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French Sparkling

- 2015 Ruppert-Leroy 'Les Cogneaux,' Brut Nature, Blanc de Noirs, Aube, Champagne** 140
Bénédicte Leroy quit her job as a PE teacher, asked Pierre Overnoy to teach her about natural winemaking, and apprenticed at Vouette et Sorbée! Bénédicte is creating quite a stir in Champagne. No dosage is added, nor needed, when your fruit is pure and giving, as Leroy's.
- NV Vouette et Sorbée 'Fidèle,' Brut Nature, Aube, Champagne** 145
A relative newcomer, Bertrand Gautherot has an infectious enthusiasm for his wines farming biodynamically and fermenting with natural yeast. Made from 100% Pinot Noir, the kimmeridgian soils add a chalky undertone to the savory cherry notes. Highly, highly recommended.

Sparkling — Other Countries

- NV Casa Coste Piane, Glera, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene, Italy** 45
We've secretly replaced your cheap, sweet, Belini Prosecco with CCP's "col fondo" Naturalmente. Dry and precise like the great sparklings of the world, yet affordable enough to drink the day with.
- NV Cruse Wine Co. 'Tradition,' Chardonnay/Pinot Noir, California** 100
Since "Ultramarine" has ascended to astronomical heights in popularity, price, and scarcity, Michael began producing his own version.
- 2000 Recaredo 'Turo d'en Mota' Cava Brut Nature, Penedes, Spain** 200
After nearly a decade on lees, this single vineyard Xarello is the finest Cava currently available & could easily rival great Champagnes.
- 2010 Bisson 'Abissi' Spumante, Portofino, Liguria, Italy** 220
One of the world's sparkling wine treasures, this is matured on its lees 200 feet under the sea, emerging from the water with barnacles and seaweed intact on the bottle; a gentle wine of total saline-edged finesse.

Sparkling — Pétillant Naturel • Méthod Ancestrale

- 2019 Pinon (Francois et Julien), Grolleau/Côt, Loire Valley, France** 53
The world is not fair and sadly, we lost Francois this year. His lasting gift to all of us lives through his extraordinary Chenin Blanc's, and this little dance number. Pop a bottle, raise a glass, forget that life is short and enjoy the ride!
- 2018 Cruse Wine Co., St. Laurent, Demming Vineyard, Napa Valley, California** 75
There's St. Laurent in California? I guess so. The guy behind cult sparkling "Ultramarine" also is a genius producing stunning Pet-Nat!
- 2017 Jean-Pierre Robinot 'L'Opera de Vin L'As Annees des Folles,' Pineau d'Aunis/Chenin, Loire Valley, France** 70
Robinot is one of the first wine professionals to open a "natural" wine bar, in Paris, in the early eighties. His desire to introduce and promote the people changing this paradigm led him to go back to his home in the Loire Valley and produce his own wines. His eccentric, and enigmatic personality is reflected in every single one of his bottlings. A sparkling wine of pure joy!
- NV Anne et Jean-François Ganevat 'Mon Luc,' Pinot Gris/Poulsard, Jura, France** 90
Relentless in its flavor spectrum and everything you would expect from the Ganevat's. €30 a bottle in France. Damn you, tariffs!!
- NV Philippe Bornard 'Tant-Mieux,' Ploussard, Pupillin, Arbois, France (Rosé)** 75
A legend in Jura, it is with great excitement to have received an allocation of this wine that has achieved "unicorn" status. The wine is fermented in steel tanks, with five days of skin maceration, before being bottled and rested on riddling racks. The wine has a very low alcohol percentage (8.5%) and a gentle fizz on the palate. Fermented dry, but the fruit is so pure natural sweetness is present.

French Whites — Loire Valley

- 2017 Francois Cotat 'Caillottes,' Sauvignon Blanc, Sancerre** 90
Caillottes refers to the pebbly soils the vines thrive on creating a lithe and linear textual experience that is intoxicatingly fresh.
- 2017 Beatrice et Pascal Lambert, Chenin Blanc, Chinon** 50
Lovely humans produce lovely wines. Beatrice and Pascal farm vineyards with varying soils along the Loire River, in Chinon. Texturally precise, with a blanket of fresh apple and linden. We don't have a river in Logan Square, but the sounds of traffic, with this bottle is still quite soothing.
- 2018 Domaine du Closel 'Belle Dame,' Chenin Blanc, Savennières** 60
Before you get into the serious stuff from Closel, you can check out this delightful expression.
- 2018 Domaine du Closel 'La Jalousie,' Chenin Blanc, Savennières** 75
Located on the most western hill of Savennières on quartz and sandstone. Seriously beautiful Chenin from 20 year old vines.
- 2017 Hodgson (Mai et Kenji) 'Les Aussigouins,' Chenin Blanc, Anjou** 80
The wine I've been waiting for to arrive in Chicago! Ex-pat, Canadian's, Mai and Kenji are crafting "oh-so beautifully flawed" Chenin? Maybe to an MS. For me, it does not get any better than this. Special pricing for you to experience for yourself. Or, I'll buy it all!
- 2017 L'Ange Vin (Jean-Pierre Robinot) 'Cuvée Bistologie,' Chenin Blanc, Chahaignes** 90
The High Priest of minimal intervention winemaking, in the Loire. Robinot's Chenin is just as enigmatic as he is! Minute quantities available.

