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Mark Ryan 2018 Lost Soul Syrah (Yakima Valley). The aromas offer notes of blue fruit, blackberry and plum, with a smoked meat note in the background. The palate pulls no punches, with deep, dark, rich, seamless fruit flavors. There's plenty of structure behind it—so much so that it needs some time to unclench. The finish is lengthy. Best after 2026. Cellar Selection.—S.S.

abv: 14.8% **Price:** \$50



Morgan 2019 Double L Vineyard Chardonnay (Santa Lucia Highlands). Toasted macadamia nut, baked peach, coconut and sea salt aromas make for a heady entry to the nose. The palate is cut by a tangerine-rind tartness that gives balance to the creamy apricot and cherimoya flavors as that salty character carries through the finish. —M.K. abv: 14.2% Price: \$46



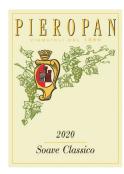
Origin 2019 Bates Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon (Santa Cruz Mountains). From a dryfarmed vineyard that sits at 2,100 feet in elevation, this bottling begins with aromas of dark red berry, blackberry and graphite. The firm structure is quite fascinating on the sip, where tight tannins and a zesty acidity present flavors of black fruit and crushed stone. —M.K.

abv: 13.7% **Price:** \$72



Padelletti 2016 Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino). Aromas of camphor, new leather and spice shape the nose along with whiffs of woodland berry. Lithe and elegant, the linear palate offers tart cherry, blood orange and star anise before closing on a coffee bean note. Taut close-grained tannins leave a drying close. Drink 2024–2031. Oliver McCrum Wines. —K.O.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$140



Pieropan 2020 Soave Classico. Aromas of citrus, wet stone and a delicate whiff of hawthorn waft out of the glass. On the dry, delicious palate, bright acidity accompanies white peach, grapefruit and a saline note before finishing on a hint of white almond. It's an incredible value at this price point. LUX Wines. Editors' Choice. —K.O. abv: 12%

Price: \$24



94 Ramirez de la Piscina 2014 Gran Reserva (Rioja). This inky ruby-colored wine has a nose of raspberry, cassis and tea leaf. It is well balanced, with opulent tannins supporting vibrant flavors of cherry pie, blueberry, butterscotch, milk chocolate and oregano that coalesce in a drawnout finish. Jorge Ordóñez Selections. *Editors' Choice*. —M.D.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$40



Santa Rita 2018 Casa Real Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon (Maipo Valley). A smooth and attractive nose is anchored by plum and cassis aromas. The palate on this benchmark Chilean Cabernet is electric in feel and boosted by firm but supple tannins and bright acidity. Plum, cassis and cherry flavors are dreamy, while piqued energy reemerges on a vigorous finish. Best from 2023–2029. Delicato Family Wines. Cellar Selection. —M.S.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$150



94 Sleeping Giant 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville). This small-production, large-format wine is decadently rich in red fruit, with softened, silky tannins. It offers power and length, the oak nicely toasted and well absorbed. —V.B. abv: 14.6% Price: \$250/1.5 L



94 Tatomer 2020 Küstennebel Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills). A light shade of red in the glass, this new appellation blend by Graham Tatomer explodes on the nose with dark strawberry, ripe melon and tarragon aromas, proving very fresh and lively. There is a tannic tension to the sip, which rises toward the finish, giving a canvas for the black raspberry, anise and peppercorn flavors to paint a beautiful palate. Drink through 2040. *Cellar Selection*. —M.K.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$45