

# Spirits at Hopleaf

*\*Not an exhaustive list—please ask your server or have a look at the bar!\**

## Bourbon

Four Roses Small Batch	\$9
Elijah Craig 12 Year	10
Michter's Kentucky Straight	10
Belle Meade	9
Koval	9
Makers Mark	9

## Rye

Double Rye	9
Old Potrero Single Malt Straight Rye Whiskey	12
Whistle Pig	12
Bulleit Small Batch 95	10

## Whiskey

Old Potrero 18th Century	12
Jameson, Triple Distilled	9
Canadian Club	7
Jack Daniels, Sour Mash—Old #7	9

## Single Malt Scotch

Balvenie, 12yr Double Wood (Speyside)	10
Auchentoshan, Three Wood (Lowlands)	10
Laphroaig, 10yr (Islay)	10
Springbank, 10yr (Campbelltown)	10
GlenDronach 12 yr (Highland)	10
Dewars, White Label	8

## Rum

Plantation Original Dark (Trinidad and Tobago)	9
Zaya, 12yr (Trinidad and Tobago)	9

## Vodka/Gin/Genever

North Shore Vodka	9
North Shore Sol Chamomile Citrus	9
Karlssons Gold Potato Vodka	10
North Shore Gin	9
Anchor Distilling Junipero Gin	10
Diep 9 Old Genever (Belgium)	10

## Tequila

Patrón XO Cafe	9
Pura Sangre-Reposado	9
Pura Sangre-Anejo	10

## Brandy/Cognac/Armagnac/Calvados

Pierre Ferrand, 1er Cru Ambre	12
Rémy Martin, VSOP	10
Corbois VSOP Bas Armagnac	12
Vecchia Romagna Brandy	10
Roger Groult Calvados Pays d'Auge	10
6-year Cantillon Kriek Cask-Aged	

## Cordials, Liquors, Digestifs

Baileys	9
Jepson's Malort	6
Campari	9
Drambuie	9
Disaronno Amaretto	9
Fernet Branca	9
Jagermeister	8
Kahlúa	9
Pernod	9



# Wines in Bottles at Hopleaf



Reds —\$50 Whites —\$40  
Rosé —\$40 Sparkling —\$40

See first page inside for  
an explanation of our pricing philosophy.

For your convenience we've listed the wines  
in the following format:

(#) **Producer, Wine Name,  
Vintage, Appellation/Region**  
(Grape Varietals)  
Description, with ABV%...



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# Wines from Lucca, Italy

Hopleaf owners Michael and Louise have been visiting Lucca for years and have had the pleasure of forming relationships with some of the local wine producers. The wines of Lucca are a rarity on American menus; most bottles are consumed locally. We think when you try them you'll know why they don't much care to share these wonderful wines beyond their borders. We are proud to share our little secret with our customers.

## White

- (C16) **Tenuta Lenzini, Vermignon, 2014 Colline Lucchesi (85% Vermentino, 15% Sauvignon Blanc)**  
Fermented on the lees, this wine is straw yellow with a fine nose, elegant structure, and balanced acidity. 12.5%

## Reds

- (4,2) **Tenuta di Valgiano, Palistorti, 2013 Colline Lucchesi (Merlot, Sangiovese, Syrah)**  
A nice balance of acidity to plump ripe red & black berries along with slight hints of cedar wood & minerals. 100% organic and biodynamic from oenologist Severio Petrilli, an evangelist for biodynamic agricultural practices. 14%
- (2,1) **Tenuta di Valgiano 2014 (60% Sangiovese, 20% Syrah, 20% Merlot)**  
A nose that expresses elegance & aromatic refinement. Fragrant aromas of ripe fruit w/hints of spices & minerals; an intense, enduring bouquet. Volume on the palate is delightful with the pleasant sweetness of the fruit; structure develops with a dense texture of mature, soft tannins that ensure length & a pleasantly delicious aftertaste. A balanced, high-class wine that will develop over the next 20 yrs. 14.5%
- (4,4) **Tenuta Lenzini, Merlot, 2014 Colline Lucchesi (Merlot)**  
The Colline Lucchesi DOC, established in 1968, is named for the hills to the north & east of the town of Lucca. This vintage of Lenzini's Merlot won first prize in its category at the 2012 Slow Food Terra Madre Festival in Torino. Biodynamic & organically produced. 14%
- (4,7) **Buonamico, Cercatoja, 2015 Montecarlo (near Lucca) (Sangiovese, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)**  
Intense and complex nose, with jammy black fruit, tobacco, cedar. Aged for 18 months in French Oak. Organically produced. 14.5%
- (1,7) **Buonamico, Il Fortino, 2012 Montecarlo (near Lucca) (Syrah)**  
The combination of fruit and 18 months in French Oak creates a seriously rich & structured wine with intense aromas of fruits, mixed with vanilla & spices. Though not traditionally associated with Tuscany, the Syrah grape is particularly well-suited to this region, where it has developed a unique character in keeping with the traditions and viniculture of this special place. 14.5%

