

94 Logos 2017 Selección (Navarra). This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnacha and Merlot has a nose of blackberry, cassis, violet and black pepper. It is smooth on entry, offering black-cherry, Mission fig, milk-chocolate, coffee-bean and lavender flavors. Polished tannins glide across the palate and linger for a while. Lovemark Advanced Trading Holding LLC. Editors' Choice. —M.D.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$110



M. Chapoutier 2020 Les Meysonniers (Crozes-Hermitage). Aromas of black cherries, licorice, violets and black peppercorn are enveloped by dry earth. The palate is currently a bit wound but mirroring notes of blackberry, violets and clove peek through. There's plenty of energy and beauty to be revealed, given its structure. Give this wine a proper decant before enjoying or cellar well through 2035+ before revisiting. Folio Fine Wine Partners.—A.C.C.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$46



Aromas of smoked black plums, campfire, sandalwood and oak spice waft from the glass. The generous and forward palate offers black cherry, leather, sweet tobacco with burnt sage. Structured with firm tannins, the wine can go even longer in the cellar. Drink now-2035. Indigenous Selections. Cellar Selection. —J.P.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$40

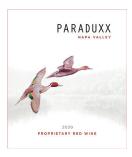


Malvirà 2010 Riserva Trinità (Roero). Intense aromas of dark-berried fruit, medicinal herbs and violets open the nose of this Roero Riserva. Mouthfilling with cherry preserves, sweet tea, leather and oak spice giving way to supple tannins with a powerful finish. Drink now-2035. Indigenous Selections. Editors' Choice. —J.P.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$40



Markham 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). This serious and refined wine wraps abundant black fruit and oak spice flavors in medium to full tannins that give it an elegant structure and appetizing bite. Find black currants, blueberries and chocolate cherries that are delicious without turning sweet. Editors' Choice. —J.G. abv: 14.8% Price: \$48



Paraduxx 2020 Proprietary Red Blend (Napa Valley). Extravagantly ripe in flavor and generously spiced from oak aging, this full-bodied wine is a well-behaved monster. Full tannins wrap around the blackberries, blueberries, cedar and cinnamon and are deep enough to keep echoing on the finish. Best from 2026. —J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$56



94 Reynolds Family Winery 2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley). So suave and layered, this posh and spicy wine opens with a tempting smoky, tobacco and cedar aroma before lush, dried blueberry and blackberry flavors saturate the palate. Substantial tannins add structure for a good grip in the texture. Opulent oak spices carry into the finish. Best from 2025–2035. —J.G. aby: 14.6% Price: \$68



Sangiacomo 2021 Green Acres Vineyard Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast). Seamless in texture and pure in fruit flavor, this elegant wine combines vibrant lemony acidity with fresh, focused Bosc pear and golden apple flavors that really sing. The wine is well-balanced, clean and fruity, but also subtly accented by baking spices. Editors' Choice. —J.G. aby: 13.8% Price: \$68



Serres Ranch 2019 Watriss Estate Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Sonoma Valley). Rich, mouthfilling and packed with dried-fruit flavors, this full-bodied blend led by Cabernet Franc boasts blackberries, blueberries, milk chocolate and mint flavors on a broad but slightly gripping texture of fine-grained tannins. It has the concentration, structure and purity of fruit to improve with aging. Best from 2027–2037. Cellar Selection. —J.G. abv: 14.8%

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Jayson 2021 Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Napa Valley). For full review see page 18. —J.G. abv: 14.9% Price: \$75

93 Kunde 2019 Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Moon Mountain District Sonoma County). For full

Price: \$100

review see page 18. *Cellar Selection*. **abv:** 14.7%

93 Lobo 2020 Howl Wulff Vineyards Custom Red Blend (Oak Knoll District). Full-on tannins and full-on black fruits lend a wallop to this full-bodied wine composed of 71% Syrah and 29% Cabernet Sauvignon. An inky color gives way to toasted oak and blackberry aromas followed by dark chocolate and graphite flavors. Drinkable soon with a rich entrée, but best from 2026. —J.G.

abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$70

93 Louis M. Martini 2020 Monte Rosso Vineyard Mountain Rhône-style Red Blend (Sonoma Valley). For full review see page 19.

abv: 15.2% **Price:** \$65

93 Opolo 2021 Maestro Rhône-style Red Blend (Paso Robles). This reliably satisfying Rhône-style red typifies the power and savory side of Paso. Aromas of toasted herb and charred espresso bean give depth to the berry and lilac elements on the nose. The palate's baked-fruit core is decorated in caramel, coffee cake and toasty oak flavors. —M.K.

abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$36

Paraduxx 2020 Rector Creek Vineyard Block-5 Red Blend (Napa Valley). Big on blackfruit flavors and not overly tannic, this is a powerful but balanced blend of Cabernet Franc, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep black cherries, blueberries and dusky oak spices come together well in a lively texture due to good fruit acidity. —J.G. abv: 14.5% Price: \$88

Ridge 2021 Botticelli Vineyard Red Blend (Rockpile). This beautifully balanced and composed wine made from mostly Zinfandel and Petite Sirah seamlessly blends red and black fruits with subtle oak spices on an agile texture of supple, insistent tannins and good acidity. The wine doesn't yell out for attention but will make many simpatico food pairings. Best through 2030. —J.G.

abv: 14.7% **Price:** \$40

Ridge 2020 Lytton Estate Vineyard G-S-M (Dry Creek Valley). Made in a rich, dark, Châteauneuf style, this deeply colored and chocolate-scented wine is drenched in dark plums, blueberries and mocha flavors wrapped in thick, velvety tannins. It's a big, full-bodied wine to enjoy with the beefiest entrées. —J.G.

abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$42

93 Thumbprint Cellars 2019 Three Some Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Alexander Valley). Lively red and black cherry aromas are backed up by deep, dark blueberries and black currants in this big but gentle blend based on Merlot. It is all ripeness

and richness on the palate, laced with soft tannins that make it easy to sip even when young. —J.G. abv: 15.4% Price: \$66

93 Trentadue 2021 La Storia Cuvée 32 Estate Bottled Red Blend (Alexander Valley). Velvety and polished, this is a deft blend based on Sangiovese grapes. An appetizing tannic grip on the palate frames nicely layered cherries, plums and raspberries that show good depth and length. While technically full bodied, the wine feels light on its feet. *Hidden Gem.*—J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$38

Asuncion Ridge 2019 Nefarious Rhône-style Red Blend (Paso Robles). There's plenty of depth to this Syrah, which includes 10% Grenache, beginning with roasted red fruit, woodspice and creamy baking spices on the nose. The tannins are quite tight on the palate, framing blackberry, cracked pepper and warm oak flavors. Drink now-2032. Cellar Selection. —M.K.

abv: 15.6% **Price:** \$5

Bedarra 2020 Bonfire Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley). Ripe, mouthfilling and somewhat soft in texture, this generous blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon is chock full of dark chocolate, black cherries, cocoa and graphite flavors. Easygoing tannins lend a mouthfilling texture without requiring extra aging. Best through 2029. —J.G.

abv: 14.3% **Price:** \$55

Castello di Amorosa 2017 La Castellana Super Tuscan Red Blend (Napa Valley). Enticing toasted-oak spices and generous black fruit flavors make a great combination in this full-bodied, broad-textured blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Sangiovese. Cinnamon, wood smoke and dark chocolate aromas meet blackberries and blueberries on a texture of velvety tannins. —J.G. abv: 14.9%

Chronic Cellars 2021 The Unteachables Red Blend (Paso Robles). Concentrated in the glass, this dark blend of 41% Syrah, 34% Petite Sirah and 25% Tannat packs stewed-fruit aromas together with hints of violet. The palate is dense with baked blueberry and blackberry flavors. Creamy tannins are soft yet show just enough edge to ensure an interesting cellar bet. Drink now-2031. Cellar Selection. —M.K.

abv: 15% **Price:** \$35

Clif Family 2021 The Climber Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Napa Valley). A bright, tangy aspect on the palate gives this berry- and cherry-laden wine a lift of acidity to balance the very deep and concentrated fruit flavors. Tannins are moderate, letting the wine's vibrancy and freshness shine through. Made from organic grapes. —J.G.

abv: 14.3% **Price:** \$42

92 Copain Wines 2022 P2 Pinot Noir-Pinot Gris (Sonoma Coast). This seamless blend of red and white grapes glides across the palate, spread-

ing raspberries, red cherries and red-tea flavors amid subtle acidity and light tannins. The wine has a charming, lively quality that will be easy to pair with food. —J.G.

abv: 13.2% **Price:** \$38

Perrari-Carano 2019 PreVail West Face Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah (Alexander Valley). For

full review see page 23.

abv: 15.1% **Price:** \$100

Galante 2019 Big Little Wine Estate Bottled Red Blend (Napa Valley). Mouthfilling in texture and gorgeously ripe in flavor, this full-bodied wine coats the palate with chocolaty, jammy blackberries, blueberries and cocoa, while finegrained tannins wrap it up nicely. A blend of Petite Sirah and Petit Verdot, it should drink best through 2030. —J.G.

abv: 14.1% **Price:** \$65

Howell Mountain Vineyards 2019 Bonfil Beatty Ranch Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Howell Mountain). Broad and delicious, this dark-fruited wine is saturated in black cherries, blueberries and dark chocolate that give it a dessert-wine feeling despite being technically dry. A full body and relatively soft tannins make it drinkable now. —J.G. abv: 14.5% Price: \$250

