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## 2015 Ultimate Wine Challenge

### Great Values

Ultimate Wine Challenge 2015 recognizes the following products as **Great Values**: products with a favorable relationship between their price and final score at UWC. They are the finest wines within their respective price points.



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### Champagne/Sparkling Wines

#### Champagne - France

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	96	<b>Champagne Marion-Bosser Premier Cru Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne (France), \$51.99</b>  The pinpoint mousse is delightfully prickly, clean, and refreshingly acidic. First nosings discover multiple layers of baker's yeast, sourdough, buttered toast, and lemon peel. In the mouth, the flavor profile explodes with stone dry, seed-like tastes of ripe grapes, citrus, sesame seed. The silky texture elegantly wraps the entire sensory experience with substance and class. Top-notch luxury. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Moet &amp; Chandon Imperial Brut Rose Epernay (France), \$55.00</b>  Visual effect of the mesmerizing pale rose color is memorable. First inhalations feature subtle fragrances of ripe peach, nectarine, pink grapefruit, black grapes, raisins. Taste profile highlights the orchard fruit freshness and tanginess that's both acidic and moderately tannic, but dazzlingly concentrated on grapiness. Finishes long and languid. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	92	<b>Champagne Marion-Bosser Brut Tradition Champagne (France), \$45.99</b>
		Pleasant toasty aromas of just baked brioche mix with undertones of honeyed almond and white flowers. The mousse is creamy on the palate, with bright lemony flavors augmented by crisp minerality and a chalky finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Moët &amp; Chandon Imperial Brut Epernay (France), \$41.00</b>
		Pale straw tone. Mineral, limestone aromas on the nose. Apple tastes on the palate, an appealing hint of crisp pear character also come across. Bubbles are fine while a stony minerality is apparent. An excellent bubbly for all occasions. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

## Champagne/Sparkling Wines

### Cava – Spain

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Poema Brut Rosado Cava (Spain), \$12.99</b>
		This sparkling wine carries a deep pink hue. The palate is driven by citrus, taking the form of tangerines, orange, and there is a hint of Californian persimmons. Dry, but with a delightfully fruity character. An easy quaffer. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Marques de la Concordia Millesime Reserva de la Familia Rose Brut Cava (Spain), \$13.99</b>
		A lovely, light pink hue. Pit fruit aromas float from the glass. Bubbles charge onto the palate with a taste of peach and nectarine. Though the fruit here is intense, it is all enveloped in a mineral dryness that balances this wine completely. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Marques de la Concordia Seleccion Especial Brut 2012 Cava (Spain), \$11.99</b>
		Straw hue with flecks of gold. Seville orange marmalade come through in the perfume. Citrus drives the palate in the form of orange, meyer lemon and clementines. Long, lingering acidity and a slightly richer palate than is usual for a Brut. A crowd pleasing sparkling wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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91 **Marques de la Concordia Millesime Reserva de Familia  
Brut 2009 Cava (Spain), \$13.99**

Bright, titillating bubbles with a nose that is reminiscent of smoke, along with dried Turkish apricots. Spice wafts from the glass, while the palate offers more dried fruits and cinnamon spice. Great for those that like a fruit-driven, yet dry, bubbly.

**Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Marques de la Concordia Seleccion Especial Rose Brut  
2012 Cava (Spain), \$11.99**

This cava pours a pretty blush color with a creamy and persistent mousse. As the bubbles dissipate, fresh fruity and floral aromas emerge from the glass. The fruit carries on through to the palate. Dry and clean, yet lively and effervescent.

**Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Champagne/Sparkling Wines

### Prosecco - Italy

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	95	<b>Tenuta Ca'Bolani Prosecco Cervignano del Friuli (Italy), \$18.99</b>
		A pale yellow-straw color in the glass, this prosecco bursts with aromas of peaches and nectarines, as well as white flowers. In the mouth, it's crisp and refreshing, but with a creamy texture thanks to a persistent mousse and a clean finish. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Zonin Prosecco Veneto (Italy), \$14.99</b>
		Pale straw-colored, this softly effervescent prosecco is bursting with fresh aromas of summer fruits and flowers. Easy-drinking at a pleasant 11% ABV, it's crisp and refreshing on the palate, with a hint of minerality and a nice, clean finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Avissi Prosecco Veneto (Italy), \$13.00</b>
		This pale straw-colored prosecco pours with a fine, persistent fizz. As the bubbles dissipate, subtly peachy and floral aromas emerge from the glass. In the mouth, it's crisp and refreshing with a clean finish. Lovely as an aperitif. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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91 **Astoria Prosecco Treviso (Italy), \$13.99**

This pale yellow prosecco pours with a fine, persistent mousse. Bursting with fruity aromas of peaches and berry bubblegum, it's lively and refreshing citrus in the mouth. At just 11%, it's an easy-drinking aperitif: dry with a hint sweetness. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Corte Giona Extra Dry Prosecco (Italy), \$15.99**

A delicate straw yellow in the glass with persistent bubbles. Plentiful citrus and orchard fruit aromas rise from the glass and on the palate it is dry, fruity, and mineral. A zippy acidity leads into the finish which is fruit-forward and exquisitely dry. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Menage a Trois Prosecco Veneto (Italy), \$14.00**

This lively, fruity prosecco pours with a fine, persistent fizz. As the effervescence settles down, notes of tart apple and citrus emerge with hints of candied fruit. Nose tickling and tongue prickling, it's a perky bubbly with a clean finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Zardetto Brut Treviso Prosecco (Italy), \$16.00**

Pretty appearance that's a blizzard of small pinpoint bubbles. Nose is alive with garden fresh aromas of grapefruit, apricot, quince, white grapes. Entry and midpalate are zesty, piquant, spicy, citrusy, grapy, almost tonic-like. Finishes long, prickly, loaded with vivid grapy charm. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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89 **Cupcake Prosecco Italy (Italy), \$14.00**

Pale yellow in the glass with fine, persistent bubbles, this prosecco is full of fresh, peachy and floral aromas. In the mouth it's creamy yet bright, bursting with lemon-lime flavors and leaving you with just a hint of sweetness on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Champagne/Sparkling Wines

### Asti/Moscato d'Asti – Italy

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88 **Cupcake 2014 Moscato d'Asti (Italy), \$14.00**

Decadent and honey-tinged with tropical mango, passion fruit, ripe melon, candied apple, and lemon. Sweet and luscious on the palate with tropical fruits abound and kiwi, lemon, and minerals. The finish is sweet and fruity. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**Champagne/Sparkling Wines**

**Sparkling Red Wines – World**

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88 **Yellow Tail Sangria Bubbles Yenda (Australia), \$11.99**

Ripe on the nose bursting with red raspberry, confectionary strawberry, lemon zest, cherry licorice, and sweet spice. On the palate it is juicy with red berry fruits, more lemon zest, blood orange and a balanced sweetness. The finish is fruity, with sweet red berry fruits. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**Champagne/Sparkling Wines**

**Sparkling – USA**

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Finalist 93 **Gloria Ferrer Sonoma Brut Sonoma County (United States), \$22.00**

Opens with bright pear and green apple notes with a touch of honey and white flower. On the palate it is dry with orchard fruits accompanied by a brisk acidity and a fine mousse. The finish is dry with Granny Smith apple. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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Finalist 92 **Chateau Frank Brut 2008 Finger Lakes (United States), \$24.99**

This dry sparkler opens up with aromas of rising bread dough, giving way to fresh fruity notes of notes of citrus and stone fruit. It shows plenty of wet-slate minerality and a hint of the saline. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Barefoot Bubbly Red Moscato California (United States), \$9.90**

Fresh and lively nose of candied rose petal, clementine, strawberry jam, and red raspberries. On the palate it is sweet and fruit-forward with ripe strawberry, raspberry jam, and acai berry. The finish is sweet, fruity, and pleasant. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs Sonoma County (United States), \$22.00**

Incredibly fresh aromas of citrus and light toast are crisp and refreshing. In the mouth it is piquant with plenty of bright stone fruit flavors integrated with a nice toasted wood on the lip-smacking finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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89 **Chronic Cellars Spritz & Giggles California (United States), \$17.99**

Clean aromas of pears and minerals are light and opulent. Small tight bubbles give way to a creamy mouthfeel that highlights apple and pear flavors mixed with rounded floral notes that continue to linger on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Barefoot Bubbly Pink Moscato California (United States), \$9.99**

White peaches and meyer lemon offer a balanced aroma. Tart and lightly sweet, it is fruity on the palate with hints of lemon candy and white flowers. The texture is light with a soft bubble. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Pink Zebra Pink Sparkling 2013 California (United States), \$10.99**

Aromas are pleasantly rich with cherries, berries and fruit blossoms. Juicy and bright on the tongue with plenty of fresh red fruit flavors and a bing cherry finish. A floral perfume pervades the entire sip. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Champagne/Sparkling Wines

### Sparkling - World

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Finalist	91	<b>Rotari Rose Trento (Italy), \$14.99</b>
		On the nose it is a wonderful display of sweet red berries and savory aromas of dried oregano, ripe tomato, and pink peppercorn. On the palate it has a fine mousse and more red berry fruits backed by minerals and a savory edge. The finish is dry, crisp, and mineral with red berries. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

## White Wines

### Chardonnay - World

Award	Score	
Finalist	93	<b>Cupcake Chardonnay 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$10.99</b>
		Straw hue with flecks of green, this wine offers textured oak flavors carried by a toasty nose. This wine is not shy! The palate is laced with ripe, oily, citrus skin gusto, and as the name implies there is sweetness that delights. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Frei Brothers Reserve Chardonnay 2013 Russian River Valley (United States), \$20.00</b>
		This wine shows a pale straw stain. Delivers a dazzling nose of bright, fresh apples. The wine has sturdy backbone, balanced out by pretty, soft fruit flavors. The acidity is mellow yet present. Overall, a lovely easy-drinking wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Belle Ambiance Chardonnay 2013 California (United States), \$9.99</b>
		Peachy clean aromas in the perfume and the mouth. The acidity is sharp and lip-smacking, making this a guzzler. Rich butterscotch flavors entice the palate. A bright and pretty wine that is simultaneously yin and yang. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Black Stallion Estate Winery Chardonnay 2013 Napa Valley (United States), \$18.99</b>
		Pale straw tone with flecks of gold-green. Heady oak character comes through on the nose. Palate is opulent and plush. Balanced citrus acidity balances the rich character of this wine. The finish lingers long after the last mouthful. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

Finalist	92	<b>Rodney Strong Estate Chardonnay 2013 Chalk Hill (United States), \$22.00</b>
		The nose is delightfully restrained with chalky minerals, lime zest, sweet nectarine, and pear. On the palate it is fresh with pear, citrus, zesty barrel spice, and pineapple. Pineapple returns on the finish with minerals and lime. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Rodney Strong Chardonnay 2013 Sonoma County (United States), \$17.00</b>
		Peaches and cream leap from the glass followed by more delicate hints of apples, blossom, and toasted oak. Oak is present on the palate with orange marmalade, apples, minerals and the finish is lengthy, warm, and citrus fruit runs rampant. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Cambridge &amp; Sunset California Series Chardonnay 2013 California (United States), \$13.99</b>
		Juicy ripe fruit character plays out in this wine. There is a sense of poached pears on the palate, with a delicate hint of baked apple. Menthol hints weave in and out as the wine opens up in the glass. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Chateau Ste. Michelle Canoe Ridge Estate Chardonnay 2013 Horse Heaven Hills (United States), \$20.00</b>
		Toasted oak, fresh cream, almond, and dried apricot come to mind on the nose. The palate is rich and nutty with am toast spice and notes of apples and citrus. The finish is quite elegant. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Chloe Chardonnay 2012 Sonoma County (United States), \$14.00</b>
		Oak and ripe apples penetrate the nose. Possesses a rounded, rich palate with fruit that consists of classic oaked-chardonnay flavors such as butter and vanilla bean. Fat and luscious textured, this is a wine to appeal to the Californian chardonnay fan. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>



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91 **Gnarly Head Chardonnay 2013 California (United States),  
\$9.99**

Clear with a hint of delicate straw color. Nose shows candied fruit and ripe berries such as blackberries and raspberries. The palate verges on sweet and is intense with ripe fruit flavors. Luscious, juicy and honeyed. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Mirassou Chardonnay 2012 Central Coast (United States),  
\$12.00**

Herbal aromas and ripe peach and apricot pit fruits, with a hint of oak and toast. Sun baked earth comes through, giving a taste of Californian terroir. Citrus orange acidity plays into the medley of fruit in this fun drinking wine. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Bota Box Chardonnay 2013 California (United States),  
\$22.99, 3L Box**

Ripe pears burst on the nose of this lively quencher. Citrus fruits join the Rosaceae family of fruits to make this a zinger of a wine. Mouth-watering and easy to drink with the kind of acidity that sings for food. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Estancia Chardonnay 2013 Monterey County (United States), \$11.00**

Rich with fruits, this wine is like the king of chardonnays. The finish lingers for a long time with aromas and tastes of ripe tropical bananas. If you like tutti-frutti flavors, this wine is for you. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **HandCraft Chardonnay 2013 California (United States),  
\$11.99**

