



2017 Scarzello Barolo

APPELLATION:

Comune di Barolo

VARIETAL:

100% Nebbiolo

VINEYARDS:

Sarmassa, 2 hectares, Terlo 0,5 hectare

WINEMAKER:

Federico Scarzello

AGING:

Maceration with skins for a period from 30 to 50 days, aging in 2500l oak barrels and in 500/600l oak tonneaux for 24 months, then a minimum of two years aging in bottle.

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2044

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Pasta dishes with lamb ragù and, of course, truffles

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053392 | \$89.95

DESCRIPTION:

Scarzello Giorgio e Figli, a hidden gem in Barolo, unexpectedly captured my attention this year. This traditional Barolo estate spans 5.5 hectares, prominently in Sarmassa. Federico and his father replanted boldly in the late nineties. Since Federico's solo management in 2001, the estate has flourished, cultivating Nebbiolo in prime plots. Scarzello employs long maceration and large cask aging, creating enduring wines like the flagship Barolo Sarmassa Vigna Merenda. Despite young vines, Scarzello signifies the rebirth of a great, traditional Barolo estate.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of dried roses, tar, and leather. On the palate, layers of ripe red fruit, licorice, earthy undertones, firm tannins, and bright acidity, with a complex structure and lingering finish. Scarzello's approach to Barolo production with more traditional, larger format oak in their élevage results in a leaner, brighter, and more food-friendly body weight. In time, the youthful tannins will soften and give way to a silkier palate profile.





2020 Bianchi 'IV Generación-Gran Corte' Proprietary Red

APPELLATION:

Uco Valley, Mendoza

VARIETALS:

45% Malbec, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

VINEYARD:

Single Vineyard, select block Gran Corte

WINEMAKER:

Silvio Alberto

AGING:

12 months in French oak barrels

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2034

ACCOLADES:

94 pts – James Suckling

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted Lamb Chop with Cognac Reduction

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053393 | \$54.95

DESCRIPTION:

The Bianchi family passionately crafts hand-made wines, extracting the finest flavors and enticing aromas from nature's best grapes. Infused with a joyous spirit, their wines embody a celebration of life. James Beard's wisdom, "There is absolutely no substitute for the best," guides their commitment to excellence. The family-owned boutique winery, tasting room, and patio offer stunning views of the Columbia River Valley and Cascade Mountains, creating an ideal setting for celebrations or serene moments. Owners Douglas and Kimberley Bianchi orchestrate this exquisite experience. IV Generación represents the vision of the young members of the family and shows their identity as a new generation in the winery. The fourth generation proudly receives the family legacy and, focused on the present, is committed to the future.

TASTING NOTES:

The nose is intense and fresh, bursting with red and black fruit aromas, interlaced with spice notes of thyme and black pepper. French Oak aging imparts subtle notes of chocolate and vanilla. The palate is structured, well-balanced, and complex with substantial aging potential.





2020 Big Cat Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKERS:

Derek Taylor and Alonso Estevez of B Cellars

AGING:

120 months, 70% New French Oak

ALCOHOL:

14.3%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Lamb Loin cooked medium rare

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053390 | \$174.95

DESCRIPTION:

Brian Kulich, an esteemed Advanced Sommelier CMS, has seamlessly transitioned from crafting renowned wine lists for prestigious Bay Area restaurants to crafting wines of structure and integrity. His journey, from Michelin-starred venues like AQUA and Boulevard to pivotal roles at Omakase Restaurant group and The Restaurant at Meadowood, has equipped him with a deep understanding of wine and service. Brian's experiences, including designing award-winning lists at Kenzo Restaurant, have uniquely prepared him for winemaking entrepreneurship. Today, as the founder of Brian David Wines, he leverages this rich background to produce wines that embody both integrity and approachability, guided by his commitment to delivering extraordinary flavors to wine enthusiasts.

TASTING NOTES:

Dive into the allure of the 2020 Big Cat 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, a rare gem limited to 75 cases. Originating in Napa Valley's distinguished Yountville sites, this wine matures in two Aonair 100% New French Oak barrels and a third sourced just south of Yountville. With its deep ruby hue and subtle purplish rim, the wine offers sweet aromas of plum and floral notes, especially violets, evolving into a more expressive bouquet with time in the glass. A cellar-worthy Cabernet, it marries age-ability with immediate appeal, making it a perfect accompaniment to a luscious cut of meat. Skillfully crafted in the B Cellars caves by renowned winemakers Derek Taylor and Alonso Estevez, this blend promises an exquisite tasting journey.





