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### WHITE

#### **91Alma Rosa 2015 Chardonnay, Santa Barbara (\$19)**

Smooth and silky with rich texture and juicy, fresh fruit; tangy and bright with tropical notes and a long, lively finish. TWISTY

#### **88Apothic 2015 Winemaker's Blend, American (\$16)**

Spicy and aromatic; crisp and lifted with off-dry, juicy lime and apple fruit; Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Grigio GALLO

#### **90Astrolabe Winery 2015 Province Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$23)**

Juicy and spicy with gooseberry and racy acidity; smooth, balanced with feline notes; fresh and long. ☺

#### **88Barker's Marque Wines 2016 Sauvignon Blanc, Arona, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$13)**

Sleek and juicy with bright citrus and juicy acidity; tangy, grassy and fresh with clean flavors, bright style and a long finish. ☺

INTERNATIONAL VINES

#### **90Barker's Marque Wines 2016 Sauvignon Blanc, Three Brooms, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$16)**

Smooth and ripe with juicy citrus and racy acidity; fresh, tangy and long; lively and balanced. ☺

INTERNATIONAL VINES

#### **90Black Stallion 2015 Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$19)**

Creamy and lush with vanilla oak and smooth texture; ripe, lush and balanced, long and rich.

DFV WINES

#### **91Byron 2014 Chardonnay, Nielson Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (\$40)**

Lush pear and oak nose; creamy and smooth with lush pear fruit and toasty oak; rich and ripe but not heavy; fresh, balanced and long.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

#### **88Cannonball Winery 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County (\$15)**

Spicy nose; clean and silky with juicy, crisp style with restrained spice and bright acidity; balanced and long. ☺

#### **89Clifford Bay Estate 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$14)**

Silky and juicy with clean, balanced style; bright gooseberry and racy acidity; bright and tangy with some feline notes. ☺

FOLEY FAMILY WINES

**88Concha y Toro 2016 Frontera Moonlight, Itata Valley, Chile (\$6)**

Lush, spicy nose; juicy, bright and sweet with clean, lively acidity; bright and long. A Moscato-based blend. ☺  
EXCELSIOR WINES / BANFI

**90Concha y Toro 2014 Marqués de Casa Concha Chardonnay, Limarí Valley, Chile (\$22)**

Clean, silky and juicy with bright acidity and tangy fruit; fresh, balanced and long.  
EXCELSIOR WINES / BANFI

**90Copain Wines 2015 Tous Ensemble Chardonnay, Hein, DuPratt, Ferrington Vineyard, Mendocino County (\$28)**

Soft vanilla nose; crisp and fresh with juicy fruit and bright acidity; long and balanced.

**88Danzante 2015 Pinot Grigio delle Venezie, Italy (\$10)**

Clean nose; juicy and crisp with lush texture and ripe citrus; long and balanced. ☺  
FOLIO FINE WINES PARTNERS

**88Edna Valley Vineyard 2015 Chardonnay, Edna Valley Vineyard, Central Coast (\$14)**

Smooth, ripe and rich; deep, creamy and long.  
GALLO

**91Galerie Wines 2015 Naissance Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$30)**

Silky, juicy and ripe with clean, racy style; fresh and graceful with tangy acidity and precise fruit; bright and nicely balanced. ☺  
JACKSON FAMILY WINE

**88Grove Mill Wine Co. 2014 Sauvignon Blanc, Mairau Valley, New Zealand (\$15)**

Silky and bright with racy gooseberry fruit and lively acidity; citrus and bright style with some feline notes. ☺  
PALM BAY INTERNATIONAL

**91J Vineyards & Winery 2015 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley (\$30)**

Silky, smooth and ripe with ripe pear and juicy acidity; bright and balanced, long and charming.  
GALLO

**90La Follette 2014 Chardonnay, North Coast (\$22)**

Silky and lush with tangy acidity and bright pear fruit; toasty and showing vanilla oak; bright and complex with balance and good length. ☺  
WINE CREEK LLC

**91MacPhail 2014 Chardonnay, Gap's Crown, Petaluma Gap Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (\$45)**

Lush and silky with juicy pear and citrus fruit; smooth, bright and tangy; fresh, and long.  
HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**92MacRostie 2014 Chardonnay, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (\$46)**

Toasty and lush nose; rich, dense and generous with elegant fruit flavors and crisp acid structure; long, deep and bright. ☺

**89Malibu Rocky Oaks 2013 Collective Estate Chardonnay, Malibu Coast (\$17)**

Fresh and crisp with bright acidity and vanilla oak; lush and ripe with balance and lively style; clean and long.

**90 Marco Felluga 2015 Just Molamatta Collio Bianco, Italy (\$18)**

Smooth and juicy with ripe, rich fruit; fresh, tangy and balanced; aromatic and bright, lively and long. 40% Pinot Bianco, 40% Tocai Friulano, 20% Ribolla Gialla.