Oaky and menthol nose with a gorgeous floral fragrance. There is a hint of sweetness here, with zingy acidity and a mouthful of citrus and ripe nectarine. This lovely quaffer is an instantly likeable wine that sings of spring and summer flowers and fruits. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **La Merika Chardonnay 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$12.99**

Offers a tempting oaky nose delivered with a touch of spearmint. Delivers gorgeous bright acidity that is reminiscent of orange skins. White flowers and vanilla seeds permeate the palate. A bright and thoroughly and cheerful wine. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Light Horse Chardonnay 2013 California (United States), \$14.99**

This lush, round wine opens up with aromas of stone fruit and honey-buttered toast. On the palate, it shows green apple, citrus and a whiff of vanilla. The texture is luxuriously viscous without being heavy. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Noble Vines 446 San Bernabe Vineyard Chardonnay 2013 Monterey (United States), \$12.99**

A fresh breezy scent that makes way for peach aromas. Pit fruits show up on the palate, with light oak flavors and a delicious hint of seawater. Berry fruits creep up on the finish, think boysenberry and gooseberries. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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89 **Columbia Chardonnay 2013 Columbia Valley (United States), \$14.00**

Boasts a rich straw hue and a palate of juicy fruits. Enticing ocean sea breezes fill the aromas, accompanied by toasty oak. The palate is plush and mouth-filling, laced with invigorating citrus acidity. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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89 **Oak Leaf Chardonnay American (United States), \$2.99**

Oak, vanilla and musk burst forth from the glass. Tropical fruits such as pineapple and dragon fruit turn up on the palate, encased in singing acidity. This is a zingy wine that is grounded by oak flavors -- all nicely integrated. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Edna Valley Chardonnay 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$15.00**

A classy chardonnay that offers soft, delicate aromas and tastes. Beurre blanc comes with an enticing aroma and flavor of freshly cut grass. This is a wine that is both light on its feet and complex in character, all with just the right amount of acidity. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Robert Mondavi Private Selection Chardonnay 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$11.00**

Tropical melon, preserved lemons, almonds, and a toasty spice comprise the bouquet. The palate is rich and ripe with butter, mango, toast, and sweet spice that linger on a round, toasty finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **U by Underraga Chardonnay-Riesling 2014 Valle Central (Chile), \$9.99**

Toasted oak aromas give way to cantaloupe melons on the palate. There is a thread of a sea-like note weaving its way through the palate, also giving this wine fresh, invigorating acidity. A highly aromatic wine. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Line 39 Chardonnay 2014 California (United States), \$10.00**

Shows a subtle straw hue, this is a moxie chardonnay with orange meringue flavors and frosted icing that sings. Herbal mint character accompanies the confectionary character, while oak permeates the palate, leaving a long, lingering finishing. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Cul-de-Sac Chardonnay American (United States), \$4.99**

A citrus fruit-driven wine that points to grapefruit and pomelo. There is a hint of baking spice, think cinnamon, joined by grapefruit pith. The mouthfeel is rich and textured, while the taste lingers on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Domino Chardonnay 2013 California (United States), \$7.49**

A deep toasty oaked nose, with a hint of eau-de-cologne. A bold and assertive wine that reveals buttery-rich character with the aforementioned oak on the palate. Lovely bright fruit enliven the big oak flavors, while the finish is filled with radiant oranges. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Barefoot Cellars Chardonnay California (United States), \$6.99**

This fresh and fruity chardonnay gives off summertime areas of peaches and honey. In the mouth, it's lush yet tart, with notes of green apple, butter and vanilla. Soft melon and yellow pear linger on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Sutter Home Winery Chardonnay California (United States), \$6.00**

This fun and flirty chardonnay is brimming with peachy and floral aromas. In the mouth, it's silky yet lively, showing plenty of citrus, green apple, and vanilla character with a pretty whiff of peaches and cream on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Sauvignon Blanc - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	95	<b>Rodney Strong Charlotte's Home Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Northern Sonoma County (United States), \$17.00</b>
		Fresh and fruity nose reminiscent of white peach, apricot blossom, lemon skin, and minerals. There is a light spritz on the palate with peach and clementine zest and a mineral backbone. The finish is crisp, fresh, and squeaky clean. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Cross River Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough (New Zealand), \$15.99</b>
		Typical varietal characteristics of tropical fruit and grassy notes come through on the nose of this sauvignon blanc. In the mouth, it shows plenty of tart gooseberry, guava and lemongrass. A crisp and zingy white. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Tiki Sound Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough (New Zealand), \$15.99</b>
		This sauvignon blanc opens up with a typically grassy nose, but you can also detect a whiff of fresh wild flowers there. In the mouth, it's a lively party of tart green apples, citrus and gooseberry. Zingy and refreshing. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	92	<b>Two Oceans Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Western Cape (South Africa), \$7.99</b>	On the nose it is spicy with grapefruit zest, apples, and jalapeño aromas. On the palate it maintains spice that is matched by refreshing citrus and minerals. The finish is crisp and clean. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>14 Hands Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Washington (United States), \$10.00</b>	Classic nose of sweet grass, citrus, sea minerals, and green apple. Apples and minerals continue onto the palate accompanied by peach and mint which last on the crisp, dry finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Casablanca Nimbus Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Casablanca Valley (Chile), \$14.99</b>	A zingy and aromatic sauvignon blanc with invigorating green notes of fresh herbs on the nose. In the mouth, it's brimming with tart passion fruit, ripe melon, white peaches and a hint of spice on the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Harbor Town Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough (New Zealand), \$12.99</b>	This refreshing and easy-drinking sauvignon blanc shows typical characteristics of grassy and tropical fruit aromas. On the palate, it's juicy and tart, with notes of white peach and soft melon. A perfect patio sipper. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Columbia Crest H3 Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Horse Heaven Hills (United States), \$15.00</b>	Zesty peach, star fruit and lime all contribute to the aromatic layers. The palate offers bright ripe fruit, lime rind, and a hint of white flowers. Soft and light this is a bright and refreshing wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Infamous Goose Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough (New Zealand), \$13.99</b>	Summer aromas of fresh-cut grass and peppercorn trees give way to a mouth full of peachy and tropical fruit flavors with a spicy prickle on the finish. Fresh and lively on the palate with a clean finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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90 **The Crossings Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough (New Zealand), \$14.99**

An invigorating bouquet of lime zest and fresh herbs bursts forth from the glass. In the mouth, this sauvignon blanc is juicy and lively, with plenty of fresh lime juice, gooseberry and a hint of pepper on the finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Barefoot Cellars Sauvignon Blanc California (United States), \$6.99**

Typical varietal notes of “green” come through on this sauvignon blanc: fresh herbs, lime juice. On the palate, it’s all tart passion fruit, ripe melon and white peaches. A lush yet lively wine full of fresh, zingy flavors. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Nicole & Friends The Wine That Loves People Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Valle Central (Chile), \$12.99**

A fresh and lively wine ideal for patio sipping, this Sauvignon Blanc is bursting with ripe tropical fruit aromas. On the palate, there’s plenty of fresh-pressed citrus with a gentle jalapeño prickle on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Anderra Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Valle Central (Chile), \$11.95**

An intensely aromatic sauvignon blanc showing typical tropical fruit notes with a not-so-typical whiff of vanilla. On the palate, it’s grilled pineapple, honeydew melon, and citrus, with a hint of pepper at the end. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Dancing Bull Sauvignon Blanc 2014 California (United States), \$12.00**

A nose of tropical fruit, fresh herbs and pepper gives way to a mouth full of unripe pineapple, guava and sour apple, with just a hint of spice on the finish. An easy-drinking sauvignon blanc. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Fancy Pants Sauvignon Blanc 2013 California (United States), \$11.00**

This juicy and zingy sauvignon blanc is bursting with notes of tart green apple, fresh-pressed lime juice, and ripe honeydew melon with just a hint cracked pepper on finish. An easy-drinking patio sipper. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Line 39 Sauvignon Blanc 2014 California (United States), \$10.00**

A pretty perfume of yellow pear, fresh-pressed citrus juice pepper, and a hint of grass give way to a mouth full of lemon-lime and grapefruit, pineapple and passion fruit. A hint of the herbaceous rounds out the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **SeaGlass Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Santa Barbara County (United States), \$12.00**

This crisp and grassy sauvignon blanc shows plenty of tart yet juicy lemon-lime character. On the palate, you'll find the typical flavors of gooseberry and citrus, with a hint of a green note on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Sutter Home Winery Sauvignon Blanc California (United States), \$6.00**

A whiff of yellow apple comes through along with all the fresh citrus juice on this sauvignon blanc. In the mouth it's all lemon-lime and grapefruit, ripe honeydew melon and a hint of fresh herbs at the end. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Riesling - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Dr. Konstantin Frank Semi-Dry Riesling 2013 Finger Lakes (United States), \$14.99</b>
		Super aromatic, boasting lychee and rose flower water. Roses continue on the palate in the form of rose petal jam, joined by Seville oranges and Turkish apricots. Contains lovely juicy acidity to balance out the sweetness. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	93	<p><b>Mirassou Riesling 2013 California (United States), \$12.00</b></p> <p>This pale gold riesling has a subtle nose of floral and fruity aromas with a hint of white pepper. In the mouth, it's semi-sweet with a round, peachy character, yet still manages to show bright acidity. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
Finalist	91	<p><b>Dr. Konstantin Frank Riesling 2013 Finger Lakes (United States), \$24.99</b></p> <p>Ripe peaches and nectarines are heady on the nose. Slightly oily on the palate, this richly textured and deeply flavored wine remains bright with meyer lemon and steely minerals while the ripe stone fruit unfurls with a hint of sweetness. Fresh and balanced. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	90	<p><b>Wollersheim Winery Dry Riesling 2014 American (United States), \$9.00</b></p> <p>Bursting with nectarines and sweet sage aromas. Bright, dry and steely the lemony tartness is a fresh balance to the ripe yellow nectarines and zing of honey on the palate. Incredibly clean with a hint of spritz. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	88	<p><b>SA Prum Luminance Riesling 2013 Qualitätswein (Germany), \$14.99</b></p> <p>Clear with flecks of green in the color. Wildly aromatic, with a slate-mineral perfume and green apples. The palate is zippy and dry with crisp fresh apple and pear fruit tastes, and a dash of key lime pie. The acidity soars and makes for a mouth-watering wine. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b></p>
	88	<p><b>Wagner Vineyards Estate Grown &amp; Estate Bottled Semi-Dry Riesling 2012 Finger Lakes (United States), \$14.99</b></p> <p>Bright and steely aromas of stone fruit and citrus are juicy. A gentle spritz on the tongue is a welcome accent to the complex flavors of peach, tangerine and petrol. A rich texture leaves a slight tingle on the tongue on the long aromatic finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b></p>



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88 **Weinhaus Röss Riesling Kabinett 2013 Rheingau (Germany), \$16.99**

Enticing nose of tropical melon, beeswax, petrol, and stone fruits with a hint of honeysuckle and baked peach. A marked sweetness on the palate is balanced by minerals, tropical fruit, citrus and ample acidity. A graceful acidity and a touch of sweetness round out the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Wollersheim Winery White Riesling 2014 American (United States), \$9.00**

Slightly candied kiwi on the nose is opulent and refreshing. Tingling lightly on the tongue, flavors are gently sweet with white peach, flowers and clover honey. Rich minerality and subtle herbal undertones create a dry finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Wagner Vineyards Estate Grown & Estate Bottled Dry Riesling 2013 Finger Lakes (United States), \$14.99**

Pale yellow-green in the glass and bursting with aromas of nectarine, white flower, lime zest, and pear. Crisp and dry on the palate with minerals, citrus, and an invigorating acidity. Minerals linger onto the finish punctuated by citrus. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Barefoot Cellars Riesling California (United States), \$6.99**

Fresh and juicy aromas of tangerine, apple blossom, white peach, and lime rise from the glass. Sweet but balanced with opulent tangerine and stone fruit flavors on the palate. The finish is wonderfully delicate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Cedar Creek Winery Waterfall Riesling 2014 American (United States), \$9.00**

Slightly developed petrol aromas on the nose mix with classic sweet stone fruit. Off dry in the mouth it is clean and fresh with ripe apricot, minerals and fresh green vegetation. Lemony brightness keeps each sip fresh with a dry finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Open Kimono Riesling 2013 Washington (United States), \$9.99**

Quite delicate on the nose, with mango skin, nectarine, and orange blossom aromas. Tropical and zippy on the palate but shows wonderful restraint and a refreshing mineral core. Fruit returns on a lip smacking finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Dr. Konstantin Frank Pinot Gris 2013 Finger Lakes (United States), \$19.99</b>
		Intriguing steely mineral aromas abound on the lightly pungent nose. On the palate it is fresh and ripe with Anjou pears, varied ripe citrus, and white flowers, all integrated cleanly. A soft and pretty wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Two Oceans Pinot Grigio 2015 Western Cape (South Africa), \$7.99</b>
		Vibrant nose of peach, ripe Granny Smith apple, lemon drop, and blossom. The palate displays broad stone fruit character with lifted citrus notes and minerals and citrus abound on the palate. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Domino Pinot Grigio 2013 California (United States), \$7.49</b>
		Delicate and peachy on the nose with intriguing floral and citrus aromatics as well. Crisp and clean on the palate with equally delicate peach and stone flavors. A wonderfully crisp and dry finish ensues. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Sequin Pinot Grigio 2013 California (United States), \$10.99</b>
		Pretty flaxen color is bright. Opening aromas are filled with zesty citrus peel, grape skin tartness, and a nuance of chrysanthemum blossom. Taste profile is subtly spiced with traces of thyme and green peppercorn. Finishes short but tangy, crisp, and clean. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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90 **Belle Ambiance Pinot Grigio 2014 California (United States), \$9.99**

