

PINOT NOIR – AMERICAS

The premium level, £30 plus, is where Pinot really gets into its quality stride. Here is the first of our two reports on an impressive New World tasting

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What a Pinot Noir marathon! In late September in the tasting suite at *Decanter's* London offices, we three judges tasted 273 New World Premium Pinot Noirs over three full days, and I do not think any of us had ever reviewed such a comprehensive selection before.

This was a 360-degree view on Pinot Noir in the world today – and my, were there some beauties! Because of the size and success of the tasting, the results have been split across *Decanter* issues. Here we celebrate Pinots from the Americas: from Canada all the way down to Patagonia, on either side of the respective cordilleras. And in next month's December issue we showcase wines from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

It was an impressive and welcome entry of 35 wines from Ontario, which, as Justin Knock MW noted, 'is a place to watch for genuine elegance'. Our highest-scoring Ontario Pinot Noirs all came from various benches of the Niagara Escarpment, with two more from Prince Edward County. From the US, we were disappointed to see so few entries from Oregon given the great success there with this fickle grape. Nevertheless, of the 12 wines, eight were Highly recommended.

In California (our biggest entry with 52 wines) it was the cooler AVAs which, without exception, scored best. The Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara, coastal Sonoma and other Pacific-influenced regions really are today's Pinot hotspots, delivering aroma, crunch, tension and elegance. The wines of Russian River, on the other hand, were a cultural clash:

Pinot Noirs made for palates that value power above elegance – not what this variety is about. 'There are fewer heavy-handed styles in general these days,' said Knock about California Pinot Noirs, 'but we still find them in Russian River more than elsewhere.'

Uruguay presented a promising selection of four wines from Atlantic-cooled areas, but the most entries (22) from South America came from Argentina. Mendoza is tricky for Pinot Noir with its solar intensity and altitude, but windswept Patagonia in the south more than makes up for it: one of our Outstanding wines came from Chubut (*see opposite*), but Río Negro and Neuquen also performed well. The lower number of entries from Chile (13) is likely down to the fact that the country is more of a value than a premium player. While coastal areas dominated, the relatively new area of Traiguén in Malleco – temperate, inland and dry, a two-hour drive from the Pacific ocean and a seven-hour drive south of Santiago – stood out.

The essential elegance and finesse wine lovers look for in Pinot Noir must be achieved in the vineyard, then captured by picking at a point that unites freshness and tension with sufficient ripeness and aromatic development. This must then be preserved without being overwhelmed by either oak or extraction.

'Some are picking fruit too late, which is made evident by high alcohols, notes of stewed fruits and blurred flavours,' noted Dirceu Vianna Junior MW. However, in general: 'Producers are doing an excellent job in terms of extraction and are using oak judiciously.'

THE SCORES 139 wines tasted

Exceptional 0 **Outstanding** 2 **Highly recommended** 101 **Recommended** 36
Commended 0 **Fair** 0 **Poor** 0

Entry criteria: producers and UK agents were invited to submit their current-release, dry, still 100% Pinot Noir red wines with a minimum retail price of £30 in the UK or equivalent in their domestic market

THE JUDGES



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Dirceu Vianna Junior MW is a wine writer, consultant and educator. Based in the UK since 1989, he was a director at some of the UK's top distributors. After becoming a Master of Wine in 2008, he co-authored the awarded book *Conheça Vinhos* ('Understanding Wine', in Portuguese)

Outstanding 95-97pts



Otronia, Chubut, Patagonia, Argentina 2020

Anne Krebiehl MW 95
Justin Knock MW 95
Dirceu Vianna Junior MW 96
 £68.99 Liberty Wines
 Grown in Sarmiento, the world's southernmost vine land, some 1,450km from the Uco Valley, this is truly extreme Pinot Noir, withstanding fierce winds, cold temperatures and little rain at high altitude. Helped by consultant Alberto Antonini, winemaker Juan Pablo Murgia ferments the grapes in concrete then ages the wine in untoasted foudres for about 18 months.
Anne Krebiehl MW Red berry, white pepper, heightened

aroma. Yum. Concentrated, peppery, bright and wonderful. There is structure and brightness but also vividly pure, tart fruit. Pristine and fresh.
Justin Knock MW Lovely colour, beautiful potpourri aromas! It's delicate yet firm. Rose hip, white flower, cherry; a touch bitter.
Dirceu Vianna Junior MW Perfumed and vivacious, includes aromas of cherries, cranberries, rhubarb and a hint of spice. On the palate it is elegant, with beautiful silky texture, sophisticated structure and a long, refreshing finish.
Drink 2023-2030 **Alcohol** 12.5%



Tatomer, Santa Barbara County, California, USA 2021

AK 95 **JK** 95 **DV** 95
 £39 Roberson
 Graham Tatomer is known more for his Rieslings and Grüner Veltliners (he spent four years with Emmerich Knoll in Austria's Wachau before founding his winery in 2008), but aims for similar tension and energy in his Pinot Noirs. Fruit for this comes from a selection of vineyards located across Santa Barbara, fermented with 50% whole clusters and matured for 12 months in French oak, 10% new.
AK Toasty oak, with lovely structure, crunch and an edge

of tobacco. The palate is crunchy, bright, vivid, fresh, beautiful and nuanced.
JK Bingo, on point. Pale, pure, slatey fresh, balanced, lively, layered, full of finesse and class.
DV Youthful and vibrant with intense notes of forest fruits, a touch herbal and with a hint of sweet spice. On the palate it is harmonious and combines wonderful vibrancy of fruit with a sophisticated silky structure that leads to a persistent finish. Pure, precise and delicious.
Drink 2023-2035 **Alc** 13.5%

