

## AGI Partners LLC

### Felsina Fontalloro 2013

96 Points, Monica Lerner, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "Gorgeous and soft, the 2013 Fontalloro is another landmark wine from this classic vintage. There is enormous intensity here and the wine is only at the beginning of its long aging trajectory. I suggest you put off drinking it for five to ten more years. There is evident thickness and generosity here, especially in the way those bold fruit favors are woven between dark spice and leather. There are sour accents on the close that remind you of the wine's youth. The tannins are fine and well integrated...Felsina earns some of my top scores, especially with regards to the high-end wines...the best fruit in 2013 - a vintage I have absolutely enjoyed across the appellation - was dedicated to the estate's flagship products." Issue# 228, 12/16.

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## Akerman

### 2013 Kosta Browne 'Kanzler Vineyard' Pinot Noir, Sonoma USA

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### 2014 Kosta Browne 'Rosella's Vineyard' Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands, USA

When we first met Gary Franscioni he gave us some sage advice as a condition to buying his grapes. He said, "you've got to make good wine and pay your bills on time". So we did as we were told and have never looked back. Gary is a farmer through and through and Rosella's, named after his wife, is testament to his commitment to quality. We only get a small portion of this vineyard, bordering lemon groves on the slopes above the fertile valley below, but what we get has an exotic, spicy quality that shines. Rosella's experiences a maritime climate with strong coastal winds blown in from Monterey Bay. Foggy mornings with sunny, breezy afternoons keep these rolling slopes much cooler than the Salinas Valley just to the east. The setting is beautiful and the fruit

quality equally breathtaking. AROMATICS: Black cherry, berry, citrus and rose petal. ON THE PALATE: Strawberries, fennel, candied peel.

### **2014 Kosta Browne 'Gusti Ranch' Pinot Noir, Russian River, USA**

The Giusti family's Sonoma County roots are about as deep as you can find in California. We've made wine from their fruit since 2004 and have enjoyed a great relationship with patriarch Angelo and his kin. They farm their Forestville vineyard with uncommon attention to detail and work closely with us to fine tune their efforts in order to help us get the highest quality possible. This vineyard has slightly warmer days than others we source, developing darker fruit flavors in the grapes that grow around the old homestead. This property charts the agricultural history of our region well. Farmed by the same family since 1870's, the ranch has been planted to olives, cherries, prunes, apples and, of course, grapes. A fig tree, planted by the original founding family, still thrives on site. AROMATICS: Cinnamon spice, rich red and black berries. ON THE PALATE: Deeply textured dark fruits. Black cherry and blackberry fruit compote, layers of fruit flavors with spice.

### **2013 Kosta Browne 'Keffer Ranch' Pinot Noir, Russian River, USA**

This Estate vineyard lies within Green Valley, in the southwestern corner of the Russian River Valley. Here, gently rolling hills harbor some of the coolest conditions within the appellation - fog, breezes and fresh nights help vines balance their ripening with warm afternoon sunshine. A heralded property, Keefer has been in the Kosta Browne family since 2005 and we are drawn to the terrific natural acidity and elegance we find in the grapes we farm here. Classic Goldridge soils offer Pinot Noir an ideal home. In 2013, we were delighted to strengthen our relationship with this iconic Pinot vineyard by purchasing 20 acres. Marcy Keefer continues to be at the helm of Keefer Ranch and we are proud to continue to have her as part of our grape growing family. AROMATICS: Pomegranate, cranberry, lingonberry, vanilla. ON THE PALATE: Ripe red cherry and raspberry, medium body with bright acidity and concentrated fruit flavors. Velvet finish.

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### **2013 Kosta Browne 'Koplen Vineyard' Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, USA**

This small property, tucked away in the middle reach of the Russian River Valley, is owned and farmed by ex-postmaster Dennis and his wife Lynn along with their border collies Cooper and Annie. A real character, Dennis handles almost every pass of the vineyard himself. We enjoy a truly close relationship with him and the vineyard - as close as we can get to farming it ourselves. The Koplen Vineyard lies just east of Olivet Road. Planted entirely to Dijon Clone 667, this slightly sloped vineyard shows bold fruit with complex flavors. The Koplens farm their vineyard with meticulous care, often calling the vines their "girls". We know no other vineyard owner who personally spends as much time as Dennis and Lynn in the vineyard. The wine is a reflection of this human terroir and we are privileged to be the only winery with access to Koplen. AROMATICS: Ripe plum and

pomegranate intermingle with traces of allspice, cinnamon and saffron. ON THE PALATE: The palate is multi-faceted, with a core of blueberry, berry cherry, and cola. Elemental notes of flint and raw spice extend into a sumptuous and graceful finish.

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## American Industrial Partners

### Evening Land Seven Springs La Source Chardonnay 2014

92 Points, Neal Martin, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The 2014 Chardonnay Seven Springs Vineyard la Source, 20% matured in Stockinger 500-liter puncheons for 11 months, has a far superior bouquet compared to the Estate Chardonnay - much better delineation and mineralité, greater complexity and more Chablis-like. The palate is fresh and crisp with a keen line of acidity, a touch of lemongrass here with a vibrant finish that lingers in the mouth. This "wired" Chardonnay comes recommended." 06/16

### Spring Mountain Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2012

95 Points, James Suckling: "This has a lovely dusty character with currant, tile and sweet tobacco. Full body, chewy and beautiful tannins. Wonderful austerity yet softness. Flavorful finish. Delicious now but shows finesse and length. Better in 2019 but so gorgeous already." 5/16

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## Audax Group

### Talenti Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Pian Di Conte 2010

95 Points, James Suckling: "This is dense and tight with beautiful mushrooms, bark, dark fruit and spices. Full body, velvety tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Wonderful. Lovely now but better in 2017." 10/15.

### Joseph Drouhin Chassagne Montrachet Blanc 2015

89 Points, John Gilman, View From the Cellar: "The 2015 Chassagne villages from Maison Drouhin is a good, solid bottle, but this too is a bit riper than ideal and lacks a touch of lift as a result. The nose wafts from the glass in a blend of peach, pear, spring flowers, vanillin oak and soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and a bit compact in personality, with sound framing acids, good focus, but not as much personality out of the blocks as the other villages level bottlings this year. (Drink between 2018-2030)" 11/16

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## Bank of America Merrill Lynch

### Philip Togni Napa Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

97 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "Togni's 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is quite dark and powerful, but also very much medium in body. Graphite, smoke, savory herbs, mint, leather and a core of inky dark red and purplish fruit infuse this deep, beautifully layered Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 is a wine built on energy and aromatics that won't hit its stride until at least age ten." 12/16

### Philip Togni Tanbark Hill Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

90 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Tanbark Hill Vineyard is an attractive wine,

although the effects of the drought are felt in the wine's somewhat stressed personality and roasted fruit profile. Savory, ripe and expressive, the 2014 Tanbark Hill is a pretty Cabernet to enjoy over the next handful of years." 12/16

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## Bertram Capital

### 2013 Caymus Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon

Caymus Special Selection is the flagship wine of the Wagner family and is comprised of the very best barrels of the vintage. This wine is not produced in difficult years. Caymus Napa Valley is more representative of a standard Cabernet of Napa Valley, as it is a bit less precocious than the Special Selection, but still delivers big. Caymus prides itself on producing wines that are as approachable in youth as well at maturity. Both the "Napa Valley" and "Special Selection" Cabernets are produced under the winemaking hand of Chuck Wagner.