Enticing aromas of peach, pineapple, guava, and white flower rise from the glass. On the palate it is quite delicate with tropical fruits, citrus, and minerals. A soft yet mineral-driven finish ensues. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **HandCraft Pinot Grigio 2014 California (United States), \$11.99**

Pale straw yellow color is clean and brilliant. The opening nose is softly fruity and ripe, offering nuances of grapefruit, white peach, pear, and quince. Taste profile features notable tastes of white pear, yellow plum, white raisins all the way into the fresh, nicely tart finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Mirassou Pinot Grigio 2014 California (United States), \$12.00**

Bright and peachy on the nose with delicate floral and stony characteristics. There is also a touch of citrus. Crisp, clean, and dry on the palate with white peach taking center stage. Peach and minerals on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Cedar Creek Winery Pinot Grigio 2014 American (United States), \$10.00**

Green mango, yellow nectarine and herbaceous lime leaf all play on the nose. A gentle spritz adds to the refreshing quality of the ripe citrus fruit and subtle stone fruit flavors. Zesty lemon with round minerality finish off the sip. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **SeaGlass Pinot Grigio 2014 Santa Barbara County (United States), \$12.00**

Incredibly pale and shimmering in the glass with aromas of pineapple, key lime, wet stones, and flowers. Fresh and delicate in the mouth, with uncompromising citrus and stone fruit flavors which lead into a mineral-laden and citrus tinged finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Menage a Trois Pinot Grigio 2014 California (United States), \$12.00**

Juicy aromas of Bosch pear, ripe mango, Meyer lemon, and lime zest draw you in. Powerful citrus flavors of tangerine and lemon zest on the palate lead into a lush, fruit-forward finish dotted by minerals. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Sutter Home Winery Pinot Grigio California (United States), \$6.00**

Soft and delicate on the nose with white peach, white flower, and lemon zest. While a bit more fruit-forward on the palate, it still has finesse with a mineral anchor and a fresh acidity. The finish is exuberant with tropical fruits and citrus pith. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Three Thieves Pinot Grigio 2014 California (United States), \$7.99**

Opens with lemon and lime aromas with hints of orange blossom and Bosch pear skin on the nose. Once in the mouth it is fresh and mineral-driven with citrus pith and Granny Smith apple. Luscious apple and a stony minerality linger on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Gewurztraminer - World

Award	Score
	85
	<b>Cedar Creek Winery Gewurztraminer 2014 American (United States), \$11.00</b>
	Bursting with candied fruit aromas, this lush and aromatic off-dry white is all lychee, banana and sweet marshmallow in the mouth. The sweetness is balanced, not at all cloying, making it an ideal aperitif wine. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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## White Wines

### Muscat/Moscato/Moscatel – World

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Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>Mirassou Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$12.00</b>
		Intriguing and powerful aromas of lychee, beeswax, baked peach, and honeysuckle. Sweetness on the palate is balanced by salty minerals, tropical melon, passion fruit and kiwi. A mouth-watering finish follows. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Duck Commander Pin Tail Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$10.00</b>
		Fresh fig, lime zest, apricot, and sweet nectarine come to mind as well as honey and blossom. Sweet and tropical in the mouth with a subtle saltiness and hints of citrus pith and stone. The finish is fresh, sweet, and juicy and punctuated by citrus. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Xo, G Wine Moscato California (United States), \$9.97</b>
		This lightly aromatic wine is floral and peachy. Gently sweet in the mouth with a nice round quality, the flavors are bright and fresh, offering stone fruits like nectarine and apricot alongside cleansing lemon rind. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	88	<b>Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato California (United States), \$4.99</b>
		Sweet peach and apricot aromas fill the nose with clementine, honey, and blossom. Luscious and fruity on the palate with stone fruits and a sweetness which lingers onto the finish and is balanced by a fresh, juicy acidity. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	88	<b>Grape &amp; Vine Moscato American (United States), \$2.99</b>
		Tropical and opulent on the nose with prune, tangerine, date, apple blossom, and mangosteen. Round and sweet on the palate with more tangerine, mango, fresh cream, and minerals before finishing with sweet stone fruit and an invigorating acidity. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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88 **The Naked Grape Moscato California (United States), \$23.00, 3L Box**

Yellow/straw color. Lots of ambrosial scents in the bouquet, including nuances of pineapple, orange blossom, tangerine, citrus peel, white raisins. Flavor profile highlights the tropical fruit elements to the max as the crisp tartness journeys deep into the crisp finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Barefoot Cellars Moscato California (United States), \$6.99**

Very floral and fruity on the nose with peach, honeysuckle, key lime pie, and passion fruit. On the palate it is soft and sweet with more peach and citrus fruits. There are minerals here as well. Juicy and playful on the finish with sweet peach and citrus. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **One Leaf Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$9.99**

Pale yellow in color with a subtle peachy hue, this summer sipper is bursting with ripe yellow peach, apricot and orange blossom flavors. A hint of sweetness and a gentle prickle make this an ideal aperitif wine. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Twisted Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$7.99**

Candied mango, orange marmalade, fresh fig, and Meyer lemon draw you in with delicate floral aromatics also present. Playful and sweet on the palate with sweet nectarine and apricot leading into a finish dotted by tropical fruit, citrus, and minerals. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Bay Bridge Moscato American (United States), \$2.99**

Ripe melon, honey, lavender, stewed mango, lemon drop, and candied tangerine rise from the glass. Very sweet and honeyed on the palate with tropical mango, baked apple, and citrus pith. The finish is long, sweet, and very fresh. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Domino Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$7.49**

Pale yellow in the glass with aromas of overripe peach, grape skin, and orange blossom with enticing hints of mint. Round and sweet on the palate with broad tropical fruit character and welcome citrus presence. Elegant and sweet on the finish punctuated by citrus. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Other White Varietals - World

Award	Score
	87 <b>Lenz Moser Prestige Gruner Veltliner 2013 Niederösterreich (Austria), \$14.99</b>
	Distinct and exotic aromas of pineapple, papaya, ripe melon, white pepper, and lychee. Ripe and fruity on the palate, with melon and citrus taking the stage. Exotic fruits reemerge on the finish with minerals. Very nice. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	86 <b>Nederburg Winemaster's Reserve Chenin Blanc 2013 Western Cape (South Africa), \$9.99</b>
	A richly aromatic wine with aromas of melons and star fruit. Incredibly ripe in the mouth with deeply concentrated flavors of ripe yellow stone fruit and honey. Soft and round, the honey aromas are long lasting on the palate. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	86 <b>Wollersheim Winery Prairie Fume Seyval Blanc 2014 American (United States), \$9.00</b>
	Pouring nearly colorless in the glass, this off-dry white is bursting with floral and tropical fruit aromas. On the palate, it's fresh-pressed orange and a hint of grapefruit with just enough residual sweetness to make it an ideal aperitif. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
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<b>White Wines</b>	
<b>Sweet White Wines - World</b>	
Award	Score

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Finalist	91	<b>Barefoot Refresh Sweet White California (United States), \$7.99</b>	Candied lime and kiwi burst from the glass. Bright lemon and sweet candied apple and citrus with floral undertones are sweet and spritzzy on the tongue. The dry finish is enhanced by a gentle chalky minerality. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Quady Winery Electra Orange Muscat 2013 California (United States), \$14.00</b>	Very perfumed on the nose with orange marmalade, patchouli, almond butter, candied mango, and dried apricot. On the palate it is nutty, sweet, and luscious with preserved peach and mango which last into a citrusy and sweet finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
<b>White Wines</b>			
<b>Assorted Whites - France</b>			
Award	Score		
Finalist	93	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier 2013 Pouilly-Fuisse (France), \$25.99</b>	Golden hue. There are charred wood and intense baked pear aromas in the bouquet. An opulent and rich Chardonnay, with moderate acidity and big toasty oak flavors. The finish is long and carries a hint of minerality. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Bouchard Aine &amp; Fils Chardonnay 2013 Macon-Villages (France), \$16.99</b>	Straw colored. Poached apple on the nose, along with fresh ripe Anjou pears and hay. An elegant wine that is light bodied and restrained. White fruits come through on the palate, joined by white flowers and a hint of vanilla. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier Chenin Blanc 2013 Vouvray (France), \$11.99</b>	A very pretty and highly aromatic nose of hay and honey, both show up again on the palate, mingled with pit fruits and green apple skins. Light-bodied, with balanced acidity, this is a delicate wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>



Finalist	91	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier 2014 Sancerre (France), \$21.99</b>
		Precise aromas of lemon peel, green apple, honeydew melon, and grass. The palate is pleasantly grassy and tropical with a touch of grapefruit zest and the finish is super crisp with a racy acidity and citrus. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	88	<b>Les Celliers St. Martin Chardonnay 2014 Pays d'Oc (France), \$12.99</b>
		Ripe golden apple and fall foliage create a warm and inviting aroma. Juicy and soft in the mouth with golden delicious apple flesh, sweet lemon, and accents of lightly toasted brioche. A balanced and richly flavored wine. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
<b>White Wines</b>		
<b>Assorted Whites - Italy</b>		
<b>Award</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>Barone Fini Pinot Grigio 2013 Valdadige (Italy), \$11.99</b>
		Pale ecru/oyster color is bright and pure. Fresh, crisp and tart fragrance highlights minerals, dry earth, as in arid desert, fruit stone. Taste profile is long on finesse and intense grapeiness. Concludes medium long in the throat, tart, acidic. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	90	<b>Alta Luna Pinot Grigio 2014 Dolomiti (Italy), \$13.99</b>
		A pale lemon-lime in the glass with crisp aromas of apple, lime, and pear. The palate is crisp and mineral-driven with delicate notes of apple and cucumber that last on a very fresh and lively finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	89	<b>Cupcake Pinot Grigio 2014 Veneto (Italy), \$10.99</b>
		Intriguing aromatics of candied tangerine peel, honeysuckle, honeydew melon, and citrus pith. Less fruit-forward on the palate with salty minerals and delicate citrus flavors. Perfectly crisp and dry on the finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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88 **Cliffhanger Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2013 Vignetti delle Dolomiti (Italy), \$12.99**

White flowers and ripe melons are an enticing and delicate combination of aromas. Chalky minerals on the palate keep this wine clean while revealing unctuous notes of Anjou pear and thyme blossom. The finish is dry and lemony. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio 2014 Vignetti delle Dolomiti (Italy), \$8.99**

A canary yellow wine with light golden flecks. Aromas of dried grass and lemon zest are earthy. Ripe meyer lemon and herbs mix with flinty minerals on the bright palate. Subtle honeysuckle notes round out each sip. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Cavit Moscato 2014 Provincia di Pavia (Italy), \$8.99**

Slightly floral aromas mix with green apple and piquant citrus. Bubbly on the tongue and sweet, with flavors of ripe yellow and white peaches. A light honey syrup flavor continues throughout the long sweet finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Masi Modello Pinot Grigio 2014 Bianco delle Venezie (Italy), \$10.99**

A savory nose offers zesty citrus and seas salt aromas. Considerably fruitier on the palate with under ripe peach, pomelo and green apple flavors. Soft and light, it is a vibrant wine that is easy to drink. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Assorted Whites - Portugal

Award	Score	
Finalist	92	<b>Monte da Ravasqueria Reserva Branco 2013 Alentejo (Portugal), \$16.00</b>
		Heady and tropical aromas of lychee, mango, kiwi, and pineapple stalk fill the nose. The palate is more delicate with citrus and salty minerals which lead onto a very fresh and crisp finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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87 **Vidigal 2014 Vinho Verde (Portugal), \$9.99**

Layered citrus characterizes the aroma of this lively yellow-green wine. Decidedly fizzy in texture, the steely minerality and juicy citrus create a bright and vivacious effect on the palate. Overall it is refreshing and playful. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**White Wines**

**Assorted Whites - Spain**

Award	Score	
Finalist	91	<b>Flor Innata Verdejo 2014 Rueda (Spain), \$8.00</b>
		Aromas of moss and earth mix with more delicate elements of lilies and light musk. The floral elements lead on the rounded palate with supporting notes of meyer lemon and piquant spice that leaves the tongue with a pleasant slight tingle. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Hacienda Zorita Vega de la Reina Verdejo 2014 Rueda (Spain), \$13.99</b>
		Wonderful nose of grapefruit, white flower, wet stones, and a touch of apricot and mint. Fruit takes a backseat to minerals on the palate which hints at the mineral-driven, citrusy finish that follows. Very fresh and delicious. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	88	<b>Blume Verdejo 2014 Rueda (Spain), \$10.99</b>
		Pungent grapefruit and green grass create a feisty and bright aroma. Ripe juicy grapefruit mixes with more citrus, herbs and granny smith apple on the palate. Piquant and minerally, it leaves the mouth with a light white pepper flavor. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	88	<b>Protos Verdejo 2014 Rueda (Spain), \$13.99</b>
		Jalapenos and bell peppers on the nose. The palate consists of cut grass, fresh green herbs and white grapefruit. Clean, refreshing and has a generous amount of acidity. Finishes with a delightful taste of grapefruit pith. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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87 **El Torito Chardonnay 2014 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla (Spain), \$9.99**

