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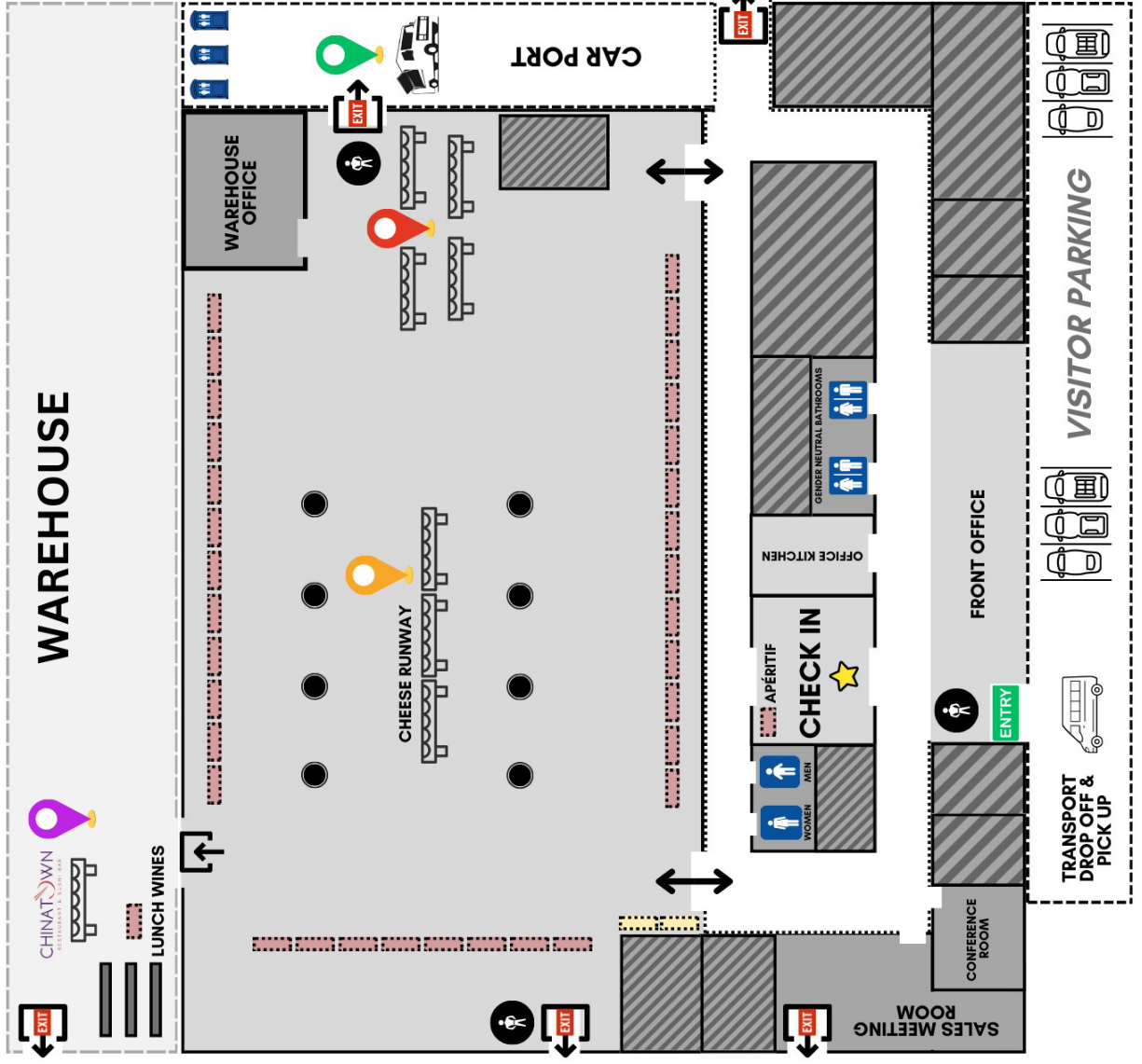
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



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FOOD STATIONS

-  Chinatown Sushi
-  Sexi Mexi Food Truck
-  6 Star Catering
-  Cheese Runway

ICON KEY

	Event Tasting		Large format for sale
	Check in		No Entry
	Restrooms	LANYARD KEY	
	Security		Suppliers & Representatives
	Guest Tables		Kysela Staff
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APERITIF



1. NV Rubus, Prosecco 12/750ml (ORGANIC & VEGAN)

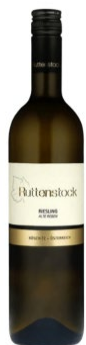
Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC

100% Glera. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico and vegan by The Vegan Society.

Clean, light, fresh, and airy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

NEW ITEM TABLE



2. 2023 Rutenstock, Riesling, Alte Reben 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Riesling vinified in stainless steel tanks. The grapes are sourced from a very stony vineyard where the ancient vines produce quality grapes year after year.

Delicate peaches and charming apricots on the nose. Exotic and fresh structure with lots of minerals. Fine fruit with a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



3. 2023 Hartl, Rotgipfler, Gumpoldskirchen 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Rotgipfler – 2/3 of the wine was aged in steel tanks and 1/3 in large wooden barrels.

The ancient Rotgipfler grape is packed with subtle fruit aromas: ripe peach, juicy apricot, and fresh pineapple. On the palate, there is orange zest, tangerine, and white pepper. A salty minerality supports a delicate structure with refined acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



4. 2023 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Tattendorf 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir – 80% aged in stainless steel and 20% in wooden casks.

Juicy, ripe cherry, and berry fruits. Fine tannins and refreshing acidity are supported by dark cherries, raspberries, black pepper, and dark chocolate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



5. 2021 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Kräutergarten 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir aged in barrel (33% new) for 18 months.

Strong garnet red, tending a little more towards brick-colored at the edge. On the nose, a complex abundance of herbs and dark berries, raspberry jam, thyme blossoms, dill, sage, and violets, as well as marzipan. Juicy on the palate, aromas of ripe raspberries, blueberries, rosehip tea, and Mediterranean herbs, plus hints of Assam tea. Elegant acidity gives the powerful body a firm framework and highlights the fine-grained tannins. In addition to its classic ripe, typical Pinot fruit, the wine shows subtle notes of toast and smoked bacon in the long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.00 / bottle



6. 2021 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Graf Weingartl 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir aged for 18 months in oak (40% new, 30% 2-year, and 30% 3-year).

Complex taste of ripe berries and cedar with both herbal and peppery components, as well as roasted coffee notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$62.00 / bottle



7. 2023 Elio Filippino, Langhe Arneis 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Langhe DOC

100% Arneis grown on hills with a southwest exposure.

This Arneis is straw yellow in color with greenish reflections. The bouquet is fruity with hints of chamomile and acacia. Fresh and elegant, this wine shows fruit with just a hint of floral characteristics.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.00 / bottle



8. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Reserve Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Shiraz aged in American oak (new, 2nd, and 3rd use) for 2 years.

"Growers in Barossa for six generations, the Thorn-Clarke family farms close to 600 acres of vines, providing the fruit for this sleek, black-fruited shiraz. It's silky- smooth, with the concentration and density of flavor that takes the tannins toward blood, iron and sage. A deep, dark wine with pleasure to spare, this begins to show floral scents of roses, then detailed flavors of plums and strawberries after a day open to air."

- Wine & Spirits, 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



9. 2023 Domaine Royet, Bourgogne Blanc, Hautes Côtes de Beaune 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Hautes Côtes de Beaune

100% Chardonnay aged 8 months on the fine lees in vats.

Brilliant light-yellow color. Mineral and white flower profile on the nose, round and delicate on the palate with fresh fruit, mineral tension, and light bitters on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.00 / bottle



10. 2022 Domaine Royet, Rully Blanc, Clos de Bellecroix 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Rully

100% Chardonnay aged 10 months in barrel.

Intense light-yellow color. The nose evokes ripe yellow fruit, with a hint of fresh wood and vanilla. A round, gourmet palate shows hints of smoke and vanilla.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.00 / bottle



11. 2022 Domaine Royet, Bourgogne Rouge, Hautes Côtes de Beaune 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Hautes Côtes de Beaune

100% Pinot Noir aged in 50% fiberglass vats and 50% in barrels (30% new).

Deep ruby color. Notes of red berries and licorice. Intense, structured palate with ripe fruit and a spicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.00 / bottle



12. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Zzero, Riesling Alkoholfrei (non-alcoholic wine) 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Riesling vinified in stainless steel. The alcohol is removed by vacuum distillation.

This Riesling has a delicate fruit and mineral taste. Very refreshing.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



13. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Goldmuskateller Feinherb 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Goldmuskateller.

On the nose, a potpourri of fine elderberry scents, apricots, and quince. A subtle aroma of lime and coconut rounds off the experience.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



14. 2022 Ricudda, Canaiolo 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana IGT

100% Canaiolo vinified in French oak for 2 months and aged in concrete tanks for another 2 months. After bottling, the wine stays in the bottle for an extra 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certificazione Biologica.

Intense ruby red with purple tints. Aromas of flowers and berries accompanied by sweet spices. Fresh and easy to drink, with intense fruity notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



15. 2022 Tenuta Ferrata, Ceneris, Etna Bianco 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

80% Carricante and 20% Catarratto aged in stainless steel vats for about 8-10 months.

Straw-yellow with greenish nuance. Hints of green apple, white peach, and aromatic herbs.

Pleasant flavor and freshness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$34.99 / bottle



16. 2021 Tenuta Ferrata, Punta Drago, Etna Rosso 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

100% Nerello Mascalese aged for 12 months in steel and French oak, and then 6-8 months in bottle.

Pale ruby red color, elegant bouquet of red berries, spicy notes, and underbrush. Great structure, silky tannins, soft and elegant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$34.99 / bottle



17. 2020 Tenuta Ferrata, Frevi, Reserve Etna Rosso 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

100% Nerello Mascalese aged for 24 months in French oak, and then 10 months in bottle.

Aromas of blood oranges, cranberries, hibiscus, pepper, pencil lead, and crushed rock create a tangy but floral nose. The palate is similarly poised between fruit and earth, strawberries and more cranberries that contrast with a metallic earthiness. A minty breeze provides freshness, pushed by fiery acid.

Suggested Retail Price: \$56.99 / bottle



18. 2023 Tenute Mannino, Aurantica, Etna Bianco 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

80% Carricante and 20% Catarratto.

It has a straw-yellow color with light golden reflections and a beautiful light. The nose is elegant with notes of citrus but also flint and ginger. The taste highlights the mineral component, well balanced in all its parts.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



19. 2022 Tenute Mannino, Placo, Etna Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

95% Nerello Mascalese and 5% Nerello Cappuccio aged in French oak barrels and demi-muids for 12 months.

"The floral but spicy nose offers rose petals, hibiscus, pomegranate, oregano, sage and thyme. On the palate, a foundation of metallic, peppery earth accentuates that subtle spiciness, while acid shines above firm, structured tannins that give the wine a solid feel."

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 91 points & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



20. 2019 Tenute Mannino, Vasadonna, Etna Rosso 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

100% Nerello Mascalese aged in French oak for 2 years.

The wine, with a beautiful light, presents a ruby red color. Good finesse with hints of spices and red fruits, aromatic herbs, and mineral notes to the nose. The mouthfeel is full, warm, and well-balanced with tannins expressing all the minerality of the volcano, and its freshness that leads to a long and persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle

ARGENTINA

An area known for its Malbec, Argentina is the 5th largest wine producer in the world after Italy, France, Spain, and the USA. The main producing region is the province of Mendoza producing more than 72% of Argentinian wine, followed by the provinces of San Juan and La Rioja. Vineyards in Argentina cover 530,000 acres and the main red varieties cultivated are Malbec, Bonarda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Tempranillo, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Franc. A small percentage of red grape plantings are Italian varietals which include Sangiovese, Barbera, Lambrusco, Dolcetto, Primitivo, and Nebbiolo. The main white varietals cultivated are Torrontes, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, and Viognier, although lesser amounts of Muscat of Alexandria, Semillon, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Sauvignonasse (Friulano), Ugni Blanc, and Pedro Ximenez are planted as well. Additionally, a few pink grape varietals are planted which are almost exclusively consumed domestically: Cereza, Criolla Chica, and Criolla Grande.

Most of Argentina's wine regions are located along the western edge of the country, in the foothills of the Andes Mountains that form a natural frontier with Chile. The foothills offer the ideal natural landscape for vineyards to be able to thrive in the desert, as they slope gently downwards and are irrigated by the rivers carrying snowmelt from the Andes down to the arid plains below.

Wine production sits at 8.4 million hectoliters with red wine accounting for 60% of production, and white and rosé sitting almost equally at 20% each. Argentina exports 20% of its wine, with the United States being the leading importer of Argentine wine.

Chakana

Founded May 2nd, 2002, Chakana is a winery located 960 meters above sea level at the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Agrelo, Mendoza. It is one of the leading projects among the new generation of winemakers dedicated to the discovery and expression of the Andean diversity of climate and soil.

Chakana is the name given to the Southern Cross constellation by the indigenous people of the Andes Highlands. The Chakana is believed to hold the key to finding the perfect timing for the cultivation and harvesting of crops – a calendar, compass and symbolic link between earth and spirit. On May 2, 2002, the Chakana reached perfect vertical position in the sky, marking the beginning of a new farming cycle. It was then that Chakana's founder Juan Pelizzatti chose its name for his winery, paying homage to the Incan understanding and respect for nature.

The team at Chakana are committed to biodynamic and organic viticulture and preserving the true character of the soils and region: "Higher quality fruit demands minimum intervention in the winery to create truly enjoyable wines that challenge the established criteria of manipulation: spontaneous fermentation, natural acidity, minimum or no sulphur, locally adapted varieties, no clarification nor filtration preserve the identity of wines."

Chakana owns 121 hectares (299 acres) of vineyards, spread across the top terroirs in Mendoza. They have followed organic and biodynamic viticulture practices since 2012 and have organic, biodynamic, and vegan certifications from Demeter, USDA, and other organizations.

- Finca Nuna in Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo – 80 hectares (198 acres) at 950 meters above sea level, planted with Malbec, Bonarda, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Petit Verdot, Tannat, Viognier, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. The terroir is loam and clay with gravel 70 cm deep, and some limestone. Urban-influenced climate, relatively warm. Organic and biodynamic certified.
- Finca Ayni in Paraje Altamira, Valle du Uco – 26 hectares (64 acres) at 1100 m planted with Malbec, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Terroir is a sandy loam with gravels up to 70 cm deep. Dominated by limestone, temperate climate. The vineyard's 'Parcela Gravas' is certified organic.
- Finca Los Cedros in Paraje Altamira, Valle du Uco – 15 hectares (37 acres) planted with Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Terroir is a sandy loam with gravels up to 70 cm deep. Dominated by limestone. Certified organic.



21. 2021 Chakana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary
100% Cabernet Franc aged for 6 months in French oak barrels.

"An outstanding Cabernet Franc. Opaque with a powerful bouquet of dark fruit and notes of tobacco and earth. Lush and juicy on the palate. Ripe flavors with firm tannins and a very long finish."

- International Wine Review, 93 points

- Tim Atkin, 91 points

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



22. 2021 Chakana, Red Blend 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

70% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc aged 10 months in oak and concrete. This blend is from Chakana's Altamira (3,200 ft elevation) and Gualtallary (5,500 ft elevation) vineyards.

"Notes of fresh blackcurrants and dark cherries with subtle hints of nutshells, cocoa and spice box. Rich and flavorful on the palate with a medium to full body and ripe, glossy tannins. Succulent, lightly spicy finish."

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



23. 2021 Chakana, Malbec 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec aged for 12 months in French oak (70% in new and used) and concrete (30%). Estate Malbec is from Chakana's Altamira (3,200 ft elevation) and Gualtallary (5,500 ft elevation) vineyards.

"Spiced dark berries, licorice, crushed walnuts and hints of bark. Intense and layered with a medium to full body and sleek, supple tannins. Ripe and succulent."

- Tim Atkin, 93 points

- James Suckling, 91 points

- Jeb Dunnock, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



24. 2022 Cueva de las Manos, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

100% Malbec aged in concrete vats for 10 months. Certified organic by LETIS Organic. Cueva de las Manos translates to "Cave of the Hands". There are a series of caves in Patagonia containing stenciled paintings of hands, dating back over 9,000 years. The caves have been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and are the inspiration for this label. Deep purple in color. Fruity intensity on the nose with floral notes. A juicy texture, mild tannins and good structure balanced by a well-integrated freshness. Clean and pure finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



25. 2022 Cueva de las Manos, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 3-year-old barrels for 9 months. Certified organic by LETIS. The wine offers an intense bouquet on the nose, with notes of green pepper. On the palate it is smooth and well-textured with a long and elegant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

4 Gatos Locos

4 Gatos Locos (4 Crazy Cats) is a project created by Gabriel Bloise, Facundo Bonamaizon, and Mariana and Juan Pelizzatti – winemaker, viticulturist, and founders of Chakana Winery (respectively).

The project centers on a 20-hectare vineyard in Alto Gualtallary, the most prominent growing region in Argentina. Gualtallary is broken down into 5 subregions: Arbo, Rio, La Vencedora, Monasterio, and Las Tunas. Out of 51,000 potential plantable acres, there are 6,175 acres presently under vine.

The vineyard is situated 1,360 meters above sea level, on a 10% slope on the Sierra del Jaboncillo – a relatively old geological formation near the alluvial fan of the Las Tunas River, in the Tupungato area. The long exposure to arid conditions of calcium-rich gravel has created one of the most calcium carbonate-rich areas in Mendoza. This combination of altitude, slope, gravel, and the calcium carbonate create uniquely deep, textured wines, with intense color and mineral freshness. Moderate high temperatures controlled by high altitude in sunny conditions produce perfectly ripe grapes of unusually intense color and great vitality, balanced by the mineral freshness of calcium carbonate. Local aromatic plants, naturally occurring in native vegetation areas interspersed in the vineyard, give the wine a unique herbal touch that underlines the character of the place.



26. 2023 Miau, Four Gatos Locos, Malbec, Gualtallary 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Malbec aged in cement and French oak.

Miau (Meow) is the typical cry a cat makes when wanting to attract attention. This wine was made by four mad cats - Mariana, Facundo, Gabriel, and Juan - from their 20-hectare vineyard high in Alto Gualtallary, where the sun, slopes and limestone create the best wines in Valle de Uco.

The wine boasts a very deep color, red fruit aromas, spice, and herbal perfume with an intense profound mineral palate. Juicy and round tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.00 / bottle



27. 2022 Maipe, Malbec, Reserve 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% hand-selected Malbec aged 12 months in used French oak barrels. The grapes for this wine are grown in Gualtallary (within Tupungato). This massive 5,550-acre parcel is divided between 5 sub-parcels: Gualtallary Rio, Gualtallary La Vencedora, Gualtallary Albo, Gualtallary Monasterio, and Gualtallary Las Tunas. This wine is made from grapes coming from the section called Gualtallary Albo.

Maipe means "Lord of the Wind" in Quechua. The Andean people still invoke his name to clear the skies after heavy rain, or to temper the summer heat.

The nose reveals dried plum, dark fruits, and exotic spices with hints of violet and chocolate. Round and fleshy with enticing crushed plum and boysenberry fruit, enlivened by a licorice snap note. Fresh acidity lies buried in the medium-weight, juicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



28. 2020 4 Gatos Locos, Malbec, Gualtallary 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Malbec aged in new French oak 500-liter barrels and 5000-liter foudre for 18 months, then aged 12 months in bottle.

"I tasted two vintages of the first wine they produced, the youngest of which was the 2020 Malbec, from a warmer and riper year than 2019 tasted next to it. This is a dark, aromatic and ripe Malbec at 14.8% alcohol with mellow acidity and a soft and juicy texture with round tannins. It is quite fruit-driven, with integrated oak after aging in used 500-liter French oak barrels and 5,000-liter oak vat. The vines are now certified organic."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92 points

- Tim Atkin, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle



29. 2020 4 Gatos Locos, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gualtallary 4/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 500L new French oak barrels for 18 months.

"Gualtallary is one of the most prestigious regions in the Uco Valley. The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard at 4,460 feet over limestone soil. It has a fruity nose that leans towards ripe berries and herbs. Hints of blackcurrant are included in the bouquet. It shows good structure with a linear acidity lifting flavors of plum, cherries, licorice, rosemary, and peppercorn."

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.99/ bottle

Imperial Stag

Imperial Stag was founded in 2010, when two wine-passionate American hunters decided to buy a vineyard at over 2400 feet in elevation near historic San Rafael, part of the world-renowned wine region of Mendoza, Argentina. After several years of studying the climate, soil, and vines, they determined that the "Dos Cazadores" (Two Hunters) vineyards would produce high-quality red grapes such as Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, and Bonarda. In 2019, under prominent winemaker, Fabricio Orlando, they crafted the first of what would become a series of exclusive, single vineyard, high-quality wines in limited editions that express the history, beauty, style, and excitement of hunting, and the highest examples of Argentine winemaking tradition.

The winery is named after a magnificent stag taken by the Archduke of Austria, Royal Prince of Hungary Istvan von Hapsburg-Lothringen's great grandfather, who shared the same passion for hunting and nature that drives the creation of these wines, whose intention is to be worthy of being enjoyed as a compliment to game.



30. 2022 Imperial Stag, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

100% Cabernet Franc aged in French oak for 12 months, and then in bottle for 6 months. Bright deep ruby color, with spicy aromas reminiscent of red pepper and slight sensations of licorice. In the mouth, there is spice, balanced tannins, fresh and vibrant acidity, and good volume. Persistent, complex finish, with the authentic characteristics of a great Cabernet Franc.

- Tim Atkin, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.00 / bottle



31. 2022 Imperial Stag, Malbec 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

100% Malbec aged in French oak for 12 months, and then in bottle for 6 months. It is an intense and bright ruby red color. Aromas of ripe fruit with spicy notes of eucalyptus and licorice. Vanilla and tobacco aromas. Good volume on the palate, balanced and intense with great concentration. Sweet flavors with rotund tannins polished with elegance and sophistication.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle



32. 2022 Imperial Stag, Reserva Iconic Red, Mendoza 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

55% Malbec and 45% Syrah. The two varietals age separately for 8 months in French oak barrels of 500 and 225 liters. After that, the blend is made, and the resulting wine ages another 4 months in oak. This is a single vineyard planted with Malbec and Syrah with low yields (2.5 ton per acre for the Malbec and 3.5 ton per acre for the Syrah).

Bright and intense, full-bodied red wine with violet hues. Elegant and savory with silky persistence. Captivating aromas of currants, raspberries, and other red fruits. Distinct tobacco and chocolate aromas melded with honey and amalgamated notes of pepper and nuts.

Suggested Retail Price: \$38.50 / bottle

Viejo Isaias

Isaias Hernandez was a wise, virtuous farmer and a life-long winemaker. He was passionate about wine growing and winemaking, but also about the cultivation of roses. He would give his wife the first rose of each season as proof of their love, which blossomed year after year.

Isaias shared his knowledge and passion with his grandson, Rodrigo. In 1998, Rodrigo began studying oenology and planting vineyards. He earned his bachelor's degree in Oenology and Fruit Horticulture in 2003. Combining his formal education, the knowledge from his grandfather, and his experience as a farm and vineyard manager

at Finca Romero Soner during college, Rodrigo founded Viejo Isaias Winery in 1998 and produced his first vintage in 20025. The name and rose logo honor his grandfather and keep his legacy alive. Rodrigo decided to plant vineyards in Luján de Cuyo's Perdriel area, which is the same village from which Cobos by Paul Hobbs originated.

Today the winery produces 8,000 cases annually. They use 100% pump/drip irrigation, as higher parcels don't receive flood irrigation. In 2019, they completed construction on a new winemaking building, which contains only barrels (not tanks).



33. 2020 Viejo Isaias, Juana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo
100% Cabernet Franc aged in 50% French and 50% American oak barrels for 12 months. Juana Cabernet Franc is produced from a vineyard located in Perdriel, Luján de Cuyo, on the highest area of the Mendoza River at an altitude of 950 meters above sea level.

"Hints of plums and dark berries with some dried flowers, following through to a medium body with round tannins and a juicy finish. Bigger in nature."

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



34. 2022 Viejo Isaias, Malbec, Classico 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo
100% Malbec aged in 40% American oak (2nd and 3rd use) and in 60% inox for 6 months. Aged 6 months minimum in bottle before release.

From the lowest parcels with the deepest loam and clay. The coolest site with the fastest draining. Vibrantly red, with blue and purple glints. It has complex aromas of plum and ripe fruit, evoking dry fig. In the mouth it is velvety and long, with a rich aftertaste, full of fine, sweet, ripe tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



35. 2022 Viejo Isaias, Malbec, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo
100% Malbec aged 12 months in used American oak and 6 months in bottle.

The Reserva wine embodies the spirit of Don Isaias Hernandez; hardworking and strong. The wine is produced from the higher, stonier parcels of the vineyards.

Intense touch of blueberries and plums, highlighted with vanilla and white chocolate from the oak aging. A nice wine with a good body, full of sweet tannins with good concentration and long persistence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



36. 2020 Viejo Isaias, Elegido 3/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo
Elegido means “Chosen One”.

50% Malbec and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 18 months in French and American oak. Vibrant red. The highly viscous tear with reddish tints invites you to discover the warm sensuality that embraces this wine of great complexity with deep aromas of pepper, cassis, fig, tobacco, and chocolate. This is a full-bodied, round red with silky tannins, good acidity, and a long, persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle

AUSTRALIA

Australia is one of the world's largest exporters of wine, sending two-thirds (800 million out of their 1.2 to 1.3 billion liters produced annually) of their production to overseas markets. The top export markets for Australian wines are the UK and USA (it was China before the high tariffs).

There is a \$3.5 billion domestic market for Australian wines, with Australians consuming approximately 500 million liters annually. Norfolk Islanders are the second biggest wine consumers per capita in the world with 54 million liters. Only 16.6% of wine sold in Australia is imported.

Wine is produced in every state, with more than 60 designated wine regions totaling approximately 395,000 acres; however, Australia's wine regions are mainly in the southern, cooler parts of the country, with vineyards located in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland.

Major grape varieties are Shiraz, Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, and Riesling. The country has no native grapes, and varieties were introduced from Europe and South Africa in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Some varieties have been bred by Australian viticulturists, for example Cienna and Tarrango. Cienna is a drought-resistant red Australian wine grape variety first harvested in 2000. It is a mix between the Spanish wine grape Sumoll and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tarrango is a cross between Touriga Nacional and Sultana, created with the goal of producing Beaujolais-style wines in the warm Australian climate. Additional grape varieties from France, Italy, and Spain are becoming more prevalent: Petit Verdot, Pinot Grigio, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, Nebbiolo, Malbec, Barbera, Arneis, Fiano, and Viognier.

Morambro Creek

Since 1851, five generations of the Bryson family have been involved in agriculture and the unique and fertile land of South Australia. The family business was built by Clive and Elizabeth Bryson, who have now handed the day-to-day operations over to the next generation, sons Andrew, David, and Paul. David leads the charge these days.

In the early 1990s, the Brysons decided to take the plunge and plant vines on their property. Initially, their plan was to sell these grapes to the big wine producers. However, after a few vintages, the desire to see the fruits of their labor was too great to resist. In 1998 they held onto a small selection of their fruits and sent it to the Cape

Jaffa Winery. Their own wine - named for the Morambro Creek that meanders through the property - was born. Parcels of grapes are planted on either side of this creek.

The vineyards are in the historic Padthaway Valley, 300 km south of Adelaide. The farm consists of 470 acres, divided into parcels, equal in size. Annual production is around 30,000 cases. The vines enjoy a cool climate with plentiful winter/spring rainfall; limestone subsoil provides excellent drainage. The grapes cultivated here are Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.



37. NV Jip Jip Rocks, Sparkling Shiraz 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia

100% Shiraz aged in old French oak barrels.

Deep crimson with a red brick mousse and a fine bead. The aroma displays ripe plums, earthy notes and spice. Mouth-filling flavors of plums and prunes with hints of licorice. Soft and creamy, with a persistent cherry, chocolate, and spice finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



38. 2022 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz Cabernet 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway

55% Shiraz and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 13 months in French and American oak.

Deep purple. Boysenberry and mulberry aromas with a hint of cedar and pepper. Similar berry fruits show through the opulent, textured palate, with a lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



39. 2022 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway

100% Shiraz aged 11 months in new and used French and American oak.

Lifted spice and ripe mulberry/blackberry aromas are complimented with chocolate, cedar, and cinnamon on the nose. Well-integrated oak tannins provide flavors of clove and supple texture, which supports rich plum, blackberry, and mocha. Generous with fine-grained tannins and a lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



40. 2022 Morambro Creek, Chardonnay 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak (35% new and 65% aged).

The wine is pale straw in color. Concentrated citrus and white peach fruit flavors are complimented by delicate yeast and subtle spice aromas. The palate is clean and fresh with vibrant fruit flavors, mineral characters and a good lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



41. 2020 Morambro Creek, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 35% new French oak barrels.

Deep purple in color. A rich elegant nose of cassis with overtones of vanilla and coffee. Lush, ripe palate dominated by black fruits, cherry, and chocolate. Full-bodied with savory, integrated fruit tannins and persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle

Thorn-Clarke

The name Thorn-Clarke represents the union between two families with deep roots in the Barossa Valley and six generations of grape growing. Cheryl Clarke's (née Thorn) family were some of the earliest settlers in the region and have been growing grapes since the 1870s. The Thorn family property 'Clifton' is home to one of the oldest Shiraz vineyards in Australia, and perhaps the world, with earliest records for plantings dating back to 1854. It is still owned and operated by Cheryl's brothers.

David Clarke's family was also a pioneer in the Barossa Valley but more famously for mining gold. An ancestor, James Goddard, was responsible for opening the Lady Alice gold mine in the Barossa goldfields, the largest gold mine in South Australia at the time. A geologist by training and wine lover at heart, David set about testing soils to identify prime plots of land to acquire and plant vines. David and Cheryl's first vineyard in 1987 was Kabininge, outside Tanunda (the name means "watering hole" in the Aboriginal language). They later acquired more land in Barossa and the Eden Valley. This took a lot of Australian pluck at that time. During the late 1980s, the South Australian government was sponsoring growers to remove vines, not plant them.

Following success as grape growers supplying other Barossa wineries with fruit, David and Cheryl founded Thorn-Clarke Winery in 2001 with daughter, Nicole, and son, Sam. Thorn-Clarke has a total of 675 acres of grapes over 5 vineyards. In Barossa Valley, there are 3 vineyards: Kabininge, St. Kitts, and Truro. In the Eden Valley, there are 2 vineyards: Mount Crawford and Milton Park.

Winemaker Peter Kelly strongly believes that to make wines with complexity and elegance, the first step is getting the vineyards right. The Thorn-Clarke family has a strong belief in the age-old saying "you can't make good wine from bad grapes."



42. 2023 Thorn-Clarke, Milton Park, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia

100% Chardonnay.

This wine is a pale yellow color and is dominated by peach aromas with a hint of pineapple juice. The palate has intense peach and pineapple characters. The mid-palate is soft and creamy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



43. 2024 Thorn-Clarke, Varietal Collection, Pinot Gris, Eden Valley 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley
100% Pinot Gris.

Pale straw in color with quartz green hues at the edge. A classic Pinot Gris style with lifted nashi pear, apple, and nougat aromas. The palate is a textural, medium-weight style with juicy pomme fruits, zesty lime, and grapefruit. A refreshing style with a subtle texture and long, fruit-driven finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



44. 2023 Thorn-Clarke, Varietal Collection, Riesling, Eden Valley 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley
100% Riesling.

Vibrant pale straw in color with brilliant green highlights. Lively citrus, perfumed florals, and gentle talc aromas jump from the glass, showing true Eden Valley characters. Fresh cut lime, fragrant lemongrass and fine minerality are highlights of the palate, which also has a beautiful, long acid drive. The result is a finely balanced wine with precision, perfume, and a delicious core of mouth-watering fruit.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



45. 2022 Thorn-Clarke, Milton Park, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia
100% Shiraz aged 12 months in American oak.

Nose of lifted berry fruits with hints of dark chocolate and spice. The palate is medium bodied with intense plummy fruit that fills the whole palate and combines with soft and approachable tannins to create a very mouth-filling wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.50 / bottle



46. 2020 Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley
100% Shiraz matured in French and American oak for up to 12 months.

"This is a gently spicy shiraz with aromas of red berries and plums, gentle spice and a little perfume and spiced pastry, too. The palate has a supple and fleshy feel with bright and ripe red to dark-berry flavors. Soft, plump tannins."

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



47. 2020 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Quartage 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot, and 10% Malbec aged 12 months in French oak barrels.

When the Clarke forebearers discovered gold in 1870 at the Lady Alice mine in the Barossa goldfields, a family dynasty began. The Shotfire range immortalizes the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting charges in the mines.

"Delivering an attractive array of fruits - blackcurrant, leaf, with meaty, stocky aromas and hints of violet. A voluptuous and balanced palate follows - layers of cedar and cigar box adding detail before tightening up to a sinewy finish of decent length."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



48. 2020 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Shiraz aged 14 months in new American oak (40%) and 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

When the Clarke forebearers discovered gold in 1870 at the Lady Alice mine in the Barossa goldfields, a family dynasty began. The Shotfire range immortalizes the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting charges in the mines.

"Blue fruits, menthol, Asian spices, and peppery, subtly meaty notes all emerge from this wine, a round, fleshy, opulent beauty that has full-bodied richness, velvety tannins, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points

- International Wine Review, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



49. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Reserve Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Shiraz aged in American oak (new, 2nd, and 3rd use) for 2 years.

"Growers in Barossa for six generations, the Thorn-Clarke family farms close to 600 acres of vines, providing the fruit for this sleek, black-fruited shiraz. It's silky-smooth, with the concentration and density of flavor that takes the tannins toward blood, iron, and sage. A deep, dark wine with pleasure to spare, this begins to show floral scents of roses, then detailed flavors of plums and strawberries after a day open to air."

- Wine & Spirits, 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



50. 2021 Thorn-Clarke, Single Vineyard, Grenache 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Grenache matured for 18 months in French oak.

The vines sit in good sandy soils nestled below the ranges on the eastern side of Barossa, enjoying cool evenings, gully winds, and a temperate climate.

The wine is ruby in color with purple hues. Brimming with bright fruit notes of wild strawberries and cherries and backed up by subtle spice of white pepper. On the palate, the fruit continues with further notes of raspberries and plum with a hint of French oak.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



51. 2022 Thorn-Clarke, Single Vineyard, Malbec 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Malbec aged 18 months in French and American oak. Unfiltered.

The wine is sourced from the most northern area of the Barossa and features a vibrant purple hue. The nose is lifted with perfumed blueberry and satsuma plum evident. The palate is full-bodied and rich with layers of blue fruits, Christmas spices and subtle complex French oak.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



52. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, Single Vineyard, Mataro 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa

100% Mataro aged 18 months in French oak. Unfiltered.

Striking with its inky red color and purple hues, a hallmark of a classic vintage. On the nose, black fruits are in abundance. Notes of Chinese five spice and currants also shine through.

On the palate, blackberries and winter spices are evident. The generous and silky tannins in this wine support a long and complex finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



53. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Cabernet Sauvignon, Eden Valley 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French oak (40% new) for 18 months.

The William Randell range of wines was created in honor of a family ancestor, the esteemed pioneer William Richard Randell (1824-1911). Only made in exceptional vintages.

"Plums and beeswax meld in this succulent cabernet, selected from Thorn-Clarke's Milton Park estate vineyard, 250 acres of vines in the Eden Valley hills between Angaston and Keyneton. The wine holds its herbal notes to a fine complexity at the edges of ripe, gentle tannins. The cool altitude of the vines produces black-currant flavors that last and last. Subtle, dark-fruited and supple cabernet joy."

- Wine & Spirits, 94 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$57.99 / bottle



54. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Shiraz, Barossa 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley
100% Shiraz aged 18 months in American oak (40% new).

"This impressive and manicured 2019 Shiraz William Randell has class written all over it. Ripe and concentrated with black cherry, dark earthy tones and ham bone aromas wrapped up in a generous dose of sweet oak. Luscious levels of flavor and oak follow with well-judged tannins providing a complete package to enjoy over the next decade."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$57.99 / bottle



55. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, Ron Thorn, Shiraz 3/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley
100% Shiraz aged in American oak (100% new) for 20 months, and then 12 months in bottle. Named Ron Thorn, after Cheryl Thorn's father, this wine is produced from the best fruit grown on the estate.

"Only made in top vintages, the 2019 Shiraz Ron Thorn is 100% Shiraz from the St. Kitts Vineyard in Barossa. Killer notes of blackberries, black cherries, smoked tobacco, chocolate, and subtle menthol all define the aromatics, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a round, layered mouthfeel, huge mid-palate depth, and a salty, decadent style on the finish. This monster of a Shiraz stays balanced and light on its feet and is beautifully done."

- Jeb Dunnock, 96 points

- Wine Spectator, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$93.99 / bottle

AUSTRIA

Evidence suggests that grapes were grown in Austria up to 4,000 years ago. Currently, the wine-growing area in Austria totals 113,000 acres and is managed by 23,000 wine growers. Virtually all of Austria's fine wines are produced by small family wineries.

There are 42 grape varieties (28 white and 14 red) authorized in the use of producing quality wine in Austria. White wines are still dominant with 63% of the vineyard area, but the reds are catching up. After Austria's flagship wine, Grüner Veltliner (33%), it is the red wine variety Zweigelt which is the second most important (15%). Other varieties include Welschriesling, Müller-Thurgau, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Blaufränkisch, Blauer Portugieser, Riesling, and Neuburger.

White wine accounts for around 70% of production, with red following at around 30%. A minimal amount of rosé is produced. Austria exports 30% of its total production, with Germany and Switzerland being the largest importers of Austrian wine.

Weingut Hugl-Wimmer

Weingut Hugl-Wimmer is a family-run winery in Ketzelsdorf-Poysdorf, Austria. Owners Sylvia (née Wimmer) and Martin Hugl grew up in family wineries, and in 2006, they combined their winemaking knowledge and agricultural educations to introduce their first vintage. In 2013, they combined their two estates to form Weingut Hugl-Wimmer. Martin handles winemaking and quality control, while Sylvia is responsible for estate management, tastings, marketing, and accounting.

Martin and Sylvia have 30 hectares (74.13 acres) of vineyards located within a 2 km radius around the town of Poysdorf on prime south- and south-west-facing hillsides. While vineyards are planted close to each other, the soils range from light and sandy to medium loam to deep-seated loess and loam. This soil diversity and favorable growing conditions help produce a broad range of grape varieties.

Production is 64,330 9-liter cases annually (51,000 cases of Grüner Veltliner, 9,730 cases of Zweigelt, 1,300 cases of Welschriesling, 800 cases of Gemischter Satz, 400 cases of Gelber Muskateller, 220 cases of Weißburgunder, 220 cases of Blauburger, 180 cases of Sauvignon Blanc, 160 cases of Riesling, 160 cases of Gewürztraminer, and 160 cases of Müller Thurgau).



56. 2024 Hugl, Grüner Veltliner 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner vinified in stainless steel and aged on the lees for 2 months.

Intense and concentrated wine, with citrus and grapefruit aromas, tropical fruit, and a hint of freshly ground white pepper. Medium-bodied with firm mineral backbone and crisp acidity on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 1-liter bottle



57. 2023 Hugl, Gemischter Satz 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

50% Grüner Veltliner, 40% Gelber Muskateller, and 10% Riesling aged 4 months on the lees. In Vienna, the tradition of planting different and complementary grape varieties together in a vineyard – then harvesting and fermenting them together as well – has survived to the present day as Gemischter Satz. Thanks to the dynamic efforts of ambitious winegrowers, this traditional rarity has grown in stature and recognition to become the calling card of viticulture in Austria's capital city. Gemischter Satz is very popular in Vienna's Heurigen (the Viennese term for wine taverns).

The wine displays a mix of green-spicy flavors mixed with muscat and white pepper.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



58. 2024 Hugl, Zweigelt Rosé 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Zweigelt grapes aged in stainless-steel.

The wine offers delicate strawberry, cherry, and floral aromas. On the palate it is medium-bodied, lively, refreshing, and beautifully balanced. A long and pleasant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / 1-liter bottle



59. 2021 Hugl, Rosselberg Reserve, Horse Hill, Grüner Veltliner 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner matured on the fine lees for 6 months.

Hugl Rosselberg is a powerful and full-bodied Grüner Veltliner with intense ripe fruits, elegant, spicy and white pepper aromas, and a long finish. Mouthwatering acidity. Vibrant and herbal.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



60. 2022 Hugl, Zweigelt 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Zweigelt aged 50% in stainless steel and 50% in oak barrels.

The wine boasts a deep and concentrated red color. It offers fruity, fresh, spicy aromas, and cherry flavors. In the mouth it is smooth, medium-bodied, round, and lively.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / 1-liter bottle



61. NV Hugl, Sparkling Grüner Veltliner 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner vinified in stainless steel (no oak).

Poysdorf lies on the same line of latitude as Champagne, and the climate is similar. Hugl was anxious to take advantage of their resources and produce this Veltliner-Sekt.

Pale golden color with a glint of green. Yellow fruit aromas, dry with a soft, juicy structure and a pleasing streak of minerality. Notes of crisp apple and pear.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



62. 2023 Wimmer, Gruner Veltliner 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner aged on the lees for 2 months.

Fine aromatic nose with elegant fruit, subtle minerality, delicately juicy with a firm acid structure, fresh and radiant, long, well-balanced finish, appealing and lively. Full-bodied and lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 1-liter bottle



63. 2022 Wimmer, Zweigelt 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Zweigelt aged 50% in stainless steel and 50% in oak barrels.

Zweigelt is a cross between Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent. It is the # 1 red grape of Austria.

The wine boasts a deep and concentrated red color. It offers fruity, fresh, spicy aromas, and cherry flavors. In the mouth it is smooth, medium-bodied, round, and lively.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / 1-liter bottle

Weingut Rutenstock

Mathias Rutenstock, 4th generation winemaker in Röschitz in the Weinviertel region of Austria, has overseen the winery since 2011, following the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Mathias gained his experience by working with Anton Bauer in the Wagram and through internships at Roman Pfaffl and Julius Klein.

The vineyard is small, with only 44 acres and a total production of 100,000 bottles (8,333 9-liter cases). The vast Weinviertel stretches from the southern Danube Valley to the northern Czech border, and from the western Manhartsberg to the border of eastern Slovakia. The Weinviertel is mostly known for Grüner Veltliner and the first DAC in Austria. If the label reads Weinviertel DAC it is always 100% Grüner Veltliner. A highlight of the western part of Weinviertel is the area around the historic wine-trading town of Retz, with its labyrinth of underground wine cellars.



64. 2023 Rutenstock, Grüner Veltliner 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner fermented in stainless steel.

Very fruity and light Grüner Veltliner with fresh aromas of citrus and green apples. Crisp on the palate with lively acidity structure.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / 1-liter bottle



65. 2023 Rutenstock, Grüner Veltliner, Weinviertel DAC Klassik 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner fermented in stainless steel.

Peppery and spicy on the nose, yellow apples. Racy and elegant, fresh, and lively, with grapefruit flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



66. 2023 Rutenstock, Grüner Veltliner, Ried Reipersberg DAC 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner fermented in stainless steel.

The wine offers a touch of pear, spice, and dried fruit aromas on the nose, and exotic fruit characters. Minerality emerges from the primary rock soils, followed by an elegant and lively finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



67. 2023 Rutenstock, Riesling, Alte Reben 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Riesling vinified in stainless steel tanks. The grapes are sourced from a very stony vineyard where the ancient vines produce quality grapes year after year.

Delicate peaches and charming apricots on the nose. Exotic and fresh structure with lots of minerals. Fine fruit with a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle

Weingut Proidl

The Proidl family winery operates between tradition and modernity. The family's ancestors emigrated from the Bremen area in 1650 and have been cultivating vines in Senftenberg, north of Krems and at the gateway to the Kremstal, since 1738. It combines the Wachau wine region with the typical Waldviertel landscape of deeply incised river valleys separated by forests and rugged rocky terrain.

The Proidl family's long history of winemaking has given them a great deal of expertise in dealing with the diverse vineyard sites. They are meticulous observers of nature and passionate winegrowers. The Proidl's see themselves as craftsmen and mountain winegrowers with a past, a present, and a promising future. Minimalism reigns in the cellar. Patrick Proidl is convinced that the highly mineralized soils of Senftenberg and the close-to-nature cultivation of the vineyards mean that there is little need for intervention in the cellar. The most important tasks are patience, tasting and observation. Instead of tinkering with barrels and tanks, the Proidl family gives the wines the time they need to mature. Wines from the Proidl estate do not mature for two to three weeks but for three to twelve months. This results in wines that can be stored without an expiry date - that's the Proidl's unique definition of sustainability.



68. 2023 Proidl, Grüner Veltliner Rameln, Kremstal DAC 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kremstal DAC

100% Grüner Veltliner aged on the lees for 5 months in stainless steel.

"A very fresh style of Grüner Veltliner with crisp pear, lemon balm and chamomile aromas, plus very lively acidity for this grape on the medium-bodied palate. Long, crisp finish with stacks of lemon zest freshness. Sustainable. Drink now. Screw cap."

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.00 / bottle



69. 2023 Proidl, Grüner Veltliner Ried Hausberg, Kremstal DAC 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kremstal DAC

100% Grüner Veltliner aged 5 months in large wood foudre barrels.

"This Grüner Veltliner is brimming with floral aromas and has a wonderful interplay of restrained creaminess, bright yellow apple and pear fruit and elegant acidity on the medium-bodied palate. Long, precise finish. Sustainable. Drink or hold. Screw cap."

- James Suckling, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / bottle



70. 2023 Proidl, Riesling Alte Reben, Kremstal DAC

Source: Austria – Kremstal DAC

100% Riesling.

"Very striking aromas of ripe melon, peaches and ginger. Impressive depth and elegant acidity on the medium-bodied palate. Very long, fresh, bright finish."

- James Suckling, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.95 / bottle

Weingut Hartl

The winery carries the name of the owner's family. This 40-acre property has been in the Hartl family for generations and winemaking has been in the region for centuries, dating back to Roman times. As a traditional family business, Heinrich III is the seventh-generation winemaker in charge today. His parents still support him greatly, as well as his wife Marie-Sophie.



71. 2023 Hartl, Rotgipfler, Gumpoldskirchen 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Rotgipfler – 2/3 of the wine was aged in steel tanks and 1/3 in large wooden barrels.

The ancient Rotgipfler grape is packed with subtle fruit aromas: ripe peach, juicy apricot, and fresh pineapple. On the palate, there is orange zest, tangerine, and white pepper. A salty minerality supports a delicate structure with refined acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



72. 2023 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Tattendorf 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir – 80% aged in stainless steel and 20% in wooden casks.

Juicy, ripe cherry, and berry fruits. Fine tannins and refreshing acidity are supported by dark cherries, raspberries, black pepper, and dark chocolate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



73. 2021 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Kräutergarten 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir aged in barrel (33% new) for 18 months.

Strong garnet red, tending a little more towards brick-colored at the edge. On the nose, a complex abundance of herbs and dark berries, raspberry jam, thyme blossoms, dill, sage, and violets, as well as marzipan. Juicy on the palate, aromas of ripe raspberries, blueberries, rosehip tea, and Mediterranean herbs, plus hints of Assam tea. Elegant acidity gives the powerful body a firm framework and highlights the fine-grained tannins. In addition to its classic ripe, typical Pinot fruit, the wine shows subtle notes of toast and smoked bacon in the long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.00 / bottle



74. 2021 Hartl, Pinot Noir, Graf Weingartl 6/750ml

Source: Austria – Niederösterreich – Thermenregion

100% Pinot Noir aged for 18 months in oak (40% new, 30% 2-year, and 30% 3-year).

Complex taste of ripe berries and cedar with both herbal and peppery components, as well as roasted coffee notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$62.00 / bottle

Weingut Leindl

Georg Leindl has been in the wine industry for nearly 30 years. After studying food and biotechnology, he went on to be a researcher at the Federal College for Oenology and Pomology at Klosterneuburg. From 1989 to 2013, Georg worked as a flying winemaker and oenology consultant, including working and renting space from Austria's Martin Nigl.

In 2013, he decided to create his own estate in Kamptal, and Weingut Leindl was born. He began with 5 hectares of vines and recently increased to 12 hectares. His Grüner Veltliner comes from the Seeberg vineyard, and Riesling from the famed Heiligenstein vineyard. Located about an hour west of Vienna in Kamptal, this hillside vineyard was first mentioned in the Zwettl Abbey register of 1280 as "Hellenstein", or hell stone, because it was a mountain on which the sun "burns like hell". It was later renamed Heiligenstein, or "holy rock" (it may be the first recorded incidence of political correctness). The Heiligenstein is a unique geological formation – a geological island – within Europe, dating to the Permian Period some 250 to 270 million years ago, comprising an extrusion of desert sandstone with volcanic and carboniferous conglomerates.



75. 2023 Leindl, Grüner Veltliner, Eichelberg 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Grüner Veltliner aged on the lees for 7 months in stainless steel tanks (no oak, no ML). Medium yellow-green. Fine yellow apple fruit, delicate hint of quince and honey, candied orange zest, and a highly attractive bouquet. Juicy, good complexity, extract core sweet, silky texture, fine acidity, fine and salty minerality, great length, and secure aging potential. A very refined Veltliner-style.

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



76. 2023 Leindl, Ried Seeberg, Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Grüner Veltliner aged on the lees for 12 months. Sustainably farmed.

"Here's a wonderfully cool and elegant Grüner Veltliner with mountain freshness that makes it very enticing. Medium-bodied and quite sleek, but with a touch of marzipan richness on the mid-palate, then a stunning wet-stone freshness in the long and polished finish

- James Suckling, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle



77. 2022 Leindl, V Viognier 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Viognier aged in oak.