French Whites — Burgundy

2014 Morey-Coffinet 'Sous le Château,' Saint Romain	75
Family roots run deep within the vineyards tended by the Morey's. Crafting Chardonnay as striking and immoderate of those in Saint Romain	
2014 Emmanuel Rouget, Hautes-Côtes de Beaune	80
Emmanuel, who learned from his famous uncle, Henri Jayer, continues the tradition of super low yields and meticulously chosen fruit resulting in wines of substance & finesse. Incredibly keen and with integrated oak; opulent, like being fed grapes on a bed of pillows.	
2010 Clos Moulin aux Moines, Monopole, Auxey-Duresses	100
From a great year, this killer Auxey is <u>not</u> to be missed: extraordinary finesse and mouthwatering acidity.	
2015 Dom. de la Vougeraie, Savigny-lès-Beaune	110
Sometimes families can work together. The Boisset's own several parcels in Burgundy. This Savigny-lès-Beaune over delivers in style.	
2015 Gille, Côte de Nuits-Villages	85
Stunningly fresh and weaves a soft patchwork on the palate. You can have the best of Burgundy at this price point.	
2017 Dufaitre, Beaujolais-Blanc	70
Bolo Chardonnay that tastes like fancy Burgundy, if fancy Burg was unfiltered, from power couple Laurence and Remi Dufaitre.	

A Selection of Wines from Alice et Olivier de Moor

2014 Chardonnay 'Coteau de Rosette,' Chablis	115
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2017 Chardonnay 'L'Humeur du Temps,' Chablis	90
2017 Chardonnay, Bourgogne Chitry	75
2015 Aligoté, 'd'autres vallées'	90

"Le Vendangeur Masqué"

Over the course of the past four vintages, the de Moor's suffered severe crop losses due to frost and hail. They called upon the assistance of several vigneron friends, all of whom farm organically and biodynamically, and purchased fruit from them. The wines are made by Olivier, and certainly possess the style he achieves with his estate bottlings. The name "Le Vendangeur Masqué" stems from a French law that requires producers to buy the fruit through a different company-hence a different name.

2016 Viognier/Chardonnay/Clairette/Roussanne 'En si Belle Compagnie Meridionale,' Southern Rhône	65
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French Whites — Jura

2014 Michel Gahier 'Les Crêts,' Chardonnay, Arbois	65
The Gahier family has been in the Jura since 1525 and Michel learned from his friend & neighbor, the very talented Jacques Puffeney. This shows less of the oxidative notes associated with the sous voile method of winemaking; driven, elegant and high-toned.	
2011 Overnoy-Crinquand, Chardonnay, Arbois-Pupillin	65
Mikael Crinquand, a distant relative to Pierre Overnoy, is the vigneron of this delightful offering of lemongrass, walnut, and brown butter.	
2016 Dolomies 'Les Boutonniers,' Chardonnay, Côtes du Jura	70
Texturally fascinating to the point you may not want to swallow your sip. Rocky, marl filled, with deep limestone soils command a presence.	
2015 Labet 'En Chalasse,' Savagnin, Côtes du Jura	60
Green and yellow Savagnins from original "massale" roots. The result, texture and intensity if Burgundy and Rhône whites joined forces.	
2016 Labet 'Vin de Voile,' Chardonnay/Savagnin, Côtes du Jura	70
Fermented under veil, or flor, for 24-48 months creating nutty, brown butter notes with exceptional length and acidity. Pure delight!	
2016 Labet 'En Chalasse,' Chardonnay, Côtes du Jura	85
En Chalasse sits on Bajocian limestone, from the Jurassic period. A subtle intensity hallmarks this gold class offering from Julien Labet.	
2012 Marnes Blanche 'Empreinte,' Savagnin, Côtes du Jura	70
'Empreinte' are the terrior driven, sous-voile (a flor cap develops during the fermentation process) wines from Pauline and Geraud Fromont. Nutty with high toned acidity. Think brown butter and lemon.	
2016 Philippe Bornard 'Les Gaudrettes,' Chardonnay, Côtes du Jura	105
Various varieties of marl that make up the vineyard creates a distinct minerality commonly found in wines from this area. Gaudrettes is Bornard's Chardonnay masterpiece. Deftly intertwining citrus and stonefruit, marzipan, spice, and hazelnut. Exclusive!	

French Whites – Other Regions

- 2017 Leon Barral, Terret Blanc & Gris/Viognier/Roussane, l'Hérault, Languedoc, France** 85
Didier Barral is the 13th generation vigneron, and champion of the biodynamic movement. Grapes are co-fermented and macerated for 3-4 hours. Scarcely available, but what a treat! Blossoming peach and orange flower.
- 2018 Romaneaux-Destezet (Hervé Souhart), Roussane/Viognier, Northern Rhône** 75
From Hervé's vineyards directly across the Rhône River from the storied hillsides of Hermitage. Tropical fruits, pear, stone, and a hint of oak
- 2017 Dominique Belluard 'Les Alpes,' Gringet, Savoie** 70
Dominique is the master of Gringet & this wine gives me chills; incredibly keen texture, delicate wildflowers, pineapple & crushed rocks
- 2018 Clos Ste. Magdeleine, Marsanne/Clairette, Cassis** 60
The gorgeous fishing village of Cassis has been hailed as one of Earth's modern paradise. Clos Ste. Magdeleine is one of the few producers in the area, and possibly the best. This blend of grapes provides the nuances of white Bordeaux, with the subtle strength of white Rhône.

