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BUBBLES

LaMarca, Prosecco NV (Veneto, Italy)	9	36
Fresh and sparkling with an orchard fruit bouquet and citrus flavors. Yummy!		
Vallien Brut Rose NV (Savoie, France)	11	44
Think Pink! Crisp and clean and dry with subtle strawberry and raspberry notes. A classy crowd pleaser.		

TRIED AND TRUE

Crisp, clean and racy. Some of our food-friendly favorites from the usual suspects.

Jules Taylor Sauvignon Blanc 2015 [Marlborough, New Zealand] S	12	48
Quintessential Marlborough from the winemaker who put it on the map. Vivid aromatics of passionfruit, tropical fruit and citrus with juicy nectarine, lime and pineapple on the palate.		
Pieropan Soave 2014 (Veneto, Italy)	10	40
Honeysuckle and jasmine round out a seductive palate of creamy green apple, almond and nectarine. A perfect pair for sushi, sashimi, shellfish and more.		
Newton Red Label Chardonnay 2014 (Napa, California)	14	56
An opulent style showing lush flavors of pear, melon, and fig with hints of vanilla.		

EROGENOUS ZONE

Seductive, aromatic, and ravishingly elegant with tropical notes so vivid you'll think you died and woke up in a Henry Miller novel. Take a walk on the wild side!

Boundary Breaks Ovid Line North Riesling 2013 (Finger Lakes, New York)	9	36
The Finger Lakes is home to some of the most complex, aromatic Rieslings on the planet. BB's Semi-Dry is brisk and concentrated with green apple, Bartlett pear, blood orange and mango notes. 825 cases made.		
Valdesil 'Montenovo' Godello 2014 (Valdeoross, Spain)	11	44
Complex and compelling... a weightier white showing notes of pear and honeydew, with a crisp, clean finish. Pair this one with just about anything from the sea.		
Caprai 'Grecante' Grechetto DOC 2012 (Umbria, Italy)	11	44
Sunshine in a glass! Juicy layers of peach, lemon and stonefruit pour from the glass of this crowd-pleaser.		

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EASY LIKE SUNDAY MORNING

Whether driving to church or lounging by the pool... light, fruit driven and food friendly.

Jardinieres Reserve Grenache 2013 (Rhône, France)	9	36
A gorgeous and balanced representation of Southern Rhône. Dried raspberry and sumptuous herbal notes. This one over-delivers.		
Rodano Chianti Classico 2011 (Tuscany, Italy) O	12	48
Savory dried cherry and herb infused plums with hints of earth, bright citrus, tobacco and sweet tannins. Organically farmed, hand harvested, from the most renowned part of Chianti.		
Stoller Dundee Hills Pinot Noir 2013 (Willamette Valley, Oregon) S	14	56
Seductively aromatic notes of lilac and violet add nuance to ripe cherry and raspberry. A benchmark vintage.		

HE AINT HEAVY HE'S MY BROTHER

Fuller bodied with rich tannins and some good old-fashioned cojones.

Recougne Bordeaux Supérieur 2011 (Bordeaux, France)	12	48
Robert Parker recognized Recougne as the finest estate in Bordeaux Supérieur – they have been making wine for 400 years! Complex dark fruit and black currant with notes of cigar box. Merlot, Cab Franc, Cab.		
Artadi Tempranillo 2012 (Rioja, Spain)	10	40
Vibrant red fruit and subtle tannins mark this traditional and elegant offering from one of Rioja's best producers.		
Katherine Goldschmidt Crazy Creek Cabernet 2013 (Alexander Valley)	14	56
Deep layers of concentrated dark fruit and cassis. Crazy Creek's old vines infuse this beauty with a depth seldom seen in Alexander Valley.		

STAFF PICK

Emeritus, Hallberg Ranch 2012 (Russian River Valley, California)	17	68
That rare and rewarding combination of power and finesse. Pure, balanced and sexy, a complete Cali Pinot		

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ROSÉ

Lioco Carignan 2014 (Mendocino, California) 40
Pleasing aromas of rose petals and watermelon with flavors of rhubarb and strawberry. Light colored, but expressive and full flavored.

