

## LCBO VINTAGES

FRANCE

### 2015 Domaine J. P. Séve, Pouilly Fuissé Terroir AOP

**(681056) \$29.95**

Pouilly Fuissé is the most distinguished of Burgundy's Chardonnay wines from the Maconnais. The Séve family vineyards lie just below Pouilly-Fuissé's most dramatic feature, the Solutré escarpment. *"Zip-wire acidity, balances just as much depth of fruit. Crackling with life. Honeysuckle and apple, scents and flavours stretch out to a limestone mineral-laced finish. Delicious now, but built to flesh out and improve."*

HUNGARY

### 2015 Château Hellha Furmint Dry

**(484923) \$15.95**

Chateau Hellha is located in Hungary's Zemplen mountains where the Bodrog and Tisza rivers meet. The confluence of the two rivers makes for the regular development of noble rot. And so, the famous Tokaji Aszu wines. But not all the wines are affected by noble rot, and so, Hellha makes a dry wine from the Furmint grape too. *"Bright grapefruit, peach and orange made more complex by hint of honey custard. Closes with a fresh, light finish reminiscent of a Muscadet."*

ITALY

### 2014 Borgo Scopeto, Borgonero IGT Toscana

**(421396) \$17.95**

Borgo Scopeto is Elisabetta Gnudi's Chianti Classico estate. Most of the production is Chianti Classico, but Borgo Scopeto also makes a Super-tuscan blend: 40% Sangiovese, and 20% each of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon *"A silky and fine 2014 with currant, lemon rind and hints of lemon grass. Light body. Fresh finish. Drink now."* **90 pts**, JamesSuckling.com. Super-tuscan- super value.

### 2014 Borgo Scopeto, Chianti Classico DOCG

**(23325) \$16.95**

Elisabetta Gnudi, the owner of Caparzo Brunello, also owns the Chianti Classico estate, Borgo Scopeto. *"A very polished and fine red with light dusty tannins and juicy fruity. Chocolate and orange peel. Medium body, savory finish. Drink now."* **92 pts**, JamesSuckling.com

### 2012 Caparzo, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

**(579094) \$49.95**

*"Fresh and refined, this opens with alluring aromas of wild berry, crushed herb, pressed violet and a whiff of dark spice. The vibrant medium-bodied palate offers sour cherry, pomegranate, licorice, and a hint of white pepper framed in taut fine-grained tannins."* **91 pts**, K Okeefe, Wine Enthusiast, **91 + pts**, M. Larner, Wine Advocate

**2014 Barbera d'Asti La Lippa DOC**

**(475319) \$19.95**

Susanna Galandrino started La Gironda in 2000, returning to Piedmont's Nizza's hillside vines her grandparents had once toiled over. Today she makes Moscato d'Asti, Brachetto d'Acqui and Barbera d'Asti. The wines are highly regarded in Italy where they routinely appear in Gambero Rosso and the Slow Wine Guide lauds the winery for its commitment to value for money. *"Bright cherry, berry, currant fruit with a sprig of juniper. Fruity zesty and juicy."*

**2013 Botter Amarone della Valpolicello DOC**

**(496794) \$34.95**

*"Violets, plums and a sweet whiff of pipe tobacco on the nose. Follows up with waves of dried cherries, prunes, bitter chocolate a touch of Christmas cake on the finish."* 85% Corvina /15% Rondinella blend goes into the Botter family's take on the Veneto's revered rich dry red wine.

SPAIN

**2013 Bodegas J.A. Calvo Casajus Valpidio, DO Ribera del Duero**

**(479774) \$18.95**

José Alberto Calvo Casajús is a very busy man. For one, he is the baker for the little town of Quintana del Pidio. And two, he is the winemaker and only employee of Bodegas Calvo Casajus which he founded in 1993 when he took his vines out of the Ribera del Duero Cooperative. His Valpidio is made from 40-year-old vines composed of 95% Tempranillo and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. *"The palate is light and clean, with fine tannins and very good acidity, tasty and long...Great for the vintage."* **90 pts**, L Guitierrez, *Wine Advocate*

**2011 Monte Hiniesta DO Toro**

**(489773) \$15.95**

*"The 2011 Monte Hiniesta comes from six parcels of 65-year-old vines that are cultivated biodynamically. The wine is raised in new and second year French barrels. It has a gorgeous, vivacious, ravishing bouquet of wild strawberry, maraschino cherry and dark plum that is beautifully delineated. The palate is succulent on the entry with plush tannins, crisp acidity and a compact, fruit-driven finish that deserves another two years to unfurl. The aftertaste is very long, with hints of spice and white pepper. This represents great value."* **92 pts**, N Martin, *Wine Advocate*

**2014 Alcen0 50 Barricas Premium Syrah DO Jumilla  
(398933) \$14.95**

Started in 1870, Alcen0, like most Jumilla DO wine estates, sold their grapes and wine off in bulk. In 2000, Alcen0 began to bottle under their own name. Beppi Crosariol scored the 2012 50 Barricas Syrah **90 pts**, *The Globe & Mail, January 22, 2015*. Spain's *Guia Penin*, scores the 2014, **90 pts**. While France's Gilbert and Gaillard guide awards it **92 pts**. *"Very intense ruby with purple, bordering on black. Ripe fruit notes on the nose coupled with a very elegant sensation of spice and oak. A savoury, acidic and fruity wine on the palate with fine tannins and refined toast. Excellent."* (gilbertgaillard.com, 2015).

**COMING TO VINTAGES FOR NOVEMBER and DECEMBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**FRANCE**

**2014 A Verdet, Nuits ST. Georges, 1er Cru Boudots AOP  
(442871) est \$132.95**

Born in 1981, Aurelien Verdet is an enthusiastic and driven young man. That passion and precision can be found in every one of his wines. Planted in the 1960s this parcel of Les Boutdots delivers *"black cherry and violet flavors shaded by spice and mineral details. Shows depth and structure, although this firms up in the finish. Dusty tannins coat the gums."* **94 pts**, Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, *November 2<sup>nd</sup> Classics* 6 cases

**SPAIN**

**2008 Cooperativa Agrovinicoa Nuest, Lorca Selección Monastrell, DO Bullas  
(380238) est \$16.95**

70% Monastrell and 30% Syrah blend from Spain's, Bullas DO which has the highest altitude Monastrell vines in the country. *"a brooding bouquet of mineral, game, Asian spices, violets and blueberry. Dense, layered and full-flavored."* **91 pts**, J. Miller, Wine Advocate *November 25<sup>th</sup>, 800 cases*

**DECEMBER**

**ITALY**

**2016 Botter Gran Passione IGT Veneto**

**(410704) est \$17.95**

Gran Passione is a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Corvina that is made from late-harvest grapes that are given an additional 15 days drying on the vine. This on-the-vine appassimento technique leaves the grapes with 50% of their normal at-picking water content. *“Flavours of crushed black raspberry, black cherry, plum compote and a lick of leather. Full-bodied and rich with mouth-coating soft tannins that buffer the wine’s bright acid core.”* **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 630 cases**

Wine descriptions by Lloyd Evans, unless otherwise attributed. 60 bottles or greater stock positions for all wines listed as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017