Bright golden yellow, silver reflections. Delicate notes of meadow herbs, tropical yellow fruit, delicate minerality, multi-faceted bouquet that increases with air. Juicy, elegant, fine mango touch, integrated acid structure, subtle sweetness in the aftertaste, and salty finish. A full-bodied food companion.

Suggested Retail Pricing: \$68.99 / bottle



78. 2023 Leindl, Riesling, Urgestein 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Riesling.

This is a fragrant Riesling that has lemon and lime curd on the nose, plus orange blossom and melon. Fresh and lemony on the palate with medium body and a juicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



79. 2022 Leindl, Ried, Riesling, Kogelberg 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Riesling.

Delicate yellow tropical fruit paired with overripe apricots. Juicy, good complexity, fruity sweetness of ripe peaches, pleasant acidity, citrus touch in the aftertaste, and good aging potential.

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.99 / bottle



80. 2023 Leindl, Ried Zöbinger Heiligenstein (Holy Rock), Riesling, Kamptal 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

100% Riesling aged on the lees for 12 months in stainless steel.

"This excellent expression of the Heiligenstein site has a wonderful youthful tension. The sleek, medium-bodied palate features understated power, great precision and Amalfi lemon freshness. Very long, focused finish with a cascade of dry flowers."

- James Suckling, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle

CHILE

Consumption of Chilean wines has exploded in the past 30 years, but don't forget that grapevines were planted in the 1550's by European immigrants and that Chile has 470+ years of wine-making history and culture.

Chile is unique in that it is naturally protected on all sides (the Atacama Desert to the north, the Andes to the east, Patagonia to south, and the Pacific Ocean to the west), and as a result is free of phylloxera, allowing some of the world's oldest vines, many of which are ungrafted, to remain healthy and productive.

400,000 acres of grapes are currently planted in Chile and 1.2 billion liters of wine are produced annually. 70% of Chile's wine is exported, with China and the United States being the top importers. Chile is a leader in organic, biodynamic, and sustainable wine production, with upwards of 75% of all Chilean wine exported being sustainably produced. Key grape varietals for Chile include Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay (specialties in the Leyda Valley) and Cabernet Sauvignon (the most widely planted variety in Chile), Carménère, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Syrah.

La Despensa Boutique

At La Despensa, the team is proudly Colchagüino. All the wines are produced from grapes grown in the Colchagua Valley. They say they'll never make wine from another valley. Production is over 16,000 cases a year.

They get their classic Rhône-blend grapes from their own organic vineyard in Santa Ana. In 2013, they planted the Rhône varieties of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. They always (and always will) co-ferment grapes when they make wine - old-school style. In 2016, they planted a small vineyard with Marselan grapes which are a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache and originated in 1961 from a town in France called Marseillan. In 2017, they planted some Roussanne (white) and Cinsault (they are the only producers of Cinsault in Colchagua), both of which are part of their Field Blend. They also grow Marsanne and Viognier - two other classic white Rhône varieties - that started producing in 2021. They harvested Sangiovese for the 1st time in 2021. Their Cabernet Sauvignon comes from grapes in the foothills of the Andes, from a friend's biodynamic vineyard where altitude (800m) plays an important role in producing high-quality grapes. They get more freshness and elegance than the typical Cabernet Sauvignon from Central Valley. The Pais (Mission) grapes come from a historic vineyard in Pumanque with vines of around 150 years of age. There are very few hectares of Pais left in Colchagua.



81. 2022 La Despensa, Sangiovese 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
100% Sangiovese.

This Sangiovese is a fresh and fruity take on a classic Italian variety, but with the typical savory notes of tomato and cherry. Perfect for early drinking, yet will improve for many years to come.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



82. 2023 La Despensa, Grenache 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
100% Grenache aged 50% in flexitank and 50% in used barrels (5th use).

Clean and fresh with varietal notes of fresh summer fruit and grippy tannins. Translucent in color.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle



83. 2021 La Despensa, Pool Blend 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
75% Cinsault, 15% Pais, 5% Marsanne, and 5% Roussanne aged 10 months in flexitank.

"This is fruit-driven and straightforward, with a medium-bodied palate and fine tannins. 2,400 bottles produced."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



84. 2022 La Despensa, Pais 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

90% Pais and 10% Cinsault aged 10 months in flexitank and used oak barrels.

The Pais is from one of the oldest Pais vineyards in Colchagua (120-150 years old).

The wine is versatile and will go well with almost all kinds of food. It has lovely acidity and tannins that will help it age gracefully over the next few years or can be enjoyed right now.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



85. 2022 La Despensa, Cinsault 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Cinsault

A genuinely unique wine - they are the only producers of Cinsault in Colchagua! From a new vineyard planted in 2017, the team at La Despensa thinks they've hit the jackpot with this variety in this valley. With much more structure, color, and intensity than the typical Chilean Cinsaults from farther south, this is an easy-drinking but serious version of this wonderfully fruity variety!

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle



86. 2021 La Despensa, Field Blend 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

45% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, and 5% Roussanne aged for 10 months in concrete tank.

"A very vivid and bright nose with lots of red fruit and flowers. Some sweet currants, raspberries and pomegranate in the forefront followed by a nice touch of bay leaf, graphite, and flowers. Juicy and bright on the palate with a medium body and firm and fresh tannins."

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle



87. 2020 La Despensa, Cabernet Sauvignon Marselan 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Marselan aged in 5th use and neutral barrels for months.

A different take on Chilean Cabernet, with grapes from a high-altitude vineyard in the foothills of the Andes, where summer temperatures never exceed 85°F. The grapes ripen over a longer growing season and the higher levels of UV help fix color and flavor profile.

This is a fresher take on Cabernet Sauvignon when compared to the typical highly concentrated Cabs that are considered the standard from Chile. Marselan (from Santa Ana) adds structure and tension to the wine and an even more intense color. Expect fresh and recently ripened blackberries and red currants.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle

Siegel Family Wines

Alberto Siegel was born in Santiago in 1946, the third generation in Chile of an Austrian family. His grandfather was an Austrian architect who built some very important and traditional buildings in downtown Santiago, at the beginning of the 20th century, including the Chilean Federal Reserve. His father, Don Germán, was a viticulturist that spent most of his career in charge of Viña San Pedro's vineyards near the town of Molina, 140 miles south of Santiago. There Alberto grew up, literally in the middle of the vines. It was not a surprise when he decided to study Agronomy and specialize in winemaking at the Universidad Católica in Santiago.

Together with his father, Alberto founded Viña Siegel (now Siegel Family Wines) in 1980. They started planting vineyards in Colchagua and building the winery in Santa Cruz. When Don Germán died in 1998, Alberto became the owner, together with his family. In the beginning, Viña Siegel only sold bulk wines to the biggest Chilean wineries, like Concha y Toro, San Pedro, and Santa Rita. In 1997, Alberto decided to enter the bottled wines business.

The Colchagua Valley is in the Central Zone of Chile. It is a 'Transverse Valley', which means that it is a valley formed by a river, in this case the Tinguiririca, running east-to-west towards the ocean. The valley cuts out at a ridge or mountain at right angles. The Colchagua Valley is the leading fine wine-producing region in Chile. It is in this valley where Alberto Siegel grew his first vines, which would later become Siegel Wines. Now they have more than 700 hectares (1,729 acres) planted, which are in the Andean foothills and the coastal zone of the valley. Their vineyard sites are:

- Los Lingues is one of Siegel's principal vineyards, consisting of 170 hectares (420 acres). It is in Los Lingues, Alto Colchagua, in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. It has a Mediterranean microclimate typical of the Andean foothills. Los Lingues is the Mapuche name for a local tree (Tiber tree – related to avocado). The soils in Los Lingues are characterized by excellent drainage and are of Alluvial (deposited by water) and Colluvial (deposited by gravitational forces) origin. There is little organic and fertile material. Viña Siegel has found more than 60 different types of soil here. The exceptional combination of rocky soils is perfect for varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Petit Verdot and Grenache, while the moderately deep clay soils are ideal for Carménère, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Malbec.
- El Crucero vineyard in Palmilla has 60 hectares (148 acres) of Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines produced from this vineyard are more concentrated, with mature fruits and very sweet tannins. El Crucero experiences a very diverse climate, warmer during the day and very cold at night. It is grown on alluvial soils, created from the waters of the mountain range.
- San Alberto de Peralillo vineyard is located 6km inland from Peralillo in a sector called Parrones, at the extreme west end of the Colchagua Valley, an ideal place due to its coastal-influenced climate. The soil originates from the large volcanic eruptions of the 'Ring of Fire' in the high Andes Mountains. 205 hectares (506 acres) planted with 8 different varieties.



88. 2021 Siegel, San Elias, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region

100% Chardonnay

Light-yellow color with green highlights. The nose shows fresh and intense tropical fruit aromas of pineapple, citrus, herbs, and a touch of honey. On the palate it is lush, smooth, and well-balanced with good acidity and lovely tropical fruit flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



89. 2023 Siegel, San Elias, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region

100% Sauvignon Blanc with no oak aging.

This Sauvignon Blanc offers a pale-yellow color with green tones. On the nose, it is intense with aromatic notes of grapefruit, pears, and fine herbs. It is balanced, persistent and with excellent acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



90. 2024 John's Bay, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region (mostly Casablanca)

100% Sauvignon Blanc

This elegant dry white wine bursts with delicious tropical fruit aromas and delicate floral notes. Notes of linden and tarragon lead to white grapefruit with high-toned acidity.

Honeysuckle and pineapple sneak in mid-palate. The palate is clean, zesty, and refreshing, full of ripe citrus flavors and crispy acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.50 / bottle



91. 2024 Siegel, Handpicked Reserva, Sauvignon Blanc, Curico Valley 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Curico Valley

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Siegel's Handpicked Reserva wines are born out of a strong desire to offer the very best expressions of terroir from their El Crucero vineyard, located 360 meters above sea level. These carefully handpicked grapes deliver superb varietal characteristics and exceptionally well-balanced fruit concentration. The manual harvest behind their handpicked Reserva Wines, a stage prior to a second triage, highlights their commitment to delivering uniquely handcrafted wines from Curico Valley. Unoaked and of a pale-yellow color, delivering enticing tropical fruit and citrus aromas, a beautifully balanced palate with pleasing acidity, and a soft persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



92. 2023 Siegel, Handpicked Reserva, Chardonnay, Colchagua Valley 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Chardonnay.

The handpicked selection Reserva wines are born out of a strong desire to offer the very best expressions of terroir from El Crucero vineyard, located 360 meters above sea level.

These carefully handpicked grapes deliver superb varietal characteristics and exceptionally well-balanced fruit concentration. The manual harvest behind the handpicked Reserva Wines, a stage prior to a second triage, highlights Siegel's commitment to delivering uniquely handcrafted wines from Chile. This handpicked Chardonnay is a pale-yellow color.

On the nose, it presents notes of tropical fruits like mango. On the palate, it is well-balanced, with pleasant acidity and a persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



93. 2019 Siegel, San Elias, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region

100% Cabernet Sauvignon – 15% of the wine was aged 3 months in oak.

Lovely and intense ruby colors, beautiful aromas that remind of red ripe fruits, strawberries, hints of plums and vanilla. In the mouth, it is fresh and well-rounded with good concentration and persistence. Fresh and delicate in an easy-drinking style.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



94. 2022 Siegel, John's Bay, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region

100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

The grapes for this fruity Cabernet Sauvignon are selected from Siegel's vineyards in the Central Valley. Smooth and fruity on the palate, this wine goes very well with pasta, salads, and all but the most strongly flavored meats and cheeses.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.50 / bottle



95. 2023 Siegel, Handpicked Reserva, Carménère, Colchagua Valley 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Carménère aged for 6 months (25% of the wine) in American oak.

The handpicked selection Reserva wines are born out of a strong desire to offer the very best expressions of terroir from El Crucero vineyard, located 360 meters above sea level. These carefully handpicked grapes deliver superb varietal characteristics and exceptionally well-balanced fruit concentration. The manual harvest behind the handpicked Reserva Wines, a stage prior to a second triage, highlights Siegel's commitment to delivering uniquely handcrafted wines from Chile.

The wine shows an intense violet-red color, aromas of black fruits, pepper, and mild notes of violets. The tannins are soft, and notes of black fruits linger through the palate with long persistence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



96. 2022 Siegel, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon 'Über Cuvée' 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

Secret blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah – percentages are a trade secret – aged in French oak barrels for 10 to 12 months.

The wine shows a deep ruby red color, complex aromas of black cherries, tobacco, and cinnamon. A great concentration, well-structured on the palate with soft tannins and a long finish. Pairs best with grilled meat and stews.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



97. 2021 Siegel, Los Lingues, Single Block 21, Mediterranean Blend 6/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

Very limited production – only 100 cases imported.

45% Garnacha, 40% Carignan, and 15% Syrah aged for 8 months in 3rd use French oak and then 8 months in bottle.

"Energizing red fruit and floral spice are wrapped up in a backbone of smoky acidity and tannic tension which persist to a long and rewarding finish."

- Decanter Worldwide Awards 2023, 95 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.00 / bottle



98. 2019 Siegel, Single Vineyard, Los Lingues Carmenerre 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

The wine offers an intense violet color, beautiful aromas of black fruits that are complemented with notes of figs and spices. Soft, round tannins. Excellent concentration, round and ample, with juicy flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



99. 2019 Siegel, Single Vineyard, Los Lingues Petit Verdot 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Petit Verdot aged in 225-liter, second use French oak for 16 months.

The grapes were grown on the Los Lingues "Reserve" hillside, blocks 23, 24 and 25.

"Aromas of dark plums, blackberries, dried herbs, cardamom, cloves and peppercorns. Medium-to full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins. Dark, spicy, and structured with lots of chocolate and dark-fruit character. Sustainable."

- James Suckling, 90 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



100. 2019 Siegel, Reserve Red Blend 1234 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

50% Syrah, 30% Carmenère, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Petit Verdot aged in French oak for 8-10 months.

Deep ruby color, intense aromas of black fruits, white pepper, spices, and a hint of clove.

The blend of four varieties gives a complex, deep wine with juicy tannins and good volume.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



101. 2018 Siegel, Siegel Unique Selection Red 6/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Carmenère, and 20% Syrah aged in French oak 16 months.
Siegel's Unique Selection represents the utmost expression of their best Los Lingues vineyards, located in the Alto Colchagua region.

"Showing the region's classic combination of freshness and grip, it has notes of lavender, licorice and blackcurrant, sinewy tannins, nuanced oak and a long, stony, well-balanced finish."

- Tim Atkin MW, 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

- James Suckling, 91 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$46.50 / bottle



102. 2014 Siegel, Ketran, Red Blend 6/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
35% Syrah, 30% Petit Verdot, 25% Carmenère, and 10% Cabernet Franc aged 30 months in French oak, then 12 months in bottle.

Ketran comes from the Mapuche language, meaning "land plowed by fire and volcanic activity". Ketran is a tribute to the volcanic soils that gave birth to the terroir of Los Lingues, located at the foothills of the "Cordillera de los Andes".

"2014 is the second release of Siegel's top red wine, made from a four-way cuvée of Syrah, Petit Verdot, Carmenère and Cabernet Franc. Plush, spicy and smoothly oaked, with some tannic backbone and a glossy finish."

- Tim Atkin MW, 94 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

- Wine and Spirits Magazine, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$110.99 / bottle

FRANCE

Alsace

Alsace wine will change your perception of a traditionally sweet Riesling. Besides Riesling, Alsace produces quite a lot of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer and Crémant d'Alsace.

The producers in Alsace do not use oak aging to add spice and richness, instead they rely on a balance of ripeness and alcohol to fill out the flavor.

Alsace is broken up into 3 major AOCs: Alsace AOC (92% white still wines) – 74% of production; Crémant d’Alsace AOC (Sparkling white and rosé wines) – 22% of production; and Alsace Grand Cru AOC (Limited special vineyard wines) – 4% of production.

Alsace vineyards encompass 39,500 acres with 175 producers, producing around 140 million bottles of wine a year (11.6 million cases, 90% white). The main grape types cultivated are Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Sylvaner, Muscat, Auxerrois, Chasselas, and Chardonnay. Around 25% of Alsace wine is exported with Belgium and Germany being the top importers. The largest city in Alsace is Strasbourg, which is 1 hour, 21 minutes (71 miles) from Mulhouse.

Wolfberger

Wolfberger is a union of producers located in Eguisheim, south of Colmar in Alsace. The city was also the home of Pope Leo IX, the Reformer (Pope from 1048 – 1054 A.D.). The winery was founded in 1902 when a group of winegrowers in Eguisheim decided to join forces to create one of the first cooperatives in Alsace. The cave has 450 members today. Wolfberger combines tradition and constant innovation to produce high quality wines and preserve their typicity.

Wolfberger comprises 1,200 hectares (2,965 acres), 500 hectares (2,235 acres) of which are in and around Eguisheim. Their vineyards are planted to Sylvaner, Riesling, Muscat, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Noir, with Riesling as the top grape and Pinot Blanc second. Jerome Keller has served as a winemaker since 2011.

The vineyards cover 13,000 parcels and over 15 Grand Crus. Rangem is the most southerly vineyard in Alsace and belongs to the towns of Thann and Vieux-Thann. This mountainside vineyard ranges from 340 to 470 m in altitude, and its slopes are extremely steep (up to 85%), with dark, stony soil, where harvesting resembles mountain climbing because the grape-pickers work from top to bottom, secured with harnesses and ropes. The grapes are brought down on sledges. There are 51 Grand Cru vineyards in Alsace.

Wolfberger distillery has a heritage stretching back over a century, to 1874. The company produces a wide selection of rich brandies, blending new and traditional skills in its constant search for new flavors. To ensure that only the finest fruits go into the brandies, they have planted a total of 1,000 hectares of orchards growing cherries, William’s pears, and raspberries.

Wolfberger eaux-de-vie are made in strict accordance with traditional small-scale distilling methods, which have been handed down from generation to generation. The fruits are carefully selected to ensure the highest quality. They offer an impressive variety of 28 eaux-de-vie.



103. 2022 Wolfberger, Alsace, Pinot Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Blanc.

This clean and crisp style of wine displays delicate peach aromas with a hint of almonds. Smooth on the palate, it is balanced, with a creamy texture and a clean finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



104. 2022 Wolfberger, Alsace, Pinot Gris 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Gris.

A powerful and well-structured wine. Round and rich, offering fruity aromas, toasty, and spicy notes. On the palate it is elegant and harmonious.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



105. 2022 Wolfberger, Alsace, Gewurztraminer 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Gewurztraminer.

The wine shows a very aromatic nose with subtle notes of exotic fruits (mango, guava, and papaya) and sweet spices (cinnamon, cardamom). Full-bodied, bright, zesty, and crisp, the palate is complex, ample, and supple with mango and spicy flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



106. 2019 Wolfberger, Riesling, Rangen de Thann, Grand Cru 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

From the Rangen Grand Cru vineyards, located in Thann Le Vieux, the southernmost Grand Cru vineyard in Alsace. This Grand Cru owes its name to the terrain's extreme height variation - Rangen means 'slope' in old German. The steep hillside slopes reach 85% in some places, requiring that the harvest be done by abseiling or roping down.

This 100% Riesling is a lovely yellow pale color with a gold rim. It offers mineral, spicy, and minty aromas with some eucalyptus notes, tropical fruits, and grapefruit. Fresh, racy, and well-balanced, exotic on the finish with long-lasting flavors.

- *Wine & Spirits Magazine*, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle

Bandol

The wines of Bandol owe their name to the small, ancient trading port of Bandol located on the Mediterranean Sea. Vines were first planted by the Greeks and Phoenicians in the 6th century A.D. Historically, the area was a region of large volume wine production (100 hectoliters/hectare, or about 7 tons of grapes to the acre) - impressive, but not quality driven. Today yields are much lower at 40 hectoliters/hectare, due to the work of Lucien Peyraud of Domaine Tempier and others who helped create the AOC of Bandol in 1941.

3,952 acres of grapes are planted in this AOC in eight communes: La Cadière d'Azur, Le Castellet, Evenos, Ollioules, Bandol, Saint Cyr sur Mer, Sanary sur Mer, and Le Beausset. Average production of Bandol wines by type (in 9-liter cases): rosé is 440,000 cases (76% of the AOC's wine), rouge is 120,000 cases (20% of the AOC's wine), and blanc is 23,000 cases (4% of the AOC's wine).

Domaine de la Roche Redonne (Château Guilhem Tournier)

Domaine Roche Redonne, founded in 1979, is a family-owned winery run by Geneviève Tournier and her son Guilhem. The property is located on the foothills of the Bandol appellation, along the Mediterranean Coast, in the town of La Cadière d'Azur. It is surrounded by olive trees and garrigue (wild herbs).

The 12-hectare vineyard is farmed under organic methods. Both Geneviève and Guilhem focus on the work in the vineyard with respect of the environment. The vines are 40 years old on average, with the youngest vines at 20 years and the oldest at 60 years. The yields are very low, and the steep-hilled vineyards are hand-harvested.



107. 2019 Domaine de la Roche Redonne, Bandol Rouge, Cuvée Les Bartavelles 6/750ml

Source: France – Provence – Bandol AOC

95% Mourvèdre and 5% Grenache

This cuvée is named "Bartavelles" which is French for the "Rock Partridge".

"This wine features a dark, saturated purple-black color, seductive scents of vanilla, cedar, blackberries, plums, and cola. It's full-bodied, rich, and modern in style, yet not without local character, as it picks up hints of tree bark and adds some dusty tannins on the long finish."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$104.99 / bottle

Beaujolais

Beaujolais, spiritual homeland of the Gamay grape and best-known for its young-release Beaujolais Nouveau red wines, is a red and white wine appellation just south of Burgundy in central eastern France. As well as its easy-drinking, youthful wines, the region is also home to ten, well-regarded, "cru" vineyards.

Named for the historical Province of Beaujolais, Beaujolais has been an AOC since 1936, and early vineyards were planted in the 7th century in Morgon by the Romans. Size: 10,500 hectares (or about 25,940 acres). The Beaujolais AOC has 60 key villages. 6.2 million cases in total production. The Beaujolais-Villages AOC has 39 communes and yields a maximum of 50 hl/ha. Both Beaujolais and Beaujolais Villages create or produce Nouveau which can be as much as 1/3 of the region's harvest.

Domaine Manoir du Carra

Domaine Manoir du Carra is in the small town of Denice, south of Burgundy and in the heart of the Beaujolais area. The property dates to 1850 and has been bequeathed from father to son for several generations. It is now owned by Jean-Noël Sambardier and his wife.

In 1918, Jean-Marie Sambardier entered the Domaine as a winemaker. Assisted by his son Jean, they worked together to develop the vineyard. In 1962, Jean Sambardier decided to buy the entire farm to start his own production and diversify the appellations, thus forming Manoir du Carra. In 1972, Jean-Noël Sambardier took over the Domaine. Jean-Frederic, his eldest son, joined him in 1999, after experiencing winemaking and distributing in the United States. His other son, Damien, joined them in 2000, after having made many great

wines at Domaine Laroche in Chablis. Frederic and Damien now manage day-to-day operations at the estate, with Damien as the winemaker and Frederic managing commercialization.

Manoir du Carra began as 4 hectares in 1962, but today covers over 34 hectares (84 acres) and several appellations: Beaujolais, Beaujolais-Villages, Brouilly, Julienas, Moulin à Vent, Fleurie and Beaujolais Blanc.



108. 2023 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Bourgogne Blanc, Le Soly 12/750ml

Source : France – Burgundy

100% Chardonnay.

The nose shows floral and fruity aromas. A vanilla hint in the end with a lingering finish.

Typical Chardonnay from the region.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



109. 2023 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais Rouge, Les Ronzieres 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais AOC

100% Gamay.

From granitic and sandy soils, this Beaujolais Rouge exhibits an intense color, with hints of cherry and garnet, and reveals aromas of red fruit dominated by cassis and strawberry. This cuvée is perfect for charcuterie and cheese.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



110. 2023 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais Cru Brouilly, Terre de Combiaty 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais – Brouilly AOC

100% Gamay aged 3 to 4 months on the fine lees in old oak casks.

Parcels are in the lieu-dit "Combiaty", within the village of St Etienne la Varenne.

Nice ruby color, subtle red fruits aromas of raspberries and wild strawberries with floral hints of hyacinth and violet. Full-bodied with soft tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



111. 2023 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais Cru Julienas, Les Bottières 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais – Julienas AOC

100% Gamay aged 4 months in foudre.

Julienas is one of 10 Beaujolais Cru sites in Northern Beaujolais. Situated next to Saint-Amour, the village is named for Julius Caesar.

Beautiful ruby red color. Pleasing and graceful, this full-bodied Julienas displays spices and ripe red and black fruit aromas (red currant, blackberry). This well-balanced wine shows soft tannins and a long-lasting finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



112. 2022 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais Cru Fleurie, Vers le Mont 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais – Fleurie AOC
100% Gamay aged 3-4 months.

Of the top ten Cru sites of Beaujolais, Fleurie (the flower cru) is one of the top three. The area was named for a Roman general named Floricum, not for the word flower in French. The size of this AOC is 875 hectares of grapes (2,161 acres) and about 180 examples of this Cru are available on the market.

This Cru is known as the “Queen of Beaujolais” and the earth is slightly unusual for having blue color, due to magnesium in the soil.

Intense red color, subtle fruity and floral aromas of violet, berry, and cinnamon. It also has a distinctive aroma of peony and lily flowers, typical of the "Sur le Mont" terroir. Ample in the mouth with plenty of ripe red and black fruit flavors. The structure is full, and the tannins are round and elegant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



113. 2021 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais Cru Moulin à Vent, Les Burdelines 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais – Moulin à Vent AOC
100% Gamay aged 3-4 months.

The wine is produced in the lieu-dit “Les Burdelines”, which belongs to the 18 'climates' registered by the National Institute for Designations of Origin. Cru Moulin-à-Vent (windmill) is called the “King of Beaujolais” and is known to age the longest and be the most tannic. Intense color between garnet and deep ruby. Red fruit nose with floral, smoky and forest notes. The mouth is rich and well structured. In a few years the aromas will evolve towards more spice, musk, and venison.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle

Jean Arthaud

Jean Arthaud wines and liqueurs are produced in Southern Burgundy’s Charnay-Les-Mâcon, between the Beaujolais Crus and Pouilly Fuissé. Nearly a century old, the winery and distillery were founded in 1928 by Henri Claudius Trenel (the third generation of Trenels is involved today).

Their top-quality Beaujolais Crus, Mâconnais wine and Bourgogne fruit liqueurs have garnered a respected reputation throughout France and abroad. Their style is guided by 3 principles: exceptional fruit concentrations, long macerations, and limited sugar dosage.



114. 2022 Jean Arthaud, Bourgogne Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne Chardonnay
100% Chardonnay aged on the fine lees for 6 months.

Jean Arthaud Bourgogne Blanc offers citrus and peach aromas with hints of floral notes. On the palate, the wine is supple and round, with well-balanced freshness and generous length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



115. 2022 Jean Arthaud, Pouilly-Fuissé 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé

Pouilly-Fuissé became an AOC in 1941 and encompasses 1,817 acres (479 acres of which are Premier Cru or about 25%). Annual production is 400,000 9-liter cases.

100% Chardonnay. Fruity aromas of peaches, lemons, and Granny Smith apples interwoven with lighter notes of jasmine and acacia. Mineral and buttery overtones subtly round off the bouquet.

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle

Domaines Dominique Piron

Dominique Piron's oldest known ancestor was born in Morgon in 1590. Since then, there have been 14 generations of winegrowers in the family.

In a vineyard with difficult terrain (30% steep slopes and a virtual patchwork of parcels), Dominique Piron is engaged in sustainable winegrowing. On winegrowing land filled with old broken-down granite and schist, the watchwords are natural balance and biodiversity. For vinification, the goal is to create terroir wines - wines of character, that remain fruity, subtle and elegant. Piron wines are traditional. They express the soil which they come from. It is a compromise between the search for the best tannins and the preservation of finesse, elegance and purity. A moderate maturation in barrels brings roundness without being overwhelmed.



116. 2022 Dominique Piron, Morgon, Cote du Py 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais – Morgon Côte du Py AOC

100% Gamay aged for 10 months in concrete tanks (2/3) and French oak (1/3).

The Morgon Cru is based in Northern Beaujolais. Côte du Py is the heart of Morgon, a little hill of very old blue stone rocks – the oldest soils of Beaujolais (around 430 million years old). Côte du Py has been known for centuries for being the best terroir of the village, producing long lived wines with strong structure and flavors.

"This offers power and structure, with a rich core of blackberry flanked by notes of warm spices, refreshing mint and grilled apple wood. Cooling river stone minerality washes through the finish, which is focused and slightly chewy."

- Wine Spectator, 91 points + Top 100 Wines of 2024

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle

Domaine de la Belière

Domaine de la Belière is in the tiny village of Bohas, a 40-minute drive from the city of Bourg-en-Bresse, famous for its "Bresse" chicken (blue foot chicken). It is halfway between Lyon and Geneva in the foothills of the Jura.

Domaine de la Belière farms 3 hectares (7 acres) of vines that spread over 3 communes: Mérignat, Saint Martin-Du-Mont and Bohas-Meyriat-Rignat. The vineyard is planted to Gamay and Pousard, the two typical grape varieties to produce Cerdon. The vines are mainly cultivated under natural grass control to avoid erosion and limit the use of herbicides. They farm with sustainable methods.

Winemaker Celine Ronger is the 2nd generation of the family to produce wine from Bugey. She followed in her father's footsteps and was joined by her brother Gael in 2016.

The region is located on the lower slopes of the Jura Mountains, where the soil is composed is calcareous or siliceous clay. Because of the topography, the vineyard is divided into 10 small parcels where 80 wine producers make Bugey wines. Production includes traditional red, rosé, white, sparkling wines, or marc brandy. The Bugey Cerdon area is very small, covering only 150 hectares of vines. Wines from Bugey Cerdon are not AOC. wines, but VDQS. (Vin D elimit e de Qualit e Sup erieure).



117. NV Domaine de la Beliere, Bugey-Cerdon 6/750ml

Source: France – Savoie – Bugey AOC

95% Gamay and 5% Poulsard (a local grape from Jura).

"Amber color. Aromas and flavors of cranberry juice, rose petal, cherry and kiwi, and red apple with a round, bright, effervescent, fruity medium-to-full body and a delightful, medium-long finish that shows nuances of cherry, cranberry, beeswax, and rose water. Concentrated fruit flavors, creamy bubbles, and well balanced."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 92 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle

Bordeaux

Centered in the city of Bordeaux and covering the whole area of the Gironde department of Aquitaine, the wine regions of Bordeaux are many, differing widely in size and sometimes overlapping. The Bordeaux region is naturally divided by the Gironde Estuary into a Left Bank area which includes the M edoc and Graves and a Right Bank area which includes the Libournais, Bourg and Blaye. The M edoc is itself divided into Haut-M edoc (the upstream portion) and Bas-M edoc (the downstream or portion, often referred to simply as "M edoc").

There are various sub-regions within the Haut-M edoc, including St-Est phe, Pauillac, St.-Julien and Margaux and the less well-known areas of AOC Moulis and Listrac. Graves includes the sub-regions of Pessac-L eognan and Sauternes, and Sauternes in turn includes the sub-region of Barsac. The Libournais includes the sub-regions of Saint- milion and Pomerol. There is an additional wine region, Entre-Deux-Mers, so called because it lies between the Garonne and Dordogne rivers, which combine to form the Gironde. This region contains the sweet wine areas of Cadillac and St. Croix de Mont. There are about 50 AOCs applicable to the Bordeaux region.

Red and white Bordeaux wines are almost always made from blends. The permissible grape varieties in red Bordeaux are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. While wine-making styles vary, a rule of thumb is that the Left Bank is predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon based with the Right Bank being more Merlot-based. The Graves area produces both red wine and white wine from the Sauvignon Blanc, S emillon and Muscadelle grapes. The area of Sauternes (including Barsac) is known for its botrytized dessert wines.

Around 300 million bottles of wine are exported from Bordeaux in a year with China being a key importer.

Château Bellevue

Château Bellevue was founded by Michel and Catherine Lydoire in 1998, with the estate's oldest vines dating to the 1960s. To access the estate, you embark on a drive through the middle of a diverse landscape of vines and forests. When you arrive, you will understand why the winery is called Bellevue, which means "beautiful view".

Michel and Catherine's daughter Céline joined the family estate over 10 years ago and now serves as the winemaker, with help from her father and guidance from oenologists Thomas Duclos and Gilles Pauquet (Château Cheval Blanc's former enologist). Unfortunately, Michel Lydoire passed away in 2022. Celine and her son manage the château currently.

Château Bellevue has 12 hectares (30 acres) of vineyards on the hillside of Saint Emilion; the 40-year-old vines are planted on sandy clay and limestone soil. They produce 60% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Franc and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Estate is certified level 2 by AREA for their consistent efforts toward sustainability.



118. 2019 Château Bellevue, Côtes de Bordeaux-Castillon, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bordeaux – Castillon AOC

65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc aged for 12 months in mostly new oak barrels (90% French oak and 10% American oak) and some Château Haut Brion 2nd barrels.

"The 2019 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux Vieilles Vignes has a terrific nose of classic limestone-influenced red and black fruits as well as leather, truffly earth, and tobacco notes. This medium-bodied, round, balanced Castillon has ripe tannins, good mid-palate depth, and a solid finish. The blend is 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, aged 12 months in used barrels. Thomas Duclos also consults here."

- Jeb Dunnock, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



119. 2018 Château Bellevue, Côtes de Bordeaux-Castillon Cé Ma Cuvée 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bordeaux – Castillon AOC

70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc aged 18 months in 500-liter American oak barrels. Vines are 50 years old on average.

Cé Ma Cuvée is a tribute from Michel Lydoire to his 2 daughters: Cé is for Céline. She is like the Merlot grape, pleasant and calm. Ma is for Marina. She is like the Cabernet Franc grape, tough and with a lot of character.

The color is deep and inky. The nose is spicy, fruity, and oaky, with some nice vanilla and coconut aromas. The mouth feel is complex, with ripe red and black fruit flavors. Some spiciness and integrated oak flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle

Vignobles Lassagne

Vignobles Lassagne is owned by Nicolas Lassagne and his wife Sabrina. It encompasses three properties, beginning with Château des Arnauds, which was founded in 1952 by Paul Lassagne, Nicolas' grandfather. He started with only 2 hectares and grew to 7 hectares. In 1979, Nicolas' father Daniel joined the winery and bought more vineyards surrounding the property, increasing the acreage to 29 hectares. Nicolas came on board in 2001, continuing family traditions and bringing his own expertise to his role of winemaker. With the acquisition of Château Maltus in 2015, Vignobles Lassagne now has 32 hectares (80 acres) of vineyards. Vineyards are planted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Vignobles Lassagne encompasses these three properties:

- **Château des Arnauds** (the original estate): this small 2-hectare estate is planted to 100% Merlot in the Bordeaux AOC. The soil has a little more gravel, perfect for this grape varietal, giving some flinty, mineral, ripe clean fruit flavors. The vineyards are located just north of the Château des Landes, in the commune of Abzac, and it is planted with a perfect south sun exposure. The vine density is 5,500 plants per hectare and the average age of the vines is 20 years old. The maximum yield allowed is 55 hl/ha.
- **Château des Landes**: this property in the Lussac Saint Emilion AOC represents most of the vineyards owned by the Lassagne Family (27 hectares). It is planted with 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. The soil is limestone and clay. The vine density is 5,500 plants per hectare and the average age of the vines is 30 years old. The maximum yield allowed is 55 hl/ha.
- **Château Maltus**: this is the latest addition to the Vignobles Lassagne. It represents 3 hectares located in the Lalande de Pomerol AOC.



120. 2022 Château des Landes, Bordeaux Blanc 6/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux

50% Sauvignon Blanc and 50% Semillion aged on the lees in stainless-steel tank.

A very fruity style. It has great aromatic intensity with white peach and citrus aromas.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



121. 2021 Château des Arnauds, Bordeaux Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux

100% Merlot aged 18 months.

The wine shows a deep red purple color and intense aromas of black fruits (blackcurrant, black cherry) with hints of licorice. Very fruity and well-balanced. It is powerful and well-structured in the mouth with round and silky tannins, ripe flavors of black fruits. Strong and slightly spicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



122. 2022 Château des Landes, Cuvée Tradition, Lussac Saint-Emilion 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Lussac Saint Emilion AOC

80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc

Deep ruby color with aromas of ripe red fruit. Silky, round, and smooth taste of raspberry and blackcurrant. Powerful and complex finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



123. 2020 Château des Landes, Cuvée Prestige, Lussac Saint-Emilion 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Lussac Saint Emilion AOC

100% Merlot aged 16 months in new French oak barrels with wood originating from the Limousin and Allier forests.

"This shows aromas of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries with walnuts, spices and cocoa. Medium-bodied with firm tannins and a bright, succulent character. Racy finish."

- James Suckling, 92 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle



124. 2022 Château des Landes, Le Big Boss, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Lussac Saint Emilion AOC

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Made from 60 years old Cabernet Sauvignon vines in organic farming conversion, the cuvee Big Boss is also a tribute to all the winegrowers who are dedicated to their wines and terroirs.

This is a very charming wine with notes of red fruit and blackcurrant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



125. 2020 Château des Landes, Grand Heritage, Lussac Saint-Emilion 6/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Lussac Saint Emilion AOC

100% Merlot aged 16 months in new French oak barrels with wood originating from the Limousin and Allier forests.

The first vintage of this wine was 2010 and was made to pay tribute to the founding father of Château des Landes, Paul Lassagne. He gave the family a great legacy of terroir, passion and know-how.

"This ripe wood-aged wine is replete with powerful Merlot and a rich, ripe texture. It is structured, spicy with a bite of pepper."

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

- James Suckling, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.99 / bottle

Vignobles Rodet Récapet (Château Brûle Sécaille)

Vignobles Rodet Récapet is the owner of Château Brûle Sécaille and Château La Gravière, located in the heart of the Côtes de Bourg region. The Récapet family purchased Château Brûle Sécaille in 1924. Fifty years later, in 1974, the estate was handed down from M. Pierre Récapet to his daughter and son-in-law, Martine and Jacques Rodet. Jacques is the head winemaker, and his son Guillaume (a graduate of DUAD Bordeaux) oversees vinification operations in the cellar. Jacques believes in using natural methods to encourage ripening; he utilizes canopy management techniques, removes leaves, and thins bunches as necessary. In September 2016 the estate received High Environmental Value level 3 Certification, which covers four key areas: biodiversity conservation, plant protection strategy, optimized management of fertilization and water management.

Brûle Sécaille is a 23-hectare vineyard that has been classified as "Cru Bourgeois" since 1868. The name 'Brûle Sécaille' derives from Gascon; "Brûle" means "to burn" and "Sécaille" is from the Latin "secare" meaning "to cut". According to tradition, they burn the cut vine branches during pruning.

Brûle Sécaille is situated on a clay limestone outcrop. This soil composition dominates the Dordogne valley and allows excellent drainage in winter and spring. The vines enjoy nice sun exposure, encouraging consistent ripening vintage after vintage. Because the vineyard survived the particularly hard winter frosts of 1945, 1956 and 1991, there are some significantly older vines, up to seventy-five years old.



126. 2021 Château Brûle Sécaille, Côtes de Bourg Blanc, Grande Réserve 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bourg

75% Sauvignon Blanc and 25% Sauvignon Gris aged for 4 months in French oak (between 15 and 20% new).

"Full of fresh fruit with touches of wood, this is a ripe wine. White fruits are shot through with lemon acidity, giving good contrast between ripeness and a fresh aftertaste. Drink the wine now."

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



127. 2019 Château Brûle Sécaille, Côtes de Bourg Rouge, Grande Réserve 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bourg

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Cabernet Franc aged 12 months in 1/3 new oak, 1/3 1-year oak, and 1/3 in 2-year oak (60% French and 40% American).

The color is a deep dark ruby, limpid and brilliant. The nose is intense and complex with hints of blackberries, sweet spices, cedar, and vanilla. The palate is full-bodied, very long with well-integrated tannins. The finish is very fresh and luscious with toasted notes in the background.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle

Château Castegens

Chateau Castegens' origins date back to the early 15th century, not long before the famous 1453 battle of Castillon, ending the Hundred Years' War between the English and the French. With the invention of printing by Gutenberg in Germany and the fall of Constantinople in Turkey, most historians consider 1453 to mark the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the Renaissance. Highlighting the property's historical significance, each summer the estate plays host to the re-enactment of this battle, an epic spectacle with 600 actors and cavaliers.

Château Castegens and its vineyard have been in the same family for 160 years. Curator of the tradition of excellence within the appellation, owner Baron Jean-Louis de Fontenay has been continuously elected by his peers the Grand Master of the "Confrérie des Chevaliers des Côtes de Castillon" since 1994.

The Château overlooks the Dordogne valley above the village of Castillon-la-Bataille, adjacent to its prestigious neighbor Saint Emilion, only 8 km away. The vineyards are planted on the upper part of predominantly south facing slopes which provide excellent natural drainage and optimum exposure to the sun. There are 70 acres under vine. Vines are 30 years old on average; the soil is clay and limestone, with a bit of flint.



128. 2018 Château Castegens, Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bordeaux – Castillon AOC
80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon – the Merlot was aged in French oak and the Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon in stainless-steel tanks.

"This estate dating back at least to the 15th century has made a rich and dense wine. Perfumed fruits with blackberry richness contrast with the firm, dry core."

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 92 points + Cellar Selection

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle

Château Bourdieu Blaye

Château Bourdieu is owned by Mr. Luc Schweitzer, who purchased the property in 1993. Over the past 27 years, Luc has enhanced the vineyard and estate, which today comprises 75 hectares (185 acres). He manages the vineyard today with his two sons Richard and Ludovic, who share their father's passion for quality and terroir. Together they strive to create the best of the Blaye Cotes de Bordeaux appellation.



129. 2023 Château Bourdieu, Blaye, Côtes de Bordeaux 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux
87% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Cabernet Franc.

"Brooding blackcurrant, black cherry and cassis combine beautifully with fine tobacco and cedar notes. Persistent and concentrated with satin tannins and supporting acidity. Long and finessed."

Decanter, 95 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle

Château du Retout

Located in the blink-and-you'll-miss-it town of Cussac between the more prominent Margaux and St.-Julien appellations, this family-run estate founded in 1958 quietly turns out one of the best value reds in Bordeaux.

Current generation Hélène and Frédéric Soual took over in 1996 and learned on the job. The vineyard is a contiguous 84-acre parcel situated on soils of deep gravel and clay, ideal for Cabernet and Merlot.

Château du Retout's vineyards are worked with as little human intervention as possible to make the vines more resilient. They are HVE (High Environmental Value) certified.



130. 2022 Château du Retout, Haut-Médoc 12/750ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Haut Médoc

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 10% Petit Verdot.

"Shows the ripeness of the vintage, with dark currant and blackberry framed by singed cedar and vanilla. Ends with a tug of warm earth, a light twang of iron and a steady grip."

- Wine Spectator, 92 points + #45 Top 100 of 2024

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle

Château Gravas and Château Hallet

Château Gravas is a family-owned and operated winery, managed by husband-and-wife Michel and Florence Bernard. Founded in 1850, the estate is superbly located in Barsac, between Château Coutet, Château Climens and Château Doisy-Daëne. Six generations of Claverie and Bernard families have succeeded each other on the Gravas estate. They still have a beautiful stone press 1900 stone press.

For several decades, the Gravas vineyard remained a modest 1-hectare vineyard, before reaching its current area of around 8 hectares in 1930. Today they grow Sauvignon, Semillon and Muscadelle grapes, with an annual production of 2,000 cases.

The name "Gravas" comes from "graves", a gravelly soil (mixed with clay, sand, and limestone) that perfectly suits the production of Sauternes wines. The 60-year-old vines are harvested by hand: the grapes are picked in successive passes. The wine is aged in both French and American oak barrels.

Michel and Florence own a second property, Château Hallet. This 5-hectare vineyard is a mix of clay and limestone soil. The 30-year-old vines are hand harvested, with grapes picked in successive passes. Wine is aged in stainless steel tanks, and production is around 1,250 cases per year.



131. 2020 Château Hallet, Sauternes 12/375ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Sauternes

100% Semillon aged on the lees a few months (no oak).

Delicate aromas of honey, citrus, apricot, candied fruit, and acacia flower. The palate is medium bodied, ripe, and rich with bright acidity and a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / 375ml bottle



132. 2022 Château Gravas, Sauternes 12/375ml

Source: France – Bordeaux – Sauternes

100% Semillon aged 18 months in French oak.

Pale golden color with deep golden highlights. Round and well-balanced, offering complex aromas of candied fruits, backed up by a hint of exotic fruit (mango, guava) and white flowers. On the palate, it is ample and fleshy, leading into a silky and long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / 375ml bottle

Burgundy

Burgundy wine is made in the Burgundy region of eastern France, in the valleys and slopes west of the Saône, a tributary of the Rhône. The most famous wines produced here are dry red wines made from Pinot Noir grapes and white wines made from Chardonnay grapes.

Burgundy has a higher number of AOCs than any other French region and is often seen as the most terroir-conscious of the French wine regions. The various Burgundy AOCs are classified from carefully delineated grand cru vineyards down to more non-specific regional appellations. The practice of delineating vineyards by their terroir in Burgundy goes back to medieval times when monasteries played a key role in developing the Burgundy wine culture.

Vines cover 70,500 acres in Burgundy. Production is around 185 million bottles a year (15,500,000 cases) and the USA is the largest importer of Burgundy wines.

Brocard

From the beginning, Jean-Marc Brocard has been committed to a healthier culture that is respectful of its environment. In 1997, a plot of 11 hectares (27.18 acres) of Chablis began in an organic and biodynamic style. Today, 60 hectares (148.26 acres) are certified organic and 40 hectares (98.84 acres) biodynamic.



133. 2022 Sainte Marie, Bourgogne Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy

100% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 6 months in stainless steel.

Nose of white flowers, sweet spices, and bitter orange. Fresh and delicious. Roundness with a slight butter note and a saline finish.

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle

Domaine Roland et Antoine Royet

Roland and Catherine Royet's wine career began in Auvergne. In the early 1990s, the thirty-something couple, passionate about wine, planted Gamay vines in the Côtes d'Auvergne region. They ran the estate with the aim of highlighting the volcanic terroir in their wines and gradually converted to organic farming. In 2004, Catherine and Roland decided to bring this philosophy to Burgundy. They created Domaine Royet in the village of Change.



134. 2023 Domaine Royet, Bourgogne Blanc, Hautes Côtes de Beaune 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Hautes Côtes de Beaune

100% Chardonnay aged 8 months on the fine lees in vats.

Brilliant light-yellow color. Mineral and white flower profile on the nose, round and delicate on the palate with fresh fruit, mineral tension, and light bitters on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.00 / bottle



135. 2022 Domaine Royet, Rully Blanc, Clos de Bellecroix 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Rully

100% Chardonnay aged 10 months in barrel.

Intense light-yellow color. The nose evokes ripe yellow fruit, with a hint of fresh wood and vanilla. A round, gourmet palate shows hints of smoke and vanilla.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.00 / bottle



136. 2022 Domaine Royet, Bourgogne Rouge, Hautes Côtes de Beaune 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Hautes Côtes de Beaune

100% Pinot Noir aged in 50% fibreglass vats and 50% in barrels (30% new).

Deep ruby color. Notes of red berries and licorice. Intense, structured palate with ripe fruit and a spicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.00 / bottle

Domaine Boussey

Domaine de Boussey has been bequeathed from father to son for 5 generations. It is in the heart of the well-known region of Burgundy, in the small village of Monthelie, near Meursault, Pommard and Beaune.

Laurent and Karen Boussey run the family estate today and have been cultivating their own vines since 2003. Laurent, Denis, and Claudette's parents retired, and Laurent took over the whole estate to perpetuate the family's winegrowing know-how of over 60 years. The vineyard now totals 15 hectares of vines spread over 24 different appellations.



137. 2021 Domaine Boussey, Bourgogne Blanc Côte d'Or, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne Chardonnay

100% Chardonnay. 2/3 of the wine was aged in used French oak for 12 months and the remaining 1/3 in stainless.

The wine displays a refreshing nose of lime, citrus fruits, flint, honey and a touch of dried fruit. The palate is full of flavors, with honeysuckle, citrus and some salinity with an excellent balance between acidity and roundness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle



138. 2020 Domaine Boussey, Monthele Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Monthele

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak (20% new) for 12 months.

The name Monthele comes from Mont Lyoei, mountain of Bacchus.

Pale yellow color with green reflections. Aromas of white flowers, fresh almonds, lemon and minerality. The finish is long with a very good balance between the acidity and the ripeness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$45.00 / bottle



139. 2022 Domaine Boussey, Meursault, Les Meurgers 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Meursault

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak (20% new) for 12 months.

The grapes for this wine come from a parcel located on the route to Auxey Duresses, in a horseshoe shaped ravine. The grapes always reach ripeness quite early in the season. The name of this village comes from the efforts undertaken by man to plant vines in extremely stony soils. Stones that were thrown formed piles, that are called "murger".

Rich and luxurious wine, well-balanced and structured in the mouth. Beautiful golden yellow with green highlights. It boasts aromas of toasted nuts, ripe fruit and a very delicate oak aroma. On the palate it is dry and mellow with a lingering smooth finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.00 / bottle



140. 2021 Domaine Boussey, Meursault, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy - Meursault

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak (25% new) for 12 months.

The grapes for this wine come from parcels located in Meursault. They were planted in 1960 and 1970.

