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# MONDOVINO 2024

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**Total Products to Taste: 496**

## NEW ITEM TABLE



**1. 2022 Ruttenstock, Grüner Veltliner 12/1.0L**

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

Weingut Ruttenstock is in the town of Röschitz in the Weinviertel region of Austria. The vineyard is small with only 17 hectares (42 acres) and a total production of 6,666 9-liter cases. 100% Grüner Veltliner fermented in stainless steel.

Very fruity and light Gruner 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**



**2. 2022 Ruttenstock, 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**



**3. 2022 Ruttenstock, 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**



**4. 2023 Thorn-Clarke, Varietal Collection, Pinot Gris, Eden Valley 6/750ml**

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley

Thorn-Clarke was founded in 1854. There are 600 acres of grapes across 5 vineyard sites.

100% Pinot Gris

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

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**5. 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. Fresh cut lime, fragrant lemongrass and a fine minerality are highlights of the palate, which also has a beautiful, long acid drive. The result is finely balanced wine with precision, perfume, and a delicious core of mouth-watering fruit.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**6. 2022 La Despensa, Sangiovese 12/750ml**

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

La Despensa Boutique was founded in 2013. It is an artisanal winery.

This 100% Sangiovese is a fresh and fruity take on a classic Italian variety, but with the typical savory notes of tomato and cherry.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**7. 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 flextank.

*"The red blend 2021 Wines Pool Blend was produced with an unusual blend, especially for a wine from Colchagua. It has kept a moderate 13.5% alcohol and retained good freshness (pH 3.44) after maturing exclusively in Flextank and being bottled unoaked. This is fruit-driven and straightforward, with a medium-bodied palate and fine tannins."*

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**8. 2022 La Despensa, Pais 12/750ml**

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

90% Pais and 10% Cinsault aged 10 months in flextank 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 drunk right now.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**9. 2022 La Despensa, Cinsault 12/750ml**

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Cinsault

Much more structure, color, and intensity than the typical Chilean Cinsaults from further south, this is an easy drinking but serious version of this wonderfully fruity variety!

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**10. 2020 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 tanks.

*"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**



**11. NV Wolfberger, Alsace, Crémant Révérence IX 6/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace

Wolfberger was founded in 1864 and is a union of 450 producers located in Eguisheim.

100% Pinot Blanc aged on the lees for 3 years.

A brilliant and 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**



**12. 2022 Alain de la Treille, Les Folies Vouvray 12/750ml (1,000 case lot)**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray AOC

100% Chenin Blanc

Les Folies Vouvray is stunning with its elegance and freshness which is carried through the ripe fruity palate, manned with hints of honey and apricots.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



**13. 2022 Domaine Le Bihan, Touraine Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Touraine

Domaine Le Bihan was founded in 1951 and has a average annual production of 80,000 bottles.

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged on the fine lees for 6 months in stainless-steel.

Limpid and brilliant with a pale gold color with a nose of pronounced white flowers. It is dry with a harmonious tangy edge and a lively finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**14. 2021 Domaine Le Bihan, Touraine Rouge, Cot-Carde 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Touraine

100% Côt (Malbec) aged for 18 months in French oak (40%) and stainless-steel (60%).

Purple red color. The nose is open and offers a cocktail of red fruits. The mouth is mineral and fine. This wine offers an alliance between woody notes and black fruit.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.95 / bottle**



**15. 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**



**16. 2022 Jean Arthaud, Pouilly-Fuissé 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé

100% Chardonnay from the village of Vergisson.

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**



**17. 2023 Château de la Chaume, Bourgogne Blanc Aligoté 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne Aligoté

100% Aligoté. A very small part of the wine was aged in barrel for a few months.

Aligoté is a grape variety that adapts very well to different types of soils. The color is a pale gold yellow; this wine is clear and young. This is a gourmet wine with surprising energy, offering acid and fruit hints.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**



**18. 2022 Rémy Lefevre, Bourgogne Chardonnay 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne AOC

100% Chardonnay. 10% of the wine was aged in French oak.

Brilliant golden yellow robe. This wine is a marvel of density and aromatic expression. Very expressive on the nose with hints of stone and yellow fruits such as peach and pineapple.

The opulence of the mouthfeel is nicely balanced between minerality and very delicate oaky notes. A slightly saline finish marked by a magnificent tension and freshness.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



**19. 2023 Château de la Chaume, Petit Chablis 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Petit Chablis

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

Pale yellow. Bouquet of white flowers, honeysuckle, linden tree, and dried fruits. Very pleasant and balanced with tension and nice minerality.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle**



**20. 2022 Château de la Chaume, Chablis 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Chablis

100% Chardonnay fermented in stainless steel vats.

*"A crisp white with notes of lemons, hazelnuts, fresh apricots and wet stones. It's medium-bodied, bright, and mineral"*

**- James Suckling (September 2nd, 2023), 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle**



**21. 2023 Love(R), AOP Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Rosé 12/750ml**

Source: France – Provence

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah

Fresh and fruity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**22. 2022 Château de la Chaume, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Bourgogne AOC

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

Bright, ruby red. Bouquet of blackcurrant, raspberry, and a hint of blackberry. Smooth and balanced with fine tannins and clean finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle**



**23. 2020 Laurent Veyrat, L'Antre Coeur, Crozes-Hermitage 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Crozes-Hermitage AOC

100% Syrah aged in French oak for 24 months.

Beautifully balanced and structured, this wine showcases a big, gamey, meatiness with white pepper and green olive. It exhibits intense notes of red fruits, blackcurrant, raspberry, and strawberry. This 100% Syrah offers a pure expression of the Northern Rhône terroir.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$40.00 / bottle**



**24. 2020 Laurent Veyrat, L'ivresses des Voleyses, Crozes-Hermitage 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Crozes-Hermitage

100% Syrah aged in French oak for 24 months.

Beautiful volume with a concentration of complex aromas rich in mineral and floral notes, along with fine and vibrant tannins. Notes of spices as well as ripe fruits that dominate the profile of this 100% Syrah vintage.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$45.00 / bottle**



**25. 2022 Château Money, Bordeaux Rouge 12/750ml (Impulse wine, shiny new object)**

Source: France – Bordeaux

80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Verdot aged for 12 months in French oak (50%) and stainless-steel (50%).

Deep red with a purple tint. Pleasant aromas of ripe black fruits, coffee, and vanilla.

Medium-bodied with juicy fruit character, soft tannins, and a rich finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**26. 2023 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**



**27. 2023 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**



**28. 2020 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**



**29. 2015 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**



**30. 2015 Elio Filippino, Barbaresco San Cristoforo Riserva 6/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged 24 months in Slavonian oak (from Croatia) and an extra 24 months in the bottle. Made from 100% manual harvest Nebbiolo, the wine comes from the hillsides of San Cristoforo hill in Neive enjoying a south-southwest exposure.