SPARKLING

Pierre Peters Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Brut NV (Champagne, France) 375ml/ 54
100% Chardonnay from one of the region's top producers. Bright, sharp and focused with white peach, almond, brioche and a mineral tinged finished.

Geoffroy Rosé de Saignée 1er Cru Brut NV (Champagne, France) 375ml/ 58
Rose petals, wild strawberries, raspberries, blackberries. Concentrated and well structured. 100% Pinot.

Jean-Baptist Adam Cremant d'Alsace NV (Alsace, France) 45
Cremants are one of the best secrets in French sparkling. Full, bright, pure and refreshing with stone fruit, white flowers and and citrus.

Iron Horse Wedding Cuvee 2011 (Russian River Valley, California) 68
Serious but fun. Dry and elegant with notes of peach, raspberry and blood orange. Cel-e-brate good times!

A. Margaine Brut Rose NV (Champagne, France) 95
Smooth and expansive with juicy raspberry and tangerine notes. One of our favs at this years tasting.

Gaston Chiquet Brut Tradition NV (Champagne, France) 98
Part of the 'grower' movement that is rocking the old guard of Champagne and winning consumers one sip at a time. Firm and dry with pineapple, fresh peach, ginger and almond.

H. Goutrobe Grand Cru Brut Rosé (Champagne, France) 120
A dropp dead gorgeous wine! A silky and textured expression of Pinot Noir with a long, haunting finish.

Charles Heidsieck Brut Millesime 2005 (Champagne, France) 225
Poised between elegance and complexity. Smooth and textured with great length. An exceptional vintage.

INTERESTING WHITES

Dom Quilla, Muscadet 2013 Sevre et Maine (Loire, France) O 36
Benchmark Muscadet from one of the Loire's most renown auteurs. A classic match with seafood and shellfish.

Cordero Langhe Arneis 2013 (Piedmonte, Italy) 40
Named for the grape which it is made, Arneis means 'rascal' in Piedmontese. Crisp and racy with intense white peach notes, hazelnuts and acacia blossoms.

Wy'East Pinot Gris 2014 (Hood River, Oregon) 42
One of the oldest plantings of Pinot Gris in the Northwest. Bright and vibrant peach and apricot over a crisp volcanic core.

Arndorfer 'Srasser Weinberge' Gruner Veltliner 2013 (Kamptal, Austria) O 48
Crazy richness and texture for a gruner. A whisper of oak creates another dimension, softening Gruner's natural angles. As Martin Arndorfer says, 'This a wine that will make you happy'.

