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Thanks for checking out the CRU Wines portfolio! Here you will find detailed information about the wonderful growers we are fortunate to work with. We continue to champion the most exciting producers in both the new and old world, and showcase a collection filled with new wave winemakers, as well as established heroes from iconic wine regions. While some are certainly well known and some fly under the radar, all spend most of their time in the vineyard with their hands in the soil. They share the understanding that any wine worth drinking is delivered by nature, so throwing in additives or stripping out naturally occurring flavours should be avoided. Put simply, minimal intervention winemaking.

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CARTER

Margaret River // Western Australia

Sustainable

One family vineyard. Two wines. The Carters first planted a vineyard in Margaret River in 1890 with classic Australian pioneer wine varieties. The vineyard follows the riverbank soils: a red-grey loam over deep ironstone gravel. Ian Carter started expanding the vineyard, without irrigation or grafting, to its current 45 hectares and remains winegrower emeritus. His son David “Davey” Carter manages the entire farm which stretches at its largest point from the high tide mark of the Indian Ocean to the Caribunup river crossing, almost 5 km.

David's twin brother Ryan Carter has been a winemaker for 25 years. He has been fortunate to work in Margaret River, Adelaide Hills, St. Emilion, Tuscany, Piemonte, Napa Valley and England before returning to family winemaking.

The Carter Chardonnay is the *gingin* clone for which Margaret River is famous, confirmed quite recently to be distinct from both the ‘Mendoza’ clone and the ‘Davis Clone 5’. This clone is famous for finesse and clarity of expression, often characterised as assertive and bright.

The Carter family winemaking business has been built for sustainability and minimum intervention. All wines are dry grown, hand picked, wild fermented, barrel matured, and never blended. Carter declines to pursue, or pay for, any external certification.

2018	Chardonnay	12 x 750mL	\$29.98
2018	Cabernet Sauvignon	12 x 750mL	\$29.98

1683 WINES

Margaret River // Western Australia

Sustainable

After earning his master's in winemaking, 1683's founder Gordes Frobenius learnt to farm, pick and vinify pinot noir and chardonnay over numerous vintages with two of Burgundy's best: the venerated Eric Rousseau at Domaine Armand Rousseau, and Jean-François Germain, “the grower's grower”, at Henri Germain.

After seeing what great winemakers could coax out of these grapes in their ancestral home, Gordes was ready to learn what similarly skilled hands could achieve in the Antipodes. This curiosity led to vintages with Timo Mayer in the Yarra Valley, Woodlands in Margaret River, Felton Road in Central Otago and Dirty Three Wines in Gippsland.

While these experiences have proven invaluable, Burgundy remains his north star. Since 2018, Gordes has made wine using the same classical, non-interventionist ethos that unpins the region's very best Grand Crus. He remains in close contact with his French mentors.

The climate in Wilyabrup and Margaret River, while in some ways more advanced and difficult than Burgundy's, is capable of producing wines of equal poise and elegance – with the added benefit of cooling sea breezes that regulate the hotter weather. The wines are on some of Burgundy's top restaurant wine lists already, so it seems like 1683 is off to a good start.

The ‘Loin du Clos’ series are wines crafted with hands off, traditional Burgundian techniques to express their true character and sense of place in Australia. Gordes currently produces just two wines - Cabernet Franc and Malbec. When we first tasted these wines in early 2023 we were quite literally stunned by the quality. These are among the best Cabernet Franc and Malbec produced anywhere in Australia.

2020	Cabernet Franc	12 x 750mL	\$74.82
2020	Malbec	12 x 750mL	\$79.98

-OH WINES

Orange // New South Wales

Sustainable

With altitude extending up to well over 1000 metres above sea level, Orange can be considered, by any measure, a cool climate wine region - despite being just three and a half hours from Sydney. The region centres around the ancient volcano, Mount Canobolas, and as you might expect when ancient volcanic soils and cool temperatures combine with long sunshine hours, some truly delicious wines are made in the area. When the opportunity arose to work with our friends at Australia's first certified carbon neutral winery, we jumped at the chance, bottling two wines in the fine cool climate style that we love.

Chardonnay - Fruit from two exquisite Chardonnay vineyards, one at 960 metres and one at 650 metres. Wild yeast fermented, partially in old French oak, six months on fine lees. The epitome of cool climate Chardonnay. Pristine pure fruit, fine minerality, and elegance.

Shiraz - From a distinguished single vineyard at 650 metres above sea level. Wild yeast fermented, partially in old French oak, eighteen months on lees. Rich in texture, intense and deep in character. Vibrant dark fruit and dense, enveloping tannin.

2017	Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$12.90
2016	Shiraz		12 x 750mL	\$12.90

BROTHERS AT WAR

Eden Valley // South Australia

Sustainable

One of South Australia's rising stars, the buzz around the wines made by brothers Sam and Angus Wardlaw has been building rapidly since the project's inception in 2013 with a single tonne of grapes. This culminated recently with the award for **'Best Grenache of the Year'** and a **99 point review in the 2021 Halliday guide**.

Home territory is Eden Valley's cool climate, organic, Pendee Farm. However, beyond the farm the brothers have access to remarkable plots of old vines in of some of the Barossa's most iconic sites. Everything is about the vines - the brothers love the old, gnarly, water starved plants rooted in place in these legendary vineyards, and even more so the characterful fruit they painstakingly provide each year.

Stylistically the wines are distinctly 'Barossa' in their power but with an elegance and purity that can only be achieved by using the very best old vine Eden Valley fruit, handled without heavy handed extraction techniques or too much wine making.

2023	The Grape Grower Riesling	95 SRWS	6 x 750mL	\$16.64
2022	The Darling Sister Pinot Grigio		6 x 750mL	\$16.64
2021	Our Mum's Love Rosé	95 + Gold BWS	6 x 750mL	\$16.64
2021	Some Other Guy GSM		6 x 750mL	\$16.64
2021	The Old Man Syrah		6 x 750mL	\$16.64
2021	Nothing In Common Eden Valley Riesling	94 JH	6 x 750mL	\$23.87
2021	The Other Half Eden Valley Chardonnay		6 x 750mL	\$23.87
2022	The Peacekeeper Barossa Grenache	97 JH	6 x 750mL	\$23.87
2021	I'm Always Right Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	94 JH	6 x 750mL	\$23.87
2022	Fist Fight Barossa Valley Shiraz	94 JH	6 x 750mL	\$23.87
2021	Single Vineyard Eden Valley Grenache	95 HH	6 x 750mL	\$52.89
2020	Single Vineyard Eden Valley Mataro	96 JH	6 x 750mL	\$52.89
2018	Single Vineyard Eden Valley Syrah	96 JH	6 x 750mL	\$52.89
2020	Single Vineyard Barossa Shiraz	96 JH	6 x 750mL	\$52.89

MAAN WINES

McLaren Vale // South Australia

Sustainable

Cousins Anthony Neilson and Matt Anderson founded MAAN Wines in 2014, after many years of working in every corner of the wine world - as far away as St. Emilion in Bordeaux and the Santa Ynez Valley in California, and closer to home in Adelaide Hills, the Clare Valley and Margaret River. Settling in McLaren Vale, their focus is on producing small batch, handmade wines that showcase the best that the Vale has to offer.

In the vineyard and winery things are kept as simple as possible. All fruit is basket-pressed, an old school method which ensures a soft press and treats the wine with a lot of finesse, then fermented with wild yeast and allowed only a touch of oak to retain freshness and fruit. The Rosé undergoes batonage, delivering mouthfeel and texture. Finally, all wines are bottled without fining or filtration.

2021	Flirty Maan Fiano	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$14.19
2021	Sailor Maan Grenache Rosé		12 x 750mL	\$14.19
2019	Hit Maan Nero D'Avola	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$14.19
2019	Business Maan Shiraz	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$14.19
2017	Handy Maan GSM	<i>"It's gorgeous!" - Mike Bennie</i>	12 x 750mL	\$14.19
2017	Dapper Maan Grenache		12 x 750mL	\$14.19

COULTER WINES

**excludes VIC*

Adelaide Hills // South Australia

Sustainable

"It's fast becoming apparent that Coulter is a special producer." - Campbell Mattinson, Wine Companion

Chris Coulter is the epitome of Australia's modern winemaking renaissance. After gaining a winemaking degree he worked for many years for some of the high volume wine giants of the Australian industry, building technical mastery along the way but always harbouring the desire to make more honest wines. A chance meeting with a mate, who despite having limited access to resources was punching out stunning small batch wine, set the wheels in motion. James Halliday explains, *"Coulter Wines was born in the '15 vintage as a side project, making wines from another universe - nothing other than minimal SO2 is added, movements are by gravity and the wine is unfiltered where practicable."*

Coulter produces minimal intervention, small batch wines that focus on purity and freshness, and to say he takes things seriously would be an understatement. He purchases grapes from a small number of meticulous, trusted cool-site growers, mostly in the Adelaide Hills, with all fruit handpicked and crushed on the same day.