2020 Crown Point 'Relevant' Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Happy Canyon, Santa Barbara, California

VARIETALS:

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec,
5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD:

Estate

WINEMAKERS:

Simon Faury, Philippe Melka, and Michel Rolland

AGING:

20 months in 33% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2034

ACCOLADES:

93 pts – Jeb Dunnuck and Wine Advocate

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Braised Short Ribs with Truffled Mashed Potatoes

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053394 | \$79.95

DESCRIPTION:

Crown Point Vineyards, founded by Roger Bower in 2012, epitomizes a compelling winemaking journey in Santa Barbara County, California. Nestled within the Happy Canyon AVA, the estate's rocky hillsides were meticulously planted to match grape varieties with ideal microclimates, fostering a harmonious, sustainable relationship between vines and land. With their inaugural 2013 vintage, Crown Point earned critical acclaim for world-class Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux blends, showcasing a testament to dedication, passion, and craftsmanship. Today, Crown Point Vineyards invites enthusiasts to savor the essence of Santa Barbara's unique terroir in every bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

"The 2020 Relevant comes from younger vines and more loamy soils and is based on 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, and 5% each Merlot and Petit Verdot. Its deep ruby/plum hue is followed by a gorgeous bouquet of blackcurrants, mulled cherries, tobacco, chocolate, and spicy oak. Rich and medium to full-bodied, it has beautiful fruit, a great mid-palate, and velvety yet still present tannins. A gorgeous wine, it would run you twice the cost if it were from Napa." – *Jeb Dunnuck*





2020 Mica by Buccella Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:

Napa Valley, California

VARIETALS:

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc,
4%, Merlot, 1% Malbec

VINEYARD:

Multiple

WINEMAKER:

Kyle Mizono

AGING:

225L French Oak Barrels, 65% New

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

BEST FROM:

Enjoy now through 2035

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Roasted Duck Breast with a Cabernet reduction

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1052268 | \$129.95

DESCRIPTION:

Buccella Winery, founded in 2002 by husband-and-wife team Bill and Alicia Deem, has carved a distinctive niche in Napa Valley's winemaking legacy. Mica, their flagship wine, reflects a commitment to meticulous craftsmanship. Vintage after vintage, the grapes are sourced from exceptional vineyards, and the blend is artfully composed to showcase the region's terroir, ensuring each bottle of Mica tells a unique story of the growing season. This dedication to consistency and quality has made Mica by Buccella a symbol of enduring excellence in the world of fine wines.

TASTING NOTES:

Mica stitches together fruit from Oakville, Yountville, St. Helena, and Coombsville in a way that embellishes the best qualities of each iconic AVA, without losing sight of balance. A generous and concentrated wine with black cherry and blackberry aromas, and layers of dark chocolate, tobacco, and licorice. The palate is fresh and vibrant with lush and smooth tannins and flavors of dark chocolate, fresh herbs, and tobacco.





2021 Montagu Fort-Ross Seaview Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast, California

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:

Wayfarer Vineyard

WINEMAKER:

Weston Eidson

AGING:

14 months, 50% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Enjoy now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Tarragon Roast Chicken with Root Vegetables

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053391 | \$74.95

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Eidson Wines, where Weston Eidson, the maestro behind the renowned Silver Ghost label, unveils his latest masterpiece - the 2021 Montagu Pinot Noir. Sourced from the virtually unattainable plot in Sonoma's Fort Ross-Seaview, a region Wine Spectator calls "Pinot's Magical Kingdom," this small-production gem showcases the mastery of Eidson. With mentors like Russell Bevan and Jason Moore, Eidson's Montagu label crafts extremely limited wines, exemplified by the 360 cases of this release, reflecting the unique terroir of Fort Ross-Seaview. Cheers to low-yield intensity and small-berry complexity in every sip.

TASTING NOTES:

From the Sonoma Coast, this Pinot Noir shows beautiful aromatics while juicy dark red fruit, Bing cherry, raspberry, cola, and earthy undertones of pine straw and spice fill out the palate. The silky texture from the polished tannins leads to an expansive mid-palate and a lingering bright finish.

