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THE TASTING PANEL'S

2023

Yearbook

CHEERS to the CLASS of 2023

Honoring the Wines
and Spirits That
Earned 93 Points or
Higher Last Year

WINES

AIX 2022 Rosé, Coteaux Aix-en-Provence, Rhône Valley, France (\$23) **93** KOBRAND

Alexander Valley Vineyards 2021 Chardonnay, Alexander Valley (\$23) **94**

Alvaredos-Hobbs 2020 Mencía, Ribeira Sacra DO, Spain (\$35) **93** PAUL HOBBS SELECTIONS

Amici Cellars 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$50) **93**

Ana Beirut 2018 Grand Reserve Mount Red, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon (\$28) **94**

Ancient Peaks 2019 Pearl Collection Cabernet Franc, Santa Margarita Ranch, Paso Robles (\$50) **94**

Ancient Peaks 2019 Oyster Ridge, Santa Margarita Ranch, Paso Robles (\$60) **94**

Ancient Peaks 2019 Pearl Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Margarita Ranch, Paso Robles (\$72) **95**

Ancient Peaks 2020 Renegade, Santa Margarita Ranch, Paso Robles (\$26) **93**

Andis Wines 2018 Barbera d'Amador, Sierra Foothills (\$30) **93**

Antigal 2019 Aduentus Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$23) **93**

Antigal 2020 UNO Platinum Edition Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$25) **94**

Antigal 2019 ONE, La Dolores, Gualtallery, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$60) **91**

Antigal 2018 ONE Doña Ángeles Single Vineyard Malbec, La Arboleda, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina (\$60) **95**

Aquilini 2019 A56 Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain, Washington (\$68) **94** WINE SPOKEN HERE

Aquilini 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain, Washington (\$110) **95** WINE SPOKEN HERE

Aquilini 2019 EROE Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Mountain, Washington (\$175) **94** WINE SPOKEN HERE

Archetype 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$45) **93** THE WINE GROUP

Argyle 2012 Extended Tirage Brut, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$85) **94**

Argyle 2019 Vintage Blanc de Blancs, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$30) **94**

As One Cru 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$175) **99**

As One Cru 2019 Pinot Noir, Stanly Ranch, Napa Valley (\$50) **95**

Ashlyn 2021 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$25) **93** WINE SPOKEN HERE

Babylonstoren 2021 Babel Red Blend, Simonsberg-Paarl, South Africa (\$22) **94**

Bagueri Méthode Classique Brut, Goriška Brda, Slovenia (\$30) **93** LAUREATE IMPORTS

Balletto Vineyards 2019 Pinot Noir, Pelletti Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$55) **94** PATZ & HALL

Beau Vigne 2020 Legacy Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$80) **94** ATC WINES

Beau Vigne 2021 Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon, North Coast (\$60) **96** ATC WINES

Belle Glos 2014 Pinot Noir, Taylor Lane Vineyard, West Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$225/1.5-liter) **97** COPPER CANE

Belle Glos 2021 Clark & Telephone Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$50) **95** COPPER CANE

Belle Glos 2021 Eulenloch Pinot Noir, Carneros, Napa Valley (\$55) **96** COPPER CANE

Belle Glos 2022 Oeil de Perdix Rosé of Pinot Noir, Sonoma County (\$25) **94** COPPER CANE

Bezel 2021 Pinot Noir, Edna Valley (\$30) **93** KOBRAND

Blue Farm 2020 Chardonnay, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$75) **94**

Blue Farm 2021 Pinot Noir, Laceroni Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$85) **94**

Blue Farm 2021 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast (\$60) **94**

Bodega Maronones 2020 30,000 Maravedies Red Blend, DO Vinos de Madrid, Spain (\$25) **93** ALMA CARRAOVEJAS

Bodegas Valdemar 2015 Conde Valdemar Reserva, Rioja, Spain (\$29) **93**

BÖEN 2020 Chardonnay, California (\$25) **93** COPPER CANE

BÖEN 2021 Chardonnay, Sonoma, Monterey, and Santa Barbara Counties (\$24) **93** COPPER CANE

BÖEN 2021 Pinot Noir, 63% Monterey County/23% Sonoma County/14% Santa Barbara County (\$25) **93** COPPER CANE

Brandlin Estate 2019 Malbec, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley (\$60) **93**

Brooks Note 2021 Panther Ridge Pinot Noir, Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County (\$65) **95**

Brooks Note 2021 Pinot Noir, Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County (\$42) **93**

Brooks Notes 2021 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$42) **94**

Brooks Notes 2021 Pinot Noir, Weir Vineyard, Yorkville Highlands, Mendocino County (\$52) **93**

Caelesta 2018 Grenache, Jespersen Vineyard, Edna Valley, San Luis Obispo County (\$72) **96**

Caelesta 2018 Syrah, Denner Vineyard, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$72) **93**

Caelesta 2019 Parallax, Templeton Gap, Paso Robles (\$62) **95**

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Erikson & Caradin 2020 Bilateral Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$120) **96** ATC WINES

Etenia 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$30) **93** SCHEID FAMILY

Famille Fabre 2022 Lux, AOC Corbières, Languedoc-Roussillon, France (\$22) **94**

Ferrari-Carano 2021 Tre Terre Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$45) **93**

Ferrer Miranda 2018 Orube Crianza, Rioja, Spain (\$18) **93**

Ferrer Miranda 2018 Valdubón Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain (\$25) **94**

Feudi di San Gregorio 2015 Serpico Irpinia Aglianico DOC, Campania, Italy (\$106) **97** TERLATO

Feudi di San Gregorio 2021 Greco di Tufo DCG, Campania, Italy (\$34) **93** TERLATO

Feudi di San Gregorio 2022 Cutizzi, Greco di Tufo DCG, Campania, Italy (\$35) **95** TERLATO

Frederick & Jacob Vineyards 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Knights Valley (\$50) **94** TREASURY WINE ESTATES

Frenzy, 2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Mount Richmond Estate, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$18) **93** WILSON DANIELS

Fritz Haag 2021 Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, Germany (\$29) **93** LOOSEN BROS. USA LTD.