Spanish Whites

- 2012 Can Ràfols dels Caus 'El Rocallís,' Incrocio Manzoni, Penedés** 95
After a visit to the winery, legendary Elisabetta Foradori fell in love with this grape, and this wine, she planted in her vineyards, in northern Italy. There is a reason this wine receives such high praise. For the discerning Burgundy hound to explore.
- 2017 Clos Figueras 'Font de la Figuera,' Viognier, Priorat** 85
Viognier from Priorat? A unique story of its planting has lead to one of the most texturally stimulating white wines I have had in years.
- 2004 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Tondonia,' Viura/Malvasia, Rioja** 90
The wines of Lopez de Heredia are so universally known, there's probably higher education courses dedicated to them. Expect oxidized, nutty, brown butter notes here. 2004 IS the current release. These wines age glacially which is why they become so highly sought after.

German & American Riesling

- 2016 Wittmann 'Westhofener,' Riesling trocken, Rheinhessen** 53
From younger blocks in the Grosse Lage (grand cru) Morstein and Brunnenhäuschen vineyards. Naturally fermented in large, neutral oak casks, from an outstanding vintage. A true trocken, dry, low residual sugar, and outstanding acidity.
- 2018 Brooks 'Ara,' Riesling, Willamette Valley, Oregon** 55
Comprised from the best pieces from the vintage and the blending of grapes from both marine sediment and volcanic soils, "Ara" sets a high bar for domestic Riesling. And, I know from first hand experience, ages extraordinarily.

Skin Contact Whites ('Orange')

- 2018 Mátyás 'Sandwich,' Pinot Gris, Strekov Region, Slovakia** 45
I love love love when I'm able to represent producers from unique regions that are producing extraordinary wines farmed and made in ancient, organic, natural means. Mátyás has been a revelation. Pinot gris to be enjoyed and admired.
- 2017 Maurer 'Orion,' Medenac Beli, Fruska Gora, Serbia** 70
A great style to initiate yourself into the ancient winemaking method of skin contact "orange" wine. This spends two weeks on its skins in large neutral oak barrels and matures another 18 months under flor. Remarkably balanced, unctuous, and versatile.
- 2015 A.D. Beckham, Pinot Gris Anfora, Willamette Valley, Oregon** 75
Drawing inspiration from the great Elisabetta Foradori, Andrew Beckham combined two passions (wine and art) constructing his own clay vessels (anfora) to produce outstanding skin contact wines with texture and vigor.
- 2017 Costador 'Metamorphika,' Macabeu Brisat, Conca de Barbera, Spain** 75
Grapes macerate on their skins for 8 weeks, in clay amphorae, then in various French barrels for 5 months. Intoxicating texture and flavor.
- 2018 Matassa 'Cuvée Marguerite,' Macabeu/Muscat Blend, Rousillon, France** 75
Tom Lubbe has the ability to make me snort laugh and excite my palate with stunning wine. This wildly aromatic wine has such impressive structure, that I was initially puzzled. It's an herbal explosion like freshly grinding herbs in a stone mortar; natty and fun.
- 2017 Anatolikos, Assyrtiko/Malagousia, Avdira, Thrace, Greece** 100
From the eastern most vineyard in Greece, hand harvested, fermented and aged for 9 months in amphora. A mango lovers dream wine.
- 2012 Bernhard Ott 'Qvevre,' Grüner Veltliner, Wagram, Austria** 200
This gorgeous rarity spent 8 months in underground amphora on its skins, but isn't amber-hued; instead, it has a shocking liveliness and clarity, and is one of the most unusual and essential Grüners you'll encounter.
- 2003 Gravner, Ribolla Gialla, Friuli, Italy** 230
Hazy in color, finely tropical and lipid in flavor, this amphora-aged wine quickly develops great complexity.
- 2000 Radikon 'Fuori dal Tempo,' Chardonnay/Sauvignon, Oslavje, Venezia-Giulia, Italy** 260
After 35 days with skins, 3 years in barrel & 9 years in bottle, this wine has layered, melismatic textures that strike the palate as polyphonic music does the ear; an unforgettable succession of independent melodies.

Rosé

- 2018 **Cirelli, Montepulciano, Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo, Italy** 48
After six hours of skin contact the must is separated and transferred into clay amphora. After 30 days, it's racked and returned to amphora, after which it will spend the rest of its time in amphora on its lees. Did I mention this rosé is influenced by amphora??
- 2019 **Pearl Morrisette 'Roselana,' Pinot Noir, Lincoln Lakeshore, Niagara, Canada** 48
Don't let the dark color fool you. Roselana gets its color from a small amount of fully fermented Gamay and Merlot that were blended in after post-élevage. Rivals the top Tavel rosés in fresh, balanced fruit and dry finish.
- 2019 **Ficomontanino 'Noble Kara,' Sangiovese, Tuscany, Italy** 60
Maria Sole macerates the grape skins on the juice for 48 hours creating a true rosato with texture and nuance. Playful, yet serious.
- 2019 **Frank Cornelissen 'Susucaru,' Mt. Etna, Sicily** 65
One of the best vintages I've tasted of this perennial favorite. It's a heady field blend that channels volcanic intensity into wild fruit.