The C1 Chardonnay is produced from a wonderful single vineyard in Echunga. Tight and beautifully focused while rich, weighted and full of flavour. The C3 Pinot Noir is from two cool sites - one in Balhannah and one in Carey Gully - delivering spicy red fruit, sous bois and evident whole bunch. Rounding out the range are the savoury C2 carbonic maceration Sangiovese; the bright, spicy, smokey C5 Barbera; and the very limited C6 Gamay - full of fresh red fruits, crunchy acidity, and gentle grip. Limited time in barrel allows all the wines to retain their bright and vibrant fruitfulness with all wines released within 6 months of production.

2023	Barossa White Field Blend	<i>(single vineyard - Vermentino, Verdicchio, Inzolia)</i>	12 x 750mL	\$18.81
2021	Eden Valley Riesling		12 x 750mL	\$19.85
2022	Adelaide Hills Sangiovese Rosé		12 x 750mL	\$16.77
2022	C1 Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$19.85
2022	C2 Sangiovese		12 x 750mL	\$18.81
2022	C3 Pinot Noir		12 x 750mL	\$19.85
2022	C4 Tempranillo		12 x 750mL	\$18.81
2021	C5 Barbera		12 x 750mL	\$18.81
2022	C6 Gamay		12 x 750mL	\$23.22
2021	Sangiovese Cabernet		12 x 750mL	\$28.38



PATRICK OF COONAWARRA

*excludes VIC

Coonawarra // South Australia

Sustainable

During a decorated career spanning more than three decades, Patrick Tocaciu received international accolades while working as head winemaker for several major labels. His focus then switched to fulfilling a more personal goal with the establishment of the family owned and operated Patrick of Coonawarra in 2004. Patrick's eldest son, Luke, has now taken over the family business and continues to produce highly regarded wines from the famed Terra Rossa soils of Coonawarra.

The guiding principle in both the vineyards and winery is that the most natural path from grape to glass will ultimately provide the best wine, and that the more natural solution to any challenge or issue gives the best chance of being able to produce wines well into the future. All winery waste is composted on site, and wildlife plays a key part in the health of the vineyard: a flock of guinea fowl live amongst the vines all year round cleaning up any bugs and pests, sheep graze through the vineyard, eliminating herbicide and fertiliser use and cleaning up the grass under vine, and bees are kept around the property. Native cover crops are grown to prevent erosion, suppress weeds and provide nutrition, and biological pest management is employed - such as wasps and beneficial bacteria application.

NV	P-Series Sparkling Chardonnay-Pinot Noir	<i>piccolo</i>		24 x 200mL	\$3.42
NV	P-Series Sparkling Chardonnay-Pinot Noir			12 x 750mL	\$11.83
2022	P-Series Sauvignon Blanc		Silver - RWS	12 x 750mL	\$11.83
2021	P-Series Field Blend Rosé		Gold - HWS	12 x 750mL	\$11.83
2017	P-Series Shiraz		Gold - ASWS	12 x 750mL	\$11.83
2020	Two Blocks Riesling			12 x 750mL	\$14.73
2018	Two Blocks Cabernet Sauvignon			12 x 750mL	\$18.81
2021	Methodé Skinny Riesling			6 x 750mL	\$18.81
2021	Methodé Eucalypt Cabernet Sauvignon			6 x 750mL	\$18.81
2021	Methodé Nouveau Cabernet Sauvignon			6 x 750mL	\$18.81
2015	Aged Riesling		96 HH	6 x 750mL	\$23.01
2018	Home Block Cabernet Sauvignon		98 WS	6 x 750mL	\$27.09
2012	Grande Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon		97 JH	6 x 750mL	\$74.82
2016	Joanna Shiraz		96 HH	6 x 750mL	\$27.09

KUSUDA

*excludes VIC

Martinborough // New Zealand
Sustainable

"One of my favourite producers on the planet." Jancis Robinson MW

2021	Riesling	SOLD OUT - ALLOCATION ONLY	6 x 750mL	\$57.98
2020	Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT - ALLOCATION ONLY	6 x 750mL	\$133.12
2019	Syrah	SOLD OUT - ALLOCATION ONLY	6 x 750mL	\$114.46
2020	Riesling Beereauslese	SOLD OUT - ALLOCATION ONLY	6 x 375mL	\$98.28

CLOS HENRI

Marlborough // New Zealand
Organic and biodynamic

The natural, unspoiled land that Clos Henri sits upon drew the attention of the Bourgeois family who have been farming in Sancerre for ten generations. Historically a sheep station, the virgin land was untouched by the cut of a plough, fertilisers or much human interference. It was this pristine healthy soil that convinced Jean-Marie Bourgeois and his family that this vineyard could be unequalled in the area. Planting only six hectares a year, the Clos Henri property took 12 years to fully transform from farm to vineyard.

The site is unique in that it consists of several soil types – gravels and clays as well as sloping land and hillsides. The gravel is found in Renwick and provides wines with elegance and crispness. A greyish-brown clay with ochre tints (indicating a high iron content) particularly suited to Pinot Noir is found in Broadbridge. The final soil in Clos Henri, a kind of yellow-grey clay, is to be found on the very steep slopes of Wither where the vines enjoy excellent exposure to the sun. All these soils have only been used for pasture and never exposed to insecticides, herbicides or any other form of chemical treatments.

2021	Petit Clos Sauvignon Blanc	SOLD OUT	12 x 750mL	\$29.67
2021	Sauvignon Blanc		12 x 750mL	\$42.14
2020	Petit Clos Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT	12 x 750mL	\$33.63
2018	Pinot Noir		12 x 750mL	\$49.02

BLACK ESTATE

*excludes VIC

North Canterbury // New Zealand
Organic and biodynamic

New Zealand Winemaker of the Year 2022 - GT Wine Magazine

New Zealand Organic Wine Awards: Winery of the Year 2017 *"Each wine they produce adds complexity and depth beyond what you expect, when you think you have a complete understanding of the wine another layer unfolds and adds to the intrigue. Black Estate achieved more Gold and Silver medals than any other vineyard partaking in the 2017 awards."*

Black Estate have certainly established themselves as one of the stars of North Canterbury recently. This comes as no surprise to those of us who have witnessed the team quietly working over the past few years to develop their three vineyards into some of the most delightful in New Zealand. Absolute passion for their land and dedication to their vines is behind every action taken by Nicholas, Penelope and the team. We're impressed more and more by every release, and are very happy to be able to offer these wines to the Australian market.

2022	Home Young Vines Chardonnay	93 CD	12 X 750mL	\$43.46
2021	Home Chardonnay	95 BH	12 X 750mL	\$67.68
2021	Home Chenin Blanc	93 TC	12 X 750mL	\$50.19
2021	Home Cabernet Franc	95 CD	12 X 750mL	\$50.19
2022	Wildlife 'TB943' Pinot Noir		12 X 750mL	\$43.46
2021	Home Pinot Noir	94 CD	12 X 750mL	\$43.46
2021	Damsteep Pinot Noir		12 X 750mL	\$50.19
2020	Netherwood Pinot Noir		12 X 750mL	\$54.98

MARTIN MUTHENTHALER

Wachau // Austria

Organic

Martin Muthenthaler was a truck driver for Domaine Wachau for 20 years before he started making wine of his own in the Spitzer Graben valley in Austria's famous Wachau region. Since 2006 he has been making Grüner Veltliner and Riesling of outstanding balance and expression from 3 hectares of organic vineyard planted on poor rocky soils at high altitudes.

The Spitzer Graben is the coolest part of the Wachau valley, and temperatures are very cool even in the summer, which preserves the freshness and acidity of these classic white varieties while also resulting in significantly lower alcohol levels than other growers in the region - most Muthenthaler wines are at around 12%. All fruit is hand harvested by Martin, and fermented spontaneously with ambient yeast.

2019	Spitzer Graben Gruner Veltliner	92 WA	12 X 750mL	\$45.33
2017	Vergelt's Gott Gruner Veltliner	94 WA	6 X 750mL	\$61.38
2017	Veisslinger Stern Gruner Veltliner	93+ WA	6 X 750mL	\$72.99
2018	Ried Schon Gruner Veltliner	96 WA	6 X 750mL	\$92.31
2017	Ried Schon Gruner Veltliner	92+ WA	6 X 750mL	\$65.56
2016	Ried Schon Gruner Veltliner		6 X 750mL	\$65.56
2018	Ried Bruck Riesling	92 WA	6 X 750mL	\$65.56
2016	Ried Bruck Riesling		6 X 750mL	\$65.56
2019	Veisslinger Stern Riesling	95+ WA	6 X 750mL	\$126.07
2017	Veisslinger Stern Riesling	95 WA	6 X 750mL	\$72.99

MICHEL GONET

Avize // Champagne // France

Organic

Dating back to 1802, the Gonet family have been producing wine in Avize, in the heart of the Côte des Blancs, for over two centuries. Gonet's vineyards span 40 hectares and contain some of the most coveted parcels in the entire region. The Grand Crus derive from the village of Mesnil-sur-Oger, a terroir famous for bringing tension, minerality and incomparable length to the Chardonnay. The family's blends are bolstered with Chardonnay from Vindey, bringing freshness, and Montgueux, which adds body to the wines. Pinot Noir used for making a delightful Blanc de Noirs and Rose comes from a family plot nestled on the cool slopes of Fravaux in the Côte des Bar.