*"A medium-to full-bodied red with aromas and flavors of dried cranberries, cherries, citrus peel, violets and licorice. Ultra fine tannins and bright acidity accompany earthy and chewy notes on the palate. Shows structure and intensity."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**



**31. 2012 Elio Filippino, Barbaresco San Cristoforo Riserva 10 Anni 6/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged 24 months in Slavonian oak (from Croatia) and an extra 24 months in the bottle. This Riserva 100% Nebbiolo is produced on the hillsides of the San Cristoforo vineyard in Neive.

*"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**



**32. 2022 Pago de los Capellanes, Tinto Joven, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 5 months in French oak.

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**





### 33. 2020 Pago de los Capellanes, Crianza, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

Founded in 1996, Pago de los Capellanes is among the first winegrowers in the Ribera del Duero DO. They have a production capacity of 42,000 cases annually.

100% Tempranillo aged 12 months in French oak.

Juicy black fruit on the palate inviting you to eat well and feel good. Crianza maintains an invisible pact with the landscape. An imperceptible force that brings us closer to the truth of the place and instantly turns extreme climate vineyards into the most welcoming place.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$62.99 / bottle**



### 34. 2019 Pago de los Capellanes, Reserva, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

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" translate to "Chaplains".

100% Tempranillo aged for 14 months in French oak.

This is Reserva, born from the oldest vines and offering the pleasure of time. Its grace arises from old, extremely classy vineyards in the heart of our most intimate Ribera del Duero.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**



### 35. 2019 Pago de los Capellanes, EL Nogal, Ribera del Duero 3/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

Named for the vineyard plot El Nogal (walnut tree) that guards the vineyard.

100% Tempranillo aged 22 months in French oak.

This is a single vineyard, from the parcel "El Nogal" (walnut tree) located in the town of Mambrilla de Castrejon grown 850 meters above sea level. (2750 feet). The soil is a mix of sand and stone floors, and the vineyard has a southeast orientation.

Overwhelming, powerful, and exquisite. With a vitalizing force.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$135.99 / bottle**



### 36. 2019 Pago de los Capellanes, El Picón, Ribera del Duero 3/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged 22 months in French oak.

El Picón (spice) is the great symbol and the most profound reality. The sum of enigmas in a beautiful, pure fruit. The wine of silence and intimate joy, an eternal taste in which generations, labors and nature's favors culminate.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$353.99 / bottle**



**37. NV Don Piere, Brut 6/750ml (value bubbly for BTG and cocktails)**

Source: Spain – Asturias

90% Airen and 10% Viura

The grapes for this sparkling are sourced from high elevation areas throughout Spain. A crystal-clear pale-yellow color, small and abundant bubbles of great finesse and elegance. The nose shows light and pleasant citrus and fresh fruit aromas. Well-balanced and refreshing on the palate with fruity flavors, good acidity, and pleasant texture. Perfect for a brunch Mimosa!

**Suggested Retail Price: \$11.99 / bottle**



**38. NV Mon-Basart, Brut Rosé 6/750ml (BTG and large event bubbly)**

Source: Spain – Asturias

100% Garnacha

Grapes for this sparkling are sourced from high elevation areas throughout Spain. This Rosé Brut is delicious and tastes like June strawberries.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$11.99 / bottle**



**39. 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. A sweet red.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**

## ARGENTINA

An area known for its Malbec, Argentina is the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the Argentinian wine, followed by the provinces of San Juan and La Rioja. Vineyards in Argentina cover 530,000 acres and the main red varietals cultivated are Malbec, Bonarda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Tempranillo, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Franc. A small percentage of red grape plantings are to 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 rose sitting almost equally at 20% each. Argentina exports 20% of its wine, with the United States being the leading importer of Argentine wine.

### **Casir dos Santos**

Founded in 1862, Casir dos Santos is one of the oldest wineries still operating in Argentina. The winery produces wine from the Uco Valley, Luján de Cuyo, and Maipú:

- Uco Valley – Situated at the foot of the Andes, the Uco Valley has a distinct microclimate, with a vast temperature range and complex soils. The resulting wines are intense and refined. Here Casir dos Santos has Cabernet Sauvignon in Gualtallary, Malbec vines in Vista Flores, and a mix of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon vines (including 50-year-old plants) in San Carlos.
- Luján de Cuyo – Argentina's oldest viticultural area. Casir dos Santos has a 10-year-old vineyard in Agrelo, located 3,100 feet above sea level.
- Maipú – Casir dos Santos' Lunlunta vineyard is 13 hectares of old vine Malbec, with some over 100 years old.

Casir dos Santos wines are made by head winemaker Julia Halupczok, a Mendoza native who obtained her degree in agricultural engineering from the National University of Cuyo. Julia was head winemaker at Alta Vista Winery before joining Casir dos Santos. Additionally, world-renowned winemaker and consultant Didier Debono employs his knowledge at Casir dos Santos. Didier consults and makes wine for several wineries in Argentina and Chile.



#### **40. 2020 Avatar, Malbec 12/750ml**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo  
100% Malbec aged briefly in French oak barrels.

Avatar is the embodiment of the Agrelo's terroir in a wine. Striking, audacious, joyful, and profound. A spontaneous and pleasurable experience for the senses. Bright ruby color. Ripe fruit aromas and flavors. Sweet tannins with balanced acidity; pleasing freshness.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



#### **41. 2022 Avatar, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley  
100% Malbec aged for 4 months in French oak. Certified organic by LETIS organic.

The Organic grapes for this lovely wine come from Gualtallary and Vista Flores, two different sub-regions within the Uco Valley, in the South of Mendoza Province.

These vineyards are located 1,000 and 1,150 meters above sea level respectively.

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 the freshness and balance.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



#### 42. 2021 Maipe, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

(KPF trademark wine)

100% Malbec (no oak). Certified organic by ECOCERT.

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.

Elaborated with Organic grapes coming from Lujan de Cuyo and Maipu regions, areas dominated by semi-arid and windy conditions. In this area, the main soil components are loam and silt – characteristics that allow us to produce rich and ripe fruit character wines. This is a young, fresh, and fruity wine with red fruit aromas. Easy to drink with smooth tannins and the perfect acidity balance.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**

#### Chakana

Founded May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002, Chakana is a winery located 960 meters (3,149 feet) 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 of 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, some limestone. Urban influenced climate, relatively warm. Organic and biodynamic certified.
- Finca Ayni in Paraje Altamira, Valle du Uco – 26 hectares (64 acres) at 1100m planted with Malbec, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Terroir is sandy loam with gravel 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 sandy loam with gravel up to 70 cm deep. Dominated by limestone. Certified organic.



