the sauce

BUDDLES
Elegant, always festive, and a favorite of bridesmaids (and somms) everywhere!

Poema Cava NV (Penedes, SP)  
Refreshing notes of peaches, pears, and toasted bread. Just a hint of spice on the finish.

Veue de Vernay Brut Rosé NV (France)  
With flavors of strawberry and aromas of rose petals, this wine might be the ultimate aphrodisiac.

Moet & Chandon Brut Imperial Split (France)  
Brioche and roasted hazelnut, toasted bread and ripe lemon apricot are the dominant aromas.

PERFECT MATCH  
Crisp, clean and racy. These are great with food or just to whet your whistle.

Prà Soave Classico Otto 2018 (Veneto, IT)  
Beautiful fruity structure with a clear mineral freshness and flavor. 100% Garganega from one of the regions benchmark producers.

Pazo de Barrantes Albariño 2017 (Rías Baixas, SP)  
Showcases pear, nectarine, orchard fruit, and fresh flowers. One of the best seafood wines.

Silverado 'Miller Ranch' Sauvignon Blanc 2018 (Napa, CA)  
All estate fruit from a climate “sweet spot” in the Napa Valley. Tart and tropical with notes of tangerine and grapefruit.

EROGENOUS ZONE  
Seductive, aromatic, and ravishingly elegant with tropical notes so vivid you’ll think you’ve died and woke up in a Henry Miller novel. Take a walk on the wild side!

Boundary Breaks Ovid Line North Riesling 2017 (Finger Lakes, NY)  
Brisk and concentrated with green apple, Bartlett pear, blood orange and mango notes.

Éric Chevalier Chardonnay 2017 (Loire Valley, FR)  
From a storied winemaking family in the maritime part of the Loire valley, this elegant Chardonnay brings a distinct mineral aroma to its crisp base of melon, green apple, and citrus.

Fritz Russian River Valley Chardonnay 2016 (Cloverdale, CA)  
A medium bodied, silky Chardonnay on your palate, you will be tantalized with aromas from Meyer lemon to apricot, vanilla and melon flowing through to your palate. Fritz Winery is still family owned and operated, and focuses on all things surrounding sustainability, quality and tradition!
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BY THE GLASS SPARKLING/WHITE

ROSÉ

Fresh and vibrant. Add a little pink to your day.

Pierre et Papa 2018 (Languedoc, FR)  11  44
Bursting with red fruits, lychee and green apple, a perfect balance of roundness and length which makes for an easy drinking wine for all seasons.

EASY LIKE SUNDAY MORNING

Whether driving to church or lounging by the pool... light, fruit driven and food friendly.

Tornatore Etna Rosso 2016 (Sicily, IT)  13  52
Wines from Sicily are quickly becoming the best value in Italian wine. This wine, made from Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio, has tons of bright cherry and nice minerality from being grown on a volcano.

Stafford Hill Pinot Noir 2017 (Willamette Valley, OR)  16  64
Coming to us from Holloran Vineyard Wines, this elegant Oregon expression boasts darker fruit, cinnamon and clove, with a hint of earthiness.

HE AINT HEAVY, HE’S MY BROTHER

Fuller bodied with rich tannins and some good old-fashioned cojones.

Marqués de Cáceres, Rioja Crianza 2015 (Rioja, SP)  13  52
An attractive color with luminous highlights, this tempranillo and grenache blend boasts soft spice with refined oak, and a depth of jammy red berry fruits on the nose. Luscious and intense on tasting.
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with pleasant tannins that mingle with fresh and mature fruit. Finishes with delicious, long-lasting flavors.

Domini Veneti Appassimento 2017 (Veneto, IT) 14 56
This ruby, garnet hinted wine is full bodied and round, with soft tannins and a long finish full of spiced notes of vanilla and cherry. The grapes are left to dry for 60 days prior to maceration, obtaining a higher concentration of flavor, and then aged in wood barrels.