Highly recommended 90-94pts



Bachelder, Lowrey Old Vines, St David's Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 91 **JK** 93 **DV** 94
 POA Liberty Wines
 Fragrant wild berries on the nose along with dried herbs and sweet spices. This has crispness and minerality on the palate with ripe juicy fruit and wonderful freshness, leading on to a persistent and pleasant finish. **Drink** 2023-2029 **Alc** 12%



Cloudsley Cellars, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 93 **JK** 93 **DV** 93
 cloudsleycellars.com
 Elegantly scented, with notes of cherries and raspberries, hints of olive tapenade and cream on the nose. The palate has charm, red fruit and a measured generosity. Well defined and pure with a lovely crunch.
Drink 2023-2029 **Alc** 13%



Dupuis, Estate, Anderson Valley, California, USA 2020

AK 94 **JK** 94 **DV** 92
 £61 Roberson
 Overtly ripe dark fruits, berry and cherry cola with hints of raisins and sweet spices. The palate is juicy and vivid with ripe fruit and smooth, ripe tannins. Great concentration backed by harmonious structure. Lovely and spicy on the finish.
Drink 2023-2030 **Alc** 13.5% ▶

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— Anne Krebiehl MW



Familia Schroeder, Saurus, Patagonia, Argentina 2022

AK 95 JK 93 DV 91
 £16.25-£17.50 (2021) Chester Beer & Wine, Evington's
 A touch of cocoa on the nose with glacé cherries, white pepper and musk. On the palate, it is young and bright. Lovely freshness. Aromatic, profound and lasting. **Drink 2023-2032 Alc 14%**



Fess Parker, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2021

AK 93 JK 93 DV 92
 £34.50 Amathus Drinks
 Youthful, nuanced and aromatic with elegant aromas of ripe cherries, herbs and spices. Silky and sophisticated, this is well balanced with a pleasantly long finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14.5%**



Gran Moraine, Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon, USA 2019

AK 90 JK 94 DV 94
 £60 Bakers & Larners, Roberts & Speight, Vinvm
 Perfumed nose, sophisticated and inviting aromas of red forest fruits. Savoury and complex on the palate. Silky texture with a pleasant savoury twist. Long, salivating and very classy. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Hidden Bench, Felseck Vineyard, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 92 JK 94 DV 92
 hiddenbench.com
 Aromas of dark fruits, toasty oak and red cherry dominate. Lovely big, serious, creamy wine, juicy fruit with savoury complexity. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.8%**



Kutch, Mindego Ridge Vineyard, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, USA 2021

AK 94 JK 93 DV 91
 £67 Roberson
 Intense red fruit on the nose with cherry, raisins, tea leaves and dried herbs. Generous, ripe and juicy on the palate with a sandy bed of tannin. Structured and balanced. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Morandé, Black Series, Traiguén, Malleco, Chile 2021

AK 92 JK 94 DV 94
 morande.cl
 Elegant and gently perfumed, including aromas of red forest fruits, wet earth and spices. Sophisticated structure and savoury complexity, with mouthwatering freshness on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



Paul Hobbs, Goldrock Estate, West Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2021

AK 94 JK 94 DV 91
 £113.99 Alliance Wine
 Cola and blackberry on the nose mingled with cherry, a hint of cocoa and Ceylon tea. Citrussy, slaty and energetic, with mint, white pepper, pomegranate, fresh plum and blood orange. Intense, ripe and voluptuous. Very Californian. **Drink 2023-2035 Alc 14.3%**



Racines, Cuvee, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2020

AK 93 JK 95 DV 92
 £74.99 Liberty Wines, The Good Wine Shop
 Sleek and classy. Overt aromas of ripe dark fruits, violets, dark chocolate and spices. The palate is bright with freshness, dense with ripe tannin and fruit, yet captured at a point of real freshness. Generously juicy, and a long finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Scribe, Carneros, California, USA 2021

AK 91 JK 95 DV 94
 £54 Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine
 Well defined with notes of red forest fruits, dried herbs and sweet spices. Showing top-level winemaking, the palate is earthy and tactile, with delicate finesse. Ethereal style with lots of fruits, a harmonious silky texture completes the wonderful finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



The Hilt, Bentrack Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2021

AK 92 JK 95 DV 92
 £95 Fine & Rare
 Vivid dark berry fruit, cassis and bramble, aromatic and juicy. Beautiful, red-fruited, with good tension and slatey freshness. Balanced, with cocoa oak and sophisticated structure. Lovely. **Drink 2023-2032 Alc 13%**



The Hilt, Estate, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2021

AK 93 JK 93 DV 92
 £55-£63 (2020) Tanners, The Solent Cellar
 Youthful and expressive displaying aromas of black fruits, cherries and raspberries. The palate is vibrant and dense with warming alcoholic power, but also freshness. Complex layers of salty, peppery spice. Full of energy. **Drink 2023-2032 Alc 13%**



Alma Fria, Plural, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2021

AK 94 JK 89 DV 93
 £46 Roberson
 Oozes class through its inviting aromas of red forest fruits and bramble ripeness, with hints of floral notes and sweet spices. Mature, with nuances of celery salt on the palate. Dense, structured and fresh with fine tannins. **Drink 2023-2035 Alc 13%** ▶



Bachelder, Wismer-Parke Wild West-End, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020
 AK 93 JK 94 DV 90
 POA Liberty Wines
 Lovely, ambitious nose, sumptuous and classy with red fruits and oak. Ripe, juicy, fresh and bright with taut tannins. Elegant and structured with restraint, but will evolve with generosity. **Drink 2023-2032 Alc 13%**



Bella Terra, Four Mile Creek, Ontario, Canada 2019
 AK 94 JK 90 DV 92
 bellaterravineyards.com
 Pretty fruit with aromatic cherries and fruits of the forest. Mossy with a tone of lichen mingled with buttery biscuits. Assertive with savoury fruit. Lovely depth and purity. Crisp acidity leads to a mouthwatering finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



