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Other

93 Salvatore Molettieri Taurasi Vigna Cinque Querce 2011 \$47 A dense, brooding red, offering a rich, aromatic vein of tarry mineral, with accents of licorice and medicinal herb to the flavors of baked black cherry and woodsy spice. Well-meshed and full-bodied, with a long, grippy finish. Best from 2021 through 2031. 1,000 cases made, 100 cases imported.—A.N.

92 Feudi di San Gregorio Taurasi Piano di Montevergine Riserva 2013 \$82 This well-cut, full-bodied red features a dense, smoky core, with taut tannins framing the fresh flavors of raspberry, currant, dried sage and mandarin orange peel. Offers a lingering, spiced finish. Best from 2021 through 2029. 2,000 cases made, 500 cases imported.—A.N.

92 Feudi di San Gregorio Taurasi Piano di Montevergine Riserva 2012 \$73 This well-meshed, dense and full-bodied red has a zesty, spiced underpinning, which layers supple tannins with flavors of crème de cassis, crushed blackberry, tea leaf, woodsy spice and tarry mineral. Offers a firm, lingering finish. Best from 2021 through 2029. 2,000 cases made, 100 cases imported.—A.N.

92 San Martino Aglianico del Vulture Arberesko 2015 *\$24* A fresh and elegant red, medium- to full-bodied, featuring supple tannins finely meshed with flavors of crushed black cherry fruit and a core of smoketinged mineral, with delicate tea leaf and star anise accents. Long and racy on the finish. Drink now through 2029. 1,000 cases made, 200 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Feudi di San Gregorio Taurasi 2012 \$55 Tobacco and ground spice accents create a spicy edge to the flavors of dried cherry, currant and tarry mineral in this chewy, full-bodied red. Offers a lingering, savory finish. Best from 2020 through 2027. 10,000 cases made, 500 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Garofoli Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore Podium 2016 \$25 A creamy wine, offering a well-spiced range of honeycomb, ripe apricot, lemon curd and pastry cream flavors. Light- to mediumbodied, with sleek acidity creating a mouthwatering impression on the herb- and smoke-laced finish. Drink now through 2028. 3,750 cases made, 400 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Tenuta Pederzana Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Gibe 2017 *\$20* The intriguing nose of ground spices and medicinal herbs draws you into this fresh, harmonious Lambrusco, underscoring flavors of ripe raspberry and red licorice that ride the delicate mousse. Drink now through 2023. 1,250 cases made, 500 cases imported.—A.N.

90 <u>Cleto Chiarli</u> e Figli Secco Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Vigneto Cialdini 2017 **\$16** See Smart Buys, page 79.



90 Cleto Chiarli e Figli Secco Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Vigneto Cialdini 2017 \$16 ITALY A mouthwatering Lambrusco, with a firm backbone of acidity and appealing notes of cherry blossom, candied black raspberry and pomegranate fruit, accented by tobacco and spice details, all riding the lively bead. Drink now. 5,300 cases made, 1,300 cases imported.—A.N.