## Rosé

- (C26) **Fattoria Sardi IGT Toscana Rosato 2017 Colline Lucchesi (Organic Sangiovese & Cilieggiolo)**  
Soft salmon pink. Crisp & refreshing on the nose, notes of wild roses, raspberries and melon with a fading aroma of cream. Luscious, refreshing, enjoyable with well-balanced minerality and acidity. Bright, fresh fruit on the finish. Certified Organic. 13%

# Wines in Bottles at Hopleaf

Hopleaf is unabashedly a beer-centric venue. However, we love wine too! Since many of our customers need an extra incentive to try our wine offerings, we have a unique wine program that warrants everyone's attention.

Our bottled wine mission statement starts with a proclamation: Bottles of wine in restaurants are too expensive! At Hopleaf, we don't depend on wine sales to subsidize our kitchen. We sell a LOT of beer that does that. We want to offer an exceptionally fine selection of wines, from some of the best producers in the Old and New Worlds, to those who prefer wine or who are taking a break from beer for an evening.

We also believe that many times people shop by price instead of choosing what best suits their food or the occasion, so we have a one-price list. **This means: All reds are \$50 and all whites and rosés are \$40.** We buy in a narrow wholesale window and accept very narrow margins so that all of our wines are terrific values, sometimes cheaper than retail. You will not find any wine on our list for less at any restaurant.

Our list is a bit Euro-focused but we have a selection of New World wines as well, many with Old World sensibilities. We are exceptionally proud of our bottled wine program and invite you to take a detour from the grain to the grape on occasion. We think you'll be delighted with the wines and our prices.



## Reds from the hills near Pisa

(not far from Lucca!)

- (6,4) **Cairossa IGT Toscana 2006 (Sangiovese 23%, Cabernet Franc 22%, Merlot 21%, Cabernet Sauvignon 12%, Alicante 8%, Syrah 6%, Petit Verdot 6%, Mourvedre 2% (!))**  
A fascinating blend! Aged in French barriques and tonneaux (new, 1 & 2 years old) for a medium time of 18 months. Only 30% new wood. Afterwards 6 months in tanks before the bottling. 2006 is a beautiful vintage marked by good concentration and excellent ripeness, richness, elegance and complexity. Bouquet of berries, flowers and minerals, taking on some spice. Full-bodied with plenty of pretty fruit and lightly chewy tannins. 14.5%
- (5,2) **Cairossa Pergolaia 2006 IGT Toscana (Sangiovese 85%, Merlot 10%, Cabernet Franc 3%, Cab. Sauvignon 2%)**  
Aged in different kind of old oak casks: barrels of second to fourth wine or bigger "botte". The aging time in wood is about 12-16 mos., and then the wine is kept in concrete tanks until its bottling, about 2 years after the harvest. "Very alluring for its balsamic, wild herb, sour cherry and raspberry flavors, this is well-proportioned, offering a muscular structure to provide support. Shows fine length, with a wild berry aftertaste. Drink now through 2020."  
—Wine Spectator 13.5%

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# Reds

## Old World

(2,3) **Alto Moncayo 2014 Campo de Borja (Garnacha)** *Spain*  
Rich, full-bodied & muscular, this wine of riveting intensity pours inky-purple. Smoky, charred & minerally on the nose, w/balsamic berry aroma & lots of dark spice. A region of newfound interest among wine lovers. 16%

(3,1) **Château Baucastel Coudoulet de Baucastel, 2015 Côtes du Rhône (Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre)** *France*

This wine from a well-known producer of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, boasts a deep ruby/purple hue and abundant aromas of framboise, black cherries, truffles & herbs. Spicy, peppery, rich and medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins. Luscious, with hints of thyme on the palate. Having a steak? This is your wine. 14%

(4,5) **Pietro Beconcini, Vigna Alle Nicchi 2011 Tempranillo, San Miniato (Tempranillo)** *Italy*

The product of a totally unexpected discovery in San Miniato, of centuries-old Tempranillo grapevines in an ancient vineyard that is just enough for an extremely limited number of bottles. The clusters from these ancient vines are picked in the first week in September into small 5kg boxes, and allowed to naturally dry in the drying loft until mid October, reducing 25% of their weight. They are fermented with much more than the normal amts. of skins and seeds, giving the wine a finer quality of acids and tannins, and a very distinctive array of aromas. It requires lengthy maturation and aging in 70% French and 30% American oak. After 12 months, the final wine is blended from the various barrels, racked, and then given an additional 12 months' aging in the same barrels. Then the wine goes to bottle, where it remains until intense ruby red color is matched by intense aromas of blackberries & dried plums, and hints of dark chocolate, earth, tobacco and sweet spices. On the palate it's full-bodied with nice complexity; strong tannins but not drying. Full and round mouthfeel with a great, long finish. 15.5%