French Reds – Loire Valley

- 2018 **Hodgson (Mai et Kenji) 'Metro Boulot Grolou,' Grolleau, Rablay-sur-Layon** 50
Mai et Kenji's wistful red so easy and fun to drink, you'll forget that you're on bottle number 3!
- 2018 **Julien Pineau 'Sucettes à l'aunis,' Pineau d'Aunis, Touraine** 65
The spirit of Clos Roche Blanche lives on through Julien Pineau. His Pineau d'Aunis is a carbonic macerated, natty wonderland!
- 2018 **Laurent Saillard 'la pause,' Gamay, Touraine** 60
Laurent employs a tronconic vat and ferments the grapes whole cluster. Crisp, savory, and crunchy. Just the way I like my Gamay!
- 2014 **Olga Raffault 'La Picasses,' Cabernet Franc, Chinon** 65
From one of the loveliest couples in the wine world. The 2013 is so forgiving and precise. Archetypal Cab Franc, from Chinon. These wines should be monumentally more expensive. The lesson here, lovely, beautiful people aren't greedy.
- 2017 **Agnes & Rene Mosse, Cabernet Franc, Anjou** 75
Cabernet Franc from schist, gravel, and quartz?! Spontaneous maceration and fermentation? Textbook Mosse with depth and finesse.
- 2019 **Château Yvonne 'La Folie,' Cabernet Franc, Saumur Champigny** 55
We don't just put any old Cab Franc on our list. Yvonne is a relatively unknown, but this will change. Expect the raw expression of the grape.
- 2013 **Domaine Roches Neuves 'Terres Chaude,' Cabernet Franc, Saumur-Champigny** 90
Arguably no one in the Loire is producing Cabernet Franc quite like Thierry Germain. Pro tip for the insiders: this wine comes from the lieu-dit "Les Poyeux!" I'm talking to you, Clos Rougeard hunters.

French Reds – Beaujolais (Gamay) (*Crus listed from North to South*)

- 2014 **Robert-Denogent 'Cuvée Jules Chauvet,' Villages** 60
Comprised of grapes sourced from the late Jules, and Benedicte Chauvet vineyards. Jules was known as France's greatest tasters of wine, and father to the natural wine movement. His book remains a "bible" to natural winemakers. This incredible wine is dedicated to his legacy!
- 2018 **Jérôme Balmet 'Barber Rousse,' Gamay, Vaux-en-Beaujolais** 75
The highly anticipated wait for the return of Jérôme's beloved wines has ended! "Barber Rousse" is his selection that sees time in old oak barrels, rounding out the rough edges and balance out the acidity. Highly recommended!
- 2016 **Cédric Chignard, Juliéna** 50
I'm always elated to continue to find 2016's for the menu. Juliéna is Beaujolais most northern cru, and somewhat forgotten. Chignard's adherence to traditional Beaujolais farming and winemaking, continually produces Gamay's that, dare I say, compete with most Burgundy.
- 2017 **Anthony Thevenet, Vieilles Vignes, Chénas** 80
Old vine Gamay, planted in 1940, from a relatively flat site on decomposed granite. Red and dark fruits, with mineral muscle.
- 2018 **Yann Bertrand 'Cuvée du Chaos,' Fleurie** 70
Yann is the THE young gun winemaker, in Beaujolais. His passion for wine and winemaking stems from his roots in Beaujolais, as well as his mentorship from legends Jean Foillard, Yvon Metras, and Jean-Louis Dutraive. The essence of fresh, lively, herbal, and spiced Gamay.
- 2017 **Dutraive 'Le Pied de la Rue,' Fleurie** 90
Jean-Louis wanted to produce a wine from the Chanudet family's hillside climate, "La Madone." The vines face south at a 40 degree slope on pink granite. Neary a ha'p'orth was produced. Stocks are limited.
- 2016 **Jean-Paul Thévenet, Morgon** 70
Old vine Gamay, and it needed to be to survive a disastrous '16 vintage. Time is serving this wine well. Time to serve it to you!
- 2016 **Jean Foillard 'Les Chaumes Eponym,' Morgon** 100
The legend, Jean Foillard! Charmes Eponym comes from a *lieu-dit* composed of schist, granite, & manganese. Power and grace personified.
- 2018 **Marcel Lapierre, Morgon** 65
Marcel was a leader in the 'natural' wine world and member of the famed "gang of four." His children (Mathieu and Camille) carry on this tradition. I adore this wine for it's perfectly focused and refined expression of Gamay.
- 2018 **Guy Breton, Vieilles Vignes, Morgon** 80
Breton's principal wine, from 80 year-old vines. Unusual to find such pepper and spice in Morgon. Stony and structured, utterly ethereal.
- 2018 **Guy Breton, Régnié** 75
Beaujolais youngest cru, and underrepresented, which is just too bad. There's power, maybe not Morgon power, of redcurrants and raspberries, nervy and stylistic.
- 2017 **Alex Foillard, Brouilly** 110
Jean's son, Alex, is sprinting with the family torch in non-intervention farming, minimal intervention, and bonkers good Bojo.
- 2018 **Pierre Cotton, Côte de Brouilly** 75
I gush with glee regarding Pierre's wines and thrilled to finally see them come to Chicago! I begged. A LOT. See why. Available *en Magnum!*