Bodega Garzón, Cabernet Franc Reserva 2017 (Uruguay) 16 64
This passion project from Alejandro Bulgheroni and his wife, Bettina, is intense, dark, and packed with flavor. Layers of soft tannins, prunes and ripe blackberries combine with fresh notes of eucalyptus and mint, making it delightfully complex.

BY THE GLASS REDS

ROSÉ

Minuty 2017 (Provence, FR) 66
Light and bright. A blend of Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah – Minuty has aromas of orange peel and flavors of strawberry and redburrant.

Matthiasson 2017 (California) 79
Citrusy aromas and clean flavors will complement the wonderful fare that you’ll come across at TAG, as well as the beautiful weather typical of Colorado. Syrah, Grenache, Counoise, and Mourvèdre.

SPARKLING

Jean-Baptiste Adam Crémant d’Alsace NV (Alsace, FR) 63
Crémants are one of the best secrets in French sparkling. Full, bright, pure and refreshing with stone fruit, white flowers and citrus.

Iron Horse Wedding Cuvée 2013 (Russian River Valley, CA) 83
Serious but fun. Dry and elegant with notes of peach, raspberry and blood orange. Cel-e-brate good times!

Billecart Salmon Brut NV (Ay, FR) 127
Wonderful aromas of fresh flowers, sliced pears and peaches. Full and fresh with layers of tropical fruit.
Veue Clicquot Rosé NV (Reims, FR)  
This widow knows her bubbles! The perfect balance of elegance and flair, this rose holds up to be among the best. Ripe strawberry and raspberry on brioche toast. A delightful addition to any day of the week.

Bollinger Grande Année 2004 (Ay, FR)  
Poised between elegance and complexity. Smooth and textured with great length. An exceptional vintage.

PINOT GRIGIO

Silvio Jermann Pinot Grigio 2016/2017 (Venezia, IT)  
The best value in Pinot Grigio out there. A little fuller than your average PG, this baby sings with acidity and has a finish that lasts forever.

Bechtold ‘Silberberg’ Pinot Gris 2016 (Alsace, FR)  
Richness and focus that is commonly associate with French wine shines through in this Pinot Gris. Pure and elegant with lush stone fruit. You’ll be glad you did.

BY THE BOTTLE SPARKLING & MORE

INTERESTING WHITES

Cordero Langhe Arneis 2016/17 (Piedmont, IT)  
Named for the grape which it is made, Arneis means ‘rascal’ in Piedmontese. Crisp and racy with intense white peach notes, hazelnuts and acacia blossoms.

Thomas Fogarty Gewürztraminer 2015 (Monterey, CA)
Let's get spicy! Beautiful California Gewurz has a little bit of everything, ginger spice, rose, and jasmine tea. Just a touch of sweetness balances out the edgy acidity.

**Bosoni ‘Lunae’ Vermentino 2016 (Colli di Luni, IT)**
Simply stunning with mouthwatering, candied lemon, gun flint, and a honeyed finish. This Vermentino is grown on the Ligurian border and is a light, refreshing, and scintillating wine that will keep you (and us) coming back for more!

**Ojai ‘Roll Ranch’ Viognier 2017 (Ventura, CA)**
Beautiful aromatics and a fresh, lively palate displaying notes of tropical fruit, nectarine, apricot, citrus and white flowers.

**Arndorfer ‘Stasser Weinberge’ Grüner Veltliner 2017 (Kamptal, AU)**
Crazy richness and texture for a Grüner. A whisper of oak creates another dimension, softening Grüner’s natural angles. As Martin Arndorfer says, ‘This a wine that will make you happy.’

**François Pinon ‘Silex Noir’ Vouvray 2017 (Loire Valley, FR)**
Quintessential Vouvray. Medium bodied with big floral nose, savory quince and crisp apple. Demi-Sec.

**Robert Weil Riesling Tradition Kabinett 2016 (Rheingau, DE)**
100% estate from one of Germany’s most highly regarded winemakers. Silky smooth with bright citrus, impeccable balance and long finish.

**Borgo del Tiglio Collio Friulano 2015 (Friuli, IT)**
lively and fruit-driven with notes of citrus and almond, and often a touch of minerality.

