

Best of the Old World

RECENT TASTINGS REVEAL NEW CONTENDERS



Guinigi 2021 Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie DOC, Italy (\$14) Exquisitely aromatic, with notes of white flowers and honeyed peach that continue on the palate. Honeydew, jasmine, white rice, and McIntosh apple match well with the wine's fine acidity. **92**

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Feudi di San Gregorio 2021 Visione Campania Rosato IGT, Italy (\$35)

This 100% Aglianico is from Feudi's vineyards in Taurasi at elevations ranging from 980 to 1,150 feet above sea level. Steely and clean, with notes of lychee, parchment, and an abundance of white raspberries. **93**

TERLATO WINES



Tenuta di Arceno 2018 Chianti Classico Riserva DOCC, Tuscany, Italy (\$40)

Resounding notes of chocolate-covered cherry layer atop tilled soil and minerals. The satin-lined palate is elegantly appointed with brown-sugared plum, bramble, and spicy herbs. **93**

JACKSON FAMILY WINES



Les Sarrins 2021 Rosé, AOP Côtes de Provence, France (\$25)

Family-owned and -managed by Champagne producer Bruno Paillard, this label has produced a stunning blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Cinsault, 10% Rolle, and 5% Mourvèdre. A thread of stony purity weaves through mandarin orange and ripe melon as clean strokes of white flower petals turn powdery on the

finish with a dash of salinity. **93**

TERLATO WINES

Feudi di San Gregorio 2021 Cutizzi, Greco di Tufo DOCC, Campania, Italy (\$38)

This iconic grape from the Cutizzi Vineyard, which ranges from 1,400 to 2,300 feet in elevation, makes an entrance with pizzazz, showing bright, shiny, wispy notes of caramel-kissed pine nut, lemon verbena, and fresh linen. A dash of white pepper and subtle peach flavors are freshened by stark acidity. **95**

TERLATO WINES



Carmel & Joseph 2019 La Marquise, Pays d'Oc IGP, France (\$45)

Pineapple and banana spread across the nutty palate of this superb blend of Roussanne and Grenache Gris primarily from the Corbières region. Salty minerality is even-toned and delivered in a medium-bodied texture. Honeyed yellow apple has staying power on the finish. **94**



Aternum 2019 Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOC Riserva, Italy (\$27)

Lemon-lime briskness and stark acidity meld with stony minerality, sweet basil, and light and breezy notes of parchment and butterscotch on the palate. Well-toned and balanced. **93**

AZIENDA VINICOLA TALAMONTI



Carmel & Joseph 2019 L'art du Vers, Terrasses du Larzac AOP, Languedoc, France (\$39)

Silky and seductive, this blend of Mourvèdre, Syrah, and Grenache integrates notes of coffee bean and milk chocolate-dipped plum. The mid-palate is toasty, with supple tannins, and the fleshy finish of dark berry sees a nuance of animale. **92**

Tenute Rubino 2017 Torre Testa Salento Rosso IGT, Brindisi DOC, Puglia, Italy (\$95)

Made from the rare Susumaniello grape, this wine aged 12 months in French oak and 12 months in bottle. It's inky black in color; with a nose of damp earth and tobacco. Balsamic, bay leaf, black olive, and plum converge in a midnight sky of flavor. Silky tannins and striking acidity are backed by black pepper and a meatiness that glides through to a finish of minerals and tilled soil. **95**

