

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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LE CASALTE Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Quercetonda 2012 • \$50

Packed with sweet, ripe black cherry, blackberry, leather, spice and iron aromas and flavors, this is powerful, polished and intense. Tar and mineral elements become more pronounced on the finish, which is bound by the dense tannins. Shows terrific length. Drink now through 2030. 580 cases made.—*B.S.*

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LOUIS CHÈZE Condrieu Brèze 2015 • \$50

Gorgeous in every way, with a creamy, seductive mouthfeel, enticing notes of creamed pear, apple and melon, flashes of anise and mineral for energy, and a long, beguiling finish that lets the fruit linger beautifully. Drink now through 2022. 700 cases made.—*J.M.*

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MAZZEI Chianti Classico Castello Fonterutoli Gran Selezione 2013 • \$70

An essence of sweet cherry grounds the surrounding flavors of leather, iron, spice and tobacco in this firm red, which remains vibrant and refined. Bracing acidity and dense, muscular tannins play out on the long finish. Drink now through 2028. 5,000 cases made.—*B.S.*