These elegant grower Champagnes are made with a most contentious intent and touch in both the vineyard and the winery. Fresh and vibrant upon release, the wines relax over time into complex, irresistible Champagnes; sublime expressions of the best of the region.

NV	Blanc de Noirs 6g		6 x 750mL	\$63.03
<i>Pinot Noir 100% / Time on lees: 2 years / Disgorged: May 2021 / Dosage: Brut 6g/L</i>				
NV	Blanc de Noirs Fravaux		6 x 750mL	\$74.06
<i>Single vineyard: Le Varlan Pinot Noir 100% / Time on lees: 2 years / Disgorged: February 2023 / Dosage: Extra-brut 4g/L</i>				
NV	Blanc de Blancs Vindey Montgueux		6 x 750mL	\$78.60
<i>Chardonnay 100% / Time on lees: 2 years / Disgorged: February 2023 / Dosage: Extra-brut 2g/L</i>				
2018	Blanc de Blancs Les 3 Terroirs		6 X 750mL	\$83.14
<i>Chardonnay 100% / Time on lees: 5 years / Disgorged: April 2023 / Dosage: Extra-brut 4g/L</i>				
2015	Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Mesnil sur Oger		6 X 750mL	\$99.05
<i>Single vineyard: Les Hautes Mottes Chardonnay 100% / Time on lees: 7 years / Disgorged: April 2023 / Dosage: Zero-dosage 0g/L</i>				
1996	Ratafia de Champagne		6 X 700mL	\$85.41
<i>Single vineyard: Fravaux 'Le Varlan', Pinot Noir 100%</i>				

DOMAINE DE L'ECU

Muscadet // Loire Valley // France

Organic and biodynamic

"If Burgundy's Domaine Leroy made Muscadet, it would be Domaine de l'Ecu." - Matt Kramer, Wine Spectator - Wines of the Year

The vineyards of Domaine de l'Ecu have been certified organic for over 40 years and certified biodynamic for over 20 years. An unshakeable belief in the unique terroirs of Muscadet have inspired vinification and bottling based on soil type, as opposed to appellation blends, resulting in the famed terroir wines from the subsoils of Gneiss, Orthogneiss and Granite. The wines are aged sur-lie for 15-18 months, resulting in a texture and layered complexity that have come to define the unique style of Domaine de l'Ecu Muscadets, and set them apart from other wines in the appellation.

2019	Classic Sèvre et Maine	SOLD OUT	6 x 750mL	\$24.21
2020	Granite Muscadet Sèvre et Maine	SOLD OUT	6 x 750mL	\$36.49
2018	Matris Chenin Blanc	amphora, zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$67.79
2019	Muse Rosé de Cabernet	zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$19.35
2020	Nobis Syrah	zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$24.21
2018	Virtus Cabernet Sauvignon	zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$39.11
2018	Ange Pinot Noir	amphora, zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$67.79
2017	Nexus Pinot Noir	amphora, zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$49.17
2017	Germinus Malbec	amphora, zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$49.17
2016	Mephisto Cabernet Franc	amphora, zero sulphur	6 x 750mL	\$56.62

HENRI BOURGEOIS

Sancerre // Loire Valley // France

Sustainable

The Bourgeois family have been wine-makers in Sancerre for ten generations. Jancis Robinson MW in the Oxford Wine Companion describes Henri Bourgeois as "*meticulous growers, producing the best of Sancerre*". Andrew Jefford describes Henri Bourgeois as a "*high quality Sancerre house that is run with deafening energy*" in his book, The New France.

Put simply, Henri Bourgeois is consistently one of the best growers in Sancerre; they make beautiful wines that are highly awarded. The wittily titled Petit Bourgeois misses appellation status by a gnat's whisker. This belt-tightening faux-Sancerre has undeniable typicity. La Vigne Blanche comes from vines grown on slopes separating the village of Chavignol from Sancerre, the terroir being an amalgam of clay and limestone chalk. Oak aged in barrel for five months on the fine lees, La Vigne Blanche is vinous with herbaceous notes of elderflower and ivy as well as a hint of kiwi fruit.

2018	Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc		6 x 750mL	\$19.35
2019	La Vigne Blanche Sancerre	92 WD	6 x 750mL	\$40.23
2014	Jadis Sancerre	96 WD	6 x 750mL	\$80.87

JÉRÉMY VENON

Chablis // Burgundy // France

Organic

Five minutes drive from the Grand Cru slope of Chablis itself, along the road to Tonnerre, you find the peaceful village of Fleys - home of the Chablis Premier Cru vineyard, Fourneaux. Jérémy Venon has lived in Fleys his entire life, on virtually the same street, immersed in the seasonal ebb and flow of the surrounding Chardonnay vines - some of the finest in the world.

In 2013 an opportunity arose to purchase a tiny 0.5 acre parcel on the hill of Fourneaux, and a life long dream became reality. He has added two more tiny parcels of vine since his first lucky purchase, one next to Vaucoupin and one in Tonnerre. This is absolutely classic Chablis, displaying powerful intensity, dense minerality and superb length from this self-taught winemaker.

2021	L'Expression Chablis		12 x 750mL	\$41.72
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LES HÉRITIERS SAINT-GENYS

Chassagne-Montrachet // Burgundy // France

Organic

Stuart Pigott - *“Les Héritiers Saint-Genys, based in Chassagne-Montrachet but with vineyards scattered in locations as widely separated as Puligny-Montrachet, Santenay, Mercurey and Morgon in Beaujolais. **They make stunningly complex and individual wines from all these locations.**”*

Burgundy is renowned for being a jigsaw of small plots, fitting side by side across the rolling côtes and crus, each with many different owners - the result of Napoleonic inheritance laws that divide estates equally between heirs. While some heirs want to make wine, others prefer to live their lives elsewhere, *meaning that their plots go untended.*

Enter Patrice du Jeu, a Parisian restaurateur with the determination and energy to seek out and revive such plots. With his infectious enthusiasm inspiring other members of his family and some of his friends along for the ride, he managed to buy several of these neglected parcels of vines in truly excellent terroirs of the Côte de Beaune, including Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet and a walled monopole of 70 year old vines in Mercurey called Clos Marcilly - the only monopole in Mercurey, in fact.

With the winery established in Chassagne-Montrachet in 2011, vines across this 13-hectare estate are grown sustainably and without the use of herbicides. Harvest is done by hand, directly into small drilled boxes, avoiding any maceration of grapes before winemaking and limiting the amount of handling and crushing. The resulting wines are beautifully pure, technically highly competent, and place Les Héritiers St-Genys among the most exciting new domaines of Burgundy today.

Beaujolais

2020 Morgon En Ruyère	98 JS	12 x 750mL	\$65.20
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Burgundy

2020 Mercurey 1er Cru Clos Marcilly 'Cuveé Clovis' <i>monopole - rouge</i>	96 JS	12 x 750mL	\$132.21
2020 Mercurey 1er Cru Clos Marcilly 'Cuveé Hermine' <i>monopole - blanc</i>	96 JS	12 x 750mL	\$137.89
2020 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint-Jean	97 JS	12 x 750mL	\$295.08
2020 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts	97 JS	12 x 750mL	\$353.46

2020 Morgon En Ruyère

98 pts, James Suckling - *“Deep and mysterious, with aromas right across the dark side of the spectrum, from violets to forest berries via savoury notes, **this remarkable Morgon has the concentration, power and finesse of a top Grand Cru from the Cote de Nuits!** An almost perfect marriage of fine tannins and richness right through the staggering finish. Enormous ageing potential. Sustainable. Drink or hold.”*

2020 Mercurey 1er Cru Clos Marcilly 'Cuveé Clovis'

96 pts, James Suckling - *“When everything is right, and here it is, then Mercury can smell and taste **like Grand Cru red Burgundy** from further north. Enormous concentration and very fine tannins interlocked with dark minerality, the finish very energetic with so much drive. From vines planted in 1947 and 1956, sustainably grown with no use of herbicides. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.”*

2020 Mercurey 1er Cru Clos Marcilly 'Cuveé Hermine'

96 pts, James Suckling - *“This has the expansiveness and great depth that we expect from Grand Cru wines from the Cote d'Or! **Stunning concentration and structure**, but not a jot too rich or heavy. **So much chalky minerality at the very long, crescendo finish.** Just a hint of tannin there makes me think this needs a bit more time in bottle. From grapes that were sustainably grown, with no use of herbicides. Drinkable now, but best from 2024.”*

2020 Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Clos Saint-Jean

97 pts, James Suckling - *“Wonderful bouquet of bergamot and apricot, with delicate notes of basil and vanilla. Beautifully ripe, but so graceful as it moves over the palate like a prima ballerina. The chalky minerality builds steadily, a note of ripe mandarin orange opening up, before a wild-herb flavour comes through right at the end. Drink or hold.”*

2020 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Referts

97 pts, James Suckling - *“What a breathtaking nose of apricot, orange blossom and bergamot this Puligny-Montrachet has! Super silky on the rich palate, which is neither creamy, chalky nor acidic, but has exactly the right amount of all of these elements, beautifully woven together to create an extremely sensual whole. From grapes that were sustainably grown, with no use of herbicides. Drink or hold.”*

LAURENT CHARDIGNY

Burgundy // France

Sustainable

After a string of very good vintages, culminating in the exceptional 2020, in 2021 the Burgundy region was delivered the inevitable reminder that weather, pests or disease are only ever one season away from wreaking havoc. It was a particularly difficult growing season, with severe frosts meaning minuscule yields. Experienced growers and winemakers really proved their value and the results are actually very good, however volumes are down as much as 90% in some appellations. In such a vintage, good value Burgundy - that most elusive of all wine treasures - becomes an even greater prize.