DALLA TERRA

**92 Merry Edwards 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley (\$34)**

Smooth, ripe and lush with rich flavors of dense fruit, spice and creamy texture; deep and juicy with deep flavors and excellent balance.

**92 Merry Edwards 2013 Chardonnay, Olivet Lane Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$60)**

Smooth, creamy and lush with tangy acidity and toasty, ripe style; rich, mellow and balanced; lavish and opulent, long and dense.

**90 Miner Family Vineyards 2012 Wild Yeast Chardonnay, Carneros and Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$50)**

Fresh and toasty nose; silky and bright with ripe pear fruit and smooth texture; juicy and supple with finesse and good length.

**88 Mirassou 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, California (\$12)**

Ripe and juicy with tangy acidity and silky texture; lush, clean and rich. ☺

GALLO

**88 Noble Vines 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, 242, San Bernabe, Monterey (\$13)**

Smooth, silky and spicy with bright herbs and tangy citrus; clean, fresh and balanced. ☺

DFV WINES

**93 Pepper Bridge Winery 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Walla Walla Valley (\$36)**

Smooth, lush and juicy with ripe, precise fruit; silky and deep with rich, intense flavors; another master work by Norm McKibben and Jean-François Pellet and it's sustainable too!

**90 Russiz Superiore 2015 Sauvignon, Collio, Italy (\$28)**

Silky and tangy with clean, bright, racy fruit; lively, spicy and crisp with juicy, citrus style.

DALLA TERRA

**88 Rutherford Wine Company 2014 Lander-Jenkins Chardonnay, California (\$15)**

Smooth and lush with creamy style and ripe, juicy fruit; clean, rich and mellow with vanilla oak and tropical notes; long and bright.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**90 Rutherford Wine Company 2014 Chardonnay, Napa Valley (\$24)**

Fresh and smooth with juicy style and tangy fruit; bright, lively and toasty with notes of vanilla oak; crisp and long.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**90 Rutherford Wine Company 2015 Scott Family Estate Chardonnay, Dijon Clone, Arroyo Seco, Monterey (\$25)**

Smooth and juicy with ripe pear and bright citrus; toasty oak and fresh fruit flavors; dense and long.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**90Scotto Cellars 2014 Napa by N.A.P.A. Bianca's White, Napa Valley (\$15)**

Ripe and smooth, juicy and aromatic; lush and rich with clean, deep flavors; long and balanced. 62% Sauvignon Blanc, 38% Semillon.

**92Seresin Estate 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$22)**

Tangy and fresh with racy acidity and silky texture; juicy and bright with elegant style and lively flavors; balanced, tangy and long. 🌸

THE SORTING TABLE

**92Stonestreet 2015 Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Alexander Valley (\$35)**

Smooth, lush and deep with classic flavors and lovely texture; ripe, juicy and long.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**92Stonestreet 2014 Estate Chardonnay, Alexander Valley (\$40)**

Bright and smooth with lush pear fruit and vanilla oak; fresh and graceful with silky texture and lovely balance; long and elegant.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**92Talley Vineyards 2014 Chardonnay, Oliver's Vineyard, Edna Valley (\$38)**

Another beauty from Brian Talley: smooth, bright with intense acidity and toasty, vanilla oak; mellow and yet lively, long and luscious.

**93Talley Vineyards 2014 Chardonnay, Rincon Estate, Arroyo Grande Valley (\$44)**

Another stunning Chard from Brian Talley; silky, rich and juicy with notes of toasted, vanilla oak; ripe pear and baked apple with firm, pure acidity; balanced and long.

**92Talley Vineyards 2014 Chardonnay, Rosemary's Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley (\$48)**

Lush and dense with tangy, juicy acidity and plenty of oak complexity; rich but fruit-driven and balanced; long and racy.

**90Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve 2015 Lepia, Soave (\$18)**

The Bertani family has been making wine in this Veronese property since the end of the 19th century; this wine is luscious and bright with aromatics and clean, smooth fruit; tangy with notes of peach and juicy citrus. Garganega

GRAPES ON THE GO

**90Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve 2014 Torrepieve Chardonnay, Verona, Italy (\$31)**

The Bertani family has been making wine in this Veronese property since the end of the 19th century; this wine is smooth and lush with bright acidity and good balance.

GRAPES ON THE GO

**90William Hill Estate 2015 Chardonnay, North Coast (\$17)**

Smooth and lush with toasty, ripe fruit; rich with tropical and spice notes; mellow and deep, long and balanced.

E. & J. GALLO

**88Wine Trees NV Kitchen Sink White Table Wine, California (\$13)**

Juicy and aromatic with spice, smooth texture and ripe fruit; lush, fresh and seamless; long and bright.

Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Gewürztraminer.

