



MERLOT

Merlot is a chameleon, able to grow in most wine regions of the world. Utilized in blends with cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc, adding a complementary round velvety texture. When made well, as a single varietal, it is often mistaken for cabernet sauvignon, though different in nature with subtle tannins, soft flavours, big fruit, and hints of cocoa and coffee. Do not overlook merlot when picking a wine to pair with braised meats, lamb, and even a rich tomato sauce. *Dean Norris*

JUDGES SELECTION



Trentadue 2018 La Stora Merlot
Alexander Valley, California
\$35-38 CSCP 753300



Castoro de Oro 2018 Merlot
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia
\$25-28 CSCP 778355



Mt. Boucherie 2018 Merlot
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia
\$30-32 CSCP 805186



Gray Monk 2018 Merlot
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia
\$25-27 CSCP 343111



Upper Bench 2018 Merlot
Naramata Bench, British Columbia
\$34-37 CSCP 782642



Ronan by Clinet 2016 Ronan
Bordeaux, France
\$24-26 CSCP 768783

BEST IN CLASS

**TINHORN CREEK
2019 MERLOT**
Okanagan Valley
British Columbia
\$28-30 CSCP 530725



LIQUEURS COFFEE & HERBAL

It might just be me, but year over year, I find liqueurs get better and better. Sure, there are plenty of well-loved, decades (if not centuries old) expressions of interesting liqueurs from around the world – many of which might need a dusting at home, but it's the new expressions that seem to have a timely character, seem to be easy to just enjoy for their own sake, and resonate in the cocktails you might enjoy at home. *Tom Firth*

JUDGES SELECTION

Back 40 Distillery Farmers Blend Coffee Liqueur
Alberta, Canada
\$35-36
CSCP 799962



Barrelling Tide Javalley Liqueur
Nova Scotia
Canada
\$28-32
CSCP 846214

BEST IN CLASS

**BACK 40 DISTILLERY
LORETTA'S MOONSHINE
RHUBARB LIQUEUR**
Alberta, Canada
\$35-40 CSCP 844816