**Foreau Vouvray Demi-Sec 2003 (Loire, FR)**
Phillipe Foreau only makes this wine in the most exceptional of vintages, and then doesn’t let us get our hands on it for several years after that. Finally after 15 years, you can enjoy this perfect example of French Chenin Blanc.

*BY THE BOTTLE WHITES (1, 2)*

*SAUVIGNON BLANC*
the sauce

Quivira ‘Fig Tree’ 2017 (Dry Creek Valley, CA)
Said it before and we’ll say it again- Hugh Chapelle makes one the the best Sauv Blancs EVER! Bursting with tropical fruit, strong and zippy, makes us want just one more sip!

Lieu Dit 2016 (Santa Ynez Valley, CA)
Grapes harvested from Happy Valley in Santa Ynez should make you happy, and this wine delivers on that promise. This is super complex with notes of mint, lychee, fig, melon, and pear.

Davis Bynum ‘Virginia’s Block’ 2017/18 (Russian River Valley, CA)
The guiding principle behind this wine has always been and will forever be to let the land speak... of the Russian River Valley. Wonderful notes of tropical fruit, peach, and lemon pie.

Régis Minet Pouilly Fumé ‘Vieilles Vignes’ 2016/17 (Loire Valley, FR)
The Loire pumps out mouth-watering Sauvignon Blancs. Bright acidity is accompanied by a flexy texture that demonstrates the sophistication of these wines.

Peregrine 2018 (Central Otago, NZ)
New Zealand Sauv Blanc at its best! Bright notes of lime, lemongrass, and green pear. Those Kiwis sure know how to make some darn good, refreshing wine.

CHARDONNAY

Walter Hansel Estate 2016 (Russian River Valley, CA)
Judiciously integrated oak, perfectly balanced, classic California. This wine delivers on every level.

Olivier Leflaive ‘Les Sétilles’ 2017 (Burgundy, FR)
An amazing value in the world of French chardonnay, this one drinks like a Chablis with tart apple and lemon, impeccable juice.

Talley ‘Oliver’s Vineyard’ 2015 (Edna Valley, CA)
Calling all of you wine nerds. Only 436 cases made of this gorgeous chard grown only four miles from the coast. Aged on its lees for 15 months, you’ll get brightness up front finished with notes of pear and almond.

Ramey ‘Platt Vineyard’ 2014 (Sonoma Coast, CA)
Butter, citrus, sweet spice, banana, crème brûlée, ginger and golden honey mark this single vineyard offering from one of Cali’s best.

Chateau Montelena 2016 (Napa Valley, CA)
Ever since the Tasting of Paris, Chateau Montelena’s stature has grown. Amazingly complex with notes of ripe peach, pear, and clove, order one of these and get Bottle Shocked.

BY THE BOTTLE WHITES (1, 2)

LIGHT AND LIVELY
Light bodied reds from around the world that are eminently quaffable.
Renato Ratti Ochetti Nebbiolo 2017 (Piedmont, IT) 50
Class and spontaneous vivacity are the distinguishing characteristics of this wine. The typical sandy soil gives lots of finesse and a very delicate aromas of violets, wild raspberry, bitter almond and mild cinnamon.

Copain ‘Tous Ensemble’ Pinot Noir 2016 (Sonoma Coast, CA) 68
Aromas of rose petels, Santa Rosa plum skins, and fresh raspberries. Ripe cherries and orange peels also present themselves on the palate with a silky texture and lingering finish.

Sineann Pisa Terrace Pinot Noir 2015 (Central Otago, NZ) 77
A straightforward example of Central Otago Pinot Noir, this shows notes of dark cherry, brambly fruit and mocha, accompany powerful yet fine grained tannins and balanced acidity. Oak spice and a slightly savory quality meet on the finish. Drink now.

Sokol Blosser Pinot Noir 2016 (Dundee Hills, OR) 84
One of the first families to pioneer winemaking endeavors in Oregon — shows the original is sometimes the best! The Dundee Hills epitomizes Sokol Blosser with harmonious flavors of black cherry, raspberry and earth.