WINE TREES USA

## RED

### **901000 Stories 2014 Zinfandel, Batch 11 - Bourbon Barrel Aged, California (\$19)**

Smooth, lush and juicy with bright plum and blackberry; fresh, balanced and long.

### **90Acacia Vineyard 2014 Pinot Noir, Los Carneros (\$29)**

Deep, bright color; smooth, rich and showing black cherry and spice; silky and lush with tangy acidity and long, bright style.

TREASURY WINE ESTATES

### **92Adelaida Cellars 2014 Signature Series Mourvèdre, Anna's Estate Vineyard, Paso Robles (\$50)**

Lush and spicy with deep, rich and smooth style; silky, fresh and dense; long, mellow and balanced; juicy, ripe and charming.

### **90Albatross Ridge 2014 Estate Pinot Noir Reserve, , Carmel Valley (\$55)**

Bright and silky with juicy cherry and notes of earth and spice; savory and balanced, long and lush.

BOWLUS VINEYARDS

### **91Amavi Cellars 2014 Syrah, Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley (\$41)**

Silky and spicy with juicy blackberry and boysenberry; toasty, lush and tangy, long and balanced.

### **91Ancient Peaks 2014 Renegade, Margarita Vineyard, Paso Robles (\$24)**

Lush, rich and ripe with juicy boysenberry and plum; smooth, deep and dense; opulent, balanced and long. 80 % Syrah, 18 % Malbec, 2 % Petit Verdot.

### **90Antigal Winery & Estates 2014 Uno Malbec, ,Mendoza, Argentina (\$18)**

Soft, ripe nose; silky and bright, juicy and lively with notes of earth and spice; ripe berries, good structure and long.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

### **91Antigal Winery & Estates 2014 Uno Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina (\$18)**

Lush, ripe nose; rich, ripe and smooth with plum, cherry and notes of spice and vanilla; luscious and balanced, juicy and long.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

### **92Antigal Winery & Estates 2010 Aduentus Classic, Mendoza, Argentina (\$28)**

Earthy nose; dense, earthy and intense with smooth, rich and spicy berry fruit; complex and long. 40% Malbec, 30% Merlot, 30 % Cab Sauvignon

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

### **92Antigal Winery & Estates 2009 Aduentus Mediterraneo, Mendoza (\$28)**

Deep blackberry nose; smooth, rich and complex with blackberry, cherry and cassis; seamless and deep; lush and dense with notes of spice, mocha and vanilla; long and stylish. 40% Malbec, 30% Syrah, 30 % Tempranillo.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

**93Antigal Winery & Estates 2008 One Malbec, La Dolores, Mendoza, Argentina (\$88)**

Smooth, lush and dense with elegant plum and berry fruit; floral, deep and spicy; long and balanced, elegant.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

**92Antigal Winery & Estates 2010 One Malbec, Doña Angeles, Mendoza (\$88)**

Smooth and earthy with ripe cherry and blackberry; lush, seamless and spicy; long and rich. 87% Malbec, 13 % Cab Franc.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

**92Antigal Winery & Estates 2009 One Malbec, Doña Angeles, Mendoza (\$88)**

Rich, dense and mature with ripe berry fruit and intense notes of earth, spice and vanilla; smooth, balanced and long. 87% Malbec, 13 % Cab Franc.

CORK ALLIANCE, INC

**92Badia a Coltibuono 2011 Sangiovese, Toscana IGT, Italy (\$60)**

Smooth and lush with rich black raspberry fruit and tangy acidity; a pure expression of Sangiovese; fresh, balanced and long.

DALLA TERRA

**90Benessere 2014 Sangiovese, Estate, Napa Valley (\$32)**

Bright, juicy and crisp with racy acidity and snappy berry fruit; smooth, lifted and long.

**91Benessere 2014 Zinfandel, Black Glass Estate, Napa Valley (\$35)**

Fresh, silky and showing boysenberry, cherry and black raspberry; juicy and tangy with ripe, racy fruit flavors; crisp and long.

**91Beringer Vineyards 2014 Estate Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast (\$25)**

Ripe plum and berry nose; lush and ripe with spice and dried cherries; juicy and bright with balance and vanilla oak; long and fresh with a long, generous finish.

TREASURY WINE ESTATES

**88Brazin Cellars 2014 Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi (\$17)**

Smooth, silky and juicy with tangy, spicy berry fruit; lively, fresh and long.

DFV WINES

**89Bridlewood Estate 2015 Pinot Noir, California (\$15)**

Spicy, black cherry nose; silky and lush with rich cherry fruit and savory notes; juicy and fresh with balance and good depth.

GALLO

**92Buty Winery 2013 Columbia Redviva, Phinny Hill Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills (\$50)**

Dark and smooth with juicy plum and spice; ripe vanilla oak and silky texture; tangy and ripe, long and balanced. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah.

