



# WINE ENTHUSIAST

## BEST OF YEAR 2019

### BUYINGGUIDE



**91 La Tunella 2017 Biancosesto (Friuli Colli Orientali).** A fifty-fifty blend of Friulano and Ribolla Gialla aged in large casks, this has alluring aromas of crushed tomato vine, grapefruit and tropical fruit. The aromas carry over to the elegantly structured, medium-bodied palate along with mature apricot, yellow pear and an almond note. Drink through 2023. Beva Imports, LLC. —K.O.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$30



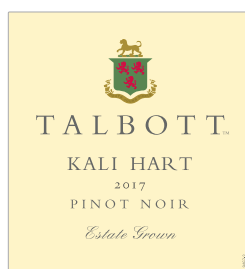
**91 Lovingston 2017 Josie's Knoll Cabernet Franc (Monticello).** Aromas of blueberry and red plum meld with thyme and perfume on the nose. Cranberry and cherry notes are ripe and upfront on the palate, paired with crisp, tart red apple and bright acidity. A firm grip of tannins provides a solid frame for the juicy fruit flavors. *Editors' Choice.* —F.A.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$28



**91 Oltrenero NV Brut (Oltrepò Pavese).** Aromas of hawthorn, fleshy white-stone fruit, strawberry and a yeasty whiff of pastry dough form the nose. Bright and tangy, the palate offers apricot, yellow apple and orange zest alongside crisp acidity and a lively, refined mousse. 1821 Fine Wines & Spirits. —K.O.  
**abv:** 12% **Price:** \$40



**91 Sketchbook 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Mendocino County).** This big, rich wine offers an array of plump fruit flavors that are woven through subtle oak spices. It has plenty of tannins, but they're so well integrated that the texture still feels creamy, carrying flavors of blueberry, black cherry and dark chocolate. Best through 2025. *Editors' Choice.* —J.G.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$20



**91 Talbot 2017 Kali Hart Estate Grown Pinot Noir (Monterey).** This bottling begins with aromas of cherry and berry along with wild mint and dried tarragon. Strong hits of licorice and star anise play well with the berry backdrop on the palate. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.  
**abv:** 14.6% **Price:** \$21



**91 Terra d'Oro 2017 Barbera (Amador County).** This full-bodied wine is polished, well-rounded and packed with generous fruit flavors. A baking spice aroma leads to rich berry flavors on the palate, while abundant yet soft tannins shape the velvety mouthfeel. *Editors' Choice.* —J.G.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$18



**91 Tinto Rey 2015 Tempranillo (Dunnigan Hills).** This generous wine is full in body and packed with ripe black fruits wrapped in dark chocolate. Fine-grained tannins give support on the palate and balance the opulent fruitiness. *Editors' Choice.* —J.G.  
**abv:** 13.9% **Price:** \$16



**91 Wilson Creek 2017 Family Meritage (Temecula Valley).** This blend of 47% Cabernet Franc, 30% Malbec, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot is an impressive showing, starting with aromas of cherry, cinnamon and oak that are fresh and fruity. Oak decorates the palate in a balanced way, lifting up the black cherry, caramel and cappuccino flavors. *Editors' Choice.* —M.K.  
**abv:** 14.4% **Price:** \$65



**90 Albino Armani NV Extra Dry (Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore).** This wine offers aromas of spring blossom, white stone-fruit flesh and a hint of wet stone. The creamy, refreshing palate brings white peach, Golden Delicious apple and candied tangerine before a white-almond close. Saranty Imports. —K.O.  
**abv:** 11% **Price:** \$20