harmonious and fresh, leaving a sapid, mineral aftertaste. Drink now. 2,083 cases made.—B.S. (6/30/17)
- 79 94 Alban Syrah Edna Valley Reva Alban Estate 2013 \$98 Refined yet dynamic, with a structured and balanced core of acidity and tannins framed by formidable black raspberry, smoky meat, licorice and orange zest flavors that build momentum toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2026. 2,000 cases made.—T.F. (10/31/17)

- **90** Michele Castellani Valpolicella Classico Superiore San Michele Ripasso 2015 \$28 This mouthwatering red is medium-bodied and expressive, offering lightly chewy tannins and flavors of sun-dried cherry, strawberry preserves and star anise, with pleasing hints of herb and mineral on the finish. Drink now through 2022. 5,000 cases made.—A.N. (7/31/17)
- 81 92 Dutton-Goldfield Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Dutton Ranch 2015 \$44 Well-centered on a mix of cherry, plum and raspberry flavors, elegant and refined, with sufficient tannins to hold attention. Ends with a clean, mouthwatering aftertaste that echoes the fruit and spice notes. Drink now through 2024. 5,880 cases made.—J.L. (8/31/17)
- 82 90 Pali Wine Co. Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Riviera 2015 \$22 Juicy and generous, featuring a rich, smooth core of plum and raspberry flavors, highlighted by zesty floral scents that accentuate the aroma and fruitiness. Agreeably supple, with easygoing tannins. Drink now through 2022. 3,200 cases made.—J.L. (9/30/17)
- 83 93 Domaine Faiveley Mercurey Clos des Myglands 2015 \$53 Ripe and pure, featuring cherry, blackberry, raspberry, mineral and light toast notes. Balanced and intense, playing out on the long, mouthwatering finish. Best from 2019 through 2032. 1,400 cases imported. –B.S. (12/15/17)
- 84 90 Simone Santini Vernaccia di San Gimignano Tenuta Le Calcinaie 2015 \$18 A bright, juicy version, boasting floral, peach, grapefruit and honey aromas and flavors. Pure and elegant, finishing with a characteristic hint of bitterness. Drink now. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 2,350 cases made.—B.S. (2/28/17)
- 85 90 Josep Maria Raventós i Blanc Brut Nature Vino Espumoso de Calidad de la Finca 2013 **\$33** A minerally version, with up-front petrol and spice notes lacing the poached cherry, salted almond and lemon peel flavors that ride the delicate mousse. Elegant and harmonious. Disgorged February 2017. Drink now through 2020. 4,100 cases made.—A.N. (11/30/17)
- 86 94 Lancaster Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley 2014 \$75 A big, rich Cabernet, with firm, structured tannins that are powerful and edgy, framing the core of blackberry, black cherry, plum and espresso flavors. An impressive effort. Best from 2019 through 2029. 4,075 cases made.—J.L. (9/30/17)
- 87 92 Chartogne-Taillet Brut Champagne Cuvée Ste.-Anne NV \$50 A bright, finely meshed version that shows beautiful harmony throughout, offering flavors of Gala apple, spring forest, almond pastry and lemon curd riding the creamy mousse. Lasting, spiced finish. Disgorged February 2016. Drink now through 2022. 1,300 cases imported.—A.N. (11/30/17)
- 88 93 Fonseca Vintage Port Guimaraens 2015 \$58 This is warm and lush in feel, and really well-built, with layers of blueberry, açaí berry and plum reduction flavors rolling through, laced with hints of ganache and fruitcake. Lots of graphite-edged grip lines the finish. Best from 2027 through 2040. 4,500 cases made.—J.M. (12/15/17)
- 89 94 Daou Cabernet Sauvignon Adelaida **District Estate 2014 \$85** Combines rich, deep flavors with a measure of finesse and refinement, allowing the earth-laced red berry and spicy herb notes to shine. Ripe, sturdy tannins lend this structure and traction. Best from 2020 through 2034. 1,000 cases made.—J.L. (11/15/17)