Fulldraw Vineyard 2018 FD2 Rhône Blend, Paso Robles (\$55) **93**

Gaffino 2021 Tubbo Merlot, Lazio IGP, Italy (\$16) **93** ENOTEC

Gary Farrell 2018 Pinot Noir, Hallberg Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$55) **92**

Gehricke 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, Knights Valley, Sonoma County (\$35) **94** 3 BADGE ENOLOGY

Gehricke 2021 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$32) **93** 3 BADGE ENOLOGY

Gehricke 2021 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$29) **93** 3 BADGE ENOLOGY

Gehricke 2021 Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma Valley (\$29) **94** 3 BADGE ENOLOGY

Gentleman Farmer 2019 Red Wine, Napa Valley (\$77) **94** GENTLEMAN FARMER

Girard 2019 Old Vine Zinfandel, Napa Valley (\$28) **93** DEUTSCH FAMILY

Goldschmidt 2017 Ultimatum Double Rock, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$500) **96**

Goldschmidt Vineyards 2019 Game Ranch PLUS Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley (\$145) **95**

Grandeur 2022 Rosé, Monterey County (\$20) **93** SCHEID FAMILY

Grieve 2020 Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$95) **96**

Grieve Family Winery 2021 Double Eagle Red Blend, Napa Valley (\$90) **95**

Grieve Family Winery 2021 Double Eagle Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$49.50) **96**

Guarachi 2019 Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon, Meadowrock Vineyard, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley (\$200) **98** TITAN WINE SELECTIONS

Guarachi Family Wines 2021 Pinot Noir, Sun Chase Vineyard, Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County (\$200) **99** TITAN WINE SELECTIONS

Gundlach Bundschu 2022 Dry Gewürztraminer, Sonoma Valley (\$29) **93**

Gust 2021 Chardonnay, Petaluma Gap, Sonoma County (\$40) **93** CLINE CELLARS

Hall Ranch 2020 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$25) **93** O'NEILL VINTNERS & DISTILLERS

Hawk & Horse Vineyards 2019 Petit Verdot, Red Hills, Lake County (\$65) **96**

HERO 2020 Red by the Beau Vigne Collection, California (\$60) **92** ATC WINES

Hesketh 2021 Fiano, Clare Valley, Australia (\$25) **93** ANTHONY ALLPORT WINES

Hesketh 2021 Nebbiolo Bianco, Adelaide Hills, Australia (\$25) **93** ANTHONY ALLPORT WINES

Hillick & Hobbs 2020 Estate Vineyard Dry Riesling, Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes, New York (\$35) **96** PAUL HOBBS SELECTIONS

Hillick & Hobbs 2021 Estate Dry Riesling, Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes, New York (\$35) **95** PAUL HOBBS SELECTIONS

Hope 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon by the Beau Vigne Collection, Sonoma County (\$70) **95** ATC WINES

Horton Vineyards NV Suil Sparkling Viognier, Virginia (\$40) **93**

Icon 2020 The Beau Vigne Collection Proprietary Red, Napa Valley (\$80) **94** ATC WINES

Imagery 2021 Reserve Collection Pinot Noir, Monterey (\$42) **94** THE WINE GROUP

Intipalka 2021 Reserva de Familia Malbec, Ica Valley, Peru (\$25) **93** VIÑAS QUEIROLO

J. Christopher 2020 Cuvée Lunatique Chardonnay, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$25) **93** LOOSEN BROS. USA LTD.

J. Lohr 2020 Carol's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$60) **95**

J. Lohr 2020 Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$35) **93**

J. Lohr 2021 Carol's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$60) **95**

J. Lohr 2021 Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$35) **93**

J. Lohr 2021 Riverstone Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, Monterey (\$14) **94**

J. Lohr Signature 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles (\$100) **98**

J. Lohr Vineyards 2021 South Ridge Syrah, Paso Robles (\$15) **93**

J. Christopher 2019 Pinot Noir, Bella Vida Vineyard, Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$70) **95** LOOSEN BROS. USA LTD.

Jezreel Valley Winery 2020 Argaman Reserve, Jezreel Valley, Israel (\$50) **95** ROYAL WINES

Jezreel Valley Winery 2018 Icon, Jezreel Valley, Israel (\$80) **96** ROYAL WINES

Joel Gott 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$17) **93** TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES

Jordan 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County (\$60) **96**

Jordan 2021 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$42) **94**

Joseph Jewell 2019 Pinot Noir, Hallberg Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$65) **93**

Joseph Swan Vineyards 2016 Pinot Noir, Trenton Estate Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$70) **95**

Kate Arnold 2018 Daffodil Hill Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon (\$55) **96**

Kate Arnold 2021 Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon (\$29) **94**

KB by Knights Bridge 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, Knights Valley, Sonoma County (\$65) **93**

Kelly Fleming 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$185) **93**