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Bechtold 'Silberberg' Pinot Gris 2012 (Alsace, France)	50
Richness and focus seldom seen outside of Burgundy. Pure and elegant with lush stone fruit. You'll be glad you did. O	
Francois Pinon 'Les Trois Argiles' Vouvray Sec 2013 (Loire, France) O	52
Quintessential Vouvray. Medium bodied with big floral nose, savory quince and crisp apple. Demi-Sec.	
Jean-Baptiste Adam 'Les Natures' Gewurtztraminer 2013 (Alsace, France)	56
An easy-drinking Gewurtz, showing exotic floral aromas and notes of apricot, melon, stone and spice.	
Maximin Grunhauser Herenberg Kabinet Riesling 2012 (Mosel, Germany)	60
Classic and elegant. Rich and unctuous stone fruit, ripe apple and melon over a backdrop of red slate. Balanced, lush and juicy with some serious petrol. Grunhauser to the Max!	
Prisoner Wine Company 'Blindfold' 2013 (California)	60
A full-throttle Chardonnay driven blend loaded with layers of honeyed white fruits, pineapple, hazelnut and white flowers.	
Robert Weil Reisling Tradition 2012 (Rheingau, Germany)	62
100% estate from one of Germany's most highly regarded winemakers. Silky smooth with bright citrus, impeccable balance and long finish.	
Monastero 'Coenobium', Lazio Bianco 2011 (Lazio, Italy) O	64
A rich and funky blend of Malvasia, Trebbiano and Verdicchio made by nuns with a little help from Italian wine guru, Giampiero Bea. Extended skin contact means layers of intense aromatics, mild tannins and a touch of intentional oxidation.	
Borgo del Tiglio Collio Bianco 2013 (Friuli, Italy)	65
Crisp and clean layers of peach, pear, apricot, and slate from one of the premiere producers in the region.	
Mathiason Ribolla Gialla 2013 (Napa, California)	72
Full flavored and balanced with notes of hazelnuts, Meyer lemon and Bartlett pear draped over a taught stoniness. From 2014's 'Winemaker of the Year'!	
Radikon Pinot Grigio 2012 (Friuli, Italy) O	82
Holy Sh*t is all we can say about this absolute beauty. We'll tell you the blend is 80% chardonnay and 20% Tocai but one sip and you'll never believe it. Orange in color, whispers of sweetness and crazy delicious.	
Mas de Daumas Blanc 2014 (Languedoc, France)	98
This drop dead gorgeous blend is one of the most sought after wines of Southern France. Rich, layers of stone fruit, honey, and stone with expressive floral aromas and nutty nuances. Chard, Viognier, Chenin Blanc and more.	

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SAUVIGNON BLANC

- Thomas and Fils Sancerre 2013 (Loire, France) 48
Clean crisp taught citrus and pear... the perfect summer pour. Classic Sancerre.
- Quivira 'Fig Tree' 2015 (Dry Creek Valley, California) O, B 50
Said it before and we'll say it again- Hugh Chapelle makes one the the best sauv blancs EVER!
Bursting with tropical fruit, strong and zippy, makes us want just one more sippy!
- Lieu Dit 2013 (Santa Ynez Valley, California) 56
From up-and-coming Tyler Winery comes a mineral-driven, focused and racy style that is fresh and bright.
This Sauvignon Blanc is superb.
- Regis Minet Pouilly Fume 2013 (Loire Valley, France) 60
A pure and mouth-watering example of Sauv Blanc. Clean, fresh and flinty, with great depth and texture.

CHARDONNAY

- Foxen 'Bien Nacido Vineyard' Block UU 2013 (Santa Maria Valley, California) 62
An extroverted yet focused mid-weight Chard showing pear nectar, white peach, violet, and honey.
- Louis Michel & Fils Chablis Vaillons Premier Cru Chablis 2013 (Burgundy, France) 68
Pure and focused layers of stone fruit, almonds, citrus, slate and gunpowder from this historic estate.
- Walter Hansel 'North Slope Vineyard' 2012 (Russian River Valley, California) 70
Judicious integrated oak, perfectly balanced, classic California. This wine delivers on every level.
- ZD Chardonnay 2015 (California) 78
This landmark Chardonnay is a classic California: Guava, tropical fruit, orange blossom and sweet vanilla.
Zero Deffects.
- Ramey 'Platte Vineyard' 2012 (Sonoma Coast, California) 100
Butter, citrus, sweet spice, banana, crème brulee, ginger and golden honey mark this single vineyard offering
from one of Cali's best.
- Domaine du Castel Blanc du Castel 2014 (Jerusalem, Israel) 115
A shining star in Israel's exploding wine scene. Rich, ripe layers of lemon curd, honey and vanilla.
- Boyer-Martenot Cuvee Fernand Boyer Mersault 2013 (Burgundy, France) 145
Classic Mersault: Rich and full-bodied with nutty nuances, honey, lemon and notes of wild herb.
This wine is in a great place right now!