The wine is a beautiful golden-green color. The nose displays aromas of almond and hazelnut with an elegant oaky touch. In the palate, it is full-bodied with good length. Long and intense acidity. Great finesse, purity and elegance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$75.00 / bottle



141. 2020 Domaine Boussey, Monthelie Rouge, Les Hauts Brins 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Monthelie

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak (10% new) for 12 months.

The vineyard for this wine is in the northeast corner of the appellation (not too far away from Volnay) and it has perfect southern sun exposure.

Boussey Monthelie Rouge shows a beautiful light garnet color. It displays classic aromas for the appellation with dark fruit and peony.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.00 / bottle



142. 2020 Domaine Boussey, Monthelie Rouge, Premier Cru Sur la Velle 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Monthelie Premier Cru

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak (20% new) for 12 months.

The grapes for this wine come from a parcel located in Monthelie, on the plateau right next to Volnay.

The wine displays aromas of red fruits, with floral notes (violet) and spice. After cellaring for a couple of years, the wine will develop some secondary aromas with truffle and forest flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.00 / bottle



143. 2020 Domaine Boussey, Savigny les Beaune 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Savigny les Beaune

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak (20% new) for 12 months.

The grapes for this wine came from 3 different parcels of Savigny les Beaune in the lieux-dits of Les Saucours, Les Petits Liards, and Les Fourches.

The wine shows aromas of red fruits with floral notes. It is elegant with a very pleasant long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.00 / bottle



144. 2020 Domaine Boussey, Pommard 12/750ml

Source – France – Burgundy – Pommard

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak (20% new) for 12 months.

The name Pommard comes from Pomone, a goddess of fruits and gardens.

The wine boasts a nice cherry red color. The nose is complex and powerful with predominant notes of fruit (Morello cherry, citrus, fresh fig), forest and spice. On the palate, it is powerful and robust with flavors of cherry and spice and well-integrated tannins. Great balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.00 / bottle



145. 2021 Domaine Boussey, Volnay, Premier Cru Taillepieds 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Volnay Premier Cru

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak (25% new) for 12 months.

The grapes for this Volnay Premier Cru Les Taillepieds came from a vineyard located in the middle of a coteau, halfway up the hill, with a very nice southern sun exposure.

The wine displays a nice ruby and garnet color. It boasts aromas of red and black fruit, fig, and violet. It has a lot of finesse and elegance, but also a great length of finish, with juicy and round tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$70.00 / bottle

Domaine Thierry Mortet

Domaine Thierry Mortet is in the center of the village of Gevrey Chambertin, north of the wine route of the Côte de Nuits, between Dijon and Nuits-Saint-Georges.

Mortet was officially created in 1992, when Thierry's father retired, and his estate was divided between his two sons. Before joining his partners and brother at the Domaine, Thierry studied enology and viticulture in Beaune. Thierry and his wife Veronique were joined at the estate by their daughter Lise in 2020.

Thierry started with a 4-hectare vineyard and has since increased it to 8.5 hectares (21 acres). The vineyards spread over four villages: Gevrey-Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny, Couchey and Daix (west of Dijon). He produces around 2,900 cases annually: 85% red wine and 15% white wine.

Thierry uses Burgundy barrels from Rousseau et Toutan, one-third new each year. He uses classic winemaking techniques: pre-fermentation maceration for 3 or 4 days, total fermentation time of 2 weeks. The grapes are harvested by hand, sorted and 100% de-stemmed. The result is expressive, full-bodied, generous, pure wines, which generally age well for 6-7 years.



146. 2022 Domaine Thierry Mortet, Bourgogne Rouge Côte d'Or 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne Côte d'Or

100% Pinot Noir aged 3 months in stainless steel and then in old oak barrels for 11 months.

This wine comes from a plot of Gevrey-Chambertin called Les Pressonniers.

"All destemmed and aged 14 months in barrel, the 2022 Bourgogne Cote d'Or offers ripe cherries, framboise, sappy flowers, and minty herb and spice notes in a medium-bodied, round, supple style that shines for its fruit, texture, and overall balance."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.00 / bottle



147. 2022 Domaine Thierry Mortet, Gevrey-Chambertin 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Burgundy – Gevrey-Chambertin
100% Pinot Noir aged in oak for 11 months (30% new). Certified organic by Ecocert.

"Black cherries, smoky herbs, leather, and floral notes all shine in the 2022 Gevrey-Chambertin, a beautifully balanced, medium-bodied effort. It has ripe tannins, a layered, supple mouthfeel, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$90.99 / bottle

Cellier du Château de la Chaume

Founded in 1993, Château de la Chaume is in Corgoloin in Côtes de Nuits. The estate is surrounded by a 10-hectare (24.71 acre) park full of beautiful trees.

Chaume pays attention to what wine growers they use and strive to work with ones that correspond to their values of making only exceptional wines.



148. 2023 Château de la Chaume, Bourgogne Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne Chardonnay
100% Chardonnay. 90% of the wine was aged on the lees in stainless steel tanks and 10% was aged in French oak barrels for 9 months.

Clear yellow color. Aromas of white flowers, honeysuckles, and dried fruits. The palate is rich and balanced, with good acidity and nice minerality. Good length of finish, too.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



149. 2023 Château de la Chaume, Petit Chablis 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Petit Chablis
100% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 6 months in tanks.

Pale yellow with a bouquet of white flowers, linden trees, and dried fruits. Very pleasant and balanced with tension and minerality.

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



150. 2023 Château de la Chaume, Chablis 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Chablis
100% Chardonnay fermented in stainless steel.

Light yellow color. The wine displays aromas of white flowers, honeysuckle, linden, and citrus. In the mouth, the wine is well-balanced with tension and a nice, classic minerality.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



151. 2022 Château de la Chaume, Bourgogne Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne AOC

100% Pinot Noir aged in tanks for 6 to 12 months. 10% of the wine was aged in oak barrels for 6 months.

Bright ruby red. Bouquet of blackcurrant, raspberry, and hints of blackberry. Smooth and balanced, this wine has fine tannins and a smooth finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle

Corinne Perchaud

This estate is in the village of Fleys, in the heart of the Chablis appellation. Corinne Perchaud and her husband Jean-Pierre Grossot represent the third generation of winemakers at this family estate, which was founded in the 1920's by Jean-Pierre's grandparents. Their daughter Eve has joined them, thus continuing the winemaking tradition into a fourth generation.

The focus at the estate is on the expression of terroir. The family aims to develop fine and elegant wines that respect the typical characteristics of the Chablis vineyards. Their vineyards cover 18 hectares (44.5 acres), planted solely to Chardonnay, located in the villages of Fleys, Chichée and Fontenay. 13 hectares (32 acres) are Chablis AOC, and the remaining 5 hectares (12.5 acres) are Premier Cru - Vaucoupin, Mont de Milieu, Côte de Tromes, Fourchaume and Fourneaux. Vines range from 5 to 45 years of age. Most of the vines are pruned in "Guyot double" (traditional Chablis method) and the younger vines are carved in "Guyot simple" to obtain adequate aeration and reduce the risk of disease.

Jean-Pierre and Corinne obtained their organic viticulture certification in 2015, though they have been committed to sustainable vineyard practices for over 20 years (soil maintenance by plowing and grassing; organic fertilizer; short pruning and debudding; minimal treatments when necessary). In 2006, they began to recycle the vine cuttings and use them to heat the facility with a wood boiler. Three years later, they started producing their own fertilizer with part of the milled shoot combined with manure.

The wines are solely tank fermented, except the Fourneaux which gets 25%-barrel fermented wine added into the final blend. The grapes are harvested by hand and gently pressed in a horizontal pressor to ensure the fullest extraction and range of flavors and aromas.



152. 2022 Perchaud, Chablis AOC 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Chablis

100% Chardonnay grown on Kimmeridgian marl consisting of clay and limestone. The wine is bottled 14-21 months after harvest.

A classic Chablis with aromas of fresh white fruits, citrus, white flowers, minerality and a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle

Maurice Martin

Domaine Maurice Martin was established in 1974. Maurice is the father of Richard and Stéphane Martin of Domaine de la Croix Senaillet.

The label today is an exact replica of the label used by Maurice Martin when he began selling bottled wine (instead of selling everything to the négoce). Now under the direction of Richard and Stéphane, Maurice Martin's philosophy is still showing through the wines: affordable, clean, fresh, aromatic, and true to the soils and weather found in the Mâconnais region.



153. 2022 Maurice Martin, St. Véran 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Saint Véran AOC
100% Chardonnay aged on the fine lees for 9 months.

White gold color with silver or greenish reflections, shiny and soft. Aromas suggest broom, acacia, green apple, lemongrass, citrus. A fresh, dry, fruity, nervous wine with a good balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



154. 2023 Les Gentilhommes, Mâcon-Péronne 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Mâcon-Péronne
100% Chardonnay aged in oak (15%) and stainless-steel (85%) for 9 months.

This single-vineyard Chardonnay is produced in the village of Péronne, in the heart of the Mâconnais region in Burgundy, from 40-year-old vines planted on the limestone-based soils of Mount Epin.

A beautiful golden color with green reflections, delicate toasty notes and attractive aromas of citrus and ripe summer fruits combines with floral and honey nuances that are typical of the old vines.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



155. 2022 Les Gentilhommes, Viré-Clessé 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Viré-Clessé
100% Chardonnay aged on the fine lees for 10 months major in stainless steel vats and the remaining in new French oak.

This single-vineyard Chardonnay is produced in the village of Clessé, in the heart of the Mâconnais region in Burgundy, from 45-year-old vines planted on limestone-based soils.

"Ripe stone fruits, honeyed citrus, flowers, and some chalky mineral notes all define the 2022 Viré-Clessé Gentilhommes (wax cap), a balanced, fresh, focused white that has beautiful overall balance and a great finish. This was brought up mostly in stainless steel with 40% in foudre, and it's a custom cuvée made for Kysela."

- Jeb Dunnuck (Importer Highlight: Fran Kysela), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



156. 2020 Maurice Martin, Pouilly-Fuissé 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé AOC
100% Chardonnay

The grapes for this wine come from 2 famous areas of the Mâconnais region - Vergisson and Solutré - famous for their Rocks. The wine displays fruity and floral aromas intertwined with vanilla and toasty notes. Harmonious, well-balanced, and elegant wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle



157. 2022 Les Gentilhommes, Pouilly-Fuissé, 1er Cru Clos Reyssier 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru
100% Chardonnay aged for 10 months on fine lees in oak (15% new).

Bright young straw color. A pure nose displaying pale stonefruit, ripe citrus and some spicy pepper. The palate shows a youthful restraint but is finely balanced by a bright acidity, discreet young fruit, and a long pure finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle

Les Vins Trouillet Lebeau

Ideally situated at the foot of the famous rock of Solutré, in the hamlet of Pouilly, is Les Vins Trouillet Lebeau. The estate was founded by Jean Guérin, who took over 4 hectares of share-cropped land from his father, Jules, and worked on it for 45 years. Today the winery extends over 20 hectares and is owned and managed by Jean's grandson and 4th generation vintner William Trouillet, who is helped by his mother (and Jean's daughter) Marie-Agnès.

Vines are grown sustainably and in line with the requirements of the INAO (French agricultural regulatory organization). The vines average 40 to 50 years old and are planted on clay-limestone soil in 6 villages surrounding the domaine: Solutré-Pouilly, Fuissé, Loché, Vinzelles, Leynes, and Davayé.

In the cellar, grapes are pressed gently using a pneumatic press and decanted rigorously for 24 hours, to obtain clear, pure grape juice. All vintages are vinified in oak vats, large barrels, or casks from Burgundy, fully respecting the required temperatures to maintain all the freshness and finesse of Chardonnay.



158. 2022 Trouillet Lebeau, Mâcon Solutré Pouilly "Au Rompay" 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy
100% Chardonnay – 10% was aged in oak barrels.

The Mâcon-Solutré-Pouilly is produced from the 2 hectare-parcel called "Au Rompay", which is the highest of the estate, located at the southern tip of the Mâconnais in the Mont Pouilly, across the famous Solutré Rock. The grapes are usually harvested in the very last days, bringing freshness and minerality to the wine.

The nose opens generously with sweet notes of candied and citrus fruits. The maturity and ripeness of the fruit combine with an aromatic freshness and a real delicacy in the mouth. The wine is structured, but still lively on the end.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



159. 2022 Trouillet Lebeau, St. Véran, Les Condemines 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Saint Véran

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak.

The wine comes from 70-year-old vines that are ideally located on a south-facing slope in the village of Leynes, on a clay-limestone terroir. Aged 100% in Burgundy barrels, offering a fruity, powerful and charming wine. Beautiful expressive aromas of ripe yellow fruits. Rich, generous, full, crisp, and well-balanced on the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle

Domaine Guillemot-Michel

This 7-hectare estate is in the commune of Quintaine, adjacent to the village of Clessé, South of Burgundy.

Quintaine is recognized as producing some of the finest wines of the Mâconnais, having a special microclimate created by its proximity to the Saone River. The vineyard is on clay and limestone-based soil and has been cultivated through biodynamic and organic methods since 1991.

Current owners Pierrette and Marc Guillemot took over the Domaine from Pierrette's parents in 1985. Pierrette and Marc are both oenologists from the school of Beaune and post-graduates from Montpellier. After earning a degree in Agronomy and Oenology, their daughter Sophie joined the estate in 2012, specializing in the production of Marc de Bourgogne. Sophie's husband, Gautier Roussille, also an oenologist, joined the estate in 2017.

The estate is divided between 7 parcels located in the 5 following lieux-dits: Champ-Rond (2.7 hectares), Champ-Choley (0.8 hectares), Le Chêne (1.5 hectares), Raverettes (1.0 hectares), and Chapelle Saint Trivier (0.5 hectares).



160. 2022 Domaine Guillemot-Michel, Viré-Clessé, Quintaine 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Viré-Clessé

100% Chardonnay aged on fine lees for almost 1 year (no oak).

Beautifully expressive, with yellow fruits, orange blossom, smoke and flint. Thick and saline on entry, then seriously deep in the mid-palate, with suggestions of exotic fruits perfectly countered by strong minerality. This wine strikes a perfect balance between sweet and salty elements, and it shows vibrant acidity. It boasts a thickness that few other northern Mâconnais can match.

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.99 / bottle

Domaine Bertrand Bachelet

A passion for wine was what led Bertrand Bachelet to take over the family estate from his father, Jean-Louis, in 2011. He is the fourth generation in the line of Burgundy winegrowers. Bertrand currently runs the 13 hectares that stretch from Maranges to Pommard in the Côte de Beaune. The estate is based in Dezize-les-Maranges, one of three villages of the Maranges appellation. This appellation accounts for the greatest portion of the estate's production.

Bertrand is passionate about continuing the family tradition of producing high-quality wines and employs new techniques that come from modern viticulture and oenology. His aim is to draw the best out of each terroir to produce a range of rich and diverse wines. Strong emphasis is placed on the meticulous work in the vineyard that is required to grow healthy grapes which are crucial when producing Grands Vins. Great importance is given to working the soil, so that the uniqueness of each terroir can be showcased.

From the pruning stage right up to the harvest, all work is done manually. Vinification is still carried out in a traditional manner with little intervention, to highlight the uniqueness and complexity of each of their terroirs.



161. 2022 Domaine Bertrand Bachelet, Maranges Blanc, Premier Cru Fussiere 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Maranges Premier Cru

100% Chardonnay aged in oak (20% new) for 12 months.

'La Fussière' is the main village of the Maranges appellation and is in the Cheilly and Dezize-les-Maranges areas.

This wine has a pale gold robe, with plenty of sparkles. At first, the nose evokes notes of white flowers, like acacias, then the second nose delivers a flinty, slightly buttery aspect.

Plenty of versatility and subtlety on the palate, with floral notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$68.99 / bottle



162. 2022 Domaine Bertrand Bachelet, Marange Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Maranges

100% Pinot Noir aged in barrel (10% new) for 12 months.

Produced from two villages, Aux Artaux and En Crevèches, both situated in the Cheilly-les-Maranges area. The vineyards spread over 1.42 hectares (3.50 acres).

The wine offers a deep red color with purplish highlights, a powerful nose with aromas of raspberries, blackcurrants, and small red candied fruits. A silky texture, fresh and elegant on the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$53.99 / bottle



163. 2022 Domaine Bertrand Bachelet, Maranges Rouge, Premier Cru Fussiere 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Maranges Premier Cru

100% Pinot Noir aged for 1 year on average, followed by several months in vats to stabilize.

'La Fussière' is the main village of the Maranges appellation and is in the Cheilly and Dezize-les-Maranges areas.

The wine offers a brilliant ruby color and a striking nose of red fruit aromas and blackcurrant. Fresh on the palate, with peppery notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$64.99 / bottle

Loire Valley

The Loire Valley, spanning 280 kilometers (170 mi), is a valley located in the middle stretch of the Loire River in central France, in both the administrative regions Pays de la Loire and Centre-Val de Loire. It is referred to as the Cradle of the French and the Garden of France due to the abundance of vineyards, fruit orchards (such as cherries), artichoke, and asparagus fields, which line the banks of the river. Notable for its historic towns, architecture, and wines, the valley has been inhabited since the Middle Paleolithic period. In 2000, UNESCO added the central part of the Loire River valley to its list of World Heritage Sites.

The Loire Valley wine region is one of the world's most well-known areas of wine production and includes several French wine regions situated along the river, from the Muscadet region on the Atlantic coast to the regions of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé just southeast of the city of Orléans in north-central France.

Maison Alain de la Treille

Alain de la Treille was born in 1925 in Saint Georges sur Cher, located in the heart of the Touraine vineyards. A farmer and wine enthusiast, he spent his life promoting the Touraine area and Loire Valley wines. During his career, he met Jean-Claude Bougrier, a winemaker from Saint Georges sur Cher. They became good friends who could spend hours talking about Loire Valley style, terroir and how to improve the vinification process.

When Alain passed away in 1985, Jean-Claude decided to create a wine brand to pay tribute to his good friend, and Alain de la Treille wines were born. Jean-Claude's son Noël took over in 1988, becoming the fifth generation of his family to make wine. Still the owner today, Noël Bougrier created 3 cellars, widening the wine-growing area of the estate to the entire Loire Valley, from Sancerre to the Pays Nantais. He was joined by his son Nicolas in 2015, and the 2 generations work together to carry out their only goal of revealing the best expression of the Loire Valley. Daughter Sophie represents the family both in France and abroad.

The vineyards cover 100 hectares (247 acres), with vines averaging 25 years old. The winery is quite modern, with thermoregulated stainless steel tanks. Wines are made under the direction of Lionel Métaireau. Lionel joined the estate in 2008. A sixth-generation winemaker, he is a native of Le Pallet in the Muscadet vineyard.



164. 2023 Alain de la Treille, Muscadet 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

100% Melon de Bourgogne aged on the lees for 6 months (no oak).

A great, dry white wine with a unique style and a fine and delicate minerality. Beautiful tension on the palate followed by hints of flower, melon and lime; crisp finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



165. 2024 Alain de la Treille, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

100% Chardonnay aged in steel, with a bit of wood chips for seasoning.

This Chardonnay has a characteristic pale-yellow color with a shade of gold, and a subtle nose reminiscent of fresh butter, nuts, and roasted almonds. On the palate, it is full-bodied and fruity with a pleasant roundness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



166. 2024 Alain de la Treille, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged in steel, on the lees, for 6 months.

Slight amber color, with a fresh aromatic nose. It is grassy and mineral in flavor with a refreshingly crisp mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



167. 2024 Alain de la Treille, Touraine, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Touraine

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged in steel, on the lees, for 6 months. Part of the cuvée is produced with 12 hours skin maceration and another part from directly pressed grapes.

This wine is crisp and refreshing, with rich, ripe lime and grapefruit aromas. Great elegance with a mineral style.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



168. 2023 Alain de la Treille, Les Folies Vouvray 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray AOC

100% Chenin Blanc

"With a light honeyed character, this is the perfect wine for spicy Asian cuisine. Quince and stone fruit show on a full-bodied palate."

- *International Wine Review*, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



169. 2023 Alain de la Treille, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

Focus wine – key product.

100% Pinot Noir aged in stainless-steel tanks for 6 months.

Beautifully balanced with an elegant ruby robe. The mouth is velvety with black cherry aromas.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



170. 2023 Alain de la Treille, Chinon 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley - Chinon

100% Cabernet Franc aged in stainless steel tanks for 6 months.

This Chinon, with its bright intense purple color, offers complex and mineral aromas and finally red fruits scents like blackcurrant and blueberry. The palate is juicy and spicy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle

Château Gaudrelle

Founded in the 17th century, Chateau Gaudrelle had been the property of the Monmousseau family since 1931. The estate progressively evolved and managed to produce refined and expressive wines. Since the beginning of the 2010s, Château Gaudrelle has been initiating a shift towards agriculture that is more respectful of nature in obtaining the Terra-Vitis certification in 2015. The conversion to organic farming is rapidly underway with the objective of turning biodynamic as soon as possible. Eric Pasquier - who has partnered with Alexandre Monmousseau since 2008 - took over full ownership in 2020 with the intention of accentuating this development.

Located in Rochecorbon, one of AOC Vouvray's 9 villages, the impressive cellar is carved directly in the hill, across the road from the Loire River. The estate spreads over 20 hectares in the Vouvray appellation: 6 hectares for Clos le Vigneau, 14 hectares for Château Gaudrelle. Clos Le Vigneau is a single vineyard from an area known as "les Gués d'Amant" or "Lover's Gap". Most of the vines were planted in 1929. The soil is a mixture of argilo-calcaire, silex and gravel. The grapes – Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay - are hand-harvested. Pressing is long and slow; fermentation is in stainless steel with two rackings and a light filtration before bottling.



171. 2023 Château Gaudrelle, Clos le Vigneau, Vouvray 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray

100% Chenin Blanc from 90+ year old vines; aged on the lees for a few months (no oak).

Clos Le Vigneau is a single vineyard from an area known as "les Gués d'Amant" or "Lover's Gap". Most of the vines were planted in 1929.

Off dry in style with honey, earth, and apricot notes. Wines from the town of Vouvray have been known to age well for 40 years.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle

South of France

France's gorgeous Southern coastline, hugging the Mediterranean between Spain and Italy, produces delicious wines suited for this summery milieu: crisp whites and robust reds from the Languedoc, fruit-filled and concentrated reds from Corbières, bright, thirst-quenching rosés from Provence and rich, elegant dessert wines from Banyuls.

The South of France is notable among French wine regions for its consistently fine growing conditions. The northern latitude – even though it's the South of France, the region is still far north of almost all of Spain and Italy's vineyards – ensures long days during the growing season, so grapes ripen fully. The Gulf Stream and the Mediterranean Sea keep it balmy. Steady winds banish humidity that can cause disease in vines and grapes.

The Languedoc, toward the western end of the coast, is the largest single winemaking region in the world. Producers there have taken big strides to upgrade the quality and limit the quantity of Languedoc wines. The best wines come from vines grown on the hillsides. The grape varieties that thrive in this region are Carignan, Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Les Costieres de Pomerols

Founded in 1932, this Cave Coopérative is in the top commune of Pomérols, between the garrigue of Pezenas and the sea dominated by the Mont St Clair in Sete. The co-op merged with the Cave de Castelnau de Guers in 2003 and the Cave of Mèze in 2007, and it includes 350 members. The company employs 25 people and produces an average of 130,000 hectoliters (1.4 million 9-liter cases).

The property features 3 main buildings – one for bottling/packaging, a second where white wines are vinified, and the third and newest building is where red and rosé wines are made. They have an underground cave for barrel aging with 300 oak barrels.

The members control 1,800 hectares (4,448 acres) of vineyard land, of which 400 hectares (988 acres) is Picpoul de Pinet. The Pomerols vineyards stretch over vast sun-lit terraces with clay/calcareous soils. They produce Piquepoul (Picpoul), Chardonnay, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Terret, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan. The production is 54% white, 28% rosé and 18% red. Six communes are entitled to the name Picpoul de Pinet: Florensac, Pomerols, Pinet, Castelnau de Guers, Montagnac, Meze.



172. 2024 Les Costières de Pomerols, Picpoul de Pinet, H.B., Languedoc 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Picpoul de Pinet.

This wine consists of 100% Picpoul planted on sun-drenched hillsides called "costières" (coastal region) in the Mediterranean garrigue, near the Etang de Thau - a coastal lagoon situated between the port of Sète and Marseillan.

The color is a superb pale yellow with bright hues. The nose is elegant, with aromas of fresh fruit citrus fruit especially grapefruit. Well-balanced with typical focusing and zesty acidity.

A pure expression of the grape varietal. The Muscadet of the South of France.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



173. 2024 Les Costières de Pomerols, La Petite Frog, Picpoul Blend 4/3.0L (poured from bottle)

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

50% Terret, 30% Colombard, and 20% Picpoul

This blend being showcased today in bottle is the new La Petite Frog Bag-in-Box blend.

Suggested Retail Price: \$42.99 / 3.0L bag-in-box



174. 2024 Cap Cette, Picpoul de Pinet 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Picpoul de Pinet aged 4 months on the lees in stainless steel.

The color is a superb pale yellow with bright hues. The nose is elegant, with aromas of fresh fruit and citrus fruit, especially grapefruit. Well-balanced with typical focusing and zesty acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



175. 2024 Le Jade, Picpoul de Pinet 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Picpoul de Pinet

Pale straw color. Delicate white flowers, citrus, and juicy pear aromas. Fresh, crisp, and bright acidity with mineral and saline accents. Well-balanced and easy drinking.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



176. 2024 Le Jade, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Crisp and fragrant white wine with wonderful aromatic intensity, fresh exotic notes, delicious fruity aromas of citrus and gooseberry. A great varietal expression, this is a zesty and refreshing wine that lingers on the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



177. 2024 Le Jade, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Chardonnay

Le Jade Chardonnay offers a complex nose of white flowers, mild tobacco, and vanilla. Rich and full-bodied mouthfeel, richly concentrated with just a touch of sweetness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



178. 2024 Le Jade, Viognier 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Viognier

The color is a wonderful brilliant yellow with pearl tints. Intense and seductive aromas of ripe fruits, especially apricots, and floral notes with a hint of rose petals. The texture is very harmonious, generous, round and long. The finish is long and balanced with a good freshness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



179. 2023 Cave de Pomerols, H.B. Languedoc Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Côtes de Thau

100% Grenache aged on the fine lees for a few months.

Limpid and shiny colored wine with a beautiful bright salmon pink hue. Possessing a very expressive, charming, and complex bouquet, the wine offers intense notes of ripe citrus and fruit candies. The palate is balanced, delicate, fresh, generous, and ample, developing beautiful aromas of small red fruits (strawberry, red currants) and a long-lasting mouthfeel balanced between roundness and freshness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

Le Cellier d'Eguilles

Love(R) Rosé Vin de Provence is made at Le Cellier d'Eguilles. The Cave was founded in 1923 by Lucien Fauchier and is in Eguilles, just a few miles away from the town of Aix-en-Provence.

The Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence vineyard is characterized by a dry Mediterranean climate where mild winters alternate with hot and arid summers, making the region one of the sunniest in France with an average of 2,900 hours of sunshine. annual. The mistral blows there frequently, protecting the vines from diseases by drying and ventilating them.



180. 2024 Love(R), Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Rosé 12/7ml

Source: France – Provence

59% Syrah, 35% Grenache, and 6% Cinsault.

This dry rosé has a beautiful light color. It displays aromas of red fruits with a nice, refreshing and clean finish. There is also a touch of minerality.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

Castelmaure

S.C.V. Castelmaure is a cave cooperative founded in 1921. Today it consists of 65 members, 15 of which bring 85% of the production. The winery is in the unofficial Corbières cru site of Durban (there are 11 unofficial Cru's in Corbières). The Serre mountain in the south protects the little plateau of Castelmaure from the off-weather patterns of the Mediterranean Sea.

The AOC Corbières was created in 1985 and measures 23,000 hectares (56,810 acres). The appellation requires a minimum of two grapes in a wine blend.

The co-op farms 412 hectares (1,018 acres) around the tiny hamlet of Embres et Castelmaure. Each of the 760 parcels are supervised by a technician who inspects them and records their characteristics. They have learned new methods for pruning, ploughing, checking yields, sorting, and selecting that are respectful to the environment. All the grapes are harvested by hand. In the cellar, vat hygiene, temperature control and ultramodern pressing contribute to a better expression of the terroir.

Antoine Robert is the head winemaker and director of the cave. He is assisted in winemaking by Fabrice Santini. Castelmaure produces 90% red wine, 80% of which is AOC Corbières. The soil is made of schist, limestone, alluvial river wash and argilo-calcaire.



181. NV Castelmaure, La Buvette 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

60% Grenache and 40% Carignan

A Buvette is a refreshment bar. The wine shows a beautiful bright red color and an explosive and intense nose of red fruits - crushed strawberry and cassis. It is elegant and soft on the palate with blackberry and blueberry fruit, and dried cherry notes. Refreshing, silky smooth tannins and spicy notes on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



182. 2022 Castelmaure, Col des Vents, Corbières 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Corbières

50% Carignan, 30% Grenache, and 20% Syrah.

"Col des Vents" means "Windy Mountain Pass" as it is quite windy and located at the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains.

"Black cherries, leather, scorched earth, and fresh black pepper all define the 2022 Col des Vents Corbières, a fabulously balanced, medium-bodied, supple red that has so much charm and character."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points

- International Wine Review, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle

Rhône Valley

With a history of winegrowing dating back 2,000 years, the Rhône Valley is a very large viticultural region that is continually growing in popularity. In fact, it is the second biggest appellation in France (only Bordeaux has more vineyards). There are around 175,000 acres of vine planted, which are comprised of 10,000 acres in the Northern Rhône and the remainder in the Southern Rhône.

There are more than 30 different AOC appellations in the Rhône Valley which produce more than 400 million bottles (33 million 9-liter cases) of wine per year. Around 1.5 million 9-liter cases are exported to the United States every year.

There are 27 unique grape varieties allowed for planting in the Rhône Valley, but the top 12 are Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Picpoul, Terret Noir, Counoise, Muscardin, Vaccarèse, Picardan, Cinsault, Clairette, and Bourboulenc. The production is 79% red, 15% rosé, and 6% white.

Domaine Grand Veneur/Vignobles Alain Jaume

In the 14th century, during their stay in Avignon, the popes built a papal castle in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Impressed by the area's exceptional terroir surrounding the castle, Pope Jean XXII planted the first vines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape in 1320. Interestingly, the wine that gave Châteauneuf-du-Pape its original reputation was white and not red. The white wine was a favorite of Pope Innocent VI.

Today the castle is now a historic monument in Avignon, and the papacy is based in Rome's Vatican City. But still today, the pope's coat of arms remains on the bottles of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and the wines are still produced in a similar manner as when the popes first pressed their juice.

Established in the northern part of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, in the commune of Orange, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Founded by Mathieu Jaume, the Domaine is now run by the 5th and 6th generations of Jaumes: Alain Jaume and his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène.

Historically, Domaine Grand Veneur was known for its white wines, until 1995 when the winery refocused their efforts on the reds. The estate now measures 225 acres and covers four appellations: Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Côtes-du-Rhône 'Les Champavins' and Côtes-du-Rhône, Lirac, and Vacqueyras.

The Jaume family produces wines from these appellations under the Grand Veneur, Château Mazane and Clos des Sixte labels. They also produce wines from the AOCs of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rasteau, Gigondas, Cairanne and Ventoux under their Alain Jaume label. 13 grape types are planted, six of which truly stand out: Black Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre for the reds, and Clairette, Roussanne and Viognier for the whites.

Both Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are grown in accordance with certified organic agricultural practices. The soil is maintained exclusively by light plowing and fertilized with vegetal compost. The vines are only sprayed when there are justified risks to the health of the vines, and only organic-permitted treatments are used. Yields are low or kept under control by green harvesting. This method, carried out by hand in summer, provides optimum sun exposure for the best clusters and enables the winery to be selective on both the quantity and quality of the grapes. Harvesting is by hand, from pruning the leaves to aerate the clusters to picking and sorting grapes and selecting only the best to press.



183. 2024 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Viognier, 30% Clairette, and 20% Roussanne aged in stainless-steel.

The wine reveals a pale yellow and brilliant color with a gold tinge, aromas of flowers and stone fruits. Fruit flavors dominate on the palate with touches of almond and white peach. A slight liveliness appears on the end, which creates a perfect balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



**184. 2023 Domaine Grand Veneur, Les Champavins, Côtes du Rhône Blanc 12/750ml
(ORGANIC)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

100% Viognier. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"Beautiful, with juicy citrus and quince-like notes as well as minty herbs and mineral nuances. I wouldn't guess Viognier, but I love its overall purity, it's medium-bodied, and it has a gorgeous texture and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnock, 92 points

- International Wine Review, 92 points

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



185. 2022 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, La Fontaine 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC
100% Roussanne. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"Always all Roussanne, the 2022 Châteauneuf du Pape La Fontaine Blanc comes from organically grown grapes and was brought up entirely in oak. It's a brilliant white that would compete with a Grand Cru White Burgundy with its smoky stone fruits, brioche, crushed stone, and floral aromatics. Full-bodied on the palate, with a deep, layered mouthfeel, huge richness, and a great finish, this is legit awesome white wine that I'd be thrilled to have in the cellar. I love it today yet see no reason it shouldn't evolve gracefully for at least a decade."

- Jeb Dunnock, 97 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle



186. 2024 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Bellissime, Côtes du Rhône Rosé 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC
50% Grenache Noir, 30% Cinsault, and 20% Syrah. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

Bellissime means beautiful, or magnificent. Salmon-pink color, clear and brilliant. The nose is fruity and spicy, reminiscent of wild strawberry and fine Provencal spices. The palate is full, well-balanced, and fruity, with a long, fresh finish. A beautiful and delicate rosé.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



187. 2024 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Le Crétacé, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC
60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre.

Rosé de Saignée (bleed technique) with a vibrant ruby color. Complex and elegant, with notes of crushed strawberries and rose petals and a hint of spice. A medium bodied, classically beautiful Tavel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



188. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC
70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault

The color is purple-tinged garnet. The bouquet of aromas offers fresh berries and hints of spices. The palate is big and full-flavored, with silky-smooth tannins and red/black fruit flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



189. 2022 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Les Champauvins 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre – Grenache is aged in concrete vats and the Syrah and Mourvèdre in 4-year-old barrels.

Les Champauvins stretches on 34 hectares classified in Côtes du Rhône. The plot is on the northern border of Châteauneuf du Pape, exactly 3 meters outside the appellation. It is in the lieux dits of "Champauvins" and "Coudoulet". A small lane of rocks going through the rocky plateau was decided to be the AOC limit in 1936. Here, the soil is made of red clay and rocks (pebbled stones of quartz).

"Châteauneuf du Pape-like notes of red and black fruits, melted licorice, and peppery garrigue all emerge from the 2022 Côtes du Rhône Les Champauvins, a rich, medium to full-bodied 2022 offering beautiful richness and depth."

- Jeb Dunnock, 92 points

- International Wine Review, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



190. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Cairanne, Les Travées 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Cairanne AOC

65% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre aged in vats for 12-14 months.

"A solid, focused and well-built Cairanne with aromas of spiced cherries, dried thyme and baking spices. Some crushed peppercorns, too. Medium- to full-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Very textural with good tension to the fruit on the palate, providing a vivid finish. Drink or hold."

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



191. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Vacqueyras, Grande Garrigue 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras AOC

65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 5% Cinsault aged in concrete vats and 3-year-old barrels for 14 months. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"A well-built, spicy and textured Vacqueyras red with dark berries, currants, dried herbs and baking spices on the nose, following through to a full body with fine, firm tannins. Spicy and intense mid-palate with a compact finish. From organically grown grapes. Try after 2026."

- James Suckling, 91 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



192. 2020 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Gigondas, Terrasses de Montmirail 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Gigondas AOC

65% Grenache and 35% Syrah and Mourvèdre aged in vats with some oak.

Located in and around the famous area called “Dentelles de Montmirail”, the landscape typicity is made by a rocky bar (between 100 and 600 meters high).

"Opaque magenta. Expressive, smoke-accented red and dark berry aromas show very good clarity and pick up black pepper and licorice notes with air. Supple and broad in the mouth, this wine offers plush cherry and black raspberry flavors with a touch of succulent herbs. Finishes smooth and long, with well-judged tannins and lingering cherry and spice notes."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$45.99 / bottle



193. 2021 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Côtes du Rhône, Rouge, Haut de Brun 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault

"This Grenache led blend is almost opaque with a spicy and peppery nose of dark fruit. Silky mouth feel with floral notes, excellent depth, round tannins and a dry finish."

- International Wine Review, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle



194. 2020 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Lirac Rouge, Roquedon 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 10% Carignan aged 90% in vats and 10% in oak.

Intense red garnet color and a nose dominated by a bouquet of red and black ripe fruits. The mouth is full, with flavors of blackcurrant, liquor, and spice. Tannins are both harmonious and elegant. The palate finishes with hints of licorice and vanilla, which brings length and complexity to the wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



195. 2022 Château Mazane, Vacqueyras Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras AOC

The Vacqueyras AOC was classified in 1990 and has 3,200 acres and 236 producers. This AOC produces 533,000 9-liter cases.

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre aged in oak (30%) and concrete vats (70%).

This 50-year-old single vineyard (22 acres) consists of three main varieties with a predominance of Grenache. It stretches over the 'Garrigues' (scrubland) plateau that is ideally located between the Ouvèze (tributary of the Rhône River) terraces and the Dentelles de Montmirail.

Medium-bodied, pure, and elegant. It offers plenty of plum, blueberries, spring flowers and peppery notes. On the palate, the richness of the tannins harmonizes with the smoothness of the wine. The finish is long, with spicy aromas and licorice. Beautifully textured.

Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle



196. 2021 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Ventoux, Les Gelinottes 12/750ml

Source: – Rhône Valley – Ventoux AOC

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah aged in stainless-steel vats.

The wine is produced from hilly vineyards that are mainly planted on sandy and clay soils. They are located on the East side of the Rhône Valley, in the Vaucluse area, on the foothills of the well-known “Mont Ventoux”.

Les Gelinottes offers an intense, purple-tinged garnet color and an array of aromas that go from fresh berries to black fruits (blackcurrant, blackberry). The palate is full-flavored with soft tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



197. 2020 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

The Lirac AOC was established in 1947 and has 67 producers. The 1,760 acres of this AOC produces 250,000 cases.

50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 15% Mourvèdre aged in concrete vats and French oak for 16 months. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"A solid, dense and pulpous Lirac with a spicy kick. It shows aromas of blackberries, dark plums, barbecued meat and baking spices. It's full-bodied with plush tannins. Fleshy and vivid with so much grilled herbs and peppery spiciness. Structured and serious finish with a touch of chewiness."

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



198. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Vieux Terron 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre matured in vats (90%) and oak casks (10%).

"Crafted from vines planted on galets roulés and red sandstone, the 2022 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieux Terron is more closed and shy than its counterparts, evoking aromas of spices, dark berries and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, dense and enrobing, it's perfectly balanced with a fleshy core of fruit and structured, slightly firm tannins in the finish."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$55.99 / bottle



199. 2022 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Le Miocene 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC
70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"The 2022 Châteauneuf du Pape Le Miocene checks in as 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and the rest Mourvèdre, all destemmed, that was raised mostly in tank, with the Syrah and Mourvèdre in oak. It has a beautiful nose of ripe red and black fruits that give way to more licorice, black olive, peppery garrigue, and spices. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it's balanced and has ripe, building tannins and a great finish. It's going to evolve gracefully for 10-12+ years."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$61.99 / bottle



200. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Les Origines 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC
50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, and 20% Syrah aged in vats (Grenache) and oak casks (Syrah and Mourvèdre) for 14-15 months.

"The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Les Origines is 50% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, and 20% Syrah and was brought up in 55% new barrels, with the balance in concrete. Its deeper purple color gives way to a pure, medium to full-bodied, impeccably balanced barrel sample that has plenty of cassis and darker cherry fruits, notes of graphite, ground pepper, violets, and scorched earth, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's impeccably put together, balanced, and shows the pure, seamless style of the vintage, with its oak barely noticeable."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 92-94 points

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$80.99 / bottle



201. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Vieilles Vignes 6/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC
45% Grenache, 45% Mourvèdre, and 10% Syrah matured in concrete (40%) and oak (60%).
Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"Opaque in color with dark cherries and berries, underbrush and spice scents. A bright, modern style with copious dark fruit flavors on a rich, densely packed, and supple palate. Remarkably long finish. Sourced from very old vines (50-100 years old)."

- International Wine Review, 95 points

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94-96 points

- James Suckling, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$132.99 / bottle

Domaine Corne Loup

In 1966, the Lafond family purchased 3 hectares in Tavel. They initially sold the production to a cooperative but soon began selling wine under their own label. Today, Jacques Lafond runs the winery with help from his daughter and winemaker, Géraldine Saunier. Their annual production is around 20,000 9-liter cases.

The name "Corne Loup" is the name given to this part of the Tavel Village, where, in olden times, someone would blow the horn ("corne") to warn others of a sighting of a wolf ("loup") coming into town.

Domaine Corne Loup is in Tavel, close to their cousins at Domaine de la Mordorée. They produce Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Viognier, Clairette, Grenache Noir, Syrah, Cinsault, Carignan, and Mourvèdre. Their vineyards cover 45 hectares - 20 hectares in Tavel and the rest split between Lirac and Côtes du Rhône.



202. 2023 Domaine Corne Loup, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, and 5% Cinsault vinified in concrete tanks (no oak). The average age of the vines is 40 years, with the oldest vines at 80 years old. The soil is mainly sandy marl and small pebble stones.

"This Cotes du Rhone offers an effusive nose of fresh dark red fruit with excellent flavor. It is beautifully focused and precise and vinified in a modern style. A real winner."

- International Wine Review, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



203. 2021 Domaine Corne Loup, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache, 40% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre

The average age of the vines is 40 years, with the oldest vines at 80 years old. The soil is mainly sandy marl and small pebble stones.

Aromas of garrigue and licorice combine with dark cherry and plum fruit. Silky tannins; round and rich palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle

Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux

Founded in 1905 by Gabriel Archimbaud, Domaine Clos de Cazaux is now run by his grandsons Jean-Michel and Frédéric Vache. The Vache and Archimbaud families are amongst the oldest families in the village of Vacqueyras, with their names appearing in the earliest existing clerical registers. The oldest part of the property dates to the 12th century and belonged to the Knights Templar. At this time a local farmer was put in charge of rearing the livestock and cultivating the land on behalf of the Knights Templar. This farmer was called "Chasal", a name which over the years became "Cazaux", the current name of the domaine.

The first vines were planted in the 19th century, on the poorest soil, and only provided enough wine for the family's own consumption. During the 20th century, vine-growing became the principal agricultural activity in the region – grapes were the only crop cultivated after the catastrophic frosts of 1956 decimated the olive groves and orchards of cherry and apricot trees.

In the early 1950s, the Archimbaud family became pioneers in the wine trade, bottling and selling their wine under the name Clos de Cazaux. The family extended the domaine by regrouping the land around their buildings to create a property of 20 hectares. At the same time the family acquired 40 hectares of woodland within the Dentelles de Montmirail, near Gigondas, together with the ruins of the Tour Sarrasin.

The next generation - daughter Lucette and her husband Maurice Vache took over in the 1970's and dedicated themselves to cultivating and improving the vines, including transforming the Gigondas woodland into 15 hectares of vineyard slopes. In the early 1980's, tasting rooms were created at the domaine and the couple began selling their wines abroad - something almost unheard of in Vacqueyras at that time.

In the 1990's their sons joined the business - Jean-Michel in 1990, after obtaining his professional qualification in the production and sale of wine; and Frédéric in 1998, a professional oenologist trained in Dijon with wine-making experience in South Africa.

The Vache family has 48 hectares of 40- to 50-year-old vines: 20 hectares on slopes at the extreme south of the Gigondas appellation, on a hill in the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail. This land lies in the shadow of the ancient medieval ruins of a former watch tower, the "Sarrasin Tower"; 24 hectares in Vacqueyras, on sandy-clay soil and sunny slopes; and 4 hectares in Cotes-du-Rhône.



204. 2020 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Vacqueyras Rouge, Cuvée Saint Roch 12/750ml

Source – France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras AOC

70% Grenache, 25% Syrah, and 5% Mourvèdre aged in stainless-steel tanks for 12 months and then an additional 12 months in enamel-coated concrete tanks.

This cuvée is named after the church Saint Roch, owned by the family.

"It's a pretty, medium-bodied, elegant wine (which is the vintage) and offers some earthy red and black fruits, truffle, leather, and garrigue aromatics, fine tannins, and outstanding balance."

- Jeb Dunnock, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



205. 2021 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Vacqueyras Rouge, Cuvée des Templiers 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras

50% Grenache, 40% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre aged for 9 months in stainless-steel tanks and 12 months in concrete tanks.

"Very dark in the glass. A spicy nose full of cardamom and cumin. Full-bodied but not overly. Feels rounded and powerful, but has seen no oak. Quite extracted, this certainly needs time but promises some future complexity."

- Decanter, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



206. 2020 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Gigondas Rouge, Cuvée Prestige 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Gigondas
50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Mourvèdre.

"It has a rocking nose of Provençal spices, saddle leather, dried flowers, and assorted strawberry and raspberry fruit. It's medium to full-bodied, has fine tannins, beautiful overall balance, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle



207. 2022 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Gigondas Rouge, Le Souiras 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Gigondas
100% Grenache aged for 30 months in oak.

"Le Souiras" is the terroir located at the very south end of the Gigondas appellation. Here, amid the Dentelles de Montmirail, an extraordinary calcareous massif, grapevines are planted on slopes surrounded by Mediterranean vegetation.

The terroir is stony with a layer of grey and blue clay under the topsoil. The slopes face west and are protected from the strong summer sun by the Montmirail hill. Due to this ideal microclimate, the old Grenache grapevines contain all the complexity and balance of this sunny terroir.

"A brilliant wine that has so much to love, the 2022 Gigondas Le Souiras is all Grenache that was brought up in barrels. It exhibits a vivid ruby hue as well as classic kirsch and blackberry fruit intermixed with peppery garrigue, spice, and ample Provençal nuances. This medium-bodied, fresh, focused 2022 has a beautiful sense of elegance, fine tannins, and balance."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$66.00 / bottle

Château de Ségrières

Owner Henri de Lanza (cousin of the Delorme family of Domaine de la Mordorée) purchased Château de Ségrières in 1994 from Count Henri de Régis, the founder of the Lirac AOC. Lirac wines have been produced in the Southern Rhône Valley since before Roman times, when they were favorites of the kings and popes of Avignon. In the late 1700s, production was high, but in 1863 phylloxera hit. The area struggled to recover until the early 1900s. In the 1930s, Count Henri de Régis began working to improve the quality of wines, vintage after vintage.

Château de Ségrières owns 58 hectares of vineyard land, all in old vines:

- 38 hectares (Lirac Rouge, on clay and limestone-based soils)
- 1.5 hectares (Lirac Blanc)
- 11 hectares (Tavel, on limestone, pebble stone, sand, and clay-based soils)
- 4 hectares (Côtes du Rhône)
- 3.5 hectares (Clos de l'Hermitage)

Robert Parker Jr called Château de Ségrières, "a super value treasure trove in the Southern Rhône" whose "wines continue to go from strength to strength".



208. 2022 Château de Ségrières, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 10% mix of Mourvèdre and Carignan aged in tank (90%) and barrel (10%).

"The 2022 Côtes du Rhône is based on 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and the rest Mourvèdre and Carignan. It has a juicy, medium-bodied profile offering classic leather and peppery garrigue notes, ample ripe black cherry fruits, plenty of tannins, and outstanding length. It's going to put a smile on your face any time over the coming 4-6 years."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points

- International Wine Review, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



209. 2022 Château de Ségrières, Lirac Rouge, Cuvée Réserve 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% a mix of Cinsault and 10% Mourvèdre.

"The 2022 Lirac Cuvée Réserve is also brilliant, with a juicy, layered, incredibly Provençal profile that has so much to love. Ripe black cherries, leather, peppery garrigue, and spice notes all give way to a medium to full-bodied, round, lush Southern Rhône that's balanced and has beautiful fruit as well as outstanding length."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

- International Wine Review, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle

Domaine Jean-Claude et Nicolas Fayolle

Domaine Jean-Claude et Nicolas Fayolle is in the village of Gervans, 5 kilometers north from Tain-l'Hermitage in the Drome department. Nicolas Fayolle represents the 3rd generation of the family - he obtained a degree in "Viticulture- Oenology" and "Commercial science". He studied in the Macon region and joined the family estate in 2003. His father, Jean-Claude, helped convert the estate from Apricot to Grape growing.

All the vineyards are tended and harvested manually due to the incline of the slopes. The treatment of the vines is limited to better manage the soil erosion. The "cuvees" are produced from specific parcels, and they neither destem nor use new oak barrels to preserve each "cuvee's" typicity.

As far as the Crozes Hermitage AOC is concerned, they own 6 hectares in the following lieu-dits:

- 2.5 hectares in "La Rochette", at the North of the Village of Serves-sur-Rhone, located 600 meters South of the Northern border. (1.5 hectare in red and 1.0 hectare in white). It is a soil composed of red granit and Terre Blanches.
- 1.15 hectares in "La Grande Seguire", which is not an official Lieu-Dit. It is in the Lieu-Dit of Les Pontaix, North of the Crozes-Hermitage village. The soil is mainly a blend of clay/granit and clay/stone. (Argilo-granitiques and argilo-caillouteux).
- 2.35 hectares in other lieu-dits, used to make other Cuvees (Cuvee Fayolle and Cuvee Nicolas) that are not imported by KPF. These are mainly planted on white granite and a clay/granite type of soil.

Regarding the Hermitage AOC, they own 1 hectare in the Lieu dit of "Les Dionnières" that can also be found spelled "Les Diognieres". It is located at the bottom of the Hill of Hermitage, right next to the town of Tain-L'Hermitage. It is divided between 0.8 hectares of red and 0.18 hectares of white. The soil is composed of clay and silica mixed with pebble stones.



