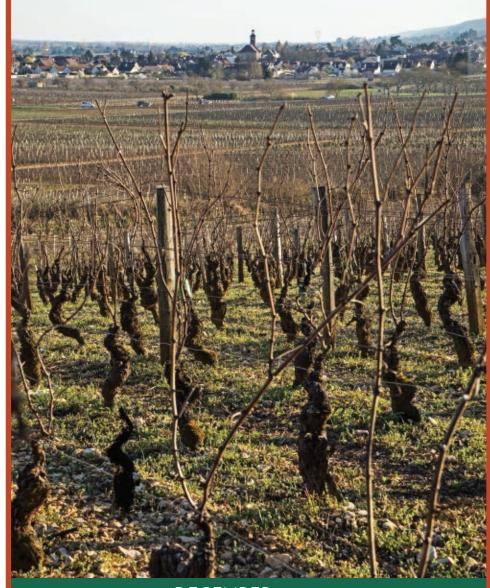
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2021 Savoie Chignin Pinot Noir André & Michel Quenard Savoie	Pinot Noir	20- to 25-year-old vines Clay, limestone scree	Serve cool 54-58° F	Drink now
2019 Sancerre Rouge Daniel Chotard <i>Loire</i>	Pinot Noir	20- to 55-year-old vines Clay, limestone, Kimmeridgian marl	Serve slightly cool 56–60° F	Drink now through 2027
2019 Marsannay Rouge " Les Longeroies Vieilles Vignes " Régis Bouvier Burgundy	Pinot Noir	50-year-old vines Clay, limestone	Serve slightly cool 58–62° F	Drink now through 2035
2020 Côte de Nuits-Villages Domaine Gachot-Monot <i>Burgundy</i>	Pinot Noir	40- to 45-year-old vines Clay, limestone	Serve slightly cool 58–62° F	Drink now though 2030
2021 Valle d'Itria Spumante Brut I Pástini <i>Puglia</i>	Verdeca	Vines planted in 2001 Red clay, limestone	Serve cold 46-50° F	Drink now
Crémant d'Alsace Brut Kuentz-Bas <i>Alsace</i>	60% Pinot Blanc, 40% Pinot Auxerrois	25- to 45-year-old vines Loess, silt, limestone	Serve cold 46–50° F	Drink now
2020 Val de Loire Chardonnay Éric Chevalier <i>Loire</i>	Chardonnay	10- to 15-year-old vines Serpentinite, eclogite, quartz	Serve cold 48–52° F	Drink now
2021 Reuilly "Les Pierres Plates" Domaine de Reuilly <i>Loire</i>	Sauvignon Blanc	23-year-old vines Clay, Kimmeridgian limestone	Serve cold 48–52° F	Drink now
2021 Île de Beauté Blanc Yves Leccia <i>Corsica</i>	70% Vermentinu, 30% Biancu Gentile	Vines planted in 2007 Clay, limestone, schist	Serve cold 48–52° F	Drink now
2019 Valtènesi "La Botte Piena" La Basia <i>Lombardy</i>	65% Groppello, 20% Barbera, 10% Sangiovese, 5% Marzemino	15- to 50-year-old vines Moraine, sandy clay	Serve cool 54–58° F	Drink now
2019 Corbières Rouge "Réserve La Demoiselle" Domaine de Fontsainte Languedoc	60% Carignan, 30% Grenache Noir, 10% Mourvèdre	Vines planted in 1904 Silica, clay, limestone, galets roulés (riverbed stones)	Serve slightly cool 58–62° F	Drink now through 2030
2021 Barbera d'Alba "Vigna Santa Caterina" Guido Porro Piedmont	Barbera	40-year-old vines Clay, limestone	Serve slightly cool 58–62° F	Drink now through 2030

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DECEMBER 2022

t's the holiday feast season! Time to dig out the specialized cookware, bone up on the old family recipes—suet pudding, anyone?—select a special bottle from the wine rack, and generally pull out all the stops. Picking the right wine for these meals can feel a little daunting, even for pros. My handy rule of thumb is if you have a lot of different dishes and flavors, go with lighter, fresher reds and whites, like Eric Chevalier's breezy, unoaked Chardonnay or La Basia's tart Valtènesi. Save the richer, more complex wines, like Yves Leccia's layered Corsican *blanc* or the red Burgundies in this month's mini-theme, for simpler meals anchored by a single dish. At the end of the day, though, the most important rule is to drink what you like, and

there's a lot to like in this month's case.

