

## Publisher's PICKS



The vines of Château Durfort-Vivens extend over four Margaux villages: Cantenac, Soussans, Margaux, and Arsac.

# Affordable Margaux From G&C Lurton Estates

Here is a trio of new single-vineyard wines from Gonzague Lurton, each of which embodies a different personality.



Durfort-Vivens 2020 Le Hameau, Margaux, Bordeaux, France (\$45) This modern blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc from 25-year-old vines aged 16 months in a combination of clay and new oak. The fresh nose of earth and blueberry gives way to demonstrative notes of pencil lead, soil, tart cranberry, and cedar. The acidity is vibrant and the mouthfeel is slick. 92



Durfort-Vivens 2020 Le Plateau, Margaux, Bordeaux,

France (S45) Displaying more power than Le Hameau, this deep and resonant blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon and 48% Merlot aged mostly in amphorae, with one-third matured in (10% new) oak. Sand and deep gravels make their mark on the taste profile along with new leather and graceful tannins, 93



Durfort-Vivens 2020 Les Plantes, Margaux, Bordeaux, France (\$35) This youthful Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant blend with Merlot shows delicious aromas and flavors of chocolate, slate, and boysenberry. Spiced cedar and licorice reverberate with salty minerality before the clean and direct finish. 92

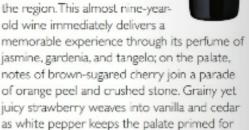


Kelly Fleming 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$185) A rush of black coffee and chalky tannins unite to make a strong first impression. As the wine opens up, licorice and lavender add depth to blackberry and sweet potato as sandalwood and fig contribute savoriness and a core of minerality persists. Still youthful, with lots of time to flourish. 93



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Belle Glos 2014 Pinot Noir. Taylor Lane Vineyard, West Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$225/1.5-liter bottle) Located in the westernmost section of Sonoma County, this rugged, elevated, marine-influenced sub-AVA is the newest in the region. This almost nine-yearold wine immediately delivers a



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### **SPIRITS**

more flavor. 97

### A focus on Agave



Extra Añejo Diablito Rojo, Mexico (\$695) Aromas of cherrywood. persimmon, and brown spices are reminiscent of a fine wine. On the palate, the liquid is multidimensional. Stone fruit and red berries create a luscious flavor profile



alongside patchouli, watermelon, and cinnamon-spun rose petals. Cocoa and Luxardo cherry burst through clean, subdued agave notes through to the deluxe finish. 99