210. 2019 Domaine Fayolle, Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, La Rochette 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Crozes-Hermitage
100% Syrah aged in French oak for 12-15 months.

"Opaque ruby. Displays lively, spice-tinged cherry, blueberry, pungent flowers and candied violet on the perfumed nose. Rich but energetic in the mouth, offering gently sweet red and blue fruit flavors and a spicy suggestion of cracked pepper. Finishes with gentle, slowly building tannins, hint of salty olive and very good, spicy persistence."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 91 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle



211. 2021 Domaine Fayolle, Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Cuvée Nicolas 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Crozes-Hermitage AOC
100% Syrah aged in French oak for 12 months.

Deep ruby red color. Nose of red and black currant fruits, pepper, spring flowers, new leather, and mineral/earthy nuances. Medium bodied palate of red fruit and spice. Nice balance. Long finish and velvety.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



212. 2020 Domaine Fayolle, Hermitage Rouge, Les Dionnières 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Hermitage
100% Syrah aged for a few months in neutral French oak.

The wine shows an intense inky ruby red color and has plenty to offer with red and black fruit aromas, as well as a good minerality. The finish is very long, clean and juicy and offers a great spicy mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$92.99 / bottle

Domaine Guy Bernard

Domaine Guy Bernard is a small estate of the Bernard family, well established in Tupin et Semons for several generations. They produce wines in the Côte-Rôtie and Condrieu appellations in the Northern Rhône Valley. The estate is currently in the process of converting to organic viticulture (since 2017) and will apply for the official Organic Agriculture certification.

The Côte-Rôtie wine region covers 202 hectares (500 acres) along the western bank of the Rhône River near the village of Ampuis. In the Côte-Rôtie, the Rhône flows southwest for 9.7 kilometers (6.0 mi). Syrah and Viognier are the only permitted grape varieties in Côte Rôtie. Around 100,000 9-liter cases are produced yearly.



213. 2022 Domaine Guy Bernard, Côte-Rôtie, Coteau de Bassenon 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côte-Rôtie AOC

94% Syrah and 6% Viognier aged in French oak for 18 months (20% new).

The wine comes from a tiny parcel in the commune of Tupin et Semons, located in the extreme south of the Côte Rôtie appellation. Made from old vine Syrah and a small percentage of Viognier, this cuvee offers a deep red color with purple hues, and a fragrant nose of candied red fruits with some roasted notes. A wine of great finesse and a delicate, long, silky finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$96.00 / bottle



214. 2021 Domaine Guy Bernard, Côte-Rôtie, Côte Brune 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côte-Rôtie AOC

100% Syrah aged for 22 months in oak (25% new).

A deep color, an intense nose where we can easily recognize the notes of small red and black fruits (crushed strawberry, blackcurrant), spices (licorice, cinnamon) complete this already very complex nose. On the palate, this wine surprises by its amplitude, the notes of black cherries, toast and caramel are very pleasant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$112.00 / bottle

Domaine Johann Michel

Johann Michel is a self-taught winemaker who discovered his passion while tasting old bottles of wine with his grandfather. His first vintage was 1997. He works alongside his wife Emmanuelle, farming a little over 5.5 hectares (13.5 acres) spread between three AOCs:

- 4 hectares are in Cornas, all farmed under "culture raisonnée" (sustainable method), in the lieux dits "Les Côtes", "Bayonnet", "Chaillot" and the parcel called "Saveaux" for the AOC Cornas. Yields are very low here – 33 hl/ha for Cornas Tradition and 25 hl/ha for Cuvee Jana. He also produces a special cuvée, only in certain years: "Cuvée de la Mère Michel", a tribute to his wife and a play on the French song "La Mere Michelle". AOC Cornas is one of the smallest AOCs in France (only 116.4 hectares; 287 acres)
- 0.37 hectares in Saint Joseph AOC. Planted only with Syrah, Johann's first vintage was 2016 with 700 bottles produced. The vineyard is 120 meters high in altitude with a density of 4,400 vines per hectare. The Saint Joseph wine is made using 100% destemmed grapes. Saint Joseph AOC is quite large compared to Cornas AOC, with a total acreage of around 920 hectares (2,270 acres).
- 1 hectare in Saint Peray, planted with Marsanne and Roussanne. His parcels are located at the extreme South of Saint Peray AOC (a few meters away from the border with the Cornas AOC). Johann makes 2 cuvées of Saint Peray: Saint Peray Blanc (a blend of 50% Roussanne and 50% Marsanne), and Saint Peray Blanc Cuvée M (100% Marsanne).



215. 2022 Domaine Johann Michel, Cornas 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Cornas

100% Syrah aged on the lees in oak for 12-18 months (2- to 4-year-old barrels).

This Cornas is a blend from 2 different vineyard sites. 60% of the final blend is from vineyards located on a hillside (16-year-old vines on the "coteau"), planted on sandy soils, decomposed granite, and some rocks, giving the structure, spiciness, and licorice flavors to the blend. The other 40% of the final blend comes from the bottom of the slope (40 years old vines on the "pied de coteau"), planted on sandy soils, bringing acidity and balance.

"Ripe black and blue fruits, violets, sappy herbs, and iron notes all emerge from the 2022 Cornas, a pretty, pure, medium to full-bodied Cornas offering fine, ripe tannins, a balanced, layered mouthfeel, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$72.99 / bottle

Domaine de la Mordorée

In 1986, brothers Christophe and Fabrice Delorme, along with their father Francis, decided to dedicate themselves to their passion for wine. They bought an estate in Tavel with the goal of producing the best wines in each appellation while preserving the environment. Within a decade, they had achieved that goal and continued getting better and better each year.

Unfortunately, in 2015, the remarkably talented Christophe passed away at the age of 52. Christophe was highly respected and regarded by Fran Kysela, and they enjoyed a wonderful business partnership for 21 years. He was also highly regarded by Robert Parker Jr. of The Wine Advocate, who coined Mordorée as "one of the world's greatest wine estates".

Christophe's legacy and his talent live on through his daughter Ambre, as well as a talented team at Domaine de la Mordorée that includes winemaker Chauvet, who worked as Christophe's cellar manager. Jeb Dunnuck praised the estate for the quality of their first vintage without Christophe, saying the Domaine was "obviously still in incredibly capable hands."

Mordorée's vineyards consist of 55 hectares (135 acres) on 38 different parcels, containing a rich, wide range of soils and climates. The soil is a mix of clay, chalk, and sand with pebble stones.

- Tavel - vineyards are located on the Vallongue plateau, in the villages of Palai, Roquanaute and Romagnac.
- Châteauneuf du Pape - vineyards are in the villages of La Crau, la Nerthe, Cabrières, Le Bois de la Ville.
- Lirac - vineyards are located mainly in the plateaus of Lirac and Tavel, Les Baumes, as well as an area called Les Châtaigniers, meaning the chestnut trees, which are quite unusual in those areas.
- Côtes du Rhône - soils are made up mainly of pebbles, clay, stones, broken-stone deposits.
- Condrieu- vineyards lie on the eastern slopes of the Massif Central. The appellation is named after the commune of Condrieu, meaning a corner (coin) of land where two streams meet (rieu, akin to the Spanish rio). The vineyards produce only Viognier.

Mordorée follows the culture raisonnée method, intervening in the vineyard only when necessary. The yield is reduced in the vineyard by ébourgeonnage (de-budding in spring) and vendanges vertes in summer (green harvesting). The top wines are aged in special oak barrels like jupille for 10 months.



216. 2023 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Blanc, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

30% Grenache, 20% Clairette, and 15% mix of Viognier, Roussanne, and Marsanne, plus very small amounts of Picpoul and Bourboulenc fermented in used casks (10%) and stainless-steel (90%).

La Reine des Bois – "Queen of the Woods" – represents premium quality.

"Juicy white peach, minty herbs, orange blossom, and spice notes all shine in the 2023 Lirac Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois Blanc, a beautifully balanced, elegant, layered white based on 30% Grenache, 20% Clairette, and 15% each Viognier, Roussanne, and Marsanne, as well as splashes of Picpoul and Bourboulenc. It would easily compete with any number of top Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc."

- Jeb Dunnock, 94 points

- International Wine Review, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle



217. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, La Remise de la Mordorée Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley

40% Grenache, 30% Marselan, and 30% Merlot.

La Remise de la Mordorée represents Mordorée signature quality at an affordable price. Light rose color. Aromas of roses, strawberries, red currants, and citrus. Fresh and fruity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



218. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, and 20% Syrah. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

Lovely rose color with blueish hints. Fruity aromas (strawberry, cherry, redcurrant, pink grapefruit, and tangerine) combine with floral scents or rose fragrance. Fresh, round, and smooth.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.50 / bottle



219. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 15% Clairette, 10% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 5% Bourboulenc. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

La Reine des Bois - "Queen of the Woods" - represents premium quality.

Bright pink color. Complex aromas of white flowers, raspberry, pomegranate, strawberry, and light menthol. Fresh, vibrant, long, and complex.

Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle



220. 2023 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC
50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Carignan. Certified organic by Demeter.

"Medium ruby red. This Grenache and Syrah-led blend offers red berry fruit on the nose with a light herbal accent. It is medium weight with flavors of plum, red berries and black currants and has a long finish. Sourced from organic and Demeter biodynamic cultivated vineyards."

- International Wine Review, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



221. 2021 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC
50% Grenache and 50% Syrah. Certified organic by Demeter.

"Aromas of spiced cherries, forest berries and sweet spices. Medium body with fine tannins. Layered and textured with a velvety mid-palate. Balanced and harmonious with a focused finish and excellent length. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification."

- James Suckling, 93 points

- International Wine Review, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



222. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC
34% Grenache, 33% Syrah, and 33% Mourvèdre aged in used oak (10%) and stainless-steel (90%). Certified organic by Demeter.
La Reine des Bois - "Queen of the Woods" - represents premium quality.

"It's a killer bottle of wine that has both red and black fruits intermixed with notions of peppery garrigue, flowers, melted licorice, and graphite. With a rare level of purity and precision, it's medium to full-bodied, has a supple, layered mouthfeel, fine tannins, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnock, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$47.99 / bottle



223. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, La Dame Voyageuse 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC
90% Grenache, 4% Mourvèdre, 4% Syrah, 1% Vaccarèse, and 1% Counoise aged (15%) in used oak casks and stainless steel (85%).

La Dame Voyageuse - "the traveling lady" - is a more approachable version of the CDP. It is meant to be enjoyed early, compared to her sister cuvée which is made for the long run.

"Big, juicy, bold and powerful. Really driving, chunky, mouthfilling fruit and tannin. It's long, broad and expansive, a huge wine for those that enjoy massive Châteauneufs. It's all there though – the fruit, the ripeness, the smooth tannin, the acidity, the freshness. Will take time to come together then it will be very long lived. The most powerful Dame Voyageuse to date"

- Decanter, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$96.00 / bottle



**224. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, La Reine des Bois
6/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, and 10% Syrah aged 10 months in 20% oak casks and 80% stainless steel. This premium cuvée - whose name means "Queen of the Woods" - is from 65-year-old vines, planted on Villafranchian-era terrasses. The yield is 30 hl/ha.

"Huge and powerful, but so fresh. This has great driving intensity, with even bigger, more structural tannins than the domaine's other cuvée. A rampaging Châteauneuf that will take time to settle and will always be wild. Long, vibrant and chiseled. An absolute beast."

- Decanter, 98 points

- Jeb Dunnuck, 97 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$155.99 / bottle

ROSÉ

France remains supreme in rosé, ranking #1 on the list of the top 10 exporters of rosé wine to the US. Domestic table rosé is growing quickly, as is table rosé from Italy and New Zealand. Looking ahead, industry leaders predict Iberia (Portugal and Spain) will be the next area to expand for rosé.

The inevitability of rosé's growth will continue for years to come, especially with younger generations. Rosé wine offers a premium drink at a value price – what all consumers want.



225. NV Dioro Baco, Cava, Brut Rosado 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja

100% Pinot Noir.

"This deep-apricot-colored wine has a steady stream of effervescence that releases a bouquet of green apple, yellow cherry and sage leaf. It is round on the palate, with enticing mouthfeel and nectarine, gooseberry and cocoa butter flavors and a lingering hint of espresso bean."

- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



226. 2023 Alain de la Treille, Le Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

40% Gamay, 40% Cabernet Franc, and 20% Pinot Noir – part of the wine is aged in oak for a few months.

A very aromatic dry rosé with tons of fresh strawberry and watermelon flavors. Le Rosé displays an elegant fruitiness with a nice, balanced finish. Vineyards are located outside of the AOC boundaries, hence the Vin de France classification.

Suggested: \$15.99 / bottle



227. 2024 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Bellissime, Côtes du Rhône Rosé 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache Noir, 30% Cinsault, and 20% Syrah. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

Bellissime means beautiful, or magnificent. Salmon-pink color, clear and brilliant. The nose is fruity and spicy, reminiscent of wild strawberry and fine Provencal spices. The palate is full, well-balanced, and fruity, with a long, fresh finish. A beautiful and delicate rosé.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



228. 2024 Domaine Corne Loup, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 10% Syrah, and 15% mix of Mourvèdre, Clairette, and Carignan. Elegant, refreshing, food-friendly and versatile, this Tavel offers mouth-watering aromas of strawberry and berry pie.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



229. 2024 Cave de Pomerols, H.B. Languedoc Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Côtes de Thau

100% Grenache aged on the fine lees for a few months.

Limpid and shiny colored wine with a beautiful bright salmon pink hue. Possessing a very expressive, charming, and complex bouquet, the wine offers intense notes of ripe citrus and fruit candies. The palate is balanced, delicate, fresh, generous, and ample, developing beautiful aromas of small red fruits (strawberry, red currants) and a long-lasting mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



230. 2024 Love(R), Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Rosé 12/7ml

Source: France – Provence

59% Syrah, 35% Grenache, and 6% Cinsault.

This dry rosé has a beautiful light color. It displays aromas of red fruits with a nice, refreshing and clean finish. There is also a touch of minerality.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



231. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, La Remise de la Mordorée Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley

40% Grenache, 30% Marselan, and 30% Merlot.

Light rose color. Aromas of roses, strawberries, red currants, and citrus. Fresh and fruity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



232. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Dame Rouse 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, and 20% Syrah. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

Lovely rose color with blueish hints. Fruity aromas (strawberry, cherry, redcurrant, pink grapefruit, and tangerine) combine with floral scents or rose fragrance. Fresh, round, and smooth.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.50 / bottle



233. 2024 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 15% Clairette, 10% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 5% Bourboulenc. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

La Reine des Bois - "Queen of the Woods" - represents premium quality.

Bright pink color. Complex aromas of white flowers, raspberry, pomegranate, strawberry, and light menthol. Fresh, vibrant, long, and complex.

Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle



234. 2024 Reverdy, Sancerre Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Sancerre

100% Pinot Noir

The wine shows a pale salmon pink color and offers delicate aromas of roses and orange blossoms that will develop into gooseberry and peach blossoms as the temperature in the glass rises. The palate is crisp, lean, and elegant, but the flavors are quite persistent with cherry, blackcurrant, apricot, and red currant aromas.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



235. 2024 Hugel, Zweigelt Rosé 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Zweigelt grapes aged in stainless-steel.

The wine offers delicate strawberry, cherry, and floral aromas. On the palate it is medium-bodied, lively, and refreshing, beautifully balanced. A long and pleasant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / 1-liter bottle



236. NV Encostas do Lima, Vinho Verde Rosé 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

This beautiful, lightly spritzy, strawberry-colored rosé comes from 75% Souzão, 15% Borrasal, and 10% Espadeiro.

This Vinho Verde Rose has a bright pink color, fresh aromas of strawberries and raspberries along with subtle notes of citrus. The palate indicates a youthful but elegant, well-balanced, and fresh wine with a long, lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



237. NV Terre dei Buth, Frizzante Rose, Special Cuvee 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Veneto

90% Glera and 10% Raboso. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico.

Raboso is an indigenous red grape to the Venetian region, well known for its hints of red berries and its smooth taste.

"Gold color. Aromas and flavors of ripe peach, melon, dried flowers, and blood orange with a velvety, crisp, effervescent, dry medium body and a charming, medium-length finish displaying accents of peach gummi bear, edible flowers, dole fruit cup juice, and gooseberry."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 90 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



238. 2024 Château de Ségrès, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Cinsault, 10% Clairette, and 10% Syrah

Beautiful ripe cherry and red berry aromas with floral scents. Good concentration on the palate, flavorful and perfectly balanced. Good acidity and mineral backbone.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



239. 2024 Tres Ojos, Rosado, Calatayud 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Aragon – Calatayud

50% Garnacha and 50% Tempranillo.

Tres Ojos – “three eyes” – is named after an ancient walking bridge in the city of Calatayud. The bridge’s three arches earned it the nickname ‘tres ojos’.

This fresh, crisp, and juicy Rose is made of 50% Garnacha and 50% Tempranillo. It displays beautiful strawberry and raspberry fruits, medium acidity, and a refreshing finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

BIG BOTTLES – DISPLAY ONLY OR CASH AND CARRY



2020 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 6/1.5L (ORGANIC) (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 15% Mourvèdre aged in concrete vats and French oak barrels (30%) for 16 months. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"A solid, dense and pulpous Lirac with a spicy kick. It shows aromas of blackberries, dark plums, barbecued meat and baking spices. It's full-bodied with plush tannins. Fleshy and vivid with so much grilled herbs and peppery spiciness. Structured and serious finish with a touch of chewiness. From organically grown grapes. Drink now."

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$69.99 / magnum



2020 Arzuaga, Crianza, Ribera del Duero 1/3L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

90% Tempranillo, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Merlot aged for 16 months in oak barrels (75% French and 25% American).

Dark cherry color with purple highlights. Powerful nose and high aromatic diversity of ripe red and black fruits, spicy and balsamic notes, and a roasted finish. Soft and mellow in the mouth with great fruitiness and length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$279.99 / jeroboam



2020 Ayni, Malbec 1/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec aged 12 months in untoasted oak.

Ayni is the Quechua term for the principle of reciprocity, practiced for centuries by the Andean people - "in order to receive, you first have to give." Chakana's renowned Paraje Altamira vineyard, which sits 3,300 feet above sea level, bears the name Ayni.

"This wine sports a deep purple hue as well as gorgeous aromatics of ripe black and blue fruits, savory herbs, graphite, and hints of tobacco. It's ripe, powerful, full-bodied, and opulent, with a silky, seamless mouthfeel and beautiful overall length."

- Jeb Dunnock, 95 points

- Tim Atkin, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$111.99 / magnum



2018 Cambon la Pelouse, Cru Bourgeois 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Bordeaux

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot aged 12 months in French oak (30% new, 20% 1-year).

"Black currant, ash, black-olive and dried-herb aromas. It's medium-to full-bodied with powdery, fine-grained tannins."

- James Suckling, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$97.99 / magnum



2020 Cortijillo, Tempranillo, La Mancha 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Spain – Castilla-La Mancha – La Mancha

100% Tempranillo.

Up front aromas of raspberry and cherry fruit, medium to light weight, Rhone wine in character; cherry fruit flavors, followed by bright acidity. Reminds one of a mythical cross between a Pinot Noir and a Côtes du Rhône. A pleasant and fun bistro red.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / magnum



2019 Feraz, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region

100% Cabernet Sauvignon – 15% of the wine was aged in oak for 3 months.

Feraz translates to fertile or productive from Spanish. It is a nod to the rich agricultural heritage and winemaking tradition of Chile's Central Valley.

Feraz Cabernet Sauvignon displays a lovely and intense ruby color in the glass. The wine exhibits a bouquet of ripe red fruit with notes of strawberry and plums mingling with hints of vanilla. On the palate it is fresh and well-rounded with good concentration and a persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / magnum



2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Rouge 4/3.0L (Bag-in-Box) (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault

This Côtes du Rhône comes from limestone terraces with sand and red clay. The color is purple-tinged garnet. The bouquet of aromas offers fresh berries and hints of spices. The palate is big and full-flavored, with silky-smooth tannins and red and black fruit flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$64.99 / 3L Bag-in-Box



2021 Domaine Johann Michel, Cornas 1/3L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Cornas

100% Syrah aged on the lees in oak for 12-18 months (2- to 4-year-old barrels).

This Cornas is a blend from 2 different vineyard sites. 60% of the final blend is from vineyards located on a hillside (16-year-old vines on the "coteau"), planted on sandy soils, decomposed granite, and some rocks, giving the structure, spiciness, and licorice flavors to the blend. The other 40% of the final blend comes from the bottom of the slope (40 years old vines on the "pied de coteau"), planted on sandy soils, bringing acidity and balance.

"Bright and intense both in color and in aroma. Hyper-fresh, searching berry fruits, this is electric. Rounded, with plump berry fruits that are concentrated and fresh. The tannins are intense too, grippy and strict on the long finish."

- *Decanter*, 96 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$123.99 / jeroboam



2018 Château Landes, Cuvée Tradition, Lussac St. Emilion 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Bordeaux – Lussac-Saint Emilion

80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc aged 14 months.

Deep ruby color with aromas of ripe red fruit. Silky, round, and smooth taste, with raspberry and blackcurrant. Powerful and complex finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$46.99 / magnum



NV Morada, Sangria 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Spain – Castilla-La Mancha

100% Tempranillo.

A traditional Spanish drink made with red wine and citrus extracts. Garnet color and fresh on the palate. It is a very refreshing Sangria.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / magnum



2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Reine des Bois 1/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

34% Grenache, 33% Syrah, and 33% Mourvèdre – 15% of the wine was aged in oak for 12 months. La Reine des Bois - "Queen of the Woods" - represents premium quality from Domaine de la Mordorée.

"A core of violets is enveloped in blackberry, red currant, black licorice, thyme and mint, and gently framed by warm baking spice. The palate is silky with dark fruits taking center stage."

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 95 points + Editors' Choice

- *James Suckling*, 94 points

- *Jeb Dunnock*, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$137.99 / magnum



2017 Penedo Borges, Icono, Malbec 4/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

85% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Syrah, 3% Cabernet France, and 2% Petit Verdot aged for 18-24 months in first use French and American oak. Cellared in bottle for 12 months.

Icono Malbec represents the winery's special selection of the best lots. These top grapes are from Penedo Borges' Agrelo vineyard, 3,400 feet above sea level, which receives special canopy management to achieve complex, concentrated wines.

"Ripe berry and cassis aromas come with a blast of potent oak, but overall the nose on this Malbec is appealing in a bold manner. Airing is vital to smoothing out the tartaric bite this brings, while flavors of blackberry, dark plum, vanilla and mocha finish long and smoother than the palate."

- Wine Enthusiast, 93 points

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$110.99 / magnum



2023 Les Costières de Pomerols, Picpoul de Pinet, H.B., Languedoc 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

This wine consists of 100% Picpoul (or Piquepoul) - a very popular, traditional local variety planted on sun-drenched hillsides called "costières" (coastal region) in the Mediterranean garrigue, near the Etang de Thau - a coastal lagoon situated between the port of Sète and Marseillan. The vines are 15-20 years old.

The color is a superb pale yellow with bright hues. The nose is elegant, with aromas of fresh fruit citrus fruit especially grapefruit. Well-balanced with typical focusing and zesty acidity. A pure expression of the grape varietal. The Muscadet of the South of France.

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / magnum



2003 Romariz, Vintage Port 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Portugal – Douro

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca. A vintage port is made from blended grapes, all from the same vintage year. Vintage ports are historically only declared every 3 out of 10 years. Romariz vintage ports age for up to two years in oak, then go unfiltered into the bottle for further aging.

"Opaque ruby. A complex, beautifully structured wine from Europe's hot summer of 2003. Lively spicy, toasted aromas and a ripe and generous palate with layers of rich, dense flavors of dark fruit, chocolate, tobacco, spice box and a hint of marmalade. Finishes dry and long with still firm tannins."

- International Wine Review, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$205.99 / magnum



2014 Château Ségrès, Secret de la Grange, Lirac Rouge 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah.

Dark and inky, with intense and complex aromas. Lush strawberry and blackberry fruit flavors combine with spice components, garrigue, pepper and licorice. Long and pleasant finish with round, well-integrated tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$125.99 / magnum

GERMANY

German wine is primarily produced in the west of Germany, along the river Rhine and its tributaries, with the oldest plantations going back to the Roman era. Approximately 60% of German wine is produced in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, where 6 of the 13 regions for quality wine are situated.

Germany has about 103,000 hectares (252,000 acres or 1,030 square kilometers) of vineyard, which is around one tenth of the vineyard surface in Spain, France, or Italy. The total wine production is usually around 10 million hectoliters annually, corresponding to 1.3 billion bottles, which places Germany as the eighth-largest wine-producing country in the world. White wine accounts for almost two thirds of the total production.

Among enthusiasts, Germany's reputation is primarily based on wines made from the Riesling grape variety, which at its best is used for aromatic, fruity and elegant white wines that range from very crisp and dry to well-balanced, sweet and of enormous aromatic concentration. While primarily a white wine country, red wine production surged in the 1990s and early 2000s, primarily fueled by domestic demand, and the proportion of the German vineyards devoted to the cultivation of dark-skinned grape varieties has now stabilized at slightly more than a third of the total surface. For the red wines, Spätburgunder, the domestic name for Pinot Noir, is in the lead.

Weingut Bastgen

Founded in 1850, Weingut Bastgen is located on the tiny hamlet of Monzel, not far from Bernkastel-Kues. The current owners are husband-and-wife Armin Vogel and Mona Bastgen, who began working for the winery in 1993.

Mona and Armin meticulously tend 16 acres of vines growing in slate soil, 80% of which is Riesling. The vineyards are in Kesten, known for its impressively steep terrace overlooking the Mosel River, and planted to 50-year-old vines. The vines produce very small, ripe berries that are very tasty. Average yearly production is 3,300 cases.



240. 2023 Bastgen, Blauschiefer Riesling 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

Bright, clean, fresh, and zesty. Grapefruit like flavors. Fruity aromas and a nice minerality, typical of the Riesling grape grown on blue slate soil. Round, rich and very long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



241. 2023 Bastgen, Berncastel-Cueser, Riesling, Spätlese, Trocken 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

In the southwest facing vineyard Riesling vines are planted on bridge clay slate. The full day of sun exposure combined with the deep soils result in a powerful wine with layers of aromas, soft acidity, and structure. Grapefruit like flavors and minerality that is typical of the Riesling grape grown on blue slate soil. Round, rich and very long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



242. 2023 Bastgen, Kestener Paulinshofsberg, Riesling, Kabinett 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

Kesten is a small village right by the Mosel surrounded by steep vineyards called Paulinsberg (hills of Saint Paul). The vines grow on bridge clay slate near the river - a classic terroir that has been cultivated with vines ever since Roman times. Riesling is the most typical grape of the Mosel region that produces a fruity Kabinett with beautiful peach aromas on the nose, rich and ripe fruits on the mouth with honeyed notes and a refreshing acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.50 / bottle

Weingut Dr. Leimbrock – C. Schmidt

Founded in 1750, Weingut Dr. Leimbrock – C. Schmidt has a rich history of generations of winemaking. In the late 19th century, Emilie Herrmann Leimbrock, a young, widowed mother, followed in her father's footsteps and successfully led her winery until her retirement. The story goes that she kept the cellar key under her pillow until shortly before her death.

In the mid-20th century, Emilie's grandson Friedhelm took a special interest in the family's winemaking business. He married Eleonore 'Lore' Schmidt, also from a family winery, Conrad Schmidt in Brauneberg. Together they cultivated steep slopes in the best vineyards of the Middle Mosel, which they brought from the farms of their ancestors into their marriage. Lore Leimbrock completed viticultural training, as well as a home economics additional education, applying her knowledge to both viticulture and hospitality at the winery. Friedhelm Leimbrock, who graduated as a master winemaker, led his own company, and served as chairman of the supervisory board of the Middle Mosel.

Friedhelm and Lore Leimbrock's firstborn son, Friedrich Wilhelm Leimbrock, completed viticultural training, an oenology study in Geisenheim and a doctorate on cross-sectioning in steep slope wine growing. Since the age of 16, Dr. Friedhelm Leimbrock has served as a winemaker. After completing her studies in business administration in Mainz and her viticultural training in Trier, their youngest daughter, Ulrike Leimbrock, started working in the family winery in 1982. For many years she, along with her mother Lore, has led the winery. Ulrike officially took over operations in 2013, and today her daughter, Andrea Oeffling, is involved in sales and marketing.

Dr. Leimbrock's current vineyard, established in 1967, covers 22 acres (8.5 hectares) of 'Devon' soil (weathered slate) in some of the best locations on the Mosel - Graacher Himmelreich (0.3 ha), Bernkasteler Bratenhöfchen/Badstube (0.4 ha), Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr (0.6 ha), Brauneberger Juffer (0.9 ha), Mülheimer Sonnenlay (2.8 ha).



243. 2022 Dr. Leimbrock, Estate Riesling 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Devonian slate Riesling aged in stainless steel tanks.

Light yellow straw color. Aromas and flavors of sour green apple candy, almond paste, fresh linen, and citrus oil with a supple, lively, dry light-to-medium body and an amusing, medium-length finish revealing notes of green apple, pineapple, and lemon, baked apricot, and grapefruit pith. Zippy and refreshing acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle



244. 2019 Dr. Leimbrock, Mülheimer Sonnenlay, Riesling, Spätlese 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

A classic in the residual sweet range that impresses with filigree fruit and mineral spiciness.

The mountain "Mülheimer Sonnenlay" represents a geographical feature of the Moselle. Due to the strong meandering of the Moselle, the mountain was surrounded by the river. Vines are cultivated on both sides of the mountain. The site name Sonnenlay (Mosel Franconian for slate) combines the most important prerequisites for the cultivation of Riesling vines. Soils are skeletal-rich, weathered clayish shale enriched with sand, stones, and clay.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle

Weingut Hansen-Lauer

In 1919, Josef Hansen, originally a baker, founded the domain Hansen in Bernkastel, after he had taken over the vineyards from his brother. In 1956, his son, Reinhold, took over the winery. In 1967, Reinhold began renting vineyards from his wife's family. From that point on, they worked together in the vineyard and winery, and they added the family name of his wife, Lauer, to the name of the domain, hence forming Hansen-Lauer.

Since 1994, Hansen-Lauer has been under the direction of Thomas Hansen, son of Reinhold and third generation winemaker. The domain covers 4.94 acres of vineyards, situated around the town of Bernkastel-Kues, in the picturesque valley of the Middle Mosel. Wine production is 100% Riesling; about 1,200 cases per year.



245. 2021 Hansen Lauer, Sekt, Riesling Brut 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling aged on the lees 12 months during secondary fermentation.

The vineyard is situated at the beginning of a long stretch of approximately 2 million vines.

Very fine bubbles along with nice fruit flavors - apple, pear, citrus - plus minerality from the stony (slate) vineyards.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



246. 2023 Hansen Lauer, Bernkasteler Badstube, Riesling 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling, aged on the lees for 6 months.

A lovely Mosel Riesling with a lot of minerality and a hint of stewed apple, cantaloupe, and dried orange flavors. The finish is long and clean, making it quite quaffable.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle

Weinkeller Winzer von Erbach

Winzer von Erbach's wine growers' organization was founded in 1897. Their cellar was built in 1903 in the "Art Nouveau" style. Today they have 32 vintners who deliver grapes from the Erbach and Rauenthal vineyards to their cellar, and they are the most highly rated wine cooperation in the Rheingau region, known for their high-quality Riesling wines with a strong price-value relationship.

Together with the Mosel region, Rheingau is famous for growing top quality Riesling grapes. Rheingau is a smaller region, with 3,200 hectares (7,904 acres) in a 45-kilometer stretch from Wiesbaden to Lorchhausen. It is an unequivocally cool area, yielding more elegant and refreshing wines, rather than robust and intense.

More than 30% of the Winzer von Erbach's vineyards are in the top spots of the Rheingau called "erstes Gewächs" (first growth). 50 hectares are cultivated in the following locations in Erbach and Kiedrich: Erbacher Michelmark (12 hectares), Erbacher Steinmorgen (8 hectares), Erbacher Honigberg (20 hectares) and Kiedricher Sandgrub (10 hectares). Average production is around 27,000 cases per year.



247. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Zzzero, Riesling Alkoholfrei (non-alcoholic wine) 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Riesling vinified in stainless steel. The alcohol is removed by vacuum distillation.

This Riesling has a delicate fruit and mineral taste. Very refreshing.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



248. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Rheingau Riesling 12/1.0L

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Riesling

This southwest-facing vineyard has particularly deep loose-clay and meadow soils. This area's name is derived from the good honey-producing plants that grew on the hill before it was cultivated. They are situated next to the famous Steinberg vineyard at the same altitude level.

Round and refreshing wine with light touches of lemon and lime on the nose. Slightly sweet with juicy and fruity flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / 1-liter bottle



249. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Honigberg Riesling, Kabinett 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Riesling. From the famous Erbacher Honigberg vineyard. 20-year-old vines on average. Honigberg means ‘honey hill’.

Honeyed style, rich minerality, and luscious creaminess. Flavors of baked pineapple and pear. Fresh and juicy on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



250. 2023 Weinkeller Erbach, Goldmuskateller Feinherb 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Rheingau

100% Goldmuskateller.

On the nose, a potpourri of fine elderberry scents, apricots, and quince. A subtle aroma of lime and coconut rounds off the experience.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

Weingut Weller-Lehnert (Weingut Matheus)

Weller-Lehnert is a family winery located in the Middle Mosel's Piesport region. This eighth-generation organization is rooted in tradition and committed to producing wines of the highest quality. Weller-Lehnert is a member of the "Bernkasteler Ring", the oldest wine auction company on the Mosel, Saar and Ruwer.

The winery is run by Petra and Jörg Matheus, who took over in 1991. They manage the winery with their sons Frank and Kai, both of whom are earning degrees in Viticulture and Oenology. They produce wines under the brands Weller-Lehnert, Matheus and Maringer-Reif.

The winery covers 18 hectares over select Piesporter locations, one of which is the world-famous "Piesporter Goldtröpfchen". Other vineyards are in Piesporter Domherr, Piesporter Falkenberg, Piesporter Grafenberg and Piesporter Treppchen. Matheus philosophy is "as much as necessary, as little as possible" - gentle grape processing is followed by gentle winemaking and temperature-controlled fermentation. They intervene as little as possible, allowing the terroir to shine through.



251. 2023 Weller-Lehnert, Piesporter Michelsberg QBA Riesling 12/1.0L

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling.

QBA stands for "Qualitätswein bestimmter Anbaugebiete", which means that the wine comes from one of the 13 designated wine regions.

A beautiful wine with delicate perfumed aromas. Medium bodied, well balanced, filled with peaches and green apples, crisp and fresh acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / 1-liter bottle



252. 2021 Weller-Lehnert, Piesporter Domherr Grosses Gewächs Riesling 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling.

Made in accordance with the stringent production criteria of the classification of the Bernkasteler Ring, wines with the designation “Grosses Gewächs Bernkasteler Ring” represent the premium line of the association’s dry wines. These Grand Crus can only come from the best sites of the steep slopes and are distinguished by their exceptional aging potential. To be awarded the status of “Grosses Gewächs”, selective hand-harvesting, a restriction of yields to 50 hl/ha and the passing of a stringent sensory examination by a highly qualified professional panel are required.

Piesporter Domherr is the ancient and original Piesporter Goldtröpfchen. It lies in the heart of Piesporter Goldtröpfchen right by the Mosel River. It consists of four hectares that are facing south-southeast. The location on the river creates a mirror effect, offering optimum conditions to produce outstanding mineral wine with fine, fruity elegance. Because of its prolonged vegetation period, Riesling (frequently referred to as the “queen of white varieties”) is often capable of expressing the characteristics of its terroir like no other.

Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle

ITALY

The birthplace of Prosecco, Italy produces the most wine worldwide with more than 310,000 wineries harvesting 7.76 million tons of grapes (from 1.7 million acres) and producing 5.66 billion liters of wine (7.56 billion bottles) a year. 37% of Italian wines are exported, with Germany being the top importer, followed closely by the United States.

There are 20 regions in Italy and all produce wine, some having produced wine since Etruscan and Greek settlers planted their own vineyards in the 2nd century AD.

Of the 20 regions, Veneto leads with production at 18% and Tuscany at 17% (the other regions are Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Umbria, Abruzzo, Trentino Alto-Adige, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Marche, Puglia, Lazio, Sicily, Sardinia, Campania, Liguria, Calabria, Molise, Basilicata, and Valle d’Aosta).

The top grape varieties planted in Italy are Sangiovese, Pinot Grigio, Trebbiano, Glera, Montepulciano, Catarratto, Merlot, Chardonnay, Primitivo, and Barbera (although there are more than 3,000 types of grapes).

Azienda Agricola Zaglia Giorgio

The Giorgio Zaglia Winery produces quality wines in the Friuli D.O.C., located in the southeast of the Udine province, in the Precenicco and Pocenìa municipalities. The area lies between the Stella and Tagliamento rivers and near the Adriatic Sea, where clay soil, rich in mineral salt, and warm salty air currents create an extraordinary micro-climate ideal for wine growing.

The winery was founded in 1970 by Aldo Zaglia; today it is run by his son Giorgio who took over the in the 1980's. After earning a degree in Agricultural Sciences, Giorgio implemented great changes in the vineyards and the cellar, combining tradition and new technology. Giorgio is guided by a respect for the environment and continual research of quality practices. In 1995, he began replanting the vineyards, increasing planting density per hectare, adopting short pruning and shrewd thinning, and using the most current and accurate methods of enhancing terroir.

Zaglia's vineyards cover 30 hectares (75 acres) and produce around 13,000 cases per year:

- Pinot Grigio – 9 hectares (5,000 cases)
- Prosecco – 5 hectares (2,000 cases)
- Chardonnay – 3 hectares (1,500 cases)
- Friulano – 2 hectares (1,500 cases)
- Merlot – 6 hectares (1,000 cases)
- Cabernet Franc – 2 hectares (500 cases)
- Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso – 2 hectares (800 cases)
- Verduzzo/Rosato – 1 hectare (700 cases)

The vineyards are evenly split between Preceniccio and Pocenia, with 15 hectares in each municipality. Preceniccio's vineyards are slightly older (20 years on average, compared to Pocenia's 15 years).



253. 2023 Giorgio Z, Pinot Grigio 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Friuli – Friuli DOC

100% Pinot Grigio

The wine shows a yellow straw color with golden reflections. The bouquet is delicate and aromatic with citrus fruits, pineapple, and notes of acacia blossom. Dry, crisp, and fresh on the palate with balanced and bracing acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle

Cortenova

Cortenova is a Kysela Pere et Fils, LTD. trademark, used for Italian value wines of premium quality.



254. 2023 Cortenova, Pinot Grigio 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto

100% Pinot Grigio

Light Straw yellow with emerald, green reflections. Hints of pears, apricots and bananas abound in a fresh and floral bouquet. Light and citrusy with easy drinking style and flavor density.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

Botter

Casa Vinicola Botter is a family-owned winery headquartered in Fossalta di Piave, a small town near Venice. Founded in 1928 by Carlo and Maria Botter, the business started by selling wine in barrels, before moving to bottled wine in the '60's. Today Botter is on the largest producers and exporters of Italian wines. The winery is run by the third generation, Luca, Annalisa, and Alessandro Botter.

Botter follows a multi-territorial approach, offering wines from all over Italy - Veneto, Abruzzo, Campania, Puglia, Sicily and more. They have a storage capacity of 23.5 million liters, with 452 fermentation tanks and 5 bottling lines. Their site La di Motte was established in the 70's in Motta di Livenza. Vineyards are planted on the border between Veneto and Friuli. This site is a tribute to Grandmother Maria, from Friuli, a strong-willed entrepreneur. Their newest site, Masseria Doppio Passo, is in Puglia's Salice Salentino.



255. 2023 Ornato, Pinot Grigio delle Venezie 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT

100% Pinot Grigio aged on the lees for 3-4 months in stainless steel tanks.

This Pinot Grigio is grown at the foot of the remains of what was once the stunning villa of the della Scala family, one of the most influential families in Verona (early 1200's to late 1300's). Brilliant straw-colored wine with golden reflections. Fresh and floral bouquet with a hint of pears, apricots, and bananas blended with the intense aroma of acacia flowers. Fresh and inviting with bright fruit and a pleasing hint of almonds in the aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



256. 2022 Codirosso, Chianti 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Rufina DOCG

85% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo, 3% Malvasia Nera and 2% Colorino

Codirosso was a knight during the Middle Ages who was renowned for his valor. He was called Codirosso (meaning red tail) because of the distinct red tail feathers which adorned his helmet. It was said that the sight of his red feather on the battlefield gave courage to his men and struck fear in the hearts of his advisories. Codirosso came from Tuscany and was the fierce protector of the lands where these vineyards are in Firenze, Pistoia, Siena, and Arezzo. The different vineyard sites allow for the selection of the best grapes from each area. Codirosso is proud to be a traditional Chianti using only the classic grapes which have been used for centuries dating back to the time when the knight Codirosso roamed this same area seeking adventure and honor.

Ruby red color with purple reflections. Intense vinous bouquet with hints of violets and dark cherry fruit. The palate is full of ripe fruit and a hint of spice. Well balanced and dry with a persistent, satisfying finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

La Spinona

The two Pietro Beruttis (grandfather and grandson), are well known and respected in the Barbaresco area and have received much acclaim both nationally and internationally for their wines. The Berutti's estate consists of 22 hectares divided between four vineyard sites: La Spinona (10 hectares), L'Albina (2.5 hectares), La Ghiga (5.5 hectares), and La Bergera (4 hectares).

The label of La Spinona is as famous as the wine. The Spinona is a special breed of Piedmontese hunting Dog, which the Berutti's raise. As the legend goes, this dog, Baica, received her place of honor on the label for an act of great heroism. She saved Berutti's only son from drowning in the irrigation lake when he was a baby. The son then became a veterinarian to save the dogs and later obtained a degree in agronomy to take care of the vineyards.



257. 2018 La Spinona, Barbaresco Cru Secondine 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged 9 months in 15-year-old French oak casks, and then 12 months in bottle. This single-vineyard Barbaresco comes from its 3.5 hectares on the Cru of Secondine. Deep ruby red with a hint of garnet in the reflections. Bright bouquet full of cherries, raspberries, licorice, and floral notes. Elegant and refined with delicate, soft tannins. It is fresh, velvety, and extremely well balanced.

Suggested Retail Price: \$75.00 / bottle



258. 2017 La Spinona, Cru Bergera Pezzole, Barolo 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo Lampia aged for 18 months in Slavonian oak and then 1 year in bottle. The wine shows a brilliant deep ruby red with garnet reflections. Rich fruity bouquet with hints of cherries, violets licorice and mint. Good structure with full, cherry-ripe flavors. The tannins are gentle and the spice subtle. It is an elegant wine of great finesse and drinkability.

Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle

Elio Filippino

Elio Filippino's winery is in the picturesque village of Neive - a UNESCO site, on the right bank of the Tanaro River and very close to Alba, the truffle capital. This location presents a magical landscape of steep hills, particularly suitable for fine and aromatic nuances in the wines. The main production of wine derives from two magnificent estates on the hills around Neive: Serra Capelli and San Cristoforo, regarded as one of the most beautiful hills of the entire Barbaresco grape-growing region, offering a breathtaking panorama that stretches from the Langhe to the province of Asti.

It was there, in the Frazione Serra Capelli, that Evaristo Filippino introduced his first vineyard in the early 1900's, that was destined to evolve over time. During the 1950's, his son, Domenico used his intuition and his father's precious grapes to follow with his own production of delectable wines.

Today, after the untimely death in 1997 of his father Domenico, Elio Filippino is the third generation of winemaker of the estate, continuing his family's tradition of superior winemaking while maintaining the greatest respect for the environment. Elio argues that "true quality comes from the vineyard, which does its best to produce excellent quality grapes." Pruning, harvesting, and pressing is done strictly by hand on steep hills exceeding 350 meters above sea level. The ancient "Guyot" method of pruning is employed which results in lower grape yields but in grapes of highest quality, ensuring outstanding results.



259. 2024 Elio Filippino, Gavi 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Gavi DOCG

100% Cortese aged in stainless steel. Fruity aromas intertwined with hints of daisies and acacia flowers. Fresh and elegant on the palate with charming citrus notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



260. 2023 Elio Filippino, Langhe Arneis 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Langhe DOCG

100% Arneis.

Straw color with hints of light green. The bouquet is fruity with notes of peach and hints of chamomile. Full, Fresh, fascinating, and elegant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.00 / bottle



261. 2021 Elio Filippino, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbera d'Alba DOC

100% Barbera aged in 225-liter Allier barriques. This red wine has an intense fruity bouquet with subtle vanilla and toasty notes. Full and spicy flavors, and a good body.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



262. 2020 Elio Filippino, Barolo La Morra 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged for 24 months in Slavonian oak, plus 1 year in bottle.

"Purity of fruit shines through in this well-crafted Barolo, with vibrant raspberries, cherries, and red currants leading the way, accompanied by a polished mix of herbal notes, a touch of eucalyptus, and refreshing mint. Pretty rose and red fruit flavors dominate the palate, supported by present yet refined tannins, creating an elegant wine with no hard edges."

- Wine Enthusiast, 93 points + Editors' Choice

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.00 / bottle



263. 2018 Elio Filippino, Barolo Riserva 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged in oak and then in bottle. This wine offers a fruity, floral, and spicy bouquet of red roses, raspberry, cinnamon, and cocoa. It is generous, enveloping, and elegant in the mouth, yet intense and full-bodied.

Suggested Retail Price: \$77.99 / bottle



264. 2015 Elio Filippino, Barbaresco San Cristoforo Riserva 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged in Slavonian oak for long months and then at least an additional 24 months in bottle.

"Spiced red and black fruits, licorice, Asian spice, and graphite all define the aromatics of the 2015 Barbaresco San Cristoforo Riserva, a medium-bodied, beautifully balanced, supple, elegant Barbaresco that has fine tannins and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points

- James Suckling, 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle



265. 2012 Elio Filippino, Barbaresco San Cristoforo Riserva 10 Anni 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged in Slavonian oak for long months and then left to age for at least 7 years in bottle.

"A round and beautiful wine where the new wood is starting to resolve itself into the wine. It's full-bodied with layered tannins and juicy fruit. It's structured and delicious."

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$138.99 / bottle



266. NV Elio Filippino, Chinato 6/500ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

Chinato is a wine or spirit made by infusing botanicals in a neutral alcohol base. Botanicals typically include quinine (as is the case here), gentian, rhubarb root, cinnamon, coriander, orange peels, cloves, cardamom seeds, iris flowers, mint, or vanilla.

Suggested Retail Price: \$56.00 / 500-milliliter bottle

Azienda Agricola Zaccagnini

In 1973 the Zaccagnini brothers established their Azienda Agricola (farm company), driven by a hobby, that became a real passion over time. Mario devoted himself to this activity and passed on his passion to daughter Rossella and to Franco, making the farm a 100% family-owned estate. In recent years spectacular improvements in product quality have been obtained thanks to a careful selection of the grapes, to research and new technologies.

The Salmàgina vineyards extend to 42 hectares in the Municipality of Staffolo, Ancona, 500 meters above sea level. The strategic climate and particular soil that has been rich in iodine in the recent past, combined with the hard work of Zaccagnini, allowed us to obtain great and distinctive wines (for example the excellent quality of "Verdicchio"). The vineyard colors the fields, leaving uncultivated spaces to the historical remnants of Mediterranean maquis, aligned to the west, protected from the north wind and from the dangers of bad weather.



267. 2023 Zaccagnini, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Marche – Verdicchio

100% Verdicchio

Verdicchio means “little green one”, in reference to the grape and the color of the resulting wine. The Verdicchio grape – which also goes by Giallo and Turbiana (Lake Garda) – is grown across Italy, and it is closely related to Trebbiano and Greco.

The wine is refreshing, exhibiting lemon citrus flavors, aromas of flowers and apples, with herbaceous qualities.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle

Fattoria Ricudda

The Ricudda Farm is located along a secondary route of the ancient Via Francigena, which was traveled by pilgrims traveling from France to Rome. It takes its name from the French “Coude/Couder/Recoude”, which has the meaning of “elbow, bend”. The name of the farm can therefore be traced back to the “elbow” conformation of the farmland.

The winery has been producing wine since the 15th century and is one of the oldest farms in the Chianti area. It is in the municipality of Castellina in Chianti about halfway between Florence and Siena, at an altitude of about 360 meters above sea level. The farm and its grounds boast almost 800 years of history, from the first known acquisition a few years before 1300 by Bartolomeo di Grazia, a Florentine citizen of the time, who started production, until our acquisition. The Squarcialupi family, the most powerful family in the history of Chianti, is also among the owners of the land.

In 2016 the company was acquired by the Bojola-Australi families with the aim of converting production towards a 100% organic product. 6 hectares of new vineyards were replanted, modern equipment was purchased and the old property that houses the farm and farmhouse was renovated. The result is the production of high-quality Chianti Classico with Sangiovese grapes and organic olive oil.



268. 2022 Ricudda, Canaiolo 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana IGT

100% Canaiolo vinified in French oak for 2 months and aged in concrete tanks for another 2 months. After bottling, the wine stays in the bottle for an extra 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

Intense ruby red with purple tints. Aromas of flowers and berries accompanied by sweet spices. Fresh and easy to drink, with intense fruity notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



269. 2022 Ricudda, Chianti Classico 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in cement tanks and in small Tuscan oak barrels for 12 months. The wine is then aged in the bottle for 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

Intense ruby red color with purple tints. On the nose, the wine shows some intense notes of red fruits, especially cherry and slight hints of oak. In the mouth, it has a good structure, great softness and it is pleasant to drink. Predominant notes of red fruits, with slight spiciness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / bottle



270. 2020 Ricudda, Chianti Classico Riserva 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in small Tuscan oak for 24 months and then 6 months in bottle before release. Certified organic by Q Certificazione Biologica.