French Reds – Burgundy & Jura

- 2016 Tripoz (Céline et Laurent) 'Chant de la Tour,' Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 60
From a vineyard that has never seen any synthetic products used on it. Righteous, über Pinot, soul of Bourgogne.
- 2015 Domaine Guillot-Broux 'La Myotte,' Pinot Noir, Bourgogne, Macon 70
From the oldest vines on the estate comes this an intensely driven, lithe expression of Pinot; stunning purity.
- 2015 Dom. de la Vougeraie, Pinot Noir, Gevrey-Chambertin 160
A vintage that lends itself to having the ability to drink now! What we call a "restaurant vintage." Beauty and power from Gevrey.
- 2019 Domaine de la Cras, Pinot Noir, Coteaux de Dijon 82
Marc Soyard won the "golden ticket" when the city of Dijon purchased this property and took proposals from would be vigneron, to tend to the vineyards. Marc adopted the same minimal intervention techniques he learned at Domaine Bizot and the results have been stellar.
- 2016 Michel Gahier 'Vigne du Louis,' Trousseau, Arbois, Jura 70
Michel is a master of Trousseau and this fuller, fleshier example has dense fruit that flows to a suave body with purity and life.
- 2016 Ganevat 'Y'a bon the Canon,' Gamay+, Savoie, France 85
Due to devastating loss of grapes in multiple vintages, Jean-Francois reached out to his sister, Anne, as well as friends throughout France, to innovate and create a blend that could only be achieved by such a legend! 50% Gamay, 50% "Vin de France" = 100% sublimity.
- 2015 Philippe Bornard 'Point barre,' Ploussard, Arbois 135
My level of excitement receiving an allocation of this wine is OFF. THE. CHARTS! Bornard's wines are prime examples of lively, precise, and artistic expressions. His Ploussard is in another stratosphere and worth every single penny.

French Reds – Bordeaux & Cahors

- 2016 Cassini, St. Émilion 65
Don't be afraid of the age, or the price. Beautifully crafted Merlot from, possibly, the finest terrior in the world. A quiet revolution has begun.
- 2015 Clos du Jaugueyron, Haut-Médoc 90
The soils around Arsac, is comprised of clay, which leads to more fruit driven wines. Little oak is used, and not needed. Outstanding!
- 2006 Maison-Blanche, Merlot/Cabernet Franc, Montagne Saint-Emilion 90
The flagship bottling is comprised from vines converted to organic farming in 2008 and certified biodynamic, in 2013. Once it opens up in the decanter, look for meaty/savory notes.

French Reds – Northern Rhône

- 2017 Romaneaux-Destezet (Hervé Souhart) 'Le Souteronne,' Gamay, Saint Joseph 85
Gamay? YES! Gamay in the Northern Rhône from the inimitable Hervé Souhart. You can expect the weight of the wine to be that of great Beaujolais, with the dark, bacon-y aromas that are indicative of Syrah's from this area.
- 2019 Baptiste Nayrand 'L'Astrale,' Gamay, Coteaux du Lyonnais 60
Just outside of the vibrant city of Lyon sits a small hamlet, Millery. Baptiste only produces L'Astrale in the best vintages, so take advantage!
- 2019 Baptiste Nayrand 'Sauvage,' Gamay + Field blend, Coteaux du Lyonnais 75
Named "Sauvage" do to the vineyard being left untended, shoots untrellised, these old Gamay vines are combined with a 30% blend of Chasselas and Aligoté. Intense juicy profile with a savory profile common of the great Syrah's produced a few miles away.
- 2015 Jean Claude Marsanne, Syrah, Saint Joseph 80
"Old School" purity and expression due in large part to healthy vines, hand harvesting, and 12 months in barrel in a blend of sizes.
- 2017 Romaneaux-Destezet (Hervé Souhart) Syrah, Saint Joseph 90
Popular wisdom would lead you to believe a wine like this would need years to become approachable. Souhart defies this pretense by utilizing subtle techniques to extract purity and finesse. The result is a stunning expression of plum, violets, and bacon fat.
- 2016 Frank Balthazar, Syrah, Crozes-Hermitage 70
Frank is humble and engaging. His wines match his personality perfectly. His Syrah's check all the boxes of what archetypal Northern Rhone should possess: restrained fruit, hints of cigar box and bacon, wrapped around kalamata olive.
- 2017 Dard et Ribo, Crozes-Hermitage 100
Easily one of my favorite producers in the region. Iconoclasts from the outset, René-Jean and François sought to buck the trend of heavily extracted, fat Syrah overburdened by oak. Their wines still exhibit all the savage nature of Syrah with a deft, wild elegance.
- 2010 Dard et Ribo, Syrah, Hermitage 160
Do not miss out on experiencing René-Jean and François' expression from this epic place, and an epic vintage.

French Reds – Southern Rhône

- 2020 Andréa Calek 'Babiote,' Ardèche 65
Ahhh! Babiote! One of our perennial favorites, from Andréa. This vintage is 70% Syrah, 30% Grenache with the classic minimal intervention, nervy acidity, wild berry with only hints of olive.
- 2016 Domaine Vieux Lazaret, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 75
Accessible and immediately pleasurable; this is the wine version of wrapping yourself in a warm blanket; elegant, spiced red fruit.
- 2008 Château de Fonsalette, Grenache/Syrah/Cinsault, Côtes du Rhône 280
Challenging vintages bring out the best from the best winemakers. What Emmanuel was able to produce from 2008 is nothing short of heroic. I happily accepted my tiny allocation knowing that quality is far more important than quantity.

French Reds – Languedoc & Corsica

- 2018 Domaine le Briseau 'Enjoy,' Cinsault, Languedoc** 45
Nathalie Gaubicher Heredia is to be admired for her perseverance through loss and continue to produce remarkably enjoyable wines that are meant to be enjoyed with good friends and good conversation. This wine veers on the natty side of raw, minimal intervention goodness.
- 2017 Roc d'Anglade, Carignan/Syrah/Grenache/Mourvèdre, Gard, Languedoc-Roussillon** 80
At first blush, you'd swear you are drinking upper crust Chateaufort-du-Pape. Remy Pédréno bucks bureaucracy to create fun/serious wine.
- 2015 Abbattucci 'Ministre Imperial,' Taravo Valley, Corsica** 130
Crafted this from a range of varietals, most of ancient origin, which Jean-Charles & his father saved from extinction. The most stunning wine to grace my lips, in 2019! Eh-hem. It's also an absolute steal at this price.