Sitting at an altitude of 400m on limestone and clay soils, on east to south facing slopes overlooking the village of Azê in the heart of the Maconnais, Domaine de Rochebin was established in 1921 by the Marillier family. Today, Mickaël Marillier runs the estate, with winemaker Laurent Chardigny guiding all viticulture and winemaking. Laurent joined the estate in 2008, and immediately began implementing sustainability practices across all areas of the estate and winery. Under his own label, fruit from the Rochebin vineyard is treated with the lightest of touches, and, unlike the Rochebin wines, does not meet with any oak during the winemaking process. The resulting wines are very fresh, elegant, pure expressions of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Gamay.

Domaine de Rochebin, and particularly Laurent Chardigny's own label, unquestionably deliver some of the best value wines to be found anywhere in the region.

2020	Bourgogne Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$22.36
2021	Bourgogne Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$25.40
2021	Bourgogne Pinot Noir		12 x 750mL	\$25.40
2020	Bourgogne Mâcon-Azé Gamay		12 x 750mL	\$24.64

FLORIAN MATHIEU

Provence // France

Sustainable

Native son of Provence, Florian Mathieu produces two beautiful rosé that present the best of the region. 'Esprit Azur' is drawn from the Coteaux d'Aix, and 'Pur Azur' from the heart of the Provence region. His vines are situated on a clay and calcareous ground with a lot of rocks (calcite, quartz and sandstone), and grapes are picked by hand at perfect maturity and ripeness. This year sees the addition of a third bottling, Le Chant de Naiades, capturing the elegance and savoury texture of Provence while offering superb value.

2020	Le Chant de Naiades Rosé, IGP Alpes de Haute Provence		12 x 750mL	\$17.42
2019	Esprit Azur Rosé, IGP Méditerranée	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$15.48
2019	Pur Azur Rosé, IGP Côtes de Provence	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$25.80
2018	Heritage Cotes-du-Rhone		12 x 750mL	\$15.48

PIERRE-HENRI MOREL

Southern Rhone // France

Sustainable

Pierre-Henri Morel was created in 2008 when Pierre-Henri Morel and Michel Chapoutier purchased twenty acres of vineyards aged around 50 years old in Châteauneuf-du-Pape located in the Pignan, Bois Dauphin and Barbe d'Asne lieux-dits. Pierre-Henri is wholly responsible for the style of the wines.

The old Pignan and Bois-Dauphin vineyards, planted mostly with Grenache and Syrah are farmed without chemicals and form the centre-piece of this range of wines, supplemented with the Gigondas and Côtes du Rhône Villages wines from fruit that Pierre-Henri finds especially appealing.

2021	Cotes-du-Rhone		12 x 750mL	\$24.71
2021	Gigondas		12 x 750mL	\$59.18
2021	Chateauneuf-du-Pape		12 x 750mL	\$85.84

CHATEAU PICORON

Bordeaux // France

Organic

Challenging winemaking convention. Everything about this estate is unexpected in the context of Bordeaux. Viticulture is organic and biodynamic. Sulphur is either not used at all, or used with the lightest touch. Oak is barely appreciable, and the presentation is distinctly avant-garde rather than traditional. Winemaker Camille Lanyou vinifies plot by plot, without blending, to produce only a few hundred cases a year. This reads almost like a manifesto against Bordeaux rather than the introduction to one of its most exciting new labels, and yet Picoron is just that.

The wines themselves are a joy to taste, with vibrant acidity - silky, clean and direct - and probably the most drinkable Bordeaux that we've ever tasted at a young age. Chateau Picoron is a single 4.3ha estate on the famous clay limestone St Emillion ridge. Just one grape is planted - Merlot - and six different single plot expressions are bottled with the goal of creating a new conversation about Bordeaux, shaking the conformity and rigidity of the region.

2020	No Lemon, No Melon White Merlot	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	12 x 750mL	\$28.15
2020	Madam I'm Adam Merlot Rosé		12 x 750mL	\$25.54
2020	Tattarrattat Merlot	<i>carbonic maceration, zero sulphur</i>	12 x 750mL	\$28.15
2019	Mon Nom Merlot		12 x 750mL	\$28.66
2017	Petit Picoron		12 x 750mL	\$28.66
2015	Chateau Picoron		12 x 750mL	\$40.75

JOSEF LEITZ

Rheingau // Germany

Sustainable

Under the direction of Johannes Leitz, Weingut Josef Leitz has earned the reputation of being one of Rheingau's top growers and moreover, one of the finest producers in Germany. Since taking over his family estate in 1985, Johannes has grown his holdings from 2.6 hectares to over 40, most of which are Grand Cru sites on the slopes of the Rudesheimer Berg. Once the home of some of the world's most sought after and expensive wines, the region fell to mediocrity in the years following the Second World War. Josi has made it his life's work to reclaim the intrinsic quality of his native terroir and introduce the world to the true potential of the Rheingau. In 2011 Johannes was recognised by the esteemed Gault Millau as 'Winemaker of the Year.' We could not be more excited to be a small part of the Leitz project. We believe that these are some of the finest white wines in the world.

2021	Eins-Zwei-Dry Organic Riesling	90 JS	6 x 750mL	\$24.58
2021	Magic Mountain Riesling	94 JS	6 x 750mL	\$39.48
2020	Kaisersteinfels Grosses Gewächs Riesling	98 JS	6 x 750mL	\$90.41
2020	Schlossberg Grosses Gewächs Riesling	97 JS	6 x 750mL	\$90.41
2020	Roseneck Grosses Gewächs Riesling	95 JS	6 x 750mL	\$94.55

DANIEL TWARDOWSKI

Mosel Valley // Germany

Sustainable

Making Riesling on the Mosel is something most people do; of course, the region is famous for that. But Daniel Twardowski had something else in mind. Why, he asked himself, couldn't Pinot Noir grapes also thrive on the banks of the Mosel? *"The name of Daniel Twardowski from the north of Germany, who is also based in Dhron, is another worth adding to the list of up-and-coming producers. He makes only spätburgunder - pinot noir in German - from the 3.3 hectares which he started planting himself back in 2006. His sole wine named Pinot Noix has a uniquely aromatic, powerful yet crisp style. The extraordinary 2015 of this Pinot Noix was rated 96 points, placing Twardowski in the first league of German pinot producers. The Mosel is changing fast!"* - James Suckling

NV	Pinot Noix Ultra Brut (Sparkling)		6 X 750mL	\$81.20
2019	Pinot Noix	93 JS	6 X 750mL	\$81.20
2019	Pinot Noix Ardoise	96 JS	6 X 750mL	\$155.70

JULIAN HAART

Mosel Valley // Germany

Sustainable

So much praise has been heaped upon the young Julian Haart in recent vintages that it's hard to decide which sound-bites to pick out. In 2017, along with a slew of 100 point reviews for his three Auslese, Julian was awarded the highest rated Kabinett of the vintage by John Gilman. This was repeated in 2018 when Jean Fisch and David Rayer of Mosel Fine Wines stated that Julian's Ohligsberg Alte Reben "*is one of the finest Kabinett we have ever tasted*" and named his Goldtröpfchen Spatlese as the single best Spatlese of the vintage. With last year's 2019 release, his Ohligsberg Kabinett Alte Reben received the highest score for any Kabinett from the vintage from Stuart Pigott. Finally, just a few weeks ago, Julian's 2020 Ohligsberg Kabinett Alte Reben was awarded the first ever 100 point score for a Kabinett from any publication that we are aware of. These consistently thrilling wines are quite remarkable when you consider the estate was only established in 2010!

2021	Haart Riesling (Dry)		92 JS	12 X 750mL	\$30.92
2021	Piesporter Riesling QBA	SOLD OUT	95 JS	12 X 750mL	\$71.74
2021	Goldtröpfchen Riesling Grand Cru Dry	SOLD OUT	97 JS	12 X 750mL	\$131.88
2021	Ohligsberg Riesling Grand Cru Dry	SOLD OUT	98 JS	12 X 750mL	\$131.88
2021	Riesling Kabinett Old Vines			12 X 750mL	\$37.25
2021	Goldtröpfchen Riesling Kabinett		94 JS	12 X 750mL	\$71.74
2021	Riesling Kabinett 'Grosse Lagen' Mixed Case	SOLD OUT	100 JS	6 X 750mL	\$1,168.63

RUDOLF FÜRST

Franken // Germany

Sustainable

Arguably the grower of the finest Riesling in Franken, and the greatest producer of Spätburgunder in Germany, the wines of Rudolf Fürst have received critical acclaim both domestically and internationally. They are at the forefront of pushing the quality and reputation of Pinot Noir from Germany and proving that it can be considered among the best in the world. Located in the Franken, focusing on vineyards in Centgrafenberg. The wines show texture, body, fruit and structure that strongly reflect a Burgundian influence.