"Medium dark red robe. Red berry fruit on the nose with a hint of oak. Silky and elegant on the palate with flavors of red cherry. Quite refined."

- International Wine Review, 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / bottle

Azienda Agricola Collemattoni

Azienda Agricola Collemattoni is located on a hilltop on the south side of the municipal area of Montalcino, just a short distance from the village of Sant'Angelo in Colle. The winery is named for the farmhouse that has become its trademark. The farmhouse dates to at least 1672, when it was registered in the parish archives as a family home.

Collemattoni was founded in 1988 by the father and son team Ado and Marcello Bucci. Marcello studied winemaking in Siena, and after interning with wineries in Montalcino, where he worked with famous winemakers and agronomists, he convinced his father Ado to start their own project. In 1980, Ado purchased the land and farmhouse from the church, and the Bucci family began producing wine. Their first vintage of Collemattoni Brunello di Montalcino was 1988.

Marcello's passion and initiative continues today; he is the winemaker and the heart of Collemattoni.

The Bucci family owns nearly 12 hectares of vineyards, mostly planted with Sangiovese, on five different parcels:

- Collemattoni Vineyard (<2 ha) is near Sant'Angelo in Colle, located 420 meters above sea level. It is at the heart of the estate, surrounding the main buildings.
- Fontelontano Vineyard (.5 ha) is located between Sant'Angelo in Colle and Collemattoni 380 meters above sea level. This vineyard, named for the ancient water source in the area, dates to 1984 and is the oldest vineyard at Collemattoni. The Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is produced from this vineyard only in the best vintages.
- Sesta Vineyard (2.7 ha) is located between the towns of Sant'Angelo in Colle and Castelnuovo dell'Abate on a slight slope, opposite Monte Amiata, 350 meters above sea level.
- Cava Vineyard (1.8 ha) is in Castelnuovo dell'Abate in an alabaster quarry (locally called onyx). The local quarry was used to build the Romanesque Abbey of Sant'Antimo.
- Orcia Vineyard (4.5 ha) is located near Sant'Angelo in Colle. This vineyard also produces Trebbiano and Canaiolo varieties.



271. 2019 Collemattoni, Brunello di Montalcino 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Toscana – Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in Slovenian oak for 30 months, then another 6 months in the bottle before release.

Brilliant red with burgundy reflects. Wild black fruits, black cherry, and noble wood on the nose. Great body and elegance. Warm, dry, and persistent.

Suggested Retail: \$79.99 / bottle



272. 2018 Collemattoni, Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Toscana – Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in Slovenian oak for 30 months, then another 6 months in the bottle before release.

Collemattoni's Riserva is sourced from the Fontelontano Vineyard (.5 ha), located between Sant'Angelo in Colle and Collemattoni at 380 meters above sea level. This vineyard, named for the ancient water source in the area, dates to 1984 and is the oldest vineyard at Collemattoni. It is only made in the best vintages, and it is one of the few single vineyard Brunello di Montalcino Riservas.

Suggested Retail Price: \$137.99 / bottle

Tenute Mannino

Tenute Mannino was founded in 1873 and is in Castiglione di Sicilia, right on the hillside of the Etna volcano. They own vineyards on both sides of the volcano. On the eastern side of Etna (Viagrande) they grow Carricante and Catarratto. On the northern side of Etna (Castiglione di Sicilia) they grow Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio. This is also where the winery is located.



273. 2023 Tenute Mannino, Aurantica, Etna Bianco 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

80% Carricante and 20% Catarratto.

It has a straw-yellow color with light golden reflections and a beautiful light. The nose is elegant with notes of citrus but also flint and ginger. The taste highlights the mineral component, well balanced in all its parts.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



274. 2022 Tenute Mannino, Placo, Etna Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

95% Nerello Mascalese and 5% Nerello Cappuccio aged in French oak barrels and demi-muids for 12 months.

"The floral but spicy nose offers rose petals, hibiscus, pomegranate, oregano, sage and thyme. On the palate, a foundation of metallic, peppery earth accentuates that subtle spiciness, while acid shines above firm, structured tannins that give the wine a solid feel."

- Wine Enthusiast, 91 points & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



275. 2019 Tenute Mannino, Vasadonna, Etna Rosso 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Etna DOC

100% Nerello Mascalese fermented for 6 months in stainless steel and then aged in French oak for 2 years.

The wine, with a beautiful light, presents a ruby red color. Good finesse with hints of spices and red fruits, aromatic herbs, and mineral notes to the nose. The mouthfeel is full, warm, and well-balanced with tannins that express all the minerality of the volcano, and its freshness that lead to a long and persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle

Tenute Senia

Tenute Senia was founded in 1850 by the Nicosio family in the Senia district of the province of Ragusa and now consists of 17 hectares total. The vineyards lie on the sides of Mont Iblei at 300 meters above sea level on a southwest exposure. The red soil is clay and sand mixed with stones. The estate prides itself on its sustainable agriculture. Wild fennel, myrtle and mustard, along with other wild herbs, grow spontaneously between the vineyard rows.

Cerasuolo di Vittoria is Sicily's first and only DOCG. The name Cerasuolo, it is said, refers to its beautiful cherry red color. Legend goes that the viticultural heritage of the area is due in large part to Vittoria Colonna, Contessa of Modica who founded the city of Vittoria in 1606 and offered the first 75 settlers a hectare of land if they promised to produce a vineyard. The main grapes planted were Nero d'Avola, also known as Nero Calabrese, and Frappato. Frappato is an indigenous grape grown only in Sicily. Its special floral, ripe cherry, and ginger qualities are what give Cerasuolo di Vittoria its uniqueness. The rich red soil of sand and small stones, together with the warm microclimate of Southern Sicily, combine to produce a wine of finesse and enticing fragrance with a fresh, lengthy finish. The marriage of Nero d'Avola and Frappato is a union blessed by Bacchus, but both grapes are also spectacular as mono-varietals.

Generations of Nicosios have researched the indigenous clones of Nero d'Avola, Frappato, Grillo, and Insoia to ensure a production that is genuine, and which uses only original clones. The 7th generation, the sisters, Valentina and Angela, now run the estate and they are no less fanatical than their predecessors in protecting the purity of their wines. In a time when most Sicilian producers are busily planting international varietals such as Cabernet, Merlot, Chardonnay, and Syrah, traditionalists such as Valentina and Angela Nicosio are all too few. From the time of the Greeks and Romans, this area of Southern Sicily has been known for its exceptional wine production. Valentina and Angela are working hard to keep this venerable tradition alive.



276. 2023 Senia, Ti Cuntu, Frappato Rosato 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Terre Siciliane IGP

100% Frappato aged 2 months in stainless steel and 1 month in bottle.

Ti Cuntu means "I will tell you a story" in Sicilian dialect and it refers to the ability of the wines made from these native grapes to tell the story of the terroir and of their history. The label shows the dry-stone walls and the wild myrtle which characterize the territory.

Bright salmon pink with garnet reflections. Strawberries, berries, pomegranate, roses, and violets fill the bouquet. Fresh and berry-filled, the tannins are refined and the acidity lively.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



277. 2023 Senia, Ti Cuntu, Frappato 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Terre Siciliane IGP

100% Frappato aged 3 months in stainless steel and 3 months in bottle.

Light cherry red with garnet reflections. Strawberries, black cherries, roses, and violets fill the bouquet, along with notes of blackberries, raspberries, and blueberries. Fresh and berry-filled with an intriguing root beer note. The tannins are refined and the acidity lively.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

Toso

The Belbo Valley, in the village of Cossano Belbo, is home to Toso Winery. The area is characterized by its rising Langhe hills and the presence of the beloved Muscat grape.

In 1910, Vincenzo Toso moved his company from Barbera-dominated Asti to Muscat-dominated Santo Stefano Belbo (and then in 1933 to Cossano Belbo). Vincenzo began a family tradition of winemaking in the Belbo Valley, which was carried on by his son Pietro, then his grandsons Luigi and Vincenzo, and today his great-grandsons Pietro and Gianfranco Toso and their cousin Massimo Toso.

Even at over a century old, Toso Winery is one of the most modern facilities in Italy, combining tradition with modern vinification techniques. The property measures 38,000 square meters, of which 10,500 are dedicated to vinification, bottling and storage. Vines grown amongst a web of hills and valley, in fertile “white earth”, made of calcareous marl with occasional subtle sand deposits.



278. NV Toso, Asti Spumante 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Asti DOCG

100% Moscato d'Asti

Sweet, aromatic, fruity and floral sparkling wine, moderate in alcohol, with fine sparkles and long-lasting perlage. Yellow straw color. It is a fine and elegant wine, ideal to celebrate every joyful event.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



279. NV Toso, Moscato Dolce 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

100% Muscat

This Moscato is reminiscent of honeysuckle and rose petals. The quality is equivalent to a top-level Asti Spumante DOCG. It has a pale straw yellow color with fine foam and bubbles. Tropical fruit flavors, refreshing.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



280. NV Toso, Fragolino Rosso Spago 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

100% Isabella

Fragolino is an aromatized sparkling wine made from the “Isabella” grape, sometimes called ‘uva fragola’, which translates to strawberry grape. The delicate strawberry flavor makes it a great aperitif or digestif.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



281. NV Toso, Gamondi, Aperitivo 6/1.0L

Source: Italy

This Aperitivo is an Aperol-like liquor created by Carlo Gamondi from a base of white wine in which aromatic herbs, spices are infused together with sugar and citrus essential oils. There is gentian, cinchona, lemons, mandarins, bitter and sweet orange peels.

Bright orange color, fresh and lively with bright citrus notes. The bouquet is intense with a perfect balance between bitter and sweet.

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / 1-liter bottle



282. NV Toso, Gamondi, Amaro 6/1.0L

Source: Italy

Amaro was developed in the late 1800s as a tonic to be drunk by those seeking the natural hot springs in “The City of Spas” as Acqui Terme has been known since the time of the Romans. The herbs and plants used in this Amaro have unique healing and digestion aiding properties. It usually has a bitter-sweet flavor, sometimes syrupy, and has an alcohol content between 16% and 40%.

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / 1-liter bottle



283. NV Toso, Limo, Limoncello 6/700ml (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Italy

Limoncello was invented in the beginning of the 1900s. It is thought that its birthplace is Sorrento, but the Amalfi coast and Sicily also claim to have been the first to make it. At Toso, the Limoncello is made with ripe Femminello lemons from Sorrento whose skins are rich in essential oils. The peels are steeped in a grape-based spirit until the oil is released. The liquid is then mixed with simple syrup of sugar and water.

Sunny yellow with a natural cloudiness from the essential oil droplets. A delightful aroma of fresh lemons. Vibrant zesty citrus with a perfect balance of sugars makes this deliciously refreshing with a sweet taste that is never cloying.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 700-milliliter bottle

Bruscus

Bruscus Lambrusco is produced by Ca' de'Medici, a family-run cantina which takes its production of Lambrusco very seriously. Founded by Remigio Medici in the early 1900's, the property has been owned and run by the Medici family for over 100 years. The current owner, Marica Medici, is a fanatic about the quality of her Lambrusco, which comes from the ancient Roman vine "Vitis Labrusca" (wild vine).

Ca' de'Medici specializes in 4 of the 5 Lambrusco DOC's: Reggiano, Volcano, Sorbara, Gasparosso. There are very strict DOC regulations governing all aspects of Lambrusco, from its alcohol content to the color of its froth to whether it has a cork top (a Lambrusco with a screw cap does not qualify for its DOC).

Lambrusco is primarily produced in the Val Padana, which lies between Piacenza and Bologna. Ca' de'Medici has chosen to produce their grapes in the beds of alluvial sand and gravel around Reggio. Here the terrain produces Lambrusco noted for having more color, aroma, and structure.



284. NV Lambrusco, Amabile Bruscus San Valentino 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Emilia-Romagna – Emilia IGT

60% Lambrusco Marani, 20% Lambrusco Salamino, and 20% Lambrusco Maestri.

Deep ruby red with violet reflections and a fine mousse. Intense vinous bouquet with hints of ripe red fruits. Lively, fresh, and slightly sweet with bright fruit and a delightful sparkle.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle

Azienda Agricola Accornero Giulio e Figli

The Accornero family members have been vine growers for four generations, and they still produce high quality wines with the same passion and devotion that inspired great-grandfather Bartolomeo.

Bartolomeo Accornero, born in 1839, and his wife, Giuseppina Lasagna, already owners of a small agricultural holding adjacent to the present vineyard estate, had five children. Besides managing his own lands, helped by his son Giuseppe Bartolomeo also took over the management of "Palazzo dei Conti di Callori" estate (today home of Vignale Monferrato Regional wine center).

In 1897, after many years of hard work and savings, he purchased Cascina Ca' Cima, then owned by noble chevalier Negri. The generation was then continued by Giuseppe's son, Giovanni Battista Angelo Accornero, who married Alfonsina Coppo: from their union a child was born, Giulio Accornero, the actual owner of the estate with the wife Mariuccia and the sons Ermanno and Massimo...

Ca' Cima is situated in the pleasant countryside of Vignale Monferrato municipality and covers an area of 20 hectares, all dedicated to the cultivation of vineyards.

The wine-cellar, although well-equipped with modern technology, remains faithful to traditional wine-making processes, offering typical, high-quality Monferrato wines.



285. 2023 Accornero, Brigantino Malvasia d'Casorzo 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Malvasia di Casorzo DOCG

100% Malvasia

Delicious floral aromas, mainly rose, balanced by fruity flavors such as small red berries and a nice and subtle citrus finish

Suggested Retail: \$28.99 / bottle

Rinaldi

Azienda Agricola Rinaldi Vini is located on the hills of Alto Monferrato, close to Acqui Terme, in the heart of one of the best areas of southern Piedmont. This family business was founded in 1961 by Oreste Rinaldi and is run today by his son Andrea. The family produces wine from their vineyards located in a particularly desirable area, with a favorable microclimate and perfect southwestern exposure.

Currently Rinaldi has 20 hectares of vines (50 acres) - 19 hectares owned; 1 hectare rented. They produce Moscato, Brachetto, Barbera, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malvasia, with an annual production of around 15,000 cases.

Their single vineyard Bricco Cardogno, planted in Moscato, measures 2.5 hectares (6.75 acres) and was planted over 50 years ago by Andrea Rinaldi's grandfather. It is located 240-300 m above sea level, with limestone (tufa) soil. All grapes are hand-harvested with extreme care, as quality starts in the vineyard. The single vineyard Bricco Rioglio is planted with Brachetto grapes and is limestone-based with 15-year-old vines (Bricco is a "teacup" in local dialect).



286. 2024 Rinaldi, Eramare, Cortese "Fish Wine" Bianco 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

90% Cortese and 10% Sauvignon Blanc vinified in stainless steel.

A salty and tasty white wine. Fresh, simple, and juicy. A lot of minerality and a note of grapefruit.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



287. 2023 Rinaldi, Moscato d'Asti 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Moscato d'Asti DOC

100% Moscato – settling in steel vats to allow natural clearing of musts. Racking and increase in temperature. Pressure-controlled fermentation.

Straw-yellow color. The bouquet is delicate and intense with aromas of apple, peach, and sage spice. The palate is sweet and smooth with lingering aromatic persistence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



288. NV Rinaldi, ReDream 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

100% Malvasia Nera

This ruby red wine is fruity, frothy, and pleasant. It delivers flavors of honeysuckle and black pepper. Light and exciting!

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



289. 2023 Rinaldi, Brachetto d'Acqui DOP 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Brachetto d'Acqui DOCG

100% Brachetto d'Acqui

The skin gives the wine its scent and flavor. Light ruby red color. The bouquet is musky and delicate with scents of ripe red fruit (strawberry, blackberry) and roses. Sweet and smooth flavors with lingering aromatic persistence. There is a good balance between the sweetness and the freshness, which makes this wine very pleasant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



290. 2022 Rinaldi, Barbera d'Asti, La Bricca 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbera d'Asti DOC

50% Barbera d'Asti aged 12 months in a variety of wood.

Deep, ruby-red with violet hues. The bouquet is vinous and intense with ethereal aromas and scents of ripe fruit and spices. The wine is full-bodied with very pleasant silky tannins. Long and harmonious.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



291. 2018 Rinaldi, Panta rei, Monferrato Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Monferrato DOC

50% Barbera and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 14 months in French oak and then 6 months in bottle before release.

“Panta rei” is a Greek expression meaning “everything flows”. Loaded with notes of dried red fruit thanks to the unique process of appassimento along with spicy aromas and flavors from oak aging proves an aptly named smooth, silky, and powerful wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



292. 2020 Rinaldi, Celle, Cabernet Sauvignon, Monferrato Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Monferrato DOC

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French oak barrels for 4 months.

“Celle” means prison. The vineyard name comes from the traditional practice of referring to vineyard lots as “cells” given the appearance of how these coveted blocks were divided.

The wine shows a very nice vibrant red color with glints of Bordeaux. It reveals the typical and beautiful intensity of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose is spicy, and the palate is very smooth and long. There is a balance of acidity with sweet tannins and red fruits notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle



293. 2020 Rinaldi, Malvasia di Castelnuovo Don Bosco 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Malvasia di Castelnuovo Don Bosco DOC

100% Malvasia

Only 63 hectares (156 acres) exist in the very small DOC of Malvasia di Castelnuovo Don Bosco. This Malvasia di Schierano (Malvasia clone) is a frizzante style, with hints of black pepper, cherries, and red fruit notes. Frothy and semi-sweet.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle

PORTUGAL

Portuguese wine is the result of traditions introduced to the region by ancient civilizations, such as the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, and mostly the Romans. Portugal started to export its wines to Rome during the Roman Empire. Modern exports developed with trade to England after the Methuen Treaty in 1703. From this commerce a wide variety of wines started to be grown in Portugal. And, in 1758, one of the first wine-producing regions of the world, the Região Demarcada do Douro was created under the orientation of Marquis of Pombal, in the Douro Valley.

There are 480,000 acres in Portugal planted to 250 native grape varieties. Annual production sits at around 600 million liters of wine, with around half being exported (the majority being imported by France). 66,666,666 9-liter cases of wine are produced annually.

Quinta da Aveleda (Praia)

Aveleda S.A. is a family-owned company that has been managed by the Guedes family for over three centuries. The first records of the sale of bottled wine date back to 1870 with Manuel Pedro Guedes, who was known for his strong enterprising spirit and believed to be the founder of the business as we know it today.

Today the Guedes family still owns 100% of the company, always committed to maintaining this family legacy which spans several generations. Manuel's son, Fernando Guedes da Silva da Fonseca, continued his father's work, significantly increasing the production capacity at the estate. He had 7 children, and it was Roberto Van-Zeller Guedes who led the family business, dedicating his whole life to working at Aveleda. The 4th generation includes the six children of Roberto – Fernando, Luís, António, Maria Isabel, Maria Helena, and Roberto – who manage the company today.

A market leader in the Vinho Verde region, Aveleda is one of the largest wine producers in Portugal and exports over half of its output to 60 countries across the globe. The family owns 120 hectares (296.4 acres) of vines.



294. NV Praia (Aveleda), Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

40% Loureiro, 20% Trajadura, 20% Arinto, and 20% Azal

Praia, which means "beach" in Portuguese, is a smooth and fresh wine with delicate and lovely fruity flavors. Slightly spritzy, it is well balanced and very refreshing. The region is typical for its unique wines that are fresh and light, combined with a very well-balanced acidity. These characteristics result from the region's unique soil and climate.

- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / bottle

Encostas do Lima

Adega Ponte de Lima was founded in 1959. As its name suggests, it is in beautiful Ponte de Lima; the oldest town in Portugal, characterized by its Roman bridge and medieval towers. This cooperative is based in the sub-region of Lima, one of the nine sub-regions of the demarcated region of Vinho Verde northwest of Portugal. Here the soil is poor with an underlying granite base, and grapes grown are: Alvarinho, Rabigato, Loureiro, Batoca, Trajadura, Avesso, Pederña, and Azal.

The Adega represents around 2,000 growers and currently has an installed capacity of 11.5 million liters. In 1998, Adega de Ponte de Lima obtained Quality Certification to NP EN ISO 9001, from APCER – the Portuguese Certification Association, becoming the first wine cooperative in the country to obtain this certification.

Among white wines, the Loureiro variety has particular importance, due to its magnificent adaptation to the terroir of the Lima Valley (its birthplace), – making wines highly appreciated for their organoleptic qualities. Among the red wines, Vinhão stands out. The Vinhão identifies itself with its unmistakable aroma of red fruits and berries.



295. NV Lima, Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

80% Loureiro and 20% Trajadura fermented in stainless steel (no oak).

Lima Vinho Verde is a Meio Seco (off-dry) type of wine. It is a blend of mostly Loureiro - a close match to Riesling - and Trajadura. It shows interesting aromas of stone fruit, lime, juicy green apple, and crisp pear. Fresh, juicy, and lively with a touch of spritz.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.50 / bottle



296. 2024 Lima, Granite Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

This special project from Adega Ponte de Lima highlights the diverse soils of the Vinho Verde region. Made from 100% Loureiro grapes, both the Granite and Schist varieties boast a crisp acidity and expressive minerality. The vineyards are 12.40 miles apart. The elevation is 70-190 meters above sea level (both locations) and slope at 25-30% (both locations).

Granite soil comes from the north bank of the Lima Vineyard (Northern Portugal).

Intense floral aromas with great freshness and more accentuated minerality.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



297. 2024 Lima, Xisto Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

This special project from Adega Ponte de Lima highlights the diverse soils of the Vinho Verde region. Made from 100% Loureiro grapes, both the Granite and Schist varieties boast a crisp acidity and expressive minerality. The vineyards are 12.40 miles apart. The elevation is 70-190 meters above sea level (both locations) and slope at 25-30% (both locations).

Schist soil comes from the southside of the Lima River (Northern Portugal).

Subtle yet more complex aromas. Full-bodied, persistent, and engaging.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



298. 2023 Lima, Vinhão, Vinho Verde Tinto 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

100% Vinhão.

Vinhão (also known as Souzao or Sousao) is a Portuguese wine grape used in the production of port wine. While originating in the Minho regions, it is used primarily in Australia, California and South Africa. In Portugal, it is also an authorized planting in the Douro, and Dão-Lafões area (Vinho do Dão). The grape is known for the very deep color it produces in wine, as well as its coarse and raisiny taste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle

Venâncio da Costa Lima

Venâncio “da Costa Lima”, as he was known, was born in 1892 in the town of Quinta do Anjo. In 1914, he founded the Casa Agrícola Venâncio da Costa Lima, in Quinta do Anjo, on the Setubal Peninsula, making it one of the oldest wineries in the Palmela region.

During its formative years, his company sold wine, olive oil and grain, but they later specialized exclusively in the production and sale of wine. Between the 1930s and 1950s, Venâncio da Costa Lima was the second largest wine producer in the region. Venâncio became a highly recognized and esteemed person in the region, holding positions in his local and regional government (including mayor of Palmela from 1937-1946). He passed away on November 1, 1956, at the age of 64. Because he was childless, he bequeathed the winery to his six nieces and nephews who, from that time on, specialized in producing the region’s wines (Moscatel, red and white).

Having passed through four generations, this winery remains a family business, owned today by the Vida family. They produce 300,000 9-liter cases annually. They are in the process of rebuilding the entire production area. Venâncio da Costa Lima has been recognized as producer of the "Best Muscat in the World" (Muscats du Monde 2011).



299. 2020 Pioneiro, Red Blend (Vinho Tinto) 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Peninsula de Setubal

60% Castelão, 30% Aragones, and 10% Syrah aged 5 months in French oak barrels. Slightly filtered before bottling.

Intense garnet color, complex nose with touches of ripe fruit, jam and spices, full-bodied flavor, and a very balanced finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle

Quinta da Boeira

Quinta da Boeira was built by an emigrant named Manuel da Rocha Romariz, who returned from Brazil in the early 19th century. Knowing the Brazilian market, he registered as an exporter of Port Wine in 1850, using two trade names for the labels: Romariz and Boeira. These brands quickly won the consideration and confidence of consumers and distributors due to their quality, expanding to several markets, among which Portuguese, English, French and Brazilian stood out, among others.

In 1966, the property was bought by a British family, the warehouses by a textile company, and the wines were sold to a Port Wine exporting company. In 1999, the property was put up for sale and the potential buyer was interested in building luxurious homes in a private condominium. Priest João de Freitas Ferreira, headmaster of a private school in Vila Nova de Gaia, highlighted that the 3-hectare property could become a massive construction location and destroy the centenary woods. Worried and sensitive to this cause, Priest João de Freitas Ferreira, with a group of ten friends, bought the property, thus protecting the land.

Each Quinta da Boeira wine is a unique experience in which Wine and Art are closely related with its best exponent in the unique bottles standing out by their shape and aesthetics, as is the case of Diamond or Decanter.



300. 2022 Boeira, Douro White 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

40% Malvasia Fina, 30% Rabigato, 20% Gouveio, and 10% Fernão Pires

Citrus and bright in color, the wine offers fresh aromas of white flowers, pears, and white plums. Complex and deep on the palate, a balanced acidity and a mineral character that brings personality to the wine. A long lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.50 / bottle



301. 2022 Boeira, Douro Red 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

35% Touriga Nacional, 35% Tinta Roriz, and 30% Touriga Franca

Deep ruby color with purple hints. Aromas of red and black fruits, toasty notes, and dark chocolate. Smooth on the palate with good structure and excellent mouthfeel. Fresh, with well-integrated tannins bringing elegance and a gastronomic profile to the wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.50 / bottle



302. 2018 Boeira, Douro Reserve Red 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

35% Touriga Nacional, 35% Tinta Roriz, and 30% Touriga Franca

A rich and concentrated purple color, an intense bouquet of black and ripe fruit aromas, elegant floral notes intertwined with French oak notes. Powerful in the mouth with a good balance between acidity and tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



303. NV Boeira, White Diamond 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

Malvasia Fin, Viosinho, Gouveio, Codega de Larinho. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks and aged in oak barrel for 4-6 years.

Light amber color. Citrus aromas with tangerine peel, peach jam, and honey. On the palate, it is full-bodied but elegant with a lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle



304. NV Boeira, Tawny Reserve Port (midi bottle) 6/200ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, and Tinto Cão aged in French for an average of 8 years. Dark amber color. Notes of dried fruit and honey balanced with rich aromas of dried fruit. In the mouth, subtle flavors of crystallized fruit (cherry, dates and raisins), nuts and coffee. Elegant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / 200-milliliter bottle



305. NV Boeira, Tawny 40-Year-Old (decanter) 3/750ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, and Tinto Cão aged in French oak for an average of 40 years. Brownish red. Intense and complex. It has an elegant cigar leaf aroma. Dense and round in the mouth with dried fruit, honey and notes of crystallized fruit. A velvety and persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$200.99 / bottle



306. NV Boeira, Tawny 40-Year-Old (king bottle) 6/500ml (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Portugal – Porto

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, and Tinto Cão aged in French oak for an average of 40 years. Brownish red. Intense and complex. It has an elegant cigar leaf aroma. Dense and round in the mouth with dried fruit, honey and notes of crystallized fruit. A velvety and persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$90.99 / 500-milliliter bottle



307. NV Boeira, Tawny 50-Year-Old (decanter) 3/750ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, and Tinto Cão aged for 50 years in French oak.

Brownish color with strong coppery reflections. Toasted almonds and dried fruit stand out on the nose, with a delicate sweetness. Intense flavors on the plate, but a refinement and elegance that reflects its level of ageing. A very long evolving end.

Suggested Retail Price: \$450.00 / bottle



308. NV Boeira, White Ruby Tawny Port (gift pack) 3/300ml (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Portugal – Porto

This gift pack consists of 3 different 100ml bottles: White, Ruby, and Tawny Port. The perfect gift!

Suggested Retail Price: \$86.99 / 3-bottle (100ml each) gift pack



309. NV Boeira, 10-year 20-year 30-year Port (gift pack) 3/300ml (DISPLAY ONLY)

Source: Portugal – Porto

This gift pack consists of 3 different 100ml bottles: 10-year-old, 20-year-old, and 30-year-old Port. The perfect gift!

Suggested Retail Price: \$103.99 / 3-bottle (100ml each) gift pack

Romariz

The port house of Romariz was founded in 1850 by Manoel da Rocha Romariz. Manoel was a descendant from a well-known Oporto family. Over the years, Romariz developed business dealings in Brazil and other Portuguese colonies (Africa and China), and to a lesser extent England. Historically, Romariz was known for wood ports, like Colheitas (single vintage Tawnies) and in top years, vintage ports. In 1966, the Romariz family sold their brand and business to Guimaraens & Co., now part of the Fladgate Partnership. Wines are made by David Guimaraens in Taylor's Vila Nova de Gaia facility.

Today, Romariz offers a wide range of Ports: wood, vintage, LBV's and Colheitas. Their main markets are Portugal, Denmark, and France. All grapes come from region #2, Cima Corgo, the heart of the best growing area along the Douro River. Romariz being an authentic Portuguese port firm, adheres to a rich, warm style of port wines.

Douro is a Portuguese wine region centered on the Douro River in the Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro region. It is sometimes referred to as the Alto Douro (upper Douro), as it is located some distance upstream from Porto, sheltered by mountain ranges from coastal influence. The region has Portugal's highest wine classification as a Denominação de Origen Controlada (DOC). While the region is associated primarily with Port wine production, the Douro produces just as much table wine (non-fortified wines) as it does fortified wine.



310. NV Romariz, Fine White Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

A blend of Arinto, Boal, Esgana Cão, Folgasão, Gouveio, Viosinho, and Rabigato aged up to 3 years in oak.

Delicate and intense aromas of sweet fruits, almonds and hints of honey. Full-bodied with a velvety palate. A long and flavorful finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



311. NV Romariz, Fine Ruby Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

Blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca

A bright, deep, red-colored wine. Black fruit and pepper characters, well-balanced and full-bodied. The palate offers red cherry and fresh plum flavors. A long, smooth, and warm finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



312. NV Romariz, Fine Tawny Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

Blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca

Wines selected for their smoothness and mellow character are aged for up to three years in oak. Nutty, ample, and very well balanced. Intense aromas of ripe honeydew melon, figs, and prunes, supported by hints of spice and woody notes. Soft and round on the palate with rich flavors of dried fruits.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



313. 2017 Romariz, Vintage Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

Blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca.

Deep inky purple color. Intricate nose with aromas of blackberries and logan berries, subtle hints of amber and spring blossom and delicate spice. A tight, well-formed palate with an abundance of dark berry fruit, rich chocolate, and licorice, culminating in a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$131.50 / bottle

RUBUS

In today's wine market, consumers have more choices than ever. There are shelves stocked with flashy labels, trendy wine names, and unique packaging. As winemakers and merchants fight to get the consumer's attention, we are too often left with commercial wines of limited character. It is becoming more difficult to find producers who devote their efforts and resources on creating true-to-type wines, but that won't stop Fran Kysela from searching. Fran seeks the best juice in the bottle – those fruit driven, true-to-type, focused wines – so he can offer consumers a pleasurable drink at a reasonable price. When he finds what he is looking for, he has it bottled with his exclusive label, RUBUS.

Welcome to THE RUBUS PROJECT

Fran Kysela created the Rubus Project in 1997 to source and sell incredible wines at value prices. This global project encompasses wines from around the world, all of which are hand-selected by Fran himself. Rubus wines must over deliver and come from estate-grown fruit.



314. NV Rubus, Prosecco 12/750ml (ORGANIC & VEGAN)

Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC
100% Glera. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico and vegan by The Vegan Society.
Clean, light, fresh, and airy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



315. 2023 Rubus, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Marlborough
100% Sauvignon Blanc fermented in stainless steel and left on the lees for 2 months.
Aromas of gooseberry, lemongrass, boxwood, fresh celery, and bready notes on the nose.
The palate is dry to taste with juicy gooseberry and citrus flavors forming a light, refreshing medium bodied wine with a tart yet soft lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



316. 2024 Rubus, Chardonnay, Colchagua Valley 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley
100% Chardonnay – 25% of the wine is aged in American oak barrels for 3 months.
Attractive yellow color with some green tones. Its intense varietal character reminds one of ripe tropical fruits such as banana and pineapple, with notes of melon and honey well-harmonized with oak. It has a distinctive mineral character typical of the Colchagua Valley.
At the end, it is full, rich with just enough toast and vanilla flavors to compliment food.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / bottle



317. 2023 Rubus, Red Blend, Organic 12/750ml (ORGANIC & VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Castilla-La Mancha – Vino de la Tierra de Castilla
70% Tempranillo and 30% Syrah. From 20-year-old vines. Certified organic by SHC and certified vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

Made in a Rhône style, with whole berry fermentation preceded by skin contact. You'll find a dark purple color, rich cherry fruit, freshness, and a surprisingly long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



318. 2022 Rubus, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto
100% Pinot Noir – 30% of the wine was aged for 4-5 months in French oak barrels.
Grapes are sourced from the Lessini hills in the Colli Berici.
Nice garnet and red color. Expressive and charming on the nose with cherry and blackberry aromas. On the palate, the wine has a nice spicy note. The length of the finish is long.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



319. 2022 Rubus, Pinot Noir, Carneros 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Carneros

100% Pinot Noir

It shows complexity with raspberry and cherry notes that dance on the tongue.

Suggested Retail Price: \$34.99 / bottle



320. 2021 Rubus, Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi 12/750ml

Source: United States - California – Lodi

98% Zinfandel and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 9 months in French and American Oak.

Ruby red in color, with red fruit, raspberry, and spice on the nose. This wine is medium in body, with notes of ripe cherry, cedar box, cinnamon, anise, black pepper, and hint of smoke on the palate. It has a long, silky finish.

-Wine & Spirits Magazine, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



321. 2019 Rubus, Old Vine Zinfandel Reserve (silk screen) 12/750ml

Source: United States - California – Lodi

100% Old Vine Zinfandel

"A head-trained Zin that proffers ripe, red fruit, toasty oak, and a plush texture. Juicy, elegant, and spicy."

- The Tasting Panel, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



322. 2020 Rubus, Cabernet Sauvignon, AVA California 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Lodi and Sierra Nevada Hills

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 5 months in French oak barrels. 15-year-old vines.

Rich flavors with a hint of black currant and cherry. The tannins are soft, leading to a smooth finish with a hint of oaked vanilla and a touch of eucalyptus/mint freshness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.50 / bottle



323. 2021 Rubus, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa County 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa County

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Its long finish displays full mature flavors of blackberry, currant, and chocolate with just a hint of toasty oak and black cherry. The tannins are refined and polished, allowing the fruit to be the focus.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



324. 2018 Rubus, Special Edition, Barossa Shiraz 3/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Shiraz

The 100% new oak is completely absorbed, meshed with ripe tannins, completing a palate of impressive length and youthfulness.

"Made by Thorn-Clarke for the US market, this has a rich and vivid nose with blueberry, violet, dark plum and subtle oak spice in play. The palate has a succulent feel with plenty of rich, open-knit blackberry and blueberry flavor. Smoothly delivered tannins carry long and even."

- James Suckling, 94 points

- Wine & Spirits, 94 points

- The Somm Journal, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$107.99 / bottle



325. NV Rubus, Sparkling Brut, Blanc de Blancs 12/750ml

Source: France

30% Ugni Blanc, 30% Airen, 30% Colombard, and 10% Chardonnay from 20-year-old vines on clay/limestone chalk soil.

"This is an easy drinking, fresh and flavorful bubbly. Pear and grapefruit pith show on the nose, while the palate is crisp and nicely balanced. A bubbly for fun times. Exceptional value."

- I-winereview.com, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



326. NV Rubus, Sparkling Rosé Brut 12/750ml

Source: France

60% Tempranillo and 40% Bobal from 20-year-old vines on clay/limestone chalk soil.

"Pale pink color. This sparkling rosé is exceedingly good value. It's clean and fresh with a fine mousse. Light red berries show on the nose, and the palate has a nice clean feel and good acid-sugar balance. A superb party wine. Another exceptional value."

- I-winereview.com, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle

LEXICON

Lexicon Wines

Lexicon varietal wines are carefully selected by Fran Kysela MS to show the essence of each variety, along with its terroir of origin – both essential elements of a good wine.



327. 2023 Lexicon, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Marlborough

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Marlborough is recognized for growing outstanding Sauvignon Blanc with mouthwatering fresh acidity, balanced by intense tropical fruit notes. Tropical, zesty, and citrusy. Hints of guava, passion fruit and gooseberries.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



328. 2019 Lexicon, Merlot 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Lodi

100% Merlot

The grapes for Lexicon Merlot are from Lodi, California. Round and flavorful, it is an excellent match with cheese, meat, and stews.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



329. 2021 Lexicon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa County 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa County

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French oak for 4 months.

Lexicon Cabernet Sauvignon offers rich and concentrated fruit aromas of red and black currant, cassis, and black cherry along with black pepper and dried herb accents. It is soft and generous in the mouth, intense and complex, with supple tannins and elegant structure.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle

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330. NV Rubus, Prosecco 12/750ml (ORGANIC & VEGAN)

Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC

100% Glera. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico and vegan by The Vegan Society. Clean, light, fresh, and airy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



331. NV Terre dei Buth, Frizzante Rose, Special Cuvee 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Veneto

90% Glera and 10% Raboso. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico.

Raboso is an indigenous red grape to the Venetian region, well known for its hints of red berries and its smooth taste.

"Gold color. Aromas and flavors of ripe peach, melon, dried flowers, and blood orange with a velvety, crisp, effervescent, dry medium body and a charming, medium-length finish displaying accents of peach gummi bear, edible flowers, dole fruit cup juice, and gooseberry. A more serious take on Glera with the body and richness to pair with diverse cuisines."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 90 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



332. 2021 Finca Sobreño, Organic Toro 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Toro

100% Tempranillo aged 4 months in American oak and then 6 months in bottle. Certified organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon.

This wine offers an intense cherry red color with violet edges. Powerful and rich aromas on the nose with touches of ripe red fruits and pleasant floral notes followed by toasty nuances. Smooth and elegant on the palate with flavors of red fruits and flowers. Balanced acidity and subtle tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



333. 2022 Avatar, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec aged 4 months in French oak. Certified organic by LETIS.

There is an intense presence of fruit in this fresh and complex wine, with a round palate coming from the oak aging. Good acidity to complete freshness and balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



334. 2022 Cueva de las Manos, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

100% Malbec aged in concrete vats for 10 months. Certified organic by LETIS Organic.

Cueva de las Manos translates to "Cave of Hands". There are a series of caves in Patagonia containing stenciled paintings of hands, dating back over 9,000 years ago. The caves have been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and are the inspiration for the label.

Deep purple in color. Fruity intensity on the nose with floral notes. A juicy texture, mild tannins and good structure balanced by a well-integrated freshness. Clean and pure finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



335. 2022 Cueva de la Manos, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 225 liter 3-year-old barrels for 9 months. Certified organic by LETIS Organic.

Cueva de las Manos translates to "Cave of Hands". There are a series of caves in Patagonia containing stenciled paintings of hands, dating back over 9,000 years ago. The caves have been named a World Heritage Site, and they are the inspiration for the label on these wines. The wine offers an intense bouquet on the nose, with notes of green pepper. On the palate it is smooth and well-textured with a long and elegant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



336. 2022 Ricudda, Canaiolo 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana IGT

100% Canaiolo vinified in French oak for 2 months and aged in concrete tanks for another 2 months. After bottling, the wine stays in the bottle for an extra 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

Intense ruby red with purple tints. Aromas of flowers and berries are accompanied by sweet spices. Fresh and easy to drink, with intense fruity notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



337. 2022 Ricudda, Chianti Classico 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in cement tanks and in small Tuscan oak barrels for 12 months. The wine is then aged in the bottle for 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica. It's an intense ruby red color with purple tints. On the nose, the wine shows some intense notes of red fruits, especially cherry and slight hints of oak. In the mouth, it has a good structure, great softness and it is pleasant to drink. Predominant notes of red fruits, with slight spiciness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / bottle



338. 2020 Ricudda, Chianti Classico Riserva 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in small Tuscan oak for 24 months and then 6 months in bottle before release. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

"Medium dark red robe. Red berry fruit on the nose with a hint of oak. Silky and elegant on the palate with flavors of red cherry. Quite refined."

- *International Wine Review*, 93 points

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / bottle

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's wine regions extend 1,600km (1,000 miles) from subtropical Northland down to Central Otago, home to the world's most southerly vineyards.

The vineyards benefit from the moderating effect of the maritime climate (no vineyard is more than 130km, or 80 miles, from the ocean), long sunshine hours and nights cooled by sea breezes.

Most of the wine regions are found on the eastern coastlines of the North and South Islands, in the rain shadow of the mountains, each with its own unique soil and climatic conditions. Within these diverse regions, subregional characteristics shine through, and wines are distinguished as being not just from a wine region, but from a subregion and a place.

Sherwood Estate

Sherwood Estate is a family owned and operated winery located in the picturesque Waipara Valley, a 45-minute drive north of the city of Christchurch. It was founded in 1987 by Dayne and Jill Sherwood and is one of the largest and oldest family-owned wineries in New Zealand.

All production is done at the winery in Waipara under the supervision of senior winemaker Petter Evans.

Sherwood Estate owns over 105 hectares (260 acres) of vineyards in Marlborough and the Waipara Valley, growing Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Pinot Gris. The Waipara Valley has a unique micro-climate not seen anywhere else in New Zealand. The wide, gravelly valley floor, formed by an ancient glacial riverbed, is sheltered on both sides by limestone-derived clay hills. The valley provides protection from the weather fronts to provide long, warm autumns to perfectly ripen the fruit.



339. 2023 Sherwood Estate, Pinot Gris 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand - Waipara

100% Pinot Gris.

This Pinot Gris is filled with great fruit intensity of ginger spice and pear drop aromas, beautifully balanced with a smooth juicy finish. Wine to be enjoyed on any occasion.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



340. 2022 Sherwood Estate, Riesling 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand - Waipara

100% Riesling.

A Riesling that captures the true essence of Waipara Valley aromatic wine. Full flavored with delicate fruit and floral elements balanced with a smooth mouthfeel and subtle sweetness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



341. 2024 Sherwood Estate, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Waipara

100% Sauvignon Blanc.

A fresh and zesty Sauvignon Blanc, bursting with juicy ripe flavours of gooseberry, guava and lime. The mouthwatering finish leaves you wanting more.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



342. 2023 Sherwood Estate, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Waipara

100% Pinot Noir.

A juicy Pinot Noir with rich ripe fruit flavours of plum and blackberries. Subtle oak complexities lead to a beautifully rounded palate with a silky-smooth finish. This Pinot Noir is so versatile with food, it pairs well with BBQ's and salads to comforting winter style dishes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



343. 2023 Sherwood Estate, Family Collection, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Waipara

100% Pinot Noir.

Strong typical Pinot Noir characters are the distinguishing features of this wine, together with the balance of flavour. Made from just one small portion of Pinot grapes that are carefully spur pruned in winter, then meticulously looked after over the summer to eventually be handed from the vineyard team to the winemaking team to carry on the intense care and attention to detail that is needed to make the best Pinot Noir.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.00 / bottle

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the most prominent wine-producing countries in the Southern Hemisphere. Since the end of apartheid South African wine has enjoyed international attention and acclaim for its wide variety of styles. With more than 300 years of winemaking history, it is often described as bridging the gap between the Old World and New.

South Africa's wine industry is distributed around the lush, rugged landscape of the Western Cape. Here, the abundance of mountains, valleys and plateaus allow winemakers to produce a diverse range of styles. Vineyards are also found in the Northern Cape's Orange River region, where the flat, barren landscape is dominated by the Kalahari Desert. Most of South Africa's wine-producing regions have a Mediterranean climate, significantly influenced by the meeting of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

The country's signature variety is Pinotage, an indigenous crossing of Pinot Noir and Cinsault that is rarely found in quantity in any other wine-producing country. Shiraz is widely planted also, as are Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot (often found together in a Bordeaux Blend). However white grape varieties account for 55 percent of the country's 96,000 hectares (237,000 acres) of vineyards. Chenin Blanc is the republic's most planted grape with 18.5 percent of all plantings.

South African produces around 264 million gallons of wine a year and exports around 50% with the United Kingdom and Germany being the top importers.

Riebeek Valley Wine Company (Riebeek Cellars)

Riebeek Valley Wine Company (formerly Riebeek Cellars) is in the picturesque Riebeek Valley, in the heart of the Swartland wine region of South Africa. Established in 1941 by a group of nine local farmers, they are guided by Dutch and French traditions dating back 350 years. Today, it numbers 22 families.

It was Dutch explorer Pieter Cruythoff who stumbled upon the Riebeek Valley in 1661. Impressed by the single standing mountain, he called it Kasteelberg ("Castle Mountain") commemorating the Castle of Good Hope in Cape Town, the fortress of Commander Jan van Riebeeck. The twin towns, Riebeek Kasteel and Riebeek West, established at the foot of Kasteelberg, are therefore also suitably named after Van Riebeeck. 27 years later, the French Huguenots arrived at the Cape, after fleeing persecution. They deemed the terroir more than suitable for the continuation of their esteemed winemaking legacy.

Today Riebeek Cellars is an authentic W.O. Swartland producer. They source grapes from a group of 22 growers across the Riebeek Valley, including 3rd and 4th generation wine grape growers. Sourcing only from this select group ensures continuity of the finest quality and preservation of the terroir. They produce around 1.2 million 9-liter cases per year. The group farms 1,000 acres of Chenin Blanc.

The vineyards lie in a richly diverse area in terms of soil, climate, and topography. Vineyards are situated at heights that vary from 60 meters above sea level to 300 meters against the slopes of the Kasteelberg mountains. Because of the topography, the soils display the same rich variety, with Oakleaf (sandy-clay and loam that holds water) and Dundee (poor drainage) alluvial soil formed by sediment from Berg River to Swartland and Glenrosa soils formed out of underlying shale along the Kasteelberg mountains. The notable 'Koffieklip' (coffee stone) soil is a combination of clay and iron-rich Ferricrete deposits, known widely throughout South Africa for its erosion-resistant qualities.



344. 2023 Riebeek, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Sauvignon Blanc.

Made in a definite herbaceous style, this Sauvignon Blanc also offers tropical undertones of gooseberries that add fruit to the palate. Well-balanced with zesty acidity; fresh and crisp.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



345. 2024 Riebeek, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Chardonnay.

The color is brilliant green-gold, and the style is dry yet fruity. The nose has pronounced tropical flavors following through onto a palate with a well-rounded, lingering citrus finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



346. 2024 Riebeek, Chenin Blanc 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Chenin Blanc.

Packed with upfront tropical fruit, the nose charms with an abundance of guava and gooseberries. These fruit flavors follow through on the palate, balanced by a crisp acidity to ensure a fresh and fruity style of wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



347. 2024 The Royal, Chenin Blanc 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Chenin Blanc

The Royal, Chenin Blanc borrows its name from a grand old hotel in Riebeek Kasteel. It is the oldest hotel in the Western Cape, a beloved fixture of the area.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



348. 2023 Riebeek, Pinotage 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Pinotage

The warm climate and rich Koffieklip soil contribute to a wine with expressive fruit character and soft, supple tannins. Bright plums and cherries with a touch of spice on a smooth, lingering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



349. 2023 Riebeek, Merlot 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Merlot matured in oak.

The style is elegant with well-integrated fruit and oak flavors on the nose. The palate is velvety and smooth with an aftertaste of juicy flavors and abundant berries.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



350. 2020 Riebeek, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

An exciting New World style with upfront blackcurrant flavors. The black fruit is well-balanced with subtle French oak for a complex nose and an elegant and lingering follow-through. An exceptional example of a medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



351. 2023 The Royal, Shiraz-Cabernet 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
50% Shiraz and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

The Royal Shiraz – Cabernet Sauvignon borrows its name from a grand old hotel in Riebeek Kasteel. It is the oldest hotel in the Western Cape, a beloved fixture of the area.

Juicy and fruity, rich, and ripe, with blackberry, blackcurrant, subtle vanilla, and black pepper flavors. Smooth and well-balanced, a lingering finish of berries, spice, and beautifully integrated oak.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



352. 2022 Daydreamer, Red Blend 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
60% Pinotage, 20% Shiraz, and 20% Grenache

Bright red and black berry fruit with pink pepper and a hint of violets on a silky palate with fine tannins, that offer weight and length on a fresh, juicy finish. Sweet red.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle

Babylon's Peak

Babylon's Peak is a private cellar located on the slopes of the Paardeberg Mountains between Malmesbury and Paarl. Four generations have farmed here, passing down their winemaking knowledge and passion through the ages. Current winemaker Stephan Basson joined his father in 2003 and started making wine under the Babylon's Peak brand. Stephan is a passionate and warm-hearted family man. He has dedicated his life to the wine industry and keeping the Basson legacy alive through the range of characterful Babylon's Peak wines.

The name Babylon's Peak is derived from the very high granite peak on the farm, which is known to local people as 'Babylonstoren' (in English, 'The Tower of Babylon'). Some of the highest vineyards in the Swartland region are found here at about 700 meters above sea level. The Paardeberg area is characterized by decomposed granite soils and unique terroir which result in optimum soil expression and fruit purity. All the grapes used for the wines are carefully selected and treated before the wine is made in the traditional way. Being a private cellar, they can select and bottle only the best quality wines.



353. 2021 Babylon's Peak, Pinotage 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Pinotage from dryland bush vines, planted on the highest south-east facing granite slopes on the farm. Due to its unique terroir, this vineyard ripens slowly over a very long period. This results in very dark color, soft tannins, and good flavor compounds. The baboons normally harvest their quantity first and then the winery picks the rest!

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



354. 2019 Babylon's Peak, Cinsault 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Paardeberg
100% Cinsault.

