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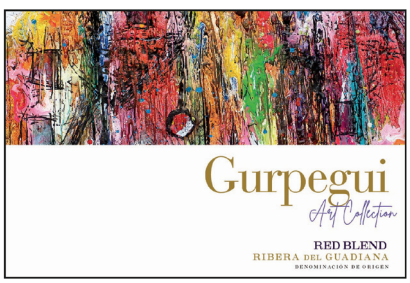
93 J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines 2024 Wildflower Valdiguié (Arroyo Seco). This bottling of a grape once known as "Napa Gamay" is always a fresh treat. This vintage is smooth and inviting on the nose, with cherry and oak aromas. The palate is fresh, herbal, and snappy all at once, offering juicy baked cherry flavors that lead into a baking-spice-kissed finish. ***Best Buy***. —M.K.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** $13



92 Bodegas Luis Gurpegui Muga 2022 Art Collection Garnacha (Ribera del Guadiana). Wild and savory aromatics jump out of the glass and are complemented by baked red and purple fruits. The freshness on the palate is backed by well-woven tannins and, while there isn't a ton of complexity to be found, this is a rather nice effort. Manzanos Wines USA. ***Best Buy***. —B.B.
abv: 13% **Price:** $20

92 DFJ Vinhos 2021 Francos Reserva (Lisboa). With a dark-chocolate aroma and rich tannins, this is a fine, complex wine. Its dark fruit and juicy black plum flavors combine well to give a dense texture. The wine will be ready from 2026. Suitable for vegans. DFJ Vinhos. ***Best Buy***. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** $18

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92 Fabio Motta 2023 Le Pieve (Bolgheri). The nose is cool and fresh, with aromas of blackberry tea, wild fennel, and pomegranate. The palate stays tangy and fresh but also adds a bright liveliness, with flavors of tea leaf, citrus, wild herbs, and tart and sweet black fruit. Tannins are like big, polished, smooth paving stones. Fabio Motta S.R.L. Società Agricola. ***Best Buy***. —D.C.
abv: 14% **Price:** $20

92 Michael David Freakshow 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon (Lodi). This brand has become synonymous with richness of style and substance. In this bottling, aromas of dark berry, clove, crushed violets, and sweet oak ripple throughout the nose. Flavors of concentrated blackberry, boysenberry, coffee, and cardamom head into a dry, juicy finish. Pair with something from the grill. ***Best Buy***. —T.P.
abv: 15% **Price:** $20

92 Piazzo Comm. Armando 2022 Nebbiolo Aiman (Langhe). Delicate red currants and wild strawberries float above an ethereal garden of spring roses and violet petals. Fresh and graceful, the wine glides across the palate with silky red fruits and refined tannins, showing classic Langhe finesse in a wonderfully approachable style. Piazzo Comm. Armando. ***Best Buy***. —J.P.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** $20

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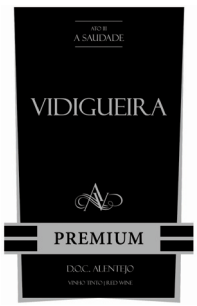
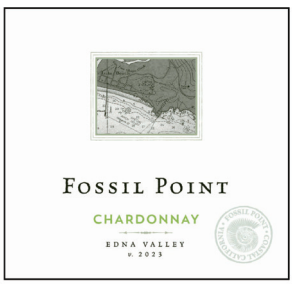


91 Adega Cooperativa de Vidigueira 2023 Premium (Alentejo). With its licorice aroma and juicy black fruits, this is a balanced wine that is maturing well. It has a rich, dense texture, giving promise and aging ability. Drink from 2027. Adega Cooperativa de Vidigueira. ***Best Buy***. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** $12

91 DFJ Vinhos 2022 Aluado Reserva (Lisboa). A rich and complex wine, with the wood aging adding a touch of spice and a polished texture. The wine's black coffee aroma and dense black fruits combine well into a powerful wine that will be ready in 2026. DFJ Vinhos. ***Best Buy***. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** $19



91 Fossil Point 2023 Chardonnay (Edna Valley). A golden hue in the glass, this bottling starts with aromas of lemon and damp chalk on the nose. The zesty palate is bright with lemon peel flavors that are tart but very enlivening. ***Best Buy***. —M.K.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** $18