



Smith-Madrone 2018 Chardonnay, Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley (\$45) Dry-farmed fruit from estate vineyards atop Spring Mountain aged nine months in (55% new) French oak. Vanilla nougat and lemon cream are discernible, as are apricot notes on the middle of the palate. Leesy

and sensual, with vibrant star fruit imparting crispness. A gorgeous, glossy, and elegant vintage. **94**



Aridus 2019 Graciano, Cochise County, Arizona (\$46) From Alba Vineyards on the high-elevation Willcox Bench in Southern Arizona, this stunning Graciano offers succulent red and blue berries in dark chocolate syrup along with wildflowers and tempered, savory notes of Worcestershire, cinnamon,

and black olive. Plush tannins interact with spiced cedar to end things on a deliciously high note. **93**



Intipalka 2019 Gran Reserva, Valle del Sol, Peru (\$49) Grilled meat, spiced cedar, and mountain brush are just some of the mysterious, deep, and dense flavors present in this dynamic blend of 45% Malbec, 25% Tannat, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Petit Verdot. Coffee bean meets dark plum and

blackberry washed in soy sauce on a satiny path. **94**

VIÑAS QUEIROLO



Sanctuary 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley (\$40) This wine was fermented in stainless steel with two pumpovers per day and then saw extended maceration on the skins post primary fermentation; aged in (80% new) French oak for 22 months, it displays a united front of powdery tannins, coffee bean, plum skin, and soil. These notes find a haven in the broad texture, unmasking its denseness with a flow of blackberry and black cherry on the finish. **95**

FETZER VINEYARDS



Craggy Range 2018 Pinot Noir, Te Muna Road Vineyard, Martinborough, New Zealand (\$47) Fermented with indigenous yeast, this French oak-aged red exudes aromas of wet leaves, pomegranate, and allspice. While strawberry and mulberry are tart and ripe, the taste of soil is evident.

The acidity shows verve, contributing to an overall juicy character that makes for a desirable sipper. **93**

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Lloyd Cellars by Robert Lloyd 2019 Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara County (\$50) The carmine hue is deep and inviting, as are the sensual scents of heather and woody forest. The full and generous palate is lathered with huckleberry and dark chocolate-covered coffee bean; layers of tilled soil

and dried flowers keep it exciting and complex. Brown sugar and cinnamon go deep on the finish. **94**



Viña Meín 2019 O Gran Meín, Ribeiro, Spain (\$50) Indigenous grapes like Treixadura, Torrontés, Albariño, Loureira, and Godello make this white blend extra-special. A nutty quality is well framed by the saltiness of wet stone, and lively notes of lemon cookie and buttercup shine. Beautifully crafted, with keen acidity and an unctuous mouthfeel. **93**

ALMA CARRAOVEJAS



St. Francis 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County (\$50) High-elevation vineyards on the slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains produced the fruit for this full-bodied red, which aged 20 months in French oak. Creamy and sumptuous, with notes of dark cherry and melted brown sugar. Spiced sandalwood, blackberry, and cassis intertwine with dark chocolate to create a luxurious mouthfeel. **94**

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