**92Buty Winery 2013 Rediviva of the Stones, Rockgarden Estate, Walla Walla Valley (\$60)**

Lush and smooth with ripe blackberry and cassis fruit; rich, dense and showing vanilla oak and soft spice; ripe,

deep and long. 80% Syrah, 14% Cab Sauvignon, 6% Mourvedre

**91 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, Nielson Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (\$45)**

Bright and spicy with cherry and pomegranate fruit; savory and toasty, long and complex.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**92 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (\$45)**

Aromatic nose; silky, spicy and savory with ripe berry fruit and lovely balance; deep, toasty and long.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**91 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, Julia's Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley (\$45)**

Spicy cherry nose; juicy and fresh with bright cherry and savory notes; complex and charming with notes of spice and earth; long and balanced.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**92 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, John Sebastiano Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills (\$55)**

Silky and elegant with ripe cherry and juicy black currant fruit; notes of earth, spice and bright acidity; smooth and long.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**94 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills (\$55)**

Lush fresh cherry nose; silky and ripe with bright cherry and tangy acidity; supple, balanced and juicy; long and lovely.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**93 Byron 2014 Pinot Noir, Monument, Santa Maria Valley (\$65)**

Silky and smooth with bright, intense raspberry and cherry fruit; juicy and generous with tangy, rich style; long and balanced.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**93 Byron 20 Pinot Noir, Rita's Crown Vineyard, St. Rita Hills (\$65)**

Lush and juicy with intense cherry and red currant fruit; racy acidity, lively style with good depth; smooth, savory and long; balanced and generous.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**91 Castoro Cellars 2014 Zinfandel, Zinfusion, Paso Robles (\$24)**

Toasted oak and spice nose; smooth and spicy with bright berry fruit; smooth, balanced and fresh; juicy and rich, long and charming.

**90 Castoro Cellars 2014 Tempranillo, Whale Rock Estate, Paso Robles (\$30)**

Silky and bright with juicy style; fresh, tangy and crisp with lively acidity and racy fruit; long and brisk.

**88M. Chapoutier 2015 Bila Haut Red, Côtes du Roussillon Villages, France (\$15)**

Silky and lush with flesh and ripe blackberry; clean, balanced and long. Syrah, Grenache, Carignan.

HB WINE MERCHANTS

**91 Chateau Ste. Michelle 2013 Indian Wells, Columbia Valley (\$20)**

Berry nose; silky and juicy with smooth, spicy flavors of plum, blackberry and toasty oak; juicy, deep and bright

with lovely balance. 52% Syrah, 29% Merlot, 8% Malbec , 5% Grenache, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Mourvèdre, 2% Petit Verdot.

STE. MICHELLE WINE ESTATES

**88Concha y Toro 2015 Frontera After Midnight, Central Valley, Chile (\$6)**

Herbal nose; smooth and ripe with plum and herbs; juicy, lush and long; a pleasant wine and an incredible price. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot.

EXCELSIOR WINES / BANFI

**89Cono Sur 2014 Bicicleta Organic, Colchagua Valley, Chile (\$14)**

Green herbal nose; Lush and juicy with ripe plum, cassis and only a hint of herbs; clean, fresh and long. 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Carmenère, 25% Syrah.

VINEYARD BRANDS

**91Copain Wines 2014 Tous Ensemble Syrah, High Rock Ranch, Hawks Butte Vineyard, Mendocino County (\$24)**

Silky and juicy with spice and tangy blackberry and boysenberry fruit; smooth, ripe and showing toasty oak and a bright finish.

**89Coppo 2014 L'Avvocata Barbera d'Asti, Italy (\$15)**

Spicy, berry nose; fresh, clean and juicy with tangy acidity and silky texture; bright, balanced and charming. 🌙

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**91Coppo 2012 Camp du Rouss Barbera d'Asti, Italy (\$21)**

Spicy nose; lush and juicy with racy acidity and dense flavors of earth, black raspberry and spice; fresh, tangy and long.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**94Coppo 2010 Pomorosso Barbera d'Asti, Italy (\$50)**

Smooth nose of earth and berries; dark, lush and smooth with mellow fruit and toasty oak; a dramatic demonstration of how great Barbera can be; rich, elegant and stunning.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**88Danzante 2015 Tuscan Red Blend, Tuscany, Italy (\$10)**

Silky and juicy with light, fresh and lively fruit; clean and bright with brisk flavors and lively spice; fresh and balanced. Cab Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese. 🌙

FOLIO FINE WINES PARTNERS

**88Dark Horse NV Blend No 33.1, California (\$10)**

An international blend of six varieties that is dark and dense with rich, sweet, intense flavors; smooth, lush and deep; clean, long and generous. Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot.

GALLO

**89Dark Horse 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$10)**

Dark and lush with smooth texture and ripe cherry fruit; rich with vanilla oak and good balance; long and seductive.

