

AS SEEN IN BEST OF YEAR 2022

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BUYING GUIDE

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91 **Nine Hats 2020 Red Blend (Columbia Valley).** This blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Syrah and 5% Petit Verdot is flat out fun to drink. While its black-cherry-soda and No. 2 pencil aromas might take you back to grade-school days, the heady combination of tobacco and curacao might remind you of an old dorm room. There's also a wet slate aroma that could take you anywhere. Flavors of icy blackberry sorbet and cocoa nibs join forces with a touch of coffee. The wine's soft smooth texture is matched by a sense of balance, with plush tannins and modest acidity. ***Editors' Choice.*** —M.A.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$20