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KIT # 1					
Wine 1	Burgundy	Chablis Village or Premier Cru	Chablis, Jean-Marc Brocard 'Sainte Claire', 2022	William Fèvre, Domaine Drouhin Vaudon, Domaine Louis Michel et Fils, Jean-Paul & Benoit Droin, Billaud-Simon, Domaine Servin, Domaine Vocoret et Fils	Recent vintage, unoaked, Village or Premier Cru
Wine 2	Burgundy	Red Burgundy	Marsannay, Louis Latour, 2019	Joseph Drouhin, Bourgogne; Bouchard, Bourgogne; Louis Latour, Marsannay; Vincent Girardin, Santenay; Joseph Drouhin, Chorey-lès-Beaune; Louis Jadot, Fixin	Pinot Noir from Burgundy, France
Wine 3	Burgundy	Beaujolais-Villages or Cru Beaujolais	Fleurie, Domaine des Marrans, 'Les Marrans', 2022	Louis Jadot, Beaujolais-Villages; Henry Fessy, Vieilles Vignes, Beaujolais-Villages; Château Thivin, Reverdon, Brouilly; Château Thivin, Côte de Brouilly	Any Beaujolais-Villages or Cru Beaujolais
Wine 4	Bordeaux	Right or Left Bank Red Bordeaux	La Croix Bonis, Saint Estephe, 2016	Château Lanessan, Château Greysac, Château Les Graves de Loirac, Château Clos Floridène, La Chapelle de Meyney, Château Boutisse, Château Picque Caillou	Any red wine from Bordeaux, France
Wine 5	Loire	Vouvray Tendre or Demi-Sec	Vouvray, Sauvion, 2022	Château de Montfort; Champalou; Domaine de la Robinière - Raimbault, Les Terrages; Domaine Huet, Demi-Sec; Domaine Vincent Carême, Domaine Vigneau-Chevreau	Styles ranging from off-dry to tendre
Wine 6	Loire	Sancerre	Paul Thomas, Chavignol, 2022	Patient Cottat, Rémy Pannier, Domaine de la Perrière, Pascal Jolivet, Domaine Lucien Crochet	Recent vintage Sancerre or Pouilly-Fumé

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KIT # 2					
Wine 1	Rhône Valley	Northern Rhône Red	Crozes-Hermitage, E. Guigal, 2020	Delas, Saint-Esprit, Côtes-du-Rhône; Château de Saint Cosme, Crozes-Hermitage; Lionel Faury, Saint-Joseph; Pierre Gaillard, Saint-Joseph	Syrah from Northern Rhône
Wine 2	Rhône Valley	Southern Rhône Red	Vacqueyras, Domaine du Terme, 2019	Château de Montmirail, Gigondas; Château La Nerthe, Les Cassagnes, Côtes-du-Rhône Villages; Domaine Marcoux, Côtes-du-Rhône; Guigal, Châteauneuf-du-Pape; André Brunel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Domaine Saint-Préfert, Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Domaine Raymond Usseglio, Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Domaine Giraud, Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Grenache-based wine from a quality Côtes-du-Rhône producer or an appellation such as Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Lirac, or Vacqueyras
Wine 3	Italy	Northern Italian Pinot Grigio	Tiefenbrunner, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2022	Jermann, Scarpetta, Alois Lageder, Cantina Terlano, Tiefenbrunner, Marco Felluga, Zonin, Elena Walch	Any Pinot Grigio from Northern Italy
Wine 4	Italy	Nebbiolo	Langhe Nebbiolo, Montaribaldi, 'Gambarin' 2020	Damilano, Lecinquevigne, Barolo; Brovia, Barolo; Produttori del Barbaresco; Marchesi di Barolo; Bruno Giacosa, Barbaresco; Rocca Felice, Barolo, Vietti, Giacomo Borgogno	Langhe Nebbiolo, Nebbiolo d'Alba, Barolo, or Barbaresco
Wine 5	Germany	Riesling	Georg Albrecht Schneider, Niersteiner Paterberg, Kabinett, Rheinhessen, 2020	Meulenhof, Dr. Loosen, Schloss Vollrads, Selbach-Oster, St. Urbans-Hof, Joh. Jos. Prüm, Fritz Haag	For off-dry styles, look for low alcohol (< 9%), or Kabinett or Spätlese on the label
Wine 6	Spain	Albariño	Sendra Verde, 2022	DO Ferreira, Pazo Barrantes, Bodegas As Laxas, Fefinanes, Pazo das Bruxas, Columna, Pazo Señorans, Paco & Lola	Any recent vintage (2020)

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Wine 1	Spain	Rioja Reserva or Gran Reserva	Rioja Reserva, Beronia, 2018	Marqués de Riscal; Marqués de Cáceres; La Rioja Alta, Viña Alberdi; López de Heredia; Bodegas Hermanos de Peciña; Marqués de Murrieta; Bodegas Riojanas, Compañía Vinícola del Norte de España (CVNE)	Any Rioja Reserva or Gran Reserva
Wine 2	North America	Californian Chardonnay	McIntyre, 'Estate' Santa Lucia Highlands, California, 2020	Bernardus; Chalk Hill; Merryvale; La Crema; Paul Hobbs; Ramey; Landmark, Overlook, Patz & Hall, Grigich Hills	Any Californian Chardonnay in an oak- driven style
Wine 3	North America	Californian Cabernet Sauvignon	Rodney Strong, Sonoma County, California, 2020	Freemark Abbey, Joel Gott, Louis M. Martini, Oberon, Rutherford Ranch, Clos du Val, Frog's Leap, Heitz Cellar, Duckhorn, Foppiano, Miner Family, RouteStock	Any Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon in an oak-driven, rich style
Wine 4	Argentina	Malbec	Altocedro, 'Año Cero' La Consulta, Mendoza, 2022	Catena, Tilia, Kaiken Estate, Susana Balbo Signature, Mendel, La Posta, Familia Zuccardi, Achaval-Ferrer, Viña Cobos, Luigi Bosca, Terrazas de los Andes	Any recent vintage Mendoza Malbec
Wine 5	New Zealand	Sauvignon Blanc	Villa Maria, 'Private Bin' Marlborough, 2022	Spy Valley, Kim Crawford, Oyster Bay, Matua, Craggy Range, Cloudy Bay, Nobilo, Whitehaven, Greywacke, Nautilus Estate	Any recent vintage (2021, 2022) produced in Marlborough, New Zealand
Wine 6	Australia	Shiraz	Yalumba, 'Samuels Collection' Barossa Valley, 2019	Nine Stones; Peter Lehmann; Penfolds (any); Jacob's Creek, Double Barrel; Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire; Yalumba; Hewitson, D'Arenbeg, Langmeil	Any Shiraz from Australia