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on the finish, with thick, velvety tannins. Drink now through 2034. 1,000 cases made, 750 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Tait Shiraz McLaren Vale The Border Crossing 2015 \$23** A lovely mix of toasted cumin, chicory and nutmeg spiciness is set against a dense and succulent core of blackberry and blueberry flavors, with a thread of vanilla bean. The tannins are dense, yet velvety and smooth, and the finish lingers. Drink now through 2032. 1,108 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Yalumba Shiraz-Viognier Eden Valley Hand Picked 2016 \$40** Fresh plum, cherry and red licorice flavors show an herbal edge, with rye toast and a dash of marmalade. The tannins are thick and appealing, lingering on the finish, accented by whiffs of smoke, sandalwood and black tea. Shiraz and Viognier. Drink now through 2036. 1,000 cases made, 100 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Yangarra Estate Shiraz McLaren Vale King's Wood 2017 \$50** Spicy and complex, featuring tobacco, cedar and chocolate-covered coffee bean notes that add plenty of detail to the core of currant and plum flavors. The spiciness continues to linger on the plush, velvety finish. Drink now through 2035. 498 cases made, 100 cases imported.—M.W.

**89 Tait The Ball Buster Barossa Valley 2016 \$23** Robust, featuring wild blackberry and blueberry flavors at the core, with freshly clipped sage and rosemary details and a lingering spicy cigar box aroma. The tannins are dense and appealingly chewy. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2032. 8,220 cases made, 8,000 cases imported.—M.W.

**88 Cape Mentelle Shiraz-Cabernet Margaret River 2017 \$22** A savory accent weaves in and out among the juicy notes of raspberry preserves and plum, with cedary overtones and a dash of cigar box on the finish. Firming tannins. Shiraz and Cabernet. Drink now through 2031. 80,000 cases made, 20,000 cases imported.—M.W.

**87 Robert Oatley Shiraz McLaren Vale Signature Series 2017 \$20** Toasted caraway seed and cedar notes add a spicy component to the core of ripe cherry and plum flavors, set on a smooth frame. A detail of black tea emerges on the firming finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases imported.—M.W.

## AUSTRALIA

### Other

**95 Yalumba Tawny Australia 50 Years Old Rare NV \$240** Intriguing, with thick and creamy toffee and butterscotch notes that start out rich and viscous. A bolt of alcohol midpalate and peaty, Scotch-like roasted barley details keep this from becoming too sweet. Saline, cigar box, espresso, orange zest and toasted cumin accents show on the finish. Begs for another sip. Drink now through 2040. 100 cases made, 25 cases imported.—M.W.

**93 Yalumba Tawny Australia 30 Years Old Fine NV \$120** Thick and viscous, built around a core of black walnut liqueur flavors. Shows precision to the cinnamon, blood orange and molasses details, while a thread of acidity keeps the flavors fresh and not cloying. Drink now through 2034. 215 cases made, 50 cases imported.—M.W.

**92 Cullen Chardonnay Margaret River Kevin John Wilyabrup 2017 \$109** Precise and focused, with terrific purity and juiciness to the pear, Meyer lemon and dried pineapple flavors. Hints of butterscotch, spice and dried flowers linger on the finish. Drink now. 50 cases imported.—M.W.

wonderfully smooth, succulent body. Precise details of nutmeg and litsea essential oil linger on the long, expressive finish. Drink now. 700 cases made, 50 cases imported.—M.W.

**91 d'Arenberg The Noble Mud Pie Adelaide 2017 \$20/375ml** Marzipan, dried papaya and pineapple upside-down cake flavors are unctuous and appealingly juicy on the finish, showing off style and harmony. Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Pinot Gris. Drink now through 2033. 200 cases imported.—M.W.

**91 Yalumba Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra The Menzies 2014 \$58** An elegant red, with currant and strawberry flavors showing restraint, accented by loam and toasted herb notes. Shows off sage, rosemary and mineral details. A spicy tobacco hint lingers. The tannins are firm but never get in the way of expression. Drink now through 2033. 2,000 cases made, 80 cases imported.—M.W.