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PINOT NOIR

- J Christopher Willamette Valley 2013 (Willamette Valley, Oregon) 60
An approachable and well-balanced blend of several vineyard sights. Plum and tart cranberry notes mingle with notes of mocha and herb.
- Domaine Serene Yamhill 2012 (Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon) 75
Classic Willamette from the folks who put it on the map. Elegant dried cherries with expressive floral notes.
- Michel Julliot Mercury 'Les Champs Martins' 1er Cru 2012 (Burgundy, France) 80
Firm and structured with savory dark fruit and herbal underpinnings and a long contemplative finish.
- Brewer-Clifton Sta. Rita Hills 2013 (Sta. Rita Hills, California) 90
Just put your nose in the glass and you will understand why Brewer-Clifton can't keep their wines in stock. Rich, graceful and fruit driven – showing vivid black cherries, anise and black licorice.
- Big Table Farm, Willamette Valley 2013 (Willamette Valley, Oregon) B 95
This is a vibrant and energetic stunner packed with blackberry, dried cranberry, pomegranate, leather, oak, spice... Check out Duane the pig on the label. Tiny production, extremely limited!
- VML Stars 2012 (Russian River Valley, California) 106
Virginia Marie Lambrix makes some of the most sumptuous and textured PN's in the RRV. Stars is rich and concentrated with layers of black cherry, ripe plum, violets, lavender, sandalwood and spice. Biodynamic.
- Rochioli Estate 2013 (Russian River Valley, California) 150
Elegant and beautifully balanced with notes of ripe cherry, vanilla and savory herbs. Silky tannins and long finish.

FRANCE

- Domaine de Boissan Vacqueyras 2011 (Southern Rhone) 45
A rich dark ruby blend of dark berries, cherry compote, licorice and allspice, cassis and bitter cherry. 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah.
- Olga Raffault 'Les Picasses', Chinon 100% Cabernet Franc 2007 (Loire, FR) O 54
Won't you take me down...to funky town! Cocoa, licorice, rosemary, sage and smoke. Unmistakably Chinon, this is Cab Franc at its best.
- Georges Descomes Morgon 2014 (Beaujolais, France) O 56
Artisan Gamay from a true master. Gorgeous aromas of raspberry and strawberry followed by more subtle notes of spice and fennel. Medium bodied with juicy red fruits.
- Dom. la Millière Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2012 (Rhone, France) O 125
An absolutely gorgeous edition from this traditional estate. Classic aromas of black raspberry, licorice, lavender, and savory herbs with a long elegant finish.
- Jean-Luc Columbo 'Les Ruchets' 2009 (Cornas, France) 150
Les Ruchets (The Beehives) is the signature wine from the Rhone's most iconic producer. Elegant and complex with beautiful notes of violets, ripe black spice and a hint of vanilla. The apex of what Syrah can be.

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ITALY ETC...

- Rojac Refosk 2012 (Istra, Slovenia) 0 44
A dark, dense, rich beauty from Slovenia's indigenous Refosco grape revered by the ancient Roman's for its healthful properties. Plum and dark chocolate round out its rustic palate. Here's to your health!
- La Torre 'Ampelio' 2011 (Tuscany, Italy) 65
This killer red blend is one of the best-kept secrets in Brunello. Medium-bodied and dry with dried cherries and layers of intense concentration. Sangiovese Grosso with Alicante and Ciliegiolo.
- Bel-Sit Barbera d'Asti Superiore Sichivej 2009 (Piedmont, Italy) 68
Lush with seductive floral notes and chewy blackcherry, chocholate spice and tar. 500 cases made.
- Buglioni 'Il Bugiardo' Valpolicella Ripasso 2011 (Verona, Italy) 75
Dark and concentrated enough that a group of Italian wine critics were so shocked that they were not drinking Amarone that they called it 'il Bugiardo' or 'liar'. The name stuck.
- De Foreville Barberesco 2011 (Piedmont, Italy) 80
Velvety dark cherry fruit gives way layers truffle, rose petals, leather and tar. The 11' is singing right now!
- Cabutto Tenuta La Volta Barolo 2009 (Piedmont, Italy) 98
Classically balanced dark cherry, rose petal and tar. You find a better Barolo for the money!
- Caprai Sagratino 2008 (Umbria, Italy) 120
Picture the biggest, darkest, densist Napa Cab... Now imagine it was made in Italy. That's Sagratino. Please decant.
- Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Serego Alighieri Vaio 2008 (Veneto, Italy) 150
An elegant and imbecably balanced red, layering sculpted tannins finely knit black cherry, plum cured tobacco, Dark chocolate and woody spice. # 8 WS wine of the year!! Extremely limited.
- Il Poggione Brunello del Montalcino 2010 (Tuscany, Italy) 160
Pure and concentrated offering loaded with ripe cherry, plum, spice, tobacco... full-bodied with soft integrated Tannin. A near perfect vintage from one of the region's best producers. A WS top 5 wine!!

