

## 2019 Bodegas Muga 'Torre Muga' Rioja

APPELLATION:

Rioja, Spain

VARIETALS:

75% Tempranillo, 15% Mazuelo, 10% Graciano

WINEMAKER:

Jorge Muga

AGING:

18 Months, French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2040

ACCOLADES:

98 Pts – Jeb Dunnuck

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Slow-cooked or smoked Beef Ribs

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051810 | \$149.95

DESCRIPTION:

Bodegas Muga was officially founded in 1932 by the Muga family, who at that point had spent several decades working as viticulturists in Rioja Alta. Muga is Rioja Alta's premier producer, and the Muga family is unanimously considered one of Spain's most important winemaking families. The winery has a practically legendary status due to its philosophy of adherence to tradition, dynamism, and winemaking of the highest quality. Few producers in the world fashion wines with such a sense of tradition and place as Muga's.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2019 Torre Muga is always a more powerful, ripe expression of Rioja that never loses its sense of place. Deep ruby/purple, with a glorious bouquet of cassis, graphite, tobacco leaf, chocolate, and crushed stone, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a deep, pure, multi-dimensional texture, building tannins, and good acidity. It's young, unevolved, yet oh, so promising. Hide bottles for 7-8 years if you can, and it will cruise for 20-30 years. The blend is 80% Tempranillo and the balance Mazuelo and Graciano, aged 18 months in French oak." — Jeb Dunnuck





## 2019 Buoncristiani Pinot Noir Anderson Valley

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley, Mendocino County, California

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS:

Rhys Vineyard and Bear Wallow

VINEMAKER:

Jason Buoncristiani

AGING:

16 Months French Oak, 25% New

ALCOHOL:

14.4%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2027

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Pan-seared duck (Leg and Thigh) with a pinot noir pomegranate reduction

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052495 | \$74.95

DESCRIPTION:

Buoncristiani Family Winery is the dynamic collaboration, passion, and vision of brothers (Matt and Jason) from Napa Valley. These brothers are a first-generation, self-made brand established and founded in 1999. The story of the brothers and the wine brand is truly unique. As young teenagers, Matt and Jason started cultivating and tending small vineyards as a side job with some friends. As they got older, tending vineyards became a passion that led to winemaking. Their philosophy is to stay small and keep everything hand-crafted. Today the Buoncristiani wines are highly sought after and are world-class.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2019 Buonncristiani Pinot Noir is full throttle with power and concentration yet still in balance. The palate offers a wonderful elegance and charm, layers of red and black berry flavors with a noticeable amount of savory spice. The finish is very long and well-focused with minerals and bright acidity.





## 2019 The Setting Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley

APPELLATION:

Alexander Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

SJ Ranch Vineyard

WINEMAKER:

Jesse Katz

AGING:

22 Months French Oak, 80% New

14.3%

BEST FROM:

2024 through 2040

ACCOLADES:

97 Pts – Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled Ribeye Steak topped with garlic butter

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052507 | \$99.95

DESCRIPTION:

Established in 2014, The Setting is a collection of luxury wines created by three friends, Jeff Cova, Noah McMahon, and Winemaker Jesse Katz. As the first winemaker to make the Forbes 30 under 30 list, Jesse's experience spans 19 harvests at internationally acclaimed wineries such as Chateau Petrus and Robert Foley. Katz was also part of the winemaking team at Screaming Eagle.

TASTING NOTES:

"Opaque ruby-purple in color, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley is deeply scented with Morello cherry and blueberries accented by nuances of bouquet garni, violets, dark chocolate, and graphite. The full-bodied palate is powerful, with intense, concentrated fruit, loads of ripe, grainy tannins, and softened acidity to carry the long finish, which is a bit warm. It's a bold, ripe style that will benefit from another 5-7 years in bottle." — Wine Advocate