### 2012 Holdredge Rolling Thunder Pinot Noir

Holdredge Pinot Noir is bright garnet red with a beautiful nose of red berries, spices and floral notes. It is an elegant Pinot with medium body, fresh acidity and impeccable balance, featuring flavors of black cherry, raspberry, mocha and black tea. The wine is long and pleasing on the finish with a hint of vanilla. I would recommend enjoying this with a fatty good like roast pork, grilled salmon, veal Milanese and aged cheeses.

### 2013 Holdredge Petits Cadeaux Pinot Noir

Deep ruby red. Nose of figs and eucalyptus with a flinty edge. Flavors of raspberry and strawberry are evident. Medium tannins and a medium warming finish.

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## Blue Wolf Capital Partners

### 2012 Paumanok Vineyards Blanc de Blancs

The 2012 Blanc de Blancs is a Chardonnay aged on the lees for three years and disgorged on October 22, 2016. It comes in at just 12% alcohol. This is quite a mouthful. Full bodied and sharp-edged, it had a wave of mouth-coating fruit up front that is driven into the palate by its very fine acidity. It adds lushness to the 2011 (that I nonetheless liked a bit more for its complexity and character) and freshness to the 2010 (that I also loved, for its rich fruit.) It balances many of the best attributes of both and ends with a mouthwatering finish. It doesn't show any complexity, to be sure, but that might come. It seems to have the depth and power to age, but we'll see where we are when we get there. If it can actually improve, it may be entitled to an uptick (while I don't think the 2011, fascinating on release but seeming older than it was, was going anywhere). There is no real need to wait on this, though. It drinks well now. There were 160 cases produced.

### 2013 Paumanok Vineyards Merlot Grand Vintage

The 2013 Merlot Grand Vintage was aged for 15 months in French oak (only 30% new, the rest neutral). If you wonder what you get by trading up from the regular Merlot reviewed this issue, start with the lush, more concentrated feel. It is also better balance. The fruit doesn't fade as quickly and counters its tannins well. Sappy and fresh, this is a surprisingly sexy young Merlot with gorgeous fruit and a very graceful demeanor on opening. Yet, as I played with this at home, it kept getting better, more serious, more structured and more interesting over a couple of hours. For all of its early sex appeal, it is a wine with some understatement; it never once seemed

bombastic or obvious. Yet, it always remained fresh, gripping and full of flavor. I like it more and more as time went on. It seemed surprisingly approachable on opening, but note also that it became far more intense and interesting some two hours later. Drink it now if you must, but it will become more complex and interesting with time. If you have some patience and a cellar, come back in three to five years, perhaps. We'll see where we are then.

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## **Branford Castle Partners, LP**

### **Beringer Vineyards Knights Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

93 Points, Wine Spectator: "Delicate aromas of crushed dark berry, wilted rose, cedar and graphite fold over to the palate, where they are trim and structured. The firm acidity and tannins are complemented by a hint of fresh-crushed rock." 09/15

### **Booker Vineyard Paso Robles White 2014**

Booker Vineyard Paso Robles White 2014 is a blend of Roussanne, Viognier, Petit Manseng, and Marsanne. This wine ages on average for 12 months in a concrete tank or new and used French oak barrels. The 2014 vintage was aged in 40% concrete and 60% French oak.

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## **Bunker Hill Capital**

### **Heitz Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

The 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet encapsulates the freshness of a near-perfect growing season. Aromas of fresh-picked blackberry and cassis abound from this lively wine. A beautiful, inviting wine that effortlessly balances classic Cabernet richness with silky tannins on the palate.

This is a quintessential Cabernet Sauvignon through and through – at once charming and complex. This is one to sip now or savor later. It will reward you either way. A solid and balanced cab with refined tannins and juicy fruit. Berries and hints of flowers. Flavorful finish. Drink now.

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## **Capital One Bank**

### **Chablis Vaurorent William Fevre 2015 (750ML)**

91-93 Points, Neal Martin, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The 2015 Chablis 1er Cru Vaurorent is a selection parcellaire within the vineyard. It has a tightly wound, quite backward bouquet that demands coaxing from the glass, hints of white flower developing with time, albeit reluctantly. The palate is well balanced with hints of orange cordial on the entry, harmonious with touches of yellow plum and dried honey towards the harmonious finish. This will benefit from 3-4 years in bottle, but it should evolve into a crisp, taut and classic Chablis." 8/16

### **Chateau d'Issan 2010**

94 Points, James Suckling: "Gorgeous ripe fruit in this with plum, black cherries and spices on the nose and palate. Full body, with soft tannins and a long, long finish. Very refined and focused. Best from here in decades." 02/13

## Clarion Capital Partners, LLC

### Cobb Mariani Vineyard Chardonnay 2015

Winemaker's Notes: "This is the most fruit forward and complex Chardonnay we have ever made from this vineyard. A bit of new oak was used to complement the citrus and white flowers of this wine. I am always striving for the richness of a Puligny-Montrachet, but the crispness of a Chablis. My 2013 and 2014 Mariani are a bit more lean and austere, while the 2015 has wonderful concentration and fruit intensity."

### Copain Kiser En Haut Pinot Noir 2011

90 Points, Josh Reynolds Vinous Media: "Dark red. Powerful spice-accented aromas of black raspberry, floral pastilles and licorice, with a bright mineral overtone. Then livelier in the mouth, offering tangy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors that put on weight with air. Structured, focused pinot with strong finishing punch, chewy tannins and a late jolt of peppery spices adding bite."

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## Cyprium Partners

### Realm The Tempest Napa Valley Red 2013 (750ML)

94 Points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate: "The 2013 Tempest is Realm's homage to Right Bank Bordeaux, as it is a blend of 86% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Sauvignon. Like Shakespeare's famous play, this is meant to be an in-your-face, boisterous, expressive and flamboyant wine. Most of the grapes tend to come from great vineyards such as Dr. Crane and others. The wine is lush and ripe, with a stunning nose of coffee beans, chocolate, black cherries, and blackberries. It is deep, heady, and enormously appealing in its opulence and sexiness. Drink it over the next 7-10 years..." 12/15

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## EisnerAmper LLP

### Silver Oak Cellars Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Our 2013 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is garnet in color with a ruby red rim. It has an alluring nose of blackberry bramble; baking spices and black olive. Aromas of vanilla; cassis and sage fill the glass; revealing the influence of American oak barrel aging. On the palate; notes of raspberry are complemented with lingering acidity and a finish of dusty; silky tannins. Given proper cellaring; this wine will provide drinking pleasure through 2036."