2015	Pur Mineral Riesling	SOLD OUT	16.5 JR	12 X 750mL	\$35.39
2015	Centgrafenberg Riesling Grosses Gewachs		18.5 JR	12 X 750mL	\$90.15
2014	Centgrafenberg Riesling Grosses Gewachs		18 JR	12 X 750mL	\$90.15
2015	Tradition Spatburgunder	SOLD OUT		12 X 750mL	\$39.99
2014	Tradition Spatburgunder	SOLD OUT		12 X 750mL	\$39.99
2014	Centgrafenberg Spatburgunder Grosses Gewachs	SOLD OUT	18.5 JR	12 X 750mL	\$134.85
2014	Schlossberg Spatburgunder Grosses Gewachs	SOLD OUT	18 JR	12 X 750mL	\$172.10
2013	Hundsruck Spatburgunder Grosses Gewachs	SOLD OUT	18.5 JR	12 X 750mL	\$235.41

KIRÁLYUDVAR

Tokaj // Hungary

Biodynamic

Hungary's Tokaj had been a prestigious wine region for hundreds of years, but fell into neglect during the 20th century. After the fall of communism, numerous groups invested in rehabilitating this nearly forgotten region. The most sagacious of these investors was Tony Hwang. In 1997, he partnered with the region's most eminent winemaker, István Szepsy, and, together, they rebuilt the historic Királyudvar estate into possibly Tokaj's finest modern practitioner.

2013	Furmint Sec Tokaji	SOLD OUT		12 X 750mL	\$34.27
2008	Cuvee Ilona Tokaji	SOLD OUT		6 X 500mL	\$83.18
2005	Aszu 6 Puttonyos Lapis Tokaji	SOLD OUT		6 X 500mL	\$138.57

CA' DEL BAIO

Piedmont // Italy

Sustainable

Recognising the founder of Ca' del Baio winery as 'Viticoltore dell'anno' - Winemaker of the Year - Italy's famed Gambero Rosso had this to say: *"Giulio Grasso – founder of Ca' del Baio winery – is an authentic grape-grower, a man who lives the rhythms of nature and countryside practically in symbiosis with his vineyards. Although his productions ranges from red white wines to red of the territory, it his nevertheless his Barbaresco wines from the Pora, Asili and Vallegrande crus that most deeply represent him, and above all, his ties to his land. He is transmitting these values to his daughters Paola, Valentina and Federica, who work with him in the winery."* (March, 2016).

The modern, 25 hectare estate is producing some very fine Barbaresco and a range of other wines that leave the competition struggling to catch up. The entire range has a sense of verve, freshness, and vitality that can't fail to impress the taster.

2022	Moscato d'Asti 101			12 X 750mL	\$25.34
2021	Dolcetto d'Alba Lodoli			12 X 750mL	\$25.34
2020	Barbera d'Alba Paolina			12 X 750mL	\$25.34
2021	Nebbiolo			12 X 750mL	\$27.83
2021	Nebbiolo Langhe Bric Del Baio			12 X 750mL	\$38.16
2020	Barbaresco Autinbej	94 JS		6 X 750mL	\$55.88
2020	Barbaresco Vallegrande	94 JS		6 X 750mL	\$72.69
2020	Barbaresco Asili	94 JS		6 X 750mL	\$81.78
2018	Barbaresco Vallegrande Riserva	95 JS		6 X 750mL	\$185.36
2018	Barbaresco Asili Riserva	95 JS		6 X 750mL	\$204.44

DAL FORNO ROMANO

Veneto // Italy

Sustainable

"You'll be taken aback by the fine-milled elegance of this wine, by its disposition and organisation, by its fleet-footed elegance and freshness, even though its concentration, power and textural presence make it a wine of absolute authority. There isn't a trace of superfluous fat in the mid-palate – though it's tongue-coating, head-turning, inspiring: a gathering of sumptuous fruited energies."

Andrew Jefford, Decanter Magazine

Both Dal Forno's wines are made in tiny quantities – it takes seven vines to produce a bottle of Valpolicella, and an almighty ten vines to make a single, very special bottle of Amarone. Dal Forno's rigorous selection and draconian standards make these incredibly concentrated, full wines very hard to come by; his 8ha estate in Illasi can produce 1,500 cases at most, although in most years far fewer are actually released.

2017	Valpolicella Superiore	SOLD OUT	95 JS	6 X 750mL	\$248.97
2017	Amarone della Valpolicella	SOLD OUT	98 JS	6 X 750mL	\$807.78
2004	Vigna Sere Recioto	SOLD OUT	99 WA	6 X 375mL	\$326.20
2008	Amarone della Valpolicella	SOLD OUT	98 AG	3 X 750mL	\$894.47
2012	Amarone Magnum	SOLD OUT	99 AG	3 X 1500mL	\$1,825.47
2013	Valpolicella Superiore Magnum	SOLD OUT	94 AG	3 X 1500mL	\$553.36

CA' DEL SOLE

Prosecco // Italy

Sustainable

Located in the heart of the Prosecco region between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, Ca' del Sole is a great representative of the grape and terroir of Prosecco. The meticulous attention to the smallest details and the unrelenting efforts at every stage of the winemaking process make Ca' del Sole wines rich in fragrance and nuance.

2021	Prosecco Treviso			6 x 750mL	\$18.25
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MATTEO BRAIDOT

Friuli // Italy

Sustainable

Established in 1870, for six generations the Braidot family has slowly developed and evolved their family operation in the hills of Friuli, North East Italy. The cooler climate of this region is perfectly suited to producing fine whites and their Pinot Grigio is a perfect example of why the elegant whites from this region are so popular around the world. Medium full in body, as is the hallmark of quality Grigio from this region, structured, savoury and with moreish persistence.

2021	Pinot Grigio		12 x 750mL	\$17.51
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EDI KANTE

Friuli // Italy

Natural

In a near-perfect combination of climate and terrain, Edi Kante produces wines that are poised, solid, fresh, and brimming with the character of both the chosen grape and the stark limestone soil of Carso.

Kante's Selezione wines are released in small quantities from select vintages chosen in the cellar and aged extensively in bottle before release, and notoriously evolve beautifully for decades.

2012	Sauvignon Blanc		6 x 750mL	\$49.92
2006	Selezione Vitovska		6 x 750mL	\$84.56
MV	Opera Viva		6 x 750mL	\$84.56

SKERK

Friuli // Italy

Natural

Skerk's production is very small, totally natural and involves skin contact with indigenous white varieties. Sandi Skerk produces some of the Carso region's best; delicious textural wines with great personality, plenty of depth and friendly richness which makes them more approachable than some of the wines of his contemporaries.

Sandi is one of the great winemakers making natural wine elegantly; his wines show impressive clarity, balance, and depth on the palate.

2015	Malvasia	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	6 x 750mL	\$49.17
2015	Vitovska		6 x 750mL	\$49.17
2015	Ograde	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	6 x 750mL	\$49.17
2015	Terrano		6 x 750mL	\$49.17

MONTENIDOLI

Tuscany // Italy

Natural

Montenidoli is on the 'hill of the little nests'; higher up the slopes are the Triassic terrains, the oldest in Tuscany, rich with minerals for red wines. Elisabetta Fagioli and her family arrived in 1965 and have worked tirelessly to capture the wonderful potential of the terroir.

Montenidoli's vineyards are organically grown. For fifty years no herbicide, insecticides or any other chemicals have been used. Sunlight and clean air are perceived to be the best medicine to make the vines healthy, strong, and resistant to disease and bad weather. This is Chianti made in the ancient traditional way, by including a small portion of white grapes (Malvasia) in the crush.

2018	Chianti Colli Senesi Il Garrulo		6 x 750mL	\$34.27
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IL PARADISO DI MANFREDI

Tuscany // Italy

Natural

Il Paradiso di Manfredi today is one of the best expressions of traditional Brunello di Montalcino. Viticulture and vineyard rhythm is effectively biodynamic. Pesticides and weedkillers are eschewed, the waxing and waning of the moon determines activity in the vineyard and the winery. They hand-pick the grapes (yields are around 42hl/ha), the wild ferment takes place in concrete vats (no temperature control) after which the wine spends between 36 and 60 months in big casks of Slavonian oak (25/30 hl).

The wines are everything you hope for in great Sangiovese, displaying wild cherry fruit along with notes of herbs, leather, liquorice, pepper and spice and nascent prune, tar and tobacco aromas. All this is achieved in a distinctly traditional medium-bodied style without any excessive extraction.

