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COUNTRY/REGION	SUB-REGION(S)/STYLE(S)
<b>Cabernet Sauvignon and Blends</b>	
France - Bordeaux	Graves, Médoc (Margaux, Pauillac, St. Estèphe, St. Julien) (Bordeaux AOC to First Growth)
Australia	Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, Margaret River, McLaren Vale
Chile - Central Valley	Curicó, Maipo, Maule, Rapel
USA	California (All Napa, All Sonoma, Central Coast); Washington (Columbia Valley)
<b>Cabernet Franc</b>	
France - Loire Valley	Bourgueil, Chinon, St. Nicolas de Bourgueil (No new oak)
<b>Carmenère</b>	
Chile - Central Valley	Curicó, Maipo, Maule, Rapel
<b>Corvina - Based Blend</b>	
Italy - Veneto	Amarone, Valpolicella (Dry to Off-Dry)
<b>Gamay Noir</b>	
France - Beaujolais	Cru Beaujolais, Villages (Carbonic Maceration to No Carbonic Maceration)
<b>Grenache and Grenache-Based Blends</b>	
France - Rhône Valley	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Vacqueyras
Australia	South Australia
<b>Malbec</b>	
Argentina	Mendoza
<b>Merlot and Merlot-Based Blends</b>	
France - Bordeaux	Pomerol, St.-Émilion
USA	California (Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley); Washington (Columbia Valley)
<b>Nebbiolo</b>	
Italy - Piedmont	Barolo, Barbaresco, Gattinara (Normale & Riserva)
<b>Pinot Noir</b>	
France - Burgundy	Côte d'Or
USA	California (Anderson Valley, Carneros, Central Coast, Sonoma Coast/Valley); Oregon (Willamette Valley);
New Zealand	Central Otago, Marlborough, Martinborough



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<b>Sangiovese</b>	
Italy - Tuscany	Brunello di Montalcino, Chianti, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano (Classico, Riserva, Ruffina)
<b>Syrah</b>	
France - Rhône Valley	Northern Rhône
Australia	South Australia, Victoria
USA	California (Central Coast, Sonoma County); Washington (Columbia Valley)
<b>Tempranillo</b>	
Spain	Ribera del Duero, Rioja (Crianza, Reserva, Gran Reserva)
<b>Zinfandel</b>	
USA - California	Napa Valley, Paso Robles, Sonoma Valley (Dry to Medium Dry)