European Reds

- 2019 Brand 'Pur,' Pinot Noir, Pfalz, Germany** 80
This is a seriously great bottle of Pinot Noir! You may question its origin, and that's fine. If you don't believe, my good friend Crystal Wells will drink it all herself!
- 2016 Anatolikos, Mavroudi/Limnio, Xanthi, Greece** 100
A rare combination of grapes fermented and aged for 9 months in amphora. Seductively dark, chewy, with tobacco, cocoa nibs and raw power. VROOM VROOM!

Italian Reds – North to South

- 2019 Foradori, Teroldego, Dolomiti** 60
Elisabetta Foradori is a hero to many of us in the wine profession. Her staunch belief in farming her vineyards holistically was once considered heresy by her peers, now can't be emulated fast enough. There is but one Teroldego that stands above all others, Foradori.
- 2018 Fabio Gea 'Green Palma,' Barbera, Alba, Piemonte** 115
An unspoken axiom of all lovers of natural wine is looking for Gea's wines on a list. Brilliant. Stunning. Fun. Captivating. Enchanting. There's not enough adjectives for the juice Fabio puts into each bottle.
- 2016 Colombera & Garella, Nebbiolo, Bramaterra, Alto Piemonte** 100
The volcanic soils of Bramaterra lend itself to expressive and lively tones in Nebbiolo. A touch of native Vespolina and Croatina and spice.
- 2016 Colombera & Garella, Nebbiolo, Lessona, Alto Piemonte** 100
To the west of Bramaterra, sits Lessona. Also known for their Nebbiolo showing distinct orange rind and violet tones with incredible depth.
- 2016 Scarpa 'Bric du Nota,' Nebbiolo, Alba, Monferrato, Piemonte** 90
A monumental vintage expressing the attributes that makes one fall in love with Nebbiolo. We only received 6 bottles. They'll be gone by next week.
- 2010 La Stoppa, Barbera, Emilia-Romagna** 70
Elena Pantaleoni adheres to the mantra of "no wine before its time," so don't be intimidated by Barbera with this much age. It's singing!
- 2019 Monte dall'Ora, Corvina/Rondinella/Molinara, Valpolicella** 50
I guess it's fitting that my favorite "Valpolicella" is the elusive Monte dall'Ora. Exceptional example of the area and style.
- 2017 Montenidoli, Colorino, Tuscany** 55
Known only to "color" Chianti, it was by a dare that Elisabetta started producing this as a single varietal. And, it's extraordinary!
- 2019 Ficomontanino 'Bulgarelli,' Sangiovese, Tuscany** 60
This is Sangiovese! Not overblown by oak, the true characteristics of the grape are exemplified in this newcomer to the US market.
- 2018 Poderi Sanguinetto, Prugnolo Gentile (Sangiovese), Rosso di Montepulciano** 50
Dora Forsoni's wines exude her personality: traditional, a bit rustic but altogether charming & balanced; structured dark cherries.
- 2019 Frank Cornelissen 'Sususcaru,' Nerello Mascalese Blend, Etna, Sicily** 70
Formerly known as "Contadino" the name had to be changed due to copyright infringement. Silly, but whatevs. Frank has always produced intriguing thought-provoking wines. However, recently the wines have dramatically improved, shedding their volatile, slightly erratic character. The wines are still unique but now the elegant, vibrant character shows through more clearly.
- 2016 Occhipinti 'Il Frappato,' Frappato, Vittoria, Sicily** 75
A dynamic & energetic wine with profound notes of lingonberries, oregano, earth & a striking, savory mineral character.
- 2016 Passopisciaro 'Passorosso,' Narello Mascalese, Mt. Etna, Sicily** 75
Passopisciaro set the standard, on Mt. Etna, for single "Crus," or "Contrada's" as they are known in the region. "Passorosso" is a blend of many of these Contrada, offering a the brightness and balance of Pinot Noir from Santennay/Marsannay, Burgundy, with the structure of fine Nebbiolo, from Barolo. Their vineyards sit on the north side of Etna, enjoying long days of sun exposure and wind, with very cool nights.

Spanish Reds

- 2017 Clos Figueras 'Serras del Priorat,' Grenache/Carignan/Syrah, Priorat, Spain 65**
Christopher Cannan can be credited with first importing some of the finest wines from Priorat, to the US. This connection to the area enabled him to purchase 10 ha of steep, terraced vineyards overlooking the Montsant River Valley. Cocoa, cumin, and tarragon highlight.
- 2016 Costador 'Metamorphika,' Garnatxa, Conca de Barbera, Spain 70**
Grapes macerated with their skins for 10 months, in clay amphorae, then in French barrels for five months. Epically exciting juice!
- 2014 Bodegas Bhilar 'Phincas', Tempranillo, Rioja, Spain 60**
David Sampedro Gil, dogged believer in biodynamics and the harmonious link between Earth, the human being, the cosmos and the vineyards. This wine exhibits the powerful side of Rioja, without needing to add nefarious additives to achieve such results.
- Casa Aurora is named lovingly, after the legacy set forth by winemaker, Germán Blanco's great-grandmother, Aurora Garcia. Besides planting vineyards, making wine at the home of the village priest, Aurora became the first female in the region to work at the local coal mine. Germán is committed to rehabilitating the vineyards his great-grandmother planted and bottling each as an individual expression of their location. We are pleased to offer the following selections:**
- 2018 'Clos Pepin' 65**
Field Blend of 80+ year old vines
- 2018 'Poula,' 105**
Single vineyard blend of red and white grapes that include Mencia, Garnacha, Trousseau, Godello, Palomino