(5,3) **Ferrer Bobet, Priorat 2015 (65% Carinena, 35% Garnacha)** *Spain*

Glorious, floral bouquet with very pure scents of cassis, blueberry & violets, all with pixelated delineation, almost Margaux-like in style. Medium-bodied palate with very fine tannins. Taut on the entry, quite linear, then fanning out with sappy dark berry, cassis & allspice. Very well-balanced; long & persistent towards the finish. Aged in new oak from French Burgundy coopers with a fine grain and a light-medium toast. 14.5%

(5,1) **Stephane Brocard Gevrey Chambertin Closerie Des Alisiers 2014 (Pinot Noir)** *France*

The mature vines in the name of the wine are 40-years-old. The result is a firm structured wine although one with plenty of soft red fruits in the background. They are developing well, bringing with them acidity and good potential but ready to drink in 2018. 13%

(3,3) **Château Boutisse, Grand Cru, 2016 Saint-Émilion (right bank Bordeaux) (90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Carmenere)** *France*

While the left bank of Bordeaux is characterized by Cabernet Sauvignon the right bank is characterized by Merlots like this one with savory, almost rustic aromas of cherry, tobacco and licorice. 13%

(2,5) **Buglioni, il Bugiardo 2015 Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso (60% Corvina, 25% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 5% Molinara)** *Italy*

This wine is a *Ripasso*—"repassed". A portion of the grapes were de-stemmed, crushed and pressed immediately; the remainder are left to dry until November when they are vinified and then macerated for 20 days. In January, the *most* from the freshly vinified grapes are re-passed, following a traditional technique, and undergo 2nd fermentation. The two wines—the *ripasso* & the wine from the dried grapes—are then blended together, aged for 12 mos. in oak casks and 6 mos. in bottle. Dark ruby-red. Intense & elegant aromas of ripe fruit & spices with a hint of vanilla & tobacco. Warm, persistent flavors, velvety, harmonious. 14.5%

(4,3) **Cantele, Amativo, 2011 Apulia (60% Primitivo, 40% Negroamaro)** *Italy*

California's Zinfandel wines came about when immigrants from Puglia brought cuttings of Primitivo vines in the 19th century. Here it's blended nicely with Negroamaro for a wine of powerful red berry flavors and smooth tannins. 14%

(4,6) **Caprili 2013 Brunello di Montalcino (Sangiovese)** *Italy*

A beautiful and elegant style from winemaker Giacomo Bartolommei. This slowly opens to inviting aromatics of cherries and red plums along with spices, walnut and hints of wild herbs all come together seamlessly. On the palate this is silky and polished, continuing to impress with its remarkable overall balance and finesse. There is a lovely core of sweet red fruits which are lifted by the underlying acidity as it enters the long, pretty finish. An outstanding effort. 14%

(3,5) **Domaine Faury, St. Joseph Rouge 2017 Northern Rhône (Syrah)** *France*

NYTimes wine editor Eric Asimov calls the Saint Joseph appellation the next best wine in the Northern Rhône, and Domaine Faury the best value among the producers. It's from the town of Chavanay at the north end of the appellation, far from the original six communes, yet because the grapes are also from granite hillsides, it displays the signature peppery, spicy, olive & herb flavors. 13%

(3,4) **Chateau Fonbadet Paullac Bordeaux 2015 (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 2.5% Petit Verdot, 2.5% Malbec)** *France*

The patriarch of the Peyronie family, Pierre Peyronie, was the manager of Chateau Lafite Rothschild at the time he took over Chateau Fonbadet, which has now been owned by the Peyronie family for 4 generations. The family has a long history in the Pauillac appellation & can in fact trace their roots in the Medoc all the way back to the 1700s. From old vines, this wine is dark-hued, with layers of dark cherries, good concentration & a noticeable gravelly tannic framework. Aged 18 months in barrels, with 30% new French oak. 13%

(6,5) **Ettore Germano Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2015 (100% Barbera)** *Italy*

The Germano family has owned 6 hectares of land near Serralunga d'Alba, in the heart of the Barolo area, since 1856. Sergio Germano took over operations in 1985, following his schooling at the prestigious Scuola Enologica di Alba and he's made his mark in the famed hills of Barolo, Alba, and Langhe. His deep humility expresses a deference to the vineyard that shows itself in the finished wines, unique and thoughtful expressions of their varietals and soil. This Barbera is a classic example: ruby red color & a fruit-forward bouquet; bright red fruits jump out of the glass with a touch of spice and earth. Medium-bodied with soft tannins and distinct acidity, glides effortlessly over the palate into a subtle, complex finish. 14%

(4,1) **Bruna Grimaldi 2014 Camilla Barolo (100% Nebbiolo)** *Piemonte, Italy*

Intense aromas of rose, chopped aromatic herb and a balsamic note set the tone on this fragrant red. It's fresh and linear, offering sour cherry, clove and cranberry flavors framed in fine-grained tannins. Notes of espresso and sage add depth to the finish. While eminently drinkable now, we hope to have some of this vintage around for a while. Experts say it will really start to come around in 2021! 14.5%