SPAIN ETC...

- Chateau Musar, Jeune Rouge 2012 (Bekaa, Valley, Lebanon) 44
A country with such beautiful history is bound to have some Smokin' (and smoky) wines. Cab, Syrah and Cinsault with a rich palate of red berries and a sprinkle of vanilla and cinnamon.
- Artadi 'Vinas de Gain' 2011 (Rioja, Spain) 48
Textbook Rioja. 100% Tempranillo with notes of forest berries, black licorice and lightly toasted oak.
- Nita Priorat 2012 (Priorat, Spain) 54
A rare gem! Old vine Garnacha and Carinena from the steep slate covered vineyards of Priorat. Totally unoaked.
- Peraj Peita 2013 (Montsant, Spain) 60
60% Old Vine Grenache with a smattering of Tempranillo, Merlot and Syrah. Rich, bright and lively with surprising depth and nuance.
- Marco Abella 'Loidana' 2009 (Priorat, Spain) 72
Grenache and Carrignan with a kiss of Cabernet. Black fruit and licorice that will warm you up on a cold night. The label by renowned Catalan abstract painter Josep Guinovart speaks to the regions rich history.
- Tinto Pesquera Crianza, Tempranillo 2012 (Ribera del Duero, Spain) 78
When Alejandro Fernandez first released his seductive wines in the early 1970's they were a game changer, today they are an institution. Midweight with black cherries, dark berries, sandalwood, scorched earth and smoke.

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RED BLENDS & RHONE RANGERS

Birichino Bechtold Cinsault Old Vines 2013 (California)	52
Playfully wild fresh juicy raspberry and crunchy red fruit over a mouthwateringly acidic backbone. Bechtold vineyard is said to be home of the oldest Cinsault vines on Earth! Tiny production.	
Lioco 'Indica' Old Vine Carignan 2013 (Mendocino, California)	54
Carignan is making a comeback and Mendocino is leading the charge. Black plums, blackberries, red licorice and lavender. This nod to Mendocino's #1 cash crop is right at home in the mile high state.	
Brick House Gamay Noir 2014 (Willamette Valley, Oregon) O	55
A true passion project! Discover the black sheep of Burgundy, living in exile on Ribbon Ridge.. pinot drinkers, time to expand your horizons and find your dark side- this wine is it. Full of tart cranberry, violets and anise.	
OJAI 'Sebastiano Vineyard' Grenache 2013 (Santa Barbara, California)	58
Deep, lush, dark fruit with aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, candied flowers and peppery spices.	
Bedrock Old Vine Zinfandel 2013 (Sonoma, California)	62
At 7 years old, while most of us were sipping on juice boxes, Morgan Twain-Peterson was making Pinot Noir and selling it to some of NY's finest restaurants. 25 years later his Zins are some of the most balanced and stunning you can get your hands on.	
Scholium Project, Gardens of Babylon 2013 (North Coast, California)	64
What makes college professors become winemakers? We won't pretend to know the answer but we love the results! A heady blend of Petite Sirah and Cabernet keeps things dark yet sophisticated.	
Melville Santa Rita Hills Syrah 2013 (Santa Rita Hills, California)	65
Full bodied, voluptuous and deeply layered with fresh and ripe aromatics, plum, black cherries and blueberry compote. Pure Syrah.	
Ridge Geyserville Zinfandel 2013 (Sonoma, California)	78
The first name in Cali Zin. Always layered and impeccably balanced. Rich black cherry, licorice with brambly fruit and a layered sensuous finish.	
Pax, 'The Vicar' 2011 (North Coast, California) S	88
Pax Mahle's ode to Cahteuneuf-du-Pape. Dense and powerful with ripe luscious red and black fruit, crushed flowers, and brown spices. 70% Grenache with Mourvedre and Syrah. Only 308 cases made!	
Epoch 'Veracity' 2012 (Paso Robles, California)	100
Big Bill released his first monstrous Rhone blend 5+ years ago to even more monstrous scores and hasn't looked back. Rich, lush and textured dark berries and cassis brimming with spice box, chocolate and dark raspberry.	
K Vintners 'The Hidden' Syrah 2012 (Walla Walla, Washington)	150
Rich, lush and layered...another knockout effort from madman rocker Charles Smith. 98 pts. Extremely limited!	
Horsepower 'The Tribe Vineyard' Syrah 2012 (Walla Walla, Washington)	320
Cayuse mastermind Christophe Baron's new project was called 'the most exciting new release in the world of wine' by WA's Jeb Dunnock. Rich and concentrated with classic peppery spices, flowers, licorice, cured meat... Extremely, extremely limited!	