North American Reds - Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Gamay

- 2014 Fausse Piste 'The Vegetable Lamb,' Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 70**
Former chef, Jesse Skiles, was born in the Northwest and channels both his heritage and palate, into incredibly captivating Pinot Noir!
- 2015 Bow & Arrow, Pinot Noir, Vitae Springs, Willamette Valley, Oregon 55**
An exceptional opportunity to experience Pommard clone Pinot Noir planted by legend, Dick Erath, some 35 years ago.
- 2015 iOTA Winery 'Not One,' Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 60**
From iOTA's Pelos Sandberg Vineyard, and a tremendous value at that. A bit of French Oak spices up this "Oregundian" Pinot to great heights.
- 2019 Brooks, Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 50**
Jimi Brooks (1966-2004), his sister Janie, and winemaker, Chris Williams, have long been dear friends to Webster's, as well as many wine directors throughout Chicago. The name and the wine means a great deal to many of us. This bottling is more reminiscent of classic Oregon.
- 2013 Scar of the Sea 'Q Block,' Bien Nacido Vineyards, Santa Barbara, California 70**
A small block of exceptional vines from one of the best farmed and well-known vineyards. Intense concentration and stunning complexity.
- 2014 Robert Sinskey, Pinot Noir, Los Carneros, California 80**
A champion of low impact farming, a Sinskey wine is always one of purity, typicity, and enjoyment. Never one to chase "points" and there's no need to. The wines are made as beautifully today as they ever have been.
- 2017 Arnot-Roberts, Gamay, El Dorado, California 55**
High elevation Gamay fermented whole cluster and partial carbonic maceration. Snappy, fresh, juicy, and fun. Who isn't looking for that?

North American Reds – Bordeaux Grapes

- 2018 Sleight of Hand 'The Conjurer,' Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc/Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington 65**
Jerry Solomon and Trey Busch developed a masterful partnership producing some "magical" wines. The label is, wait for it, "legendary."
- 2014 Enfield Wine Co. 'XB 01/Unbound,' Merlot, Napa Valley, California 70**
Winemakers John Lockwood and Amy Seese, focus on producing wines that tell a unique story rather than provide "cookie cutter" characteristics. Unbound is a fresh look at Merlot. Highlighting its true fruit characteristics without masking them in a ton of oak.
- 2017 Inconnu, Merlot, Napa Valley, California 85**
Laura Brennen Bissell is utilizing beautifully farmed Carneros grapes, elaborating them with grace, and crafting rock star status Merlot!
- 2014 Arnot-Roberts, Cabernet Sauvignon, Clajoux Vineyard, Sonoma, California 110**
Sourced from just 12 rows of vines in a rocky, volcanic, cool-temperature site in the Mayacamas, this is a masterpiece for Cabernet: essential, memorable flavors unfurl in a slow development on the palate.

American Reds – Fun Grapes

- 2019 Golden Cluster ‘Merci/Danke,’ Garanoir/Regent, Willamette Valley, Oregon 65**
Winemaker Jeff Vejr, I met through a mutual friend, John House, and was blown away by his project. This particular wine has stuck with me for the last few years. Garanoir? Regent? These insane hybrid grapes drink like all the Loire/Beaujolais wines highlighted on our menu.
- 2018 ‘Combe’ by Stolpman Vineyards, Trousseau, Ballard Canyon, California 60**
In partnership with Rajat Parr, this Trousseau combines the light color and high intensity of Jura Trousseau, with the freshness, and a hint of carbonic, for glou-glou.
- 2018 Absentee Winery ‘Flaws,’ Abouriou, Mendocino, California 70**
“Flaws” refers to Avi Deixler’s practice of hand sanding used barrels to rid the walls of flaws, and other chemicals that would change the profile of his wine. Abourior is an early ripening grape most commonly found in the south-west of France. Think Gamay and Loire Valley Malbec (Côt) crossed their streams and defeated a gigantic marshmallow.
- 2014 Peter Franus, Zinfandel, Brandlin Vineyard, Mount Veeder, California 80**
Chester Brandlin oversaw his family’s Mt. Veeder parcel until his death, in 2013. He staunchly believed in preserving the environment and not disrupting nature in the process of making wine. Elegant, intoxicating. If I were to introduce a non-American to Zin, this would be it.

American Reds – Rhône Grapes

- 2018 Stolpman Vineyards ‘Syrah So Hot,’ Syrah, Ballard Canyon, California 75**
Crafty Peter Stolpman is at it again. This offering shows that with some old world techniques, some by which are utilized by legend, Thierry Allemand, Stolpman’s dark, ripe, Syrah, can produce ethereal tones that we love about great Cornas and St. Joseph. Sans Soufre!
- 2016 Keplinger ‘Lithic,’ Grenache/Mourvèdre/Syrah, Amador County, California 100**
- 2016 Keplinger ‘Sumō,’ Petite Sirah/Syrah/Viognier, Amador County, California 100**
Helen Keplinger’s meteoric rise up through the winemaking ranks has seen her at the helm of some prestigious wineries, in Napa Valley. However, her own wine label reflects her love of Grenache, from her days making wine in Priorat, Spain. It’s a rare treat to be able to offer her wines at this price! When I first started working with them, I was allocated 3 bottles each! And, they were expensive. Take full advantage.