Bemberg, La Linterna Finca Las Piedras, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2016
 AK 93 JK 92 DV 92
 £75.9 Elms Wines, Top Selection
 Subtle nose, displaying aromas of dried leaves, earth and mushrooms. Gentle red fruit and mossy, savoury spice. Mellow and silken with a complex finish. Fresh with dry tannins. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%**



Bouza, Viñedo Pan de Azúcar, Maldonado, Uruguay 2021
 AK 92 JK 91 DV 92
 POA Jeroboams
 Bright and inviting with creamy, red forest fruits, sweet spice, chocolate and cocoa on the nose. Ripe and juicy with a savoury edge. An elegant wine, and very well made. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



Cambria, Julia's Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, California, USA 2021
 AK 93 JK 92 DV 90
 £31.55-£36 Davy's, Paul Adams, Vintage House, Vinvm, Wine Rack, Yorkshire Vintners
 Young and vibrant with elegant ripe fruit. Aromatic and nuanced with a savoury, earthy tang. Fruit underpinned by fresh acidity. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.9%**



Chacra, Cincuenta y Cinco, Río Negro, Patagonia, Argentina 2022
 AK 93 JK 93 DV 91
 £51.95 Lea & Sandeman
 Well defined with scents of dark fruits, coffee beans, violets, white pepper and rose petals. The palate is bright and juicy. Harmoniously structured with a mouthwatering finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.5%**



Colomé, Altura Máxima, Payogasta, Salta, Argentina 2021
 AK 90 JK 90 DV 95
 £69.99 Liberty Wines
 Youthful, displaying perfumed aromas of ripe red forest fruits, dried leaves, wet earth and sweet spices. Good concentration of fruit, harmonious silky structure and mouthwatering freshness on the persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.5%**



Darling Wines, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2021
 AK 91 JK 95 DV 90
 £48.50 Lea & Sandeman
 Confident, bright and elegant ripe dark fruits, blackberry jam and sweet spice aromas. Complex, precise, fine-boned, tangy and tense with balanced freshness. Charming. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



Deovlet, La Encantada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2020
 AK 92 JK 90 DV 93
 £63.20 Justerini & Brooks
 Young, overt and intense ripe fruit with a gentle hint of tar. Amplified by oaky, toasty aromas. The palate is balanced and generous with sophisticated tannins and harmonious freshness. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Domaine Carneros, Avant-Garde, Carneros, California, USA 2021
 AK 93 JK 93 DV 90
 £30 Hatch Mansfield
 Ripe cherry compote on the nose, vibrant with aromas of creamy oak. Rich and opulent on the palate, juicy and fresh with enjoyable spice. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14.2%**



Domaine Drouhin Oregon, Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2021
 AK 93 JK 93 DV 91
 £40-£41.95 Sheldon's Wine Cellars, Selfridges, The Secret Bottle Shop
 Aromatic ripe, dark fruit with notes of dried herbs and a touch of spice. Oak lends richness, but the palate is fresh, refined and savoury. Opulent. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%**



Domaine Nico, La Savante, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2021
 AK 93 JK 90 DV 92
 domainenico.com
 Gently aromatic, showing some maturity with its notes of dried fruits, earth and mushrooms. Lovely Pinot savouriness with balanced, supple creaminess and fine, crunchy tannin. Elegant and complex. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Herzog, Special Reserve, Edna Valley, California, USA 2020
 AK 92 JK 94 DV 90
 £39.99-£45.99 Amazon, The Grapevine, Sussers
 Ripe cherry compote with cinnamon on the nose. Sturdy and voluptuous with intense dark fruits, balanced oak and sweetly smooth tannins. Big, bold, luscious, very smart. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14.5%**



Hidden Bench, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021
 AK 93 JK 91 DV 91
 hiddenbench.com
 Subtle nose of autumn leaves and red cherry, with herbal and smoky notes. Balanced, with some grip and crisp freshness. Elegantly structured. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Joel Gott, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2021
 AK 91 JK 93 DV 93
 £30 Lanchester Wines
 Youthful and refined, delicately scented with raspberries, cranberries, red cherries and smoke. Tar and cocoa give weight to this sophisticated Pinot. Silky texture, great purity of fruit with balanced richness and charm. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



La Crema, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2021
 AK 93 JK 91 DV 91
 £25-£30 Amazon, Paul Adams, Vinvm
 Vivid and youthful, displaying aromas of dark cherries, raspberry and floral notes. Toasty, sweet oak on the palate with concentrated fruit tempered by racy freshness. Tasty. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.9%**



Le Clos Jordanne, Le Grand Clos, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021
 AK 93 JK 93 DV 91
 POA Liberty Wines
 Gently fragrant cherries, raspberries, plums and a note of cassia. Slender and crunchy, with juicy fruit. Spicy complexity leads to a refreshing finish. **Drink 2023-2035 Alc 13.5%**



Leaning Post, Senchuk Vineyard, Lincoln Lakeshore, Ontario, Canada 2019
 AK 92 JK 91 DV 92
 £77 The Good Wine Shop
 A charming nose with aromas of dark, ripe fruits and sweet spices. The palate is creamy with vanilla-smoothed oak. Pure with a lasting finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Racines, La Rinconada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2020
 AK 93 JK 90 DV 92
 £134 Liberty Wines
 Uplifting aromas of ripe forest fruits, dried herbs and a hint of sweet spice. The palate exudes dark fruit with dusty tannins. Combining the generosity of fruit with savoury complexity. Elegant with freshness on the finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 12.9%**



Racines, Sainte Rose, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2020
 AK 92 JK 90 DV 93
 £102 Liberty Wines
 Graceful, yet hard and salty, with inviting, attractive aromas of ripe red and dark fruits as well as a hint of spice. Slight alcoholic heat but vivid, ripe and juicy. Generous with a silky texture and wonderful persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.3%**