Domaine Lapierre Morgon 2016/17 (Beaujolais, FR) 88
The brother and sister team of Domaine Lapierre created a masterpiece. A really rich and vibrant bouquet of red currant and dark cherry is rounded out by subtle tannins. Fresh and refined.

Sass Estate Pinot Noir 2016 (Willamette Valley, OR) 90
A big wine, yet still elegant and nuanced. Dark fruit notes with elegant red-cherry brightness. White pepper spice and truffly earth underneath; fine tannin, silky texture, lingering finish.

Emeritus ‘Hallberg Ranch’ Pinot Noir 2015 (Russian River Valley, CA) 92 (750ml) / 180 (1.5L)
Warm and inviting aromas with a luscious palate mixed of red and black fruit.

Domaine Dominique Guyon Hautes Cotes de Nuits 2015 (Burgundy, FR) 94
You shouldn’t be able to get Burgundy this good for this price. This terroir driven bottle is bright ruby red just oozes elegance and complexity.

Salem Wine Company Hills Pinot Noir 2017 (Eola-Amity Hills, OR) 110
Natural, indigenous fermentation techniques encourage soft extraction of the tannins. Aged with no new oak, the purity of the fruit is highlighted and offers immediate pleasure upon release.

Merry Edwards Pinot Noir 2016 (Russian River Valley, CA) 132
One of California’s first female winemakers, Merry’s Pinots show a level of finesse not often found outside of Burgundy. The typical cherry of RRV is accompanied by flavors of plum, cola, milk chocolate, and mushroom.

Bitouzet-Prieur Volnay 1er Cru “Les Mitans” 2013 (Volnay, FR) 149
A committed classicist, Vincent Bitouzet produces structured, demanding, age-worthy, satisfying wines, both red and white, from the heart of the Cote de Beaune. The nose is just a little bit woody, with black fruits aromas and violet smells. A very meaty and powerful wine.

BY THE BOTTLE REDS (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

THE MIDDLE CHILDREN
the sauce

Just like Goldilocks, these medium bodied bottles are juuuuust right.

Rojac Refošk 2015 (Istra, Slovenia)
A dark, dense, rich beauty from Slovenia’s indigenous Refosco grape- revered by the ancient Romans for its healthful properties. Plum and dark chocolate round out its rustic palate. Here’s to your health!

La Torre ‘Ampelio’ 2015 (Tuscany, IT)
This killer red blend is one of the best-kept secrets in Brunello. Medium-bodied and dry with dried cherries and layers of intense concentration. Sangiovese Grosso with Alicante and Ciliegiolo.

Domaine de Boissan ‘Gigondas Vielles Vignes’ 2016 (Rhône, FR)
A rich, dark ruby blend of berries, cherry compote, licorice and allspice, cassis and bitter cherry. 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah.

Ojai ‘John Sebastiano Vineyard’ Grenache 2016 (Santa Barbara County, CA)
Deep, lush, dark fruit with aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, candied flowers and peppery spices.

Peraj Petita 2017 (Montsant, SP)
60% old vine Garnacha with a smattering of Tempranillo, Merlot and Syrah. Rich, bright and sumptuous with surprising depth and nuance.

Allegrini ‘La Grola’ 2014 (Verona, IT)
A single vineyard beast that will impress anyone. Currant, espresso, and smoked figs blend harmoniously with a slight herbal backbone. A great drinker from the moment you pop it. 90% Corvina, 10% Oseleta

Birichino ‘Scylla’ 2017 (Santa Cruz, CA)
A debut vintage for this blend, made from Carignan vines that date back to the 1920s, as well as 100+ year Grenache and Mourvedre vines. Silky but toothsome, with a floral, aromatic nose of red and black fruits and a lingering, spicy finish.

De Forville Barbaresco 2015/16 (Piedmont, IT)
A big, elegant wine of pale colour. Dark cherries and leather with earthy hints, and a rose perfume, a charming, well integrated wine with a long finish. Muscular tannins give the wine a solid backbone.

