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**97** **Domaine Zind-Humbrecht 2017 Goldert Grand Cru Muscat (Alsace).** Orange blossom, Mandarin and jasmine create a beguiling perfume on the nose of this wine. The palate immediately convinces, with lemon zestiness that counters and accompanies the aromatic riches. Orange zest, more summer blossom and even saltiness take turns to dazzle in this aromatic marvel of a wine. A creamy element accentuates and unites the freshness of the aromatic strands. Drink 2020–2035. Kobrand. —A.K.  
**abv:** 13% **Price:** \$51

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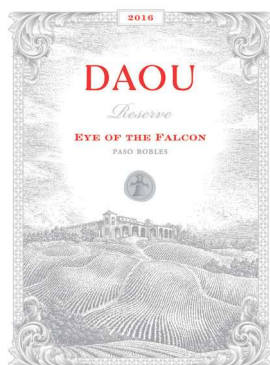


**96** **Contucci 2015 Mulinvecchio (Vino Nobile di Montepulciano).** Rose petal, wild herb, red berry and pipe tobacco aromas are front and center on this fragrant, elegantly structured wine. The smooth, linear palate delivers raspberry compote, pomegranate, cinnamon and white pepper alongside a backbone of taut but refined tannins and fresh acidity. Give this time to develop to its full potential. Drink 2023–2035. Martignetti Companies. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14% **Price:** \$49

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**97** **Franchetti–Passopisciaro 2016 Contrada G Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane).** Enticingly fragrant, this stunning red opens with delicate but alluring scents of wild berry, Mediterranean brush, rose, crushed rock and a whiff of exotic spice. It's full bodied but loaded with finesse, delivering creamy red cherry, raspberry compote, star anise and white pepper. Taut, refined tannins and lively acidity provide support and balance, while a savory mineral note lingers on the close. Drink 2021–2036. T. Edward Wines Ltd. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$79

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**96** **Daou 2016 Eye of the Falcon Reserve (Paso Robles).** Focused aromas of black currant jam, cocoa nib, espresso bean and German chocolate cake show on the nose of this blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Petite Verdot. Polished tannins support luxurious flavors of cocoa powder, hoisin, baking spice and black currant paste. Drink 2020–2036. —M.K.  
**abv:** 14.7% **Price:** \$75

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**95** **Gini 2016 La Frosca (Soave Classico).** Radiant and loaded with finesse, this stunning white opens with enticing scents of fragrant spring flower, acacia, white stone fruit and wild herb. The round, elegant palate is focused, precise and energetic, delivering peach, Bartlett pear, ginger and tangerine drop candy alongside bright acidity. It closes on a tangy mineral note evoking crushed oyster shell. A gorgeous wine. Drink through 2028. de Grazia Imports, LLC. —K.O.  
**abv:** 12.5% **Price:** \$34

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**96** **Styring 2015 Wit Reserve Estate Pinot Noir (Ribbon Ridge).** This barrel selection reserve is truly exceptional. Showing focus and precision, it pushes firm black cherry, caramel, praline and toasted cashew flavors into full display. The ripeness, richness and overall deliciousness pin the pleasure meter. Drink through 2030. —P.G.  
**abv:** 15% **Price:** \$65

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**100** **Château Palmer 2016 Margaux.** Powerful tannins and hugely rich fruit balance together in this superb wine. The velvet texture belies the power behind the concentrated, ripe black-fruit flavor, with vibrant acidity giving ample lift. The wine's structure will ensure aging for many years. Drink from 2024. K&L Wine Merchants. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$330

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**96** **Paolo Scavino 2015 Prapò (Barolo).** Aromas of incense, rose, iris and eucalyptus carry the nose of this compelling wine. The full-bodied palate is smooth and enveloping, delivering juicy black cherry, pomegranate, licorice, tobacco and clove. It has a fantastic combination of structure and finesse that shows the power of Serralunga and the elegance that is the hallmark of this estate. Hold for even more complexity. Drink 2025–2035. Skurnik Wines, Inc. —K.O.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$73

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**97** **Schramsberg 2010 J. Schram (North Coast).** This dry and beautifully aged bubbly is made from 84% Chardonnay and 16% Pinot Noir. Rich gold in color, it opens with fascinating and well-developed aromas of toasted baguette, toasted walnuts and marzipan, followed by a warm, buttery flavor that's backed by baked apple and cinnamon. The fine-beaded texture is luxurious and the finish is long and lingering. Best through 2024. —J.G.  
**abv:** 12.4% **Price:** \$120

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**95** **Domäne Wachau 2017 Ried Achleiten Grüner Veltliner Smaragd (Wachau).** Notes of salty miso, celery, lemon and green pear unite into an intriguing nose. On the palate, it is ripe, juicy pear that takes the lead, but savory salt and pepper add freshness and allure to this fluid, slender, concentrated and zesty wine. The finish echoes with citrus and white pepper. It will take some time to come into its powerful own. Drink 2020–2030. Gonzalez Byass USA. —A.K.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$46