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plus **PAIRING CHALLENGE: NOLA GUMBO & WINE**

Barão de Vilar \$13
2016 Douro Proeza (Portugal, 91 points) Álvaro van Zeller makes this wine from Douro Superior grapes, a blend of touriga franca, tinta roriz, tinta cão and tinta barroca. The flavors burst with blueberry freshness and a crush of strawberries, the fat sweetness of the fruit tended by green notes of peppercorn and basil. A supple and happy Douro red. —J.G. (*W&S* 2/21) *Regal Wine Imports, Moorestown, NJ*

Pareto's Estate \$15
2019 Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel (California, 91 points) Classic warm-region zinfandel from Lodi, this wine is juicy and bright from the moment it's poured. A simple dark-berry scent carries over to its flavors, all delivered with a rich core of fruit that is in no way baked, and a tangy finish for grilled chicken. —P.J.C. (1,225 cases)

Aniello \$17
2017 Patagonia Riverside Estate 006 Malbec (Argentina, 91 points) From an estate in Mainque, in the upper Rio Negro Valley, this grows in two sandy parcels: one with loam, the other with alluvial stones. They produced a fine-boned malbec in 2017, with a salted-licorice note to the black-cherry fruit, and sinewy tannins. —T.Q.T. (*W&S* 10/20) *Global Vineyard Importers, Berkeley, CA*

Montes \$17
2017 Colchagua Valley Twins (Chile, 91 points) Tempranillo makes up only ten percent of this blend, syrah 30, but together they tip the balance toward a Mediterranean feel, taking cabernet and carmenère in a ripe, floral direction. A fresh herb character and an earthiness, like pressed flowers, highlights the fragrant red fruit of the wine, keeping it high toned and spicy. —J.G. (*W&S* 10/20) *Kobrand, Purchase, NY*

Pikes \$17
2018 Clare Valley Los Compañeros Shiraz Tempranillo (Australia, 91 points) Here's a steal: Plump tempranillo adds fruit to the spicy black-pepper notes of shiraz, giving this wine the feel of a ripe Rioja. There's a lovely umami gloss to the tannins, taking it to Logroño for a plate of wild mushrooms sautéed with garlic, or to Adelaide for seared tuna over a salad of avocado, arugula and orange slices. —J.G. (*W&S* 2/21) *Winebow Imports, NY*



Fournier \$18
2019 Vin de France F de Fournier Pinot Noir (France, 91 points) This pinot grows in clay soils in Touraine, where it produced a rather austere, pretty 2019. The fruit—crunchy cherry and cherry pit—frames savory flavors of black tea leaves and earthy morels. Light enough to drink on its own, it would be comfortable next to mild cured meats. —C.W. (*W&S* 4/21) *David Milligan Selections, Ridgefield, CT*

Sauska \$18
2016 Villany Cuvée 13 (Hungary, 91 points) A blend of cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon, syrah and merlot, this is brisk and herbal, with tobacco scents to its black-currant fruit. Fine-grit tannins give it the muscle to pair with duck breast or hanger steak. —T.Q.T. (*W&S* 12/20) *Trinity Beverage Group, NY*

Duorum \$11
2018 Douro Tons de Duorum (Portugal, 90 points) This is a stainless steel-fermented blend of estate-grown fruit, half of it touriga franca, the balance touriga nacional and tinta roriz. It spends three months in American and French oak barrels, yielding a wine with strawberry-ripe sweetness and rosemary scents to its tannins—a simple red marked by the schist terroir of the Douro. —J.G. (*W&S* 2/21) *Winebow Imports, NY*

Alta Vista \$12
2019 Mendoza Vive Malbec (Argentina, 90 points) This is a bargain at the price, a smooth, lush malbec with summery brightness to its red fruit. Notes of anise and green pepper bring it freshness, while the bitter-chocolate tannins give it the edge to stand up to slow-roasted pork shoulder. —T.Q.T. (*W&S* 10/20) *Kobrand, Purchase, NY*

Brumont \$12
2016 Madiran Petit Torus (France, 90 points) This tannat includes 20 percent each of cabernets sauvignon and franc, providing some of the red-fruited tannins and spice that give it lift. It's broad, and a bit funky, with the scent of an artisanal leather shop; it might find a home next to roasted fall mushrooms with a vegetable jus. —C.W. *Regal Wine Imports, Moorestown, NJ*

Familia Traversa \$12
2019 Montevideo Tannat (Uruguay, 90 points) Robed in purple fruit, this combines plum and dark raspberry flavors with salty Atlantic freshness. Ripe and soft (for tannat), this is a clean red to pour with charcuterie. —J.G. *American Estates Wines, Summit, NJ*

Feudi di Santa Tresa \$13
2018 Cerasuolo di Vittoria (Italy, 90 points) This blend combines cask-aged nero d'Avola with 40 percent frappato aged in stainless steel. The result is a tasty wine with a generous core of mixed berry flavors accented by notes of licorice and crunchy herbs. A serious value proposition for week-night roast chicken. —S.J. (*W&S* 10/20) *Vias Imports, NY*

Waterbrook \$13
2018 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (Washington, 90 points) This cabernet totally overdelivers in its succulent red-berry fruit and firm, slightly herbaceous phenolic notes, grippy but ultimately balanced. It's an excellent foil for lamb chops. —P.J.C. (*W&S* 12/20)

Domaine d'Aussières \$14
2017 Pays d'Oc Château d'Aussières (France, 90 points) Bordeaux meets the Mediterranean in this red from the Corbières estate of Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite). A blend of syrah, marselan, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, franc and other varieties grown on the lower altitudes of the estate, it's earthy and elegant, with notes of black currant and pencil lead, olive and herb, and fine tannins. —T.Q.T. *Taub Family Selections, Boca Raton, FL*

H3 \$15
2018 Horse Heaven Hills (Washington, 90 points) Smooth in all facets, this blend of syrah, merlot and cabernet sauvignon has scents of warm raspberries and strawberries, with a mentholated tobacco-like spice. It's sapid and persistent, the dark-cherry flavors delivering a mineral tang. For barbecue. —P.J.C. (*W&S* 12/20)