**43. 2021 Chakana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml**

Limited release, less than 1% of total acreage planted.

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Cabernet Franc aged for 6 months in French oak barrels.

Expressive and ripe nose, juicy texture, and intense fruit. Excellent balance, well integrated tannins and stunning minerality.

**- Tim Atkin, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle**



**44. 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.

Estate Red Blend is from Chakana's Altamira (3,200 ft elevation) and Gualtallary (5,500 ft elevation) vineyards.

Deep red color with violet hints. Dark fruits and exotic spices with tobacco and mocha hints. Elegant, well balanced, harmonious, long persistence with chocolate flavors.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle**



**45. 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%)

The color is deep purple, very intense, typical of Malbec. Plum, brambly berries, spices and an iris/violet note are apparent on the nose. Intense, fruity flavors with velvety tannins.

**- Tim Atkin, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle**



**46. 2021 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.

*"It's purple in color. The nose showcases aromas of fresh plum, herb, and hints of cherry. Broad and indulgent with a voluminous flow and refined tannins, it's a delicate wine with good flavor."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**47. 2022 Maipe, Malbec, Reserve 12/750ml**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% hand-selected Malbec aged 12 months in used French oak barrels.

The nose reveals dried plum and dark fruits, 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**



**48. 2020 Finca los Cedros, Single Vineyard, Malbec 6/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec. Certified Organic by LETIS Organic. Single vineyard wine from the Finca los Cedros vineyard in Paraje Altamira (3,600 ft. elevation).

Intense purple color. Plum, brambly berries, spices and an iris/violet note are apparent on the nose. Intense, fruity flavors with velvety tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**49. 2022 Cueva de la Manos, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Lujan de Cuyo

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 3-year-old barrels for 9 months. Certified organic by LETIS.

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**

**4 Gatos Locos**

4 Gatos Locos is a project created by Gabriel Bloise, Facundo Bonamaizon, 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, Monastiero, 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.



**50. 2023 Miau (Meow), Four Gatos Locos, Malbec, Gualtallary 6/750ml**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Malbec spontaneously fermented with very little intervention to maintain fruit expression; aged in cement and French oak.

Miau 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**



**51. 2020 4 Gatos Locos (Four Crazy Cats), 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.

4 Gatos Locos is packaged with 4 different labels, reflecting the different personalities of the partners in this project. It represents an authentic collective effort to develop an outstanding wine that captures the essence of its place.

*"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."*

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points**

**- Tim Atkin, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle**



**52. 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. This Cabernet might benefit from more aging in the bottle to soften the tannins. However, it already 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 Wines was founded in 2010, when two wine passionate American hunters decided to buy a vineyard at over 2400 ft. 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. Under prominent winemaker, Fabricio Orlando, in 2019, they crafted the first of what will be 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 the Argentine winemaking tradition.

The winery is named after a magnificent stag taken by Archduke of Austria, Royal Prince of Hungary Istvan von Hapsburg-Lothringen's great grandfather, who shares 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 of the game.

The vineyards are in Goudge, a village about 12km (7.5 miles) from San Rafael.



#### **53. 2021 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 on the lips. Elegant and savory, with silky persistence. Captivating aromas of currants, raspberries, and other red fruits. Distinct tobacco and chocolate aroma melded with honey and amalgamated notes of pepper and nuts from its passage through French oak barrels.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$38.50 / bottle**

### **Viejo Isaias**

The signature wines project of Viejo Isaias originated in 1998, when oenologist Rodrigo Manuel Romero, inspired by his grandfather's expertise, decided to plant vineyards in Luján de Cuyo's Perdriel area. Perdriel is the village from which Cobos by Paul Hobbs originates.

Grandfather Isaias Hernandez was a wise and 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 by 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. The name and rose logo honor his grandfather and keep his legacy alive.

Rodrigo produced his first vintage in 2004. 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 (no tanks).





**54. 2020 Viejo Isaias, Juana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml (limited release)**

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 - Mendoza, 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**



**55. 2022 Viejo Isaias, Malbec, Classico 12/750ml**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

100% Malbec aged 40% in American oak (2nd and 3rd use); 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 drain. 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**



**56. 2020 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 higher, stonier parcels of the vineyards.

*"Very clear aromas of black cherries and fresh flowers follow through to a medium body with fine tannins and a fresh finish. Very polished texture."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**57. 2019 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.

*"A medium-bodied red with plum and berry character, as well as cedar undertones. It's medium-bodied with round, ripe tannins, and a juicy finish. 50% malbec and 50% cabernet sauvignon."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**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 prior to 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 per capita wine consumers in the world with 54 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 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some varieties have been bred by Australian viticulturists, for example Cienna and Tarrango. 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 1990's, 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. The Morambro Creek is a seasonal course that runs through the middle of the Bryson vineyards on its way to the Jip Jip Rocks Conservation Park.



### **58. 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 tannin provides flavors of clove and supple texture, which supports the rich plum, blackberry and mocha. The overall structure is supple and generous with fine-grained tannin and a lingering finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**59. 2016 Morambro Creek, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/750ml**

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 35% new French oak barrels.

*"This is a full-bodied Cab. The nose feels like Christmas: baking spices laced with purple beets, dried mint, and red berries. In the mouth it's ripe and generous, and there's a fair bit of oak showing but all is held at bay by taut, fine-grained tannins."*

**Wine Enthusiast, 90 points**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90 points**

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / 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 brother.

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 in The Eden Valley. This took a lot of Australian pluck at that time. During the late 1980's, 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."

In 2021 Thorn-Clarke's winery and vineyards were certified by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia.



**60. 2022 Thorn-Clarke, Milton Park, Chardonnay 12/750ml**

Source: Australia – South Australia  
100% Chardonnay

This wine has 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**



**61. 2023 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, apples, and nougat aromas. The palate is a textural, medium weight style with juicy pomme fruits and zesty lime and grapefruit. A refreshing style with a subtle texture and long, fruit driven finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**62. 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 a fine minerality are highlights of the palate, which also has a beautiful, long acid drive. The result is finely balanced wine with precision, perfume, and a delicious core of mouth-watering fruit.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**63. 2021 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 the soft and approachable tannins to create a very mouth-filling wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



**64. 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.

The Terra Barossa range is named in honor of the rich soils in the region which are a major factor in the Barossa's reputation as one of the great wine regions of the world.

*"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**



#### 65. 2018 James Goddard, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Shiraz sourced from the Milton Park vineyard in the north of Eden Valley, and the St. Kitts vineyard in the far northern area of the Barossa.