(2,2) **R. Lopez de Heredia Tondonia Reserva, 2005 Rioja** *Spain*

(70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 5% Manzueta & 5% Graciano)  
Musky nose with red and dark berries, rose oil, & hints of Asian spice leads to juicy raspberry & rose flavors, all framed by silky tannins that fade into sweet fruit in the finish. 12.5%

(3,7) **Domaine de Marcoux Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2016** *France*

(85% Grenache, 7% Mourvedre, 5% Syrah, 3% Cinsault)  
"Over the last 12 years, this biodynamically farmed vineyard has risen to the top of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's quality hierarchy. The regular *cuvée* is one of the finest in the appellation." (93 points) Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*. Ruby-red. Energetic, mineral-accented aromas of ripe red and dark berries, complicated by suggestions of incense and pungent flowers. Broad and fleshy on entry, then more taut in the midpalate, offering pliant black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and a suggestion of five-spice powder. Finishes very long and sweet, featuring slow-building tannins, a touch of smokiness and repeating red fruit character. 15%



# more Reds

(1,6) **Monte Zovo, 2013 Amarone della Valpolicella** *Italy*  
(**Corvia, Corvinone, Rondinella**)

Hits all the right buttons in terms of fruity softness and richness. Grapes remained in their drying facility for 120 days; wine aged 18 months in oak casks, 12 months in bottles. A densely extracted red wine offering a full court of aromas with plump cherry, dried blackberry, bitter chocolate, and exotic spice front and center. Immensely rich and succulent mouthfeel with superbly round and soft fruit flavors. 16%

(6,1) **Bodegas Del Paramo** *Spain*  
**El Medico, 2011 Prieto Picudo**

100% Prieto Picudo exclusively from vines over 80 years old in Castilla y León. Maltolactic fermentation and aging for 9 months takes place in new French oak. The grapes' aggressive acidity and fruit easily match the complex oak character now, while promising an excellent future. Among Spain's most interesting and unique fine red wines. 13.5%

(1,5) **E. Pira & Figli, 2014 Dolcetto d'Alba (Dolcetto)** *Italy*

Ruby red with purple reflections and aromas of flower and fruit with hints of violet and small red fruit. Dolcetto means 'little sweet one' in Italian but don't be fooled, this is a dry wine. This property has been producing wine for over 1000 years. They produce only 300 cases of Dolcetto a year, making this a rare find. 12.5%

(2,7) **Castello dei Rampolla** *Italy*  
**2016 Chianti Classico (Sangiovese, Canaiolo)**

Family owned since 1739 and using biodynamic methods, this is one of the great Chianti properties. Poised & balanced, with enticing floral aromas and pure red fruit flavors, this offers chewy black cherry and red plum sensations and vibrant acidity, with undertones of leafy herbs and baking spices. Aged for 12 mos. in large Slavonian oak casks, with small percentages of Cab. Sauvignon & Merlot, this is pleasurable now and will improve for several more years in bottle. 13.5%

(5,5) **Domaine Raspail-Ay, 2015 Gigondas** *France*  
(**80% Granache, 15 Syrah, 5% Mourvedre**)

Dominique Ay, the proprietor of this 40-acre domaine in the Southern Rhone produces only 8000 cases of this superb Gigondas annually. Perfume of black raspberry, cherry compote, tobacco, lavender and spices. Ripe, generous and rich on the palate with notes of dark fruits and licorice and black pepper. Silky tannins, ripe and supple, are mellowed by 20 months minimum in huge ancient oak foudres followed by additional aging in demi-muids. Impressive. Will pair with the heartiest of fare. 15%

(2,6) **Michele Satta, Piastraia, 2015 Bolgheri** *Italy*  
(**25% Merlot, 25% Sangiovese, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Syrah**)

This Maremma vineyard was planted in 1991 with the intention of creating a Bordeaux-like blend. Satta added Sangiovese and Syrah to add a round softness. Maremma vineyards benefit from being close to the sea and its cool evening breezes. 14%

(3,2) **Julien Sunier 2016 Morgon (100% Gamay)** *France*

2014's rendition of Morgon is a young & very, very promising example of its village and this lovely vintage, offering up a deep, nascently complex & very precise bouquet of black cherries, pomegranate, fresh thyme, granite, a touch of espresso & a smoky topnote. On the palate it's deep, full-bodied, rock solid at the core, w/a fine girdle of acidity, ripe, buried tannins & excellent length & grip on the primary, pure, & gently chewy finish. This needs time to unwind, but will be excellent w/a bit of bottle age! Like his Fleurie, there is simply gorgeous backend energy here. Aged for up to 11 mos in 3-9-yr-old Burgundy barrels so the charming fruit & granitic soil flavors aren't lost. 13.5%