GALLO



**92Dominio del Plata 2013 BenMarco Malbec, Uco Valley, Argentina (\$18)**

Made from grapes grown at 3000 feet elevation by superstar winemaker Susana Balbo; smooth, lush and toasty with juicy blackberry and plum fruit; tangy, fresh and long.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**90Dominio del Plata 2013 BenMarco Cabernet Sauvignon, Uco Valley, Argentina (\$20)**

Smooth and elegant with ripe plum, cassis and spice; rich and silky with balance and finesse; long and stylish.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**91Dominio del Plata 2013 BenMarco Expresivo, Uco Valley (\$35)**

Deep, dark and juicy with tangy blackberry and cassis fruit; smooth and dense, long and balanced. 65% Malbec, 30 % Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**90Dry Creek Vineyard 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Benchland and Hillside Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley (\$26)**

Dark and smoky nose; rich, concentrated and showing black plum and soft herbs; spicy and smooth, sleek and balanced; long and fresh. 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec

**91Duckhorn 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$72)**

Dark and smooth with ripe plum and herbal notes; velvety and lush, long and balanced.

DUCKHORN WINE CO.

**95Duckhorn 2012 Howell Mountain, Napa Valley (\$95)**

Lovely toasted vanilla nose; smooth and lush with juicy plum and toasty oak; supple and elegant, rich and long. 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19 % Merlot, 5 % Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot .

DUCKHORN WINE CO.

**91E. & J. Gallo 2014 MacMurray Pinot Noir Reserve, Russian River Valley (\$43)**

Silky and tangy with bright cherry fruit and notes of earth; juicy and balanced with deep, savory style; long and mellow.

GALLO

**90Estancia 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$14)**

Smooth and ripe with juicy blackberry and cherry; lush and rich, fresh and long.

CONSTELLATION WINE U.S.

**92Galerie Wines 2013 Pleinair Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$50)**

Smooth and lush with notes of earth, spice and herbs; ripe blackberry, plum and dense style; long and balanced.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**94Gamble Family Vineyards 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$50)**

Plum and vanilla nose; lush, smooth and lush with plum and berry fruit; toasty, vanilla oak with deep, rich flavors; rich, balanced and long.

**89Georges Duboeuf 2015 Beaujolais-Villages, France (\$13)**

Silky and smooth with bright black raspberry fruit and crisp acidity; juicy, fresh and totally charming; fresh and

nicely balanced.

QUINTESSENTIAL

**92Ghost Pines 2014 Winemaker's Blend Merlot, Sonoma County (\$20)**

Smooth, ripe nose; velvety and rich with deep plum, black raspberry and spice; long and balanced.

LOUIS MARTINI/GALLO

**90Ghost Pines 2014 Winemaker's Blend Pinot Noir, Monterey, Sonoma, San Joaquin (\$23)**

Smooth, rich and juicy with ripe cherry and raspberry fruit; mellow, balanced and long.

LOUIS MARTINI/GALLO

**88Gnarly Head 2015 1924 Double Black, California (\$12)**

Seriously dark; smooth and deep with rich blackberry fruit and dense texture; concentrated and lush. Zinfandel, Merlot, Syrah.

DELICATO

**92Grgich Hills Estate 2013 Miljenko's Selection Petit Verdot, Yountville Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$65)**

Dark, lush and spicy with deep plum and cassis; concentrated with notes of earth and toasted oak; a rare and welcome bottling of this variety.

**93Grgich Hills Estate 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$90)**

Ripe plum nose; silky, lush and rich with smooth texture and fine structure; balanced with juicy plum and toasted oak; balanced, refined and long. Biodynamic.

**90Grove Mill Wine Co. 2013 Pinot Noir, Mairau Valley, New Zealand (\$22)**

Spicy cherry nose; silky and fresh with juicy berry fruit; crisp and lively, totally charming and bright; long and balanced. 🌸

PALM BAY INTERNATIONAL

**91Hearst Ranch Winery 2014 Chileno Tempranillo, Paso Robles (\$32)**

Smooth, ripe and dense; clean and earthy, lush, rich and balanced; this 150,000 acre cattle ranch was founded by William Randolph Hearst in the mid 19th century. It is just four miles from Hearst castle. It only began producing wine in 2010.

**90Holly's Hill Vineyards 2015 Estate Carignane, El Dorado (\$28)**

Dark and juicy with clean blackberry and cassis fruit; silky, smooth and tangy; lively, fresh and long.

**91J. Lohr 2014 Seven Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$17)**

Plum and spice nose; silky and rich with juicy plum and good texture; smooth, supple and lush; soft tannins and spice notes; fresh and long.

**92J. Lohr 2014 Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$35)**

Smooth plum nose; lush black raspberry and boysenberry fruit; rich and balanced, ripe and showing toasty vanilla oak; mellow and balanced, long and generous.

**92J. Lohr 2013 Cuvée St.E, Paso Robles (\$50)**

An homage to St. Emilion that is predominantly Cabernet Franc; smooth and lush with generous style; deep and rich with lovely depth and balance; long and showing notes of chocolate. 63% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet

Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Malbec.