92 Jarvis 2018 Lake William Estate Bordeauxstyle Red Blend (Napa Valley). For full review see page 24.

abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$325

Paraduxx 2020 Pintail Red Blend (Napa Valley). Structured and flavor packed, this big, hearty Zinfandel-Cabernet blend offers dark chocolate, dried plum and charred oak flavors wrapped in firm tannins. Best from 2027–2032. —J.G.

abv: 14.5% Price: \$55

Paraduxx 2020 Rector Creek Vineyard Block-4 Red Blend (Napa Valley). Luscious black cherries, dried plums and cocoa fill out a full body in this deep, tannic and concentrated blend of Petit Verdot and Zinfandel. The wine's mouthfilling structure and bold flavors will pair with a ribeye steak or meaty stew. Best from 2025–2033. —J.G. aby: 14.5% Price: \$88

Peachy Canyon 2021 Para Siempre Bordeauxstyle Red Blend (Paso Robles). Blueberry, violet and açaí aromas make for a compelling nose on this blend of 53% Petit Verdot, 31% Malbec and 16% Cabernet Sauvignon. The palate is smoothly textured and suavely integrated, showing blue fruit, cracker pepper and leathery meat flavors. —M.K. abv: 14.2% Price: \$55

92 Reynolds Family Winery 2020 Persistence Red Blend (Napa Valley). For full review see page 26.

abv: 14.7% **Price:** \$68

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Marietta Cellars 2021 Armé Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon Blend (McDowell Val-

ley). This well-rounded, full-bodied blend led byCabernet Sauvignon offers generous aromas and flavors of black cherry, blueberry, bittersweet chocolate, cut wood and dried eucalyptus. Everything is knit together by firm, but friendly tannins, energetic acidity and balanced alcohol. —S.B.

abv: 14.6% **Price: \$30**

Marietta Cellars 2021 Christo Estate Grown Rhône-style Red Blend (McDowell Valley). This full-bodied, robust red blend is a mix of Syrah,

Grenache, Petite Sirah and a splash of Viognier. Find layered aromas and flavors of blackberry, black cherry, chocolate, crushed violets, nutmeg and a meaty umami for an appetizing mouthful. —S.B.

abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$26

Pandemonium 2021 Red Blend (Paso Robles). For full review see page 31.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$40

Paraduxx 2020 Co-Ferment Rhône-style Red Blend (Napa Valley). Jammy, ripe black fruits, black pepper and dried herbs dominate this full-bodied, moderately tannic wine made from Syrah with minor portions of Grenache and Viognier. Its bold expression will tackle meatballs, Korean barbecue and fried chicken equally well. —J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price: \$64**

Peachy Canyon 2021 G-S-M (Paso Robles). Focused aromas of boysenberry and pomegranate show some extracted qualities on the nose of this blend of 48% Grenache, 32% Syrah and 20% Mourvèdre. The palate is heavy with berry jam and pie crust flavors that are balanced by firm tannins on the finish. -M.K.

abv: 14.9% **Price:** \$50

Ridge 2019 Demostene Ranch Red Blend (Alexander Valley). This brawny blend of 58% Zinfandel and 42% Carignane shows plenty of spicy character in the nose and on the palate, and has firm, fine-grained tannins wrapping its quiteripe berry and dark plum flavors. A cedary, sunbaked expression comes out on the finish. -J.G.**abv:** 15.1% **Price:** \$40

Solitary Cellars 2021 Ball & Chain Red Blend (California). This is a full-bodied blend of Cab Sauv, Petite Sirah and Zin, complete with mouthcoating tannins and elevated alcohol. Find voluptuous notes of black cherry and black plum, vanilla, chocolate, fresh-cut cedar, eucalyptus, prune, leather, star anise and sweet tobacco. -S.B. **abv:** 15% **Price:** \$30

Solitary Cellars 2021 Los Grilletes Red Blend (Lodi). This nicely layered, balanced red is a 50-50 blend of Cab Sauv and Zinfandel. The elevated alcohol provides smooth, glycerin-like roundness to the body, balanced by firm tannins and modest acidity. Enjoy notes of black cherry and black plum, fresh and dried violets, bittersweet chocolate. vanilla paste, nutmeg and walnut skins. -S.B.