**91 Yalumba Tawny Australia 21 Years Old NV \$90** Rich and unctuous, showing off an appealing edge of brown sugar and Bourbon to the sticky toffee pudding flavors at the core. Details of nutmeg, tobacco and orange zest emerge on the warm finish. Drink now through 2035. 200 cases made, 50 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Ashton Hills Pinot Noir Adelaide Hills Reserve 2018 \$70** Offers fragrant details of dried violet, spice and chicory on a supple frame, surrounding a core of framboise and cherry flavors. Finishes with firming tannins and a note of sarsaparilla. Drink now through 2030. 350 cases made, 50 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Mollydooker Cabernet Sauvignon McLaren Vale Giggiepot 2018 \$55** Rich and opulent, with notes of chicory, chai tea, caramel and cream soda surrounding a core of kirsch, maraschino cherry and framboise. The tannins are polished and smooth, with a generous, spicy finish. Drink now through 2035. 2,403 cases made, 462 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Thorn-Clarke Cabernet Sauvignon Eden Valley William Randell 2017 \$50** Elegant and polished, with a distinctive floral overtone to the plum and kirsch flavors. Lush and rich, this shows off details of dark chocolate, black licorice and baking spices, finishing with a thread of cedar and firming tannins. Drink now through 2035. 275 cases made, 50 cases imported.—M.W.

**90 Tyrrell's Chardonnay Hunter Valley HVD Old Vines 2017 \$140** Intense and vivid, with wonderful purity to the lemon meringue, lime zest and green apple flavors. Succulent and mouthwateringly crisp. A thread of minerality lingers. Drink now. 300 cases made, 20 cases imported.—M.W.

**86 Nugan Estate Chardonnay Australia Third Generation 2018 \$12** Butterscotch and peach flavors are bright, showing off touches of lime zest and spice on the finish, backed by a smooth, juicy, easy-drinking frame. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 3,000 cases imported.—M.W.

## AUSTRIA

**94 Bründlmayer Riesling Kamptal Heiligenstein Alte Reben Reserve 2012 \$89** This has developed beautifully, showing freshness and focus. The array of orchard and citrus fruit flavors is backed by notes of lavender, blanched almond and pine. Concentrated, yet elegant and explosive, with a long finish that invites you back for more. Drink now through 2032. 124 cases imported.—A.Z.

**93 Alzinger Riesling Smaragd Wachau Ried Höhereck 2018 \$53** This falls gently and silkily on the palate, displaying grace. Concentrated flavors of kiwifruit, kumquat and nectarine follow, with hints of pine. Salty accents emerge toward the finish, while a persistent saffron element lingers. Best from 2023 through 2038. 125 cases imported.—A.Z.



**93 Bründlmayer Riesling Kamptal Ried Heiligenstein Lyra 2018 \$79** The firm acidity, crunchy minerality and expressive flavors show beautiful tension. Glossy, with notes of melon, quince, jasmine and coriander all in harmony. A bit tight at the moment, but should open up nicely with a few years in the cellar. Best from 2022 through 2037. 115 cases imported.—A.Z.

**93 Muhr-van der Niepoort Blaufränkisch Carnuntum Samt & Seide 2017 \$30** A seductive expression, with a velvety texture. The palate shows great purity, featuring flavors of mulberry, currant and rose tea, underscored by spice and mineral notes. Very elegant, but doesn't lack flavor or length, displaying impressive range and light tannins. Drink now through 2035. 50 cases imported.—A.Z.

**93 Prieler Blaufränkisch Leithaberg Oggau am Neusiedlersee Ried Marienthal 2016 \$107** Dark and brooding, with a chalky quality adding to the firmness of the tannic structure, while rich berry fruit and floral details emerge midpalate and linger on the persistent finish. Concentrated and ripe, yet balanced and complex. Should develop nicely in several years. Best from 2022 through 2036. 106 cases imported.—A.Z.

**92 Alzinger Riesling Smaragd Wachau Ried Liebenberg 2018 \$49** Suave and graceful, with finely integrated acidity plowing through the mix of citrus, orchard and stone fruit, reaching for a marathon finish. Spice and mineral accents add to the complexity, but this needs more time to open up. Best from 2023 through 2036. 134 cases imported.—A.Z.

**92 Muhr-van der Niepoort Grüner Veltliner Carnuntum Prellenkirchen 2018 \$33** An expansive version, with notes of marzipan and thyme framing the core of apple and pear flavors. This wine emphasizes minerality and texture, featuring a silky profile that shows a touch of chalkiness. Long and mouthwatering. Drink now through 2028. 30 cases imported.—A.Z.

**92 Prieler Blaufränkisch Leithaberg 2017 \$53** A modern expression, with lots of extraction, balanced by the firm tannins and mineral elements. Baking spice notes add to the complexity but are not quite integrated yet, so give this a few more years to open up fully. Best from 2022 through 2032. 117 cases imported.—A.Z.

