

WINE ENTHUSIAST

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Vecchie Vigne 2021 **Cellar Selection**

This old-vine Verdicchio shines out of the glass with an intense saltiness, fresh herbs, preserved lemon and white flowers. Mouth-smacking good, with dehydrated lemon, tangerine and almond flavors all playing supporting roles to the star of this wine, the intense seashell minerality. Drink now–2035.

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Campo San Giorgio 2019

Reserved aromas of black plum, anise and dried flowers waft up from the glass. Dense and concentrated, the palate has a core of darkly hued fruits, both fresh and macerated, sandalwood, dried herbs and star anise finishing with firm youthful tannins. Drink 2026–2040.

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Centovie Pecorino 2021

A nose like a sea breeze wafting through a grove of lemon and peach trees, while an herbaceous undertone provides a subtle solemnity that continues on the palate. Acid further underscores the already potent salinity.

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Casal di Serra 2022 **Editors' choice**

This Verdicchio is a flower shop in a bottle with elegant aromas of mixed flowers, green herbs, lemon oil and white gravel. A wine that is as much of a feeling as it is tasty, with an amazing texture that hugs the palate with a pleasant pithy bitterness and sea-salty finish. Drink now–2035.

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Villa Bianchi 2022 **Best Buy**

The wine starts with a whisper of fragrant herbs, salted lemons and crushed seashells asking you to be patient and watch the wine evolve. Mouthwatering on the palate with medium body, loads of texture gives the wine weight but it is lifted by the crisp acidity and citrus flavors that bound across the palate. Finishing with fragrant orange blossoms and salty minerality. Calamari is calling this wine. Drink now–2035.

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Centovie Montepulciano 2019

The nose starts off with candy aromas of cherry cola and red licorice, then turns sharply onto an umami road lined with houses of balsamic, grilled meat and herbs. On the palate, a fresh earthiness underscores both the sweet cherry element and an enduring meatiness. Tannins provide an anchor for bouncy acid.

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Cùmaro 2019

Aromas of roasted plums, burnt sage and oak spice fill the glass of this charming wine. Cherry pie filling and plum compote steal the show as fine tannins, baking spices and savory herbs provide balance on the finish.

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Vellodoro 2022 **Best Buy**

The nose is melon cubes accompanied by a glass of lemon-peach iced tea on the porch, looking out on an expansive, freshly cut lawn. The balance between succulent melon and sour lemon continues on the palate, creating a round, creamy mouthfeel, but savory, salty undertones bring texture and weight.

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Plenio 2021

This unique white sees 60% of the wine fermented in steel and 40% in large barrels. The wine opens with aromas of pineapple, roasted citrus, pressed yellow flowers and fennel. The rounded palate is mouthfilling with notes of lemon, lemon oil, bitter almond and crushed stone minerality. Drink now–2035