James Goddard was an ancestor of the Clarke family. Born in West Sussex, England in 1823, James spent his 74 years as a sailor, a whaler, a bullock driver, farmer, prospector, miner, and hotel keeper. From an illiterate runaway living rough on the streets of London, he became a rich, successful, and admired pillar of South Australian society. James arrived in Adelaide in 1839 as a 16-year-old sailor. Twelve years later, his life changed forever with the news of gold findings. For the next 20 years, James roamed the country learning geology that improved his chances of prospecting. In 1870, he tried his luck near his farm in the Barossa Valley and discovered the region's first gold deposits, creating the prosperous Lady Alice Mine. The Lady Alice Mine, though it is no longer operational, was and still is the most successful gold mine in South Australia. From these roots, the Thorn-Clarke family has been connected to the region for the last 150 years.

James Goddard Shiraz is a blend Shiraz sourced from the Milton Park vineyard in the north of Eden Valley, and the St Kitts vineyard in the far northern area of the Barossa. Fruit is harvested in the cool of the night to maintain maximum flavour and freshness and it is fermented for 8 days. The ferment is pumped over twice daily to extract the colour and flavour from the fruit. Once finished fermentation the wine was then matured in a blend of French and American oak for a period of 10 to 12 months depending on the vintage.

*"Blended from two estate vineyards, St. Kitts and Milton Park, this shiraz offers its richness without any aggression or overt perfume. It's just lush and delicious, a friendly embrace of firm tannins and purple-red fruit."*

**- Wine and Spirits, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**



#### 66. 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, so began a family dynasty intrigued by geology. A fine legacy that is reflected today in the terroir of our vineyards. The Shotfire range immortalizes the Shotfirer's hazardous job of setting and lighting the charges in the mines.

*"This 2020 Shotfire Quartage is a blend of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, 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**



**67. 2020 Thorn-Clarke, Shotfire, Shiraz 12/750ml**

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

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

Striking deep red purple in color. A rich, voluptuous wine with aromas of blackcurrant and mulberries accompanied by notes of smokey oak and hints of cloves. The palate is filled with dark fruits and chocolate backed up by taut tannins and lingering oak.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**



**68. 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 the Barossa, enjoying cool evenings, gully winds and a temperature 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. A juicy medium bodied red that has a delicate and complex finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle**



**69. 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 featuring 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**



**70. 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**



**71. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, William Randell, Cabernet Sauvignon, Eden Valley 6/750ml**

Source: Australia – South Australia – Eden Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

The William Randell range of wines was created in honor of the family ancestor - the esteemed pioneer William Richard Randell (1824 - 1911). The wines are sourced solely from grapes grown on the family estate vineyards. Wines in this range are only made in exceptional vintages.

*"This beautifully composed 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon William Randell from Eden Valley offers pristine aromas of cassis, cedar, dried herbs and red currant fruits. A juicy palate follows, with chalky acidity and pliable tannins underpinning a lengthy, vibrant finish. 2019 is classically proportioned and promises to age well."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$57.99 / bottle**



**72. 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**

## 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, which have been doing so for centuries.

There are 35 grape varieties authorized to produce 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, the Grüner Veltliner (37%), it is the red wine variety Zweigelt which is 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 HuglWimmer 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 HuglWimmer. 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).



#### **73. 2023 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 a firm mineral backbone and crisp acidity on the finish.

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



#### **74. 2023 Hugl, Gemischter Satz 12/750ml**

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

50% Grüner Veltliner, 40% Gelber Muskateller, and 10% Riesling aged 4 months on the lees.

"Gemischter Satz" has a long history in Austria. It is a field blend where different grape varieties are picked at the same time and vinified together. 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 on the palate.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle**



#### **75. 2023 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, and refreshing, beautifully balanced. A long and pleasant finish.

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





**76. 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, a long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**77. 2021 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, and spicy aromas, cherry flavors. In the mouth it is smooth, medium-bodied, round, and lively.

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



**78. NV Hugl, Sparkling Grüner Veltliner 12/750ml (rare and exotic)**

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

100% Grüner Veltliner – 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: \$28.99 / bottle**



**79. 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 a lingering finish.

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



**80. 2021 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, and spicy aromas, 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 42 acres and a total production of 80,000 bottles (6,666 9-liter cases). The vast Weinviertel stretches from the Danube Valley in the south to the Czech border in the north, and from the Manhartsberg in the west to the border of Slovakia in the east. 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.



#### **81. 2022 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**



#### **82. 2022 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**



#### **83. 2022 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**

## **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 having worked with and rented 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 has recently increased his acreage 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.



### **84. 2023 Leindl, Grüner Veltliner, Langenlois, Kamptal 12/750ml**

Source: Austria – Kamptal

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

This classic Gruner Veltliner comes from the famous wine-growing region of Langenlois. A very typical fruity and fresh Gruner Veltliner offering green apples, juicy, minerality, a pleasant body and good length.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



### **85. 2021 Leindl, Ried Seeberg, Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal 12/750ml**

Source: Austria – Kamptal

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

*"Inviting nose, with layers of quince and elegant, aromatic herb leading through to a richly textured palate of opulent fruit and a fine acidity."*

**- Decanter World Wine Awards, 96 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast (June/July 2023), 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle**



### **86. 2021 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. Sustainably farmed.

*"Beautiful and with real appeal, this shows Riesling character, with white peach, apricot and pronounced floral notes as well as intriguing warm earth and lentil details. This is balanced by savory acidity and bitter-edged minerality, with a lengthy finish marked by smoke."*

**- Wine Spectator, 92 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast, 92 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 varieties 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.

### Viña Morandé

Pablo Morandé founded Viña Morandé in 1996. He did it with a vision for the future and with the same audacity that drove him, years earlier, to be the first person to plant vines in the Casablanca Valley.

Viña Morandé is innovative in the production and marketing of Mediterranean varieties such as Cinsault, Carignan, and Garnacha, in a region where others are solely focused on traditional varieties and old vines.

Their pioneering spirit has always led them to go a step beyond. Some of these innovations are:

- planting of high-density crops to improve quality
- adoption of the enological practice of using concrete eggs
- using the traditional-but-often-forgotten large oak foudres for producing reserve-level wines
- being the first winery in Chile to produce a late harvest wine
- being the first winery in Chile to be recognized as 100% sustainable



### **87. 2022 John's Bay, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region (mostly Casablanca)  
100% Sauvignon Blanc

This elegant dry white wine is bursting with delicious tropical fruit aromas and delicate floral notes. The palate is clean, zesty, and refreshing, full of ripe citrus flavors and crispy acidity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / 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 that 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 and made the necessary investments to go ahead with this project.

