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## 2020 E. Guigal Côtes-du-Rhone Rouge- Rhone Valley, France

Thought of as a baby Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the term du Rhône applies to the flatter outskirts of the major southern Rhône appellations, and the fringes of well-respected northern Rhône appellations. The region offers some of the best values in France and some first-rate and age-worthy reds. The Guigal domain was founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal in the ancient village of Ampuis, home of the wines of the Côte-Rôtie. In these vineyards that are over 2400 years old, you can still see the small terraced walls characteristic of the Roman period. A Rhone blend made from 50% Shiraz/Syrah, 40% Grenache, and 10% Mourvedre. On the nose, this wine is intensely aromatic, with black fruits and spices. The palate is full, round and sexy. It is round and smooth tannins present through the full bodied, ample wine. It is overall a complete wine, with a long finish, with elegance and finesse accompanying the abundance of fruit and well-balanced tannins. Decanter 90 PTS

Pairings: Côtes du Rhône wines are the perfect match for grilled meats, lamb dishes, wild boar, grilled sausages, baby-back ribs, chicken and veggies on the backyard barbecue.

## 2020 Milbrandt Family Grown Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA

Whether you're looking for a budget bottle for everyday enjoyment, or a stellar, world-class wine with tremendous aging potential, Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon wines can deliver the goods! One of the fascinations of these Columbia Valley Cabernets is that they so often seem to have one foot in the New World and one in the Old. Representing the former are characteristics like the ripe, forward fruit that results from long sunny days during the growing season (up to two hours longer than in much of California). Old World similarities include a brightness from acidity, as well as notes of herbs, graphite and a dusty, gravelly minerality. The Milbrandts planted their first vineyard in 1997. In the ensuing decade, Milbrandt Vineyards earned a reputation for growing some of Washington State's finest grapes. These grapes have found their way into many of Washington's most sought-after wines. In 2006, they began crafting signature wines using selected grapes from their reputable vineyards. This wine is a blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 4% Malbec. It has aromas of black fruit and opens with notes of black cherry and boysenberry. The mid palate is layered with notes of black tea, herb and spice. It is balanced and concentrated wine with a smooth and lasting finish. JS 91 PTS

Pairings: Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a good splash of alcohol best soaked up by pairing it with hefty game, beef, hamburgers or lamb dishes and aged cheeses. It also pairs well with pasta Bolognese, roasted eggplant, mushroom risotto, and grilled or smoked salmon.