Thumbprint Cellars 2019 Climax Red Blend (Sonoma County). This bold and generously oaked blend based on Zinfandel wraps ample soft tannins around tasty black cherries and dark plums. Its richness counterbalances the tannins for an easy texture, and its cloves, cinnamon and cedar notes are fun to pick out. -J.G.

abv: 15.2% Price: \$66

Vie Winery 2019 Red Blend (North Coast). This full-bodied red blend offers notes of red and black cherry, tarragon, fennel, cedar, cacao, dusty forest floor, sweet tobacco and dried eucalyptus leaf alongside firm, structural tannins, modest acidity and generous alcohol. -S.B.

abv: 14.5% **Price: \$45**

Angels & Cowboys 2021 Proprietary Red Blend (Sonoma County). A graham cracker aroma continues in the flavors of this soft and agreeable wine as almost-sweet blueberries and dark chocolate fill in the palate. It tastes rich and sweet, good with spicy barbecue or as an after-dinner drink. -J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price: \$25**

Asuncion Ridge 2020 Lascivious Red Blend (Paso Robles). A bit reductive on the nose, this blend of 58% Mourvèdre, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Syrah begins with aromas of tar, charred meat and dense elderberry on the dry nose. Dense and dark, the palate offers pleasantly charred fruit flavors that finish on vanilla touches. -M.K. **abv:** 15.4%

Frog's Leap 2022 Flycatcher Red Blend (California). This balanced blend incorporates notes of prune, fig, fresh and dried black cherry and plum, coffee bean and dried forest floor alongside mouthcoating tannins, modest acidity and warming alcohol. -S.B.

abv: 13.6% **Price: \$35**

Kunde 2019 Destination Series Estate Mer-Kunde Zuly Destillation States itage (Sonoma Valley). This dark, superripe-tasting wine based on Merlot and Malbec drenches lots of soft tannins in dried blueberries and plums, milk chocolate and cocoa. The wine is rich and mouthfilling, making it a good fit for meats and pastas. -J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price: \$50**

Post & Vine 2019 Testa Vineyard Old Vine Field Blend Red Blend (Mendocino). This balanced blend of Carignan, Zinfandel and Petite Sirah offers pleasant notes of roses, strawberry preserves, red plum compote, black and white pepper, and red currant jelly. -S.B.

abv: 14% **Price: \$34**

Solitary Cellars 2021 Code Three Red Blend (California). This is a full-bodied blend of 55% Syrah, 30% Grenache and 15% Merlot. Subtle

aromas and flavors suggest roses, violets, raspberry, red and black cherry, fennel, tarragon, toasted wood and hints of clove and nutmeg. It has a sandy tannic texture, warming alcohol and modest acidity. —S.B. **abv:** 14% **Price: \$28**

Stel+Mar NV Fropriess,

Blend (California). This blend of Cabernet Stel+Mar NV Proprietary Red Blend Red Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot offers aromas and flavors of light-petaled roses, strawberry preserves, grape jelly, raspberry jam, red cherry candy, black tea leaves and white pepper. A sandy tannic texture, balanced alcohol and a solid dose of acidity hold it all together. Best Buy. -S.B.

abv: 13.8% **Price: \$14**

Thumbprint Cellars 2019 Redacted Red Blend (Alexander Valley). All smoothness and calm, this full-bodied but friendly wine is deep in dark plums, cooked blueberries and milk chocolate on a bed of soft tannins. Enjoy soon. -J.G.abv: 15.1% Price: \$66

High Dive 2017 Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Napa Valley). This full-bodied, dry wine folds red fruits in fairly firm acidity and tannins, for an appetizing, texture-driven expression that really needs food. Black cherries, raspberries and cranberries fill out the palate. —J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$95

Highwayman 2021 Handbard of Zin-Highwayman 2021 Trailblazer Reserve Red fandel, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon is a good choice for bourbon drinkers. A soft, melted texture carries dried-fruit and jam flavors while a broad, almost-sweet ripeness counters moderate tannins that stay in the background. -J.G.

abv: 14.2% **Price:** \$42

(Paso Robles). This rich and extracted Indigené 2020 Philanthropist Red Blend blend offers aromas of plum, peppercorn and toasted pecan. The palate is also bold and caramelized, with black plum and fudge flavors. -M.K. **abv:** 14.8% **Price:** \$38

Jax 2021 Y3 Taureau Bordeaux-style Red Blend (Napa Valley). Built for further aging, this fully tannic and concentrated wine squeezes its black cherry and blackberry flavors firmly with tannins, giving an extra-grippy texture at this stage. Best from 2027-2037. -J.G.

abv: 14.9% **Price: \$25**

Kenwood 2010 Jack Contain (Sonoma Mountain). This easy-drinking Kenwood 2018 Jack London Red Blend blend of Merlot, Zinfandel and Syrah will please a crowd. While full in body, it's light in tannin, rather rich in plums and cherries, and feels soft in texture. —J.G.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$35

Marchelle 2021 Old Vine Family Cuvée Red Blend (Mokelumne River). This is a balanced red, offering notes of red cherry, boysenberry, red