(5,4) **Tenuta delle Terre Nere** *Sicily, Italy*  
**2016 Etna Rosso Calderara Sottana**  
(**98% Nerello Mascalese, 2% Nerello Cappuccio**)

From old vines grown in volcanic ash and rock, aged in French oak barriques for 16-18 months, this pale ruby/mahogany hued wine has a penetrating bouquet of rich ripe fruit and spice. It is structure, full, complex and tannic. Only 9,000 bottles made. 14%

(3,6) **Domaine A. et P. de Villaine, Les Montots,** *France*  
**2016 Mercurey (Pinot Noir)**

In the Mercurey region in the Côte Chalonnaise of Burgundy, these Pinot Noir vines are 40-50 years old, making for concentrated juice and a beautiful Old World expression of the varietal. 13%

## New World

(1,4) **Miner, Stagecoach Vineyard** *California*  
**2012 Napa Valley (Merlot)**

The rocky volcanic soils of this mountainous family owned vineyard produce a wine with rich ripe fruit and spice notes with touches of toasty oak; firm yet fine tannins and a long finish. 14.5%

(6,3) **Martin Woods Jessie James Vineyard** *Oregon*  
**2016 Pinot Noir (Eola-Amity Hills)**

The grapes are dry farmed, without irrigation and the wines are aged in neutral Oregon oak. This is exceptionally fragrant, with whiffs of violets, mint and body powder. Supple on the palate, those scents connect directly to flavors of rose petals, raspberries and red plums. The finish is as smooth and soft as the entry, with a gentle dusting of cocoa powder. Only 180 cases bottled. 13.7%

(6,2) **Chateau Montelena 2016 Napa (Cabernet Sauv.)** *California*

*Incorporating incredible vineyard sites, sustainable farming, ruthless attention to detail, and a relentless drive for improvement is how this producer defines value and quality inside the bottle. Adding to that, 2016 is a classic Napa vintage. To offer a Napa Cab in our price structure is a challenge but we've bent our margins a bit to offer this outstanding wine.* This wine's nose is classic Napa Valley, filled with juicy blackberries, rich cocoa, and cassis. After a few moments, dried cherry and a touch of tobacco come into focus along with some wispy notes of fresh violets. Density and concentration sum up the palate as tight-grained tannin is interwoven among layers of fresh raspberry, mint, and hazelnut. These notes slowly transition to a subtle richness of molasses and fig that's almost chewy enough to sink your teeth into. The finish is seamless and complementary to the palate with strawberry jam, Earl Grey tea, and bright, refreshing acidity that should pair equally well with light fare or hearty cuisine. 14.2%

(1,2) **Storybook, Mayacamas Range** *California*  
**2013 Napa Valley (Zinfandel – 100% Organic)**

A classic example of how big, rich, fruit-forward, & intense the Zinfandel grape can be. And an example of how smart winemakers can remake the profile of a wine that fell out of favor from ill-conceived winemaking practices (in the 80s for Zin.) This is how Zinfandel should be. 14.9%

(2,4) **Thackrey Pleiades XXVI, NV Blend** *California*

One of California's most iconic and mystical winemakers, Sean Thackrey has logged in 26 vintages of consistently stunning wines. The experimental non-vintage blend Pleiades was first released in 1992. Made from a host of different grape varieties (potentially both white & red, such as Syrah, Sangiovese, Barbera, Zinfandel, Carignan, Pinot Noir, Mourvèdre, Viognier, and Grenache), potentially from different regions and different vintages, the recipe changes every year, depending on the decisions of Thackrey and the fruit sourced. He makes all his wines by hand (touching every grape) at his small Bolinas winery. Self-taught, fully reliant on his intuition and senses, Sean is the antithesis of corporate winemaking. The object of Pleiades Old Vines is to be delicious, delight the jaded, irritate the Wine Police, and generally go well with anything red wine goes well with. It has few if any peers in California. It's very tasty because of traits that are usually considered flaws. A tawny color and an aroma like tawny Port lead to a very soft texture, and warm plum, raisin and nut flavors. The wine is rather full in body, light on tannins, and tastes quite mature and mellow. 15.1%

*Reds continue next page*

# more Reds

## (1,1) **Walt 2015 La Brisa Sonoma (Pinot Noir)** *California*

This wine articulates the signature characters of Sonoma: vibrant and opulent with an underlying brightness and length to the palate. Teeming with ripe red berries and spicy toasted aromas, the wine is lush and persistent on the mid-palate while long-lasting and delicate on the finish. The vineyards in the La Brisa blend are farmed meticulously for low yields and balance in order to capitalize on their distinctive sites. Each vineyard is blessed with cool maritime conditions and limiting soil profiles. The wines are never racked and during the long malolactic fermentation, they top and stir each barrel weekly. Prior to bottling, they blend the wines without fining or filtering. 14%

## (1,3) **Zuccardi Zeta 2014 (Mendoza)** (Malbec 85%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15%) *Argentina*