**92J. Lohr 2013 Cuvée Pau, Paso Robles (\$50)**

Dark and silky with ripe plum and spice; supple and juicy with racy style; seamless and elegant; the "Pau" stands for Pauillac which is this wine's inspiration. 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot, 9% Malbec, 1% Merlot.

**94Kenwood Vineyards 2014 Jack London Zinfandel, Sonoma Mountain (\$28)**

Ripe raspberry and plum nose; smooth and juicy with beautifully balanced flavors of berries with hints of toasted oak, vanilla and spice; a classic Sonoma Zin; bright, long and totally delicious.

PERNOD-RICARD

**90Kukkula 2014 Aatto, Estate, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$40)**

Smooth and lush with juicy raspberry and fresh cassis; amiable and balanced, long and fresh. 15% Grenache, 48% Counoise, 28%Mourvèdre.

**90Kukkula 2013 Pas de Deux, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$45)**

Silky and bright with tangy berry fruit and juicy style; crisp and lush with charming flavors and a long finish. 60% Grenache, 40% Syrah.

**91Kukkula 2013 Sisu, Estate, Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$45)**

Deep and dark with a spicy nose; smooth, lush and juicy with rich berry fruit and spice; intense and long. 25% Grenache, 55% Syrah, 20 %Mourvèdre.

**91La Follette 2014 Pinot Noir, North Coast (\$22)**

Toasty nose; silky and bright with racy cherry fruit and notes of spice and earth; fresh, generous and lively; made by one of California's Pinot masters, Greg La Follette. ☺

WINE CREEK LLC

**89Layer Cake 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, (\$16)**

Silky and smooth with ripe plum and cassis; lush, bright and balanced; juicy, fresh and long. ☺

ONE TRUE VINE

**93Louis M. Martini 2014 Gnarly Vine Zinfandel, Monte Rosso Vineyard, Sonoma County (\$60)**

Dark color; lush, spicy nose; smooth and rich with balance and finesse; the iconic Monte Rosso vineyard is 3,000 feet above the Sonoma Valley; this beautiful wine, made from ancient vines, is satiny and long.

GALLO

**90MacMurray Ranch 2014 Estate Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley (\$30)**

Bright and fresh with crisp acidity and dense cherry fruit; silky, smooth and showing notes of earth and spice.

GALLO

**92MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Pratt Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (\$49)**

Lush and smooth with ripe black cherry and deep berry fruit; rich and dense, long and balanced.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**91MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Wildcat Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (\$49)**

Pale and silky; lush and smooth, ripe cherry and spice; tangy and fresh, bright and long.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**91MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Sundawg Ridge Vineyard, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley (\$49)**

Spicy cherry nose; silky smooth and spicy with savory notes and bright cherry fruit; long and mellow, juicy and balanced. 🍷

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**92MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Dutton Ranch, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley (\$49)**

Black cherry nose; smooth and spicy with ripe berry fruit and notes of earth; lush, juicy and balanced; long and rich, deep and elegant.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**91MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Toulouse Vineyard, Anderson Valley (\$49)**

Silky, smooth and graceful with ripe black cherry and concentrated style; savory and deep, lush and balanced.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**92MacPhail 2014 Pinot Noir, Ferrington Vineyard, Anderson Valley (\$49)**

Silky and deep with elegant style and rich cherry, berry and juicy acidity; deep and ripe, long and stylish.

HESS FAMILY ESTATES

**93MacRostie 2014 Pinot Noir, Goldrock Ridge Vineyard, Sonoma Coast (\$56)**

Bright berry nose; juicy and crisp with racy acidity and tangy red cherry fruit; smooth, lively and lush; elegant and deep; charming and long. 🍷

**91Malibu Rocky Oaks 2013 "360," Malibu Coast (\$27)**

Smooth and juicy with clean, fresh and intense flavors of toasty oak and ripe fruit; lively, tangy, long and balanced, rich and deep. 50% Syrah, 24% Petit Verdot, 16% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc.

**92Malibu Rocky Oaks 2014 Pinot Noir Reserve, Block Four Vineyard, Malibu Coast (\$30)**

Spicy, floral nose; silky texture and bright acidity; fresh, clean and juicy with lovely, smooth cherry and raspberry fruit; deep, tangy and snappy; long and balanced.

**90Marchesi di Gresy 2014 Barbera d'Asti Monte Colombo, Italy (\$18)**

Smooth and juicy with tangy acidity and notes of earth and spice; clean, bright and fresh with balance and depth.

DALLA TERRA

**90Marchesi di Gresy 2014 Nebbiolo, Langhe, Italy (\$22)**

Silky and fresh with racy acidity, bright plum and wild raspberry; juicy and smooth, elegant, tangy and long.