### Piuze Chablis Blanchots 2015

89 Points, John Gilman, View From the Cellar: "Patrick Piuze noted that there was one silver lining to the hail damage in Blanchots in 2015, for as the vines here are planted north-south, the hail damage was principally on one side of the rows and a bit more of the crop was able to survive as a result. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, fresh and wide, wide open in personality, with sound framing acids and a long, easy-going and tasty finish. A clean, lemony aroma sets the pace for this fresh, pure white. Apple, lemon and stone flavors pervade the vibrant structure as this builds to a long aftertaste. Shows fine balance and intensity. Best from 2019 through 2025. —Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

## Eli Global LLC

### **Buena Vista Chateau Buena Vista Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (750ML)**

95 Points, Meridith May, The Tasting Panel: "This wine celebrates Buena Vista's long history in Napa Valley, with grapes sourced from all over the region including St. Helena, Rutherford, Stags Leap, and Calistoga - and the label showcasing the impressive edifice at Buena Vista, depicts the winery built by its founder Count Agoston Haraszthy, in the late 19th century. Taste the tilled soil, the dusty cherry-chocolate cedar and the opulent, finely grained tannins that over-deliver for the price in this deep magenta-hued powerhouse." 08/16

### **Canon La Gaffeliere 2014**

95+ Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "One of the wines of the vintage, the 2014 Canon La Gaffelière is explosive, lifted and aristocratic in its breeding. Bright Cabernet Franc aromatics give the wine its signature lift and precision. Raspberry jam, rose petal, mint, blood orange, tobacco and pomegranate build slowly on the palate, leading to a super-expressive, finely knit finish. Powerful yet also impeccably refined, the 2014 has it all. The 2014 is 55 % Merlot, 37 % Cabernet Franc and 8 % Cabernet Sauvignon. Don't miss it. Tasted two times." 2/17

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## Eos Partners LP

### **Banfi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Poggio all`Oro 2006**

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast: "Sophisticated...with just a tiny dab of playfulness on the bouquet from sweet spice and red rose aromas. Beyond that are steady pulses of tobacco, leather and dark cedar. The wine is plush, textured and rich with a steady firmness that keeps it grounded..." 2/12

### **Louis Jadot Gevrey Chambertin Les Cazetiers 2014**

91-94 Points, Stephen Tanzer, Vinous Media: "Bright, dark red. Highly complex, expressive scents and flavors of black cherry, blueberry, blackberry, licorice, animal fur and brown spices. Rich, pliant and slightly wild in the mouth, conveying compelling Gevrey perfume. Very suave for Cazetiers and most impressive on the back end, which features serious but smooth tannins and rising, palate-staining length. Cazetiers is our most consistent Gevrey premier cru after Clos Saint-Jacques, notes winemaker Frédéric Barnier." 01/16

### **Martelet de Cherisey Puligny Montrachet La Garenne 2014**

93 Points, Neal Martin, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The 2014 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru La Garenne from Domaine de Chérissey looks set to become a marvelous white Burgundy. The nose is intense, voluminous even, delivering ample aromas of dewy green apples, kiwi fruit and a squeeze of lime, interlaced with superb mineralité. Sure, there is some new oak to be completely assimilated but that will take just a couple of years. The palate is very well balanced, weighty in the mouth with a fine bead of acidity and superb tension. There is just a hint of gunflint on the finish, a facet that will become more conspicuous with time. This is an exemplary La Garenne from the domaine. Tasted January 2017." 06/17

## Garmark Partners

### Clos du Marquis 2000 (5L)

"94 Points, Wine Spectator, ""The nose shows loads of plum, spice and meat aromas, as well as hints of licorice. It's full-bodied, with firm, yet velvety textured tannins. It's big and rounded...." WS 1/03.

### Guidalberto Tenuta San Guido 2015 (3L)

95 Points, James Suckling: "Fantastic fruit on the nose with currant, apricot and orange aromas that follow through to a full body. Extremely fine tannins and a bright finish. A tight yet generous red with so much going on. Best ever. A blend of 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% merlot." 10/2017

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## Graycliff Partners

### Kistler Vineyards Russian River Pinot Noir 2014

91 Points, Wine Spectator: "Well-structured, with dusty, loamy earth—tinged tannins and a supple core of plum and raspberry. Scores points for snappy acidity and balance, ending with a minerally aftertaste. Drink now. 2,537 cases made." 09/16

### Kistler Vineyards Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2014

90-93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2014 Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast) is striking. Nuanced and sculpted throughout, the Sonoma Coast Pinot offers gorgeous purity and fabulous nuance, especially at this level. Bright red stone fruits, mint and flowers are all beautifully articulated. This is a strong appellation-level wine from Kistler. Most of the fruit is sourced from the Kistler and Silver belt vineyards." 02/16

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## Gryphon Investors

### Mount Eden Estate Chardonnay 2013

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast: "One of the greatest Chardonnays made in California each vintage, this bottling blends riper elements of yellow peach and honey with the tension of tangerine rind and pink-grapefruit pith on the nose. The palate is very energetic and tangy, with orange peels, crushed sea shells and a touch of salt hanging from an extremely well-chiseled structure." 11/16

### Littorai Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2015 (750ML)

Beautiful purity from the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. Robert Parker raves, "All of the Littorai offerings, made by Ted Lemon, are nuanced, restrained, elegant efforts that are no doubt the result of his Burgundian winemaking experience at Domaine Roulot." The wine is a blend of sites farmed conventionally, others farmed using only organic materials and sites farmed using biodynamic techniques.

## Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney, & Co.

### **Pouilly Fuisse Les Brules Chateau Fuisse 2012 (750ML)**

90 Points, Allen Meadows, Burghound, "As is usually the case with this wine the wood is not subtle though it doesn't dominate the notably ripe citrus, peach and apricot suffused nose. This is typically the most powerful wine in the domaine's portfolio and so it is again in 2012 as the medium weight plus flavors possess outstanding volume and good energy on the explosive and solidly persistent finish where there is a slightly edgy quality at present probably due to the partially blocked malo. This is undeniably a dramatic wine though not one that is particularly refined. Note that my score assumes that the finish will harmonize with a year or two of bottle age. (Drink starting 2017)"

### **Dominio Basconcillos Vina Magna Reserva 2011**

95 Points, Wine Spectator: "This powerful red delivers cassis, blackberry and garrigue flavors, framed by espresso, tar and mineral notes, well-integrated and supported by muscular tannins and balsamic acidity. Dense but lively, with floral and mineral accents on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2031. 200 cases made." 07/16

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## Harbour Group

### **Martinelli Vineyards Vellutini Ranch Zinfandel 2012**

92 Points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate: "At the same potency level as the Giuseppe & Luisa, the 2012 Zinfandel Vellutini Ranch exhibits abundant notes of licorice, Christmas fruitcake, Asian spices, mulberries, black cherries and blackberries, a full-bodied, viscous mouthfeel, and a long finish. Drink now-2025+."