2015	Rosso Di Montalcino		6 x 750mL	\$71.52
2014	Rosso Di Montalcino		6 x 750mL	\$71.52
2011	Trentennale Brunello Di Montalcino		6 x 750mL	\$153.46
2009	Brunello Di Montalcino		6 x 750mL	\$153.46

TIBERIO

Abruzzo // Italy

Organic

*"In a region that is often backward, still enamoured with the overuse of wood, pushing ripeness levels of their Pecorino into the tropical zone, and releasing more substandard Trebbiano, **Tiberio is like a beacon**. They are easily one of the **top three producers** in the region."* Ian D'Agata, Vinous

Prior to taking over the family estate, Cristiana Tiberio had an impressive array of winemaking experience, including Jacques Selosse in Champagne, Nicolas Joly at Coulee de Serrant, Egon Muller in the Mosel, and various producers in Chablis. You can assume from her resume that structure and minerality are key to her style.

2022	Trebbiano d'Abruzzo		93 AG	6 x 750mL	\$39.98
2022	Pecorino		94 AG	6 x 750mL	\$53.61
2022	Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo		95 AG	6 x 750mL	\$39.98
2021	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo		93 AG	6 x 750mL	\$39.98
2020	Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Fonte Canale	SOLD OUT	96 AG	6 x 750mL	\$167.19
2019	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Archivio'		95 AG	6 x 750mL	\$108.13
2019	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Colle Vota'		96 AG	6 x 750mL	\$167.19

APHROS

Vinho Verde // Portugal

Biodynamic

Starting in 2003, Vasco Croft set out to revive his family's semi-abandoned property in Casal do Paço, in the Vinho Verde region. A firm believer in Biodynamics (Vasco led the Waldorf movement in Portugal in his previous life as an architect), he immediately began converting the estate after he arrived, and the ecosystem is now thriving, with wild horses, sheep, and bees (the vineyard manager, Alberto Araújo, tends to the beehives). Grapes are harvested by hand, and crushed by foot. The amphorae are lined with beeswax, and a small amount of olive oil is used as a cap to prevent any voile from forming. There is no temperature control during fermentation or ageing, and wines are bottled by hand.

2016	Phaunus Loureiro amphora/pet nat			6 x 750mL	\$34.27
2016	Phaunus Loureiro-Vinhao amphora/range			6 x 750mL	\$34.27
2011	Daphne Loureiro			6 x 750mL	\$34.27
2012	Vinhao			6 x 750mL	\$22.91
2010	Silenus Vinhao			6 x 750mL	\$49.17

VENTA LA VEGA

Almansa // Spain

Organic

"Is this the world's best winemaker?" Decanter Magazine highlighting Raúl Pérez, 2019

Raúl Pérez is unquestionably one of the most exciting winemakers in Spain. The tiny amounts of wine he produces under his own name that make it to Australia arrive and disappear very quickly each year. While at home in the Bierzo region of Galicia working principally with Mencía, Raúl is also known for the many projects he is involved in further afield that explore different terroirs and grape varieties. These are almost always micro in scale and just as hard to come by as his 'own' wines - normally with prices to match! There is one exception: Venta La Vega - an organic, very high-altitude Garnacha Tintorera vineyard in Almansa. Raúl guides the project as oenologist, with none other than José Ángel Martínez from Envínate in place as winemaker. With two of the leading figures in the radical new winemaking movement in Spain at the helm, expectations should be very high!

The 225 hectares of organic vineyards located at the foothills of the legendary limestone mountains of Almansa known as El Mugrón are the largest single planting of the Garnacha Tintorera variety in Europe. This privileged location has abundant water and excellent soil. An altitude of up to 1200 metres encourages the creation of a distinct, dry natural micro-climate that enables the land to be farmed without using any chemical treatments or additives. The Almansa region itself lies about 100 kilometers inland from Valencia and Alicante. Its extreme continental climate of cold winters and hot summers, combined with the well drained, stony and nutrient-poor soils that are ideal for vines, are perfect for the cultivation of intensely bright and lifted reds.

2022	Adaras Lluvia Verdejo-Sauvignon		6 x 750mL	\$17.60
2021	Adaras Aldea Garnacha Tintorera-Syrah		6 x 750mL	\$17.60
2019	Adaras Calizo Garnacha Tintorera	92 JS	6 x 750mL	\$20.86
2019	Adaras Huelva Garnacha Tintorera-Monastrell		6 x 750mL	\$24.99
2016	Ternario 1 Garnacha Tintorera		6 x 750mL	\$27.94
2016	Ternario 2 Garnacha Tintorera		6 x 750mL	\$33.34

FAMILIA NIN-ORTIZ

Priorat // Spain

Biodynamic

"Among the best in Priorat." Wine Advocate

Ester Nin and Carles Ortiz met in 2007 at a biodynamic seminar in Catalonia. Carles was an organic grape grower in Priorat seeking to better understand his vineyard, while Ester was winemaker at Daphne Glorian's Clos Erasmus in Gratallops, already following biodynamic principles and beginning to work her own vineyard. This first encounter eventually led them to bring together their vineyards, efforts and lives. Now they are family with two children and a small company called Familia Nin Ortiz, that manages 13 hectares of vines. The ground floor of their home is packed with wooden vats, amphorae and barrels. There isn't a great deal of separation between their work and private life!

Familia Nin Ortiz is one of the few Spanish producers who are members of La Renaissance des Appellations, the biodynamic association led by Nicolas Joly (La Coulée de Serrant) with strict quality criteria for its affiliates. Ester and Carles also promoted a group of biodynamic producers in Penedès. Ester and Carles think of wine as an organic soil-yeasts-fermentation cycle. *"Only a living soil creates the conditions to obtain yeasts capable of developing fully spontaneous fermentations"* they say. They plough their vines with their four mules and pick grapes in late August, which is rather early for the area. Harvest dates are set based on pH levels —their 'top commandment' - and they never tweak with their wines. *"Rectified wines are soul-less wines"* says Carles.

Planetes de Nin red is a blend of young Cariñena planted in coster (terraced slopes) with de-stemmed, amphorae-aged Garnacha also sourced from terraced vines. Nit de Nin is a powerful, structured red with bright acidity and minerality which benefits from cellaring. Grapes are sourced from Mas d'en Caçador, a 112-year-old vineyard planted with Cariñena, Garnacha and Garnacha Peluda.

2017	Planetes de Nin	95 WA	6 x 750mL	\$73.82
2016	Planetes de Nin	95+ WA	6 x 750mL	\$77.35
2015	Nit de Nin	97 WA	6 x 750mL	\$194.08

LA RIOJA ALTA

La Rioja // Spain

Sustainable

“Quite simply, these are some of the finest Riojas that can grace your cellar: complex, refined, classic but without compromising fruit intensity and to reiterate: wines that speak about where they come from.” - The Wine Advocate

Few would dispute that La Rioja Alta is the leading quality focused producer in Spain's most famous wine region. Since the coming together of five growers to form the estate 130 years ago, they have produced some of the most highly regarded and longest-lived examples of Rioja. Their wines are ready for consumption on release, but will keep and evolve for many more years in bottle - decades in some cases. A situation so rare in the world of wine!

Established in 1890 at the same spot where their head office sits today, the company maintains traditional Rioja winemaking practices whilst embracing many of the new technological advances. It is unusual for a great bodega of Rioja to own vineyards, but La Rioja Alta own 360ha from which they produce the highest quality grapes, resulting in excellent fruit and richness throughout their wines. Tempranillo dominates the plantings, complemented with a small proportion of Garnacha and Graciano.

Unusually for La Rioja Alta, the 2018 vintage saw the production of just one wine: Vina Alberdi Rioja Reserva. All fruit normally destined for their Reserva Ardanza and Gran Reserva's Arana, '904' and '890' was declassified into their most accessible wine. A super-Alberdi if you will!

2018	Vina Alberdi Rioja Reserva		93 JS	6 x 750mL	\$37.47
2015	Vina Ardanza Rioja Reserva	SOLD OUT	96 JS	6 x 750mL	\$67.40
2014	Vina Arana Rioja Gran Reserva	SOLD OUT	96 JS	6 x 750mL	\$76.40
2011	904 Rioja Gran Reserva	SOLD OUT	97 DE	6 x 750mL	\$127.07

FINCA ALLENDE

La Rioja // Spain

Organic

“My favourite white Rioja by a mile. The sort of wine that is not made anywhere else.” Jancis Robinson MW

Although they operate at a much smaller scale than many Rioja producers, Finca Allende are among the finest growers in the region - or anywhere in Spain for that matter. For the last eight years renowned Master of Wine and Spanish specialist, Tim Atkin, has published an annual Rioja Classification that has become the definitive report for Spain's most famous location. Each year the report details 15 'First Growth' estates, and Allende has been one of these every year since inception - alongside such luminaries as La Rioja Alta, Lopez de Heredia, Roda, and Contino.

