

BUYINGGUIDE

cherry, mocha and tobacco alongside polished tannins. Blue Star International Imports LLC. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$94

90 Monte Zovo 2014 Amarone della Valpolicella. Mature black plum, leather, cocoa and cooking spice emerge from the glass. The dense palate offers blackberry jam, star anise and black pepper alongside velvety tannins and the warmth of alcohol. Monte Zovo USA. —K.O.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$46

90 Pasqua 2013 Famiglia Pasqua (Amarone della Valpolicella). Ripe dark-skinned berry, cedar and vanilla lead the nose. The savory, full-bodied palate offers blackberry jam, tobacco and star anise alongside firm, fine-grained tannins. Pasqua USA LLC. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$45

90 Tenuta Sant'Antonio 2013 Selezione Campo dei Gigli (Amarone della Valpolicella). Aromas of toasted oak, mocha and dark fruit lift out of the glass. The dense palate offers black currant jam, roasted coffee bean and star anise alongside fine-grained tannins. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —K.O.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$50

89 Tenuta Sant'Antonio 2015 Selezione Antonio Castagnedi (Amarone della Valpolicella). Aromas of dark berry, cedar and a balsamic note lead the nose. The full-bodied palate offers ripe black plum, mocha and a tobacco alongside firm tannins. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$45

89 Vivaldi 2015 Ai Colli (Amarone della Valpolicella). Aromas of mature black-skinned berry, mocha and tobacco emerge from the glass. The chewy palate delivers ripe black cherry, licorice and a hint of cocoa alongside smooth tannins. Global Wines Inc. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% **Price:** \$NA

88 Albino Armani 2012 Amarone della Valpolicella. This opens with aromas of dark fruit, underbrush and cedar. The linear, straightforward palate delivers prune, clove and tobacco alongside smooth tannins. Saranty Imports. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$50

88 Cantina Valpantena 2013 Torre del Falasco (Amarone della Valpolicella). This opens with aromas suggesting ripe dark-skinned fruit, toasted oak and espresso. The full-bodied palate offers prune, fig and vanilla alongside polished tannins. Omniwines Distribution. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$40

88 Delibori 2015 Amarone della Valpolicella. Aromas of mature dark fruit, wet soil and tobacco lead the nose. The linear palate offers raisin, cooking spice and nutmeg alongside close-grained tannins. Snarky & Spirited LLC. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$50

88 Le Preare 2015 Amarone della Valpolicella. Aromas of dark-skinned berry, clove and underbrush come together on this brawny red. The firm palate delivers ripe black plum, star anise and clove alongside chewy tannins. Global Wines Inc. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% **Price:** \$NA

EMILIA-ROMAGNA

LAMBRUSCO DI SORBARA

94 Paltrinieri 2017 L'Eclisse (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Made by the firm that helped put quality Lambrusco on the map, this delicious, stunning wine opens with enticing scents of wild berry, rose petal and citrus. The aromas carry over to the elegant, foaming palate along with juicy strawberry, creamy nectarine, grapefruit and a sprinkling of white pepper. A silky mousse gives it an irresistible texture, while fresh acidity keeps it balanced. Lyra Wine. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$25

93 Paltrinieri 2017 Radice (Lambrusco di Sorbara). One of the wines that put Lambrusco back on the map, this vibrant, linear wine boasts aromas of wild strawberry, violet, red cherry and grapefruit. The aromas carry through to the slightly sparkling, savory palate along with cinnamon and white pepper notes. Crisp acidity lifts the savory finish. Lyra Wine. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$20

90 Cavicchioli 2017 Vigna del Cristo (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Celebrating the 30th vintage of this bottling, this wine opens with delicate scents of violet, strawberry and a whiff of baking spice. On the ripe palate, fresh acidity lifts mature black cherry, raspberry and candied tangerine zest before the dry finish. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$18

90 Paltrinieri 2016 La Riserva (Lambrusco di Sorbara). This opens with aromas suggesting tangerine zest, nut and orchard fruit, while the bright palate offers pink grapefruit, graphite, candied citrus and a hint of orange-flavored liqueur. A continuous perlage provides the backdrop. Lyra Wine. —K.O.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$30

89 Cavicchioli 2014 Rosé del Cristo Metodo Classico Brut (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Aromas of toasted hazelnut, nectarine and a whiff of vanilla lead the nose. On the bright palate, a soft perlage underscores white cherry, pink grapefruit and a hint of candied citrus. It's crisp, with vibrant acidity. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$18