Heady aromas of honeydew and flowers are sweet and round on the nose. Incredibly soft on the palate, the silky texture offers up layers of ripe lemons and yellow flowers while remaining aromatic throughout each sip. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## White Wines

### Assorted Whites - Eastern Mediterranean

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Yarden Chardonnay 2013 Golan Heights (Israel), \$20.00</b>
		A deep golden color. Fragrant perfume of lemon, vanilla and butter gives way to a bright yet silky body. On the palate, it's lemon curd, sweet cream and a vibrant pineapple note. Well integrated oak, fine balance. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Vinkara Narince 2014 Tokat (Turkey), \$14.99</b>
		Fresh aromas of yellow nectarine and lime blossom and both sweet and savory. A gentle spritz on the palate adds to the refreshing effect, complemented by the mineral driven flavors. More stone fruit and green apples continue on the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Zacharias Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Peloponnese (Greece), \$12.99</b>
		A restrained nose of tropical fruits, this juicy and lively Sauvignon Blanc is full of fresh citrus tropical fruit flavors. A gentle tongue-tickling prickle leaves you with a crisp and clean finish. A perfect picnic wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	89	<b>Zacharias Chardonnay 2014 Peloponnese (Greece), \$12.99</b>
		Heady aromas of white flowers, lemons and pineapple core are inviting on the nose. Very vibrant, the mineral driven palate retains the fresh fruitiness of the aromas, adding hints of sweet green vegetation and an herbal finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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88 **Domaine des Tourelles 2014 Bekaa Valley (Lebanon), \$10.00**

A blend of citrus aromas combines lemons, oranges and tangerines. Herbaceous in the mouth with plenty of green herb shoots, lemon and lime zest. Soft and somewhat chalky, the effect is cleansing on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Cabernet Sauvignon - World

Award	Score	
Finalist	94	<b>Storyteller Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Sonoma County (United States), \$14.99</b>
		Woodsy and cassis aromas exude from the glass. The palate shows the same, with dark plums, blackcurrants and grape stems. Tannins give this wine backbone and structure. One to drink now or put it in the cellar to age. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	92	<b>Le Vigne Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Paso Robles (United States), \$21.00</b>
		Ripe jammy fruits show up in this medium-bodied wine. Hints of crushed rose petals and violets permeate the flavors of black and blue berries. Tannins are soft and easy, and the fruit invigorates the palate. You'll continue to taste this wine well after the last sip. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	92	<b>Trapiche Broquel Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Mendoza (Argentina), \$17.99</b>
		Wonderfully restrained on the nose with delicate dried floral, jammy fruit, and pipe box aromatics. The palate is ripe yet reserved with cedar, dried fig, baked cherry, and fresh raspberry. The finish is savory, smooth, and delicately fruity. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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91 **Columbia Crest H3 Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Horse Heaven Hills (United States), \$15.00**

Beautiful aromas of hibiscus, mixed berries, oaky spice, and cassis. The palate is smooth and oaky with toasted coconuts mingling with chocolate covered strawberries. On the finish it is decadent and smooth with chocolate lingering on the palate.

**Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Edna Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Central Coast (United States), \$15.00**

A sweet, dark-fruit driven wine with hints of cedar box in the nose and on the palate. Dark red grape skins coat the tongue, priming it for a sturdy meal. If you like oak, you'll enjoy the persistent oak character of this lush Cabernet. **Great Value.**

**Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **MontGras Antu Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Maipo Valley (Chile), \$18.99**

Mild eucalyptus mix with blackberries on the enticing aromas. Focused and fruity on the tongue, the flavors develop into herbs and are quite smoky with a hint of mint. The soft tannins create a velvety mouthfeel. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly**

**Recommended**

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91 **Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Sonoma County (United States), \$20.00**

Rich nose with smoke, pepper, and an abundance of ripe red berry fruits. Barrel spice and chocolate come forward on the palate and the wine finishes sultry, smooth, and fruit-forward.

**Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Batuko Elegant Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Maule Valley (Chile), \$9.99**

Cherry cola and green vegetation are an unlikely yet pleasant set of aromas. On the palate the fruit is bright and concentrated with smoky pomegranate and charred cranberry. A firm structure highlights suede like tannins for a medium rustic mouthfeel. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Gravel Bar Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Columbia Valley (United States), \$19.99**

A full-bodied wine with a assertive tannins, it opens up with a ripe nose of black fruit. On the palate, it's rich and velvety, showing more black fruit character, layered with oak spice, graphite and a hint of the herbaceous. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Irony Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 North Coast (United States), \$15.99**

Possesses a stained purple hue. Late summer berry fruits lift the perfume, while chocolate covered cookies and cassis permeate the rich, layered palate. The finish is reminiscent of crushed, cooked berries and rich milk chocolate. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley (United States), \$14.99**

Brambly fruit character, with cocoa powder in the perfume and palate. Sumptuous and rich in flavor and texture. Sweet fruit character charges the taste and leaves a haunting hint of dark fruit and bittersweet chocolate. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Seven Falls Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Wahluke Slope (United States), \$20.00**

Powerful aromas of cherry cobbler, toasty oak, black currant, and plum fill the nose. On huge palate it is mouth-filling and jammy with stewed plums, toast, and a hint of eucalyptus. The finish is rich, smooth, and slightly sweet. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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89 **Menage a Trois Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$12.00**

Green mountain herbs and under ripe plum marry well with black cherry and baking spice. On the palate it is very fruity with charred oak and mint on the back end before finishing smooth, fruity, and long. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Epica Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Valle Central (Chile), \$12.99**

A burst of jammy fruit comes through on the nose, backed by a whisper of toasted coconut. The fruity character carries on through to the palate, laced with hints of oak spice and a whiff of vanilla on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Line 39 Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$10.00**

Classic, toasty, and plummy on the nose with a touch of sweet spice, black tea, and cocoa. The palate is rich and fruit-forward with cocoa and spice which are present on the finish with plummy fruit. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **LOFT Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Lodi (United States), \$29.99, 3L Box**

Rich and toasty on the nose with baked cherries, sweet spice, brown sugar tinged plums, and chocolate. Ripe tannins and plentiful fruit are found on use palate with a slight touch of toast. The finish is broad and succulent with black berry fruit abound. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Myles & Moore Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Paso Robles (United States), \$12.99**

Chalky blackberry, baked plum, citrus pith, and toasted oak burst from the glass. Very silky tannins and ripe, baked fruit dominate the palate with a touch of cedar and smoke. The finish is dry, rich, and smoky. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Trapiche Oak Cask Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Mendoza (Argentina), \$13.99**

Classic and full bouquet of dried flowers, cassis, blackberry jam, toasted oak, and spice. The palate is fruit-forward with blackberry jam mingling with spicy oak and toasted coconut. On the finish, soft fruit and toast marry well. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Barefoot Cellars Cabernet Argentina (Argentina), \$6.99**

Candied black berry fruits abound on the nose with a floral and oaky spice character. Stewed cherries and strawberry jam on the palate with a touch of tangerine and oak. The finish is oaky, jammy, and linger on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Columbia Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Columbia Valley (United States), \$14.00**

Dark and dusty aromas of forest floor and mushroom are decidedly earthy, with fruit playing a background role. Balanced on the palate with concentrated berry fruit, minerals and earthy cocoa flavor mingling in the rustic texture. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Gnarly Head Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$11.99**

A well-integrated nose of fresh black currant, black raspberry, blueberry, and toasted coconut. The palate is soft and fruity with loads of red raspberry, blackberry, vanilla, and a touch of earth. The finish is smooth, dry, and fruit-forward. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **HandCraft Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$11.99**

Ripe aromas of cassis, strawberry compote, green herbs, and pipe tobacco mingle on the nose. Marinated plum and blackberry are on the palate with silky tannins and a rich bite of toasted oak. Fresh fruit and jam linger on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Jewelry Box Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$27.99, 3L Box**

With a nose of fruits skewing towards darker berries, cool blue fruits, and a touch of toasty, spicy oak, the nose is very broad. The palate is rich and robust with plentiful berry fruits and sturdy tannins which lead to a powerful and mouth-coating finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Magistrate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Paso Robles (United States), \$8.99**

Blackberries, cassis and rose petals are well integrated in the understated nose. Smooth in the mouth, the flavors are well balanced and soft, featuring a nice concentration of dark berries and cocoa nib without being overripe or unnecessarily heavy. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Nederburg Winemaster's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Western Cape (South Africa), \$10.99**

There is a wonderful balance of fresh black berry fruits and savory, meaty, and earthy aromas on the nose. The palate is densely packed with brambly berries and toasted oak which leads to a mineral and smoky finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Dominant Seven Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$8.99**

Ripe and fruit-forward nose of red plum, nectarine, bright red cherry, and a touch of sage. Very bright, almost candied, fruit on the palate with a touch of earth. Finishes smooth and sweet with great structure. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Three Thieves Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$7.99**

The restrained aromas offer notes of red raspberries and cocoa. Zesty in the mouth, the flavors are spicy with a hint of cayenne and raspberry preserves. Undertones of delicate green pepper carry through the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Three Wishes Cabernet Sauvignon American (United States), \$2.99**

Aromas of candied cherry, banana, dried rose petal, and clementine fill the nose. The palate is soft and fruity with bright red cherry, floral spice, and toasted oak balanced by fresh acidity which lasts onto a fruit-forward finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Trinity Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$9.00**

A mineral rich nose is restrained and earthy. In the mouth the flavors are balanced between blackberries, black raspberries and a rich meaty quality. This ripe and savory wine has a touch of rustic smokiness on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Twisted Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$7.99**

A deep purple robe envelopes aromas of dark purple berries, dried violet, cassis, and black pepper. Juicy and slightly sweet with ripe black currant and vanilla flavors. The finish is soft, floral, and fruity. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Bota Box Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 California (United States), \$22.99, 3L Box**

Bold red cherry, cinnamon, blood orange, and goji berry aromas fill the nose. Rich and full of opulent red berry fruits and cocoa powder, this is week-structured within elegant and fruit-forward finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Sutter Home Winery Cabernet Sauvignon California (United States), \$6.00**

Limited fruit on the nose concentrates on baked plum, dried cherry, and strawberry jam. Vibrant and fresh on the palate with cooked cherries and strawberry matched with an elegant acidity which lasts on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Pinot Noir - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	95	<b>SeaGlass Pinot Noir 2013 Santa Barbara County (United States), \$12.00</b>
		Violets and crushed rose petals define the floral aromas of this wine. Deep plum fruit and raspberry preserves are ripe and aromatic on the palate. Earthy mushroom and soft vanilla taffy underscore the long lasting flavors. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>

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Finalist	94	<b>Rodney Strong Estate Pinot Noir 2013 Russian River Valley (United States), \$25.00</b>
		Bright red cherry, goji berry, and strawberry compote aromas fill the nose. Also a touch of blossom. Clementine zest and red raspberry marry well on the palate along with strawberry and chalky minerals. The finish is bright and juicy. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Cross River Pinot Noir 2013 Waipara Valley (New Zealand), \$18.99</b>
		Bright aromas of cherry blossoms and red berries are pungent and inviting. In the mouth the fruit is ripe with nice complements of green herbs, violets and hints of baking spice. The flavors are well integrated on this delicately textured yet full flavored wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Flipflop Pinot Noir Left Coast (Chile), \$7.00</b>
		Bright ruby in the glass and very candied, floral, and fruity on the nose. The palate has candied blackberry, toasted coconut, sweet spice, and a touch of dried black cherry and finishes fruit-forward and smooth. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>La Merika Pinot Noir 2013 Central Coast (United States), \$14.99</b>
		Enticing nose of strawberry liqueur, baked strawberry pie, pink peppercorn, and vanilla draws you in. The palate is bolstered by fresh red berry fruit and a delicate spice that leads into a soft and smooth finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	91	<b>Noble Vines 667 Pinot Noir 2013 Monterey (United States), \$14.99</b>
		Bright ruby with purple flecks in the glass with and ripe nose of baked tart cherries, red plum, oaky spice, and toasted coconut. Well-integrated fruit and silky tannins are paired with an elegant acidity on the palate and it finishes strong. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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91 **The Archivist Pinot Noir 2013 Monterey County (United States), \$15.99**

Very bright nose of dark plum, red currant, rose water, and clementine. The palate is equally bright with black cherry, red currant, baking spice, and herbs with ripe tannins and a fresh acidity that lingers onto the finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **HandCraft Pinot Noir 2013 California (United States), \$11.99**

Ripe red cherry, damson plum, rose petal, and strawberry on the nose give way to luscious red cherry, cinnamon, and strawberry on the palate. The finish is stained with red berry fruits and spice. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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89 **Chloe Pinot Noir 2013 Monterey County (United States), \$16.99**

This pinot noir pours a brick red color in the glass. An enticing nose of fruity and floral aromas gives way to a juicy mouth full of ripe berries and cherries. Hints of bramble and spice round out this lovely, unpretentious wine. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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89 **Light Horse Pinot Noir 2013 California (United States), \$14.99**