DALLA TERRA

**92Marchesi di Gresy 2012 Barbaresco Martinenga, Italy (\$50)**

Soft floral nose; silky and juicy with elegant, tangy and precise fruit; bright, racy and refined; balanced with hints of spice and earth; long and lovely.

DALLA TERRA

**88Matchbook 2013 Syrah, Dunnigan Hills (\$16)**

Smooth, ripe and earthy with juicy style and good balance; long and mellow, fresh and clean.

MATCHBOOK WINE CO.

**92Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast (\$45)**

Smooth, toasty and herbal with tangy berry fruit; notes of earth and gobs of ripe fruit; juicy, balanced and long.

**91Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley (\$48)**

Spicy, boysenberry nose; silky, dense and juicy with cola, tangy raspberry fruit; ripe, lush and long.

**92Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Flax Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$60)**

Ripe, lush nose; silky and bright with juicy black raspberry fruit and savory notes; smooth, rich and tangy.

**92Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Georganne Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$63)**

Silky and showing black cherry fruit; tangy and crisp, bright and smooth, racy and long, juicy and balanced.

**93Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Meredith Estate, Russian River Valley (\$63)**

Deep ruby color; silky and lush with deep flavors of black cherry and spice; juicy, rich and balanced with fresh,ripe style.

**91Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Klopp Ranch, Russian River Valley (\$66)**

Rich black cherry nose; ripe and dense, rich cherry and notes of earth; deep, lush and long.

**93Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Coopersmith Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$66)**

Ripe black cherry nose; smooth, lush and rich with toasty vanilla oak and deep, dense style; concentrated and long.

**93Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Olivet Lane Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$68)**

Spicy and bright nose; dense, ripe and showing black cherry and spice; silky and lush; rich and long.

**95Merry Edwards 2014 Pinot Noir, Cuvée August, Russian River Valley (\$98)**

Silky and elegant with juicy black raspberry and crisp cherry; saturated and lush with lively acidity; balanced, deep and long.

**93Miner Family Vineyards 2014 Pinot Noir, Gary's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County (\$60)**

Pale color; bright cherry nose; juicy and crisp with tangy cherry and floral notes; racy, lively and fresh; long and elegant, lively and classic.

**91Miner Family Vineyards 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Stagecoach Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$75)**

Deep color, herb and spice nose; smooth, dense and spicy with plum, blackberry and soft herbs; generous and long, balanced and rich. 90% Cab Sauv, 6% Merlot, 4% Cab Franc

**90Naked Mountain 2012 Petit Verdot, California (\$36)**

Smooth and racy with spice, violets and cassis; tangy, toasty and fresh. 78% Petit Verdot, 11% Merlot, 11% Tannat.

**88Noble Vines 2014 The One Black, North Coast (\$15)**

Dark and smooth with ripe blackberry and cassis fruit; ripe and lush, dense and juicy; deep, balanced and long.  
DFV WINES

**90Oregon Trails Wine Co. 2015 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley (\$20)**

Smooth cherry nose; silky, bright and tangy with juicy cherry fruit; fresh fruit and racy acidity; balanced, crisp and

long.

**93Pepper Bridge Winery 2013 Trine, Walla Walla Valley (\$65)**

Smooth and lush with silky tannins and lovely plum fruit; a classic Bordeaux blend by winemaker Jean-François Pellet; supple, seamless and long. 37% Cab Sauv, 34% Cab Franc, 15% Merlot, 9 % Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

**91Peter Zemmer 2015 Rolhut Pinot Noir, Alto Adige, Süd Tirol, Italy (\$18)**

Smooth and luscious with smooth, bright cherry fruit and lovely texture; juicy, fresh and delicious; mellow, fresh and long.

HB WINE MERCHANTS

**90Roger Roessler Cellars 2013 Grenache, Camp 4 Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley (\$28)**

Fresh and juicy with black raspberry and cherry fruit; silky and bright with notes of earth and minerals; balanced and long.

R2 WINE COMPANY

**90Russiz Superiore 2013 Cabernet Franc, Collio, Italy (\$28)**

Herbal, spicy nose; rich and dense with herbal notes and lush plum and berry fruit; racy and balanced, fresh and long.

DALLA TERRA

**88Rutherford Wine Company 2014 Lander-Jenkins Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$15)**

Smooth and fresh with tangy berry fruit and bright vanilla oak; juicy, tangy and balanced.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**90Rutherford Wine Company 2013 Lander-Jenkins Pinot Noir, California (\$18)**

Clean, spicy nose; smooth, lush and bright with tangy cherry and spice; dense and fresh with juicy style and savory notes.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**90Rutherford Wine Company 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$35)**

Smooth, juicy with clean with ripe plum and berry fruit; silky and bright, balanced and long.

RUTHERFORD WINE COMPANY

**95Shafer Vineyards 2014 Merlot, Napa Valley (\$55)**

Lush, plum and berry nose; velvety texture with ripe plum and blackberry; toasty oak and great balance; rich, deep and layered; long and intense. 78% Merlot, 14% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon.