Résonance, Résonance Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon, USA 2019
 AK 92 JK 92 DV 92
 £46 Farthinghoe Fine Wine, IG Wines
 Ripe and sumptuous, a serious nose. Inviting aromas of red forest fruits, herbs and a hint of spices. The palate is ripe, yet still fresh. Lovely hints of reduction and bacon fat. Silky texture, hint of savoury complexity and refreshing finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



Rosehall Run, St. Cindy, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada 2020
 AK 93 JK 94 DV 90
 rosehallrun.com
 Charming cherry, strawberry and plum notes, lifted, perfumed and earthy. Subtle red fruit with a mossy savouriness. Elegant with good concentration and pleasant refreshing finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Southbrook, Laundry Vineyard, Lincoln Lakeshore, Ontario, Canada 2020
 AK 90 JK 95 DV 92
 southbrook.com
 Fragrant and inviting with intense ripe, dark fruits and earthy notes. Supple and fresh, genuine elegance with a high-toned nature. Creamy texture combined with balancing freshness. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 12.5%**



The Hilt, Radian Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2021
 AK 92 JK 93 DV 91
 £120-£139 (2019) Hedonism, Tanners
 Gently perfumed with aromas of ripe red fruits, thyme and sweet spices. Bright and tense with a silky, seductive structure. Pacific freshness and lovely brightness. A balanced, distinct style. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%** ▶



92

Viña Leyda, Origin, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2020

AK 93 JK 89 DV 93

leyda.cl

Supple cherry and gentleness on the nose. Modern and generous with blackberries, dark cherries and a touch of spice. The tannins are crunchy and firm, with lovely aromatic length. **Drink 2023-2032 Alc 13.1%**



91

Achaval Ferrer, Singular, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2022

AK 90 JK 93 DV 91

achaval-ferrer.com

Gentle savouriness on the nose plus some black cherry, cola and a hint of spice. The palate is elegant and silky, ending on a pleasant, harmonious and refreshing finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%**



91

Bachelder, Wismer-Parke, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 93 JK 89 DV 90

POA Liberty Wines

Ripe, dark fruits, herbs and earthy aromas. This is well structured with hints of bruised apple. Muscular, with ripe, soft tannins and well-balanced freshness. **Drink 2025-2032 Alc 13%**



91

Baettig, Selección de Parcelas Los Primos, Traiguén, Malleco, Chile 2021

AK 91 JK 90 DV 93

£60.80 Fine & Rare

Restrained, a subtle style of Pinot with aromas of red and dark fruits, floral notes with a hint of spice. Deliciously ripe with savoury complexity, woolly tannins and a persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



91

Beckham, Creta, Sherwood, Oregon, USA 2021

AK 91 JK 91 DV 91

£50.49 Les Caves de Pyrene

Pungent, youthful and floral, with aromas of cherries, plums and just a hint of spice. It's leafy, juicy and silky smooth with balancing freshness and a persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



91

Cave Spring, Estate, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 93 JK 90 DV 90

cavespring.ca

Shy, but rather deep with aromas of dried herbs, cherry, plum and earthy spice. Sophisticated, showing good concentration with salty tannins and a complex, savoury finish. **Drink 2023-2027 Alc 13.5%**



91

Closson Chase, Churchside, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 92 JK 91 DV 90

£19.95 (2019) Vin Cognito

Shy nose with hints of rhubarb, red fruits and wet earth. Good tension and energy with a lovely brisk flow, good texture and a sandy finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 12.2%**



91

Cloudsley Cellars, Hanck Vineyard, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 91 JK 92 DV 90

cloudsleycellars.com

Restrained notes of forest fruits, dried herbs, red apples and cherry liquorice. Pithy structure with soft tannins and creamy texture. Juicy and textured on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



91

Concha y Toro, Amelia, Limarí, Chile 2022

AK 89 JK 93 DV 90

£45 Cru, Harrods, The Wine Society

Youthful with a deep ruby colour. Full of juicy, dense, inky fruit, cherry and blackberry with hints of floral freshness. Generous with lots of ripe dark fruits and round tannins, balanced with a pleasant silky finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



91

Domaine Queylus, Mountainview Vineyard, Lincoln Lakeshore, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 91 JK 92 DV 90

queylus.com

Bright, deep and pure fruit, with raspberry and mulberry aromas. Crunchy and fresh with structured yet fine tannins and savoury complexity. It's undoubtedly charming. **Drink 2024-2028 Alc 13.5%**



91

Eden Rift, Estate, Cienega Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 91 JK 92 DV 89

edenrift.com

Supple, elegant, and pleasantly fragrant. Pure, with notes of ripe dark fruits, chocolate and spice. Silky texture with positive evolution. A highly drinkable style. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%**



91

Emeritus, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2021

AK 92 JK 91 DV 90

£46 Jeroboams

Dense and dark, bright and red fruited with cherry cola aromas. Sumptuous, bold and fresh with hints of white pepper. Voluptuous, ending on a black cherry finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.8%**



91

Familia Schroeder, Neuquen, Patagonia, Argentina 2020

AK 90 JK 92 DV 90

tienda.familiaschroeder.com

This is youthful and bright with persistent ripe red fruits plus cr me caramel and vanilla flan on the nose. Lovely juicy fruit on the palate, with a harmonious structure.

Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%



91

Henry of Pelham, Speck Family Reserve, Short Hills Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 92 JK 89 DV 92

henryofpelham.com

Beautifully restrained and elegant with aromas of red fruits and forest floor. Fine tannins. The finish is firm and fresh with lovely finesse. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



91

Hidden Bench, Rosomel Vineyard, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 90 JK 91 DV 92

hiddenbench.com

A juicy cherry nose, with hints of raspberry. Restrained and sophisticated, displaying purity of fruit. The palate is rich, underlined by freshness. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.7%**



91

Illahe, Percheron Block, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2019

AK 92 JK 89 DV 92

£48.95 Lea & Sandeman

Mysterious, elegant and uplifting aromas of ripe cherries, raspberries and sweet spices. There's a sumptuous ripeness that's pure velvet in texture with a persistent finish. Showing positive development and evolution. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



91

Le Clos Jordanne, Claystone Terrace, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2022

AK 93 JK 89 DV 91

leclosjordanne.com

Fragrant red berry fruit, very charming with subtle perfume. Restrained, showing notes of red cherries and plums. Pure and precise, lovely juicy fruit. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.2%**



91

Long Meadow Ranch, Anderson Valley, California, USA 2018

AK 92 JK 89 DV 92

£46 Roberson

Toasty oak, bold and rich with notes of dried fruits, chocolate and spices. The palate is layered with fine tannins and baking spices. Mature, but juicy, savoury and complex. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



91

Mil Suelos, Estancia Uspallata, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2020

AK 89 JK 91 DV 92

estanciauspallata.com

Savoury, restrained, but classy with notes of cherries, dried cranberries, wet earth and a hint of spice. Light, peppery palate, fresh and balanced, fine tannins and a crunchy, spicy finish. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 14%**



91

Mil Suelos, Manos Negras Artesano, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2021

AK 90 JK 93 DV 90

£30 Alliance Wine

Savoury red berry, gentle fruit, tart berry and cherry with restrained vegetal notes. Racy and fresh, showing some evolution, but it is light and very pretty with an elegant finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



91

Morand , Adventure Despechado, Lo Ovalle, Casablanca, Chile 2021

AK 93 JK 89 DV 91

morande.cl

Intense and inviting aromas of ripe dark fruits, blackberry jam and sweet spices. Full-on red cherry with leafy overtones, slightly peppery. Ripe, overt, and easy drinking. A silky and fruit-forward style of Pinot. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14%**



91

Paul Hobbs, Katherine Lindsay Estate, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2021

AK 90 JK 93 DV 90

£121.99 Alliance Wine

A big, powerful Pinot with intense ripe dark fruits and a touch of raisins. Very generous with warming alcohol and integrated oak. Creamy, round and full, delivering an impactful punch. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 14.3%**



91

Rosewood, Low Fidelity, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 91 JK 92 DV 90

rosewoodwine.com

Youthful, displaying oak aromas with a touch of liquorice on the nose. Ripe dark fruits, dried herbs and smoky flavours. Juicy with soft tannins and a harmonious finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 12.8%**



91

Salentein, Single Vineyard Los Jabal es, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2019

AK 92 JK 91 DV 91

£40 Matthew Clark

Red fruits, orchard apples, baking spices and dried herbs. Silky and harmonious, layered with texture, and some pleasant savoury notes on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%** ▶



Sanford, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2020
 AK 90 JK 92 DV 91
 £42.50-£49 Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine
 Tight and compact, youthful with intense dark fruits and tomato leaves on the nose. Plums and blood orange, with mineral, salty tannins. Red-fruited concentration with a savoury twist. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Solomon Hills Estate, Santa Maria, California, USA 2020
 AK 92 JK 90 DV 92
 £89.93 Armit
 Fragrant and inviting with beautiful notes of red fruits, floral and leafy. Lovely purity of ripe dark fruits with a sophisticated savoury complexity. Finishes with peppery spice. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



Tawse, Quarry Road, Vinemount Ridge, Ontario, Canada 2021
 AK 92 JK 90 DV 90
 tawsewinery.ca
 Smooth vanilla on the nose with sweet oak, dark fruits, dried herbs and earthy notes. Vivid, ripe and juicy, with fine tannins and a harmonious, pleasant finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 12.5%**



Alpasión, Grand Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2022
 AK 90 JK 91 DV 88
 £30 Enotria&Coe
 Bright fruit, with balsamic and creamy aromas. Sweet, with pepper, spice and vegetal notes. On the palate, dry and racy acidity with a lean astringent finish that requires some time to evolve and improve. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Arnot-Roberts, Peter Martin Ray, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, USA 2021
 AK 91 JK 89 DV 91
 £76 Roberson
 Youthful, with subtle notes of red forest fruits, apple skin and florality. The palate is pure, dark fruits layered with a silky, sophisticated structure and a pleasant, clean finish. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13%**



Bachelder, Hanck, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021
 AK 89 JK 90 DV 90
 POA Liberty Wines
 Subtle toasty oak with notes of dark fruits, beetroot and a hint of spice. Elegant with a creamy texture and a pleasant finish. **Drink 2025-2028 Alc 13%**



Baxter, Anderson Valley, California, USA 2017
 AK 94 JK 86 DV 90
 £39 Wanderlust Wine
 Toasty oak and bold, ripe fruit. Evolved flavours of briny, metallic tannins. Cherry fruit with layers of earthiness, shiitake mushroom and red crunchy cherry. Tender and bright with a complex finish of leather, game and spices. **Drink 2023-2027 Alc 14%**



Bien Nacido, Santa Maria, California, USA 2020
 AK 91 JK 89 DV 90
 £89.99 Armit
 Rather bold and ripe on the nose. Dark and intense fruit, coffee bean notes, citrus and charred oak with warming oak flavours. Dense with an attractive, creamy texture and pleasant soft finish. **Drink 2023-2029 Alc 13.5%**



Buena Vista, Carneros, California, USA 2020
 AK 89 JK 90 DV 91
 £33-£40 Hic, Mother Vine, Vine & Juniper
 Complex, restrained and briny, with hints of cola and red fruit. Blackberry jam and sweet spices. The tannins are bold and extracted, lending some structure to this powerhouse of a wine. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.5%**