Bright and fresh with aromas of very ripe watermelon, lingonberry, kirsch, and confectionary strawberry. The palate is candied and smooth with orange zest, raspberry compote, and a smattering of stone fruits. The finish lingers on the palate, punctuated by spice and candied berry fruits. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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89 **Mirassou Pinot Noir 2013 California (United States), \$12.00**

Decidedly soft nose of ripe red cherries, toasted coconut, red plum, and sweet spice. The palate is light and fruity with silky tannins, fresh red berry fruits and a touch of spice. The finish is elegant, ripe, and spicy. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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89 **Robert Mondavi Private Selection Pinot Noir 2013  
California (United States), \$11.00**

Brick red and bursting with red cherry, oaky spice, dried cranberry, and toasted coconut. The palate is soft and smooth with red berry fruits, sweet spice, and a touch of smoke and the finish lingers on the palate with fresh fruit. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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89 **Trinity Oaks Pinot Noir 2013 California (United States),  
\$9.00**

This pinot noir pours a ruby red color in the glass. On the nose, a host of black and red berry fruits emerge. In the mouth, it's all black and red cherry with hints of toasted oak and savory herbs. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Hyacinth Pinot Noir 2013 Santa Lucia Highlands (United  
States), \$14.99**

This pinot noir bursts with floral and fruity aromas. These give way to a tart and juicy mouth full of vibrant berry fruit, with hints of vanilla, anise, and savory herbs. Elegant and well structured. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Line 39 Pinot Noir 2013 California (United States), \$10.00**

Rich toastiness leads the aromas, followed by muddled raspberries. Significantly juicy in the mouth with herbal undertones of fresh thyme and a hint of black pepper and cinnamon spice. A silky texture is light and smooth. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Cupcake Pinot Noir 2013 Central Coast (United States),  
\$10.99**

Very bright and fruit-forward with a hint of cocoa, cranberry, tangerine, and strawberry. The palate is ripe and smooth with cocoa-tinged cherries, strawberry, and orange peel and it finishes soft and smooth. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Sutter Home Winery Pinot Noir California (United States), \$6.00**

Bold flavors of cooked plums and violet essence swirl in the glass. Lively on the palate it is piquant with floral elements and some tongue tingling spiciness. The texture is soft and the overall effect light and perfumed. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Merlot - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	96	<b>Rodney Strong Merlot 2012 Sonoma County (United States), \$20.00</b>  Boysenberries and minerals are elegant on the nose. Sweet ripe plums and berries give way to baking spices, minerals, fresh young herbs and then turn into a toasted oak with vanilla ornaments. Smooth and silky through the finish. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Gallo Family Vineyards Merlot California (United States), \$4.99</b>  Dark plum, black raspberry, vanilla bean, and rosemary fill the nose with a touch of violet petal. Rich and mouth-filling black currant and vanilla flavors on the palate are backed by oak and earth which linger onto the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Le Vigne Winery Merlot 2012 Paso Robles (United States), \$19.00</b>  Supple and fruity aromas are pretty and inviting. The ripe flavors range from plums and raspberry preserves to dark chocolate and earthy forest floor. Smooth on the palate the texture is silken, creating a luxurious effect. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	88	<b>Red Rock Winery Merlot 2013 California (United States), \$12.00</b>  Decadent baked cherry, blackberry compote, cassis, and vanilla bean notes fill the glass. On the palate playful blackberry flavors mingle with sweet spice and earth, backed by resolved tannins. A fruity and smooth finish ensues. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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87 **Barefoot Cellars Merlot California (United States), \$6.99**

A lightly pungent nose offers aromas of plums and berry jam. Ripe in the mouth with more berries and a slightly candied note. The structure is firm with grippy tannins and woody spice that leave the mouth dusty and dry. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Shiraz/Syrah - World

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90 **Oak Leaf Shiraz American (United States), \$2.99**

Aromas of plummy blueberries abound on the fruity nose. In the mouth there is considerable plummy fruit with background notes of green vegetation and dark chocolate. A soft and plush structure creates a smooth sip. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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86 **Barefoot Cellars Shiraz California (United States), \$6.99**

Candied blackberry, blueberry jam, orange marmalade, and dried plum and violet on the nose. Juicy and dark with blackberry jam, rich oak and toasted coconut, and dried flowers on that palate hint at the jammy, fruity finish that ensues. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Malbec - World

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Chairman's Trophy 93 **Zuccardi Q La Consulta & Vista Flores Malbec 2012 Uco Valley (Argentina), \$20.00**

Opaque garnet hue with a complex nose of floral violet aromas and cured meat. Woody tannins are sturdy, enveloping flavors of cassis, dark plums, blackberries and black peppercorns. Tannins are persistent, leaving a long finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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Finalist	91	<b>Espuela del Gaucho Reserve Malbec 2013 Argentina (Argentina), \$12.99</b>
		A spicy nose with aromas of black pepper, black plums and stewed cherries is rich and deep. In the mouth the flavors are layered with green herbaceousness and tart blackberries. A dusty dark chocolate finish leaves the mouth pleasantly dry. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Barefoot Cellars Malbec California (United States), \$6.99</b>
		Floral and candied on the nose with violets, confectionary blackberry, licorice, and black cherry preserves. Very smooth with sweet blackberry jam, toasted coconut, and a touch of vanilla on the palate and a smooth fruit-forward finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Trapiche Oak Cask Malbec 2013 Mendoza (Argentina), \$9.99</b>
		With a dark ruby robe and musky, fruity, and pronounced oak flavors, it is wonderfully aromatic. Rich, plummy, and oaky with blackberry jam and vanilla on the palate and silky tannins. The finish is smooth, soft, and fruity. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	88	<b>Alamos Malbec 2013 Mendoza (Argentina), \$13.00</b>
		Plummy and earthy aromas mingle in the glass. Round and robust on the tongue the flavors feature fresh green herbs with ripe berry and bing cherry flavors, accentuated by unsweetened cocoa. Soft and supple on the finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	88	<b>Scotto Family Cellars Malbec 2012 Lodi (United States), \$13.99</b>
		Rich in color as well as flavor, it opens up with a warm and inviting plummy character. On the palate, there's a blast of oak spice, layered with hints of mocha and a whiff of the herbaceous. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	87	<b>Criterion Malbec 2012 Uco Valley (Argentina), \$13.99</b>
		Green herbs, black pepper and concentrated blackberry liqueur all mix in the glass. The flavors are on the earthy side with considerably savoriness, spice, dark green peppercorn and unsweetened chocolate. A rustic texture is leathery and dry. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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85 **Chalkboard Malbec 2013 Argentina (Argentina), \$9.99**

Warm aromas reveal plums, blackberries, baking spices and vanilla laden oak. A rich body is velvety on the palate with the fresh fruit shining through. An earthy savoriness takes over on the finish leaving the mouth refreshed. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Zinfandel - USA

Award	Score	
Finalist	93	<b>Rodney Strong Knotty Vines Zinfandel 2012 Northern Sonoma County (United States), \$25.00</b>
		Garnet hue and ruby rim appearance. Dark oak dominates the nose, while big, jammy, cooked fruits attack the palate. Morello cherry confiture, blackcurrant jam and cocoa powder all linger in the mouth. The tannins are rather soft and luscious in this full-bodied and gutsy wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Scotto Family Cellars Old Vine Zinfandel 2011 Lodi (United States), \$13.99</b>
		Red and dark fruits can be detected on the nose. In the mouth, it's all bright cherry, oak accents and the whiff of vanilla on the finish. A juicy, easy-drinking wine with gently, approachable tannins. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Keg Springs Winery Zinfandel 2013 American (United States), \$25.00</b>
		Fresh blueberries and spice are pungent on the nose. Round and soft in the mouth with mouth coating chocolate liqueur, blackberries and dried blueberries create layers of sumptuous flavor. Smooth tannins flesh out the full and rich wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Brazin (B)old Vine Zinfandel 2012 Lodi (United States), \$16.99</b>
		Sage and alpine herbs mingle with baked plum and red cherry notes on the nose. Oaky spice, vanilla bean, ripe red plum and baked cherries on the palate lead into a soft, vanillin, and fruit-forward finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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90 **Whiplash Zinfandel 2013 California (United States), \$14.99**

Distinct notes of plums and cherries are rich and inviting. Both bright and deep in the mouth with ripe bing cherry, red and black plum, tart plum skin and undertones of chocolate. This full wine is fleshy with just enough structure to keep it fresh.

**Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Twisted Old Vine Zinfandel 2013 California (United States), \$7.99**

Fresh, juicy red berries fill the nose with hints of rose, alpine herbs, and licorice. Very juicy palate with notes of vanilla, cherry cobbler, sweet spice, and strawberry. The finish is slightly sweet, very smooth, and fruity.

**Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Sutter Home Winery Zinfandel California (United States), \$6.00**

A fruity and playful nose with black fruit and spice. Flavors are dry with elements of deeply concentrated black plum and blackberries, nutmeg and mace and bakers chocolate. A soft texture with ripe tannins is smooth on the palate.

**Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**Red Wines**

**Petite Sirah - World**

**Award**

**Score**

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91 **Heavyweight Petite Sirah 2012 California (United States), \$12.99**

Deep purple in color, it opens up with a tantalizing nose of stewed berries and a hint of the floral. In the mouth, it's more jammy fruit, on the happy side of sweet, layered with oak spice.

**Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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**Red Wines**

**Red Blends - North America**

**Award**

**Score**

Chairman's Trophy	95	<p><b>Columbia Composition Red Blend Columbia Valley (United States), \$14.00</b></p> <p>Ripe bing cherry, rhubarb, cranberry, and licorice mingle with black tea and baking spice on the nose. Very smooth and fruit-forward on the palate with rich cherry fruit, integrated tannins, and a touch of cinnamon which alludes to the soft and fruity finish. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b></p>
Finalist	93	<p><b>Save Me San Francisco Drops of Jupiter Red Blend 2012 California (United States), \$12.00</b></p> <p>Ripe and fruit-forward on the nose with boysenberry, baked plum, blueberry compote, and blackberry seeds. Equally fruit-forward on the palate with silky tannins, ripe blackberry, baking spice and a touch of pepper. The finish is smooth a succulent with lots of fruit. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
Finalist	92	<p><b>Cell Block Shacked Red 2013 Sonoma County (United States), \$19.99</b></p> <p>Fresh red berry fruits, watermelon, and cola nut alongside toasted oak and saddle leather on the nose. Once in the mouth it shows bright dark fruits and is well-structured. The finish is reminiscent of the nose with a play between sweet and savory. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
Finalist	92	<p><b>Jewelry Box Red Blend 2013 California (United States), \$27.99, 3L Box</b></p> <p>Luscious aromas of red currant, red raspberry, chocolate, and cola make up the nose. On the palate it's chocolate and coffee beans with blackberry jam and red currant. Very soft with silky tannins and a fruity finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	91	<p><b>Gravel Bar Alluvial Red Wine Blend 2013 Columbia Valley (United States), \$19.99</b></p> <p>A crush of red and black berry fruit bursts forth from the glass. In the mouth, it's deep, brooding fruit with a chewy, savory backbone. Hints of mocha, mint and coffee bean on the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>

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91 **Menage a Trois Red 2013 California (United States), \$10.00**

Cherry liqueur and strawberry jam are balanced by a seductive touch of pepper and oak. The palate is rich and fruity with supple tannins and a wash of ripe red berry fruit. Berries linger onto the finish, which is very smooth. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Acronym Red 2013 California (United States), \$8.99**

Deep and plummy on the nose with vanilla bean, thyme, and apricot preserves. Very ripe palate with cooked cherries, red plum, and sweet spice which hint at the ripe and sweet finish that follows. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Chronic Cellars Purple Paradise Red 2013 Paso Robles (United States), \$14.99**

Purple fruits and lavender are paired with vanilla bean, white pepper and spicy oak. Pronounced blackberry flavors with earth and tobacco work well with rich tannins and a juiciness that lasts onto the finish where it is joined by a subtle spiciness. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **InspiRed Red Blend California (United States), \$12.99**

Light-bodied in the glass yet full of intense and lively flavors, this easy-drinking red blend is bursting with sweet, juicy fruits of the forest. An ideal barbecue wine if ever there was one. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Robert Mondavi Private Selection Heritage Red Blend 2013 California (United States), \$11.00**

On first sniff, oaky spice mingles with chalky strawberry and cassis. Deeper notes of spice and vanilla bean come after. The palate is soft, supple and a touch sweet with jammy fruit balanced by nutmeg and clove. A soft and smooth finish ensues. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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88 **Storyteller Red 2013 Sonoma County (United States), \$14.99**

Redolent of red currants and lingonberries with floral spice and toasty oak on the nose. The spice and flowers continue on the palate accompanied by savory herbs and a touch of espresso. On the finish it's all about the playfulness of fruit and spice. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Chalkboard Red 2013 California (United States), \$9.99**

Very pleasant scents of cedar, black cherry preserves, and toast rise from the glass. The palate is darker, with chocolate covered coffee beans, nutmeg, and cassis. It maintains a freshness on the finish, and is very delicious. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Barefoot Refresh Crisp Red California (United States), \$7.99**