This blend presents intense red-violet color, a complex nose that highlights ripe black fruit aromas such as blueberries and blackberries; and subtle herbal notes. Round in mouth with firm and mature tannins that give structure to the wine. Fresh and elegant due to great acidity. Long finish. 15.1%

# Whites

## Old World

## (C1) **Abbazia di Novacella Praepositus 2018 (Kerner)** *Italy*

Abbazia was founded in 1142 by the Augustinian Order of Canons Regular. The Augustinians are not monks in the most familiar sense: although they have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to their superiors, they also work to support themselves as a part of their community. To this end, the Abbey not only grows grapes for winemaking, but also apples & vegetables; there is also a small school devoted primarily to studies of viticulture. The abbey's reputation as a winery is stellar & international. In 2009, Italy's influential *Gambero Rosso* named Celestino Lucin, the abbey's enologist "Winemaker of the Year". This Kerner is stunningly clean and interesting, showing electric acidity, a creamy minerality and brilliant citrus & tropical flavors and aromas. Big structure, un-oaked, and very food-friendly. 14%

## (C2) **Avanthia, Avanthia Godello 2015 Galicia (Valdeorras)** (Godello) *Spain*

The lesser-known Godello grape of Spain brings lemon & chamomile forward to the nose and on through the palate. Nuanced new oak delivers delicately creamy, perfect texture with an ethereal finish. 13.5%

## (C3) **Domaine Des Baumard 2016 Savennières (Chenin Blanc)** *France*

Domaine des Baumard produces some of the finest examples of Savennières. Jean Baumard and now his son, Florent, are universally regarded as the finest winemakers in the appellation. Their wines are among the most unique and rewarding in the world: honeyed, dry whites of unmatched concentration, perfume, and longevity. 13%

## (C4) **Emile Beyer, Tradition, 2015 Alsace (Gewürztraminer)** *Fr.*

Family winemaking estate since 1580–14 generations! With a touch of residual sugar, this "Gewürtz" is off-dry & wonderfully balanced with firm crisp acids. Aromas & flavors of flowers, citrus, & honey. Nice minerality. 13%

## (C5) **Brogli, Bruno, 2015 Gavi (Piedmont)** (Cortese) *Italy*

If Barolo and Barbaresco are Italy's answers to claret, then Gavi di Gavi is its reply to Chablis. Cortese is an indigenous variety that produces delicate, herbaceous and apple-scented whites. Medium bodied, dry, medium acidity, moderate-high intensity, medium-long finish, peach, almond, wet stones. 12.5%

## (C9) **Jean-Marc Brocard, 2017 Vau de Vay Premier Cru Chablis (Chardonnay)** *Italy*

Vanilla and crisp minerality play together in this ripe wine with a steely core. Intense acidity, a lively, bright texture plus a flinty edge that will allow it to age

well. Brocard is a pioneer in Burgundy in embracing biodynamic farming practices. 13%

## (C6) **Joh. Jos. Christoffel, Erben Urziger Wurzgarten Spatlese, 2017 Mosel (Riesling)** *Germany*

From the region's steep slopes and of old ungrafted rootstock, this wine has attractive floral, apple and hazelnut aromas. The delicate texture of peach fruit is paired with vibrant acidity. Crisp, well-balanced, and eminently drinkable. 7.5%

## (C7) **Domaine Chante Cigale 2016 Chateaufort Blanc** *Fr.* (25% Bourboulenc, 25% Grenache Blanc, 25% Roussanne, 20% Clairette, 5% Picpoul Blanc)

Completing a clean sweep of excellent ratings, this is a medium to full-bodied, plump, succulent blend, 70% of which was vinified and aged in stainless steel. Orange sherbet aromas give way to mixed citrus, but they're all backed by zesty, briny complexity and fabulous length. While only 5 of the family's 40 ha are devoted to white wine grapes, they still produce more CNDP Blanc than is typical of their neighbors in the appellation. 14.2%

## (C8) **Conreria d'Scala Dei, Black Slate La Morera 2015 Priorat Blanca** (93% Garnatxa Blanca, 7% Pedro Ximénez) *Spain*

While chalky soils are not common in the Priorat, you can find them at higher elevations in the villages of Escaladei & La Morera as they border the limestone-rich Montsant range. A short period on the skins before pressing gives La Morera a textural quality to its apricot & herbal flavors, reminiscent of the Les Bruguères in miniature, while the soils make themselves known in the elegant and mineral backbone of the wine. 4000 bottles produced. 13%

## (C10) **Dopff au Moulin, Reserve 2016 Alsace (Pinot Gris)** *Fr.*

Medium-dry Pinot Gris from some of Alsace's finest vineyards. Subtle spiced apple aromas; intense, slightly exotic flavours; long, full finish. An excellent food wine. The current winemaker represents the 11th generation producing w/ the Dopff family vineyards dating back to 1574. 13%

