



**Leindl 2020 Grüner Veltliner, Langenlois, Kamptal, Austria (\$26)** The hilly area of Langenlois is one of the historical and cultural centers of the Kamptal region. Aromas of lemon tart reflect on the palate, intersecting with bright, crackling acidity; a stony mouthfeel; and a hint of meringue, green apple, and Bartlett pear. **92**

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**Guinigi 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG, Tuscany, Italy (\$28)** Ten percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot combine with Sangiovese in this fragrant and juicy riserva. Balsamic-covered black cherry and black olive leave a lasting impression before white pepper and mulberry spice up the finish with a hint of black-tea astringency. **93**



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**Fefinanes 2020 Albariño, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain (\$29)** This stainless steel-fermented white is youthful yet shows great grace through its texturally provocative mouthfeel. A whirlpool of apricot, peach, melon, and honeyed pineapple glides across the palate, mixing with salty slate. **93**

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**Condado de Oriza 2014 Gran Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain (\$40)** Chalky tannins and notes of dark chocolate-covered raisin coat the mouth. The fruit is ripe and quite dark, showing almost Port-like concentration along with Old World acidity. Briar and beetroot meld with a dynamic finish of spiced cedar. **94**

FÉLIX SOLÍS AVANTIS



**Ossian Vides y Vinos 2019 Verdejo, Castilla y León, Spain (\$50)** Fruit from 100-year-old vines spent nine months on the lees to create a creamy, nutty profile. Flavors and aromas of pear and peach sharpen their tune with jicama and a salty mineral thread. Bright and well seasoned with basil and tarragon. **94**

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**Champagne Georges Cartier NV Brut Tradition Champagne, France (\$56)** Lemon drop and buttercup combine with lime sorbet in this blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Chardonnay. Bubbles burst with ease as the mineral tone keeps the palate cleansed. **93**

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**Pago de Carraovejas 2019, Ribera del Duero, Spain (\$55)** A thrilling blend of 93% Tempranillo, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Merlot aged 12 months in French and American oak and an additional 12 months in bottle. Fragrant from start to finish, it delivers notes of violets, purple plum, and sandalwood and a magnificent mouthfeel defined by the tension between slate-driven tannins and juicy, succulent fruit. Dark chocolate and earth strike a pose and linger for an extended time. **96**

ALMA CARRAOVEJAS



**Leindl 2020 Ried Heiligenstein Riesling, Kamptal, Austria (\$66)** Aged on the lees for 12 months in stainless steel, this wine saw no oak. Its original name, *Hellenstein* ("hell stone") was fitting, as the vineyards are on a mountain where the "sun burns like hell," according to the winery. It was later renamed *Heiligenstein* ("holy rock"), which refers to

a geological formation of desert sandstone with volcanic matter. In addition to an earthy slate character, it offers scents and flavors of honeyed apricot, salty pear, and stone-fruit pith. **94**

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**Carmel & Joseph 2018 La Madone, AOP Corbières, Languedoc, France (\$90)** From the entry of chalky, chewy tannins to a flavor profile of garigue, espresso, and grilled meat, there lies a profound depth in this intense and eloquent blend of 65% Grenache and 35% Syrah. As it opens up and expands minute by minute, an array of bold, dynamic purple fruit and black tea leaves a trace on the palate. Sweet herbal notes of basil and oregano combine with great acid structure to temper the sturdy, slate-like mouthfeel. **95**