"Savory aromas of black olives, grilled meat, thyme, peppercorns and dark fruit. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins and a flavorful, succulent and peppery palate."

James Suckling, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



355. 2019 Babylon's Peak, Paardeberg Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Paardeberg
100% Shiraz.

A classic Shiraz with dark fruit, violets and white pepper. An elegant wine with ripe tannins and a lingering aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle

Francois Van Niekerk

Francois Van Niekerk grew up in the world-renowned surfing paradise of Jeffreys Bay, a coastal town situated in the beautiful Eastern Cape province of South Africa. From a young age Francois had always been intrigued by the beauty of nature and all its complexities, and this led him to studying Forestry at the Saasveld College in George. It was here where he became intrigued by winemaking through his roommate's family's involvement in the industry. After he completed his studies, he came to the realization that a full-time career on a forest plantation was not exactly what he wanted to do. An extended six-month harvest stint at Slanghoek Cellar in Rawsonville was followed by another six-month tenure at the famous Kendall-Jackson Wine Estate in California in the USA.

Upon Francois' return to South Africa, he enrolled for his winemaking studies at the Elsenburg College. It was during this period, while working a harvest at the Koelenhof Cellar outside Stellenbosch, where he met his current day mentor, Beyers Truter. Known as the "Pinotage King" of South Africa, he played a profound role in evoking a deep love and understanding of the Pinotage grape varietal within Francois. After Francois completed his studies, he was appointed as assistant winemaker at Windmeul Cellar in the AgterPaarl region, and in a relatively short period of time worked his way up to head winemaker where he remained for a further ten years. In 2007 his employer granted him the incredible opportunity to work a harvest at the famous French Château Angéus in Saint Émilion, Bordeaux. At this historic family-owned winery, specializing in Premier Grand Cru Classé Bordeaux wines, Francois learned an incredible amount about the tradition and finer nuances of winemaking.

In 2012, Francois completed his MBA at the University of Stellenbosch Business School. The decision to embark on that journey was driven by his thirst for greater insight into the challenging environment of making and selling wine, as cellars need to be sustainable both in how they make their wine and care for the people, but they also must be economically viable. In 2014, Francois was appointed as the Cellar Master of Wellington Wines – an amalgamation formed in 2013 between Wellington Co-operative, Bovlei Co-operative, and Wamakersvallei Wines – where he continues to work to this day.



356. 2021 Francois Van Niekerk, Pinotage 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Stellenbosch

100% Pinotage from 27-year-old bush vines. The wine matured for 24 months.

"Combining grapes from a pair of old-vine parcels in Agter Paarl and Wellington, it's a scented, effortlessly concentrated, well-balanced Pinotage with stylish 70% new oak, detailed, layered tannins, plum, licorice and blackberry flavours and the concentration to age."

Tim Atkin (South Africa 2023 Special Report), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$97.99 / bottle

Kershaw Wines

Richard Kershaw Wines was founded in 2012, by Master of Wine Richard Kershaw. Richard's mission is to focus on noble grapes and create clonally selected, site-specific, cool climate wines in the Elgin Valley, South Africa's coolest wine region.

Born and raised in the UK, Richard traveled extensively before settling in South Africa in 1999 to make wine full time. He is one of only 10 Masters of Wine who actively make their own wines, and South Africa's only winemaking Master of Wine. In addition to making wine in his own cellar, Richard serves as a wine show judge for many prestigious competitions around the globe, as well as a wine educator: he is part of the educational panel for the Institute of Masters of Wine, lectures for the WSET (Wine and Spirit Education Trust) in South Africa and shares the breadth of his knowledge with students and consumers via talks, tastings, and blogs.

Kershaw's grapes are grown in the cool climate vineyards of Elgin in the Western Cape of South Africa. Surrounded by mountains, the Elgin district sits in the Western Cape of South Africa. The Elgin Valley benefits from higher altitude, ocean proximity, specific cloud cover sequencing, high cold units, and a large diurnal range, like Southern Burgundy and the Northern Rhône, which enables the germane grapes Chardonnay and Syrah, to show a sense of place.

Annual production is 8,100 9-liter cases. They produce a limited number of cases of Kershaw Elgin Chardonnay, Syrah and Pinot Noir, each vintage under their Clonal Selection range, and site- soil- and clone- specific Elgin Chardonnay and Syrah in our Deconstructed range. They recently introduced their GPS Series, which explores unusual sites from outside the Elgin region, and the Smuggler's Boot range, in which Richard uses a variety of winemaking techniques to produce easy drinking wines.

Each Clonal Selection wine is made from 3-4 small parcels on terroir-specific plots with soil types. Each Deconstructed wine is made from clone specific, soil specific site in Elgin. Grapes are handpicked into small lugs and vinified in Elgin, where they are handled minimally, using a gravity-fed system that avoids pumping, and see no additives.



357. 2021 Kershaw, Deconstructed Chardonnay, Lake District Bokkeveld Shale CY96 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Elgin
100% Chardonnay aged in new French oak.

The inspiration for this Deconstructed Chardonnay stems from Kershaw’s belief that the Elgin region boasts credentials that make it world-class. To bolster these regional credentials, they have set out to prove that Elgin has both signature grapes and specific ‘terroirs’ (meso-climates) that reflect intra-regional distinctions.

Chamomile yellow with enchanting perfume showing lucerne, lemon leaves, jasmine, and a touch of honeysuckle. Medium bodied, texturally pithy and saline with a mineral-edge acidity, the mid-palate opens to lime peel, lemon grass, green melon pieces with dried ginger and apple strudel. The flavors penetrate this broader structured wine that is itself lifted with an aromatic infusion. The back palate returns with a pastiche of citrus fruits, lemon meringue pie and desiccated almonds that extend into an elongated finish

Tim Atkin, 96 points

James Suckling, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$131.99 / bottle



358. 2023 Kershaw, Smuggler’s Boot, Pinot Noir 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Elgin
100% Pinot Noir aged for 11 months in oak.

The name derives from the time of trade embargoes in South Africa when growers & winemakers smuggled grapevine material into the country by hiding the cuttings in Wellington boots. The Smuggler’s Boot range celebrates that ingenuity.

Attractive strawberry, savory and star anise spice linger on the nose. Juicy and sumptuous on the mid palate with breadth of flavor offset by a nimbleness of fresh acidity, friable tannins and sinuous mouthfeel, this Pinot unwraps to earthy, fennel, chocolate, and a hint of incense to a long supple finish.

James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$34.50 / bottle



359. 2021 Kershaw, Deconstructed Pinot Noir, Kogelberg Sandstone PN115 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Elgin

100% Pinot Noir aged 11 months in oak.

Only two barrels were made. The inspiration for these Deconstructed Pinot Noir's stems from the belief that the Elgin region boasts credentials that make it world-class. To bolster these regional credentials, they have set out to prove that Elgin has both signature grapes and specific 'terroirs' (meso-climates) that reflect intra-regional distinctions.

Light to medium cerise; intense and attractive aromas of strawberry, Bing cherry, orange peel and dark chocolate. The perfume lingers into the palate as the entry is medium-bodied, juicy, ripe, and silky-textured. A pulsating acidity coated by fleshy red plums, cherry compote, and tinned strawberry. Intermingled are wisps of incense, almost peat notes from earthier wood content giving a beguiling interplay of wood and fruit. Complex with excellent concentration, the wine has a crushed velvet tannin and persistency.

Tim Atkin, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$144.99 / bottle

SPAIN

Located on the Iberian Peninsula, Spain has over 1.2 million hectares (2.9 million acres) planted in wine grapes, making it the most widely planted wine-producing nation, but the second largest producer of wine in the world, behind Italy and ahead of France and the United States. This is due, in part, to the very low yields and wide spacing of the old vines planted on the dry soils found in some of the Spanish wine regions.

The country has an abundance of native grape varieties, with over 400 varieties planted throughout Spain, though 88% of the country's wine production is from only 20 grapes — including the reds: Tempranillo, Bobal, Garnacha, and Monastrell; the whites: Albariño, Airén, Verdejo, Palomino, and Macabeo; and the three Cava grapes: Parellada, Xarel-lo, and Macabeo.

The abundance of native grape varieties fostered an early start to viticulture with evidence of grape seeds dating back to the Tertiary period. Archaeologists believe that these grapes were first cultivated sometime between 4000 and 3000 BC, long before the wine-growing culture of the Phoenicians founded the trading post of Cádiz around 1100 BC.

Spain produces around 34.6 million hectoliters (384,444,000 cases) of wine a year and exports more than half of that.

Bodega de Txakoli Talai Berri

The Talai-Berri winery is located at Zarautz, one of the towns belonging to the "Getariako Txakolina" D.O. Built in 1992, the winery lays on the sunniest slopes of Mount Talai Mendi, surrounded by 12 hectares of vineyards (29.7 acres). Annual production is 7,500 cases.

Founder Bixente Eizaguirre Aguinaga represents the fourth generation, and his daughters, Itziar and Onditz, are the fifth generation making Txakoli out of their family vineyards' fruit. The family relies on advanced techniques (harvest in small crates, sorting tables, temperature-controlled fermentation, etc.) to make top quality, young, fruity wine.

Bixente Eizaguirre, son of a family with a long history of wine production, already had a vast professional career in winemaking and production. He went beyond winemaking, taking the initiative and focusing his efforts on obtaining the DO for a product which his ancestors, as well as himself, had been working so hard for.

The Getariako Txakolina DO was established in 1990, and in 1992, after more dedicated efforts from Bixente, Talai Berri became the first winery built exclusively for manufacturing and distributing Txakoli. Bixente Eizaguirre is a member of the Getariako Txakolina Denominación de Origin Control Board (D.O. Board).

When the Talai Berri winery and facilities were created, new plantings were added to those which had existed for centuries. This was done to establish new hectares of vineyard with indigenous grapes. Traditionally, vineyards were established facing the sea and following the Spanish grapevine system. However, many did not consider that solar irradiation in the Basque Country was lower than in other traditional wine-production areas in Spain, and the rain was higher than the Spanish average. Therefore, the decision was made to plant the vineyards facing south and following the high trellis system.

Even amidst these changes, the characteristic indigenous types of grapes for making Txakoli had been maintained: the Hondarrabi Zuri and the Hondarrabi Beltza are the top two grape varieties which fully adapt themselves to the land and climate of the area. Folle Blanche is another popular grape in the area. It is the land, climate, grapes, and the combination of tradition and carefully elaborated innovation that creates a slightly sparkling wine that is young yet full of character, dry yet fresh, light yet fruity, and persistent. The DO of Getariako Txakolina has 1,055 acres, 31 producers, and produces 168,000 9-liter cases annually.



360. 2024 Alleme, Getariako Txakolina 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Getariako Txakolina

100% Hondarrabi Zuri fermented in stainless-steel for 20-25 days and then aged on the lees (no racking).

A very fruity, crisp, and clean white from Spain's Basque Country with a slight spritz (due to fermentation), citrus and exotic fruits, mineral, and floral notes. Good balance and bright acidity. In the mouth, it is round and unctuous, with a good balance of structure and acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



361. 2024 Alleme, Getariako Txakolina Rosado 12/750ml

Source: Spain - Pais Vasco - Getariako Txakolina

50% Hondarrabi Zuri and 50% Hondarrabi Beltza. Rosé juice was obtained by little skin contact maceration (2 hours at 10°C). 100% Stainless Steel. (no oak)

Limpid pink. Bright and energetic on the nose and palate, displaying vibrant, mineral-tinged cranberry, blood orange and white pepper qualities and a touch of pungent flowers. This wine is racy and sharply focused, carrying no excess fat. The finish is tight and dry, displaying repeating citrus character and good persistence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle

Bodegas del Palacio de Fefiñanes

Founded in 1904, Palacio de Fefiñanes is housed inside a spectacular baronial palace - the 17th century Plaza de Fefiñanes - which sits on the lovely main square of coastal Cambados. The facility was built in 1647 by viscount of Fefiñanes Gonzalo Sarmiento Valladares (1583-1659). They were the first producer to bottle wine under the D.O. Rías Baixas denomination, and the label design, which shows an engraving of the Fefiñanes Palace, dates to 1928.

Palacio de Fefiñanes is currently owned by Juan Gil Careaga. Juan Gil is a respected winemaker, but he entrusts winemaking to the talented Cristina Mantilla, who also consults at several other prestigious estates in Galicia.

In the Rias Baixas region, where the vineyards are quite windy due to the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean, the wine gains a certain acidity and freshness. The winery has only a token acreage (.5 hectares) and buys its Albariño grapes from producers under long-term contract and with technical assistance from the winery's enologist. Vines are over 40 years old on average – some over 100 years old – and are all trained on trellises and planted on sandy soils, with some limestone and clay. The vineyards are grown at heights not much above sea level, enjoying the warm, damp Atlantic climate. The DO of Rias Baixas has 10,677 acres and produces 3,570,700 9-liter cases a year. There are 179 wineries.



362. 2023 Fefiñanes, Albariño, Rias Baixas 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño fermented in stainless-steel vats and bottled in its first year.

Fresh fruit aromas of apricot and peach slices with notes of lemon and green apple. Pretty notes of honey and wet nutmeg, and the mouth is round, clean, and pleasant with baked apple, honey, and lemon.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.00 / bottle



363. 2022 Fefiñanes, 1583 Albariño 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño aged for 6 months (4 in French and American oak and 2 in stainless-steel)

1583 is the birth year of the Viscount of Fefiñanes, Gonzalo Sarmiento Valladares, builder of the Castle of Fefiñanes. This wine is a perfect tribute to the Fefiñanes ancestor, as it achieves the perfect harmony between the fruitiness of the Albariño grape and the complexity brought by the oak aging.

“Light yellow to the eye, this wine has a bouquet of Golden Delicious apple, Anjou pear and vanilla bean. Striking acidity washes over the tongue and gums bearing pineapple, lemon-lime sorbet, passionfruit and lemon curd flavors set into a beautifully textured wine. Drink through 2030.”

- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points

- Wine Advocate, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$47.99 / bottle



364. 2021 Fefiñanes, III Año Albariño 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Albariño

100% Albariño tank-aged for 3 years.

This rare style of lees aged Albariño is only made in great years.

“This wine has aromas of lemongrass, lemon thyme and grapefruit. Grapefruit and lemongrass transition to the palate and are joined by peach, dried thyme, sage leaf and rose petal flavors. Aging on the lees adds a nice texture and slightly brambly, dried herb flavors to lively acidity and brilliant fruit flavors.”

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$70.99 / bottle

Adegas Valmiñor

Carlos Gómez established Adegas Valmiñor in 1997, building and opening new facilities in 2001. A trained executive with extensive experience in the wine business, Carlos has continued to expand the group's capacity to include other properties in Rías Baixas and Ribera del Cuero. Today the group also includes a distribution company, as well as an agricultural services organization. Though a modern winery with cutting-edge technology, they are dedicated to honoring their Celtic roots, witnessed in their logo, created out of four Celtic symbols - rain, sun, air, and land.

Adegas Valmiñor is in the Valley O Rosal within the D.O. Rías Baixas. Rias Baixas is in the province of Pontevedra, south of the province of A Coruña, in Galicia, Spain. The Rías Baixas D.O., founded in 1980, is divided into five sub-zones, four in the province of Pontevedra and one in A Coruña: Val do Salnés, O Rosal, Condado do Tea, Soutomaior, and Ribera del Ulla. Traditionally the vines are trained along granite posts (called parrales or pergola) with wires to protect them from humidity and to maximize their exposure to the sun in summer.

Adegas Valmiñor has 35 hectares (86 acres) of their own vineyards in O Rosal. They have obtained the BRC Food Safety Standard (British Retail Consortium, Certificate of Quality), the leading global brand recognized by customers worldwide. The BRC is a global food security protocol that aims to ensure that manufacturers meet rigorous requirements to guarantee the quality of their products.



365. 2023 Valmiñor, Albariño Rias Baixas 12/750ml (VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño (no oak). Certified vegan by the European Vegetarian Union.

Valmiñor Albariño presents a yellow straw color. On the nose, the wine shows a wide fruity range of aromas, with notes of fresh grapefruit, apricot and melon. In the mouth, Valmiñor combines fruity flavors and freshness with a rounded acidity, resulting in a balanced wine that boasts an opulent taste and slight spritziness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle

Bodegas Burgo Viejo

Six families of farmers founded Bodegas Burgo Viejo in 1987 (with the next generation coming on-board, it is now sixteen families working together). Burgo Viejo's main asset has always been the exquisite wine-making process of grapes collected from its own vineyards throughout the years, back to the times when they were just a wine cellar selling in bulk (they started as a cooperative in the 1950's).

Burgo Viejo wines are exported to Japan, China, Denmark, UK, Belgium, and the U.S. (export markets represent 5-10% of the production). Young Gorka Etxebarria is the leading winemaker and has been working with Burgo Viejo since December 2003.

The vineyards measure 200 hectares (494 acres) spread throughout the municipality of Alfaro, La Rioja, Spain on the slopes of Yerga Mountain, and the banks of the fertile Ebro Valley. This area offers a huge diversity of soils and microclimates where the grape varietals, Tempranillo, Mazuelo (Carignan), Garnacha, Graciano and Viura grow to become Burgo Viejo wines. Most of the vines are 30 years old; some Garnachas are over 90 years old and some young organic Graciano grapes have been planted. Annual production is 155,500 9-liter cases.



366. 2020 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano aged in American oak barrels for 12 months.

"Spicy black fruit, mocha and sweet spice nose. Generous in the mouth with sweet spices, firm tannins and a reasonable finish."

- Decanter World Wine Awards, Silver, 91 points

- James Suckling, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



367. 2019 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo aged in American and French oak for 18 months.

"Elegant berries and spiced cherries with a hint of oranges and undergrowth on the nose. Juicy and evenly packed with a fluid, medium-bodied palate and soft tannins."

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



368. 2018 Licenciado, Rioja, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo aged 18 months in 50% French and 50% American oak.

"Soft, fruity red with berry and cherry character. Full body, round tannins, and flavorful finish."

- James Suckling, 91 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90 points

- Decanter World Wine Awards, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



369. 2010 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Gran Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo aged in 225-liter French oak barriques for 24 months.

"Shimmering garnet. Aromas of cherry, blueberry, candied flowers, tobacco and coconut pick up a smoky overtone with air. Smooth and fleshy on the palate, offering ripe red and blue fruit, mocha, cola and spicecake qualities that tighten up on the back half. Finishes long and supple with repeating spiciness, even tannins and lingering red berry preserves."

- Vinous, 92 points

- Wine & Spirits, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle

Cosecheros de Labastida

In the mid-1960s, 175 vintners decided to join forces and founded the Unión de Cosecheros of Labastida, which currently ranks as the largest co-operative winery in the Basque Country, with a production capacity of 7 million liters. Right from the outset, these winegrowers wanted to be involved in the entire process, from cultivating vineyards to barrel-aging wine to bottling.

The co-op has established its own brands and strived to enhance its facilities, equipping them with the most modern equipment available, as with its stainless-steel tanks, a cooling unit for regulating fermentation temperatures and new bottling plant. The aging of wines has always been one of this winery's passions and primary concerns. At present, the co-op has 6000 American oak casks in storage, with an average age of five years.

The winery employs precision viticulture techniques using the latest technology to track the vegetative cycle. Bodegas y Viñedos Labastida has developed a pioneering system of weather stations that allows the winery to monitor their vineyards' health and thus prevent diseases that might damage the grapes. The weather stations, located in six different vineyards in Rioja Alavesa, gather information and send it to a GPS system whose main mission is to forecast diseases such as mildew, botrytis or oidium, which may be harmful for the plants. César Castro, Viticulture Director at Bodegas y Viñedos Labastida, is delighted with this technology. With success rates of 80% for mildew and 60% for botrytis, his optimism is well founded. The stations also forecast the impact of climatic factors on the vines and soil, as well as measuring rainfall levels, solar radiation, leaves and vines humidity and wind speed and direction. Castro interprets the data sent by the GPS back to the winery, putting the information to use in obtaining great quality wines.



370. 2023 Montebueno, Blanco 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

80% Viura and 20% Tempranillo Blanco

Montebueno - which means 'good mountain' - is the name of one of the best quality areas of Labastida.

Yellow straw colored, translucent with greyish hues at the edges. Dominant white fruit aromas of apple and ripe banana on the nose with citrus notes in the background. Fresh and intense on the palate, although the acidity gradually smooths out as the wine passes through the mouth and gives way to sweetness combined with a slightly bitter note and silky feel that balances the first sensation.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



371. 2021 Montebuena, Rioja 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo aged 3-4 months in French oak.

Montebuena - which means 'good mountain' - is the name of one of the best quality areas of Labastida.

"Opaque. Spicy dark cherry with bright highlights. Smooth mouth feel and freshness."

- [i-winereview.com](https://www.winereview.com), 91 points

- James Suckling, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

Bodegas Finca Sobreño

Finca Sobreño is one of the original winegrowers in the D.O. Toro. Founded by Roberto San Ildefonso in 1998, it was one of less than 10 registered wineries in the appellation, which today counts more than 50 producers. Roberto was originally from Rioja but left the region when he realized the potential to craft bold, powerful, and beautifully structured wines from the Tempranillo clone, Tinta de Toro. This variety produces smaller grapes and with thicker skin than Tempranillo. Among other features, this grape has a higher color concentration, as well as more anthocyanins (which give the wine its aromas) and tannins (which gives structure).

The principal winemaking consultant is Manuel Ruiz Hernández, one of Rioja's most respected enologists.

Finca Sobreño currently owns 80 hectares (197 acres) of vineyard, of which about half are vines over 45 years old and divided into many small parcels. In addition, the winery controls 155 hectares of independently owned old-vines plots. The vineyards are 100% Tinta de Toro, pruned "en vaso" (bush vines), as well as double cordon Royat in the newer plantings. Soil types are alluvial with a thick clay subsoil, and a mix of sand and gravel. Yields are quite low, averaging about 4,000 kg/hectare. Many of the vines are ungrafted. The winery owns 1,400 barriques (primarily American oak) and boasts a production capacity of 500,000 bottles/year (40,000 9-liter cases).

The DO of Toro has 14,500 acres, 63 wineries, and produces 372,366 9-liter cases annually.



372. 2021 Finca Sobreño, Organic Toro 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Toro

100% Tempranillo aged 4 months in American oak and then 6 months in bottle. Certified organic by Agricultura Ecológica de Castilla y León.

This wine offers an intense cherry red color with violet edges. Powerful and rich aromas on the nose with touches of ripe red fruits and pleasant floral notes followed by toasty nuances. Smooth and elegant on the palate with flavors of red fruits and flowers. Balanced acidity and subtle tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



373. 2019 Finca Sobreño, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Toro

100% Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo) aged 8 months in American oak and then 6 months in bottle.

"The color of blueberry preserves, this wine offers a bouquet of blackberry, coffee bean and dried thyme. Coffee transitions to the palate as well, joined by cassis, purple plum, black olive paste, orange zest and cocoa butter flavors, wrapped in a cocoon of velvety tannins that drift into a lasting mocha-scented finish."

- Wine Enthusiast, 93 points

- i-winereview.com, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



374. 2020 Finca Sobreño, Tempranillo, Reserva Toro 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Toro

100% Tempranillo aged in new and 1-year-old American and French oak barrels for 14 months, followed by another 24 months minimum in the bottle.

Deep dark cherry red color with dark purple tones. Powerful yet elegant nose, refined and stylish with ripe berry fruit, spicy complexity with scents of clove, sandalwood, vanilla, chocolate. Muscular, elegant yet silky smooth taste shows fruit preserves/jam blackberry and chocolate truffle. Concentrated and rich, but not sweet with superb length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle



375. 2017 Finca Sobreño, Ildefonso, Toro 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Toro

100% Tempranillo aged 18 months in French (70%) and American (30%) oak. The wine is then aged in the bottle for at least 12 months.

"The deep purple-hued 2017 Ildefonso Toro offers up classic aromatics of spicy red and black fruits, vanilla bean, graphite, cheese rind, and scorched earth, which carry to a medium to full-bodied red that has nicely integrated tannins, a round, layered mouthfeel, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points

- i-winereview.com, 93 points

- James Suckling, 92 points

- Vinous, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.99 / bottle

Bodegas Luis Cañas

Bodegas Luis Cañas is one of Rioja Alavesa's oldest family-owned wineries. The history starts with Carlos Cañas, who sold his wines in bulk, transporting them by mule and cart throughout the region. Carlos' son, Luis Cañas, born in 1928, shifted the focus from selling young bulk wines to producing bottled wines. In 1970, he launched

his namesake winery. 1989 marked a new milestone in the winery's transformation when Juan Luis Cañas, the only son of Mr. Luis Cañas, took over as general manager at age 33 and brought a fresh approach.

Juan Luis began to lay the foundation for what would later become a more modernized winery, Amaren, whose first harvest was the 1995 vintage. Along the way the reputation of Luis Cañas continued to grow, and the family legacy is sealed as a major producer both in Rioja Alavesa and throughout Spain and the world. Founder Luis Cañas passed away in December 2019, he was 91 years old.

Located in the town of Villabuena de Álava, south of the province of Álava, Bodegas Luis Cañas is one of the leading wineries in the Rioja Alavesa region. Sheltered from harsh weather extremes by the Sierra Cantabria Mountains to the north, the hillside vineyards are comprised of nutrient-poor chalky clay soil. What the soil lacks in nutrients is compensated for with small plot cultivation with low yields to produce small firm clusters of berries of excellent quality. Almost 900 plots are needed to complete the approximately 400 hectares (988.4 acres) of estate-owned or cellar-controlled vineyards, some with vines more than 100 years in age. Annual production is around 222,200 cases.

Vines are 30-80 years old, and almost completely located on steep slopes and terraces. All the grapes undergo a manual selection process, and grapes destined for reserves and premium wines undergo a second selection based on their weight. Luis Cañas was the first winery in Spain to employ this type of selection process.

Sustainable farming practices are honored and overseen by a team of specialists in this area. Luis Cañas was the first winery in Spain to obtain the BRC Protocol with AENOR, the ISO 14.000, the ISO 9.002 quality certification, and inaugurated its own wastewater treatment plant.



376. 2022 Luis Cañas, Rioja Blanco, Viña Viejas 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

85% Viura, 10% Malvasia Riojana and 5% Tempranillo Blanco aged for 5 months.

"Clean citrus, reductive matchstick, crushed stone, and white flower notes all emerge from the 2022 Rioja Blanco Vinas Viejas, an incredibly well-made, balanced white that has a layered mouthfeel, building richness, and a clean, crisp, mineral-laced, almost salty finish. It will be a dream with tapas or as a starter."

- *Jeb Dunnock*, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



377. 2020 Luis Cañas, Rioja, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

95% Tempranillo and 5% Garnacha aged 12 Months in 60% French and 40% American oak (3-year-old barrels).

"This is a modern style, Tempranillo led blend that includes Viura and Malvasia. Medium dark ruby in color, it reveals a fresh, bright nose. The medium weight, suave palate is bright and easy drinking with good concentration and length."

- *International Wine Review*, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



378. 2017 Luis Cañas, Rioja, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

95% Tempranillo and 5% Graciano aged for 18 months in French (70%) and American (30%) oak, and then a further 18+ months in bottle before release.

Rich color. Very pleasant on the nose, subtle and elegant, complex, with aromas of fine wood, ripe fruit, coffee. Thick, unctuous, and round on the palate with solid structure and juicy tannins. The second nose shows spiced nuances and black ripe fruit aromas.

- Tim Atkin, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



379. 2019 Luis Cañas, Rioja, Reserva Selección de la Familia 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

85% Tempranillo and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 20 months in new oak barrels (50% French and 50% American).

"Its deep purple hue is followed by a sensational nose of ripe black and blue fruits, cedarwood, graphite, smoked tobacco, and chocolate. This carries to a full-bodied Rioja with a powerful, layered mouthfeel, ripe yet building tannins, and serious length on the finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 95 points

- i-winereview.com, 93 points

- Tim Atkin, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle



380. 2016 Luis Cañas, Rioja, Gran Reserva 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

95% Tempranillo and 5% Graciano aged for a total of 24 months (70% French and 30% American oak – new). Further aged 3 years in bottle.

"A tight, full-bodied Rioja with some vanilla spices, walnuts and hazelnuts to the black plums and cherries. Juicy and a bit chewy on the palate with very firm tannins that are tightly tucked into the long, creamy finish."

- James Suckling, 92 points

- i-winereview.com, 93 points

- Wine Advocate, 91 points

- Vinous, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$62.99 / bottle

Bodegas Escudero

The Escudero family has been growing grapes and making wine for four generations in the rugged, semi-desert foothills around Grávalos in the southwestern corner of the Rioja Baja region. Over the past few decades, the 4th generation of Escudero siblings – led by Bordeaux-trained winemaker Amador – have transformed the small family bodega into a major Rioja wine producer.

Operating from the small Grávalos facility, Amador realized that some of his vineyards offered the potential to do something better (and different). These old vineyards, some over 100 years planted in the old fashioned "vidau" style offered the kind of raw material needed to make a modern-style premium wine – a Rioja with a difference. The vineyards include Tempranillo, Mazuelo, Graciano, and Garnacha. They have 173 hectares (427 acres) under vine, with an annual production of 166,600 9-liter cases.



381. NV Dioro Baco, Cava, Brut Rosado 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja
100% Pinot Noir.

"This deep-apricot-colored wine has a steady stream of effervescence that releases a bouquet of green apple, yellow cherry and sage leaf. It is round on the palate, with enticing mouthfeel and nectarine, gooseberry and cocoa butter flavors and a lingering hint of espresso bean."

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



382. 2021 Vinsacro, Rioja Blanco 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja
60% Chardonnay and 40% Viura aged on the lees in American oak for 7 months.
Bright straw yellow color. Aromas are intense and elegant, with floral and fruity notes. Balsamic and spicy aromas with toasty notes derived from the oak and bottle maturation. Very cool and structured; unusually powerful for a white wine. This one is full of surprises.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



383. 2019 Vinsacro, Dioro Rioja 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja
50% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 10% Mazuelo, 10% Graciano, 5% Monastrell, and 5% Bobal aged in French and American oak for 12-14 months.

"this dark garnet wine presents a nose with notes of soy sauce, wild herbs, blackberry and sour cherry. On the palate, it is dry, juicy and fine-grained, lingering long with a flavorful finish. Well-served by the aging process, this wild yet balanced wine will evolve with grace."

- *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*, 93 points

- *James Suckling*, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



384. 2015 Vinsacro, Rioja 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja

55% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 10% Mazuelo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Monastrell aged in American oak for 16 months.

"It's ripe, heady, toasty and exuberant. The palate is medium to full-bodied with dusty tannins, lacking a bit in the middle."

- *Wine Advocate*, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



385. 2019 Vinsacro, Dioro Selección 6/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja

100% Vidau (Blend of the de varietals Tempranillo, Graciano and Mazuelo with predominance of 70+ years old Garnacha).

"The 2019 Vinsacro Dioro Selección is a Vidau field blend sourced from Monte Yerga in Rioja Oriental. Aged for 18 months in French and Eastern European oak barrels, it is only released after five years in the cellar. Dark garnet in color, time in the glass reveals soy sauce, bay leaf and thyme notes, along with black fruit and chutney-like undertones. Dry and rich on the palate, it flows with softened tannins and a clingy mouthfeel, lingering long with an impression of tomato leaf. This is a complex, nuanced and solar red that will warmly captivate your palate."

- *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.00 / bottle

Palacios Vinos de Finca

Palacios Vinos de Finca is the reflection of Javier Palacios, born from his heart, vision, talent, and land. During a trip to Burgundy Javier discovered a way of working the land that he wanted to transfer to his own project. This agricultural vocation of pampering historical vineyards and making unique and recognizable wines with their fruits inspired the work of the whole team.

The winery collaborates with two great wine personalities: Pedro Parra y Alberto Antonini. Pedro Parra is one of the world's leading experts on terroir, calling himself a "terroirist". Antonini brings wines of uniqueness, looking for drinkable and understandable wine profiles, direct and connected to the earth. The oenologist is committed to making wines that convey the places from which they come, above and beyond commercial products. The properties are located at altitudes of around 750 meters in Albelda de Iregua and Nalda, 650 meters in Badarán, and between 480 and 550 meters in Briones and San Asensio, forming a mosaic of territories that provide a perfect setting to produce wines from La Rioja. The altitude is also one of the most important parameters in Ribera del Duero, seeking a fresher expression of fine red wine and balanced maturation. Micro plots are found in estates such as Moradillo, Roa, Peñaranda or Baños de Valdearados.



386. 2023 Nivarius, Rioja, Tempranillo Blanco 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo Blanco aged for 4 months in stainless-steel and French oak.

Nivarius is a Latin term that defines the natural well where the snow was kept all year round. Nivarius wines benefit from altitudes above 700 meters (Albelda de Iregua and Montes de Clavijo vineyards), a northern orientation, and the influence of the continental climate that make wines of character and freshness with natural acidity.

Straw-yellow in color with a with greenish rim. Good intensity on the nose, hints of pome and stone fruits accompanied by subtle aromas of white flowers and minerals. Fresh and well-balanced on the palate with stone fruit flavors, dry fruits, and a long finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



387. 2018 Trus, Ribera del Duero, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 12 months.

Trus - an acronym for T-tierra (soil), R-roble (oak), U-uva (grape), S-sol (sun) - aims to reflect the uniqueness of each vintage, the aging potential of the wine in the bottle over the years. The estate vineyards are in Piñel de Abajo, Pesquera de Duero, and Quintanilla de Arriba. The winery also partners with winegrowers in Moradillo, Roa, Nava, Peñaranda, and Baños de Valdearados.

"A plush and fabulous expression of variety and provenance with well-integrated alcohol, tannin and acidity. Will continue for several years and mellow."

- Decanter World Wine Awards, 96 points + Gold Medal

- Wine Spectator, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle

Bodegas Arzuaga

Florentino Arzuaga founded Bodegas Arzuaga-Navarro in the early 1990's, after purchasing La Planta estate.

La Planta estate is in the heart of Arzuaga's extensive vineyards in Quintanilla de Onésimo. The estate, a hunting reserve and nature preserve purchased by Florentino in 1982, covers 1,500 hectares (3,700 acres/5.8 square miles). Within the estate are 150 hectares (370 acres) of prime vineyards planted with Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Chardonnay, as well as the family residence, and an extensive hunting reserve home to deer, wild boar, and mouflon (a wild sheep, like the American bighorn).

The vineyards are situated at 900 meters (2,950 feet) above sea level, planted on some of finest soils in Ribera del Duero's "Golden Mile". This terrain with its unique micro-climate (during the day, sharp sunlight bathes the land, while nights are fresh and humid) and soils (mainly limestone and clay with some sand over limestone bedrock) are key ingredients that define the quality and freshness of Arzuaga's excellent wines.

Bodegas Arzuaga-Navarro also owns vineyards outside the province of Valladolid, in the town of Malagón, in Ciudad Real, where the Pago Florentino wine is produced. Bodega Arzuaga's passionate work has turned their wines into one of the most prestigious brands within the Ribera del Duero Denomination of Origin.



388. 2022 Arzuaga, La Planta, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero
100% Tempranillo aged for 6 months in French and American oak.

"This dark violet-colored wine has a nose of cherry pie and mocha. It is soft on entry, offering lightweight tannins and black cherry, pomegranate, milk chocolate, violet and baking spice flavors that culminate in a vivid, fruit-filled finish."

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



389. 2020 Arzuaga, Laderas del Norte, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero
100% Tempranillo aged for 12 months in French oak and then 14 months in bottle. Certified organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla ye Leon.

The grapes come from organic crops and are harvested from the "Valdesardon" farm, owned by the Arzuaga Navarro family, which is the westernmost vineyard of the Ribera del Duero DO, located at an altitude of 800 meters in the village of Olivares de Duero.

"This wine has aromas of black currant and anisette. It has juicy flavors of cherry and pomegranate accompanied by notes of dark, chocolate, caramel, and mint. Sturdy tannins stick around into a caramel-tinged finish."

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 92 points

- Peñin 2022, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle



390. 2021 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero
90% Tempranillo and a mix of 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot aged for 16 months in oak barrels (75% French and 25% American oak).

"A deep violet-red hue to the eye, this wine emits a bouquet of blackberry, bittersweet chocolate and caramel. Muscular tannins support black cherry, purple plum, thyme, mocha and violet flavors. A lingering note of cocoa endures into the slightly chewy finish."

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle



391. 2020 Arzuaga, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

96% Tempranillo, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 1% Merlot aged in French oak for 26 months.

"This deep garnet-colored wine has a nose of black currant, sage leaf and cherry pipe tobacco. It is smooth at first sip and then bold tannins settle in and coat the tongue and gums. Blackberry, raspberry, cocoa powder, crème brûlée and orange zest flavors are accompanied by a note of butterscotch that endures on the palate."

- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$69.99 / bottle



392. 2018 Arzuaga, Gran Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

92% Tempranillo and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 35 months.

"This wine's aromas of black cherry, caramel and violet pave the way for dark berry, clove, menthol, orange zest and rose-petal flavors. Polished tannins and a nice sense of brightness fill the mouth and recede into a finish marked with chocolate and orange zest."

- Wine Enthusiast, 97 points & Cellar Selection

- James Suckling, 94 points

- Tim Atkin, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$200.00 / bottle



393. 2019 Arzuaga, Gran Reserva, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

95% Tempranillo, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Merlot aged for 48 months in French oak.

Presenting a ruby red color, this wine has a wide range of aroma of ripe fruit compote, toast, and leather. Fine, complex, and attractive with a great balance. Silky and pleasant in the mouth with a bit of spice detected in the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$155.99 / bottle

El Escocés Volante

Founded in 2003, El Escocés Volante – “The Flying Scot” – is based in Aragón, Spain. The operation is dedicated to the production of high-quality wines, with a particular focus on the native varieties, especially Garnacha.

Owner Norrel Robertson has been making wine in Spain for over 10 years and is currently the only Master of Wine living in Spain. He was born and raised in Scotland and, after graduating from Aberdeen University with a MA Honors degree in Politics and International Relations, has worked in the wine industry for the last 20 years, starting in sales before moving on to buying and product development.

In the 1990's Norrel decided to pursue a career in winemaking and committed to learning from the cellar up. He worked vintages in Italy (Chianti), Portugal, Australia, France, and Chile. In 1998, Norrel embarked on the Master

of Wine Course and became a Master of Wine in November 2000, winning the Robert Mondavi Award for the best overall theory performance in the exam.

In 2002-2003, Norrel studied the Postgraduate Viticulture and Oenology course at Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand, obtaining his postgraduate qualification with distinction. He moved to Spain in 2003, as Winemaker for International Wine Services, and quickly fell in love with the old Garnacha vineyards in Calatayud. He decided to start making his own wines, and he released his first in 2004.

Norrel now produces many award-winning wines made from select high altitude vineyards in Aragon. He also has winemaking projects in Murcia, Andalucía, and Galicia.



394. 2019 Es Lo Que Hay, Garnacha, Viñas Viejas 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Aragon – Calatayud

'Es Lo Que Hay' means 'it is what it is' and is a common Spanish expression.

95% Garnacha and 5% Moristel, Miguel de Arco, and Provehón aged for 15 months in flexitank eggs. High altitude ancient vineyards (75-100 years) at 1,000 to 1,100 meters above sea level with Pizarra slate and quartzite soils. Completely dry grown and unirrigated, this is an inhospitable continental climate with extreme changes of temperature where mountain herbs, almonds, cherry trees, and Garnacha form breathtaking patchwork. Low annual rainfall of 200-300mm and the remarkable soil produce fine and elegant Garnacha.

"It's ripe without excess (14.26% real alcohol), balanced by low pH and good acidity and has a powerful Mediterranean profile, round and full-bodied, with hints of dry hay and straw and a touch of dark chocolate."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle

Sei Solo Bodegas y Viñedos

Sei Solo and Preludio represent the artistic vision of Javier Zaccagnini, after his 20 years of experience in Ribera del Duero: he headed the Quality Control Regulatory Board (Consejo Regulador) of the Appellation Contrôlée for 6 years, and he has spent the subsequent 14 years as director of AALTO, a flagship of Ribera del Duero that Javier co-founded with the great Mariano Garcia, the man who famously made Vega Sicilia for over 30 years.

Javier's two newest babies might have been born in the 2011 vintage, but they were conceived back in 2007 with the purchase of some 60-year-old vines, organically grown, in the top Ribera village of La Horra. The original and true aim was clear: to make a wine that whilst remaining a Ribera, leant purely towards Javier's own personal tastes, with an emphasis on finesse, elegance, and nuance at the expense of structure and overt wood influence.

Given the greatness of La Horra's terroirs, Javier also wanted to allow the singular qualities and personality of the village to shine through. As a result, no new oak is used in any of the winemaking processes. Fermentation takes place spontaneously after the wines are de-stemmed, cooled, and gravity fed into four small 20 Hl old wooden vats. After alcoholic fermentation has finished no press wine is ever added to the resulting must, which

is placed in used French oak barrels, and taken to an underground cellar at 10°C of temperature, to develop malolactic fermentation naturally, slowly and without heating. It usually lasts until April or May.

When malolactic is finished, the wine is racked into 2-year-old French barrels of two different sizes: 228 liter and 600 litres. The wines are racked a limited number of times over the next 15 to 20 months, before the time comes for the final blending.

Whilst all the fruit comes from La Horra, and the magnificent character of that terroir is clearly there, Javier's aim is that with four fermentation tanks, each divided into two different sized barrels, he naturally achieves several stylistically diverse nuances. Those barrels which precisely fit the character goals Javier has in mind are blended to form SEI SOLO, the first wine, with the rest making up the blend for PRELUDIO de SEI SOLO.

It should be noted that Javier's quest for perfection saw him attempt to fulfil his vision every year since taking control of the vines. It was only in 2011 after five vintages, each year getting closer, that he felt the resulting wine displayed all the attributes he so very much wanted to achieve.

Sei Solo is named after Johann Sebastian Bach's - Javier's favorite composer - six solos for violin, honoring his BMW 1001-1006 violin sonatas. In fact, their wine labels are manuscript letters from J.S. Bach.



395. 2020 Preludio de Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero
100% Tempranillo aged for 17 months.

“The 2020 Preludio de Sei Solo was aged for 16 months in 600-liter oak barrels. Purple in color. The fruit-forward nose is layered with smoky and balsamic notes against a jammy backdrop. Dry and rich, the over-extractive mouthfeel makes for a ripe, potent palate. The 2020 is a deliciously old-school Ribera red.”

- Vinous, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$55.99 / bottle



396. 2021 Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero
100% Tempranillo aged in barrels for 20 months.

“The 2020 Preludio de Sei Solo was aged for 16 months in 600-liter oak barrels. Purple in color. The fruit-forward nose is layered with smoky and balsamic notes against a jammy backdrop. Dry and rich, the over-extractive mouthfeel makes for a ripe, potent palate. The 2020 is a deliciously old-school Ribera red.”

- Tim Atkin, 97 points

- James Suckling, 97 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$107.99 / bottle

Pago de Carraovejas (Alma de Carraovejas)

Pago de Carraovejas was founded in 1988 and is in the town of Peñafiel. Pago de Carraovejas loosely translates to "the place where the sheep walk by".

The ongoing pursuit of excellence best defines the career of José María Ruiz, Pago's founder, and principal shareholder. In 1982 the Restaurante José María opened its doors in Segovia and the ideas of the young and curious man began to take shape. José María Ruiz began by transforming the very concept of wine as it was served in the hearty Castilian Taverns. He started by eliminating the traditional pottery pitcher in which they were served and started serving bottled wine, caring meticulously about the presentation, right temperature, conditions, and the serving protocol.

The Ribera was then unknown as a wine-making region, but Jose María's vigorous efforts to improve the role and treatment of wine in his restaurant had led him to become an ardent explorer of the land and the wines of the area. It was clear to him from the start that it was from this region where his wine perfectly matched the star dish of his restaurant and the region, cochinitillo (roasted suckling piglet), had to come.

In 1987 José María Ruiz lead a group of wine-loving Segovians and together they conceived the idea of creating a winery in a region that can produce good reds. Three reasons made them choose the hillsides of Carraovejas, in Peñafiel. First, Peñafiel has been historically, the hub of the Ribera del Duero wine making region, and the area with more potential of all the Spanish wine making regions. Second, its proximity to Segovia. And third and probably the most important reason, because the elders of the village remembered the hillsides of Carraovejas as the best grape ripening site, as later confirmed by numerous studies. Naturally, choosing the right location, land and climate was essential. Three kilometers outside Peñafiel, in the sunny enclave formed by the valleys of the Botijas River (a tributary of the Duero River), the land enjoys a microclimate created by the influence of the Duero River, the dominant west winds that keep the vines healthy and the south facing aspect of the softly rolling hillsides, sheltered from the damaging effects of the north wind and devastation from the spring frosts and autumn freezes. The perfect conditions for a thriving vineyard: sun and air.

They had found the place, and it was Carraovejas. Using experience and technology to optimize the already favorable conditions of the area, they were able to make the first Ribera del Duero wine containing 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (at a time when Tinto Fino ruled absolutely). They were also pioneers in bringing French oak barrels to the Ribera del Duero, as well as installing drip irrigation at the estate.

Today the Finca comprises 140 hectares, all red grapes, planted 75% to Tempranillo and 25% to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The vines are situated on the southern flank of Carraovejas ridge at 850 meters above sea level. The local micro-climate is harsh and dry: cold winters, hot summers, and annual rainfall of less than 400 mm. The soil is low in nutrients with a mix of limestone, chalk, and sand. Carefully metered drip irrigation controls vine stress, which along with the terrain, soils, and micro-climate, produces grapes of optimum concentration and ripeness, vintage after vintage. Production is at 50,000 cases and the winery uses a 50 - 50 combination of French (Allier) and American (Ohio and Missouri) oak of which 33% is new oak each year. Only 10% of their wine is exported. The maceration of the reds occurs in fat stainless steel tanks suspended off a single plane of waffled stainless.

The DO of Ribera del Duero encompasses 55,000 acres, and 300+ wineries produce 10,177,000 9-liter cases of wine annually.



397. 2021 Pago de Carraovejas, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

92% Tempranillo, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Merlot aged 12 months in French and American oak.

Pago de Carraovejas is made in pure respect for its origin, reflecting the winery's desire to create a wine that truly expresses the characteristics of its terroir. The Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines are spread over different slopes of the valley and wilderness, at 900 meters above sea level.

“Vibrant plums, cherries, cocoa powder and stones on the nose. Quite fresh on the medium-to full-bodied palate with sleek tannins that are evenly spread. Linear and polished. Very well crafted.”

- James Suckling, 92 points

- Wine Spectator, 92 points

- Tim Atkin, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$78.99 / bottle

Milsetentayseis (Alma de Carraovejas)

Milsetentayseis is the new project of Alma Carraovejas that seeks to strengthen one of the most unique areas of the Ribera del Duero: Fuentenebro.

Based on an ancestral vineyard, native varieties, an extreme climate, and a unique environment, Milsetentayseis owes its name to the most differentiating characteristic of the project: It's altitude. An old vineyard that coexists with new plantations within a comprehensive plot rehabilitation project that values a landscape of a great winemaking tradition. The aim: the production of unique wines that capture the essence of the environment, the individuality of each of the small vineyards that make up Milsetentayseis and the enhancement of one of the areas of greatest potential in Ribera.



398. 2020 Milsetentayseis (1076), Ribera del Duero Tinto 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

95% Tempranillo and 5% other native varieties aged 18 months in new French oak and then 12 months in bottle.

1076 is the elevation in meters, the highest vineyards in the D.O. The wine is produced from a recently restored vineyard where ancestral vines over 100 years old grow harmoniously together with new, indigenous plantings in varied soils comprised of red clay, sand and mineral deposits of quartz, mica, and feldspar.

“Wonderfully bright, chalky, layered, and complex. Racy and refined, with red berry and pomegranate flavors, a dusting of oak and textured tannins.”

- Tim Atkin, 96 points

- James Suckling, 94 points

- Vinous, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle

(available as a 6-pack of 2020 vintage)

(Also available in a 6-pack vertical containing 2 bottles each of 2020, 2019, and 2018 vintage)



399. 2019 Milsetentayseis (1076), Ribera del Duero Tinto 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

"Aromas of blackberry jam and clove waft from the glass. This wine's flavors of ripe summer cherry, blueberry pie, clove, white chocolate and caramel are set into a network of durable tannins. The remarkably bright, lingering finish is laced with notes of vanilla and orange zest."

- Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 96 points

- James Suckling, 94 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle

(Available in a 6-pack vertical containing 2 bottles each of 2020, 2019, and 2018 vintage)



400. 2018 Milsetentayseis (1076), Ribera del Duero Tinto 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

"Inky violet. Potent aromas of cassis, cherry preserves, incense and potpourri, plus oak spice and mineral topnotes. Alluringly sweet and concentrated, with a spine of smoky minerality supporting intense flavors of dark berry liqueur, bitter chocolate, cola and candied lavender. Youthful, slow-building tannins add shape and grip to an impressively long, juicy finish that echoes the dark berry and floral notes."

- Vinous, 95 points

- James Suckling, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle

(Available in a 6-pack vertical containing 2 bottles each of 2020, 2019, and 2018 vintage)

Pago de los Capellanes

In the 15th century, the chaplains of Pedrosa de Duero, in the Ribera area of Burgos, obtained several vineyards as payment for tithes, masses and prayers. Over time, that property became one of the most renowned pagos, or estates, of the town. A true jewel of local viticulture that locals baptized with a name directly related to its origin as "Capellanes" translates to "Chaplains".

Raised among Tinto Fino vines, Doroteo Rodero's son, Paco, recovered the family vineyard in Pedrosa and together with his wife, Conchita Villa, began to expand the property. They were among the first winegrowers in the Ribera del Duero Designation of Origin and together they set up the winery at the foot of the vineyards in 1996.

