

Wine & Spirits

Top 100 Best Buys of 2020

93 | Parducci

2017 Mendocino County True Grit Reserve Petite Sirah (Best Buy) Yes, there are great wines from California's North Coast for \$25 a bottle, like this classic from Parducci. Tim Thornhill farms several blocks for this wine, planted between 1993 and 2009. Rather than old-vine complexity, it's about fresh red fruit edging petite's blackness, like the red of a peach at the pit. There's also a floral note, hinting at jasmine and something darker, like violets. While its tannins are relatively soft for petite, the wine is oxygen starved, potently structured, needing hours or days to fully show itself. *Reviewed by Joshua Greene.*