Clendenen, Rancho La Cuna, Santa Barbara, California, USA 2018
 AK 92 JK 87 DV 92
 £50 Wanderlust Wine
 Graceful and gently perfumed, displaying attractive aromas of forest fruits, floral notes and sweet spice. Slightly lifted and medicinal. Mature and complex with a beautiful silky texture and tertiary notes emerging. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



De Loach, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2021
 AK 92 JK 89 DV 90
 £33.99 Liberty Wines
 Hints of fern and lichen mingle with intense, ripe dark fruit notes. On the palate, robust fruit and powerful freshness are balanced with warming alcohol and peppered fruitiness. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14.5%**



Domaine Carneros, The Famous Gate, Carneros, California, USA 2020
 AK 90 JK 91 DV 89
 £82.21 Corking Wines
 Super-ripe cherry on the nose with round and powerful juiciness. Dark, chocolatey oak, dark fruits, sweet tannins, friendly and richly charming. **Drink 2023-2029 Alc 14.5%**



Eden Rift, Lansdale, Cienega Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 92 JK 89 DV 90

£60.21 Goedhuis & Co

Ripe cherry and pine on the nose. Beetroot and herbal tannins. Ripe and juicy with good concentration of fruit, silky texture and balancing freshness. Vivid, and beautifully spicy. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 14%**



Eden Rift, Terraces, Cienega Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 90 JK 91 DV 90

£51.21 Goedhuis & Co

Ripe, juicy, concentrated with intense notes of ripe dark fruits and silky tannins. Layered, with a touch of herbal, green fruit, bright acidity with silky tannins and a vibrant, fresh finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14%**



Emeritus Vineyards, Hallberg Ranch, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91

£55 Jeroboams

Toasty oak, liquorice and complex notes that demonstrate positive evolution. Soft and silky with lovely savoury notes on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.7%**



Escorihuela Gascón, Pequeñas Producciones, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2022

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91

escorihuelagascon.com.ar

Creamy red berry nose with lovely balance and freshness, red fruit with a lick of vanilla oak. Restrained, elegant, displaying red fruit, wet earth and dried herbs. Racy style with lots of freshness. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.8%**



Fess Parker, Clone 115, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2018

AK 89 JK 89 DV 92

£54 Amathus Drinks

Rounded, aromatic, bold and youthful with an abundance of ripe dark fruits, earth, smoke and spice. Ripe, juicy and expressive with intense rich fruit and savoury complexity. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Flat Rock, Gravity, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 93 JK 88 DV 90

flatrockcellars.com

White pepper, perfumed with notes of ripe dark fruit and slightly toasty oak on the nose. It has an ashy structure, taut and tense, juicy and robust but retains its balance. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



Henry of Pelham, Estate, Short Hills Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 89 JK 92 DV 90

henryofpelham.com

The nose is very shy and restrained with gentle notes of cranberries and red cherries. The palate is soft, juicy and seductive with a pleasant underpinning freshness. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



Hidden Bench, Locust Lane, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020

AK 92 JK 88 DV 90

hiddenbench.com

Restrained notes and loads of dark fruit with a smoky nose and overtones of pepper. Ripe and juicy with a creamy texture, soft tannins and pleasant finish. **Drink 2025-2030 Alc 13.3%**



Inman Family, Olivet Grange Vineyard, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 90 JK 89 DV 92

£70-£80.95 Perfect Cellar, The Wine Importers

Perfumed and vivacious with attractive aromas of ripe cherries, plums and floral notes. Earthy, with sweet, juicy fruit combined with sophisticated structure and a pleasant finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Inman Family, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2019

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91

£65-£75.95 Perfect Cellar, The Wine Importers

Cherry compote and ripe cherry juice on the nose, red forest fruits, dried herbs and floral notes. The palate is silky and sophisticated with a pleasant and persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Kelley Fox, Mirabai, Dundee Hills, Oregon, USA 2021

AK 92 JK 89 DV 89

£38.25-£43.18 AG Wines, Buon Vino, Dvine

Cellars, Les Caves de Pyrene, Vinvm
Toasty oak and dark fruit ripeness. Youthful, racy, crunchy fruit with a vegetal edge. Light and elegant followed by a mouthwatering finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



La Celia, Elite, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2022

AK 91 JK 89 DV 91

@laciawines

Youthful and vibrant with attractive aromas of blackberries and dark cherry. Juicy fruit with assertive firm structure and attractive savoury notes. Delicate warming heat on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%** ▶



Paul Hobbs, Crossbarn, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2020

AK 90 JK 91 DV 90
 £39.99-£47.99 Alliance Wine, Virgin Wines
 Overt, expressive, displaying notes of very ripe dark fruits plus prunes and raisins. Red fruit, coal dust, cool and juicy, sweet fruit with cola and milk chocolate on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Paul Hobbs, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2021

AK 91 JK 90 DV 90
 £59.99 Alliance Wine
 Dark, sweet and powerful on the nose. Supple, rich and bold palate, juicy and very smooth with delicate tannins. Stewed and jammy with a slight edge of conifer. A voluptuous style with that Russian River richness. **Drink 2025-2030 Alc 14.3%**



Penner-Ash, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2018

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91
 £62.50-£73 Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine
 Shy but with promising aromas of ripe dark fruits, pure and precise. On the palate it is forward, dense and silky with excellent concentration of fruit, rounded tannins and balancing freshness with a drying finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Pisano, RPF, Progreso, Canelones, Uruguay 2020

AK 90 JK 89 DV 91
 £30 Ellis Wines
 A lovely crackle of flinty reduction on the nose. Fruit-forward yet savoury, with a profile of red cherry and gunsmoke. Good intensity of fruit underpinned by racy and lively freshness. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**

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————— Anne Krebiehl MW



Puerta del Abra, Insólito, Balcarce, Buenos Aires, Argentina 2021

AK 90 JK 87 DV 92
 puertadelabra.com.ar
 Ripe on the nose, but with lovely savoury overtones. Smoked capsicums and dill, with firm, dry, chewy tannins. Structured, ambitious, with good concentration and freshness. **Drink 2023-2030 Alc 13.5%**