**92 Prieler Blaufränkisch Leithaberg Ried Goldberg 2015 \$107** Pure and elegant, with damson plum and currant flavors, showing hints of cocoa and blood orange. Very smooth, featuring finely grained tannins that impart just enough support to keep this honest and balanced. This has opened up nicely, but will age gracefully due to its acidity. Drink now through 2034. 106 cases imported.—A.Z.

**91 Judith Beck Burgenland Heideboden 2017 \$36** Very charming, featuring an impressive range of floral and fruit elements, accented by blackberry and sanguine notes. Smooth and complex, with lovely minerality adding to the overall impression. The finish lingers, inviting you back for more. Blaufränkisch and Zweigelt. Drink now through 2028. 600 cases made, 150 cases imported.—A.Z.

**91 Hiedler Riesling Kamptal Gaisberg Reserve 2018 \$39** An elegant white, offering notes of ground ginger, clementine and daisy. Features mouthwatering acidity that imparts firmness and vibrancy, with a grippy edge midpalate. Spice and mineral accents emerge on the finish. Best from 2022 through 2030. 113 cases imported.—A.Z.

**90 Högl Riesling Federspiel Wachau J&G 2018 \$22** Notes of mint and juniper mingle with concentrated clementine oil and roasted pineapple flavors. Crunchy, with spice and mineral elements emerging on the leesy finish. Focused and long. Drink now through 2028. 50 cases imported.—A.Z.

## FRANCE

### Beaujolais

**92 Jean-Paul & Charly Thévenet Morgon Vieilles Vignes 2018 \$37** This open-knit, glossy, light-bodied red offers cherry, peach and apricot notes in an elegant profile. Accents of floral, berry tea and herb impart depth through the mineral finish. Drink now through 2025. 735 cases imported.—G.S.

**91 Guy Breton Morgon Vieilles Vignes 2018 \$37** Delicately laced flavors of cherry, peach and currant are accented by rose water, tea and anise notes in this light-bodied red. Undertones of mineral gain traction on the spicy finish. Light tannins. Drink now through 2025. 490 cases imported.—G.S.

**91 Domaine Chignard Fleurie Les Moriers 2018 \$27** This offers an elegant touch to the plush red cherry and wild raspberry fruit, focused with a vibrant, integrated acidity. Underpinnings of rose petal, mineral and spice linger well into the finish. Very pretty. Drink now through 2025. 950 cases imported.—G.S.

**91 Château Thivin Brouilly Reverdon 2018 \$26** See Smart Buys, page 111.

**90 Nicole Chanrion Côte de Brouilly Domaine de la Voûte des Crozes 2018 \$24** Raspberry and tart cherry flavors are flanked by smoke, herb and rose petal notes in this supple red, accented by elements of spice. Offers plush tannins on the licorice-tinged finish. Drink now through 2024. 1,700 cases imported.—G.S.

**90 Château Thivin Côte de Brouilly 2018 \$37** Peppery aromas line the tart cherry and red currant notes of this mineral red. Details of herb, smoke and licorice drop echo on the lightly tannic, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2023. 835 cases imported.—G.S.

**87 Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Flower Label 2018 \$12** Light-bodied but with good density to the black cherry, floral and currant notes, this red offers mineral, tea and spice hints along the subtly tannic finish. Drink now through 2023. 20,000 cases made, 2,500 cases imported.—G.S.

**87 Louis Jadot Beaujolais 2018 \$14** Raspberry and cherry flavors are fresh and focused in this spice-tinged red, with tangy acidity marking the spice and mineral details on the finish. Light tannins. Drink now through 2023. 30,000 cases imported.—G.S.

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### Bordeaux

**91 Château Latour-Martillac Pessac-Léognan White 2017 \$39** White peach, lemon peel, shortbread and honeysuckle notes are all in the mix here. A kiss of brioche on the vibrant, racy finish leaves a flattering echo. Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now through 2023. 2,100 cases made, 400 cases imported.—J.M.

**87 Barton & Guestier Bordeaux White Petite Nancy 2018 \$12** Fresh, with a lemon zest-dusted core of white peach and star fruit flavors. Shows a light honeysuckle echo on the finish. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now. 8,750 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.—J.M.

**87 Château de Parenchère Bordeaux Supérieur 2017 \$15** Friendly cherry and plum sauce flavors lead the way, backed by moderate structure, easy toast and lingering cedar and savory echoes. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now. 9,000 cases made, 3,000 cases imported.—J.M.

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