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 having 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. On the palate, it is balanced, persistent and with excellent acidity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle**



**90. 2023 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 our El Crucero vineyard, located at 360 meters above sea level. These carefully handpicked grapes deliver superb varietal characteristics and exceptionally well-balanced fruit concentration. The manual harvest behind our handpicked Reserva Wines, a stage prior to a second triage, highlights our 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**



**91. 2022 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 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**



**92. 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 color, beautiful aromas that remind of red ripe fruits, strawberry, hints of plums and vanilla. In the mouth, it is fresh and well-rounded with good concentration and persistency. Fresh and delicate in an easy-drinking style.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle**



**93. 2021 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 meats and stews.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle**



**94. 2019 Feraz, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/1.5L (magnum for BTG sales)**

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.

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**



**95. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**



**96. 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**



**97. 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**



**98. 2018 Siegel, Siegel Unique Selection Red 6/750ml (super premium blend)**

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.

*"Unique all comes from Siegel's parcels in Los Lingues and combines Cabernet Sauvignon with 35% Carmenère and 20% Syrah. Showing the region's classic combination of freshness and grip, it has notes of lavender, liquorice 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**



**99. 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 (Chile 2019 Special Report), 94 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast (December 2019), 92 points**

**- Wine and Spirits Magazine (November 2019), 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**



### **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 wines 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 varietals - 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.



#### **100. 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 but will improve for many years to come.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



#### **101. 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 flextank.

*"The red blend 2021 Wines Pool Blend was produced with an unusual blend, especially for a wine from Colchagua, of 75% Cinsault, 15% Pais and 5% each Marsanne and Roussanne. It has kept a moderate 13.5% alcohol and retained good freshness (pH 3.44) after maturing exclusively in Flextank and being bottled unoaked. 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**



#### **102. 2022 La Despensa, Pais 12/750ml**

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

90% Pais and 10% Cinsault aged 10 months in flextank 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 drunk right now.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**103. 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. Much more structure, color, and intensity than the typical Chilean Cinsaults from further south, this is an easy drinking but serious version of this wonderfully fruity variety!

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.00 / bottle**



**104. 2020 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**

## 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 (11,666,666 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. 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. 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.



### **105. NV Wolfberger, Alsace, Edelzwicker 6/1.0L**

Source: France – Alsace

40% Pinot Blanc, 30% Riesling, 15% Gewurztraminer, and 15% Muscat

Edelzwicker is a reminder of an old tradition of blending noble grapes and means “better blend” or “noble”. Nowadays each grape variety is harvested individually on the most suitable date for each vineyard.

A nose of grilled almonds and light florality. Fresh and lemony, with herbaceous flavor. It is round and finishes clean.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / 1-liter bottle**



### **106. 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**



**107. 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: \$20.99 / bottle**



**108. 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, cardamon). Full bodied, bright, zesty, and crisp, the palate is complex, ample, and supple with mango and spicy flavors.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**109. 2019 Wolfberger, Riesling, Rangen de Thann, Grand Cru 12/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace

Rangen is the southernmost Grand Cru in Alsace.

This 100% Riesling shows a lovely yellow pale color with a gold rim. It offers mineral, spicy, and minty aromas with some eucalyptus notes, tropical fruits, 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**



**110. 2018 Wolfberger, Alsace, Pinot Gris, Rangen, Grand Cru 12/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Gris aged on the lees in stainless steel vat for 8 months.

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. There is a total of 22 hectares (55 acres) of Rangen in the town of Thann. There are 4 owner of Rangen.

Archives attest that the "Rangenwein", "the warmest and most violent wine in the country", was made here by monks from the ends of the 13th century. The vineyard totals 9 hectares, of which Wolfberger has 4. The upper part is planted with Riesling, the lower part with Pinot Gris.

Rich and delicate in the nose offering aromas of honey, ripe fruits and sweet spices, gingerbread. Long and ripe fruit flavors with apricot hints.

**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 in 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.



#### **111. 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**



#### **112. 2017 Guilhem Tournier, Bandol, Cuvée Luisa Jeanne 6/750ml**

Source: France – Provence – Bandol AOC

95% Mourvèdre and 5% Syrah aged 18 months in old foudres.

Luisa Jeanne is the name of a goddess.

*"This ripe, smoothly textured and polished wine is now approaching maturity. It still has tannins under the black fruits and licorice flavors, while everything has come together."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$63.99 / 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.



#### **113. 2022 Domaine Manoir du Carra, Beaujolais-Villages Bistrot 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Beaujolais Villages AOC

100% Gamay

From granitic and sandy soils, this Beaujolais-Villages 'Bistrot' bottling exhibits an intense color, with hints of cherry and garnet, and reveals aromas of red fruit dominated by cassis and strawberry. This cuvée was specially made for the Parisian bistrots.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle**



#### **114. 2022 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. The soil is dry, made of pink granite, which gives the wine its typicity.

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

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



**115. 2022 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**



**116. 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 Romain 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**



**117. 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.

The Jean Arthaud liqueurs are both Bourgogne IGP (Indication Géographique Protégée), meaning they can only be produced in Burgundy with fruits grown in Burgundy.



### **118. 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**



### **119. 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**



### **120. 2022 Jean Arthaud, Morgon Côte du Py 12/750ml**

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

100% Gamay aged in cement tanks (85%) and 2-year-old French oak (15%) for 6 months.

In the heart of the Crus area of Beaujolais, wines of “Morgon” AOC are often described as best representing the character of their terroir. The appellation is dominated by a hill called Mont du Py. Its soil of decomposed schist gives typical aromas to the wines. French winemakers usually describe this particularity in a verb: “morgonner”, be like a Morgon. This Morgon Côte du Py is produced on this hill peaking at 300m above sea-level. The selected parcels are very sunny, on south-oriented steep slopes. Cote du Py vineyard measures 13 acres solely in Morgon.

Deep ruby in color, this wine offers a complex nose, mineral and fruity. It mingles aromas of ripe raspberry, black and morello cherries with hints of flint, ink, clove, and black pepper.

The highly vibrant palate has a sound underlying structure which is powerful yet velvety, thanks to tannins which, despite mellowing, are still very perceptible. This is a stylish wine bearing the hallmarks of its terroir with a long and spicy finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / 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 Poulsard, 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. The Domaine de la Belière farms with sustainable methods.

Winemaker Celine Ronger is the 2nd generation of the family to produce wine from Bugey. She followed 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 A.O.C. wines, but V.D.Q.S. (Vin Délimité de Qualité Supérieure).



#### **121. NV Domaine de la Belière, 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 Médoc and Graves and a Right Bank area which includes the Libournais, Bourg and Blaye. The Médoc is itself divided into Haut-Médoc (the upstream portion) and Bas-Médoc (the downstream or portion, often referred to simply as "Médoc").