- 90 96 Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto Don Melchor 2014 \$120 A ripe, rich and full-bodied red, with powerful flavors of dark cherry, plum pudding and currant that feature a lush creaminess. Firm and savory midpalate, ending with a long and refined finish that shows mineral and cocoa butter accents, supported by dusty tannins. Drink now through 2024. 7,850 cases made.—K.M. (5/31/17)

- 91 95 Château Léoville Las Cases St.-Julien **2014 \$135** Densely packed, with cassis, steeped plum and blackberry coulis notes that are compressed with layers of cold charcoal and graphite. Very pure, giving this a long, sleek and racy feel, while an iron underpinning drives the finish. Best from 2020 through 2040. 12,500 cases made.—J.M. (3/31/17)
- 92 90 Garofoli Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi **Podium 2014 \$25** An elegant, creamy white, backed by sleek, citrusy acidity, this shows a subtle mix of poached pear, grated ginger and stony mineral flavors, accented by hints of crushed almond. Drink now through 2020. 3,500 cases made.—A.N. (9/30/17)
- 93 96 Revana Cabernet Sauvignon Napa **Valley 2014** *\$165* This is a thrilling wine, from the opening vanilla bean scents to the pure, rich and deep core of blackberry, currant and black licorice flavors. Folds in espresso and cedar notes amid the long and persistent finish. Best from 2019 through 2038. 1,500 cases made. –J.L. (11/15/17)
- 94 90 di Meo Greco di Tufo G 2016 *\$27* Tarragon and thyme notes lace flavors of green melon and lime granita in this juicy, light- to medium-bodied white. Fresh, balanced and minerally, with a spiced finish. Drink now through 2020. 5,500 cases made.—A.N. (11/30/17)
- 95 93 Selbach-Oster Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken Mosel Zeltinger Himmelreich 2015 **\$20** Pungent, with aromas of slate and ripe orchard fruit, this sleek white displays complex flavors of flowers, peach, quince and slate. A hint of chive works into the mix as this remains persistent on the finish. Drink now through 2024. 140 cases imported.—B.S. (7/31/17)
- 96 91 Feudi del Pisciotto Nero d'Avola Terre **Siciliane Versace 2015** *\$33* A well-focused, rich red in a balanced, medium-bodied frame, this offers a subtle underpinning of tarry mineral notes layered over light, sculpted tannins and flavors of mulberry and dried fig, with hints of herbes de Provence and mocha. Drink now through 2025. 1,166 cases made.—A.N. (9/30/17)
- 97 92 Odoardi Calabria GB 2014 \$45 Finely balanced and creamy, this bold red offers a rich range of black cherry coulis, fig cake, dried marjoram and oak spice flavors, layered with sculpted tannins. Long on the palate, with a lasting spicy mineral note, Gaglioppo, Magliocco Canino, Nerello Cappuccio and Greco Nero. Drink now through 2027. 3,500 cases made.—A.N. (4/30/17)
- 98 94 Prats & Symington Douro Chryseia **2014 \$75** A powerful and concentrated red, featuring kirsch, red plum and baker's chocolate notes, balanced by tarragon, slate and violet details. Elegant, with supple tannins framing the long finish, which is laced with hot stone, olive and licorice accents. Drink now through 2023. 2,000 cases made.—G.S. (3/31/17)
- 99 95 Robert Weil Riesling Qualitätswein Trocken Rheingau Kiedricher Gräfenberg GG 2015 **\$92** Very rich and complex, with enveloping flavors of baked apple, ripe citrus, nectarine and dried pear supported by a powerful structure. Lush midpalate, with a notes of dried guava, followed by unctuous spiciness on the finish, with accents of white chocolate, chamomile and dried herbs. Best from 2018 through 2026. 2,500 cases made.—K.M. (3/31/17)
- 100 95 Sadie Family 'T Voetpad Swartland **2015 \$67** Dried lemon peel, fennel seed and honeysuckle notes give this a high-pitched entry, but the core offers up Jonagold apple and melon fruit while the finish pulls in fresh salted butter and verbena details, imparting remarkable range and length. Chenin Blanc, Sémillon, Palomino and Muscat. Drink now through 2024. 280 cases made.—*J.M.* (5/31/17)