## (C11) **Adega Eidos, Eidos de Padriñán 2016 Rías Baixas (Galicia)** (Albariño) *Spain*

Super-crisp wine is light-bodied with flavors of mineral, green apples, hints of white pepper and a dry finish. 13%

## (C30) **Marchese Incisa Della Rochetta 2017 Roero DOCG Arneis** (100% Arneis) *Italy*

A terroir-driven wine, growing well in the sandy soils of the Roero hills. Straw yellow in color, it expresses an unrivaled fruitiness, a delicate freshness and minerality. Immediate notes of caramel, tangerine and honeysuckle. Middle notes of acacia, green apple and cedar. Palate: Full bodied, smooth and crisp. Though aromas are sweet, the taste is far from it. Stone fruits and canteloupe. Grapefruit and fresh almonds. Fresh with great persistence. 12%

## (C12) **Marco Felluga 2016 Collio Russiz Superiore (Pinot Grigio)** *Italy*

Golden yellow in color with glimmers of copper. Pronounced aromas of ripe apples and pears with a whiff of broom. In the mouth, a citrus-apple fruitiness plays off a crisp acidity that lingers on the palate. Aged on lees for 8 months. The world is awash in undistinguished Pinot Grigio wines. This is not one of them. 13.5%

## (C13) **Inama, Vigneti di Foscarino 2015 Soave Classico (Veneto)** (Garganega) *Italy*

Intense yellow Soave with mineral, earth, and subtle citrus notes, from the smaller, historic portion (hence "Classico") of the greater Soave-producing region. 12.5%

## (C14) **Pascal Janvier, Jasnières 2016 Chenin Blanc** *France*

Pascal Janvier is one of those souls destined to make wine; originally a butcher, at age thirty he yielded to his inevitable fate. He & his wife almost single-handedly brought back the appellation of Jasnières from extinction—a good thing because Janvier's Jasnières are some of France's best-kept white wine secrets. Jasnières are known for lively fruit coupled with naturally racy acidity & pronounced mineral character; food-friendly but with tremendous ageing potential. Chenin for this bottling comes from 35-40 yr.-old vines planted in clay & limestone soils. Redolent with classic Jasnières tangy apple & citrus aromas and flavors, featuring white flower & almost saline mineral undertones and a pure core of fruit, with excellent length & focus on the finish. 12%

# more Whites

- (C15) **Weingut Jurtschitsch Loiserberg Kamptal Reserve 2015 (Grüner Veltliner – Organic)** *Austria*  
A certified organic single vineyard reserve created by 100% spontaneous fermentation in 2000-liter barrels (local oak, old barrels) then spending 6 months on full lees before bottling. Intense but precise on the nose and very elegant and pure on the palate, revealing nice mineral freshness. This full-bodied wine is straight and fresh. While the nose gives little away apart from a yeasty roundness, the palate shines with crisp, pure pear fruit and a herbal tinge of watercress and arugula with the notes of salty soy. Slender, poised and very enjoyable. 12.5%
- (C17) **Bernard Moreau Bourgogne Blanc 2015 (Chardonnay)** *Fr.*  
Based in Chassagne-Montrachet, with roots going back to 1809 when Auguste Moreau built its first cellar. The majority of the domaine's 14 hectares were assembled by Bernard's father, Marcel Moreau, in the 1930s. No use of herbicides or pesticides—only plowing is applied & only organic fertilizers are used. Pruning is the main method for keeping the yields low & under control. Harvest is done solely by hand; fermentation originates with the natural grapes' yeasts. The grapes are lightly crushed before pressing & left to settle overnight. Nose of apple, white peach, spring flowers. On the palate deep, full-bodied, crisp w/bright acidity. 12.5%
- (C18) **Domaine Perrault-Jadaud (Loire Valley) Vouvray Les Grives Soules 2017 (Chenin Blanc)** *France*  
2015 in the Loire is a great vintage, displaying lovely ripeness with just that twist of acidity to keep things fresh. The nose shows gorgeous quince, pear and honey aromas with wonderful minerality. The palate brings everything in the nose along with a rich creaminess, and an acidity keeping everything in balance. The finish adds hints of almond. It's just stunning. 13.5%
- (C19) **Prager Federspiel Steinregl 2016 Riesling** *Austria*  
Federspiel signifies a purely Wachau wine, fermented dry naturally between 11.5% and 12.5% alcohol. Steinregl is the name of the vineyard sourced for this wine. Light yellow hue with greenish tones. Aroma is intense with notes of green apple, citrus and stone fruits. Very dry with mouthwatering acidity, medium body & minerality.
- (C20) **Shaya Habis, 2016 Verdelho (Rueda)** *Spain*  
A 100% old vine Verdejo with pungent aromas of fresh herbs, pear skin, lime, lees and spicy oak. Juicy and brisk, with tangy acids giving shape and lift to the oak-accented grapefruit, pear and smoke flavors. Finishes sweet, toasty and long, with a hint of anise. This wine was fermented and aged in 500- and 600-liter French oak casks, all of them new. 13.5%
- (C21) **Domaine Vacheron 2018 Sancerre (Loire Valley) (Sauvignon Blanc)** *France*  
Jean-Dominique Vacheron's white 2017 Sancerre is a vibrant, 100% organic/biodynamic Sauvignon Blanc from a mix of flint and chalk soils in the heart of Sancerre. Aromas suggest grapefruit zest and gunflint; in the mouth the wine is pure and fresh, with plenty of mineral energy and citrus-inspired flavors. This is classic Sancerre—limpid and clean, with lots of freshness and lovely energy. 13.5%