Chapoutier ‘La Bernardine’ 2015 (Châteauneuf-du-Pape, FR)
A staple in the Rhone Valley for over 200 years, the Chapoutier house outdid itself with this elegant Châteauneuf-du-Pape that draws you in with its juicy black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors and keeps you intrigued with its slowly building tannins that add shape with every new sip.

BY THE BOTTLE REDS (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
THE WORLD IS A BIG PLACE
It's not just Napa that makes the big, bad reds. Taste these beauties from around the world.

Chateau Musar ‘Jeune Red’ 2015 (Bekaa Valley, Lebanon) 56
A country with such beautiful history is bound to have some smokin’ (and smoky) wines. Cab, Syrah and Cinsault with a rich palate of red berries and a sprinkle of vanilla and cinnamon.

Colomé Auténtico Malbec 2017 (Salta, AR) 72
High altitude and 90 year old vines bring structure and complexity to this inky dark offering from one of Argentina’s oldest producers. Black cherries, mulberries, fig and ripe tannins.

Château Lassègue ‘Les Cadrans’ Grand Cru 2014 (St. Émilion, FR) 75
Rich, aromatic Cab Franc married to the Old Vine Merlot of Bordeaux’s Right Bank. Seasoned with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, this beauty has power and elegance from the moment it’s opened.

Buglioni ‘il Bugiardo’ Valpolicella Ripasso 2013/14 (Verona, IT) 75
Dark and concentrated enough that a group of Italian wine critics were so shocked that they were not drinking Amarone that they called it ‘il Bugiardo’ or ‘liar’. The name stuck.

Olga Raffault Chinon ‘Les Picasses’ 2017 (Loire, FR) 83
This Loire Valley Cab Franc has its big boy pants on. Cracked black pepper, green pepper, purple fruits and pencil lead.

Blason D’Issan Grand Cru Classe 2015 (Margaux, FR) 95
From one of Bordeaux’s most prestigious appellations, this Cabernet Sauvignon driven beauty is fresh and floral on the nose. Vibrant dark fruit, minerality, and satín tannins all sing in harmony.

Salentein Numina Spirit Vineyard Gran Corte 2015 (Mendoza, AR) 103
A Malbec dominant blend of the 5 classic Bordeaux varietals, this wine is fresh and concentrated with notes of cassis, vanilla, and raspberry marmalade. Silky tannins fade into a long elegant finish.

Vall Llach ‘idus’ 2016 (Priorat, SP) 105
Rich, dense and brooding with inky dark fruit, chewy wood tannin and licorice. Classic Priorat!

Gianni Gagliardo ‘Preve’ Barolo 2012 (Piedmont, IT) 132
A big, bad Barolo that brings it all to the table. Six generations of the Gagliardo family have worked the land to give you full-bodied juice with ample tannins and a fresh, juicy finish.

Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino 2014 (Tuscany, IT) 143
The main characteristics of this wine are elegance, finesse, and longevity. It matures in large, used barrels for about 42-45 months and perfectly represents the estate’s desire to express a product distinguished by character and tradition. Captivating aromas of sweet red berries, cinnamon, violet and licorice.

Casanova di Neri Pietradonice 2016 (Tuscany, IT) 165
Aromas and flavors of black currant, plum, cedar and herb are the hallmarks of this big bodied, powerful red. This wine features plenty of spicy oak and acidity leaving this Cabernet Sauvignon long, elegant, and persistent.
THE WORLD IS A BIG PLACE (continued)
It's not just Napa that makes the big, bad reds. Taste these beauties from around the world.

Magaña Reserva 1997 (Navarra, SP)
Only around 1200 bottles of this wine were produced. A sexy blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Tempranillo, you’ll sense notes of tobacco, black cherry, almond, and roasted herbs. Ridiculously good.

Marquis de Murrieta Rioja Gran Reserva 2007/09 (Rioja, SP)
Plenty of new American oak here for all of you Rioja lovers but balanced out with incredible red fruit and baking spice. This incredible wine might be your best purchase of the year!