There are various sub-regions within the Haut-Médoc, including St-Estèphe, Pauillac, St-Julien and Margaux and the less well-known areas of AOC Moulis and Listrac. Graves includes the sub-regions of Pessac-Léognan and Sauternes, and Sauternes in turn includes the sub-region of Barsac. The Libournais includes the sub-regions of Saint-Émilion 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 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, Sémillon 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 1960's. 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 on 4/18/2022. Celine and her son manage the château.

Château Bellevue has 12 hectares (30 acres) of vineyards on the hillside of Saint Emilion; 40-year-old vines 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.



#### **122. 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 wine offers a rich and intense bouquet of blackcurrant, blackberry, and strawberry. It is smooth and full in the mouth with a velvety texture. Acidity combined with firm, but well-integrated tannins are a fine supporting cast to the black fruit flavors at the end.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



#### **123. 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 mouthfeel 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 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 cellar, 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.



#### **124. 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 of Bordeaux Blanc AOC. It has great aromatic intensity with white peach and citrus aromas.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



#### **125. 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 liquorice. 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**



**126. 2020 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**



**127. 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. Drink or hold."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle**



**128. 2021 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.

*"Ruby black color. Aromas and flavors of sautéed bell pepper and caramelized sweet onion, black olive and clove, cedar shavings, and smoky pork fat with a satiny, lively, dry medium body and an appealing, medium-length finish imparting nuances of red cherry, cedar and purple flowers, savory herbs and sautéed greens, and coffee rubbed grilled mushrooms with a suggestion of oak flavor. Earthy and distinctly Old World; complex enough to pair with an extravagant dinner but approachable enough to have on your average Tuesday evening."*

**- Beverage Testing Institute, 92 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / 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.

Château La Gravière covers 5 hectares. The Rodet family also has a 2-hectare vineyard, Château YON St Christophe, bringing their total acreage to 30 hectares (74 acres). They produce 5 varietals: Merlot (54%), Cabernet Sauvignon (25%), Cabernet France (9%), Malbec (4.5%), Sauvignon Blanc and Gris (7.5%). Annual production is around 12,000 cases.



#### **129. 2019 Château Brûle Sécaille, Rouge, Sans Soufre Ajouté 12/750ml**

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bourg

50% Merlot and 50% Malbec aged 5 months in concrete tanks without sulfites.

Deep purple color, powerful nose of blackcurrant and floral as well. Full on the palate with soft and ripe tannins with a fresh aromatic return.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



#### **130. 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 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 battle of Castillon took place in 1453, 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.



#### **131. 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 Graves and Château Hallet

Château Graves 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 Graves estate. They still have a beautiful stone press from the year 1900.

For several decades, the Graves 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.



**132. 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**



**133. 2020 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 AOC's 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.



**134. 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 spice, and bitter orange. Fresh and delicious. Roundness with a slight buttery note. Saline finish.

“Real value here” - FJKV

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / 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 Stephanie, 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.



#### **135. 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: \$30.99 / bottle**



#### **136. 2022 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**



#### **137. 2021 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 the limestone-based soils of Mount Epin.

Brilliant robe with golden reflections. A nose with pear and white peach notes. Fresh, ample, and full-bodied, a great balance in the mouth, with tension and subtle wooden notes. The elegance of this pure wine lingers on the palate.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle**





**138. 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**



**139. 2021 Les Gentilhommes, Pouilly-Fuissé, 1er Cru Clos Reyssier 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru

100% Chardonnay

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.

(Limited to 30 cases a year)

**Suggested Retail Price: \$59.99 / 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 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.



**140. 2020 Trouillet Lebeau, Pouilly-Fuissé, Aux Chailloux 12/750ml**

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly-Fuissé AOC

100% Chardonnay aged 12 months in 30% new French oak.

This Pouilly-Fuissé is produced from 60-year-old Chardonnay grapes (among the oldest of the domaine) that are grown in the foothills of the Solutre Rock on the parcel called "Chailloux" - the name means in old French clay and rounded "chailles" or stones.

The wine offers beautiful aromas of blood orange and spices. Ample in the mouth, rich and full, with a fresh finish on citrus fruits.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$58.99 / 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), and 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. Loire wines tend to exhibit a characteristic fruitiness with fresh, crisp flavors.

### 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.



#### **141. 2022 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**



#### **142. 2023 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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle**



**143. 2023 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.

Sauvignon Blanc from the Touraine AOP; the great passion of Alain de la Treille. 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**



**144. 2022 Alain de la Treille, Vouvray, Chenin Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray AOC

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

This Vouvray is stunning with its elegance and freshness, which carries through the ripe fruity palate, marrying hints of honey and apricots.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle**



**145. 2022 Alain de la Treille, Les Folies Vouvray 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray AOC

100% Chenin Blanc

Les Folies Vouvray is stunning with its elegance and freshness which is carried through the ripe fruity palate, married with hints of honey and apricots.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



**146. 2022 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**



**147. 2022 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.



#### **148. 2022 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**

### **Domaine Jean Reverdy**

Domaine Jean Reverdy is in Verdigny, one of the top villages in Sancerre. The domaine dates to 1650 and has been in the family for about 10 generations. The family grew vines and various other crops, but in the 1950's, they began focusing solely on wine production.

Owner Christophe Reverdy, son of the late Jean Reverdy, now produces around 100,000 bottles per year on average and exports 70% of the total production to UK, Germany, Sweden, Japan, and the USA.

The domaine spreads over 12 hectares (29.64 acres) - 9 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc and 3 hectares of Pinot Noir. Vines are 25+ years old. The vineyard is divided into 15 parcels located on the hills of Verdigny, Saint Satur, Sancerre and Thauvenay.



#### **149. 2023 Domaine Jean Reverdy, Sancerre Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Sancerre

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Complex, powerful, and mineral. Intense aromas of flintstone, citrus, white peach, and linden flowers. Rich and fresh in the mouth with mineral notes, citrus fruit, and a long finish. Perfectly balanced, clean, and pure.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle**



**150. 2023 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**

**Maison Le Bihan**

Maison Le Bihan is in the Loire Valley in a small village called Angé (not to be confused with Angers).

The estate was founded in 1786 by The Morcellet family originating from the Touraine area. At that time, they farmed 4 hectares of vines, grew cereals, and goats. Jean Le Bihan arrived in the Loire Valley from the Great West where his father was from to work at the Château des Arpentis in Amboise in 1946. A few years later, in 1951, Jean married Micheline Morcellet, then moved to the estate of his in-laws, and created Domaine Le Bihan.

In 1993, Laurent Le Bihan - the youngest son of the family - took over the family business. The estate expanded and now covers 20 hectares as well as a wine tourism activity that is run by Laurent's son Romain who represents the 4th generation of the family.



**151. 2022 Domaine Le Bihan, Touraine Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Touraine

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged on the fine lees for 6 months in stainless-steel.

