

WINE ENTHUSIAST BUYING GUIDE

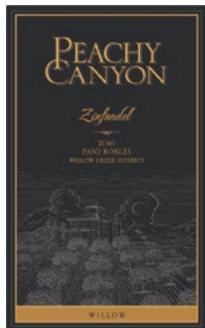
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THIS MONTH

- 2** WASHINGTON
- 28** OREGON
- 40** CALIFORNIA
- 59** VIRGINIA
- 63** CHILE
- 69** PORTUGAL
- 84** BURGUNDY
- 95** PIEDMONT
- 109** PUGLIA
- 111** CALABRIA
- 112** OTHER SOUTHERN ITALY
- 114** SPIRITS
- 116** BEER

Hues of pink and orange as the sun sets over a Red Mountain AVA vineyard in Washington.

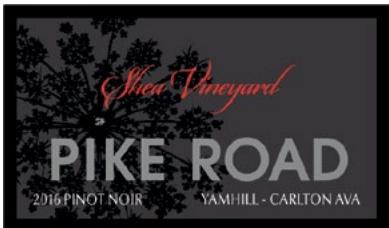
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92 **Peachy Canyon 2016 Willow Zinfandel (Paso Robles Willow Creek District).** There's great depth and complexity on the nose of this bottling, which offers blackberry, gravel, hot earth, pepper and thyme aromas. It's full on the palate, but the tannins are firm and tight, offering elegant flavors of dense plum, dark chocolate and asphalt. Persistent acidity carries through to the finish. —M.K.

abv: 14.6%

Price: \$42



92 **Pike Road 2016 Shea Vineyard Pinot Noir (Yamhill-Carlton).** This new label from Elk Cove's Adam Campbell introduced a Shea Vineyard designate in 2015, and follows it up with this cellar-ready 2016. A dried mushroom note highlights elegant raspberry fruit with a sense of precision throughout. There's a whiff of steel and the impression of compact tension suggests that this wine will age for at least a decade. Drink now–2030. *Cellar Selection.* —P.G.

abv: 14%

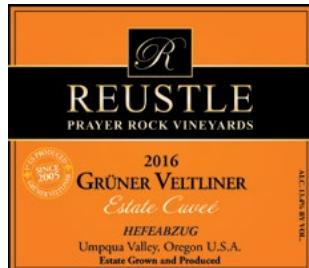
Price: \$50



92 **Raptor Ridge 2015 Barrel Select Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley).** This well-structured wine mixes blueberry and blackberry fruit with a seam of coffee. The flavors are precise and clean, with a long line and a crisply defined finish. *Editors' Choice.* —P.G.

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$30



92 **Reustle 2016 Estate Cuvée Grüner Veltliner (Umpqua Valley).** This tastes like biting into a crisp green apple, with highlights of lemon rind and botanicals that add depth to the engaging, dry finish. This winery leads the way in showcasing a New World spin on this Austrian variety. *Editors' Choice.* —P.G.

abv: 13.4%

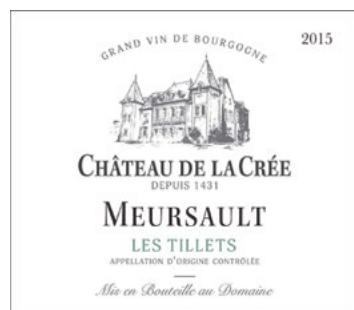
Price: \$24



91 **Acumen 2017 Mountainside Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley).** Shy at first on the nose, this wine develops to reveal a voluptuous style of fleshy, rounded grapefruit, pineapple, cantaloupe and Meyer lemon. It remains complex and exotic through a lengthy midpalate and textured finish, with persistent acidity. —V.B.

abv: 14.4%

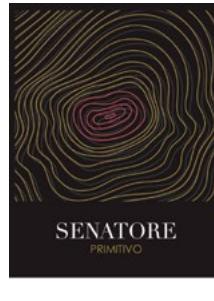
Price: \$30



91 **Château de la Crée 2015 Les Tillets (Meursault).** With great fruit and a rich, toasty backdrop, this wine has both intense acidity and full-bodied richness. Ripe yellow fruits are balanced by bright acidity and a strong citrus streak that give balance and freshness. It has aging potential and will be best from 2020. Domaine Serene. —R.V.

abv: 13%

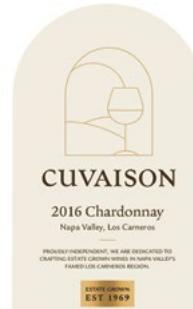
Price: \$70



91 **Coppi 2011 Senatore Primitivo (Gioia del Colle).** Heady aromas of spicy potpourri, violets and juniper ride over a dense bramble-berry core in this invigorating wine. The medium-bodied palate shows wonderful tension and precision, boasting tight red-berry flavors wrapped around graphite and floral tones. Persistent acidity and bolstering yet fine-grained tannins will ensure some longevity in the cellar. Drink now–2022. Wine 4 All. —A.P.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$29



91 **Cuaison 2016 Estate Grown Chardonnay (Los Carneros).** This estate-grown wine shows a balance of fleshy peach and mango settled on a light-bodied frame. There's a backbone of oak and a stony texture that offers support to the broad fruit flavors. —V.B.

abv: 14.1%

Price: \$26



91 **Herdade do Esporão 2015 Esporão Reserva (Alentejo).** Smooth and rich, this ready-to-drink wine is powerful yet generous and rounded. Its tannins and black fruits are well balanced, offering richness and concentration. It is a warm, ripe wine that is ready to drink. Aidil Wines/Old World Import. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$28