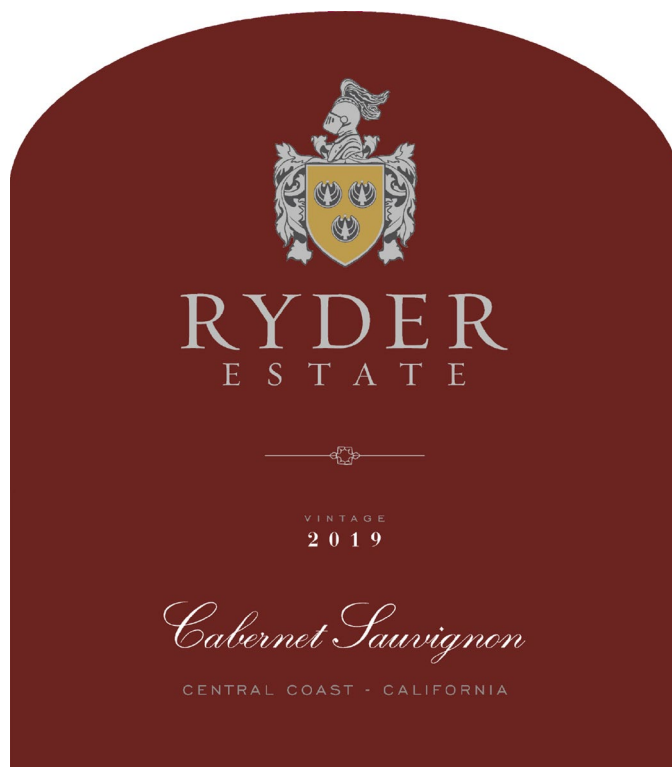


# 90 Points



**90** **Ryder Estate 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Central Coast, California).** Aged in a combination of French, Hungarian, and American oak as well as stainless steel, this wine shows bold, spiced flavors on a satin-like palate. Salted plum, lilac, and sweet tobacco set the tone before tart pomegranate enters midway, followed by white pepper and mocha on the finish.

Abv: 13.5%

Price: \$15



**Tattoo Girl 2018 Red Wine**, Columbia Valley, Washington (\$15) This blend of 69% Merlot, 15% Malbec, and 16% Cabernet Sauvignon shows an array of flavors and aromas, including grainy notes of dark chocolate-covered cherry that introduce a wave of texture and taste. Spice and smoky oak combine with grip and grace. 91

WILLIAM WEAVER WINES



**Gancia NV Prosecco DOC Rosé**, Veneto, Italy (\$13) We fell for this perky bubbly from its attractive bottle to its pastel onion-skin hue. Powdered vanilla and fresh strawberry are unleashed on entry, while white rice, sweet melon, and bright minerality impact the clean, crisp finish. 90

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**Map Maker 2020 Sauvignon Blanc**, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$15) Herbal aromas of dill and tarragon match with lemon zest on the nose of this graceful, stainless steel-fermented wine. Lime ice is crisp and thrilling on the palate, which opens further with hints of guava and yellow-floral tones. The finish lingers. 92

SARANTY IMPORTS



**Roaming Dog 2020 Riesling**, Columbia Valley, Washington (\$15) Named for the winery dog, Blue, this label has been making some great value wines from Washington. On the heels of scents of lemon ice and sweet summer pear, round and mouth-filling notes of honey, lemon drop, lychee, and jicama lead to a jasmine-inspired finish. A touch of salinity gilds the rose. 91



**Tribute 2019 Chardonnay**, Monterey County (\$15) This alluring white from Chris Benziger offers a hint of buttered caramel and banana that's gentled by white flower petals and perked up by pink peppercorn. Lemon verbena highlights the wine's sassy side along with spiced apple, cashew, and bright acidity. 91

THE WINE GROUP



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SCHIED FAMILY WINES



**Old Soul 2020 Chardonnay**, Lodi (\$15) Aromas of banana-nut bread, vanilla pudding, and lemon verbena flourish on the nose as mouth-filling notes of guava, lemon curd, and caramel converge within a medium-bodied yet round and sumptuous frame. A touch of wet stone lingers on the finish. Aged eight months sur lie in 70% French oak and 30% American oak. 89

OAK RIDGE WINERY



**Elicio 2020 Vermentino**, IGP Méditerranée, France (\$15) This 100% Vermentino hails from a region south of the Luberon, where it's hot, dry, and windy. Clay and limestone soils add character, while aging for seven months in stainless-steel tanks creates vibrancy. Rich notes of ripe pear, heather, and salted kōwi are bathed in what the producer identifies as the flavor of olive oil, and on the finish, a hint of hazelnut leaves you wanting more. 91

JP BOURGEOIS