Limpid and brilliant with a pale gold color with a nose of pronounced white flowers. It is dry with a harmonious tangy edge and a lively finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**152. 2021 Domaine Le Bihan, Touraine Rouge, Côte-Carde 12/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Touraine

100% Côt (Malbec) aged for 18 months in French oak (40%) and stainless-steel (60%).

Purple red color. The nose is open and offers a cocktail of red fruits. The mouth is mineral and fine. This wine offers an alliance between woody notes and black fruit.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.95 / bottle**

### **Domaine de Brizé**

Domaine de Brizé is in the town of Terranjou, in the Maine-et-Loire department of the Loire Valley. The 40 hectare-estate was born in the middle of the 18th century, founded by the Delhumeau family.

The winery thrived between the two world wars under the leadership of Pierre, a young, innovative, ingenious, and combative man who compensated the loss of his mutilated hand during the War. He transmitted his passion for wine to his grandson Marc who followed in his footsteps and ran the property for 30 years, with the assistance of his two brothers. His son Luc joined the family estate in 1989, then his daughter Line came on board in 1992 together with her husband Didier. Brother and sister Luc and Line represent the 5th generation of the family winemakers and the 9th generation on the farm.

The vineyard is planted on highly diversified soils dominated by silico-clay, shale-sandstone and faluns. The viticulture practices meet the 'Terra Vitis' approach in respecting nature, people, the environment, and the soil.



**153. 2022 Domaine de Brizé, Les Grés, Anjou Blanc 6/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Anjou

100% Chenin Blanc aged in stainless steel for a few months.

Easy to drink, fresh with good acidity. The aromas are persistent with apricot and peach.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



**154. 2018 Domaine de Brizé, Loire Renaissance, Anjou Blanc 6/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Anjou

100% Chenin Blanc fermented and aged in French oak barrels.

*"Fermented and aged in wood, this is a powerful, ripe wine. Intense apple and citrus acidity pairs well with the spice and toast of barrel aging. The wine is both ripe and fresh."*

**- *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle**



**155. 2021 Domaine de Brizé, Clos Médecin, Villages Rouge 6/750ml**

Source: France – Loire Valley – Anjou-Villages

60% Cabernet Franc and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in stainless steel for 12 months.

This is the flagship of the Estate. Clos Médecin has been produced at the estate for 90 years. All the grapes for this wine come from a very special parcel. The wine offers red fruit aromas. It is fresh, round, and ample in the mouth.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / 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 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 Costières de Pomerols**

Founded in 1932, this Cave Coopérative is in the top commune of Pomerols, between the garrigue of Pezenas and the sea dominated by the Mont St Clair in Sète. 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.



#### **156. 2023 Les Costières de Pomerols, Picpoul de Pinet, H.B., Languedoc 12/750ml**

(Special Neptune bottle from Cognac region)

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Picpoul de Pinet.

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 wine shows how good Picpoul can be when grown on its favorite terroir. The Muscadet of the South of France.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle**



**157. 2023 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 our new La Petite Frog Bag-in-Box blend.

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



**158. 2023 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. A pure expression of the grape varietal, the wine shows how good Picpoul can be when grown on its favorite terroir.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**159. 2023 Le Jade, Picpoul de Pinet 12/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Picpoul de Pinet

Pale straw color. Delicate white flower, 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**



**160. 2023 Le Jade, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

100% Sauvignon Blanc

This Sauvignon Blanc boasts a silvery straw color. 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**



**161. 2023 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**





**162. 2023 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 apricot, 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**



**163. 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**

### Les Crus Faugères

Les Crus Faugères is in the heart of the Faugères appellation, in the Languedoc-Roussillon. It is a major player, as it is the only cave cooperative in the area. They manage 900 hectares (2,223 acres) of vineyards, out of the 2,000 hectares (4,940 acres) of Faugères planted.

Faugères was recognized as an exclusive quality terroir in 1955, when it was classified as VDQS (Vin De Qualité Supérieure). Because of the specific soil type and the uniqueness of the terroir, Faugères became its own AOC in 1982.



**164. 2019 Baron Ermengaud, Faugères Rouge 12/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Faugères

80% Syrah, 10% Grenache, 5% Mourvèdre, and 5% Carignan

*"Les Crus Faugères is the only cooperative in this appellation, managing 2,223 acres or nearly half of Faugères' vines. It puts out a vast array of labels, including Mas Olivier, also recommended here, but Baron Ermengaud was the standout for both its 2019 and 2018 reds. Mostly syrah (80 percent), with grenache, Carignan and Mourvèdre, all of it hand-harvested off schist parcels, the 2019 shines in its combination of earthiness and brightness. Lively acidity and herbal notes give it a just-picked freshness that energizes the red fruit; the clarity allows a clear view of the earth, too, in shades of schist and iron. It tastes like it's from a place, with a sense of sun and garrigue that's transporting."*

**- Wine and Spirits Magazine, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



**165. 2019 Mas Olivier, Expression Red 6/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Faugères  
70% Syrah, 20% Grenache, and 10% Mourvèdre

The wine is produced from a unique plot nested in hilltops, at 400 meters above sea level on rich schist soils. The grapes are selected with love and great care (optimum maturity checks and berry tasting before the hand harvest). Each variety is harvested separately on different dates to ensure the best quality and the perfect homogeneous blend “expression” of the AOP Faugères terroir.

Dark color with a deep purple hue. Intense nose with ripe red berries notes which reveals after breathing herbal notes of pepper, incense, cardamom, and chili. It is a well-structured wine with powerful and fine tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / 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 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 A.O.C. Corbières. The soil is made of schist, limestone, alluvial river wash and argilo-calcaire.



**166. 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**



**167. 2021 Castelmaure, Col des Vents, Corbières 12/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Corbières

50% Carignan, 30% Grenache, 15% Syrah, and 5% Cinsault

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

Originally, the label was a replicate of a Max Savy's painting.

Brambly berry, cherry and raspberry, spices, and black pepper. There are also some aromas of Garrigue (rosemary, thyme, and lavender) giving minty, herbal notes.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



**168. 2020 Castelmaure, Grande Cuvée, Corbières 6/750ml**

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Corbières

55% Syrah and 45% Grenache aged 1 year in barriques (25% new).

Planted on 50% schist and 50% limestone soil.

In the early 1990's, Castelmaure began experimenting with a Prestige Cuvée of Corbières.

This wine has become known as "Grande Cuvée" and is made with the help of the winemaking team of Tardieu-Laurent.

*"Intense black cherry, strawberry and kirsch notes with some wild herbs from surrounding garrigue. Serious structure with firmer tannins, high acidity and a long, mineral finish."*

**- Tim Atkin, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / 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 AOC's 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 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.