A third generation later joined Pago de los Capellanes in the form of Estefanía Rodero Villa, the daughter of Paco and Conchita. With her, the family continuity of the winery and the projects that have led us to other areas and landscapes is assured.



401. 2023 Pago de los Capellanes, Tinto Joven, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 5 months in French oak.

Joven Roble is for everyone and for every moment. Fresh and vibrant, while at the same time complete and full of energy. A clear, affable, open, and solid character.

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle



402. 2021 Pago de los Capellanes, Crianza, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged 12 months in French oak.

"Fine tannins offer a supple frame for the flavors of creamed cherry and blood orange peel on display in this well-balanced and elegant red, with accents of anise, Mediterranean macchia and red licorice."

- Wine Spectator, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$62.99 / bottle



403. 2019 Pago de los Capellanes, Reserva, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 14 months in French oak.

"The 2019 Ribera del Duero Reserva is also terrific, with gorgeous aromatics of black and blue fruits supported by Asian spices, lead pencils, cedarwood, and violets. It's beautifully textured, medium to full-bodied, has a concentrated, powerful mouthfeel, and ripe, integrated tannins."

- Jeb Dunnock, 95 points

- Vinous, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle



404. 2019 Pago de los Capellanes, Ribera del Duero El Nogal 3/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged 22 months in 225-liter, extra fine grain, medium toast French Oak barrels.

"This rich, powerful red carries a sense of poise and finesse. Lush flavors of black cherry reduction and fig cake are interlaced with fragrant aromas and accents of cedar, rosemary, violet, licorice, graphite and cocoa powder. Shows deft integration of dense tannins and a velvety texture, with a long, focused finish."

- Wine Spectator, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$135.99 / bottle

Cavas Masachs

It was at the turn of the 20th century when the Masachs family started to cultivate grapes in their Vilafranca del Penedès estate. Mr. Josep Masachs Llorach, a man with strong convictions, great character and dedicated since his childhood to the growing of grapes, founded Cava Masachs, initially producing just enough for his own consumption and sharing with close friends. Later, his son, Mr. Josep Masachs Juvé, continued the winemaking tradition, still with limited production and a focus on carefully crafted wine. In 1977, Josep and Joan Masachs were able to offer a new line of Cava to the market. The excellent quality garnered quite a following for the Masachs, and their business grew both domestically and internationally. They outgrew the production facilities used by their grandfather, and in 1985, they opened their Montsarra estate in Torrelles de Foix, where their renowned Cava is still made today.

Cava Masachs is still family owned; it is managed by the third generation of the Masachs family. The winery ranks fourth in Cava production at 208,000 - 240,000 cases annually. 85% of the production is sold domestically in Spain; the remaining 15% is exported. The Masachs owns 43 hectares of grapes, planted with Macabeo, Xarel-lo, and Parellada. The vineyards are in El Penedès, about 40 km south of Barcelona.



405. NV Cave Masachs, Painous, Brut Cava 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Catalunya – Catalonia

40% Parellada, 30% Macabeo, 30% Xarel-lo with final aging for 9 months minimum, up to 20 months.

"Presented as a Cava-Joven, this gets the minimum allowed aging on its lees in bottle, keeping the ripe red fruit and edges of refreshing acidity at center stage. The wine has a dark, leesy character and lasting flavor—more of a winter sparkler for roast chicken."

- Wine Spectator, 91 points

- Beverage Testing Institute, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle

Torelló

Torelló has been growing grapes since the 14th century. It is family owned and currently run by the 23rd generation. Grapes are 100% from their own vineyard, 100% organic, 100% hand-harvested, and 100% vinified on premises. They specialize in long-aged Corpinnat sparkling wine.

Torelló is also a founding member of Corpinnat (meaning “body of Penedès”). Corpinnat is a Collective Brand of the European Union founded with the desire to distinguish the great sparkling wines produced in the heart of the Penedés, from 100% ecological grapes harvested by hand and integrally vinified on the premises. There are 11 members of Corpinnat.



406. 2019 Torelló, Special Edition Sparkling Brut 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Catalunya – Corpinnat

44% Xarello, 37% Macabeo, 11% Chardonnay, and 8% Parellada aged more than 36 months. The estate soils have been formed from sediments from the Garraf Massis, deposited thousands of years ago. One of the most characteristic features of the estate's soils is the presence of accumulations of calcium carbonate.

The wine offers a yellow straw color, clean, transparent, fine, and persistent bubbles with a rosary formation. In the nose fresh pear aromas stand out along with delicious notes of pastry cream, white flowers, and candied fruits. On the palate, good balance, and acidity. Powerful and flavorful with white flowers and notes of brioche, almond and great length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



407. 2016 Torelló, Finca Can Martí, Sparkling Brut 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Catalunya – Corpinnat

32% Chardonnay, 32% Xarello, 22% Macabeo, and 14% Parellada aged more than 48 months.

This wine displays straw yellow color, fine and constant bubbles, clean and bright, with golden reflections. The nose reveals a subtle aromatic intensity with fresh and sweet aromas of honey flowers, citrus notes, white fruit, and balsamic herbs such as fennel. In the mouth the acidity is well balanced, with delicate bitter notes to the finish and a set of ripe fruits and balsamic nuances.

Suggested Retail Price: \$46.99 / bottle

Fondillón Luis XIV

Fondillón Luis XIV is made by Colección de Toneles Centenarios. Colección de Toneles Centenarios is a newly created winery (2019), based on an interesting find: the barrel room of the Ferrero winery, an old winery that produced Fondillón wine, located in the town of Cañada (Alto Vinalopó), Alicante. Twenty-five old casks were forgotten there for over 60 years. They are launching some extremely old and extremely expensive wines. The family still has 25 hectares of vineyards, from which they have resumed producing wines destined to produce Fondillón from 2017. This is a joint venture with Vins del Comtat.

The hectares of production are not determined, but they can only be the oldest vines, bush vines of the Monastrell variety of the Alicante DOP. This DOP (one of the eldest in Spain) has 15,000 hectares of vineyards. Producers must inform the DOP before harvesting which vineyards we will allocate to Fondillón, and it is only done over the years with harvests with probable natural alcohol greater than 16% (not very common). It is exclusive to Alicante DOP.

There are only two types, "Vintage" and "Solera". Our wines are "Aged more than 25 years solera" and "aged more than 50 years solera". Fondillón is 100% Mourvèdre. It has a high natural acidity at 16% ABV (like the acidity of a Madeira). Brown in color. Aromas of Sherry and Madeira, with late harvest characteristics. Flavors of plums, raisins, and Christmas. Incredible 3-minute flavor finish.



408. 2023 Luis XIV, Brisat 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Merseguera

It is an intense yellow color, with orange reflections. On the nose it is very intense, with floral and fruity sensations reminiscent of a Mediterranean garden. In the mouth it has good tension, with medium tannins and very persistent aromas. Fine tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



409. 2023 Luis XIV, Ánforas 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

60% Monastrell, 30% Arcos, and 10% Bonicaire aged 4 months in ceramic amphorae (made of clay from Villarrobledo).

From old vines cultivated in the town of Canyada (Alicante). It is a wine that transmits the personality of the old Alicante wines.

Bright ruby color with violet hues. On the nose it is very intense and fresh, transmitting all the varietal authenticity of Monastrell, Arcos and Bonicaire. On the palate, the purity of the fresh fruit stands out, with light, velvety, fluid, and persistence. It is a medium-bodied wine with very fine tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



410. NV Luis XIV, Vermut 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

This wine is made by combining 70% young vermouth, with 30% Monastrell "rancio" wine that was aged for 8 years. The resulting wine was aged in Centenary old American oak.

Light brown color and orange tile rim, with medium intensity. On the nose, the warm aromas of dried fruits (hazelnuts, toasted marcona almonds) and very old noble wood stand out. In the mouth, it is almost dry, friendly, and very enveloping. Its aromas of hazelnuts, cinnamon and dried figs are combined with the creamy toasts of centennial oak. Long and clean finish.

- Peñin, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



411. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 25 Years 6/500ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 25 years in 19th-century American oak.

The wine is produced in the village of Cañada, in the subarea of Alto Vinalopó in the province of Alicante. Made from 100% Monastrell planted on traditional dry land as bush vines, at 550-580 meters above sea level and enjoying a Mediterranean climate with great marine influence due to the easterly winds.

"Fondillón is an extraordinary treasure of Alicante, a rare product, made from late harvest, non-botrytised grapes, unfortified, but with a final alcohol of no less than 16%. Intense, aged, but not sweet (deliciously not more than 45g/l). Fab with cheese or dark chocolate. The wines must be a minimum of 10 years; this release is more than 25 years. The project is a revival by David Carbonell of Vins del Comtat and two local families."

- Decanter, 95 points

- Peñin, 97 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle



412. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 50 Years 2/500ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 50 years in 19th-century American oak.

"I tasted the 2021 bottling of the NV Fondillón Luis XIV Edad Superior a 50 Años - Tonel Luna (over 50 years old), which was taken from a barrel called Luna (it's written on the back label). It has the profile of a very old wine, with volatile notes, hints of iodine and low tide, coconut, antique furniture, and bitter chocolate, coming through as bittersweet and at times even salty. It has sweetness, acidity, and depth, and it's pungent, intense and very long; take in small sips, as a drop goes a long way, such is the concentration by evaporation. It has 16.25% alcohol with a pH of 3.35 and 6.6 grams of acidity and 65 grams of sugar."

- Wine Advocate, 96 points

- Peñin, 97 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$415.99 / bottle

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Argot

'Argot' refers to a shared language, borne from, and reinforcing the intimacy associated with tight-knit groups, who are brought together by their common interests and shared histories:

"Each significant relationship in life gives rise to an 'argot' among the members who define it. The deeper the bond, and longer its history, this argot's vocabulary becomes more personal, allowing it to strengthen and enhance the dynamic. When opening a bottle of wine, so too is opened the flow of conversation and ability to connect. Throughout human history wine has been used for worship, celebration, mourning and, more simply, sharing life. The wine brand Argot honors the beautiful symmetry and complementary nature that wine and communication hold. Round up a friend, pull a cork, splash a glass, and enjoy."

Argot was created by winemaker Justin Harmon in 2007. Justin fell in love with wine as a consumer, and his education in chemical engineering drew him into the winemaking process. He began experimenting in his parent's Chicago basement, using a kit and then flash-frozen grapes brought in by rail car from Napa, then moved to California for his first harvest work in 2005. After harvest internships in 2006 and 2007, Justin bought his first ton of grapes and began the Argot project.



413. 2023 Argot, Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged on the fine lees for 4 months in neutral French oak barrels.

Massive aromatics, and a bold, intensely, full-flavored palate define the personality of this wine. Juicy stone fruits, laser-focused lemon Jolly Rancher and a full-blown tropical fruit character explode on the palate. This bright and inviting wine is perfectly suited to sunny afternoons or paired with classic summer fare.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



414. 2020 Argot, Le Rayon Vert, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma Mountain

100% Chardonnay aged on the heavy lees for 14 months and finished in steel for 2 months. "Le Rayon Vert", the phenomenon which occurs as the sun dips below the horizon, and a brilliant green flash occurs when sunlight prisms through Earth's atmosphere. Jules Verne wrote "a green which no artist could ever obtain on his palette", akin to the ethereal, green halo all truly pedigreed Chardonnays radiate from the glass. The wine comes from two hillside sites—Richard Dinner and Steiner Vineyard—that reside on the slopes of Sonoma Mountain. A powerful terroir whose wines deliver impressive fruit character, while retaining dazzling acidity and verve. Le Rayon Vert sings from the glass like a freshly opened stick of Wrigley's gum. Both intense and vibrant, the full-bodied palate delivers Granny Smith apple and stone fruits; confections of custard and sticky vanilla bean; animated by bursts of spearmint and pine forest.

Suggested Retail Price: \$86.99 / bottle



415. 2020 Argot, Bastard Tongue, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

100% Pinot Noir aged for 20 months in French oak (100% new).

Inheriting an unbroken string of success, the "Bastard Tongue" arrives fully formed and ready to impress. Always a blend from multiple Pinot Noir vineyards, this iteration of "BT" was selected from three distinct sites, each making their own unique contribution of Sonoma County terroir to the wine's character. Exploding forth on a tidal wave of high-toned, intense red and black fruits, this is a Pinot Noir that no stemware can contain. The palate's profound depth is balanced by an inherent freshness, allowing the wine to crackle with brambly energy, while sustained by bass notes of underbrush, black tea, pie spice and baker's chocolate. A formidable rendition of "Bastard Tongue", and a deserving successor to its line.

"I always love this cuvée from Argot, and their 2020 Pinot Noir Bastard Tongue certainly delivers the goods. Ripe, medium to full-bodied, and balanced, with some spicy, floral, and red and black-fruited aromatics, it has ripe tannins, integrated acidity, and outstanding length."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$85.99 / bottle



416. 2021 Argot, Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford Cuvée Leo 12/750ml

Source: United States - California - Napa Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon clone 15, 337 aged 22 months in French Oak Barrels (80% new)

"Though rich and dense, this offers a note of freshness. The black cherry, black currant and licorice flavors work well together, pumping through as subtle notes of loam and singed alder skirt underneath. The polished finish lets in a violet accent. Accessible now. Drink now through 2035. 135 cases made."

- Wine Spectator, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$174.99 / bottle



417. 2021 Argot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonny's Vineyard 12/750ml

Source: United States - California - Napa Valley

Varietal 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

As distinct and impressive a terroir as we farm in the Napa Valley. The rocky, gravel-rich soils contribute to a distinct savage/mineral character, creating a stunning complexity to play off of Cabernet's natural robust and fruit-driven personality from Oakville. In 2021 Argot added a new vineyard block to our holdings at Bonny's. Deeper gravel and the famously low-yielding Disney clone conspire towards awesome complexity, and a deeply mysterious, brooding personality. A wholly different Cabernet from its 2021 siblings that you will not want to miss.

Suggested Retail Price: \$174.99 / bottle

Laird Family Estate

After 30 years of growing grapes for other wineries, Ken and Gail Laird established Laird Family Estate in 1999. Located in Napa Valley near the Oak Knoll District, the winery's beginnings stem from the Laird family's tradition of farming. Ken Laird is the third generation to carry on this tradition, buying his first Napa Valley parcel in 1970. It was a neglected 70 acres of worn-down prune trees, adjacent to Tubbs Lane in Calistoga. At the time, Napa Valley was on the brink of resurfacing as viticulturally significant, and the beauty and lifestyle of Napa Valley convinced Ken to make the decision to embark on developing the deteriorated orchard into a grape vineyard.

Today Laird's vineyards have grown into the largest vineyard holding in the Napa Valley, with over 2,200 acres spread out over 42 vineyards. Laird's custom crush operation provides grapes for 62 boutique brands. Laird Family Estate wines are selected from their favorite 3% of estate vineyard sites. Ken's daughter Rebecca is the General Manager, and his son Justin manages the vineyards. Paul Hobbs was Laird's winemaker from their inaugural 1999 vintage until 2015 when Brian Mox (MIT/UC Davis) took over.

Laird seeks to create great estate wines that are a "window to a place", wines that provide each vineyard a voice to express its individuality. They concentrate on selecting the highest quality grapes from specific single Napa and Sonoma estate vineyards to express each varying microclimate's individual qualities.



418. 2023 Laird, Pinot Grigio, Cold Creek 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Carneros

100% Pinot Grigio.

Cold Creek Ranch is a 300-acre vineyard located on the Sonoma side of the Carneros district. The cooling sea breezes off the San Pablo Bay are perfectly suited for Pinot Grigio as well as Chardonnay, two grape varieties that thrive in this special vineyard.

The clear yellow sapphire hue sparkles in the sunlight. The inviting aromas include ripe passionfruit, honeysuckle, and Juicy Fruit gum. The palate is balanced, with enticing flavors of melon, apricot, and vanilla, and a balance of acidity with subtle minerality, leading to a focused, mouthwatering finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



419. 2021 Laird, Chardonnay, Cold Creek 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Carneros

100% Chardonnay aged 11 months in used French oak.

Laird's Cold Creek Chardonnay is grown in the slightly cooler microclimate of the Sonoma side of the Los Carneros district to the west, where thick fog and cool marine winds protect its tender skins. Indigenous to the Burgundy region of France, Clones 15 and 95 at a 50:50 ratio exhibit an approachable style and luminous, golden color.

The translucent golden hue leads you to an aromatic journey with hints of jasmine, white peach, and juicy honeydew. The wine has flavors of honeysuckle and pineapple that are complemented by a creamy mouthfeel and an enticing hint of lemon custard.

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



420. 2022 Laird, Pinot Noir, Ghost Ranch 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Carneros

100% Pinot Noir aged 9 months in French oak (60% new).

Vineyard workers have long reported seeing people between the rows and down by the creek, people who simply disappear when approached...hence the name 'Ghost Ranch'. Burgundy red color with purple undertones. Delightful aromas are reminiscent of toffee, raspberry, red cherry, and a touch of earth. This light bodied wine is complemented by silky tannins and complex flavors of toasted coconut, clove, juicy plum, and pleasant finish that lingers on your palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$59.99 / bottle



421. 2018 Laird, Jillian's Blend 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Syrah, 9% Merlot, 3% Malbec, and 1% Petit Verdot aged 21 months in 90% French and 10% American oak (35% new and 65% neutral).

The Laird family has been proudly growing grapes in Napa Valley for two generations; this unique fusion of four varietals honors the youngest member of the third generation in our farming family, our daughter Jillian. This Left Bank Bordeaux-style blend with a twist of Rhone is structured, but easy to drink. Jillian's is the only blend Laird makes and it's their most popular red wine.

"On the slightly rugged, old-school style of the spectrum, with a core of steeped red and black currant fruit backed by a burly structure and notes of chestnut, sage and bay leaf. Shows singed cedar and alder notes that thread up the finish, with nice latent energy. For fans of the gutsy style. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. Best from 2024 through 2036."

- Wine Spectator Insider, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.99 / bottle



422. 2018 Laird, Cabernet Sauvignon, Flat Rock Ranch 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 21 months in French oak (50% new)

Laird's Flat Rock Ranch Vineyard is located near the north corner of where Yountville Cross Road meets Silverado Trail, on State Lane. This prized, complex fruit from the Yountville Appellation is a result of unique geological and meteorological conditions: volcanic soils like the adjacent Stags Leap District, but also display ancient coastal deposits, and sedimentary and alluvial soils that provide beneficial stress for the vines.

"The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Flat Rock is laced with crème de cassis, menthol, lavender, spice and blueberry jam. Inky and plush, with quite a bit of energy backing it all up."

- Vinous, 93+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle

The Mascot

Mascot is a small-production label founded by Will Harlan in Napa Valley. The wines under this label are made from the younger vines of Harlan Estate, BOND, and Promontory, but The Mascot bottles share an exclusive preview at the development of their estates. Founded as an initial experiment to see what the young vines could produce; the wines were initially only shared with close friends and family. By 2008, Will officially released the first vintage to the public since production had increased significantly. They create just one wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon, and the bottle is aged five years before release.

In general, the winery is focused on capturing the purest expression of each property and their winegrowing philosophy is their way to get there. Although their philosophy would qualify as biodynamic or organic they like to take the best parts of these and move beyond their dogmas. For example, they allow the cover crop to grow and subside in normal cycles without the use of cultivation. This is for two reasons, one that they don't want to disturb the activities of soil creation and health that are caused by the soil microflora and secondly because they are on a hillside and don't want to erode the soils.

The source of The Mascot's label came from the family's collection of favorite engravings. The engraving of "Prince" was commissioned over one-hundred years ago, by the president of the Farmers Deposit National Bank of Pittsburgh, for the bank's stock certificates. The dog, an English bullterrier, lived at the bank, and became a beloved symbol of their down-to-earth, loyal, and personal customer service values. He also served as a mascot to local teams that the bank sponsored, and in keeping with this belief The Mascot continues to acquaint newcomers with the profound and convivial pleasures of Napa.



423. 2020 The Mascot, Red Blend, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States - California - Napa Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in barrel for nearly three years prior to bottling and another 18 months prior to release.

The subtle, ethereal power of the vintage reveals itself first in the deep, brooding aromas of dark fruit, black tea, and herbal notes. The texture expands around a lifted structure, as powdery tannins gently resolve. This diffused, enigmatic softness is anchored on the mid-palate by a gratifying density, which prepares the senses for a flourish of hidden energy and vivid detail that illuminates the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$184.99 / bottle

Paradigm Winery

Ren and Marilyn Harris founded Paradigm, a sustainably farmed vineyard and winery in the Oakville District of California's Napa Valley, in 1976. Paradigm has extraordinarily deep roots in the region; Marilyn is a third generation Napa Valley grower and Ren has been farming the area since the 1960s. Together, Ren and Marilyn have completely replanted the vineyard twice. The first time was to change the grape varieties and the second was to protect the vineyard from phylloxera, which hit the Napa Valley in the late 1980s. Paradigm's first vintage was in 1991, and since then, every bottle of Paradigm wine is grown, crushed, fermented, barrel aged, bottled and stored on sight.

The vineyard's soil and microclimate are perfectly tuned for growing Bordeaux rouge varietals and is now planted with 7 blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon (37 acres), 3 blocks of Merlot (12 acres), Cabernet Franc (4 acres), Zinfandel (1 acre) and Petite Verdot (1 acre). Paradigm maintains a 6,000-case annual production and places great importance on the long-time relationships forged with the Paradigm crew and connoisseurs.

Winemaker Heidi Peterson Barret has been with Paradigm since 1991. She is a Napa Valley Native and graduate of U.C. Davis. Heidi knows that her work at Paradigm is with a historically supremely farmed vineyard site, allowing the fruit to express its quality and terroir with little intervention.

Paradigm's style is as well established as the vineyard; wines are consistent and age worthy, full of red and black fruit in their youth, known for their balance and ability to masterfully compliment a meal.



424. 2019 Paradigm, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: United States - California - Napa Valley

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc, aged 20 months in French oak (only about a third of that is new oak) and for 20 more months in bottle before release.

Paradigm Cabernet Sauvignon is dark ruby in color with aromas of deep ripe fruit, black cherries, blackberry, currants, plums, savory spice, vanilla, and toasty French Oak. Aromas and flavors show nice concentration in 2019. The wine has a dense texture and mouthcoating mouthfeel. Classic Oakville Cabernet flavors similar to the aromas. Optimum ripeness leads to a lush, rich, and well-balanced wine that bodes well for age ability. Layered and interesting with a long persistent finish. A delicious offering from Paradigm. Enjoy!

Suggested Retail Price: \$97.50 / bottle

Trione Vineyards and Winery

Trione Winery was established in 2005 by Mark and Vic Trione. The Trione family has farmed Sonoma County for three generations and is deeply rooted in the Sonoma County wine industry. Mark and Vic have been dedicated farmers for forty years and own and cultivate almost 700 vineyard acres in Sonoma County prime appellations: Russian River Valley, Alexander Valley, and Sonoma Coast. River Road Ranch covers 115 acres along the rolling hills of the Russian River Valley. Its soils are alluvial deposits of the Russian River, well-drained sandy clay loam over sandy loam subsoil. Along the western flank of the Mayacamas Mountains which run to the eastern bank of the Russian River is Cloverdale Ranch, 180 acres in the Alexander Valley Appellation. The grapes for Trione Cabernet Sauvignon come from one block, "Block 21", planted in 2001 and a single selection of the Bordeaux clone 337. Soils here are clay loam over sand clay loam subsoils with a high percentage of rounded gravel from alluvial sediments.

Trione Family Vineyards produces 5,000 cases annually from Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, Malbec, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Syrah grapes. Winemaker Scot Covington crafts small lots of estate wine of the highest level of quality. The pride of the Trione Family's history and passion for Sonoma County hospitality food and wine are apparent in each glass of Trione wine.



425. 2023 Trione, Sauvignon Blanc, River Road Ranch 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley

100% Sauvignon Blanc

This wine showcases beautiful aromas of lemon zest and lime intertwined with fresh, juicy white peach. On the palate the bright acidity accentuates flavors of guava and honeydew melon. Trione Sauvignon Blanc will pair beautifully with a variety of dishes from pan seared sea scallops to creamy spaghetti carbonara.

- The Tasting Panel, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



426. 2020 Trione, Chardonnay, River Road Ranch 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

100% Chardonnay aged 10-12 months in French oak barrels (40% new).

River Road Ranch is a 115-acre jewel in the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA.

Chardonnay vines thrive in well-drained soil, shrouded with fog-cooled nights, ideal growing conditions. The grapes for this wine came from two blocks of twelve and fifteen-year-old vines, planted with clones #4, 95, and 2A-Wente.

“Bottled poetry is the description of Trione Chardonnay. Burgundian style of both nose and palate. Rich and inviting, this wine offers a complex mix of toasty baguette, warm melted brie; silky but with a structure demonstrating the aging potential.”

- James Suckling, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



427. 2019 Trione, Pinot Noir, River Road Ranch 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged 15 months in 60% French and 40% American oak barrels (40% new).

Pinot Noir is a beautiful wine. The Trione Russian River Ranch Pinot Noir is an excellent example of the variety. While Burgundian in origin, the Trione Pinot shows its Russian River boldness and perfect fruit expression. A great complexity of earthiness, fruit forwardness, and elemental boldness, this wine is very expressive. It lingers on the palate for a smooth, light to medium bodied mouthfeel.

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle



428. 2018 Trione, Henry's Blend, Alexander Valley 6/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Malbec aged 18 months in French oak barrels (40% new).

"Comprised of 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Malbec, this is a blend that's greater than the sum of its parts. That's a rare judgment on my part, as Cabernet Sauvignon can produce gloriously complete wines on its own from top North Coast appellations, but this does indeed draw some extra textural fleshiness from the Merlot component while also deriving interesting aromatic and flavor nuances from the other varieties. Already very well integrated, this will become even more complex with aging, but is showing beautifully now. It could easily stand up to a grilled steak but could also play nicely with a roasted duck. That's impressive versatility."

- The Tasting Panel, 94 points

- James Suckling, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$55.99 / bottle



429. 2019 Trione, Cabernet Sauvignon, Block 21 6/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 8% Merlot, 2% Cabernet France, and 2% Petit Verdot
Block 21 Cabernet is a single vineyard selection from the Trione Cloverdale Ranch, located on the western flank of the Mayacamas Mountains, in the northern portion of Alexander Valley. The vines, planted in 2001 with Bordeaux clone 337, grow in clay and sandy loam soils underlain with a high percentage of gravel. Cabernet Sauvignon grown in this ideal terroir develops deep, concentrated flavors and fine, smooth tannins.

The Trione Block 21 Cabernet Sauvignon is deep, dark, and foreboding. The wine is rich with black currant and dark chocolate aromas and flavors. Inhale, close your eyes and envision an old saddle, favorite wallet, or baseball glove, those rustic leather notes are prominent. The structure is tight but has length and verbosity.

- James Suckling, 93 points

- The Tasting Panel, 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$84.99 / bottle

Precision Wine Co.

Trevor Sheehan spent nearly 10 years collecting and trading some of the world's finest wines and learning from masters of winemaking in Bordeaux and Burgundy before he decided to create his own value-based brands that showcase the unique characteristics of California wine regions. Trevor was first exposed to wine while he was at college in his native Texas and developed a taste for Burgundy which he started collecting. He began selling wine wholesale and eventually created Balius from 400 cases of Oakville Cabernet that wasn't selling. In 2010, Trevor left Dallas and accounting for wine country and moved to Napa; here he founded Precision Wine Company. As the name suggests, Precision Wine Company is focused on attention to detail and precise commitment to quality by presenting a distinguished collection of wines (they showcase 46 brands, majorly for private customers) which express the complex and delicious California wine country flavors.



430. 2022 Octopoda, Pinot Noir, Russian River 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged 10 months in 40% new French oak.

Beautiful garnet color with aromas of Bing cherry, red raspberry, baking spice and subtle vanilla notes. On the palate, the flavors are of concentrated red and blue fruit, with a core of cherry and dark raspberry with purple violet floral notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



431. 2022 Octopoda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States - California - Napa Valley

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot, aged in new oak barrels for 10 months.

Octopoda Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of brambly raspberry and lavender that are layered with barrel notes of vanilla and toffee. Rich black plum and black cherry are at the forefront of a solid core of fruit that coats the palate, while an underlying note of mocha that compliments the bold, firm texture and full body.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle

Volker Eisele

Volker Eisele Family Estate creates enticing wines from the Chiles Valley District of Napa Valley. Organically farmed since 1974, the vineyard reflects the passion of the Eisele Family's commitment to grow exceptional grapes and to produce elegant estate wines.

Volker Eisele Family Estate is situated in the Chiles Valley District, a sub-appellation of the Napa Valley American Viticultural Area. Cloaked in frequent Pacific fog, and with elevations of 600-1200 feet, the Chiles Valley District is one of the cooler areas of the Napa Valley resulting in a long growing season. The valley's perfect cabernet climate enhances the development of wines with subtle flavors, full body, and overall complexity.

The Estate's sixty acres of vineyard grow at elevations of 900 to 1100 feet on east, west and south facing slopes as well as on the valley floor. Soils vary from clay-loam to shale. After purchasing the vineyard property, the Eisele's began an extensive redevelopment and restoration of both the vineyard acreage and the riparian corridors. Presently 72% of the vineyards are planted in Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Merlot, 10.5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Semillon and 2% Sauvignon Blanc. Seven different Cabernet clones have been incorporated to provide diversity of flavor.

Since 1974 the Eisele's have enriched the vineyard soils through use of organic farming practices. No herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers have been used. The vineyard is certified as organic by both the California Certified Organic Farmers and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. It has been set back from the property's creeks to substantially increase riparian vegetation. Oaks and other native tree species have been planted on the creek banks to prevent erosion. Throughout the property creeks and associated riparian areas have been protected and enhanced.



432. 2023 Volker Eisele, Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

82% Sauvignon Blanc and 18% Semillon co-fermented in 100% stainless steel.

“Guava, papaya, lemon grass and a squeeze of salted lime deliver complex, palate-stimulating and delicious flavor. Persistent, mouthwatering acidity carries a silken mouthfeel through a distinctive and refined Sauvignon Blanc. This wine is enjoyable now but will continue to gain complexity in the bottle if held in cellar.”

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$45.00/ bottle



433. 2018 Volker Eisele, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot aged 22 months in 50% new French oak.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a brilliant garnet color in the glass. The nose is extroverted and effusive with bright red aromas of ripe cherries and plums, with a touch of peach and hint of anise and white pepper. In the mouth, the wine shows excellent oak integration, with prominent flavors of juicy huckleberries, milk chocolate, and sweet barrel spices. The lengthy finish carries nutmeg, cinnamon, and vanilla through to the end.

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle

Hoopes Vineyard

Hoopes Vineyard is a small, family-owned winegrower and producer with deep roots in Napa Valley. The estate is now run by a second-generation proprietor, Lindsay Hoopes. Raised on the farm by her wine-loving family, Lindsay learned how to cultivate grapes and promote Napa’s sense of place and terroir through her father, Spencer Hoopes. Spencer Hoopes loved farming and developed a passion for wine as the wine industry in Napa blossomed right around him.

Hoopes' vineyards are heritage vineyards, mostly from the 1980’s and 1990’s and grafted from “suitcase” clones of unknown origin. They are unique to Napa’s early heritage. Indeed, Hoopes has the oldest pre-Phylloxera vineyard in Oakville. That site remains a sought-out destination by wine educators and enthusiasts alike because it is a telescope into some older farming techniques and Napa’s agricultural history. This vineyard is Hoopes' flagship vineyard and was the fruit source for the first vintage of Hoopes Family Vineyard wine. They still farm and produce from this vineyard today.

Hoopes cares deeply about sustainability efforts and intend to shepherd the land for multiple generations to come. All their vineyards are Certified Organic or are undergoing certification. The vineyards are working, regenerative farms complete with animals, water recycling systems, and bio-diversity practices aimed at enhancing the overall health of their vineyard ecosystem.



434. 2021 Hoopes, Chardonnay, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – Chardonnay – Napa Valley

100% Chardonnay aged in a combination of stainless steel and Italian clay amphora. No oak.

"The 2021 Chardonnay Napa Valley offers up a more medium-bodied, juicy, if not Chablis-like vibe in its stone and melon fruits as well as focused, lively texture."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



435. 2021 Hoopla, Cabernet Sauvignon, California 12/750ml

Source: United States - California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 18 months in new and 1 year old French Oak, racked 5 times.

This generous Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep, inky purple color and is very ripe with blackberry and blueberry fruit. The palate is very concentrated with deep plum and pomegranate flavors which include some panforte spices. Though the wine is very concentrated, it is balanced with acidity and its oak profile while ample is integrated. Overall, the wine finishes ripe with black cherry, cassis and spices, very supple and silky and long on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.50 / bottle



436. 2019 Hoopes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (45% new).

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley is a clear step up and is a bigger, richer, deeper wine compared to the more forward 2018. Red and black fruits, iris, violets, and spicy notes flow to a medium to full-bodied, velvety textured, balanced Cabernet that is a stunning value."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle



437. 2019 Hoopes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 12/750ml

Source: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aging for 22 months in 100% French oak barrels (45% new)

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville brings more elegance and finesse. Coming all from Oakville and aged 28 months in 50% new barrels, it has perfumed red and black fruits, lots of spicy oak, medium body, and just a seamless, pretty, elegant profile that's going to evolve nicely for 10-15 years."

- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$115.99 / bottle

Oregon

Fullerton Wines

Great wine speaks profoundly, a universal language transcending any one culture. Hailing from northern Europe, the Fullerton family speaks many languages, and delights in sharing the language of wine with others. Fullerton Wines crafts elegant and distinctive Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays that transport you to their place, Oregon's Willamette Valley.

A family of enophiles, the Fullerton's can trace their love of wine to Eric, who was first introduced to wine growing and production during his teenage years when he worked as a cellar hand in Germany (a story in and of itself). A few years later, his best friend in Denmark inherited an impressive cellar of Bordeaux and Burgundy wines. Together, they sought younger bottlings of the cellared wines, and held vertical tastings. Their interest in wine grew, and they began traveling throughout France discovering new producers to fuel their expanding passion.

Fullerton Wines began in a garage in 2011. Alex and Eric partnered with their good friend Roger Wallberg and made a few barrels of Pinot Noir. Despite the challenging vintage, the wine impressed, and Fullerton Wines was born.

At Fullerton Wines, the pursuit of great wine guides them to organic and biodynamic farming methods because of its ability to build up healthy soils while also sequestering carbon into the soil (thereby helping to mitigate climate change). Through these methods, they improve the aggregate stability, drainage, water-holding capacity, and infiltration of the soils. They also reduce erosion and nutrient leaching.



438. 2022 Fullerton, Three Otters, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: United States – Oregon – Willamette Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged in 98% neutral oak and 2% new French oak.

Three otters have rested prominently on the Fullerton family crest since the 13th century.

Today, the family crafts these wines to honor their Northern European heritage. The Three Otters wines are energetic, playful, and make friends easily at gatherings.

Light ruby-red. Aromas of fresh red berries, cologne, autumn leaves, crushed rock, and pungent moss lead. A soft palate follows packing plenty of flavor into each sip. Strawberry, raspberry, and cherry are accented by tanned leather, fines herbs, and cinnamon.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle

Maysara Wines

Maysara winery is nestled in the foothills of the McMinnville AVA, in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The Momtazi family is dedicated to biodynamic farming practices. What makes Maysara unique is that there is an elevation of over 600 feet in the vineyards. From the property's lowest point at 120 feet to around 600 feet, the soil is clay and loam based (like most of the valley). From 600-780 feet, there is Jory soil (a red earth loaded with iron and mineral deposits). Quite a bit of the McMinnville AVA has this topsoil. What makes this part of Maysara's vineyard special is that there's 10 feet of this earth before the base of loam and calcareous sub-soil.

They believe that 90% of winemaking takes place in the vineyard. Because of this, they have held themselves to a strict form of land use acting as stewards of the land to nurture and reap the rewards naturally. Their alternative approach to chemical use is growing a variety of medicinal and dynamic flowers and herbs that they make into compost teas. By steeping into teas, they're able to harness the beneficial properties of each flower and herb and embody a "from nature to nature" philosophy. As such, their multiple compost piles and Biodynamic preparations are extremely important for their vineyards because the resulting humus is worked into their vineyard to achieve long-term soil and vine health.



439. 2020 Maysara, 3 Degrees, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: United States - Oregon - Willamette Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged 9 months in neutral French oak barrels.

3° (Three Degrees) Pinot Noir is handcrafted by the Momtazi sisters whose differing personalities; combined with elegance, finesse and balance, reflect the dynamic characteristics of the Momtazi Vineyard. The sisters, Tahmiene, Naseem and Hanna, set out to make a pinot that tastes great and has the highest quality fruit all while being affordable for everyone.

3 Degrees is approachable and well structured, aromas of blackberry and dark cherry fruits waft out of the glass. The palate awakens the senses with a bold core of elegant red and black fruits, earthy undertones, juicy acidity, and youthful tannins. This wine will delight a range of palates and lend itself to food pairings galore.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle

Washington

Avennia

Marty Taucher and Chris Peterson (Seattle Magazine's 2017 Winemaker of the Year) got together in 2009, at first only to review Marty's draft of a winery business plan. Peterson was ready to take the next step in his winemaking career. The timing was perfect and together Marty and Chris founded Avennia, with focus on their shared fundamentals: "mutual respect, complimentary skill, and a love of great wine". The name Avennia was inspired by the Roman name for the city of Avignon, which signifies the heart of Old-World wine making. Using naturalist vigneron methods, putting a great deal of thought into vineyard sites (down to specific blocks), and taking winemaking style, vine age and climate into consideration, Avennia wines express a key tenant of the Old World: wines that move seamlessly from start to finish with a delicate balance of fruit, acid, tannin, and oak, with no single aspect dominating another. The finest Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Grenache and Mourvèdre grapes from Yakima and Columbia Valley are sourced, native yeast is used to ferment, and they are bottled unfinned to keep as much unique characteristics as possible.



440. 2022 Lydian, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Lydian was established in 2019 as a new way to experience Washington wine.

Full bodied and rich, with black cherry, currant, dark chocolate, and fresh herbs. Great Washington Cabernet character and structure.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



441. 2021 Avennia, Cabernet Franc, Champoux Vineyard 12/750ml

Source: United States - Washington - Horse Heaven Hills

100% Cabernet Franc aged 20 months in 20% new French oak.

This very limited bottling shows the compelling potential of Cabernet Franc from a top vineyard. Though it's often used as a spice in Avennia's Bordeaux blends, this wine, from the legendary Champoux Vineyard, has its own unique character and complexity that convinced them to feature it alone.

Featuring a dark garnet color, this year's Cabernet Franc opens with dark red cherry, boysenberry, damp earth, winter mint, and hints of rose petal on the nose. The palate is weighty, full-bodied, and complex, with mulberry, tobacco leaf, earthy notes, and savory herbs, kept lively with bright acidity. One of the standouts of the vintage, this beauty can stay in the cellar another year or two, and be enjoyed over the following decade plus.

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.99 / bottle



442. 2021 Avennia, Gravura, Red Blend 12/750ml

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot aged 20 months in 50% new French oak.

Every wine is a story waiting to be told; Avennia's philosophy is to gently guide it to its best expression. Gravura is dedicated to the artisan aspect of winemaking. This blend is inspired by the wines of the Graves region in Bordeaux, emphasizing balance, complexity, and above all, deliciousness.

Beautifully balanced old and new world aromas of blueberry compote, black cherry, black currants, vanilla bean, crushed violet, and Bordeaux-like notes of graphite, cigar box, Ethiopian espresso, and flood minerals. The vintage really comes through on the palate, with impeccable balance, lively lifting acidity, and a seamless focus of blue and black fruits, floral and herbal complexity, along with a gravelly minerality that recalls the great wines of Bordeaux. The finish lingers with a mix of dark fruits, flowers, and ground espresso.

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle



443. 2020 Avennia, Sestina, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc aged 20 months in new French oak barrels.

The story of this wine - The Sestina is an ancient form of poetry from Medieval France. Just as a modern poet can fill this form with new expressions, Avennia uses the traditional Bordeaux blend to express Washington. Sestina is their vision for an old vine, a complex blend where all the components complement each other.

"Toasted cedar, pinecones, walnuts and cocoa with ripe blackcurrants and cherries. Medium-to full-bodied, plush, and generously dark-fruited, with a firm grip of tannins, a polished texture and a toasty, lingering finish. A little chewy at the end."

- James Suckling, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$78.50 / bottle



444. 2020 Avennia, Arnaut, Syrah 12/750ml

Source: United States – Washington – Yakima Valley
100% Syrah aged for 16 months in French oak (15% new).

"Licorice, chocolate orange, nutmeg, raspberries and vanilla on the nose. It's full-bodied with soft, juicy black fruit and spice accompanied by velvety tannins. Creamy, ripe and plush with a lengthy finish."

- James Suckling, 93 points

- International Wine Report, 95 points

- Wine Spectator, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$64.99 / bottle

Virginia

Pearmund Cellars

Pearmund Cellars is a 7,500 square foot geothermal winery and 25-acre vineyard located in the serene foothills of eastern Fauquier County, Virginia. Established in 1976, the estate has had active agriculture since the mid-1700s. Chris Pearmund, one of Virginia's most recognized and respected wine-growers and maker, purchased Pearmund in 1993. Fifteen acres of 11,000 Chardonnay vines (the oldest Chardonnay vines in the State of Virginia), cultivars and clones of Chardonnay are planted at the Pearmund Estate.

The vineyard is managed with as little intrusion as possible; the estate operates in a holistic, earth-conscious manner. Pearmund also sources grapes from premier Virginia vineyards that specialize in only one grape variety. Pearmund Cellars produces about 7,000 cases of award-winning Chardonnay, Viognier, Riesling, Late Harvest Vidal, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Ameritage annually.



445. 2022 Pearmund Cellars, Petit Manseng 12/750ml

Source: United States – Virginia
100% Petit Manseng

Pearmund Cellars is the largest producer of Petit Manseng in the Country.

Notes of mandarin orange, honeysuckle, and lemon are expressed on the nose. Crisp acidity on the palate creates wonderful balance as it combines with flavors of apricot, pear, and mango.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.50 / bottle



446. 2020 Pearmund Cellars, Ameritage Red 12/750ml

Source: United States – Virginia

42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc and 11% Petit Verdot aged 10 months in American oak.

Aromas of warm bramble preserves, with a touch of toasted oak, red cherries, and warm spice envelop the senses. Enjoy hints of cola with a nice balance of red and black fruits on the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.50 / bottle

Missouri

St. James Winery

Family owned and operated since 1970, St. James Winery has been producing award-winning wines unique to Missouri. Jim and Pat Hotherr founded St. James with the dream to resurrect Missouri's Pre-Prohibition wine making acclaim. Their initial year produced 3,400 cases and two wines: Velvet Red and Velvet White, which were met with instant popularity.

St. James current winemaker, Andrew Meggit strives to maintain the reputation, not only of the first winemakers at St. James, but also of those pre-prohibition era Missouri winemakers, while also growing and developing new and exciting flavors.

For over 40 years, St. James' push for excellence has proved a successful driving force; today St. James is the largest winery in Missouri with an annual production of over 200,000 cases and holds hundreds of awards for its wines and facilities and vast popularity to its name.

They use sustainable growing practices by controlling water usage and using efficient harvesting equipment, low energy/sustainable wine fermentation and storage methods. Their facilities are also sustainable, with an energy saving refrigeration system and eco-friendly lighting, as well as a commitment to recycling and composting.



447. NV St. James, Velvet White 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Niagara and Chardone!l

Delicate and sweet with intense fruity aromas and flavors. A blend of America's best American and hybrid grapes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle



448. NV St. James Winery, Peach 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Peach wine is crafted with 100% pure, juicy peaches. This peach wine brings fresh from the orchard peach flavors and aromas to your glass. The next best thing to biting into a perfectly ripe peach.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



449. NV St. James, Cranberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Crafted from real cranberries for an authentic fruit taste. Fruit forward style and nice balance of sweetness and tartness with a clean finish.

Sweet and tart with bright, festive cranberry colors, aromas and flavors. Our Cranberry wine offers refreshing, fresh cranberry acidity with a nice, long cranberry finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



450. NV St. James Winery, Cherry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Cherry wine is crafted with 100% pure, plump cherries.

Sweet and tart, this cherry wine is better than ripe cherries fresh from the tree.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



451. NV St. James Winery, Strawberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Strawberry wine is crafted with 100% pure, ripe strawberries.

Fresh picked strawberries never tasted this good. This strawberry wine is made from sweet vine-ripened strawberries.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



452. NV St. James Winery, Blueberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Blueberry wine is crafted with 100% pure, ripe blueberries. It is part of a collection of internationally awarded fruit wines from St. James Winery that are perfect for mixing in cocktails, cooking, and baking, or simply enjoying.

Fresh picked blueberry aromas and flavors, delicate and very juicy with full-bodied richness. This is St. James #1 SKU by volume.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



453. NV St. James Winery, Blackberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Blackberry wine is crafted with 100% pure, ripe blackberries. It is part of a collection of internationally awarded fruit wines from St. James Winery that are perfect for mixing in cocktails, cooking, and baking, or simply enjoying.

Tastes just like fresh picked blackberries in a bottle.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



454. NV St. James Winery, Velvet Red 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

100% Concord grapes from Ozark Highlands AVA.

Tastes and smells like ripe, just picked grapes. Velvet Red is fruity and mouth-filling and best served chilled.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



455. NV St. James Winery, Sweet White 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Welch's Niagara and Concord Grapes

This sweet white wine starts with Welch's 100% USA grown grapes that go from vine to press within 8 hours. Through the hard work of their 700 growers, St. James Winery is able to craft this sweet and bright white wine with a beautifully smooth finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle



456. NV St. James Winery, Sweet Red 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Welch's Concord Grapes

This sweet red wine starts with Welch's 100% USA-grown grapes that go from vine to press within 8 hours. Through the hard work of its 700 growers, St. James Winery can craft this sweet, jammy red wine with a beautifully smooth finish. S

Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle

SPARKLING and CHAMPAGNE

Baron Aime

Baron Aime is a special project made for Kysela Père et Fils, LTD for 2 custom cuvées of Crémant de Bourgogne, one Rosé and one Brut. The producer for this project is a well-known Crémant de Bourgogne house with more than 130 years of expertise. They used to have the production facility in Nuits-Saint-Georges, but they are now operating in Meursault in a state-of-the-art modern facility. The average age of the vines is around 40 years old, giving an extra depth and layer to these delicious sparkling wines.



457. NV Baron Aime, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Crémant de Bourgogne

40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir, and 30% Aligoté. Traditional method. The grapes are pressed immediately upon arrival at the winery in pneumatic presses. The fermentation is carried out in stainless steel vats at 18°C. The base wines are then assembled. Fermentation (second alcoholic fermentation) in bottles on the lees for 9 months. Then riddling in gyropallets and disgorgement to eliminate the deposit in the bottle. Addition of expedition liqueur before capping and muzzling. Brut (dosage of 10 g/L of sugar in the expedition liqueur).

"Golden straw color. Aromas and flavors of brioche, green and yellow apple, dried pineapple, and lemon oil with a supple, vibrant, finely carbonated, dry medium body and a smooth, engaging, medium-long finish displaying impressions of croissant with salted butter and tart pear jam, white tea, and grapefruit peel with no oak flavor. A lovely and racy aperitif that will pair splendidly with a cheese and bread course."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



458. NV Baron Aime, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rose 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Crémant de Bourgogne
85% Pinot Noir and 15% Chardonnay. Traditional method.

Traditional method. The grapes are pressed immediately upon arrival at the winery in pneumatic presses. The fermentation is carried out in stainless steel vats at 18°C. The base wines are then assembled. Fermentation (second alcoholic fermentation) in bottles on the lees for 9 months. Then riddling in gyropallets and disgorgement to eliminate the deposit in the bottle. Addition of expedition liqueur before capping and muzzling. Brut (dosage of 10 g/L of sugar in the expedition liqueur).

"Steely amber color. Aromas and flavors of strawberry, green apple, toasted oats, and creme fraiche with a satiny, lively, finely carbonated, dry light-to-medium body and a tingling, intricate, medium-length finish that presents overtones of slightly under ripe wild strawberries, apricot, warm bread dough, and lemon zest. Lively and bright for a perfect aperitif yet with just enough richness and body to carry you in seamlessly to the first course."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 94 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle

Wolfberger

Wolfberger is a union of producers located in Eguisheim, south of Colmar in Alsace. The city was also the home of Pope Leo IX, the Reformer (Pope from 1048 – 1054 A.D.). The winery was founded in 1902 when a group of winegrowers in Eguisheim decided to join forces to create one of the first cooperatives in Alsace. The cave has 450 members today. Wolfberger combines tradition and constant innovation to elaborate high quality wines and preserve their typicity.

Wolfberger comprises 1,200 hectares (2,965 acres), 500 of which are in and around Eguisheim. Their vineyards are planted Sylvaner, Riesling, Muscat, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Noir, with Riesling as the top grape and Pinot Blanc second. Jerome Keller has served as a winemaker since 2011. The vineyards cover 13,000 parcels and over 15 Grand Crus. Rangen is the most southerly vineyard in Alsace and belongs to the towns of Thann and Vieux-Thann. This mountainside vineyard ranges from 340 to 470 m in altitude, and its slopes are extremely steep (up to 85%), with dark, stony soil, where harvesting resembles mountain climbing because the grape-pickers work from top to bottom, secured with harnesses and ropes. The grapes are brought down on sledges.

Wolfberger distillery has a heritage stretching back over a century, to 1874. The company produces a wide selection of rich brandies, blending new and traditional skills in its constant search for new flavors. To ensure that only the finest fruits go into the brandies, they have planted a total of 1,000 hectares of orchards growing cherries, William's pears, and raspberries.

