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BÖEN 2019 Chardon-

nay, California (\$25) Sourced from three different regions—Monterey County (62%), Sonoma County (28%), and Santa Barbara County (10%)-this beautifully balanced white speaks of toasted coconut and lemon cake. Clean notes of baked pear and caramel-



kissed papaya leave a long, memorable finish behind. 91

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**Bavel & Stitch 2019** Cabernet Sauvignon,

Central Coast (\$25) Treasured flavors of violets, slate, dark plum, and new leather keep the rich, spicy, and plush palate occupied. Savory notes of black olive and sweet herbs last through the extended finish. 91



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**Ossian Vides y Vinos Quintaluna** 2019 Verdejo, Castilla y León, Spain (\$25) Wet stone and Asian pear collide within an off-dry mouthfeel. The wine beams with intensity: White flowers and pine nut hold a steady course that's enlivened by crisp acidity and a clean finish of lemon and vanilla, 92

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Oberon 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$25) This dynamic, bighearted red shows

ripe, spiced blackberry framed by espresso

and cigar leaf. Woodsy and plush. 91 FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS



**GEA by Root:1** 2020 Andean **Red Wine**. **Central Valley.** Chile (\$25) This bag-in-box blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and País, Chile's ancestral



grape, unleashes plush tannins and notes of boysenberry, cigar box, espresso, and tilled soil. Deep, dark, and juicy, it's a dynamic and pleasurable experience. 90

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**Prescription Vineyards** 2019 Cabernet Sauvi-

gnon, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County (\$30) Grainy tannins fulfill their mission to coat the teeth with blueberry compote. This dynamo of a wine overflows with plump plum, powdered cocoa, and blooming lavender—it's really an

over-the-counter cure for disbelievers of the Alexander Valley's potential for textural lushness. Winemaker Rob Lloyd overdelivers on some amazing medicine for the soul. 93

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#### eStCru 2020 Blockchain Cabernet Sauvignon.

Lodi (\$38) Earthy, juicy, and opulent, this vibrant Cab offers up plum, licorice, and slate; aged 12 months in French oak, it's layered and dynamic, with easy tannins and a lingering espresso finish. The producer puts it best: "It unlocks a hybrid

cloud of flavors worth their weight in binary data."We may be running it in print, but it's staying on our digital record as one to watch! 92

# **SPIRITS**

**Ole Smoky White Chocolate Strawberry Cream Moonshine**, USA (\$22) Fresh, vibrant, and authentic aromas of strawberry mesmerize before the 35-proof liquid coats the tongue with a blanket of perfectly crafted creaminess that's certainly not too rich.



Secondary notes of meringue enhance the flavor profile. 91



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Ole Smoky Banana Pudding Cream Moonshine, USA (\$22) For those like me who dream about this dessert, you've got a liquid alternative here that'll put you on cloud nine. Smooth and silky, with back notes of peanut brittle and marshmallow that give it all-around personality-plus. 35 proof. 92 🗖