December's mini-theme highlights Pinot Noir through four French iterations, any of which would be a delicious and versatile addition to your holiday table. Quenard's Pinot Noir, from steep limestone slopes in Savoie, is light and perfumed, while Simon Chotard's Sancerre *rouge* offers more ripeness along with crunchy, high-toned fruit. The old-vine Marsannay from Régis Bouvier tastes refined and elegant, with a musky element to the deep berry fruit. Lastly, Gachot-Monot's dark, brambly, grippy Côtes de Nuits-Villages demonstrates the richness and density of the 2020 vintage. Drink and be merry! – Dustin Soiseth



2021 SAVOIE CHIGNIN PINOT NOIR + ANDRÉ & MICHEL QUENARD \$32

Ethereal Pinot Noir with notes of cherries, raspberries, and pine. A perfect picnic red, light enough for drinking on its own or pairing with crudités and charcuterie.

2019 SANCERRE ROUGE + DANIEL CHOTARD \$33

Delicious and elegant Loire Pinot Noir that perfectly captures bright, fresh fruit while maximizing depth and complexity on the palate.

2019 MARSANNAY ROUGE "LES LONGEROIES VIEILLES VIGNES"

RéGIS BOUVIER \$45
Reminiscent of black cherries, black tea, and baking spices, it pairs with all kinds of fare,
from wild mushroom polenta to roast chicken or quail.

2020 CÔTE DE NUITS-VILLAGES • DOMAINE GACHOT-MONOT \$47 The nose is subtle and elegant, the tannins are velvety and supple, and a bright, crunchy red fruitiness energizes the whole. 2021 VALLE D'ITRIA SPUMANTE BRUT + I PÁSTINI \$27

Light, crisp, and citrusy, with a playful bead that keeps the palate cleansed and refreshed. The perfect companion to a plate of fried little sea critters.

CRÉMANT D'ALSACE BRUT + KUENTZ-BAS \$28

Notes of ripe stone fruits, brioche, and wildflowers make this charming sparkler easy to quaff. A creamy, rounded, versatile fizz for all occasions.

2020 VAL DE LOIRE CHARDONNAY + ÉRIC CHEVALIER \$23

One of the zestiest, most refreshing Chardonnays we import. Crisp and citrusy, with the slightest hint of salinity, it offers one of the best ways to start a night.

2021 REUILLY "LES PIERRES PLATES" + DOMAINE DE REUILLY \$26

Consistently one of the Loire's finest Sauvignon Blancs, showing delicate lime and floral suggestions that sleekly envelop a chalky core. Enjoy it with oysters or fresh goat cheese.

2021 ÎLE DE BEAUTÉ BLANC + YVES LECCIA \$37

A thirst-quencher that perfectly summarizes the appeal of island wines. Sun-ripened fruit, sea-mist salinity, and fresh herbs bring Mediterranean vineyards straight to your glass.

2019 VALTÈNESI "LA BOTTE PIENA" + LA BASIA \$19

With a slight chill this under-the-radar rosso is about as gulpable as they come, offering loads of fresh fruit, a peppery crunch, bright acidity, and light, smooth tannins.

2019 CORBIÈRES ROUGE "RÉSERVE LA DEMOISELLE" • DOMAINE DE FONTSAINTE \$23 Featuring the soul and depth that can only come from century-old vines, it evokes strawberries and blackberries, stones and garrigue, and the faintest hint of black olives.

2021 BARBERA D'ALBA "VIGNA SANTA CATERINA" • GUIDO PORRO \$28 For pasta dinner, it checks all the boxes: ripe berry fruit with cleansing acidity; richness contrasted by vivaciousness. It will cut through even the heartiest tomato-based ragus.