Miguel Ángel de Gregorio, one of the great revolutionaries pushing for modernity in Rioja, is the man behind this project. Rather than focusing on extended oak ageing, de Gregorio is a staunch defender of terroir. He seeks to express individual vineyard qualities rather than highlight barrel ageing - from his village wine up to his most renowned single vineyards. As such, you will never find Allende wines labelled as Crianza, Reserva or Gran Reserva even though their maturation often extends far beyond the requirements for these designations.

All Finca Allende vineyards are in Briones and neighbouring villages on the right bank of the river Ebro, where the soils are composed of red clay and gravel and the vineyards face north. Allende practices organic viticulture without the use of pesticides or herbicides, and all cultivation is done by hand or with the help of horses. The resulting wines present the house signature: power with finesse, considerable concentration and a judicious use of French oak - never American.

2018	Finca Nueva Rioja Joven			6 x 750mL	\$18.62
2018	Finca Allende Rioja Blanco		93 TA	6 x 750mL	\$49.73
2020	Finca Allende Rioja Blanco 'Martires' Single Vineyard		95 TA	6 x 750mL	\$295.90
2014	Finca Allende Rioja		16.5 JR	6 x 750mL	\$49.73
2016	Finca Allende Rioja 'Gaminde' Single Vineyard		95 TA	6 x 750mL	\$149.19
2011	Finca Allende Rioja 'Calvario' Single Vineyard		96 TA	6 x 750mL	\$298.46

BARRANCO OSCURO

Granada // Spain

Natural

Bodega Barranco Oscuro is an organic winery established in 1979 by Manuel Valenzuela high (very high!) in the Sierra de la Contaviesa Mountains of southern Andalucía. The vines are not treated with anything and in many places are simply allowed to grow how they naturally would, creeping over the rocky ground to shelter themselves from the wind instead of being trained up onto wires. Similarly, in the cellar, the grapes are allowed to ferment naturally without the addition of any yeasts or sulphur. These are absolutely unique expressions that present terroir first and foremost, ahead of any varietal characteristics.

2012	La Vi Y Sone Viognier		6 x 750mL	\$41.35
2011	BO2 Tempranillo		6 x 750mL	\$48.80
2011	El Canto Di Mirlo Merlot		6 x 750mL	\$48.80
2010	El Pino Rojo Pinot Noir		6 x 750mL	\$48.80
2010	Garnata Garnacha		6 x 750mL	\$48.80
2009	Rubaiyat Syrah		6 x 750mL	\$48.80

DOMAINE DE LA COTE

Santa Barbara // California

Organic

Domaine de la Côte has, in a very brief period, established itself as one of California's top proponents of Pinot Noir. The estate comprises of six vineyards on the western edge of the Santa Rita Hills, each with a unique geology, aspect, elevation, and microclimate. The ultimate exercise in terroir.

The Domaine farms its vineyards organically and makes its wines with the philosophy of 'add nothing; take nothing away.' The wines, which really are quite special, embody the philosophy of owners Sashi Moorman and Rajat Parr: freshness, vitality and balance.

2021	Estate Pinot Noir	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	95 JS	12 x 750mL	\$172.64
2021	Memorious Pinot Noir	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	97 JS	6 x 750mL	\$205.09
2021	Blooms Field Pinot Noir	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	97 JS	6 x 750mL	\$226.73

SANDHI

Santa Barbara // California

Organic

Made by Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman out of the Domaine de la Cote winery in the Santa Rita Hills. The Sandhi label allows an exploration of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines throughout the Santa Barbara County terroirs.

The Santa Rita Hills wines benefit from fruit that doesn't make the cut at Domaine de la Cote, while the single vineyard offerings highlight the uniqueness of a handful of other sites in the appellation.

In Jancis Robinson MW's words, "*these are wines that eschew the heavy-handed, overripe approach of so many Californian producers. They are beautifully elegant, always refreshing and effortlessly drinkable.*"

2021	Central Coast Chardonnay			12 x 750mL	\$59.41
2021	Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay		95 DEC	12 x 750mL	\$77.45
2021	Sanford & Benedict Chardonnay		95 JS	12 x 750mL	\$117.13
2020	Romance Chardonnay		98 WA	12 x 750mL	\$215.91
2020	Rinconada Chardonnay		96 WA	12 x 750mL	\$172.64
2020	Patterson Chardonnay		97 WA	12 x 750mL	\$155.87
2021	Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir		96 WA	12 x 750mL	\$88.27
2021	White Buffalo Pinot Noir			12 x 750mL	\$118.56
2021	Romance Pinot Noir			12 x 750mL	\$215.91

PIEDRASASSI

Santa Barbara // California

Organic

"Sashi Moorman's Piedrasassi label focuses on Syrah. The wines are deep, savoury and quite distinctive. In recent years, the use of whole clusters has come down, but that has not materially changed the wines personalities, or their tremendous appeal."

Antonio Galloni

2020	Bien Nacido Syrah	96 WA	6 x 750mL	\$131.54
2020	Rim Rock Syrah	96 WA	6 x 750mL	\$144.52
2017	Sebastiano Syrah	94 WE	6 x 750mL	\$140.19

NORTON RIDGE

Central Coast // California

Sustainable

After a lengthy and seemingly impossible search to find excellent value from California that is not mass produced tat, we stumbled upon this project label featuring a collection of vineyards on the Central Coast. Juicy varietal typicity and bright, fresh fruit character.

2020	Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$27.29
2022	Pinot Noir		12 x 750mL	\$27.29

ARNOT-ROBERTS

Sonoma County // California

Organic

"Winemakers always search for nuance and complexity, but Roberts and Meyers take that quest to its extreme. 'Texture', 'structure', 'definition' and 'control' and words that crop up again and again in my notes. These are wines stripped to their essence, all extraneous components removed to reveal the bare brickwork beneath. It's exhilarating..."

Adam Lechmere, The World of Fine Wine, Issue 49

Winemaking at Arnot-Roberts borrows from both the old world and new. While each wine gets its own regime, the general technique is decidedly low-tech, and includes indigenous fermentations, little or no new wood, and whole-cluster inclusion for the red wines. Intervention is minimal - just a conscientious addition of SO₂ prior to bottling. Chardonnay is fermented in stainless steel and then aged in neutral wood - with a nod to the masters, Dauvissat and Raveneau. Syrah is fermented 100% whole cluster with submerged cap and pumping over - a la Gentaz and Juge, and then aged in barrels coopered by Roberts himself. His father, in fact, was a cooper and taught him the craft.

Arnot-Roberts Wines have shown that wine from California not only can shine at the table but can also express the individuality of the sites they come from. It can age and develop in complexity from post-bottle youthfulness to the glories of a fully mature and harmonious bottle and everything in-between. These are some of today's measuring sticks for those anywhere striving to produce great, interesting wine.

2021	Ribolla Gialla	93 AG	12 x 750mL	\$96.92	
2021	California Red Wine	95+ AG	12 x 750mL	\$140.19	
2021	Clary Ranch Syrah	97 AG	12 x 750mL	\$140.19	
2021	Que Vineyard Syrah	SOLD OUT	100 AG	12 x 750mL	\$183.46

RAMEY

Sonoma County // California

Organic

"David Ramey is one of California's best and most respected winemakers. In the early 1990s he was the winemaker at Dominus, and then at Rudd. But for over a decade he has run his own winery, sourcing fruit from outstanding vineyards. setting up his own label allowed him to return to his first love: making Chardonnay." - Stephen Brook

After making wine at Château Pétrus, Dominus, Chalk Hill and Rudd Estate, David Ramey settled into his own brand in 1996 and focused on Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa and Chardonnay from Sonoma. The wines, as he says, are *"bold, but in check."* They're intense, vibrant and refined.

Antonio Galloni: *"It's hard to know where to begin with these wines from David Ramey, as there are so many highlights, but one common theme is the quality of the entry-level wines. The appellation-level Chardonnays and Claret deliver serious quality for the money."*

2019	Russian River Valley Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	95 WE	12 x 750mL	\$76.23
2019	Fort Ross-Seaview Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	94 WE	12 x 750mL	\$84.87
2019	Woolsey Vineyard Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	96 WA	12 x 750mL	\$145.96
2019	Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	98 WE	12 x 750mL	\$145.96
2019	Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	100 WE	12 x 750mL	\$145.96
2016	Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon		94 WE	12 x 750mL	\$114.47
2015	Annum Cabernet Sauvignon	SOLD OUT	95 WA	6 x 750mL	\$192.24
2015	Pedregal Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	SOLD OUT	96 JD	6 x 750mL	\$377.38

HIRSCH VINEYARDS

Sonoma Coast // California

Biodynamic

"The Hirsch family's Sonoma Coast estate is undoubtedly one for the great vineyard sites in the United States."

Antonio Galloni

Trophy for Best Pinot Noir - Six Nations Wine Challenge 2019

Hirsch Vineyards is recognised as one of the finest Pinot Noir sites in the New World, described by the Wine Spectator as a 'California grand cru'. Founded by David Hirsch in 1980, it is the oldest premium Pinot Noir planting on the Sonoma Coast. The process of farming to enable an early harvest has been honed over many vintages, ensuring terroir is never masked by ripeness, and delivering wines of refinement, grace and intensity of flavour without weight.