**90Stonestreet 2013 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley (\$45)**

Smooth and dense with ripe plum and soft herbs; toasty and rich, long and balanced.

JACKSON FAMILY WINES

**94Susana Balbo 2013 Brioso, Finca Dominio, Mendoza, Argentina (\$44)**

Another stunning wine from one of Argentina's star native winemakers; this Bordeaux blend, harvested from her own vineyard, is dark and lush with smooth texture and ripe, deep fruit; balanced and long. 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25 % Malbec, 25 % Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**90Te Kairanga 2013 Pinot Noir, Martinborough (\$24)**

Bright cherry and plum nose; silky texture and lively plum, cherry and spice flavors; supple and fresh, long and balanced with a juicy finish. 🍷

FOLEY WINE ESTATES

**85Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve 2014 Pragal, Verona, Italy (\$18)**

Smooth, dense and fleshy with earth, spice and a bit of funk. Corvina, Merlot, Syrah.

GRAPES ON THE GO

**88Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve 2008 Decima Aurea Merlot, Veneto, Italy (\$45)**

Earthy, smooth and spicy with dense style and rich plum; deep, intense and long.

GRAPES ON THE GO

**89Tenuta Santa Maria alla Pieve 2014 Ripasso, Valpolicella (\$31)**

Smooth, dense and juicy with earth, meat and ripe plum; rich and deep with smooth texture and good length.

GRAPES ON THE GO

**96Viña Cobos 2013 Bramare Malbec, Rebon Vineyard, La Consulta, Valle de Uco, Argentina (\$105)**

Smooth and lush with toasty notes of oak; spicy and rich, smooth and dense with ripe blackberry and cassis; concentrated and balanced with juicy, tangy style; complex and long.

PAUL HOBBS IMPORTS

**94Viña Cobos 2013 Bramare Malbec, Marchiori Vineyard, Perdriel, Lujan de Cuyo, Argentina (\$105)**

Smooth and luscious with ripe cassis, cherry and blackberry; toasty, juicy and concentrated; supple and intense, long and balanced.

PAUL HOBBS IMPORTS

**90Vina Robles 2013 Red 4, Estate, Paso Robles (\$17)**

Four varieties grown in the estate vineyard; dark and luscious with smooth texture and rich, juicy blackberry and blueberry; bright and generous, fresh and long. Petite Syrah 41%, Syrah 40 %, Mourvèdre 10%, Grenache 9%. 🍷

**90Vina Robles 2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$26)**

Smooth and ripe with dense plum and blackberry fruit; juicy and long, balanced and fresh.

**88Vinarija Zvonko Bogdan 2013 Cuvée No.1, Vojvodina, Serbia (\$12)**

Dark, deep and smooth with rich plum, cassis and spice; juicy, earthy and balanced; fresh and long. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Frankova.

TERRANEO MERCHANTS

**90Vinarija Zvonko Bogdan 2013 Icon Campana Rubimus, Palic, Servia (\$49)**

A deep, dark Serbian wine that is clean and juicy with plum fruit and silky texture; bright, racy and long.

TERRANEO MERCHANTS

**90William Hill Estate 2014 Bench Blend, Estate, Napa Valley (\$40)**

Dark and deep with lush, balanced boysenberry fruit and spice; tangy, rich and juicy; long and intense.

E. & J. GALLO

**90Wine Trees 2014 Black Saint Peter Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi (\$15)**

Smooth, lush and juicy with ripe, spicy wild berry fruit; intense, tangy and showing ripe, fresh flavors; long and balanced.

WINE TREES USA

**92Z. Alexander Brown 2013 Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$120)**

Dark, silky and bright with black plum, blackberry and blueberry; clean and juicy with depth, elegance and balance.

**ROSÉ AND DESSERT**

**88Angeline Winery 2016 Pinot Noir Rosé, California (\$15)**

Light pink color; crisp and juicy with silky texture and bright, dry fruit; fresh and balanced with tangy strawberry and lively citrus; long and tangy. 🍷

**89Apaltagua 2016 Carmenere Rosé, Reserva, Estate, Mauley Valley (\$12)**

Pale salmon pink; smooth and juicy with clean, dry, racy fruit; bright citrus and racy acidity; lifted, lively and long.

TWISTY

GLOBAL VINEYARD

**90Susana Balbo 2016 Signature Rosé, Uco Valley (\$20)**

Light pink color; juicy and crisp with dry, juicy and racy citrus; silky and lifted, tangy and long; made by one of Argentina's superstar winemakers.

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS

**90Malibu Rocky Oaks 2012 Late Harvest Cabernet, Malibu Coast (\$100)**

Smooth, dense and sweet with deep flavor of plum and prune; considerably drier than expected; lush, savory and long.

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