### **Stags Leap Wine Cellars Fay Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

93-96 Points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate: "The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Fay Estate Grown possesses a complex bouquet of raspberries, blueberries, charcoal, graphite and spring flowers, abundant richness, and a medium to full-bodied, graceful mouthfeel with everything in perfect harmony. It exhibits gorgeous fruit, a complex personality, full body and terrific elegance and finesse." Issue# 215, 10/14

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## Harvest Partners

### **Hirsch Vineyards East Ridge Pinot Noir 2014**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, "The 2014 Pinot Noir Estate East Ridge is one of the most overt wines in the range. Soaring aromatics, pliant fruit and beautifully integrated tannins give the wine immediacy as well as intensity. There is considerable inner sweetness and weight in a style that confers power without excess weight. Although not particularly subtle, the 2014 is layered, persistent and exceptionally vivid. (Drink between 2018-2026)"

### **Sandhi Bent Rock Chardonnay 2013**

97 Points, International Wine Reviews "The 2013 Bedrock Vineyard Chardonnay is another absolutely magical showing from Sandhi. Bentrock is located just three miles west of Sanford and Benedict and consists of younger

vines, with lower-yields, resulting in more concentrated fruit. This 2013 is a completely compelling wine, offering complex and stunning aromas which soar from the glass in a magnificent mélange of delicious green apples, asian pear, spring flowers, flinty minerals, lemon cream, vanilla blossom and wet stones. On the palate the wine is extremely pure, full-bodied and layered, with laser-like focus, remarkable complexity and wonderful balance with amazing backend acidity through the remarkably elegant finish. Simply put, this is a terrific example of Chardonnay and a must have for readers who love Chardonnay California or Burgundy. Drinking beautifully now, but certainly worth waiting a bit longer if you can resist... 05/15"

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## H.I.G. Capital

### **Napanook by Dominus Estate 2014**

95 Points, James Suckling: "Gorgeous aromas of sweet tobacco, iodine and oysters. Blackcurrants, too. complexity. Savory. A joy to drink now, but this will improve with age."

### **Dom Perignon 2006**

97 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2006 Dom Pérignon is a beautifully balanced, harmonious Dom Pérignon that strikes an incredibly appealing stylistic middle ground. Rich, voluptuous and creamy, the 2006 shows off fabulous intensity in a style that brings together the ripeness of 2002 with the greater sense of verve and overall freshness that is such a signature of the 2004. Bass notes and a feeling of phenolic grip on the finish recall the 2003, as the Pinot Noir is particularly expressive today. After an irregular summer that saw elevated temperatures in July followed by cooler, damp conditions in August, more favorable weather returned in September, pushing maturation ahead and leading to a long, protracted harvest. The 2006 falls into the family of riper, more voluptuous Dom Pérignons, but without veering into the level of opulence seen in vintages such as 2002." 10/15

### **Robert-Denogent Pouilly Fuisse Cuvee Claude Denogent Les Cras Vieilles Vignes 2014**

92 Points, Allen Meadows, Burghound: "This is the first wine to display much in the way of post-bottling reduction but in this case it's enough to warrant a thorough aeration if you're determined to try a bottle young. Otherwise there is superb richness, volume and mouth coating dry extract to support the medium weight flavors that are at once succulent but powerful while delivering excellent length on the driving finish. This isn't especially refined but it is certainly impressive and very clearly built-to-age." 10/16

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## High Road Capital Partners

### **Pinchon Baron 2011**

93-95 Points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, "A blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot picked from 12th September until 28th or something (according to a vague Mr. Seely.) It sports a ripe, more extrovert nose than some of its neighbours, with lush blackberry, boysenberry, a touch of cherry liqueur and underneath, typical Pauillac traits of graphite and tobacco. Leaving the glass for five minutes it unwinds nicely and shows great purity. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins on the entry, good grip and weight, a 2011 with real substance and chutzpah. The more I leave this in my glass, the more I like it. Very harmonious with layers of ripe blackberry and a touch of white pepper, the finish forgetting it is 2011 and not 2009. This is an outstanding Pichon Baron for the vintage. Tasted three times with consistent notes. Tasted April 2012." 5/12

**Kosta Browne One Sixteen Chardonnay 2015**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, "A wine of textural elegance, the 2015 Chardonnay One Sixteen is also a fabulous example of the house style at Kosta Browne today. Lemon confit, chamomile and almond are some of the many notes that meld together in this soft, super-inviting Chardonnay. Here, too, there is lovely richness, but no excess weight. Sweet floral and minty notes add the closing shades of complexity." (8/2017)

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**Huron Capital****Evening Land Seven Springs La Source Chardonnay 2013**

94 Points, Wine Spectator: "Taut, focused, complex and immediately inviting, deftly layering pear, nectarine, citrus, loamy earth and floral aromas and flavors as the finish plays on. Shows good tension between the fruit and savory notes. Drink now through 2023. 390 cases made." 2/16

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**Insight Equity****2014 Revana Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Terroir Series**

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Terroir Series is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. A well-made wine with a dense ruby/plum/purple color, attractive loamy soil undertones with hints of underbrush, forest floor, lots of blackcurrants and a whiff of chocolate, the complex aromatics are followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with a velvety texture, a lovely, lush mouthfeel, and beautiful purity and elegance. It should drink well for another 10-15 years. It is somewhat understated but certainly delivers immense pleasure and satisfaction.

**2013 Red Mare Wines Alpha Mare**

The 2013 Alpha Mare is a richer, more concentrated wine that's a blend of 97.5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2.5% Malbec aged 22 months in 87% new French oak. The wine shows good depth, ripeness, plenty of power and a nicely textured, pure mouthfeel with black fruits, earth and a touch on incense, espresso and chocolate. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

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**J.F. Lehman & Company****JF Mugnier Nuits St. Georges Clos de la Marechale 2012**

91 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media: "The 2012 Nuits St. Georges Clos de la Maréchale marks a pretty significant stylistic shift in this tasting, but, then again, the Clos de la Maréchale suffered through a brutal hailstorm in July that lowered the crop dramatically. A core of dark red/black stone fruits, spices, mocha and leather opens up nicely, but the effect of the hail is felt in the wine's slightly angular profile. The 2012 is going to need time to come together, but my impression is that the tannins will always remain a bit rough around the edges." 04/15

**Martelet de Cherisey Puligny Montrachet Les Chalumeaux 2014**

The lost hamlet of Blagny, up in the hills between Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault in the Côte d'Or in Burgundy, is home to Domaine Comtesse Bernard de Chérissey. This almost magical, lost-in-time corner of the

world boasts a unique microclimate, with a slightly different average temperature, exposition and soil than the rest of Burgundy. The wine is loaded with white limestone and gives a very fine, intensely focused white Burgundy, très Puligny, screaming with minerality.