88 Cantina di Sorbara 2017 Omaggio a Gino Friedmann (Lambrusco di Sorbara). This

foaming red opens with heady aromas of fragrant purple flower, rose and wild berry. On the tangy palate, bright acidity boosts juicy red cherry, wild strawberry and a yeasty hint of bread dough before the crisp finish. USA Wine West. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$14

88 Villa di Corlo 2017 Primevo (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Delicately scented, this has a fragrance reminiscent of violet and thyme. On the vibrant, foaming palate, bright acidity lifts crushed raspberry, strawberry compote, candied citrus zest and a hint of culinary spice before a crisp, dry finish. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$19

87 Cantina di Sorbara 2017 Emma Amabile (Lambrusco di Sorbara). Aromas of wild rose and red berry follow over to the bright, light-bodied palate along with raspberry compote and crushed strawberry. A note of candied tangerine zest and vanilla close the finish. It's fun and refreshing. USA Wine West. —K.O.
abv: 8.5% **Price:** \$14

87 Paltrinieri 2017 Lambrusco di Sorbara. White rose and strawberry aromas carry over to the dry, softly sparkling palate along with hints of culinary spice and blood orange. Tangy acidity lifts the juicy finish. Lyra Wine. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$16

LAMBRUSCO GRASPAROSSA DI CASTELVETRO

90 Villa di Corlo 2017 Corleto (Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro). This deeply colored, frothy wine opens with aromas of iris, blackberry jam and baking spice. It's crisp, savory and dry, doling out prune, dried black cherry, star anise and white pepper set against bright acidity and dusty tannins. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$24

88 Cavicchioli 2017 Col Sassoso (Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro). Deeply colored purple, this has vinous aromas of ripe blackberry and blueberry. The aromas carry over to the dry, vibrant palate along with hints of star anise, white pepper and dusty tannins. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$20

88 Villa di Corlo 2017 Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro. Delicate scents of field flower, warm bread crust and a whiff of orchard fruit come together on this elegant sparkler. The bright, silky palate offers sour cherry, pear and tangerine zest alongside tangy acidity and a vibrant, refined perlage. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$19

88 Villa di Corlo 2017 Amabile (Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro). Violet, blue-

berry and cake spice aromas lead the nose on this semisweet white. On the lightly foaming palate, you'll find ripe plum, blackberry jam and a hint of cocoa while bright acidity keeps the rich flavors in check. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 9% **Price:** \$19

86 Villa di Corlo NV Brut Rosato Rosanto (Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro). Vinous aromas of strawberry, Marasca cherry and blueberry follow over to the vibrant, light-bodied palate along with hints of baking spice. It's easy drinking, with medium-sized, lively bubbles and bright acidity. Ethica Wines. —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$19

LAMBRUSCO DI MODENA

90 Francesco Bellei 2016 Ancestrale (Lambrusco di Modena). Strawberry, crushed herb and bread crust aromas follow over to the savory, softly sparkling palate along with watermelon and a hint of minerals. Tangy acidity provides fresh support. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: NA **Price:** \$20

90 Medici Ermete NV Metodo Ancestrale (Lambrusco di Modena). Wild berry, dried rose, violet and an unusual but intriguing whiff of *garigue* lift out of the glass. On the savory, fizzy palate, vibrant acidity supports succulent red cherry, white peach, strawberry, lemon zest and bread dough. It's fun and easy drinking but also loaded with personality. Kobrand. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$27

88 Cantina di Carpi NV Brut Piazza Grande (Lambrusco di Modena). Rose petal, wild strawberry and cherry aromas carry over to the bright palate along with a hint of white pepper. It's elegant and easy drinking, with a light mousse and fresh acidity. Libation Project. *Best Buy.* —K.O.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$13

SICILY

ETNA ROSSO

95 Tenuta delle Terre Nere 2016 Guardiola (Etna). Aromas of red berry unite with whiffs of Mediterranean scrub, blue flower and exotic spice. Reflecting the nose, the elegantly structured, focused palate delivers juicy red cherry, strawberry, star anise and baking spice accompanied by firm, polished tannins. Bright acidity lends balance. Drink 2022–2031. de Grazia Imports LLC. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$40

95 Tenuta delle Terre Nere 2016 San Lorenzo (Etna). Aromatic herb, rose, wild berry and dark spice aromas take shape in the glass. It's

savory, elegant and juicy, doling out sour cherry, crushed strawberry, star anise and orange zest alongside a tangy saline note. Fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity provide balance and support. Drink 2022–2031. de Grazia Imports LLC. —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$50