## New World

- (C22) **Mount Eden Vineyards 2013 Santa Cruz Mountains (Chardonnay)** *California*  
Captivating aromas of yeasty baking bread, lime zest, wild sage. Full concentration on the palate without heaviness; the finish echoes the complexity of the aromas with a touch of oak and minerality. 13.8%
- (C23) **Farina Vineyards, Tres Sabores 2015 Sauvignon Blanc** *California*  
Enticing & unusual, grown on a gentle hillside at 600 ft. w/an NE view. The aromatics are delicate, Manzanita-blossom-lovely, while the flavors are melt-in-your-mouth supple w/citrus zest from fermentation.

Reds —\$50 Whites —\$40 Rosé —\$40 Sparkling —\$40

# Rosé

- (C24) **Maison Arretxea Irouleguy Rosé 2016 (80% Tannat, 20% Cabernet Franc)** *France's Basque Country*  
The mineral diversity of the soils in the Basque Irouleguy region lends an intensity to the wines, making them wild, earthy, tannic, rich in spicy aromas. Full southern exposure allows the grapes to achieve ripeness in these cooler climate vineyards. Each terroir is vinified individually through traditional methods to bottle four delicious cuvées. A "winter rosé"—deep in color, generous in fruit, with unusually pronounced tannins. 12%
- (C25) **Pasquale Pellisero Crose 2016 (100% Nebbiolo)** *Italy*  
Crosetto is a hearty rosato made from Nebbiolo, the grape behind Barolo and Barbaresco. It has a bright character with ripe cherry-berry fruit balanced by crisp acidity. While structured, it's also very drinkable. 13.5%
- (C26) **Fattoria Sardi IGT Toscana Rosato 2017** *Italy*  
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# Sparkling

- (C27) **Charles Ellner "Carte Blanche" NV Champagne (30% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Meunier)** *Epernay, France*  
At first austere in structure, with riper acidity. Flavors of black currant, slivered almond, white peach & candied lemon peel, intense and tightly knit, expand on the palate and linger in the vibrant, spiced finish. Fermented in stainless-steel tanks to preserve fresh fruit flavors, then left on their lees for a minimum of 4 yrs. to allow the wines to soften a bit, and fill out, and become beautifully drinkable upon release. 12%
- (C28) **L Mawby, Blanc de Blanc, NV (Chardonnay)** *Suttons Bay, Mich.*  
Larry Mawby is one of the most ambitious wine makers in northern Michigan's Leelanau County. His bottles have silenced naysayers who thought that sparkling wines of such quality could not come from the sandy hills overlooking Lake Michigan. We are impressed. Pale silvery golden with medium bubbles. Fruity baked peach, floral honey, & lemon tart aromas in a soft intro to a tart, but somewhat flat light-to-medium body. Racy kumquat and grapefruit notes and a wet-stone-tinged finish. Nicely structured and seafood-friendly. 11%
- (C29) **Saint-Hilaire Brut 2017, Limoux (Mauzac –locally known as Blanquette,– Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc)** *France*  
Thought to be France's oldest sparkling wine—made since at least 1531 by the Benedictine Monks at the Abbey of Saint-Hilaire at Limoux. This predates Champagne by over 100 years. Aromas of soft green apple, tangerine oil & faint yellow floral notes accented with hints of lavender. Medium carbonation and flavors of pear & apple. A hidden gem. 12%
- Francois Montand Brut NV** *France*  
Appears is pale gold with a hint of green and fine bubbles. Aromas of white flowers and citrus fruit give way to a creamy and smooth palate with flavors of freshly baked bread, golden delicious apples, and Meyer lemons. 11%  
*Split 187 ml — \$8*

*Wine in Cans! 250ml cans — \$6.50 each*

- Scarpetta Frico Lambrusco** *Italy*  
The quintessential sparkling aperitivo of Emilia Romagna is a great pre-dinner start to every occasion. Dark ruby red with small simmering bubbles, with aromas of red currant & strawberries and flavors of plum, raspberry & pomegranate. Vibrant, fresh with a kiss of sweetness and wonderful tart finish. 9.5%
- Scarpetta Frico Frizzante** *Italy*  
This sparkling wine inspired by Prosecco is a blend of Trebbiano, Glera and Chardonnay. With light refreshing bubbles and flavors of crisp green apples and pear. Crisp and clean 10%