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## JLL Partners, LLC

### **Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

93+ Points, Zachys Buying Team: "It screams Napa Valley and it screams for steak. The American classic and steakhouse favorite delivers in the ripe 96-point vintage. Best of all it is drinking today while offering longevity. From the glass it exhibits rich, ripe, succulent fruit notes of plum, cassis, black cherry, along with notes of cedar, tobacco, and savory elements. It is nicely structured, the wine is not over-extracted or excessive in alcohol like some of its high profile neighbors. And with its signature dusty tannins and a hint of mint and sage there is a balancing freshness to the wine. While production is relatively high, it may surprise you to know that the wine is highly allocated and we receive a mere 15 cases, making this truly one of America's fastest sellers and most iconic bottlings. It is certainly more layered and sophisticated than its Alexander Valley sibling and in 2012 this may just be Silver Oak Napa Valley's finest interpretation."

### **Cornell Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is bright, polished and super-refined to the core. Medium in body and gracious in the style of the year, the 2014 possesses remarkable balance. The 2014 is tightly wound and in need of time, but it is exceptionally beautiful and resonant. Beams of salinity extend the finish while adding brightness. This is a terrific debut for the winemaking team in their first full year in charge of the farming and winemaking." 07/17

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## Juna Equity Partners

### **Gruner Veltliner Schloss Gobelsburger 2015**

Schloss Gobelsburg is one of Austria's oldest wineries. It began as a Cistercian monastery in 1137 and its first vineyards were planted in 1171. Between 1074 and 1740 there were as many as 19 different families on the estate and castle Gobelsburg. The castle was used for housing POW's during WWI and WWII but no major damages occurred. In 1958 winemaking resumed under Abbot Bertranard Baumann. In 1996 the whole estate was long-term leased to Willi Brundmayer and Michael Moosbrugger where they continue the winemaking tradition today."

### **Gruner Veltliner Liebe Dich Veyder Malberg 2012**

Deep ruby. Fruity, ripe, dark berries, some vanilla, intense, lightly scented. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, rich, intense, sweet and fruity, dark berries, slightly spicy, vanilla notes, rich and warm finish

### **Gruner Veltliner Sauberg Tradition Ingrid Groiss 2012**

The delicate smoke and hazelnut scent of oak shines through and makes a frame for ripe apricot and Mirabelle plums. The palate is soft and rounded, set off by pizzazz from the lively acidity that underlines the juicy core."

## LLR Partners

### **Jordan Chardonnay 2014 (750ML)**

Spicy nutmeg meets a reckoning of lemon zest and grapefruit pith in this light, bright, elegant white that's subtle in oak. Notions of just-ripe pear follow around a rounded, medium-bodied build, providing plenty of juiciness and structure.

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## LongueVue Capital

### **Brewer Clifton Acin Chardonnay 2012**

91 Points, Jeb Dunnuck, The Wine Advocate: "As with the Hapgood, the 2012 Chardonnay Acin is the first vintage for this cuvee. Also outstanding, it has a perfumed, tropical style, with notions of white peach, pineapple, mint and salty minerality all flowing nicely to a pure, gorgeously balanced white that has no hard edges, integrated acidity and a terrific finish. Aged all in neutral oak and from sandy loam soils, it will continue to dish out loads of pleasure over the coming 4-5 years." 8/14

### **Louis Martini Monte Rosso Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

95+ Points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate: "An absolutely outrageous wine and probably one of the great all-time Cabernet Sauvignons from Sonoma is the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Rosso Vineyard Sonoma Valley. This is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the relatively recent Moon Mountain AVA, that aged for 27 months in 67% new French and 14 % new American oak. This is a wine of thrilling levels of intensity, with an incredible fragrance of spring flowers, blue fruits, black fruits, especially crème de cassis and blackberry, loamy soil undertones, and a touch of licorice and smoke. The wine is full-bodied, with magnificent fruit intensity and purity, loads of glycerin (15.5% alcohol) and a finish of a good 40+ seconds. This is a great bottle of wine that can still be purchased for less than \$100.00, which is increasingly rare in Northern California. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2040." 10/16

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## Main Street Capital Corporation

### **Corison Napa Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "A deep, inky wine, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is endowed with serious depth. Here the flavors are unusually dark and intense, with plenty of blue and black stone fruits. Graphite, cloves and licorice contribute to an overall impression of gravitas. Far from an easygoing wine, the 2013 Napa Valley Cabernet needs time in bottle to truly shine. Hints of violet, lavender and plum add the final shades of nuance. All of the signatures of the vintage come through beautifully. The translucent, mineral-laced finish is especially appealing. Frankly, it's hard to put the glass down." 10/15

### **Evening Land Seven Springs Summum Chardonnay 2013**

95 Points, Wine Spectator: "Taut, focused and juicy, with lemon, lemon verbena and mineral overtones to the lithe, lively, open-textured pear and apple flavors, which linger expressively as the finish floats on. Drink now through 2023. 288 cases made." 2/16

## Milestone Partners

### **Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato 2012**

98 Points, James Suckling: "This is amazingly structured with tight and polished tannins that give this wine superb linear length and balance. Full body, bright and focused fruit. Goes on for minutes. Beautiful now but better in 2020." 3/16

### **Pio Cesare Barolo 2012**

95 Points, James Suckling: "This is a young Barolo that builds on the palate with super silky tannins and fantastic pure and delicious fruit. Hints of hazelnut, plum and dark berry character. Full and polished tannins. Better in 2019 but so delicious now." 3/16.

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## New State Capital Partners

### **Chappellet Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2014**

94+ Points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate: "The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot and the rest Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, is a classic example of Pritchard Hill, Chappellet and of Napa Valley. Brilliant purity, a dense purple color, superb blackberry and floral-infused blueberry fruit and cassis, a full-bodied mouthfeel, moderate but sweet tannin and a long, layered, texture and finish make for a profound Cabernet Sauvignon that actually sells at a bargain price for what is in the bottle. Moreover, look for it to evolve graciously for another 20+ years."