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CABERNETS & BORDEAUX BLENDS

Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc 2012 (North Coast, California) S	60
Dark lush juicy fruit with just the right amount of wild herbs to keep you coming back for more.	
Northstar Merlot 2010 (Walla Walla, Washington)	64
Yes we're drinking Merlot...and we're loving it! Balanced and layered with earthy dark fruits.	
Rutini 'Encuentro' Barrel Blend 2010 (Mendoza, Argentina)	65
A Malbec lead blend of all five Bordeaux varietals. Well-structured plum and black cherry with integrated oak and earthy undertones.	
Allamand 'H' Malbec/Cabernet 2011 (Mendoza, Argentina) O	74
A seductive and deep terroir driven blend of rich, juicy blackberry dipped in smoky, dark chocolate. Yes please.	
Hardin Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (Napa, California) S	78
A perfect snapshot of the classic 2012 vintage: rich and expressive with complex layers of cassis, dark stone fruit and tobacco, classic structure and long smooth finish.	
Chateau Lassegue, St. Emillion Grand Cru 2006 (Bordeaux, France)	80
Rich, aromatic Cab Franc married to the Old Vine Merlot of the Right Bank. Seasoned with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, this beauty has power and elegance from the moment its opened.	
Frank Family Cabernet 2012 (Napa, California)	96
Everything you want in a Napa Cab. Supple and fruit forward with crème-se cassis, plum, licorice and spice.	
Neyers 'Neyers Ranch' Conn Valley Cabernet 2012 (Napa Valley, California) O	110
Kick ass cab with a backbone. Rich, dark and wildly aromatic with notes of tobacco and blackberry jam.	
Petit Castel 2012 (Jerusalem, Israel)	115
Bordeaux is the touchstone for this Cab driven blend. High elevation, hand harvest and small yields mean earthy concentration and uncompromising quality. And yes, its Kosher.	
Paul Hobbs Cabernet 2012 (Napa, California)	156
Big and structured from a nearly perfect vintage. Layers of rich sumptuous black raspberry, cassis and boysenberry with violets and spicebox.	
Rodney Strong Symmetry 2012 (Sonoma, California)	1.5 L / 240
A perfect balance of power and elegance. Luscious blackberry and currant notes over silky layers of black fruit and chocolate dipped espresso – with a long and lingering finish.	
Realm 'The Bard' Red 2013 (Napa, California)	250
Dense, weighty and concentrated, with plum, mocha and espresso. An opulent showcase of some of the best fruit Napa has to offer. Very limited!	

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