Vivid and fresh on the nose with acai, candied tangerine peel, wildberries, rose water, and sweet spice. While candied and sweet on palate, it exudes fresh strawberries and spice which last onto a slightly sweet finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Belle Ambiance Red Blend 2013 California (United States), \$9.99**

Deep and complex nose of toasted earth, raspberry liqueur, tobacco, hazelnut, and oak. Round and jammy on the palate, it shows plentiful, fruit, soft vanilla flavors, and a subtle chocolatey side. The finish is rife with cocoa and raspberry compote. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Red Blends - Southern Hemisphere

Award	Score	
Finalist	92	<b>MontGras GSC 2012 Colchagua (Chile), \$18.99</b>  Cherry cola is pungent on the wild berry laden and playful nose. Spicy and dark with charred earth and green forest foliage, this decidedly earthy wine is kept vibrant by fresh raspberry flavors. Firm tannins provide structure. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Epica Red Wine 2013 Valle Central (Chile), \$12.99</b>  Luscious and gulpable, this medium-bodied red opens up with a nose of ripe red fruit and a hint of the herbaceous. In the mouth, it's juicy, sweet, like chocolate-covered cherries, balanced out by a seductively savory minerality. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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90 **Modern Vines Graffiti Red 2014 Valle Central (Chile), \$13.99**

Slightly candied strawberry aromas are sweet and enticing on the nose. Equally ripe in the mouth the fruitiness is complemented by earthy notes of green pepper and young twigs. Round and smooth with a dry structure, it is a flavorful and balanced wine. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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## Red Wines

### Other Red Varietals - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	95	<b>MontGras Reserva Carmenere 2014 Colchagua Valley (Chile), \$12.99</b>  Deep garnet color. A ripe nose of stewed black fruit, earthy black pepper and a whiff of licorice. On the palate, it's black cherry juice laced with graphite and wood smoke. Supple tannins and a silky texture. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Lenz Moser Prestige Blaufrankisch Barrique 2011 Burgenland (Austria), \$19.99</b>  Medium-bodied, with fresh, juicy, mouth-watering fruits reminiscent of summer berries. There is a whiff and taste of mulling spices, think cinnamon, clove, nutmeg and ginger, all laced with a note of vanilla oak. The finish is long and almost sweet. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Helena Valley Helental Austrian Winery Retzer Vineyards Helena Red 2013 Niederösterreich (Austria), \$19.99</b>  Pale, orange-flecked ruby color. Lifted berry fruit scents rise from the glass, with a hint of apple and crushed rose petals. A light-bodied wine with a lot of finesse and fruit on the palate such as cranberry and red cherries. The acidity is bright, making this lively and lovely. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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89 **Criterion Carmenere 2013 Cachapoal Valley (Chile), \$15.99**

Wearing a dark ruby robe with deep aromas of alpine herbs, toasted cocoa nibs, and damson plum. The palate is rich and spicy with green flavors of bell pepper and basil anchored by plum and cassis. These fruits last through to the finish. A well-structured wine. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Batuko Elegant Reserve Carmenere 2013 Maule Valley (Chile), \$9.99**

Cassis and blackberry liqueur are strong on the nose. On the palate the fruit is fresh and bright with underlying notes of leather, dried plums and dried thyme. The layers of flavor nicely unfold as the suede like finish lingers. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Sweet Red Wines - World

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>VOGA Italia Dolce Rosso Sicily (Italy), \$10.99</b>
		Deeply pungent with thick green vegetation and roasted red fruits. Lightly sweet in the mouth the flavors are developed with red raspberry fruit leather and bright blood orange and a touch of saddle leather. Complex and tasty. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Gallo Family Vineyards Red Moscato California (United States), \$4.99</b>
		Refreshing aromas of strawberry lemonade, white peach, overripe pear, and candied rose petals rise from the glass. The palate is sumptuous and sweet with peach and berries leading into a finish dotted with fruit, flowers, and a lingering sweetness. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Quady Winery Red Electra Moscato 2013 California (United States), \$14.00</b>
		Sumptuous notes of baked plum, dried fig, apricot, strawberry jam, and boysenberry rise from the glass. On the palate it is sweet and round with plentiful red berry jam, tangerine, confectionary watermelon, and dried cherry. The finish is sweet and dotted with fruit. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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## Red Wines

### Assorted Reds - Eastern Mediterranean

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Domaine des Tourelles Marquis des Beys 2011 Bekaa Valley (Lebanon), \$19.00</b>  More savory than fruity on the nose: pine pitch, burnt orange peel, fire roasted olives, and tomatoes on the vine with cooked plums. The palate continues on the savory side with dried herbs and cured meats that crescendo with fresh figs, blackberries, and spice at the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Suvla Wines Karasakiz 2013 Gallipoli Peninsular (Turkey), \$16.99</b>  A unique wine with aromas of fresh and stewed strawberries, dried violets and moist rich soil. Completely smooth in the mouth with generous sweet ripe red berries, spicy dried herbs and a hint of barnyard. The firm tannins add a rustic touch. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Chateau Ka Source de Rouge 2011 Bekaa Valley (Lebanon), \$8.00</b>  Bright and fresh on the nose with exotic papaya, red raspberry, chalky strawberry, tomato leaf, and tarragon on the nose. Medium-bodied and lively on the palate, it shows bright cherry liqueur, spice box, and tobacco flavors marked by a fresh acidity that lasts onto the fruity finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Suvla Wines Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Gallipoli Peninsular (Turkey), \$16.99</b>  Cranberries, charred earth, dried herbs and smoky bramble create a savory nose. In the mouth there is plenty of wildberry, leather, smoked cranberries and forest floor. A slightly leathery texture adds to the wild and rustic effect of this earthy wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	91	<b>Vinkara Kalecik Karasi 2013 Ankara (Turkey), \$14.99</b>
		A pungent nose full of wild berries, dark cherries and earthy bramble. Full flavored in the mouth with bright red fruits, more earthy bramble and rich undertones of light roasted coffee. Vibrant and juicy, this is a clean and joyful wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Chateau Ksara Reserve du Covent 2013 Bekaa Valley (Lebanon), \$8.00</b>
		Richly concentrated aromas offer burnt raspberry and autumnal forest floor. Focused in the mouth with bright red berries, a hint of charred green bell pepper and moss flavors are slightly musty. Soft tannins create a velvety mouthfeel. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Chateau Ksara Le Prieure 2012 Bekaa Valley (Lebanon), \$7.00</b>
		Dark toned aromas of tea mix with blackberries for an overall sultry effect. Silky on the palate with bright red berries and spicy red pepper flavors, it reveals a firm structure with soft suede tannins. A bold wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	90	<b>Vinkara Okuzgozu 2012 Elazig (Turkey), \$14.99</b>
		Decidedly earthy on the nose with dried herbs and charred earth aromas. Tart and tangy in the mouth with bright raspberry flavors, accompanied by dried oregano, burnt chocolate and a firm structure. The leathery tannins lend a rustic feel. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

## Red Wines

### Assorted Reds - France

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	96	<b>Louis Bernard 2012 Cotes du Rhone Villages (France), \$13.99</b>
		A bright, vibrant yet medium-bodied red wine. There is a complex bouquet made up of incense, kirsch and a little smoke. Silky textured, with plush black cherries on the palate, and just the faintest trace of black pepper. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>

Finalist	94	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier Chateau Magnol 2012 Haut-Medoc (France), \$24.99</b>
		Telling notes of black currant, cedar, pipe tobacco, and cracked black pepper on the nose. The palate shows restraint with dark fruits balanced by savory herbs and a toasted spice. The finish lingers with blackberry and a touch of coffee bean. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Cave Brun Despagne Heritage 2011 Bordeaux Superior Controlee (France), \$15.99</b>
		Old world nose of restrained dark berry fruits, cedar, minty pipe tobacco, dried thyme and a touch of green bell pepper. Then the palate skews more savory and herbal with a touch of cassis which lasts onto and equally savory finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Chateau Macay Red 2011 Cotes de Bourg (France), \$17.99</b>
		Deep garnet core with a ruby rim appearance. After swirling, cedar, musk and dark cherries emerge from the glass. The palate has fruit-like acidity and powerful, big chocolate tannins coat the mouth ending in a taste of orange rind and macerated cherries. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Fortant Mountains Grand Reserve Carignan 2012 Pays d'Oc (France), \$19.99</b>
		Spicy and vibrant on the nose with lots of black pepper and ripe blackberries. Silky and bright on the tongue with distinct black peppercorns, mace, and smooth berries. The dry finish is perfumed with plum skin, berries and more black pepper. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	92	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier Les Charmes de Magnol 2012 Medoc (France), \$16.99</b>
		A ripe nose of crushed red fruits gives way to a juicy fruit palate layered with notes of spice, menthol, and coffee bean. A round and silky wine with approachable tannins and a lengthy finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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92 **Les Dauphins Reserve 2013 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$12.99**

Spicy red plums, dried herbs, smoked meats, and cranberries come to mind in first whiff. Bright fruit and a touch of pepper come through on the palate with a backbone of plum and minerals. Smooth tannins and a great structure make this a well-balanced wine. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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92 **Louis Bernard Domaine de Montbayon 2013 Vacqueyras (France), \$19.99**

Deep ruby hue. Cherry-cola aromas, with hints of leather, blackberries, smoke and bacon fat. The palate shows saline, rocky minerals, tar and dark berries with dominant tannins and black pepper spice. The finish is long and persistent. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Bonpas 2010 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$11.99**

Delightfully restrained on the nose with savory, herbal aromas, wild strawberries, black olive, and a hint of smoke. More nuanced and savory on the palate as well yet has brambly fruit marked by pepper, thyme, and spice. It has great texture and a rich, balanced finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Chateau d'Aiguilhe Querre Cuvee Pavillon Lestage 2011 Castillon-Cotes de Bordeaux (France), \$21.99**

A bright and freshly aromatic wine with raspberries and sun baked earth. In the mouth it leads with its earthy flavors of raspberry seed, minerals and blackened peppercorns. The restrained red fruit stays piquant throughout, highlighting the rustic leathery tannins. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Chateau Jonquies Red 2013 Corbieres (France), \$13.99**

A playful nose with fresh fruity aromas of strawberries, cherries and berries backed by earthy dried herbs. Ripe fruit on the palate is aromatic and well balanced with spice and earth notes throughout the satiny texture. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Cote Mas Rough Intense 2014 Pays d'Oc (France), \$8.99**

Candied strawberry, rose water, cherry licorice, and tart cranberries fill the nose. On the palate it is playful and juicy with more candied fruit and flowers before leading into a fresh and fruity finish littered with lifted fruit. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Jean-Luc Columbo Les Abeilles 2013 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$12.99**

Intense black pepper mixed with blue and red berries offer classic aromas. Minerally and fresh on the palate with bright red fruits and lingering black pepper and cinnamon spice. A focused structure keeps the palate clean and dry. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Le Val Pinot Noir 2014 France (France), \$10.99**

Broad and open nose of red raspberry, chalky strawberry fruit, white pepper, and spice. The palate shows the red raspberry from the nose paired with citrus and herbs. The finish is warm, yet bright, and dotted with berries. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Chateau de Crain Red 2014 France (France), \$16.99**

Ruby red in color, this medium-bodied wine shows plenty of crushed red berry character on the nose. In the mouth, it's red and black currant with a solid tannic structure. A deductive hint of the savory here. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Promesse de France 2012 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$14.99**

The nose opens with smashed red raspberries, cracked black pepper, smoky dark plum, and savory herbs. Fresh and well-structured on the palate with more red berry fruit, pepper, and earth. A lingering fruitiness is balanced by savory spice. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Domaine Dozon "C'est du Plaisir" 2013 Chinon (France), \$12.00**

Bright and zesty on the nose. Red cherry, black pepper, sage, turnip, and red currant come to mind. On the palate it is dry, and shows pleasantly restrained fruit matched by a savory spiciness. The finish is all about red cherry and a touch of spice. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Barton & Guestier 2014 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$9.99**

Round and plummy aromas are fruity accented by spicy undertones. Lively on the palate with ripe berries, gentle herbs and fresh tannins create a bright and fresh sip. The mouth is left clean with lingering minerality. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Le Val Merlot 2014 France (France), \$10.99**

Opulent and crisp on the nose. Soft plums and cherries on the palate are juicy and playful. Accents of earth and fresh green vegetation intermingle with a firm structure that is dry and slightly suede on the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Les Celliers St. Martin Pinot Noir 2014 Pays d'Oc (France), \$12.99**

Ripe red plum, strawberry, and fruit seeds marry well with graphite and smoke to create a complex nose. Quite grippy with candied cherry, licorice, herbs, and citrus on the palate and has a structured, mouthwatering finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Assorted Reds - Italy