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## NexPhase Capital

### **O'Shaughnessy Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2014**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "O'Shaughnessy's 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is one of the very best values readers will find in top-notch Napa Valley Cabernet. A host of dark red cherry, plum, mocha, spice, leather and tobacco give the 2014 a good deal of aromatic complexity to balance the natural richness of the year. Unlike the single-vineyard Cabernets, the Napa Valley bottling will drink well pretty much upon release. This is an absolutely impeccable Cabernet Sauvignon from O'Shaughnessy and winemaker Sean Capiaux." 12/16

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## ONCAP Management Partners, LP

### **Resonance Chardonnay Hyland Vineyard 2015**

94 Points, Wine Spectator: "Expressive aromas of spicy lees and lemon curd open to complex and voluptuous baked pear, nutmeg and toast flavors that linger on the finish." 03/17

### **Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino 2012**

96 Points, Monica Lerner, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: " I am always such a big fan of Andrea Cortonesi's

work. Like his previous releases, the 2012 Brunello di Montalcino shows an uncanny sense of continuity and consistency with past releases. This steady stylistic focus is one of the best reasons to buy Uccelliera Brunello. The wine is dark and rich in appearance. Fruit from this vintage was smaller than usual and Andrea jokes that during the 2012 growing season you could hardly call it "Sangiovese Grosso," the name of the Sangiovese clone used in Montalcino. It is normally characterized by larger berry size, but not in this warm and dry vintage. Fruit was concentrated and smaller instead. The wine's explosive flavor profile demonstrates this fact. Blackberry and dark fruit segues to spice, tobacco and balsam herb." 2/17, #229

### **Marchand-Tawse Chambolle Musigny Les Chatelots 2014**

90-93 Points, Allen Meadows, Burghound: "Somewhat surprisingly this is more deeply pitched still with its densely fruited nose of plum, cassis, earth and gamy hints. There is exceptionally good richness and volume to the concentrated medium-bodied flavors that coat the palate on the austere and robust finale. This is an atypically big wine for Chatelots yet it is balanced and built-to-age. That said, just don't expect the classic Chambolle elegance and refinement." 01/16

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## **ORIX Capital Partners**

### **Littorai Larmes Vineyard Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 2015 (750ML)**

Antonio Galloni writes: "There is no doubt in my mind Littorai is one of this country's crown jewel wineries. Proprietor Ted Lemon has the magic touch with both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir." "Les Larmes" from Anderson Valley is comprised of declassifications from the vineyard designated wines and from additional Sonoma Coast vineyard sites. 100% pinot noir.

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## **Palladium Equity Partners**

### **Shafer Vineyards Napa Valley Merlot 2014**

90-93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "Expressive floral and spice notes open up first in the 2014 Merlot. Fresh, nuanced and energetic in the style of the year, the 2014 is a highly representative wine for the vintage. The 2014 is not quite as generous as the 2013, but it offers a touch more vibrancy today, not to mention considerable potential." 10/15

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## **Pepper Hamilton**

### **Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2011**

95 Points, Monica Lerner, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate "This is another fabulous wine from Giacomo Neri. The 2011 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova is a deeply layered expression with bold tones of dark fruit that are softened and enhanced by spice, leather, tobacco and balsam herb. The wine is very beautiful and polished with slightly less depth and complexity compared the outstanding (100 point) vintage that precedes it. Despite the vintage variation, this is a wine of enormous pedigree and importance. It is generous and confident with a presentation that offers purity, intensity and persistence." Issue# 223, 03/16

**Concha y Toro Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon 2010**

96 Points, James Suckling, Pretty aromas of blueberries with hints of sandalwood and cedar. Full body, with very integrated tannins and a wonderfully polished texture. The finish is extremely long and intense. Serious density and class to this. A blend of 97% cabernet sauvignon and 3% cabernet frac. A beauty already but better in 2016" 06/14

**Huet Vouvray Demi-Sec Le Haut Lieu 2015**

94 Points, James Molesworth, Wine Spectator: "Features a wide range of apple, green melon, ginger and green plum notes gliding throughout, with the off-dry edge imparting a flattering feel. Latent minerality lengthens the finish. Best from 2017 through 2030. 300 cases imported." 9/16

**Kistler Vineyards Russian River Pinot Noir 2013**

90 Points, Wine Spectator, Shows a touch of gravelly, dusty earth and cedary oak amid the supple blackberry and wild berry flavors, accented by a savory herb edge. Ends clean and spicy. Drink now."

**Poggio Alle Gasse Ornellaia Toscana Bianco 2015**

Axel Heinz (Winemaker at Ornellaia), "Poggio alle Gasse dell'Ornellaia 2015 is the result of an exceptional year in which sun and cool temperatures both arrived at the appropriate time. It is a wine full of freshness with an intense straw yellow color. On the nose it expresses intense and refined notes of mature citrus fruit, exotic fruit and white flowers. On the palate it is fleshy and juicy with a vibrant, crystalline fruitiness which perfectly reflects the sunny, but not excessively hot year. The long lingering fruity finish leaves the palate clean and fresh."

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**Prospect Capital Corporation****Agostina Pieri Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

95 Points, Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate: "The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is an irresistible wine that demonstrates just how far the Agostina Pieri brand has evolved over the past decade. This may be the best Brunello ever released by this boutique estate in the Piancornello subzone of the appellation. Most notable and compelling is the seamless integration of flavor and texture that is not easily achieved with the finicky Sangiovese grape. The wine opens to a dark ruby hue with aromas of dried cherry, cassis, blue flower, ginger and balsam herb. You get lingering mineral tones that create a sense of focus and sharpness. I tasted the wine very young, but am confident of the aging potential of this timeless Brunello. It should be a delight to revisit in ten years." 2/15

**Chanin Sanford & Benedict Chardonnay 2014**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2014 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict is the most reticent and understated of Gavin Chanin's wines. Pear, smoke, slate and white orchard fruit are all laced together in a subtle Chardonnay that speaks in hushed tones. Hints of white pepper and mint add an attractive upper register. Like all of Chanin's wines, the Sanford & Benedict is all class. It will be interesting to see how it ages. Chanin's S&B Chardonnay is all from the original 1971 planting. It is also the most subtle of the 2014 Chardonnays." 9/16

## Resilience Capital Partners

### **Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 2012**

97 Points, James Suckling: "Fantastic aromas of blueberries, plums, bark and wet earth follow through to a full body, velvety and polished tannins and a wonderful finish. Refined and persistent on the finish. Drink in 2019 and onwards."