Southern Hemisphere Reds

- 2017 S.C. Pannell ‘Basso,’ Garnacha, McLaren Vale, Australia 55**
Stephen Pannell’s holistic approach to his vineyards has landed him empirical status amongst those in McLaren Vale. Beaujolais-esque Garnacha. Delightful and dangerously easy to drink.
- 2015 Koomilya, Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia 150**
From a vineyard that you can’t visit, nor even find on a Google maps, Stephen Pannell will only make wines under the Koomilya label, in perfect vintages. This blend is 80% Cab, and 20% Shiraz. It’s the first vintage ever produced. If conditions never equal 2015, it may be the only! Now, that is a pursuit for perfection. And, well worth it!

Emerging, Historic, Not to be Overlooked Reds

- 2016 Tchotiasvili, Saperavi, Kakheti, Georgia 45**
Saperavi literally translates to paint, dye, or to give color. This brilliant wine is fermented in traditional qvevri which produces a unique flavor and texture that has no equal.
- 2007 Shavnbada, Saperavi, Kakheti, Georgia 60**
A medieval Georgian Orthodox Monastery that was restored in 1992, and producing wines since 1998. The Saperavi macerates on the skins for two weeks before it goes into qvevri. The 2007 spent EIGHT years in qvevri, never fined or filtered, and expresses power and finesse that is mesmerizing.
- 2017 Casa Vieja, Mission grape, Valle de Guadalupe, Baja, Mexico 55**
Mission is the first grape to be planted in the Americas. Brought over by Spanish missionaries to southern Chile, where it is known as Pías, and eventually working its way north. Casa Vieja is sets itself apart from their neighbors in Guadalupe for their unwavering stance on organic farming and minimal intervention winemaking. In fact, at one time, they supplied Baja darling, Bichi, with grapes because the Téllez family knew they were well farmed correctly and would make great “natural” wine.
- 2013 Vena Cava ‘Big Blend,’ Syrah/Cabernet/Petite Sirah, Baja, Mexico 85**
If you’ve read an article regarding wine in the Valle de Guadalupe, you were no doubt introduced to Phil Gregory. Phil, and his wife cashed in their careers in England and moved to the Baja to surf and chill in a hammock all day. He picked up making a little bit of wine as a hobby. His wines are more than mere weekend projects, and for my money, the best the Valle has to offer. His winery is adorned with old surfboards and is a must for any visit to Guadalupe. The blend also includes Zinfandel and Grenache. Not uncommon in Mexico. A hardy red indeed.

Large Format Bottles

- 2017 **Jean-Yves Péron 'Vers la Maison Rouge,' Mondeuse/Gamay, Savoie, France** 160 (*magnum – 1.5L*)
Do not be fooled by this cépage, you are in for a color more reminiscent of rosé due to only five days skin maceration and naturally fermented in oak. Jean-Yves wines are as wild as the sky runs down the slopes of nearby Albertville.
- 2016 **De Moor 'Le Vendangeur Masqué,' Grenache Blanc/Viognier, Rhône Valley, France** 135 (*magnum – 1.5L*)
Devastated by hail, losing all of their Chardonnay vintage, Alice and Olivier reached out to friends in the south for grapes to produce this special bottling.
- 2015 **Dard et Ribo, Syrah, Crozes-Hermitage, Northern Rhône, France** 180 (*magnum – 1.5L*)
Iconoclasts from the outset, René-Jean and François sought to buck the trend of heavily extracted, fat Syrah overburdened by oak. Their wines still exhibit all the savage nature of Syrah with a deft, wild elegance.
- 2005 **Brovia 'Villero', Barolo** 350 (*magnum - 1.5L*)
This single-vineyard Barolo is just starting to turn a corner; all spicy chai tea, balsamic, licorice, and more.

Library Whites

- 1990 **Leth, Roter Veltliner, Wagram** 170
Proof positive that Roter is built to age, this delight is smoky and briny and umami-ey, w/bonito & mango.
- 1995 **Eyrie, 'Reserve,' Chardonnay, Willamette Valley, Oregon** 210
These Chardonnay vines were planted in 1966. David Lett's son, Jason, developed a 21 point certification that is more than an assurance that these wines are sound, free of flaws, and devoid of "cork taint." This wine should command the attention of any serious connoisseur.

Library Reds

- 2009 **Bernard Burgaud, Syrah, Côte-Rôtie** 120
This allocated, small-production, traditional wine will knock your socks off; gamey, dark, unforgettable. Give this one time to open up.
- 2008 **Rene Rostaing, Syrah, Côte-Rôtie** 180
You simply cannot talk about the Côte-Rôtie without mentioning Rene Rostaing. Dogmatic in making wines that only speak to the Côte-Rôtie, not Hermitage, and certainly not New World. His techniques, some modern, some ancient, only assist to accentuate his prized fruit.
- 2007 **Bartolo Mascarello, Nebbiolo, Barolo, Italy** 350
After Bartolo's passing in 2005, his daughter, Maria-Theresa took the helm. In doing so, she continues her father's traditional vinification methods, using large botti and blending across vineyards. A Bartolo Mascarello is a world-class wine experience of structure and nuance.