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Vigneti Zabu II Passo 2013 Sicily (Italy), \$19.99</b>  Deep garnet in color, it opens up with a ripe nose of stewed red fruit and a whiff of the herbaceous. On the palate, it's rich with a solid tannic structure. The fruit character carries through, layered with a seductive savoriness. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Brancaia Tre Red Blend 2012 Tuscany (Italy), \$23.00</b>  Sumptuous nose reminiscent of dark chocolate covered cherries, cedar, dark plum, and pomegranate. Rich and full in the mouth, with cassis, tobacco, and earth giving way to a fruit-forward and elegant finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	91	<p><b>Alta Luna Phases 2010 Dolomiti (Italy), \$13.99</b></p> <p>Coffee and cassis are restrained on the lightly pungent nose. Bold in the mouth with tart black raspberry and currants. Spicy dried herbs are followed by a charcuterie characteristic combining sweet and savory elements through the dry finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
Finalist	91	<p><b>Spasso Rosso 2011 Tuscany (Italy), \$10.99</b></p> <p>An opulent and spicy wine with layers of baking spices and blueberries. Focus in the mouth with bright red fruit flavors, charred earth and blackened herbs. Leathery in texture, the structure is firm with a strong mineral finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	90	<p><b>Cliffhanger Vineyards Proprietary Red Blend 2013 Vignetti delle Dolomiti (Italy), \$13.99</b></p> <p>Captivating nose of dried cherry, cranberry, lemon oil, sage, and cedar balanced by fresh fig and cassis. Rich and robust mouthfeel with powerful tannins, smooth blackberry fruit, Nadine a touch of spice. Finishes long and robust. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	90	<p><b>Fantini Sangiovese 2013 Terre di Chieti (Italy), \$29.99, 3L Box</b></p> <p>Deep garnet-colored and easy-drinking, a crush of red berries bursts through on the nose. The fruit is layered with a meaty, peppery character that recalls grilled sausage. In the mouth, it's jammy fruit with a savory edge. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	90	<p><b>Stemmari Nero d'Avola 2012 Sicily (Italy), \$8.99</b></p> <p>Blackberry jam, rose petal, dried rosemary, and cured meats come to mind on the nose with a subtle hint of spice. Medium-to full-bodied with baked berry fruit, minerals, and black cherry on the palate with ripe tannins leading to a smooth finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>
	87	<p><b>Casalini 2012 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo (Italy), \$9.99</b></p> <p>Rustic on the nose with brambly raspberry, smoky herbs, pea shoots, and ripe red cherries. Medium-bodied with grippy tannins and fresh fruit that mingles with a subtle spiciness. Green pepper and cherry round off the finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b></p>

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87 **Cavit Select Red Blend 2013 Italy (Italy), \$8.99**

Playful nose with fresh and fruity currant, cola, cherry licorice, and a hint of cinnamon. The palate is equally fruity with a touch of kirsch, dried flowers, and a hint of sweetness. The palate is equally fruity and sweet, and finishes very smooth. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Mezzacorona Pinot Noir Vignetti delle Dolomiti (Italy), \$8.99**

Bright red cherry, red plum, hibiscus, and beet root leap from the glass accompanied by a subtle savory edge. Smooth and elegant with silky tannins and ripe red berry fruits on the palate before finishing with ripe fruit and a hint of sweet spice. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Cavit Pinot Noir 2014 Provincia di Pavia (Italy), \$8.99**

Dried cranberries, tart cranberries, orange peel, and herbs marry well on the nose. Tart and fruity on the palate with fine-grained tannins and a hint of spice. The finish is pleasantly tart as well with hints of citrus. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Dellatorri 2013 Chianti (Italy), \$9.99**

Coffee with cream and blackberries offer an enticing blend of aromas. Flavors of wild cherry, black pepper, cloves and bright raspberries all mingle on the full flavored palate. Rustic in texture with a powdery finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Villa Pozzi Nero d'Avola 2013 Terre Siciliane (Italy), \$9.99**

Dark and earthy on the nose with aromas of plum, mushroom and mineral rich soil. Plummy on the palate with plush berries underscored by thyme and oregano. A bright tanginess keeps each sip refreshing and clean. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Masi Modello Rosso 2013 Rosso delle Venezie (Italy), \$10.99**

Opens with savory, peppery aromas with Marion berry, red currant, and citrus. On the palate it has a wonderful herbaceous character in line with red cherries and spice. The finish is mineral with hints of red berry fruits. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Assorted Reds - Portugal

Award	Score	
Finalist	93	<b>Porta 6 2012 Lisboa (Portugal), \$9.99</b>  Green bell pepper skin and boysenberry aromas play in the glass. Intensely ripe on the palate with flavors of plums, cranberry sauce and sweet blackberries complemented by earthy minerals that give way to a light coffee flavor on the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	89	<b>Monte da Ravasqueria Reserva Tinto 2013 Alentejo (Portugal), \$16.00</b>  Charred blackberry, crushed cocoa nib and dried hibiscus offer a dark toned aroma. The palate opens with incredible brightness and ripe berries followed by baker's chocolate and charred wood. The leathery texture is rustic and dry. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	88	<b>Quinta do Quetzal Guadalupe 2012 Alentejo (Portugal), \$10.00</b>  An intriguing nose of dark plums and rocks. Sweet plum flavors come across on the palate with a delightful backbone of saline minerality. Dark wood character lingers on the finish, along with hints of black cherry. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	87	<b>Fonte da Serrana Tinto 2014 Alentejo (Portugal), \$7.99</b>  Wildberries and mace characterize the pungent aromas of this wine. High toned flavors of red raspberry, just barely ripe strawberry, and red cherry are tart and crisp. Fine tannins create a smooth and silky mouthfeel. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	85	<b>Monte da Ravasqueria Tinto 2013 Alentejo (Portugal), \$9.99</b>  A fruity nose featuring berries, plums and black cherries is vibrant. Perfectly ripe fruit explodes in the mouth with a strong core of rich minerals giving way to a spicy finish. Softened tannins give this full bodied wine an elegant texture. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>

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85 **Vidigal 2012 Lisboa (Portugal), \$9.99**

The sweet and savory nose combines aromas of cooked red fruits with earthy thyme and heady violets. A juicy punch of fruit greets the palate with bright red berries and ripe pomegranate. Piquant and fresh. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Red Wines

### Assorted Reds - Spain

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	97	<b>Vega Real Crianza 2009 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$15.99</b>  Dark and earthy, this wine has bold aromas of roasted earth and black plum flesh. Roasted cranberry and raspberry are focused and supported by considerable earthiness with accents of pine and forest floor. A cocoa powder laden finish leaves the mouth clean. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	96	<b>Hacienda Abascal Crianza Tempranillo 2010 Arribes del Duero (Spain), \$20.99</b>  Spicy and open on the nose with red berries, orange peel, licorice, and sweet spice. Somewhat restrained on the palate, showing more herbal and spicy flavors with cassis and strawberry leading the way to the earthy, yet fruity, finish. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	94	<b>Arnegui Reserva 2010 Rioja (Spain), \$22.00</b>  Demure aromas of saddle leather and stewed raspberries with a hint of vanilla are warm and appealing. Firmly structured on the palate with a generous amount of bright berry preserves and toasted vanilla. The suede like texture is smooth and well integrated. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	94	<b>Marques de la Concordia Reserva 2009 Rioja (Spain), \$20.99</b>  A smoky charred berry aroma is at once earthy and fruity. Similarly earthy and smoky on the palate with berries, dried cherries and wild mountain herbs. Sturdy and focused, the texture is smooth and silky. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	94	<b>Vina Albali Tempranillo 2013 Valdepeñas (Spain), \$8.99</b>
		A medium pungent nose of cassis, violet, and cherry aromas. The fruit takes on a darker tone in the mouth with fresh blackberries and a green peppery note. Firm and a bit grainy in texture, the tongue is laden with a slight cinnamon spice. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	93	<b>Lagunilla Reserva 2008 Rioja (Spain), \$17.99</b>
		A subtly aromatic wine offering hints of dried berries. Decidedly more expressive on the palate with red fruit leather, bright juicy fresh berries and undertones of dark roasted coffee. A hint of vanilla and raisins on the finish adds nice complexity. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	93	<b>Lagunilla Gran Reserva 2005 Rioja (Spain), \$23.99</b>
		Incredibly complex and captivating aromas of dried mountain herbs, preserved orange peels, smoked beef, toasted cashew, and sun baked plums. It maintains freshness on the palate with strawberry compote and thyme, and finishes strong with supple fruit and toasted earth. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	93	<b>Pata Negra Crianza 2011 Rioja (Spain), \$15.00</b>
		Very sweet fruity aromas and a touch of cherry cola on the nose. A bit of fresh-picked rosemary as well. The palate is dry yet very ripe, with toasted earth and red raspberry fruits dominating. The finish is lengthy, studded with red berries and barrel spice. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	92	<b>Federico Paternina Reserva 2009 Rioja (Spain), \$20.99</b>
		Intriguing nose of Iberico ham, cocoa, menthol, red currant, dried thyme, and charred earth. On the palate it maintains fresh berry fruits balanced by wood-roasted herbs, olive, and minerals. The finish is complex, yet smooth, with resolved tannins. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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92 **Marques de la Concordia Crianza 2012 Rioja (Spain), \$15.99**

Sweet and savory play off each other on the nose with berries, dried flowers, and smoked beef leading into an incredibly supple palate dotted with more berries and toasted oak. The finish is soft and succinct with more wild berries. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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92 **Marques de Riscal Proximo 2010 Rioja (Spain), \$10.99**

A complex nose of dark roasted coffee bean, cedar box and Concord grape aromas. Dark Boysenberries and blackcurrants dance on the palate, with a sumptuous dose of oak. The mature age of this wine is apparent on the palate. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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92 **Vina Albali Reserva 2010 Valdepeñas (Spain), \$13.99**

Dried goji berries and cranberries mix with gentle leather for a developed and intriguing nose. On the palate there is a subtle brininess before the ripe burst of fruit followed by concentrated smoky vanilla that is woven into the rustic texture. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Comenge 2010 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$24.99**

Baked rhubarb and red peppers are bright and lively aromas. Somewhat darker on the palate with black cherry and deep plum flavors. A velvety smooth texture leaves the palate soft with a lingering floral perfume. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Criterion 2009 Rioja (Spain), \$16.99**

Deep red in color with a brick-hued edge. Brambly fruit and spice aromas give way to a mouth full of wild dark berries, pepper and vanilla. Assertive yet velvety tannins and an elegant body are followed by a long finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Lagunilla Crianza 2010 Rioja (Spain), \$15.99**

A highly aromatic wine consisting of licorice, oak and blackberry jam aromas. Deep in color, full-bodied and powerful, this wine ends with the same blackberry jelly taste, and dried herb and pepper flavors. The oak persists to the finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Pata Negra Roble 2013 Toro (Spain), \$15.00**

Roasted red fruits abound on the nose of this deep garnet colored wine. Bright ripe bing cherries and red raspberries are juicy in the mouth, followed by piney earth and a pleasantly rustic texture. A hint of smoke of the finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Poema Red Wine 2013 Catalunya (Spain), \$11.99**

Forest twigs, berry bramble and black pepper make up the mostly earth and spice driven aromas. The rounded flavors offer blue and black berries with notes of piney earth. A smooth and slightly leathery texture matches the rustic flavors. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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91 **Viña San Juan 2014 La Mancha (Spain), \$8.99**

Red plums and violets are pretty on the nose. Sweet tart flavors on the palate offer more plum, berries and notes of dried chili and light smoke. Sweet green herbs linger on the aromatic finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Altos de Tamarón 2014 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$10.99**

A bold nose of black fruits and hints of tar. Round and bold in the mouth with juicy plums and earthy minerals. It is clean and focused with a micro suede texture and mouthwatering finish. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Hacienda Zorita Tempranillo 2011 Castilla y Leon (Spain), \$15.99**

A very deep and smoky nose of stewed plums, roasted oregano, cassis, and cracked black pepper. The palate is reminiscent of baked blackberry, savory cured meat, toast, and blueberry. On the finish it is rich with a sultry sweetness and a savory edge. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Las Rocas Garnacha 2012 Calatayud (Spain), \$14.00**

Deep garnet hue. Toasted oak, cedar box and coconut aromas in the bouquet. Oak flavors continue on the palate, along with dark berries, cherries and chocolate. Tannins are fine and powdery in this medium-bodied wine. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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90 **Pata Negra Roble 2013 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$15.00**

Vanilla-tinged and ripe on the nose. Hints of thyme and red plum. The palate is very smooth with dry tannins and plenty of red currant and blackberry jam. The finish is also very smooth, dotted with herbs, pepper, and red fruit. **Great Value.**

**Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Vina Albali Crianza 2011 Valdepeñas (Spain), \$10.99**

Very complex nose of fresh fruit, mineral, and a savory, almost animal, edge of raw beef and smoked herbs. On the palate it is restrained and mineral-driven with a bit of fruit and ample earth. The finish is earthy, but balanced by fresh fruit. **Great Value.**

**Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Arnegui Tempranillo 2014 Rioja (Spain), \$10.99**

Dark cherries and earthy vegetation accentuate the nose. Piquant red fruit and dark roasted coffee beans create a juicy and earthy flavor profile. Supple and round in texture, it is smooth and light on the palate. **Great Value. Very Good,**

**Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Biberius Tempranillo 2014 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$14.99**

Smoky and meaty aromas are distinctly savory. Juicy and bold in the mouth with flavors of berry jam and coffee with cream. The toastiness nicely complements the somewhat creamy texture and rich coconut elements on the finish. **Great Value.**

**Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **El Torito Merlot 2014 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla (Spain), \$9.99**

Candied rose petals, strawberry liqueur, orange zest, and peach aromas rise from the glass. Fresh, ripe, and zippy on the palate, but balanced by ripe tannins and spice. The finish is fruity and very smooth. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong**

**Recommendation**

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87 **Pata Negra Gran Seleccion 2012 Rioja (Spain), \$15.00**

Toasty oak, red cherry, spice box and vanilla aromas. Red cherries continue on the palate, along with toasty oak flavors and a hint of dark roasted coffee bean. A textured and full-bodied wine with a long fruit-driven finish. **Great Value. Very**

**Good, Strong Recommendation**

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87 **Rioja Santiago Crianza 2010 Rioja (Spain), \$13.99**

Earthy bramble and hints of wild blueberry create an intriguing aroma. Soft flavors of red plums and tart plum skin complement the nervy structure and dusty dry tannins. More earth with herbal accents create the finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **El Torito Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla (Spain), \$9.99**

Ripe bouquet of candied cherry, orange blossom, Laffy Taffy, and banana. The palate is medium-bodied with sweet tarts, plum, and tart cherries. The finish is ripe and sweet. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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85 **Vega Real Roble 2013 Ribera del Duero (Spain), \$9.99**

Ruby-garnet in color and medium bodied, it opens with ripe red berry fruit on the nose and a whiff of vanilla. In the mouth, it's juicy crushed fruit with a hint of anise and fresh, lively acidity. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**Rosé & Blush Wines**

**Rosés - Europe**

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier La Villa Barton 2014 Cotes de Provence (France), \$19.99</b>  Brilliantly pale salmon in the glass with delicate aromas of white peach, apricot, and blossom. On the palate it is mineral-driven with a touch of stone fruit on the back end that leads into a peachy, crisp finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Barton &amp; Guestier Rose 2014 Cotes de Provence (France), \$14.99</b>  Very pretty aromas of strawberries and cream with light Bing cherries and rich and pungent. Soft and lively, flavors of lemon zest mingle with white raspberry over a crisp core of minerality. Refreshing and light. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	92	<b>Stemmari Nero D'Avola 2014 Sicily (Italy), \$9.99</b>
		A pretty blush-colored rosé, you'll find plenty of forest fruit coming through on the nose. In the mouth, it's lively and juicy with tart fruit character and a fine mineral edge. A rather bracing acidity makes this a total food wine. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Bouchard Aine &amp; Fils Grenache Cinsault 2014 Beaune (France), \$10.99</b>
		A classic nose of ripe strawberries, red raspberries, peach skin, and red flowers. Wonderfully dry on the palate with a gentle salinity, red berries, minerals, and a touch of citrus that last on a dry, berry-tinged finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Estreia Rose 2014 Vinho Verde (Portugal), \$8.99</b>
		A very pungent and layered nose with aromas of minerals, savory herbs, honey and ripe strawberries. In the mouth it is light and savory with elements of sea salt followed by deeply concentrated strawberries and rose petals. Refreshing with an impressive depth of flavor. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	87	<b>Mezzacorona Rose 2014 Dolomiti (Italy), \$9.99</b>
		This rosé pours a pretty blush color in the glass. It shows a restrained character of red berry fruity balanced with elegant minerality and romantic floral notes. It's juicy and vibrant in the mouth with a fine acidity that begs for food. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	87	<b>Mouton Cadet Rose 2014 Bordeaux (France), \$9.99</b>
		This pale pink wine bursts with red berry and currant aromas with a hint of the floral. In the mouth, it's juicy and tart with a fine mineral edge. Easy drinking yet elegant and expressive. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>
	87	<b>Remy Pannier Rose d'Anjou 2014 Loire Valley (France), \$11.99</b>
		Lemons and earthy minerals characterize the aromas of this bright salmon colored wine. In the mouth there is an initial burst of ripe strawberry followed by cleansing lemon, creating a sweet tart effect. The finish is mineral driven and clean. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>



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86 **Les Dauphins Reserve 2013 Cotes du Rhone (France), \$12.99**

White peach and ripe strawberry mingle with spicy watermelon and herbs de Provence on the nose. This wine is round and dry on the palate with delicate stone fruit and mixed red berry flavors. The finish is tinged with strawberry and an underlying minerality. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Rosé & Blush Wines

### Rosés - North America

Award	Score
87	<b>Barefoot Refresh Perfectly Pink California (United States), \$7.99</b>
With a decadent nose of tangerine, red raspberry, and nectarine, the wine draws you in. On the palate it is sweet with lush berry fruits and a touch of citrus that charges onto the sweet and lengthy finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>	
86	<b>Menage a Trois Rose 2014 California (United States), \$10.00</b>
This rosé blend bursts with a rosy perfume. On the palate, it's full of strawberry and raspberry flavors with subtle hints of ripe cantaloupe and marzipan. Juicy and lively, it makes for a perfect patio sipper. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>	
85	<b>Sutter Home Winery White Zinfandel California (United States), \$8.00</b>
Ripe and pretty on the nose with strawberry, watermelon, and orange peel. On the palate it is fruity and full with strawberry and apricot mingling nicely. The finish is soft with a smattering of berry fruits. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b>	

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## Rosé & Blush Wines

### Rosé/Blush – Southern Hemisphere

Award	Score
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88 **Nicole & Friends The Wine That Loves People Rose D'Carmenere 2014 Valle Central (Chile), \$12.99**

Smokey and deep, the aromas feature ripe cherries and wild herbs. Bold and juicy flavors are of sun baked strawberries and black raspberry jam give way to refreshing notes of sage and subtle forest floor. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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**Fortified**

**Sherry - Spain**

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	97	<b>Barbadillo Obispo Gascon Palo Cortado Jerez-Xeres-Sherry (Spain), \$35.00</b>  A baking spice laden nose full of roasted nut skin and toasted pine nuts. Savory and high toned flavors of toasted nuts develop into light coffee and butter crunch toffee. The finish is long, nutty and bone dry. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	95	<b>Dios Baco Cream Sherry Jerez (Spain), \$25.00</b>  Baking spices and dried figs characterize the nose. In the mouth it is sweet with nutty toasted hazelnuts, pine nuts and walnut skin. The gentle sweetness is freshened by the toasty richness that continue to develop after each sip. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	94	<b>Dios Baco Elite Oloroso Jerez (Spain), \$25.00</b>  Baking spice aromas with savory bouillon cube character. Dried apricots, dried banana and orange rind dominate the palate, with a hint of savory-salt. Flavors keep coming at you and the finish is nice and long. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	94	<b>Dios Baco Elite Amontillado Jerez (Spain), \$25.00</b>  Gold-russet hue. Chestnut, honey and curry spice aromas and flavors. Dried fruits and hazelnuts come through on the palate, with a delightful oxidative note that gives this wine complexity. Simultaneously sweet and salty. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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Finalist	93	<b>Dios Baco Oxford 1.970 Pedro Ximenez Jerez (Spain), \$18.00, 500 ml</b>
<p>Deeply colored, almost jet black. Dark, sinfully sweet aromas of molasses, chocolate crème, honey baked cashews, stewed plums, and spice. The palate is sultry and sweet with dried fig and raisins and the finish lasts forever. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>		

	91	<b>Barbadillo Solear Manzanilla Sanlúcar de Barrameda (Spain), \$10.00, 375 ml</b>
<p>Lemon/lime citrus, baked apricot, astringent rhubarb, and toasted walnuts fill the glass. The palate is crisp and clean, skittle fruity at first, but giving way to roasted nuts, fresh butter, toast and a hint of mango skin on the finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>		

## Fortified

### Porto - Portugal

Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>Dow's Late Bottle Vintage Port 2009 Douro (Portugal), \$24.00</b>
<p>A layered nose of fig, dates and chocolate is complex and warm. In the mouth it is sweet and rich, with robust flavors of chocolate, dried blueberry and dried fig. The texture is smooth and full, like crushed velvet. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b></p>		

	87	<b>Cockburn's Special Reserve Port Douro (Portugal), \$19.00</b>
<p>An alluring nose of dried fig, cassis, brown sugar, molasses, burnt orange peel, and decadent dried cherry. The palate is luscious and sweet with lots of purple fruits, dried violet, cinnamon, and alpine herbs. Very balanced and sweet on the finish. <b>Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation</b></p>		

## Fortified

### Fortified (Sherry, Port) – North America

Award	Score	
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Chairman's Trophy	94	<b>Quady Starboard Batch 88 California (United States), \$24.99</b>
		Aromas of cooked red fruits with spices are warm. Sweet in the mouth with considerable baking spice; clove, cinnamon and nutmeg mix with berry compote. The rich concentration has a nice herbal undertone and finishes dry. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
<b>Fortified</b>		
<b>Aperitif – World</b>		
Award	Score	
Chairman's Trophy	98	<b>Tempus Fugit Kina L'Aero D'Or Aperitif Wine Switzerland (Switzerland), \$31.99</b>
		Deep amber in color, this intensely perfumed aperitif wine blooms in the glass with aromas of candied orange and preserved lemon. In the mouth, it's all marmalade and grapefruit zest, layered with ginger candy. Perfectly bitter-sweet. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	95	<b>Calvados Christian Drouin Pommeau de Normandie France (France), \$22.00</b>
		Brilliant aromas of apple tart tatin, toasted oak, earthy blossom, citrus peel, and brown sugar. The palate has a balanced sweetness, loads of apple and spice flavors that lead into an intensely apple and brown sugar-laden finish. Fabulous. <b>Great Value. Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation</b>
Finalist	94	<b>Lillet Rose Aperitif France (France), \$19.99</b>
		Incredibly clean and fresh aromas of orange flesh and zest, lime zest, orange and cherry blossom are pretty. Lightly sweet with great depth of citrus and red fruits and generous floral flavors. The finish is equally deep with a clean minerality. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	93	<b>Chateau de Montifaud Pineau des Charentes (France), \$28.99</b>
		Rosy tea-colored in the glass, it's full of ripe and dried fruit aromas. In the mouth, it's all raisins, dried apricots, nuts and a whiff of candied ginger on the finish. Rich, dry and elegant. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

Finalist	93	<b>Lillet Rouge Aperitif France (France), \$19.99</b>
		Herbs and berries mix with baking spices on the nose. On the palate it is gently sweet with deep herbal notes, orange zest and crushed flower petals. The dark green herbs carry through to a refreshing and dry finish. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
	92	<b>Lillet Blanc Aperitif France (France), \$19.99</b>
		Oranges, herbs and hints of flowers are pungent and balanced in the nose. Sweet on the tongue with flavors exploding into bright citrus flesh, piquant zest and earthy and aromatic herbs for balance. The finish leaves orange scented aromas lingering on the palate. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Cider – North America</b>		
<b>Award</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Chairman's Trophy	93	<b>Pacific Coast Cider Hard Apple Cider Washington/California (United States), \$8.99, 22 oz.</b>
		Invigorating nose of candied green apple, white peach, orange blossom, and lemon peel. On the palate there is a delicate bubble, with green apple, lemon, and blossom. The finish is dry, crisp, and refreshing. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	92	<b>Pacific Coast Cider Hard Apple Cider with Strawberry Washington/California (United States), \$8.99, 22 oz.</b>
		Farm-fresh strawberries, rose petal, candied green apple, and citrus burst from the glass. There is a touch of sweetness on the palate with confectionary strawberry and citrus. The finish is fruity, and slightly sweet. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>
Finalist	91	<b>Chaddsford Winery Hard Cider Pennsylvania (United States), \$4.99, 375 ml</b>
		Bright apple blossoms greet the nose. Zest and piquant on the tongue, this lightly sparkling cider is dry and lemony in the mouth with considerable minerality and a dry chalky finish. Incredibly refreshing and clean. <b>Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended</b>

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90 **William Tell Cider Hard Apple Cider Washington/California (United States), \$8.99, 22 oz.**

Very bright and fruity aromas on the nose redolent of confectionary lime, banana, vanilla bean, and mango. Candied fruit and orange sherbet on the palate are balanced by salty minerals and a vigorous acidity. Finishes very fresh. **Great Value. Excellent, Highly Recommended**

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88 **Badass Hard Cider One Bad Apple Cider Hudson Valley (United States), \$9.99, 6 Pack/12 oz each**

A fragrant blast of apples and orange blossoms on the nose. On the palate, it's a mix of apple flavors, from bright green to exotic Fuji. A crisp and refreshing sparkler with a clean, dry finish. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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86 **Badass Hard Cider Quite A Pear Cider Hudson Valley (United States), \$9.99, 6 Pack/12 oz each**

A burst of ripe pears, apricots and orange blossoms on the nose gives way rich, fruity flavors in the mouth. Sweet—but not cloyingly so—and tart, it's crisp and refreshing with a mouth-tingling effervescence. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**

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## Other

### Sangria – World

Award	Score
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88	<b>Santos Sangria Tempranillo with Natural Fruit Juice Valencia (Spain), \$5.99</b>
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Fresh aromas of orange peel and green apple are lively. Sweet and ripe on the palate with fresh fruit flavors of red and green apples, citrus zest and red raspberries. An herbal undertone and slight leatheriness keep the finish dry and clean. **Great Value. Very Good, Strong Recommendation**