95 Wiegner 2014 Contrada Marchesa (Etna). Smoke, crushed stone, underbrush, aromatic herb and wild berry aromas lift out of the glass. Structured, focused and loaded with finesse, the savory palate delivers juicy Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry, licorice, ground pepper and a flinty mineral note alongside taut, refined tannins. It's balanced, with bright acidity. It already has a great depth of flavors but will develop even more complexity over the next several years. Drink through 2026. Enotria Wine Import. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$35

93 Pietradolce 2016 Contrada Santo Spirito (Etna). Smooth and seductive, this offers aromas of wild berry, blue flower, dark spice, crushed rock and a whiff of Mediterranean brush. The polished, savory palate doles out juicy Morello cherry, strawberry, star anise and wild herb. Lithe tannins provide seamless support while bright acidity lends balance. Drink 2021–2028. Empson USA Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$35

93 Tornatore 2016 Pietrarizzo Rosso (Etna). For full review see page 185.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$55

93 Wiegner 2014 Treterre (Etna). Pronounced aromas of red berry, rose, flint and smoke lead the nose on this focused, vibrant red. It's elegantly structured, offering crushed strawberry, sour cherry, star anise, white pepper and iron. Taut, polished tannins and bright acidity provide support and finesse. Savory and ready now, it also has good mid-term aging potential. Drink through 2024. Enotria Wine Import. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$26

92 Benanti 2014 Rovitello (Etna). Delicately scented but enticing, this offers tantalizing aromas of red berry, new leather, Mediterranean herb and exotic spice. The focused palate is all about extreme elegance, evoking strawberry, blood orange, star anise and a tangy mineral note framed by polished tannins and vibrant acidity. It may be too ethereal and understated for some, but others will love it. Drink 2020–2026. Tradizione Imports. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$65

92 Cottanera 2016 Diciassette Salme (Etna). Aromas of ripe dark-skinned berry, exotic spice, espresso and a whiff of Mediterranean brush lift out of the glass. Reflecting the nose, the tense, linear palate offers Marasca cherry, licorice, clove, wild herb and coffee bean alongside taut, close-

grained tannins that give the finish grip. Indigenous Selections. —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$25

92 Irene Badalà 2016 Rosso (Etna). Rose, wild berry, dark spice, crushed herb and a whiff of Mediterranean scrub lead the way. It's full-bodied, elegant and savory, delivering ripe Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and a hint of tobacco alongside taut, close-grained tannins that leave a rather grippy finish. Drink 2021–2028. USA Wine West. —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$70

92 Pietradolce 2016 Archineri (Etna). Subtle but alluring aromas of wild berry, fragrant blue flower and menthol come together on this. It's elegant and structured, evoking succulent Marasca cherry, orange zest, star anise and a flinty mineral note alongside polished tannins. Empson USA Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$35

91 Barone di Villagrande 2014 Contrada Villa Grande (Etna). Dark-skinned berry, baking spice, new leather and rose aromas come together in the glass. It's light-bodied and ethereally elegant, offering raspberry, dried cherry, clove and ferrous minerals framed by lithe, slightly drying tannins. Drink through 2026. Omniwines Distribution. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

91 Planeta 2016 Rosso (Etna). For full review see page 191.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$NA

91 Tenuta delle Terre Nere 2016 Calderara Sottana (Etna). Aromas of menthol, French oak and dark spice take center stage. The linear, medium-bodied palate offers red cherry, crushed cranberry and star anise alongside close-grained tannins and bright acidity. A salty mineral note signals the close. Drink 2021–2028. de Grazia Imports LLC. —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$50

90 Al-Cantàra 2015 O'Scuru O'Scuru (Etna). Ripe, black-skinned fruit, dark spice, scorched earth and balsamic aromas lead the way. The juicy, medium-bodied palate offers dried black cherry, star anise and exotic spice alongside taut, fine-grained tannins. Drink through 2023. Wines LLC. —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$26

90 Barone di Villagrande 2016 Rosso (Etna). Made with native grapes and aged in chestnut barrels, this fragrant red has intriguing aromas of wild berry, new leather, tobacco, crushed herb and graphite. The vibrant, light-bodied palate offers juicy red cherry, baking spice and star anise alongside lithe, slightly dusty tannins. It closes on a carob note. Drink through 2024. Omniwines Distribution. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$25