



**ETCETERA
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GROWER OF THE YEAR

Ruth Saunders of Silver Creek Orchards in Nelson County has been named 2017 Grower of the Year by the Virginia Vineyards Association. Ruth and her husband John raise cattle and grow apples and a variety of other crops, including wine grapes which they first planted in 1999. They are among the largest independent growers in Virginia with more than 75 acres of grapes, which produce award-winning wines for many wineries throughout the state.



CHARDONNAY EARNS 90-POINT RATING

Vintage 2013 "Black Label" Chardonnay, produced by Bogati Winery in Round Hill, has received a 90-point rating in the latest edition of Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, one of the world's most prestigious wine publications. "Showing good concentration in the mid-palate, a fresh feel and a crisp edge, this has plenty to recommend it. If there is a quibble, there's a certain metallic nuance on the finish. That said, the finish is also wonderfully juicy and very tasty, the fruit lifted by the acidity and slammed home."

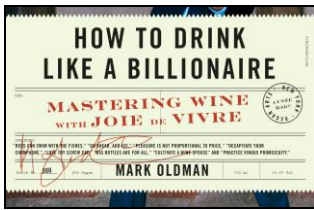
Read the full review at robertparker.com



BEST AMERICAN SINGLE MALT WHISKY

February was a really big month for Virginia Distillery Company in Lovington. Their flagship Virginia Highland Malt Whisky won "Best American Single Malt Whisky" at the World Whiskies Awards in New York in February. Two weeks earlier, the distillery took home two medals from the American Craft Spirits Association.

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DRINK LIKE A BILLIONAIRE

Drink Like a Billionaire: Mastering Wine with Joie de Vivre by Mark Oldman reveals how to drink wine like an insider while cutting through the pretension and geekiness that still surrounds much of wine. It will have you approaching wine with the shrewdness, style, and unapologetic joy of the one percent. Available wherever books are sold.



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