Rhys Vineyards, Alesia, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, USA 2019

AK 89 JK 90 DV 92
 £45.20 Justerini & Brooks
 Graceful and inviting aromas of forest fruits, cola and juicy cherry on the nose with dark chocolate, sweet spices. Silky and delicious with wonderful savoury complexity on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



Rosehall Run, JCR, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91
 rosehallrun.com
 Slightly toasty on the nose. A confident and well-defined Pinot with an abundance of red forest fruits and elegant floral notes. Elegant, salty, pure, precise and harmonious with a delicious freshness on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.5%**



Rutini, Colección, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2020

AK 89 JK 89 DV 93
 £30 Viñals Wine & Food
 Toasty mocha and espresso on the nose. Red cherry, anise and cola with elegant complexity due to bottle age with notes of earth and dried leaves. Delicious and smooth. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



Senses, Terra de Promissio, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2019

AK 89 JK 93 DV 89
 £105 Hallgarten Wines
 Perfumed nose with overt oak, coffee, dark toast, a touch of moss, undergrowth, and red cherry aromas. The palate is ripe, juicy, voluptuous and quite dense. It’s softly textured with a generous and warming finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 14.5%**



Tabalí, Talinay Pai, Limari Valley, Coquimbo, Chile 2020

AK 92 JK 89 DV 90
 £41.66-£51.54 Blas ar Fwyd, Hattersley Wines, North & South Wines, NY Wines, WoodWinters
 Elegant, graceful and restrained, displaying aromas of red fruits and earth. Tart red fruit with lovely crunch, firm but fine tannins and bright freshness. Savoury complexity on the finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 12.5%**



Tawse, Cherry Ave, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021

AK 90 JK 91 DV 89
 tawsewinery.ca
 Elegant, slightly oaky with liquorice and dark fruit aromas. Crunchy red fruit, sweet and creamy, crowd-pleasing style, lovely to drink and will age. **Drink 2025-2028 Alc 12%**



Undurraga, Trama, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2021

AK 87 JK 89 DV 93
 £30 Hallgarten Wines
 Youthful, inviting and enticingly complex with ripe dark fruits, a hint of pepper and warm spice. Serious, with a rich and opulent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



Viña Leyda, Lot 21, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2022

AK 90 JK 90 DV 91
 £35 The Great Wine Co
 Mint and dark cherry on the nose, then oaky aromas of elderberry. Young, vibrant and fruit-forward, rounded off by a pleasant and persistent finish. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



Westcott, Butlers' Grant Old Vines, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2019

AK 92 JK 87 DV 92
 £45 Daniel Lambert
 Toasty oak and chalky cherry aromas, followed by fine herbs, oaky cinnamon, savoury notes and a hint of sweet spice. **Drink 2024-2030 Alc 12.5%**

Recommended 86-89pts

Wine	Score	AK	JK	DV	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Amayna, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2021	89	89	90	88	Mint and blue fruit aromas. Pleasant red fruit, racy acidity and a creamy finish.	13.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	vgs.cl
Bachelder, Beam City, Beamsville Bench, Ontario, Canada 2021	89	90	92	85	Aromas of red fruit and roasted pumpkins. Supple fine tannins with earthy notes and freshness.	12.5%	2023-2025	POA	Liberty Wines
Cono Sur, Ocio, Casablanca, Chile 2020	89	92	88	88	Intense aromas of ripe dark fruit and charry oak. Violet, meaty, smoky and peppery.	14.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	conosur.com
Dakél, Viñedo Maricero, Itata Valley, Chile 2020	89	90	87	90	Dark plum, cherry and a touch of raisin notes. Rich and opulent with bruised apple, pepper and chocolate.	14.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	dakelwines.com
Doña Paula, Altaluvia, Gualtallary, Mendoza, Argentina 2023	89	88	89	90	Deep ruby colour with aromas of cherries and blackberries. Plum, cassis and bitter chocolate.	13.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	donapaula.com
Fess Parker, Pommard Clone, Sta. Rita Hills, California, USA 2018	89	89	87	90	Red ripe fruit with toasty aromas. Intense fruit, oak and a bold finish.	14.5%	2023-2028	£54	Amathus Drinks
Fin del Mundo, Fin Single Vineyard, Neuquén, Patagonia, Argentina 2021	89	89	88	90	Red cherry and floral aromas. Ripe and juicy with dark fruit and dry tannins.	14%	2023-2023	N/A UK	bodegadelindelmundo.com
Hanna Winery, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2017	89	90	88	88	Super-ripe cherry and balsamic aromas. Well balanced with cherry, sweet spice and freshness.	13.5%	2023-2027	£51.25	ABS Wine Agencies
Hanzell Vineyards, Sonoma Valley, California, USA 2017	89	92	88	88	Attractive aromas of dried fruits. Ripe with red fruit, dried herbs and spices.	13.5%	2023-2028	£59	The Wine Society
J Vineyards, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2020	89	91	86	89	Ripe red fruit and lifted aromas. Floral, dark fruit, cola and hints of jam.	14.5%	2023-2029	£35-£49.50	Slurp, The Online Wine Tasting Club, The Vineyard Cellars
L'Usine, Sleepy Hollow, Santa Lucia Highlands, California, USA 2018	89	89	89	89	Ripe notes of leather and prunes. Rich and rounded with dark fruits, sweet spice and complexity.	14%	2023-2028	£75-£87.21	Corking Wines, Harris & Co, Harrods, The Vinorium
La Cayetana, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2020	89	88	89	89	Fragrant aromas of candied fruit and sweet spices. Ripe dark fruits and blackcurrant drops.	12.5%	2023-2025	£28.99-£29.25	Corks of Bristol, Quaff, The Good Wine Shop
Masút, Estate Vineyard, Eagle Peak, California, USA 2019	89	89	90	88	Ripe cherry and stewed fruit aromas. Dark fruit with a rounded sweet oak finish.	14.5%	2023-2030	£36-£42.99	92 or More, Philglas & Swiggot, Selfridges
MontGras, Handcrafted Rare, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2022	89	89	88	89	Ripe juicy fruit combined with savoury aromas. Medium-bodied with an enjoyable fresh finish.	13.5%	2023-2028	£30	North South Wines
Okanagan Crush Pad, Haywire, Okanagan Valley, BC, Canada 2021	89	91	87	89	Delicately scented aromas of red fruit and floral overtones. Liquorice, beetroot and brown spices.	12.5%	2023-2025	£40	Kask, The Grape Escape