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## RFE Investment Partners

### **Arnot Roberts Que Vineyard Syrah 2013 (95AG) (750ML)**

95 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media: "The 2014 Que Syrah Vineyard is another deep, super-intense Syrah. Specifically, the interplay of varietal aromatics and deep, pliant fruit - rare to see in the same site - play off each other in a wine that dazzles from start to finish. Inky blue/purplish fruit, spices, mint, lavender and dark spices add shades of nuance on the long, beautifully persistent finish. Like all the Arnot-Roberts Syrahs, the Que Syrah was done with 100% whole clusters and aged in neutral oak." 02/16

### **Ridge Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (750ML)**

93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media: "One of the many highlights in this range, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is terrific. The effects of the drought and resulting heat stress come through in the wine's structural feel and bold, incisive flavors. Even with all of its intensity, the 2014 has a certain silkiness in its tannins that makes it approachable today. Of course, the 2014 will be even better in another few years, but opening a bottle on the early side is not a crime. The 2014 spent 27 months in French oak. Readers who are looking for a more affordable alternative to Ridge's iconic Monte Bello should consider the 2014 Estate. Look for the Estate to be a real overachiever in 2014 as well as one of the best - possibly the best - California Cabernet in its price range." 8/17

### **Ridge Vineyards Lytton Springs Zinfandel 2008 (750ML)**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The 2008 Lytton Springs is a powerhouse. Today, the 2008 is in the zone. The aromatics have begun to open up, the mid-palate retains gorgeous depth and all the elements are in sync. Sweet herbs, tobacco, menthol and licorice wrap around the imposing finish. This is a decidedly virile vintage of the Lytton Springs. Well-stored bottles will drink well for another decade or more, as the 2008 still has a lot to say." 07/16

### **Soter Vineyards Mineral Springs Ranch Pinot Noir 2015 (750ML)**

James Suckling Top 100 2017 #46 98 Points, James Suckling: "Tons of pressed violets and lavender as well as blueberries, plenty of herbs, cedar, almonds and acacia come through on the nose, before ginseng, ivy and slate kick in. The palate is so structured with intense yet velvety tannins and layers of fruit and spices. Such tension in terms of the fine acidity but intensely full-bodied. A great wine that will age for decades. Drink from 2020 and well beyond." 11/17

## Saw Mill Capital

### **Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2007**

95 Points, Jame Suckling: "Fine wine with fabulous aromas of tangerines and peaches with plums. So aromatic. Full body, with super polished tannins and a long, long finish. Drink or hold." 2/13

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## Seaport Capital

### **Young Inglewood Estate Vineyard 2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon**

The 2014 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a dark rich, velvety beauty. It is intensely aromatic, with a heady mix of molasses, dark chocolate and tar. Take a sip, and you will be rewarded by the tantalizing flavors of mocha, herbs and gingerbread. Melting tannins provide support, while the finish bears the lingering imprint of this sumptuous, supremely balanced wine. 207 cases produced.

### **Young Inglewood Estate Vineyard 2012 Napa Valley Chardonnay**

With the single ton we harvested from the vineyard, we have crafted our 2012 Young Inglewood Vineyards Napa Valley Chardonnay, Linda Vista Vineyard. The color of freshly laid straw, the wine displays white flower, lime and stone fruit aromas. Its luscious mouthfeel offers flavors of Mirabelle plum compote, vanilla poached pear, and butter crust. The long, fruit filled finish carries hints of toasted almonds and sweet spice.

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## Sentinel Capital Partners, L.L.C.

### **Clos L'Eglise 2006**

94+ Points, Zachys Buying Team: "Tasted during Bordeaux En Primeur 2015 trip. Of the 300+ wines tasted on the trip, this was among one of the most memorable Pomerol wines in that it delivers the signature richness and silky texture, but there is an underlying complexity to the wine with its structure and secondary note development. There is awesome fruit concentration here, plenty of blue fruit notes here, along with nuances of macerated black cherry rind, violets, mocha, crème de cassis, coffee beans, black truffle, and some herbaceous undertones. Now this is the underdog, overachieving wine that will get you excited about Pomerol without the forbidding price tag. What a great under the radar discovery that is a reminder as to why the 2006s need to be retasted."

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## Sterling Investment Partners

### **Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2012**

96 Points, Monica Lerner, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The Casanova di Neri 2012 Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova is a beautiful wine that recalls many of the stunning characteristics found in its high-scoring predecessor. I gave a perfect 100 points to the 2010 edition of this same wine. This expression, made two years later, continues in that tradition of excellence. The quality of fruit is profound and intense. The bouquet offers black cherry, spice, leather, balsam herb, cola and licorice. The complexity is absolutely impressive. The

mouthfeel, however, is slightly thinner. The classic 2010 vintage is remembered for its twofold punch of elegance and power. Alternatively, the 2012 vintage shows aromatic intensity and less persistence on the finish, generally speaking. Having said that, this remains one Bellissimo Brunello." 3/17, Issue#229.

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## The Compass Group

### **Hirsch Vineyards San Andreas Fault Pinot Noir 2013 (91AG) (750ML)**

91 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media: "The 2013 Pinot Noir Estate San Andreas Fault is another pretty, expressive wine that reflects the mid-weight style of the year. There is a lovely sense of purity on the fruit, yet the 2013 remains tightly wound and in need of time to fully open up. Hints of crushed flowers, dried cherries, mint and spices are nicely layered throughout." 2/16

### **Laurel Glen Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (750ML)**

95 Points, Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate: "The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is a small cuvée of only 1,006 cases harvested October 6-15, 2012. The wine was aged in 50% new French oak. The history of the site is ancient, with vines having first been planted in the 1880s. Beautiful blueberry and blackberry fruit jump from the glass of this dense ruby/purple wine. Full-bodied and ripe with sweet tannin, terrific lushness and beautiful purity and density, this is a super-strong effort from Laurel Glen. Drink it over the next 20-25 years." 03/16 Issue #223

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## The Jordan Company, LP

### **2013 Shafer Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select**

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select will probably hit the magic three digit score, but it is a more backward style of wine, although probably even more concentrated than the 2012, and that's saying something. Fabulous potential of 30-50 years is evident in this profound bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon that is inky blue/black to the rim and offers up notes of charcoal embers, scorched earth, blackberries, cassis, blueberries, a hint of coffee, and background barrique smells. Massively concentrated but incredibly elegant and poised, this is a wine of great energy and vibrancy. It is fabulously deep, built like a skyscraper, and set for an incredibly long life. Try not to consume a bottle for at least another 4-5 years and then watch the magic unfold.

### **2013 Cade Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain**

The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain has an inky purple color to the rim and represents a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot. Gloriously pure notes of mulberry, graphite, blackberry and blueberry soar from the glass and cascade over the palate. The wine is full-bodied, there is nary a hard edge to be found in this opulent, velvety texture, pure, rich, stunning Cabernet Sauvignon. It finishes impressively, and the wine is capable of lasting 15-20 years, although it's certainly accessible now.

## The Riverside Company

### Lynch Bages 2011

94 Points, Wine Enthusiast, "This is a luxurious wine that's opulently rich. Ripe black fruits dominate, lending fullness to the firm structure in the backdrop. It's a wine with great potential, density and weight. Touches of chocolate and licorice combine with flavors of dark plum, toast and spice." 02/14

### Banfi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Poggio all'Oro 2010

97 Points, James Suckling: "A riserva with so much structure and tension. A full body that shows dried fruit and mushroom flavors. Walnut soil, too. So long and powerful. A glorious wine. Wine for the long term." 10/15.

### Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut NV

93 Points, Alison Napjus, Wine Spectator: "Lovely aromas and flavors of ripe black cherry and currant fruit, graphite, toast and candied Meyer lemon zest are set in this racy Champagne, with a refined, finely detailed mousse. The mouthwatering finish is long and spicy. Drink now through 2022. 11,500 cases imported" 11/17

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## Topspin Partners

### Andrew Will Sorella 2010

(73% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot and 7% cabernet franc): Deep, dark bright ruby. Pungent aromas and flavors of black raspberry, blueberry, licorice and lavender are accented by a minty high note. Sweet, dense and inviting; at once seriously structured and light on its feet. This very intense, youthful wine finishes very long, with harmonious acidity, noble broad tannins and a savory saline complexity. From a crop level under three tons per acre, according to Chris Camarda, and it shows. Another beauty for the cellar. 94+ points

### Orin Swift Palermo Cab 2014

Palermo is our most geographically diverse wine from our Cabernet Sauvignon program. Drawing upon the major growing regions within the Napa Valley, fruit is meticulously selected to showcase the range and prestige of Napa's varying microclimates and soil profiles. Rich aromas of seasoned oak meld effortlessly with ripe boysenberry and candied cassis. The entry of the wine is soft and delicate, but quickly evolves into a serious mid-palate replete with opulent and concentrated flavors of dark fruits. Black currant and kirsch provide background to lively raspberry and cherry notes that create a near endless finish

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## TSG Consumer Partners

### 2013 Duckhorn Vineyards Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The unique climate and soils on Howell Mountain are the key to the appellation's success in producing powerful, age-worthy wines. Duckhorn Vineyards has sourced grapes from this distinctive region for more than a quarter century and has crafted a Howell Mountain bottling since 1989. Over the years, we have increased our commitment to this appellation with the purchase of two spectacular vineyards, Candlestick Ridge (28 acres) and Stout Ranch (36 acres). To encourage further complexity, we bottle-age this wine a year longer than our other wines prior to release. As a result, our Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon offers excellent structure and deep color. This wine is suitable for long-term cellaring.

**2014 Duckhorn Vineyards Carneros Napa Valley Merlot**

After falling in love with Merlot during a visit to Bordeaux, Dan Duckhorn started producing Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot in 1978. In the years since, grapes from the Napa portion of Carneros have played a pivotal role in our Napa Valley Merlot program. Influenced by the cooling effect of the Pacific Ocean, Carneros is ideally suited for growing exceptional Merlot, yielding a wine with beautiful structure, velvety texture and lovely layers of plum and mulberry.

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**Versa Capital Management, LLC****De Loach Russian River Estate Chardonnay 2014**

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast: "From the producer's estate vineyard planted on the Olivet Bench, this sublimely textured white is perfumed, zesty and complex. It delights in voluptuous layers of pear and honey in equal measure, showing both sides of deliciousness, fresh and fruity."

**Calera Reed Pinot Noir 2012**

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous: "The most weightless and ethereal wine in this lineup, the 2012 Pinot Noir Reed Vineyard speaks above all else to finesse. Rose petal, sweet red berries, orange peel, mint and spices gradually open up in a feminine Pinot long on class. Deceptively medium in body, the 2012 is likely to flesh out a bit more in bottle, although I imagine it will always remain classically restrained in style." 07/15

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**W Capital Partners****Clos Erasmus 2014**

97 Points, Luis Gutierrez, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "There is a little more Syrah in the blend of the 2014 Clos Erasmus, where it reached around 30% to complement the majority of Garnacha. As is the norm, the wine matured for some 18 months before bottling, with most of the volume in French oak barrels, 40% of which are renewed each vintage, but there are also one or two amphorae. I tasted it next to the 2013 and as the 2013 required so much attention, it took some time to get to the 2014. It showed a bit shy at first, but when I finally came back to it, I found that it had really blossomed with a mixture of violets, ground, smoky meat and black raspberries. The slight increase in Syrah was noticeable, but it somehow also seemed to increase the voice of the slate in the bottle. The palate is medium to full-bodied with terrible balance and elegance combined with inner strength. This is simply terrific. 3,000 bottles were filled at the end of May 2016."

**Domaine Leroy Bourgogne Aligote 2011**

Zachys Buying Team: "For those people who think that Aligote cannot make great wines, Look no further than Leroy. One of the "the Queen of Burgundy. Leroy's Aligote delivers great texture, glycerol typical of her wine. the 2011 Aligote has some weight with layers of apples and white blossom notes, also offers a suprising zip on the finish."

## Wafra Partners LLC

### **Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2010**

97 Points, James Suckling: "A sexy and silky riserva with dried fruit, blueberry and cedar character. Full body, firm tannins and long and gorgeous finish. So linear and precise. Chocolate-covered cherry center palate. Terrific young wine. Best riserva ever from here." 10/15.

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## Watermill Group

### **Banfi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Poggio alle Mura 2007**

97 Points, James Suckling: "Fabulous aromas of plums, blackberries and flowers follow through to a full body, with chewy tannins and juicy fruit. This is structured and very rich. Needs another two or three years to soften. One of the best wines ever from Banfi." 2/13.

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## Willis Towers Watson

### **Ester Nin "Nit de Nin" Priorat 2013 (750ML)**

96+ Points, Luis Gutierrez, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The 2013 Nit de Nin matured in 3,200-liter oak foudres for some 16 months, and wants to be an old-style blend of grapes from slope vineyards showcasing the typicity of Priorat. The full clusters from ancient vineyards fermented with indigenous yeasts and produced some 4,000 bottles that were filled in March 2015. I previously had the opportunity of tasting the wine just after being bottled and was somehow reduced and dizzy. Now it's a completely different story. The 16 months in bottle have polished the wine and the reductive character is completely gone. However, everything is subtler, it's not as explosive as when it is really young and shows its exuberance, there is a calmed beauty. The palate is always very refined with fantastic freshness and subtle minerality, pure and fresh, even if it's also very powerful. There are 3,200 bottles produced." 10/16

### **Robert-Denogent Pouilly Fuisse Les Reisses Vieilles Vignes 2014**

91 Points, Allen Meadows, Burghound: "This is at once notably ripe but also exceptionally fresh with its airy array of liqueur-like apple and pear aromas that are liberally laced with various citrus elements including a subtle tangerine peel nuance. There is a bit more volume and richness to the admirably well-concentrated, caressing and sappy middle weight flavors that also brim with plenty of dry extract, all wrapped in a wonderfully sleek and saline finale that is, at present anyway, a bit less refined and complex." 10/16

### **Sociando Mallet 2009**

94 Points, James Suckling, "Shows precision here, with floral, blueberry and mineral aromas that follow through to a full body and firm and racy tannins. Very polished texture to this wine. Goes on for minutes on the palate..."