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NV IMAGINARIUM BLANC DE BLANCS, France - 88 points

A blend of Ugni Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, and Colombard sourced from the Languedoc and the Loire, the NV Imaginarium is loaded with tart apple and minty notes, is medium-bodied, fresh, clean and well-made. It's a juicy, enjoyable sparkler.

2017 DIGRESSION ROSE, Cotes de Provence - 89 points

Packaged in a beautiful perfume bottle, the 2017 Digression Rose offers perfumed white peach and dried strawberry notes in a medium-bodied, fresh, clean, delicious style.

2016 EVOLUNA CHARDONNAY, Sonoma Coast - 90 points

... Juicy tropical fruits and hints of brioche, medium body, bright acidity, and terrific balance all make for a beautiful Chardonnay that will continue delivering the goods for at least 2-3 years.

2017 LE DUC NOIR PINOT NOIR, Sonoma Coast - 89 points

...all from the Sonoma Coast, the 2017 Pinot Noir Le Duc Noir (100% Pinot Noir aged 12 months in 20% new French oak) is about as delicious and easy-drinking as it gets and offers up lots of strawberry and cherry fruits, subtle spice, medium body, and a rounded, sweetly fruit, yet clean, balanced style ideal for near-term drinking.

2016 CHRONOLOGY RED, California - 91 points

A kitchen sink blend of Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache,

Syrah, Mourvedre, and a handful of other varieties, the 2016 Chronology Red Wine is one sexy, fruit-forward effort that stays classically balanced, clean, and dry. Brambly herbs, spice box, and a sweet red and black fruits all emerge from this complex, silky, straight-up delicious wine that's well worth seeking out.

2016 AMERICAN VINTAGE RED, California - 91 points

One of the standouts is the 2016 American Vintage Red Wine, which is mostly Zinfandel and Petite Sirah brought up in a mix of barrels. It's loaded with classic Zinfandel notes of cedar, white pepper, flowers and plums. With no hard edges, terrific balance, and a clean finish, it's another high-quality blend from this label that's ideal as a house red.

2016 EMANCIPATION RED, California - 88 points

The 2016 Emancipation Red Wine checks in as 44% Grenache, 34% Syrah, and the rest Mourvedre, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Mission, and Valdigue. It's another incredibly charming, gulpable effort that has good complexity in its potpourri, spice, flowers, and plum and raspberry fruits. It's sweetly fruited, supple, and delicious. Drink up.

2016 CONFESSION RED, Napa - 91 points

The deep purple-hued 2016 Confession Red Wine is primarily Cabernet Sauvignon yet has 21% Petit Verdot, 12% Syrah, 10% Merlot and 8% Petite Sirah, all brought up in 34% new French oak. It's a good value

from Napa and has medium to full-bodied notes of plums, blackberries, chocolate, and spice, with subtle earthy notes in the background. With sweet tannin, a layered, textured mouthfeel, and a great finish, it's a superb wine to drink over the coming decade. This beauty is made by Stephanie Putnam and is the real deal.

2016 TAROT CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Napa - 92 points

... another charming, balanced, incredibly drinkable effort. Blackcurrants, tobacco leaf, and earthy notes all flow to medium to full-bodied, sweetly fruited, supple Cabernet Sauvignon that has loads to love. It too is ideal for drinking over the coming decade.

2016 SECRET BLEND RED, Napa - 95 points

...Sourced from five sites in St. Helena and Rutherford, this beauty offers a sensational perfume of cassis, toasted spice, lavender, and sandalwood. With terrific complexity, full-bodied richness, and a seamless, elegant texture, it can be drunk today or cellared for 10-15 years.

2016 RESURRECTION RED, Napa - 96 points

...a full-bodied, pure, elegant beauty that boasts awesome notes of dried flowers, lavender, spice box and chocolate, with a rocking core of blueberry and cassis-driven fruit. With silky tannins, remarkable purity, and a huge finish, it certainly plays with the big guns in the vintage. Drink it over the coming two decades.