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Paul Hobbs, George Menini Estate, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2021	89	90	89	89	Ripe red fruit and lifted aromas. Rounded and rich with soft tannins and balanced freshness.	14.2%	2023-2030	£109.99	Alliance Wine
Phelps Creek, Cuvée Alexandrine, Columbia Gorge, Oregon, USA 2018	89	89	90	89	Aromas of raspberries, rhubarb and herbs. Dried fruit and a toasty oak finish.	14%	2023-2028	£57	Davy's
Résonance, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2020	89	91	87	89	Dark berry fruit and subtle cherry. Ripe dark fruits with hints of pepper and spices.	13.5%	2023-2028	£30	IG Wines
Rosehall Run, Silver Fox Nedelko Vyd, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020	89	89	87	91	Ripe red fruits and a hint of spice. Floral, dandelion fruit and firm, fine-grained tannins.	13%	2023-2028	N/A UK	rosehallrun.com
Tawse, Tintern, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020	89	89	89	90	Ripe, bold cherry and dark fruit aromas. Round, juicy chocolate and raisins.	13.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	tawsewinery.ca
Trapiche, Gran Medalla, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2022	89	88	88	90	Youthful with attractive aromas of red fruit, spice and cherry. Ripe juicy fruit underpinned by a harmonious structure leading to a pleasant finish.	14%	2023-2028	N/A UK	trapiche.com.ar
Bien Nacido, Pillars Series The Captain Reserve, Santa Maria, California, USA 2018	88	88	88	89	Berry and red fruit aromas. Chocolate, aniseed, stewed fruits and dried herbs.	13%	2023-2027	£97	Armit
Domaine Queylus, La Grande Réserve, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada 2018	88	88	87	89	Inviting aromas of red and dark fruits. Slight toastiness and hints of mushroom.	13%	2023-2025	N/A UK	queylus.com
Flat Rock Cellars, Hexa, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020	88	88	86	90	Dark and exuberant notes of ripe dark fruit. Liquorice, raisins and a hint of spice.	14.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	flatrockcellars.com
Garzón, Petit Clos, Maldonado, Uruguay 2020	88	88	85	91	Aromas of candied fruit and spices. Pleasant mouthwatering freshness and chocolate verve.	12.5%	2023-2028	N/A UK	bodegagarzon.com
Joseph Swan, Cuvée de Trois, Russian River Valley, California, USA 2017	88	92	84	89	Leather, earth and dried herbs. Rich red fruit palate with balanced freshness.	13.1%	2023-2028	£40	Wanderlust Wine
Marichal, Periplo Sentire, Etchevarría, Canelones, Uruguay 2020	88	89	87	89	Lifted perfumed nose with subtle red fruit. Liquorice and firm tannins on the finish.	13%	2023-2028	N/A UK	marichalwines.com
Queenston Mile, St David's Bench, Ontario, Canada 2017	88	88	88	88	Toasty oak and dark fruit aromas. Dried herbs, liquorice and dried fruit.	12.7%	2023-2027	N/A UK	queenstonmilevineyard.com
Résonance, Découverte Vineyard, Dundee Hills, Oregon, USA 2019	88	88	87	89	Red and dark fruit aromas. Gingerbread, spice and a pleasant fresh finish.	13.5%	2023-2028	£46	Farthinghoe Fine Wines, IG Wines
Rosewood, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada 2020	88	87	88	89	Intense ripe dark forest fruits, dried herbs and spice. Silky tannins and a balanced freshness.	13%	2023-2028	N/A UK	rosewoodwine.com
Salentein, Primus, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2019	88	88	89	87	Dark and stewed fruit aromas. Notes of vanilla, apple and subtle red fruits on the finish.	14%	2023-2023	N/A UK	bodegasalentein.com
Tagua Tagua, Manenoir, Central Valley, Chile 2022	88	90	86	89	Ruby red with pleasant ripe red fruit aromas. Cassis and chocolate and fine-grained tannins.	13.5%	2023-2028	£30	Shawbury Vintners
Elk Cove, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA 2020	87	87	87	88	Dark ripe fruit and spicy aromas. Red fruit with notes of apple and balsamic.	13.5%	2023-2028	£33.50	Amathus Drinks
Talbot, Sleepy Hollow, Monterey/Sta Lucia Highlands, California, USA 2018	87	88	87	85	Dark and stewed fruits with hints of balsamic. Gamey, herbal and meaty on the finish.	14.6%	2023-2025	£38.50 -£39	Corking Wines, Hic, Strictly Wine
Westcott, Reserve, Vinemount Ridge, Ontario, Canada 2020	87	86	89	87	Restrained with soft leather and earthy notes. Hints of red apple, cherry and a savoury complexity.	12.5%	2023-2025	N/A UK	westcottvineyards.com
Bressia, Piel Negra, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2020	86	84	87	88	Deep in colour with ripe dark fruit, raisiny notes and a touch of stew.	14.5%	2023-2023	N/A UK	bressiabodega.com