The Cremant d'Alsace AOC was founded in 1976 and represents a quarter of Vins d'Alsace production with an annual production of 3 million 9-liter cases. Vineyards encompass 35,000 acres and there are over 500 producers.



459. NV Wolfberger, Alsace, Cremant Reverence IX 6/750ml

Source: France – 100% Pinot Blanc aged on the lees for 3 years. This reserve bottling is named for Pope Leo the IX, the reformer.

This Crémant shows a brilliant shining gold color. The bubbles are fine and form a persistent ring. The complex nose presents a floral character of acacia flowers, with light tones of brioche. The mouth is enhanced by a fine and refreshing acidity, great and persistent floral flavors, and an unctuous and delicate effervescence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.95 / bottle



460. NV Wolfberger, Crémant d'Alsace Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

90% Pinot Blanc and 10% Pinot Auxerrois.

"Straw color. Bright, fruity, creamy aromas of green apple pastry, peaches in cream, and lemon chiffon with a supple, tangy, finely carbonated, dry-yet-fruity medium body and an effortless, amusing, medium-long white nuts, lime-pineapple sorbet, and minerals finish with no oak. A refreshing, tangy sparkling wine that will shine at the table."

Beverage Testing Institute, 94 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



461. NV Wolfberger, Cremant d'Alsace Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Chardonnay. The base wine is vinified in stainless steel tanks and then it is bottled and aged for 30 months on the lees.

"Light, gold-tinged yellow straw showing ripe apple scents. This effervescent wine reveals straightforward, lush Chardonnay fruit on a creamy textured palate with a lingering, just-dry-enough finish. Very pleasant drinking and a great party wine."

- I-winereview.com, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



462. NV Wolfberger, Crémant d'Alsace Rosé Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Noir. A minimum of 15 months bottle aging before disgorging ensures ripeness.

"Medium copper-orange. Clean, bright bouquet showing notes of citrus and berries. Very fresh with bright cherry-raspberry flavors. A very easy to drink, nicely balanced, just off dry sparkler."

- I-winereview.com, 90+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle

Colmant Cap Classique and Champagne

After owning and running a stone manufacturing business in Belgium for twelve years, JP Colmant and his wife, Isabelle, were ready to change directions – they wanted a more adventurous, beautiful life for themselves and their five young children. They visited South Africa in 2001 and fell in love with the beautiful Franschhoek valley, and within a few months of returning home, they sold their business and began packing for the move.

They arrived at their new home in Franschhoek in December 2002 – a house with 5 hectares of lovely, bare land. The lot was part of the original La Motte farm, granted to one of the French Huguenots back in 1694. They began planting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards and building a cellar that would be dedicated to the classic method of Champagne production. JP felt that while lots of care had been given towards growing and evolving South African wines over the previous decades, the country's sparkling wine industry, "Methode Cap Classique" (MCC), had not been given all the attention that it deserved. JP studied with the locals to learn how to become a successful farmer and winemaker.

The cellar was completed in 2005, becoming the first in the country to be dedicated solely to MCC. The tanks room is equipped with 14 stainless steel tanks with capacities from 1000 L to 14000 L, allowing greater flexibility in the handling of the different grape parcels. Their cold room can accommodate cooling over 8 tons of grapes down to 0°C overnight before pressing. The barrels room, built in a rustic brick wall style, is maintained permanently at 13°C and a perfect level of humidity. The bottle maturation room has a storage capacity of over 100,000 bottles; Cap Classique matures in bottle for 2+ years at a steady 13 to 14°C.

While awaiting their first harvest's production to be ready for release, they also started importing Champagnes from meticulously selected estates in France (and they remain importers of these Champagnes today). They released their first bottle of Colmant Cap Classique in the spring of 2008, and JP says, "we have been thrilled at the number of times we have had to pop a bottle to celebrate our achievements, and our beautiful life!"

JP's philosophy is that the most crucial part of making a refined bubbly is blending, and for that reason, they select their grapes from different valleys, according to the specificity of each terroir, to ensure maximum complexity. Chardonnay is sourced mainly from the Franschhoek Valley. 70% is produced on their own farm (vineyards supervised by viticulturist Paul Wallace), and the rest of is sourced from the limy soils of Robertson. Their Pinot Noir is carefully selected from 5 different farms located in Robertson, Elgin, and Stellenbosch.



463. NV Colmant, Brut Chardonnay 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Method Cap Classique
100% Chardonnay. True to house style, a portion of the base wine (15%) was barrel fermented to add a wooded, structured nuance to the final product. Similarly, 20% of the wine is specially selected from the previous year's harvest, kept in prime French oak for the purpose of adding complexity, intensity, and harmony. Rich and creamy toast, brioche character develops as the wine undergoes its long 45-month maturation at a steady 14°C before final release.

"This lightly oaked Chardonnay bubbly marries fruit from three different regions. It's wonderfully floral, pure and elegant, with 4.8 grams of dosage, notes of brioche, aniseed and white pepper and a taut, chalky, refined finish."

- Tim Atkin, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle

Rebuli

The Rebuli family have been wine growers for generations, and sparkling winemakers since the 1980's. Founded by Angelo Rebuli, Azienda Agricola Rebuli combines years of knowledge with a respect for nature and desire for simplicity and freshness. Today Angelo's sons continue his traditions: Mauro is the winemaker and manager of domestic sales; Paolo manages and cares for the vineyards; Gianni manages the accounting and foreign markets.

The 40-hectare estate is in the small village of Saccol di Valdobbiadene, at the foot of the Prealpi Trevigiane, where the hills dive into the waters of the Piave River. Surrounded by its vineyards, the winery harmonizes perfectly with the countryside around it. Grapes are harvested at the first signs of autumn, when they have reached full maturity.

The Prosecco DOC growing area consists of about 28,100 hectares (69,000 acres). The region's average annual DOC production yields 627 million bottles (52 million 9-liter cases) —from 12,312 wine-growing farms, 1,189 winemakers, and 360 sparkling houses.



464. NV Rebuli, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Extra Dry 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG

100% Glera (formerly known as Prosecco). Manual harvest. After gentle pressing, primary fermentation in controlled temperature by selected yeasts. Refined in stainless steel tanks. Secondary fermentation in autoclave at controlled temperatures with selected fermentation until 5 bar pressure is reached. 60 days fining, isobaric bottling after sterile filtration.

From 100% Glera, this extra dry Prosecco opens with lemon curd, saffron, and crème fraiche. Mouth-filling notes of juicy peach, lime ice, and fig. A hint of white flowers are painted with a whisp of caramel. Clean, fresh, and vibrant."

- The Tasting Panel, 91 points

- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



465. NV Rebuli, Prosecco Cartize 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartize DOCG

100% Glera. Manual harvest. After gentle pressing, primary fermentation in controlled temperature by selected yeasts. Refined in stainless steel tanks. Secondary fermentation in autoclave at controlled temperatures with selected fermentation until 5 bar pressure is reached. 60 days fining, isobaric bottling after sterile filtration.

"Pale straw. The Grand Cru reveals more depth of flavor and a refined mouth feel. The bouquet is bright and fresh with citrus and herbal notes; these are mirrored on the palate with nice complexity of flavors, finishing dry with good length."

- I-winereview.com, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.50 / bottle

Champagne Georges Cartier

Champagne Georges Cartier is a brand of the Champagne House Malard and has been producing high quality wines for several decades. Maison MALARD is an independent family Champagne House that was founded in 1996 by Jean Louis MALARD, who was born and raised in Epernay, the Capital of the champagne Region. It is in AY, a village known for its Montagne de Reims Grand Cru Pinot Noirs and home to many world-famous Houses.

The grapes for Georges Cartier Brut Tradition have been carefully selected from the 3 emblematic areas of Champagne. Chardonnay is sourced from the Côte des Blancs, Pinot Noir from Montagne de Reims, and Pinot Meunier from the Marne Valley.



466. NV Georges Cartier, Champagne Brut Tradition 6/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

65% Pinot Meunier, 25% Pinot Noir, and 10% Chardonnay. Wine was aged on the lees (sur lattes) for 3 years. Dosage for this cuvée is around 8 grams / Liter.

Each grape variety brings its own character and specific quality to the wine: Pinot Meunier brings fruit and roundness, Pinot Noir brings character, power, structure, and balance, while Chardonnay contributes to the finesse, minerality and elegance of the result wine.

"Lemon drops and buttercup combine with lime sorbet. Bubbles burst with ease and the wine's mineral tone keeps the palate cleansed."

- The Tasting Panel, 93 points

- Beverage Testing Institute, 90 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$61.50 / bottle

Champagne Trouillard

The Trouillard family has been part of the Champagne business in Epernay since the 19th century with Lucien Trouillard, the founder, showing an interest in Champagne at an early age. He produced his first bottles in 1896, at the age of 17, and then went on to establish his own sales and distribution company ("Sparnacienne Niticole"). When he passed away in 1966, his two sons took over the operation, followed by his grandsons Luc and Bertrand.

In 1979, the House of Trouillard became one of the most important houses in the champagne business. In 2006, Maison Trouillard joined forces with the Gobillard family, a 5th generation Champagne house who shared the history, passion, and philosophy of the Trouillard family. They are in Hautvillers – the heart of Champagne – 5 kilometers from Epernay, at the crossroads between the Marne Valley and the Montagne de Reims. Hautvillers is where Dom Perignon produced his first Champagne in 1668 – his grave is just 10 meters from the Gobillard property.

Today the Trouillard and Gobillard families own 30 hectares of vines located primarily in Hautvillers's Premier Cru vineyard. The winery is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, balancing new quality assurance methods with champenoise traditions. Grapes are hand-harvested at the end of September through early October, then pressed to maintain the freshness and fragrance of the fruit. Winemaker Thierry Gobillard uses only the first press or cuvée to ensure authenticity and quality. Temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks allow clear wines with true-to-type and fresh aromas.

Storage is an important element of the Champagne method. Part of the wines is stored in the new air-conditioned facility and the other part in the cellars that are dug into the chalk. In both locations, darkness and constant temperature ensure that Champagne achieves perfect maturation. This is followed by a manual (70%) and automatic (30%) remuage, and then after disgorging, the Champagne is stored for at least 3 months before release to obtain a perfect homogeneity.



467. NV Trouillard, Brut, Extra Selection 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

35% Pinot Noir, 35% Pinot Meunier, and 30% Chardonnay. Grapes are hand-harvested in the fall, then pressed immediately. Only the first press is used. Vinification in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks. Part of the wine is stored in the new air-conditioning facility and the other part in the cellars that are dug into the plaster. After aging, a manual (70%) and automatic (30%) remuage occurs. Aged 15 months minimum.

"Attractive floral, biscuity and red berry scents. Stone fruit driven palate with an ample finish. Poised and self-confident."

- Decanter World Wine Awards, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



468. NV Trouillard, Comte Decrion Brut, 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

50% Pinot Meunier, 30% Pinot Noir, and 20% Chardonnay. Aged on the lees for 15 months.

"Straw green color. Aromas and flavors of peach jam on toast, lemon marmalade, and praline with a supple, vibrant, effervescent, dry-yet-fruity medium-full body and a sleek, appealing, medium-long finish that shows accents of creme brulee and spiced citrus salad. A nutty, juicy, vanilla-kissed Champagne that is sure to please."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points + Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$53.99 / bottle

Champagne Roland Champion

This small grower and founding member of Champagne's Special Club is in the Grand Cru Village of Chouilly. The house was founded in 1929 by André Champion, who created his vineyard in the famous Cote des Blancs area of Chouilly, some of the best soils for the Chardonnay grape. André's untimely death at a young age left his son Roland – 16 years old at the time – to take over. Roland went on to expand the company by purchasing new land and giving his name to the family house of Champagne.

Today Champagne Roland Champion is run by Roland's son François, third generation of the family. He is the winemaker, and he runs the winery with the help of his family, including his fourth-generation daughters. François farms 18 hectares, spread over 40 different parcels. His vineyards are planted with 70% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Meunier and 10% Pinot Noir. Grapes are manually harvested (as it is the rule in Champagne), and grapes are pressed immediately on-site to avoid oxidation and preserve quality. The wine is aged in their troglodytic chalk cellar, which maintains a constant temperature of 12 degrees Celsius.

Production is around 7,000 cases: 70% vintage and Special Club Champagne, 25% non-vintage Blanc de Blanc, and 5% rose brut. Champagne Roland Champion was sold only within France, until Kysela began importing their products in 2008.

Roland Champion is a member of the elite Special Club or Club Trésors, a group of 28 artisan winemakers from finest areas of Champagne.



469. NV Roland Champion, Champagne Eclat de Craie, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay aged 30 months sur latte (twice the minimum for NV Champagne).

Formerly called Carte Blanche, this cuvee is made from 100% Chardonnay and is produced from the free run juice only. Fresh and delicate, its fine bubbles and wide range of aromas will be perfect as an aperitif. A classic Blanc de Blancs Champagne.

Suggested Retail Price: \$72.50 / bottle



470. 2016 Roland Champion, Champagne Grand Eclat, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay aged 6 years sur lattes.

This Champagne is full of elegance and finesse. A very complex nose, with a bouquet of aromas dominated by honey, brioche and notes of dried fruits, hazelnuts and sweets.

Suggested Retail Price: \$78.99 / bottle



471. NV Roland Champion, Champagne Secret d'Aramis 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

70% Pinot Meunier, 20% Pinot Noir, and 10% Chardonnay aged 3 years sur lattes.

Very nice effervescence, fine bubbles - A nose full of notes of mature fruits such as quince and yellow fruits jelly. Aromas of biscuits and honey at the end of the palate, which remains supple, well structured, and of beautiful length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$58.99 / bottle



472. NV Roland Champion, Champagne Rose Carat 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

20% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Meunier, and 40% Pinot Noir aged 3 years sur latte.

The Champagne rose shows an orange salmon color coming from the red wine base. The Pinot Meunier brings red fruit aromas of strawberry and raspberry with hints of spices. The palate is juicy and harmonious with good depth and minerality. A delicate balance between Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, and Pinot Noir.

Suggested Retail Price: \$75.99 / bottle



473. 2018 Roland Champion, Champagne Special Club 6/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay. Aged 5 years sur lattes. The dosage is around 4-5 grams per liter.

The Special Club concept started in 1971. A dozen wine growers from some old families of Champagne had an idea to familiarize people with the originality of the “Champagne de Vigneron” (Champagne of wine grower), thanks to prestigious vintages.

In the beginning, they created an association called the “Club des Viticulteurs Champenois” and chose a bottle with a special shape, created exclusively for them and used only by them. In 1988, they changed the bottle and the label. In 1999, the Club changed its name to “Club Trésor of Champagne.”

The Club Trésors comprises 28 artisan wine makers, selected from the finest areas of the Champagne region, each one recognized for the quality of their work. The Club Trésors is the only organization in Champagne to select its members according to a set of unrelenting quality standards:

- Each wine maker must make their champagne entirely in his, or her, own premises, and cellars. Furthermore, the champagne must be made exclusively from grapes harvested in his, or her, own vineyards.
- Each wine maker is devoted to his work and passionately protects the quality and the unique character of his own terroir.
- The jury of oenologists and wine professionals who select the champagnes demand irreproachable quality in both the work in the vineyard and the wines.
- Each champagne is subject to two blind tastings (once at the still wine stage before bottling and again after 3 years ageing in bottle) by a panel of passionate and distinguished oenologists and wine makers. 4 years of aging minimum is required.
- A Special Club champagne may only be made in outstanding vintage years.

Roland Champion's Special Club selection has rich and structured aromas. Very pleasant and generous roundness, nice length in mouth. Golden color with buttery and fruity aromas. All the expression of a magnificent terroir for your most pleasurable moments.

Suggested Retail Price: \$120.99 / bottle

CIDER

Fournier

The Fournier family began making cider in 1943. Located in South Normandy in the middle of Dukes of Alencon province, the landscape offers a mix between green valleys and the strong hills where apple and pear trees grow. The apples and pears used for their ciders are grown in their own orchards, on shallow clay-limestone hillsides.



474. NV Fournier, Cidre Brut de Normandie 6/750ml

Source: France – Normandy

Special ingredients: apples and pears

The brut cider is produced from a blend of Normandy apples that are selected for their delicate and fresh flavors, then slowly fermented. The cider offers a yellow and limpid color with a fruity and elegant floral nose. Quenching, sparkling on the palate, fine acidity, and slight bitterness.

Rich, round and structured.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle

BEER

Alesatian Brewing Company

Alesatian Brewing, located in Old Town Winchester, Virginia, was founded in 2016 by father and son Benjamin and Caleb Ritenour. The brewery is named for Alsace, the homeland of the Ritenour family.

Caleb and head brewer Paul Froeschle began making small test batches in March 2015, tinkering with recipes until they finally had finished products that they were ready to share with the public. They opened with 6 offerings, including Pizza Bier – a complement to the Ritenour family’s other business, wood fired pizza. Alesatian takes pride in its quality ingredients and dedication to freshness.



475. Alesatian, Random Wednesday Blonde Ale (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

Alesatian blonde ale is a true introduction to American craft beer.

Pale golden in color, with an initial slight hop forward beginning followed by a soft malty sweetness. Clean crisp finish, like a pale lager. Entry-level style of craft beer.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



476. Alesatian, Amber Ale Pizza Beer (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

Nice copper to amber color, clear, perfect accompaniment to pizza. Slight, clean bitterness, with a hint of caramel sweetness. A perfect marriage of handcrafted food and brew, clean and well balanced with notes of bread and caramel sweetness, resulting in a smooth finish.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



477. Alesatian, Hop Sneeze Gen2 IPA 6/4/12oz (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

ABV: 7%

Malts: Pilsner, Caramunich, White Wheat

Hops: Centennial, Mosaic, Idaho 7, El Dorado

Brewed with a healthy dose of Centennial, Mosaic, El Dorado and Idaho 7 hops, this hazy, juicy, yeast candy NEIPA will be sure to please your palate. Gen 2 weighs in at 7% ABV and 80 IBU's. Hopped with over three pounds per barrel, Gen 2 is bursting with tropical aromas and a smooth, clean finish.

Smooth bitterness with an intense tropical aroma. Hopped at over 3lbs per bbl.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY

Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company

Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company opened in September of 2016. It was Co-Founded by the Head Brewer Matthew Steinberg. Matthew has been working in the brewing industry in Massachusetts for over 20 years with various other breweries including Harpoon Brewery, Offshore Ale Company, Mayflower Brewing Company, and most recently High Horse. He brings his experience and passion to this project, focusing on high quality and locally sourced ingredients. As of today, Exhibit 'A' has grown to 18 employees with a proposed annual production of over 6000 barrels. Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company is considered a small regional brewery. They brew, ferment and package all onsite.



478. Exhibit 'A', Goody Two Shoes Kolsch 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 4.5%

Malts: Weyermann Pilsner Malt, Valley Malt Warthog Wheat, Valley Malt Vienna Malt

Hops: Tettnanger, Mandarina Bavaria

Yeast: Authentic German Kolsch

“This is the beer, pint after pint, that delivers on the proper balance of the four main ingredients without weighing down the palate. Slightly fruity, with a floral hop character and a touch of minerality, it's a beer for all occasions.”

- Wine Enthusiast, 96 points

- Beer Advocate, 100 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



479. Exhibit 'A', The Cat's Meow New England IPA 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 6.5%

Malts: Simpson's Golden Promise, Valley Malt Warthog Wheat, Flaked Oats

Hops: Citra, Mosaic, El Dorado | Yeast: House Ale

This New England Style IPA showcases aromas of tangerines and ripe stone fruits followed by flavors of grapefruit peel, fresh navel oranges and light malt sweetness. Finished smooth with a touch of grapefruit bitterness at the end.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



480. Exhibit 'A', Briefcase Porter 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 8%

Malts: Valley Malt Brown Malt, Naked Oats, Best Vienna, Carafa III, Valley Malt Chocolate Wheat, Flaked Barley

Hops: Chinook | Yeast: House Ale

This porter satisfies without being heavy. Toasted dark bread and nutty aromas start you off followed by light roasted coffee, dark chocolate, and a touch of blackberry.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

Jackie O's Brewery

Jackie O's, located in Athens, Ohio, was founded by Art Oestrike (owner) and Brad Clark (former head brewer). Founded in 2005, the brewery was named Jackie O's to pay homage to the Irish-inspired brewpub - O'Hooley's Irish Pub - that occupied the building beforehand, and also to honor Art's mother, Jackie Oestrike.

In 2013, Art purchased another building in Athens that would become his new primary production facility. The new production facility expanded their annual capacity from 800 to 3,200 barrels. When building his new production facility, Art added a room specifically for sour beers, which they began brewing in 2017.

While they produce several year-round beers such as Mystic Mama, Who Cooks for You, and Chomolungma, they have been nationally recognized for brewing some of the best barrel aged stouts in the country. Jackie O's has won several awards and has been recognized in multiple publications for their excellent beer, such as "Top 50 IPA's in the country" by Draft magazine which listed their Mystic Mama IPA.



481. Jackie O's, Mystic Mama, IPA 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 7% | IBU's: 80

Malts: 2-Row, Carapils, White Wheat

Hops: Amarillo, Centennial, Citra, Mosaic

This beer offers lots of flavor and aroma without overpowering the senses. A complex blend of 5 hop varieties lend to a firm bitterness and notes of grapefruit, tangerines, and pine. A big, dry hop addition of Citra and Simcoe give a nose to stand up to the flavor.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



482. Jackie O's, Who Cooks For You, NEIPA 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.5% | IBU's: 18

Malts: 2-Row, Carapils, Malted Oats

Hops: Centennial, Citra, Mosaic

'Who Cooks for You' was brewed with over 4 pounds/barrel of both Cryo hop powder and hop pellets. The result is a light, fruity hop-forward offering with a satisfying bitterness and a smooth finish that will please both hopheads and haters alike.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



483. Jackie O's, See Foam IPA 2/12/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 7%

Malts: 2-Row, Malted Oats, Flaked Oats, Crystal 10

Hops: Citra, Comet, Simcoe, Ekuanot, Simcoe Cryo Powder

Inspired by hop selection in Yakima, WA, this IPA presents fruity, tropical, and sweet characteristics. A double dry-hop gives See Foam bright aromatics and a hazy appearance, leaving a big, dense head that cascades down the glass as you enjoy it. Named after the nautical shade of green; and, one of the most enjoyable parts of a beer, foam!

Suggested Retail Price: \$34.99 / 12-pack (12oz cans)



484. Jackie O's, Off Duty Lifeguard Fruited Wheat 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.5%

Malts: 2-Row, White Wheat

Hops: Czech Saaz, Comet

Special Ingredients: Mango puree, guava puree, passion fruit puree

Soft, gently tart, and tremendously fruity, Off Duty Lifeguard packs tons of lively tropical flavors from fermentation on mango, guava, and passion fruit puree. A careful addition of Comet hops adds a light citrusy hop character to this vibrant wheat ale.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



485. Jackie O's, Kinda Fuzzy Fruited Wheat 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 9%

Malts: 2-Row, White Wheat

Special Ingredients: natural apricot and peach puree

Heaps of fluffy wheat and a small dose of Czech Saaz hops lay the foundation for a tremendous amount of apricot and peach puree, added early in fermentation and allowed to ferment fully. Balanced and refreshing, Kinda Fuzzy presents with a gentle sweetness and delicate acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



486. Jackie O's, Chomolungma, Honey Nut Brown Ale 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 6.5% ABV

Malts: 2-Row, Munich, White Wheat, Aromatic, Chocolate, Crystal 60, Special Roast

Hops: Willamette, Northern Brewer

This brown ale was brewed to commemorate the 2007 Lungevity Everest Expedition. The people of Tibet call Mt. Everest "Chomolungma," and this exceptional ale carries the spirit of the climb. Seven malts, three hops, and 100 pounds of local wildflower honey give this ale an exceptional character. Baked muffins, dark fruit, bittersweet chocolate, rich honey, and earthy subtle hops caress the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



487. Jackie O's, Dark Apparition 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 10.5%

Malts: 2-Row, Munich, Special B, Honey, Black, Chocolate, Roasted Barley

Special Ingredients: brown sugar

Seven malts were used to create deep flavors of coffee, chocolate, caramel, and molasses. A hint of bitterness and herbal character from carefully selected European and American hops help support the monolithic maltiness. A truly decadent brew.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)

Lost Barrel Brewing

Lost Barrel Brewing was founded in 2020 as a small group to brew fresh, hand-crafted beer and hard seltzer that they could not find in retail stores to share with family and friends. They invested in world class equipment, research and development, and fresh ingredients that are meticulously tracked in a custom-built application. Every day they strive for quality, consistency, and variety.

At Lost Barrel Brewing they produce craft beer and hard seltzers in a custom-built facility that was constructed in 2020. The brewery consists of a state-of-the-art 15 BBL (450 gallon) brew system, temperature-controlled fermentation vessels, and 4-head canning machine capable of packaging 1,000 cans per hour. They use world-class water filtration equipment and environmentally friendly cleaners to ensure safety, consistency, and quality in their products.



488. Lost Barrel, No. ELEVEN Kolsch 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 4.8%

A golden ale brewed with German hops that has subtle notes of fruit and a crisp finish.

No. ELEVEN was brewed in partnership with DC sports legend Ryan Zimmerman!

With each purchase of No. ELEVEN you are supporting a donation to the ZIMS foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. Learn more: zimsfoundation.org.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.50 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



489. Lost Barrel, Lager Golden Ale (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 5%

IBU's: 10

Malts: Pilsner

Hops: German Hallertau

Yeast: German Lager Yeast

A golden, refreshing lager brewed with Pilsner malts and German hops.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



490. Lost Barrel, Toasted Lager (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 6%

IBU's: 20

Malts: Pilsner, Vienna, Biscuit, Caramel 40

Hops: German Hallertau

Yeast: German Lager Yeast

A light, amber lager with toasty caramel malt notes and low bitterness.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



491. Lost Barrel, Irish Red Ale 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 5.4% | IBU's: 15

Malts: Pilsner, Caramel, Chocolate

Hops: Cascade, Golding, Nugget

Yeast: English Ale

A classic Irish-style ale brewed with noble hops and caramel malts for a deep amber hue and unmistakable drinkability.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



492. Lost Barrel, Cucumber-Lemon Hefeweizen 6/4/16oz (CANS)

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 5.5% | IBU's: 14

Malts: Pilsner, Wheat, Vienna

Hops: German Hallertau Mittelfruh

Yeast: German Hefeweizen

A classic wheat ale brewed with fresh cucumbers and zesty lemon to create a citrus aroma with notes of spice.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 4-pack (CANS)



493. Lost Barrel, White IPA 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 5.2%

A White IPA that seamlessly blends the bold character of an American IPA with the refreshing charm of a Belgian Witbier. Bright citrus, floral, and piney hop notes lead the charge, followed by a burst of tropical fruit esters from Belgian yeast.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



494. Lost Barrel, New England Hazy IPA (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 7% | IBU's: 10

Malts: Pilsner, Vienna, Oats

Hops: Citra, El Dorado, Simcoe

Yeast: American Ale Yeast

Color (SRM): 4

The Hazy IPA is brewed for those that love hops and boasts strong citrus and tropical notes with a balanced bitterness.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



495. Lost Barrel, Stratazacca DIPA 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 8.75% | IBU's: 25

Malts: Pilsner, Caramel, Oats

Hops: Stata, Azacca

Heavily hopped with Strata and Azacca hops for aromas of Mango, Strawberry, and Passion Fruit, with tropical notes of citrus and a smooth finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

Perennial

Perennial Artisan Ales is a microbrewery and tasting room located in St. Louis, Missouri. Founded by Phil and Emily Wymore in 2011, their philosophy is “to brew beer with the adventurous craft beer drinker in mind—focusing on hand-crafted, small batches of beer, using local, seasonal and organic ingredients as much as possible”.

Phil, who is also Perennial's Brewmaster, got his start at Chicago's Goose Island Brewery. He was hired as their brewer in 2006, then eventually promoted to Cellar Manager, where he oversaw the barrel-aging program and all fermentation processes. He left Goose Island to become Head Brewer at Half Acre Beer Company, while also studying brewing at the world-renowned Siebel Institute. Phil returned to Missouri with his family in 2010 to build Perennial Artisan Ales.

Perennial's beers are influenced mostly by Belgian and American craft styles, but the addition of premium ingredients such as fruits, spices or wild yeast strains sometimes causes the beers to defy traditional categories. Their barrel aging program features a wide variety of beers aged in wine and spirits barrels, ranging from a Rye barrel-aged Mexican Chocolate Stout to a wild yeast-fermented Saison aged on Missouri wine grapes oak.



496. Perennial, Dry Hopped Pils 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5% | IBU's: 30

Hops: Tettnang and Saphir

Malts: German malt

Pils is a dry-hopped, unfiltered lager created with 100% German malt and Saphir hops in the kettle and fermenter. Spicy noble hop character over sweet Pilsner malt.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



497. Perennial, Southside Blonde 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5%

A moderately strong golden ale with fruity-spicy Belgian yeast characteristics. Southside Blonde is a refreshing Golden Ale, brewed with a Belgian yeast strain that contributes an interesting fruitiness. It is a well-balanced, approachable beer.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



498. Perennial, ESB 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5.3%

This ESB is restrained but lingering bitterness is accompanied by waves of bready malt and classic noble hops.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



499. Perennial, Intentionally Indulgent 12/2/16oz

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

Tiramisu-style Stout brewed with Perennial's best buds 2nd Shift Brewing! Inspired by the classic Italian dessert from The Hill where 2nd Shift calls home, Intentionally Indulgent was fermented on top of luscious chocolate sauce and steeped on cocoa nibs, vanilla beans & Sump Colombian coffee beans.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 2-pack (16oz cans)



500. 2024 Perennial, Abraxas Chocolate Stout 12/750ml

Source: United States - St. Louis, Missouri

ABV: 10.5% | IBU's: 80

An Imperial Stout brewed to accentuate the sweet chocolate character and aged on cacao nibs, vanilla beans, fresh ground cinnamon sticks and ancho chili peppers.

Pouring deep brown with a thick head, this beer has a complex body with a delicious lingering roastiness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle

Susquehanna Brewing Company

Susquehanna Brewing Company (SBC) was founded in 2010, but their roots in brewing go back much further. Their story starts in 1836, when Charles Stegmaier, at the age of 15, worked as a brewing apprentice in his hometown of Gmünd, Wurttemberg, Germany. He went on to serve as brewmaster for several large breweries in Gmünd before setting sail for America. Charles, with his father-in-law George Baier, founded the Baier and Stegmaier Brewing Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1857. 40 years later, Charles purchased the George W. Flock Brewing Co, which was renamed the Susquehanna Brewing Co. It operated until 1920, when it closed due to prohibition.

On the other side of the country, Joseph Maier of Bavaria founded the Maier Brewing Co. of Los Angeles in 1875. In 1917, Edward R. Maier, married Kathleen Stegmaier, granddaughter of Charles, and two beer families were merged.

In 1974, Ed Maier, great-great grandson of Charles Stegmaier, closed the Stegmaier Brewing Co., selling the labels to the Lion Inc. of Wilkes-Barre. He went on to purchase other beer distributorships, including partnering and merging with Mark Nobile – who controlled Wyoming Quality Beverage and whose parents owned the Cat and Canary Tavern in West Pittston - to form United Beverage of NEPA. Finally, in 2010, Ed, Mark and Ed's son J. Fred formed the Susquehanna Brewing Company in Pittston.



501. Susquehanna, Hazy River IPA (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Pittston, Pennsylvania

ABV: 7% | IBU's: 30

Malts: 2-row barley malt, along with flaked and malted wheat

Hops: Hopped and dry-hopped with Galaxy, Idaho 7, El Dorado, Citra

Brewed with 2-row barley malt, along with flaked and malted wheat, then hopped and dry-hopped enthusiastically with our favorite varieties from both hemispheres, Hazy River IPA is dedicated to our namesake, and all the folks who call her banks and those of her tributaries "home." Dripping with a wonderful blend of bright juicy citrus and heady tropical aromas, this 7% IPA is bittered for balance, and cellared with having more than one in mind.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY

Valley Lager

Valley Lager is a custom brew created for Kysela Pere et Fils by Susquehanna Brewing Company in Pittston, PA.



502. Valley Lager (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Winchester, Virginia

ABV: 5.2% | IBU's: 23

Malts: pilsner malt and a small amount of Sauermalz

Sauermalz means sour malt. To achieve this, malters soak finished malt in water at 113-122° until natural lactobacilli produces 1% lactic acid solution. After this, the malt is kilned again at temperatures up to 140° until the lactic acid concentrates to 2-4 percent.

Brewed with Pilsner malt and a small amount of Sauermalz to bring out a traditional, rounded note. We use a unique milling and mashing process known as Endosperm mashing, and classic decoction. By separating the husk from the mash, it allows us to brew a beer delicate in flavor and texture. Bavarian Hallertau Tradition, and Hallertau Perle hops make for a crisp, classic, and nuanced bitterness that brings out the classic flavors from Germany.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY

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Shirataki Shuzo

Shirataki Shuzo, founded in 1855, is based in Echigo Yuzawa, in the Niigata Prefecture. It is in the heart of the Japanese Alps, in an area called "Snow Country." Each spring, the snowpack melts, providing an abundance of clear natural spring water. This water runs through a coal seam providing a natural filtration process that accentuates the taste and quality of the water. This very soft water is the secret behind the very light, elegant, pretty style of sake made at Shirataki. The town of Echigo Yuzawa is home to "Koshihikari" a famous high-quality rice brand in Japan.



503. Jozen Mizuno Gotoshi, Hiyaoroshi (Aged Nama) 12/300ml

Source: Japan – Niigata Prefecture – Echigo Yuzawa

Sake type: Junmai-shu

Koshi Tanrei rice.

60% milling | -0 sake meter value | 1.5 acidity

Hiyaoroshi is a general term referring to sake that has been pasteurized once in the winter and then allowed to mature over the summer before distribution in autumn. The Japan Sake Brewers Association designates September 9th as the official start for Hiyaoroshi sales. September 9th is known as Kiku-no-Sekku (“Chrysanthemum Festival”), where hundreds of chrysanthemums are displayed around various venues and chrysanthemum sake is served. The chrysanthemum (kiku) was brought to Japan from China during the Nara period. In 1183, it was adopted as the Imperial Seal of Japan, and during the Meiji period only the emperor could use it. Nowadays it still represents the authority of the emperor, and you can see it everywhere in Japan.

Aromas are forward, fresh, and fruity in the nose with notes of sweet melon, cherries, and hints of vanilla. Flavors on the palate evoke feelings of the season with pumpkin pie, roasted nuts, and stewed plums. This sake is medium-bodied and accented by medium acidity, showing classic Jozen minerality and a lingering dry finish. An additional 7 months of aging adds depth and roundness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.00 / bottle (300ml)



504. Seven, Junmai Daiginjo 6/720ml

Source: Japan – Nigata Prefecture – Echigo Yuzawa

25% milling | -3 sake meter value | 1.3 acidity

Seven is brewed by making use of soft ground water from Echigo Yuzawa, which is the utmost characteristic of Shirataki. This sake features fruity and elegant aromas of peach, coconut, and orange complimented by floral, ginger, cucumber, and almond. On the palate, generous and rich flavors of honeydew, almond and toasted rice, with balanced acidity and smooth aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$155.00 / bottle (720ml)

Matsui Shuzo (Matsuno Kotobuki)

Nestled in a pine forest for which it is named, Matsui Shuzo is the oldest traditional sake brewery in central Kyoto. This small family owned brewery uses only local rice for its brewing. The toji, Motohiro Matsui, is also the owner, taking over from his father, running the company and responsible for all the brewing. He studied at Tokyo University and is a member of the Shimotsuke Brewer's Association. The water in Shioyamachi is soft, running through the mountains of pine forest surrounding the brewery for use in all production of sake. Unique to the brewing process is the blending of two yeast strains which is used to obtain a special flavor element within the sake.



505. Matsuno Kotobuki, Matsucup Futsushu 30/180ml (one cup package)

Source: Japan – Tochigi Prefecture – Shioya - Gun

Sake type: Futsushu

17.50% ABV | 70% milling | +3 sake meter value | 1.4 acidity

This fresh, subtle Honjozo has a lovely nose of cantaloupe, leek, fresh clay, and pear. With just a hint of sweetness, the palate is light bodied with alluring flavors of burnt caramel, chalk, and marshmallow and a classic Honjozo clean, dry finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$8.99 / bottle (180ml)

Senjo Brewery

Located in the high mountain valleys of Nagano known for rich soil and fertile agriculture, Senjo Brewery was founded in 1866 by Matsujiro Kurogouchi. The brewery is named after Senjo-ga-take, a 3000-meter peak in Japan Alps, whose snow melt feeds the well water at the basis of their sake. Currently run by the sixth generation of the Kurogouchi family, Senjo Brewery combines art with science and traditional skills with modern technology to add new layers to Nagano's rich history of sake brewing.



506. Senjo, Junmai Daiginjo 12/720ml

Source: Japan

Sake type: Daiginjo

60% milling | -15 sake meter value | 1.8 acidity

Juicy and refreshing. Full of fruity flavors with clean sweetness. Brewed with Hitogokochi, the special sake rice harvested in Nagano, and natural water slowly filtered down the Japan Alps.

Suggested Retail Price: \$50.00 / bottle (720ml)

North American Sake Brewery

The North American Sake Brewery was officially founded in 2016 by Jeremy Goldstein and Andrew Centofante, but their story begins many years prior to that.

Andrew was working for Semester at Sea, which allowed him to travel all over the world. He had many stops in Japan and discovered an immediate reverence for Japanese culture. Jeremy was a film producer, and while filming a documentary in Asia, he grew very fond of Japanese people, their food, and the country's incredibly rich history. But it wasn't until 2014, while on a trip for a film project in Los Angeles, Jeremy was exposed to truly great Japanese sake. In the past, he had experienced warmed sake at American sushi restaurants, but this was an altogether different and illuminating occasion. A professional Sake Sommelier guided a tasting with several fresh, cold sakes that would forever change his life. When Jeremy returned to Charlottesville, he ran into his friend Andrew and told him about his sake experience. Andrew jumped at the chance to find great sake again and the two began enjoying sake together, finding special bottles of delicious, umami-rich sakes.

One night after a few too many glasses (or bottles, really) of sake, Andrew asked the fateful question: Do you think we could try making a homebrew batch? It wasn't long after that night that Andrew fermented his first batch which led to him converting his basement into a full-time sake brewing operation.

He and Jeremy would travel to Japan and the USA, visiting other sake brewers, learning the craft, becoming certified as Sake Professionals, and bringing their sake to many private parties & tastings around their hometown of Charlottesville, VA. A few years later August 25th, 2018, the North American Sake Brewery would have its grand opening at their current space in the IX Art Park.



507. Sake by Kyselá 24/200ml

Source: United States – Virginia – Charlottesville

Rice milling: 50%

Rice varietal: Titan | Yeast: AK-05

Flavorful, rich, and clean with notes of tangerine, honeydew, and fig.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / can (200ml)

Saito Shuzo Co. Ltd. (Eikun)

Eikun, also known as Saito Shuzo Co. LTD., was founded in 1895 and is located in the Fushimi region of Kyoto Japan.

In 1905, during the Taisho period in Japanese history, the "EIKUN" sake was adopted as the company's corporate brand name. It is acknowledged today as the finest sake produced in the Fushimi district of Japan, famously known to sake lovers for its premium brewed sake.

Thanks to the quality of its water source, the Fushimi region is home to 30-40 other breweries, known as kuras. The soft water plays an instrumental part in creating smooth and balanced sake. The water source is called "Fusui", rated as one of the top 100 sources of water in Japan. It is located just south of Kyoto.

Unique to the region of Kyoto is Iwai rice, which is only used by Kyoto sake producers. Eikun purchases 40% of all Iwai rice produced. The Kura also uses Yamada Nishiki rice.

In addition to Fushimi/Kyoto, the other major sake production areas are:

- Kobe – Nada-Gōgo - largest area of sake production
- Niigata – largest number of Kura (over 90)
- Akita – northern sake region called Tohoku

Eikun Sake is also well received at traditional high-end Japanese restaurants throughout Japan. Kyoto is home to a particular cuisine called "Kaiseki": a sequence of small and artistically arranged dishes, both beautiful in presentation and flavor. Kaiseki is all about "Dashi" (broth) and its "Umami". The sake flavor is slightly gentle and a soft match with local Kyoto cuisine.

Since the 1890's, there has been an annual competition called "Shinshu Kanpyou-Kai" - National New Sake Competition (now called National Competition) – where sake quality is judged. Eikun has received the gold medal for their sake an unprecedented 14 years in a row. Only 20-25% of all Kura receive gold medals each year. In addition, no Kura or brewery has received the award 14 times consecutively. The National Competition is attended by 90% of all 1,300 Kura in Japan and is for Daiginjo grade (competition sake) products only.

**508. Eikun, Junmai Ginjo, Water Lords 12/720ml**

Source: Japan – Kyoto Prefecture – Kyoto

Rice varietal: Gohyakumankoku

Rice milling: 60% | 3+ sake meter value | 1.2 acidity

Eikun sake uses water from a source called "Fusui", rated as one of the top 100 sources of water in Japan. This water source is located just south of Kyoto, the cultural - and former imperial - capital of Japan.

Water Lords is made from Gohyakumankoku rice. This rice is most found growing along the northwestern coast of Japan, although the region of Niigata is often credited with putting this rice strain on the map. It yields a classic style of sake; clean, light, and refreshing.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle (720ml)

Yoshida Sake Brewing Company (Gassan)

Gassan, also known as Yoshida Sake Brewing Co., Ltd., was founded in 1743. The family of present owner Tomonori Yoshida-san took over the property in 1826; Yoshida-san represents the 5th generation. The kura (sake brewery) It is located in the small village of Yasugi, in the southernmost Japanese Prefecture of Shimane.

Over 200 years ago around Yasugi, the Amago-clan was reigning over the Sanin district. There, the clan established a castle where the feudal lord of Amago resided in the Age of Civil Wars. Gassan took its premium sake brand name from the mountain in this area. Their time-honored tradition of sake brewing was established by special permission from the feudal lord of the House of Hirose. They have proudly maintained this tradition, handing down brewing secrets from generation to generation for over 180 years. Their sake has received the gold award over ten times at the "Zenkoku Shinsyu Kanpyou Kai" (National New-Brewed Sake Contest).

Tomonori Yoshida-san is certified as a Sake Expert Assessor and can be called a "top taster," just like a Master Sommelier in the wine world. The certification exam is extremely difficult, and as a result, only 50 people have achieved certification; Yoshida-san is number 2 out of these 50.

Production is small at 700 Koku, or 14,000 9-liter cases in wine terms. Seven sake types are produced here by the ageless Master Toji, Tanaka-san, who is 90 years young. Tanaka-san is certified as "modern master craftsman" by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Highly-skilled people (a wide variety of things such as an entertainment, food, metalwork, machine appliance assembling, repair, the sewing of clothes, carpenter) can be certified as "modern master craftsman" because the Japanese government wants Masters to pass the technique to the younger generation. Tanaka-san is passing his skills down to younger toji, Adachi-san. The uniqueness of Gassan is the mixture of classic and modern Toji skills that effect the flavor in the end.

At artisanal breweries like Gassan, water source is very important, and Gassan's the water is sourced from mountain springs around Yasugi. The water has a low iron content, and is the same water used by the Lord of the House of Hirose in their tea ceremonies at the end of the Edo period (late 1800s). It is recognized as one of the 100 best waters in Japan. Furthermore, as the water varies according to climate conditions, they specially blend in other water sources to precisely control water hardness, thereby maintaining their exact brewing requirements.

Another key component for Gassan is their top quality rice. They do not hesitate to spend money on the highest quality rice. The rice types – or sake mai - used are: Yamada, Nishiki, Gohyakumangoku, Sakanishiki, Kairyoomachi, and Kannumai.

Gassan's constant pursuit of perfection has resulted in a world-class sake product.



509. Gassan, Junmai Ginjo, Mountain Moon 12/720ml

Source: Japan – Shimane Prefecture – Yasugi

Rice varieties: Simaneken Gohyakumankoku

Rice milling: 60% | +1 sake meter value | 1.6 acidity

Woody honeycomb, nutshell, and mushroom patch aromas with a satiny, fruity-yet-dry, medium-to-full body and a delicate, savory mushroom stock, chestnut, and golden beet driven finish. A fine choice for tempura. A big-boned, western-style sake.

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.00 / bottle (720ml)



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- **Butter** - Water Buffalo, Carr Valley Sheep, Pulgra
- **Preserves** - Bitter Orange, 3 Citrus, Lemon Ligurian Marmalade

FRANCE

- **Parsnip, Sweet Potato & Apple Fritter** with Sweet Pepper Cream
- **Grilled Duck Breast** with Dark Cherry Rubus Pinot Noir Sauce
- **Roasted Parsnips & Sweet Potato** with Maple Butter & Thyme

SPAIN

- **Home Fried Corn Tortillas** with Avocado Cream & Fresh Pico

ITALY

- **Italian Sausage with Fennel**
- **Creamed Spinach with Parmesan** Cream, Nutmeg, Slivered Garlic & Thyme

HUNTERS STATION

- **Grilled Tomahawk Steak**
- **Grilled Venison Loins** - with Cumberland Sauce
- **Grilled Steer Burgers** - with Horseradish Sauce

FORAGE ITEMS

- **Shrimp** - with Paw Paw Salsa
- **Smoked Trout** - with Salmon Roe, and Elderberry Capers
- **Acorn Muffins**

SEXI MEXI

- **Crazy Cuban Burrito Bowl** - Pulled Pork, Black Beans, Jalapeños, Pickled Onions, Avocado, Cheese, Chipotle Aioli
- **Masala Beef Burrito Bowl** - Indian Masala Ground Beef, Rice, Cabbage, Poblano Sauce, Cheese, Corn Salsa
- **Jerk Chicken Burrito Bowl** - Coconut Jerk Chicken, Rice, Spinach, Corn Salsa, Chipotle Aioli, Cheese
- **Vegan Burrito Bowl** - Black Beans, Avocado, Spinach, Corn Salsa, Cabbage, Pickled Onions, Poblano Sauce, Rice

CHINATOWN

- **Assorted Sushi Rolls**

DESSERT

- **Alfajores** - Shortbread Cookies with Dulce de Leche

Lunch Wines

We invite you to enjoy these selections with your food.



2018 Roland Champion, Champagne Special Club Grand Cru 6/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay aged 5 years sur lattes.

"Offering aromas of dried pear, baked bread, and a hint of smoky minerals. It's dry and round on the palate with rich orchard fruit, shortbread and hazelnut flavors making for a rather bold style that would pair well with white meat dishes. Closes solidly dry."

- *International Wine Review*, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$120.99 / bottle



2024 Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône Blanc 12/750ml

Source: France - Rhône Valley - Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Viognier, 30% Clairette, and 20% Roussanne.

The wine reveals a pale yellow and brilliant color with a gold tinge, aromas of flowers and stone fruits. Fruit flavors dominate on the palate with touches of almond and white peach. A slight liveliness appears on the finish, which creates a perfect balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



2022 Les Gentilhommes, Viré-Clessé 12/750ml

Source: France - Burgundy – Viré-Clessé

100% Chardonnay aged on fine lees for 10 months with the major part in a stainless-steel vat and the remaining in new oak barrels made out of French oak of a high quality.

"Ripe stone fruits, honeyed citrus, flowers, and some chalky mineral notes all define the 2022 Viré-Clessé Gentilhommes (wax cap), a balanced, fresh, focused white that has beautiful overall balance and a great finish."

- *Jeb Dunnuck*, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



2023 Trione, Sauvignon Blanc, River Road Ranch 12/750ml

United States - California - Russian River Valley

Sauvignon Blanc.

This wine showcases beautiful aromas of lemon zest and lime intertwined with fresh, juicy white peach. On the palate the bright acidity accentuates flavors of guava and honeydew melon.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



2022 Guy Bernard, Cote Rotie, Cuvée Coteau de Bassenon 6/750ml

Source: France - Rhône Valley - Cote-Rotie AOC

94% Syrah and 6% Viognier aged in French Oak barrels for 18 months (20% new).

France - Rhone Valley - Cote-Rotie AOC

The wine comes from a tiny parcel in the commune of Tupin et Semons, located in the extreme south of the Côte Rôtie appellation. Made from old vine Syrah and a small percentage of Viognier, this cuvee offers a deep red color with purple hues, and a fragrant nose of candied red fruits with some roasted notes. A wine of great finesse and a delicate, long, silky finish. Pairs well with beef stew, marinated red meats and sweetbreads.

Suggested Retail Price: \$96.00 / bottle



2021 Marco Capra, Barbera d'Asti, Doppiadi 12/750ml

Source: Italy - Piemonte - Barbera d'Asti DOC

100% Barbera with one third of the wine aged in 3,500-liter oak foudre, while the other two thirds mature for a few months in steel tanks and is released for sale in the spring following the year of production.

Visually this wine is a very deep bright ruby red with violet hues. The bouquet is intense and persistent, pleasantly fruity and reminiscent of plums and black cherries. On the palate, the wine is vinous, full, pleasantly fresh and generous. Suitable as an aperitif with appetizers and sliced meats, it is perfect throughout a meal. It is perfect with pasta dishes featuring tagliatelle and ravioli, as well as with meaty main courses, such as stews and roasts. Interesting with medium-mature cheeses, with Toma and Pecorino.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.95 / bottle



2017 Chateau Roby Loupiac 6/750ml

Source: France - Bordeaux - Loupiac

100% Sémillon aged in stainless steel tanks (no oak).

"This ripe, sweet wine is now mature. Rich tropical fruit, lime marmalade and botrytis have fully integrated into the wine. It is ready to drink."

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



Sake by Kyselá 24/200ml

Source: United States – Virginia – Charlottesville

Rice milling: 50%

Rice varietal: Titan

Yeast: AK-05

Flavorful, rich, and clean with notes of tangerine, honeydew, and fig.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / can (200ml)