Jean-Luc Colombo ‘La Divine’ 2012 (Côte-Rotie, FR)
They call it divine for a reason. 95% Syrah with 5% aromatic Viognier provide a smoky aroma and flavors of jammy red fruit. JLC is the main man in the Rhone and this one is one of his best.

Fontanafredda Comune di Serralunga d’Alba Barolo 1996 (Piedmont, IT)
Looking for some older vintage big, bad, Italian wine? Look no further. Fontanafredda put only their best Nebbiolo into this artist series vertical. Extremely limited production.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
America. Land of super sizing, and full bodied red wines.

Cadence Coda 2016 (Columbia Valley, WA)
This Cab Franc driven Bordeaux blend from our friends in the Northwest packs a punch. Fruit. Acid. Tannin. You name it, this wine blends them all together like a symphony.

Bedrock Old Vine Zinfandel 2016 (Sonoma Valley, CA)
At 7 years old, while most of us were sipping on juice boxes, Morgan Twain-Peterson was making Pinot Noir and selling it to some of NY’s finest restaurants. 25 years later, his Zins are some of the most balanced and stunning you can get your hands on.

Pied à Terre Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (Sonoma, CA)
Elegant and fresh, with great intensity. Aromas of vibrant red fruit -- sour cherry, black cherry -- with texture and energy on the palate.

Delille Cellars ‘D2’ 2015 (Columbia Valley, WA)
Delille Cellars has been described by Robert Parker as the ‘Lafite Rothschild of Washington State’. Their flagship Bordeaux blend displays notes of pomegranate, mint, chocolate, cedar, and vanilla. Basically the best of the best in the Pacific Northwest.

Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 (Napa Valley, CA)
Expressive and powerful, this cab is deep ruby in color; boasting aromas of raspberry and blueberry, touches of cinnamon and nutmeg, and perfumed with floral notes. Smooth and silky with well-integrated tannins, this wine finishes long and polished.

BY THE BOTTLE REDS (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (continued)
America. Land of super sizing, and full bodied red wines.

Villa Creek ‘Willow Creek Cuvée’ 2015/16 (Paso Robles, CA) 99
Striking, powerful and balanced GSM blend showing rich plum, leather, spice, tobacco, violets, and chewy tannin.

Alexander Valley ‘Cyrus’ 2013 (Alexander Valley, CA) 121
In 1962, Maggie and Harry Wetzel purchased a homestead in the orchard and farm prolific Alexander Valley. This juice is the result and is an OG California wine done in a traditional French style.

Justin ‘Justification’ 2016 (Paso Robles, CA) 127
Full and complex with an elegant mix of ripe red fruit, primarily cherry with cassis and a little plum, and rich baking spice on the entry. A little dusty, savory Cabernet Franc charm emerges on the mid-palate along with subtle mint and eucalyptus notes leading to a long, clean finish. So freakin’ good!

Twomey Merlot 2012/14 (Napa Valley, CA) 154
When the winemaker in charge of making Chateau Pétrus meets up with the owners of Silver Oak, you end up with this delicious bottle with notes of blackberry, licorice, tar, dark chocolate, and cloves.

Mt. Brave ‘Mt. Veeder’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (Napa Valley, CA) 165
The growing season was near perfect, with ideal spring budbreak and warm, steady days balanced by cool nights. This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of blueberry, rose petals and violets, which are balanced by a cleansing minerality and silky tannins.

Cade ‘Howell Mountain’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 (Napa Valley, CA) 187
A perennial powerhouse from the gang at Plumpjack. A fantastically rich mountain Cab with notes of smoke, tar, licorice and smoked earth.

Frank Family Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (Napa Valley, CA) 125 (750ml) / 280 (1.5L)
The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon has an enticing nose of blackberries, bayleaf and graphite; on the palate the wine is full bodied, and reminiscent of cocoa-dusted dark chocolate truffles, cloves and black fruit.
the sauce

BY THE BOTTLE REDS (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)