Now fully biodynamic, winemaking has been decidedly hands-off from the outset, and the resulting Pinot Noir - more earthy, more savoury, and with a remarkable ability to age and develop in the cellar - are some of the most highly praised and sought after in the United States.

2021	Chardonnay	SOLD OUT	96 VP	12 x 750mL	\$161.83
2021	Bohan Dillon Pinot Noir		96 VP	12 x 750mL	\$114.23
2020	Bohan Dillon Pinot Noir			12 x 750mL	\$86.20
2020	San Andreas Fault Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT	95 AG	12 x 750mL	\$170.48
2020	West Ridge Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT	95 AG	12 x 750mL	\$237.55
2020	Reserve Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT	97 AG	12 x 750mL	\$237.55
2020	Block 8 Pinot Noir	SOLD OUT	95 AG	12 x 750mL	\$259.18

BEDROCK WINE CO.

Sonoma // California

Organic

Winery of the Year 2020 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

"It is never easy to choose one winery that stands out above all others, especially with the regions I cover. This year I was especially impressed by Bedrock... One after the other, the wines were just stunning."

Bedrock Wine Co. is first and foremost a mission-driven operation dedicated to preserving and rehabilitating old vineyards around California. Established in 2007 by Morgan Twain-Peterson MW, the winery is dedicated to taking advantage of the diverse terroirs of California and their capacity to make an enormous range of styles, be it delicate and perfumed rosé, barrel-fermented whites, or violet and pepper-tinged Syrah.

2020	Old Vine Zinfandel			12 x 750mL	\$49.62
2020	Evangelho Vineyard Heritage	<i>field blend</i>	94 AG	12 x 750mL	\$72.90
2020	The Bedrock Heritage	<i>field blend</i>	93 WS	12 x 750mL	\$89.53
2020	Bien Nacido X Block Syrah	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	95 AG	12 x 750mL	\$95.07
2018	Bien Nacido X Block Syrah		94 AG	12 x 750mL	\$95.07

KUTCH

Sonoma // California

Organic

In pursuit of creating the highest quality balanced wines possible, Kutch strive to use well positioned, cold climate sites, having appropriate soils. Once the fruit is harvested, it is handled with the utmost care, sorted meticulously and moved only by gravity.

Kutch pursues a minimalist philosophy, trying to provide the purest expression of Pinot Noir from a particular place and time, taking great care not to over-manipulate our wines in the cellar. Kutch wines are encouraged to express all of the natural greatness of their vineyard origins.

2020	Trout Gulch Chardonnay	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	96 JG	12 x 750mL	\$96.18
2021	Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir		93 JG	12 x 750mL	\$79.55
2021	McDougall Ranch Pinot Noir		95 JG	12 x 750mL	\$144.52
2021	Falstaff Vineyard Pinot Noir		94 JG	12 x 750mL	\$144.52
2021	Mindego Ridge Pinot Noir		95 JG	12 x 750mL	\$144.52

CALIFORNIA SKULL WINE CO.

North Coast // California

Organic

In 2018, Patrick Cappello, sommelier for 30 years in New York, teamed up with longtime friend Pax Mahle, proprietor of Pax Wine (one of the leaders of California's third wave of wineries). Together they craft beautiful, un-manipulated, terroir-driven wines from organic, family-run vineyards across California's North Coast.

Patrick's philosophy is to showcase undervalued grapes to make hand-crafted wines in the spirit of old California. Spontaneous fermentations take place with whole cluster grapes in stainless steel and concrete, and ageing takes place in neutral oak barrels. The goal is to make moderate alcohol, higher acid, fresh wines, naturally.

2021	Sparkling			12 x 750mL	\$19.35
2021	White			12 x 750mL	\$19.35
2021	Red			12 x 750mL	\$19.35

MATTHIASSEN

Napa Valley // California

Organic

Winemaker of the Year: San Francisco Chronicle and Food & Wine Magazine

Steve and Jill Matthiasson, since the 2003 founding of their winery, have not only practiced viticulture and enology in a style that made them one of the earliest proponents of 'new California winemaking,' but demonstrated their understanding that the human component of winemaking extends far beyond the winemaker. Steve's notoriety as one of the United States' most intuitive American viticulturalists and most sought-after vineyard managers speaks to his continued forward momentum of working cleanly in his vineyards and encouraging others to do the same.

2013	Napa Valley White Wine		6 x 750mL	\$39.99
2020	Ribolla Gialla		12 x 750mL	\$87.87
2021	Linda Vista Chardonnay	17 JR	12 x 750mL	\$79.61
2019	Cabernet Sauvignon	93 JS	12 x 750mL	\$151.01
2020	Cabernet Franc		12 x 750mL	\$116.34

ROBERT BIALE

Napa Valley // California

Organic

The Biale family, originally from Northern Italy, began growing grapes in Napa in the 1930's – Zinfandel only. In the 1940's, during Prohibition, the Biale's were also poultry farmers. To stay incognito with their wine sales, customers would call and ask for a dozen eggs and a Gallo Nero or Black Chicken, which was the code-word for a jug of Aldo Biale's homemade Zin. Fast-forward some 80 years later, and the Black Chicken Zinfandel deserves the reputation earned for its relentless quality.

Biale is recognised internationally by writers and sommeliers as being among California's very finest producers of the variety. Robert Parker, Wine Spectator, Food and Wine, and Decanter have all lauded Biale as one of California's top practitioners of Zinfandel.

2021	Black Chicken Zinfandel	94 WE	12 x 750mL	\$129.37
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EVENING LAND

Willamette Valley // Oregon

Biodynamic

"Evening Land produces some of the best Chardonnay in not only Oregon, but all of North America, and their whole lineup showcases the impressive winemaking talents of Rajat Parr and Sashi Moorman." - International Wine Report

Willamette Valley in Oregon is often compared to Burgundy, for the challenging growing conditions, varietals planted, and the quality-minded smaller scale producers that have chosen to work here. It is therefore not surprising that super sommelier Raj Parr and winemaker Sashi Moorman decided to base their second joint venture here.

Evening Land estate, whose vineyard is known as 'Seven Springs' is planted overwhelmingly to Pinot Noir, followed by Chardonnay, and Gamay. The oldest own-rooted blocks of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are a testament to, and daily reminder of, Oregon's incredible winemaking history. Benchmark Oregon producers have long sourced fruit from Seven Springs and the wines from this vineyard are the most decorated and award-winning Oregon wines.

2021	Salem Wine Co. Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$59.41
2021	Seven Springs Chardonnay		12 x 750mL	\$71.91
2021	La Source Chardonnay	96 WE	12 x 750mL	\$172.64
2021	Summum Chardonnay	18+ JR	6 x 750mL	\$205.09
2021	Seven Springs Pinot Noir	94 IWR	12 x 750mL	\$96.92
2021	La Source Pinot Noir	97 IWR	12 x 750mL	\$187.05

CLEARANCE

Stock-take surprises, vintage rolls and other opportunities to pick up wines well below cost.

BARBARA FORES

Terra Alta // Spain

2012	'El Templari' Morenillo-Garnacha	<i>organic</i>	91 GP	discount: 30%	12 x 750mL	\$19.25
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CHARLES JOUGET

Loire Valley // France

2011	Chenin Blanc 'Clos de la Plante Martin'		<2 cases	discount: 30%	6 x 750mL	\$27.77
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GERARD BERTRAND

Languedoc // France

2016	'Extra Blanc' Grenache Blanc ~ Languedoc	<i>biodynamic</i>		discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$8.57
2012	Cigalus Blanc ~ Languedoc	<i>biodynamic</i>		discount: 50%	6 x 750mL	\$30.15
2015	Chateau l'Hospitalet Rosé ~ La Clape	<i>biodynamic</i>		discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$14.34
2012	Pic St Loup 'Grand Terroir' ~ Languedoc	<i>biodynamic</i>		discount: 30%	12 x 750mL	\$16.69

GABRIEL MEFFRE

Southern Rhone // France

2016	'GM' Rosé ~ Provence	<i>organic</i>	<2 cases	discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$10.25
2011	Gigondas ~ Southern Rhone	<i>organic</i>		discount: 30%	12 x 750mL	\$20.41

BARON PHILLIPE DE ROTHSCHILD

Bordeaux // France

2016	Rothschild America's Cup Edition Bordeaux Rosé				12 x 750mL	\$6.45
2016	Rothschild America's Cup Edition Bordeaux Rouge				12 x 750mL	\$6.45

CLOS HENRI

Marlborough // New Zealand

2011	'Bel Echo' Pinot Noir	<i>organic</i>	<2 cases	discount: 30%	12 x 750mL	\$20.77
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ERRAZURIZ

Aconcagua // Chile

2013	Sauvignon Blanc	<i>sustainable</i>		discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$15.42
2012	Syrah	<i>sustainable</i>		discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$15.42
2011	Pinot Noir	<i>sustainable</i>		discount: 50%	12 x 750mL	\$15.42

USA

California

2011	Kesner Old Vine Grenache	<i>organic</i>	<4 cases	discount: 30%	12 x 750mL	\$55.08
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