#### **169. 2023 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 finish, which creates a perfect balance.

“Excellent white wine” – FJKV

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle**



#### **170. 2023 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Blanc de Viognier 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

100% Viognier. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

Located next to the Les Champavins vineyard; soils are clay and sand with limestone.

The color is clear and brilliant. A very intense nose of flowers, white peaches, and pears.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**



**171. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Condrieu, La Butte d'Or 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Condrieu AOC

100% Viognier aged 10 months in fine-grained oak.

The wine comes from vineyards planted on hillsides and soils that are covered with granite. The east and south-east exposures offer an environment where the Viognier expresses the best of its aromatic potential.

La Butte d'Or Condrieu shows a golden yellow color, a complex nose of exotic fruits and hints of apricot. The palate exhibits some brioche notes that mingle with the delicate flavors of white peach and apricot compote. This Condrieu reveals its typical racy character with a long and fine finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$74.99 / bottle**



**172. 2022 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, La Fontaine 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

100% Roussanne

Yellow-gold color. The nose is rich in aromas of citrus fruit, tropical fruit, quince, and honey, with a touch of vanilla. On the palate, the same aromas appear together with a fatness combining exotic fruit and vanilla. The wine is rich, generous, and elegant, with extraordinary length. "La Fontaine" is often considered to be one of the best Châteauneuf du Pape whites, and it is a superb gastronomy wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**



**173. 2023 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**



**174. 2017 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Rasteau, Les Valats 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Rasteau AOC

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre

*"Very open red-fruit aromas and a rather cool, slightly minty personality make this a good introduction to this underrated Southern Rhone appellation. Good harmony and rather lively for its age at the clean finish. Drink now."*

**- James Suckling, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle**



**175. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Rouge Reserve 12/750ml**

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: \$20.99 / bottle**



**176. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Côtes du Rhône, Les Champavins 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 Champavins 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 "Champavins" and "Coudoulet". A small lane of rocks going through the rocky plateau has been decided to be the AOC limit in 1936. Here, the soil is made of red clay and rocks (pebbled stones of quartz). Les Champavins is a key KPF focus wine.

Intense, brilliant garnet-red color. It reveals lovely fruit, loads of body and a heady bouquet of ground peppers, raspberries cherry liqueur, currants, and spice box. Full-bodied and dense; rich and elegant - it tastes more like a "baby Châteauneuf" than a Côtes du Rhône.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle**



**177. 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.

Located in the northern part of the Vaucluse, on slopes with limestone and rocks.

The wine delivers an intensive nose, with loads of black fruits. Starting full and concentrated, with silky tannins, the mouth reveals blackcurrant and a cherry fruit typicity. It finishes with typical notes of pepper and earth.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**178. 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.

Deep, intense hue. Aromas of fresh black fruit a little meaty, with dried herbs smells. On the palate, the richness of the tannins harmonizes with the smoothness of the wine. The finish is long, with spicy aromas, licorice. A typical wine from this specific terroir called "Les Garrigues".

**Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle**



**179. 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**



**180. 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

The color is purple-tinged garnet. The aromatic range of the nose goes from wild raspberry, blackcurrant, and blackberry to spices. The palate is big and full-flavored, with silky-smooth tannins. The finish introduces touches of liquorice and pepper.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle**



**181. 2019 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.

Lirac Roquedon reveals an intense red garnet color and a nose dominated by a bouquet of red and black ripe fruits (kirsch and wild Blackberry). The mouth is full, with flavors of blackcurrant, liquor, and spice. Tannins are both harmonious and elegant. The palate finishes with hints of liquorice and vanilla, which brings length and complexity to the wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle**



**182. 2020 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, blueberry, 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 spice aromas and licorice. Beautifully textured.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle**



**183. 2020 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**



**184. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Crozes-Hermitage, La Butte d'Or 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Crozes-Hermitage AOC

100% Syrah

The wine comes from vineyards planted on well drained soils that are composed of gravels deposited by the Isere and Rhone Rivers.

The nose offers intense aromas of violet, blueberry and blackcurrant that mingle with subtle notes of mint and black pepper. In the mouth, the wine is juicy and pleasant with a velvety texture.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle**



**185. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, St. Joseph, La Butte d'Or 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Saint-Joseph AOC

100% Syrah aged in oak barrels (10% new).

The wine comes from vineyards that are sourced from the south of the appellation and located on hillsides that enjoy an east and southeast exposure.

On the nose, this wine reveals aromas of pepper and jammy red fruits. In the mouth, it is balanced, ample and intense, offering beautiful tannins on the long-lasting finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle**



**186. 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.

An intense red garnet color. On the nose, aromas kirsch and wild blackberry. The mouth is full, with aromas of blackcurrant liqueur and spice. Tannins are both harmonious and elegant thanks to the fleshiness of the wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**





**187. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Vieux Terron 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

85% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 5% Mourvèdre matured in vats (80%) and oak casks (20%). An intense purple color is followed by ripe red fruit aromas, such as sweet black cherry.

The palate clearly reveals the aromatic complexity: spices and black fruit are boasted with soft tannins. The finish is long with aromatic hints of liquorice and pepper. Red raspberries, star anise and hints of cinnamon.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$55.99 / bottle**



**188. 2021 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.

An intense dark-ruby color. The nose develops aromas of ripe black fruits (such as blackberry), cherry and spice box. The palate reveals strong yet elegant tannins. The finish is long and luxurious. This is the Chateauneuf du Pape expression, displaying all the characteristics of the terroir.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$61.99 / bottle**



**189. 2020 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 huge nose of violet pastilles, mulberries, smoked bacon and a touch of hot asphalt pulls you into this expansive but beautifully balanced Chateauneuf that's packed with fine, powdery tannin. So much bitter-chocolate character, but this exactly matches the deep fruit, and, at the long crescendo finish, there are fascinating balsamic and hot dry-earth touches."*

**- James Suckling, 94 points**

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 93+ points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$80.99 / bottle**



**190. 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.

*"The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Vieilles Vignes is even more powerful, with a dense purple color as well as serious notes of blackberries, currants, ground pepper, graphite, chocolate, and violets. I love its mid-palate density, it's medium to full-bodied, has building tannins, and a great finish."*

**- 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.



**191. 2022 Domaine Corne Loup, Côtes du Rhône Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache Blanc, 20% Clairette, 15% Roussanne, and 15% Viognier aged in stainless-steel for 4 months.

The wine has a pale straw color with brilliant reflection. In the nose, it displays great aromatics, mainly citrus fruit. The palate is well balanced, with a lot of finesse and persistence.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**192. 2022 Domaine Corne Loup, Lirac Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

40% Grenache Blanc, 35% Viognier, and 25% Roussanne

The wine boasts a light yellow and brilliant color, fine floral and fruity notes. It is fat, ample, and powerful in the mouth with a lot of freshness.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**193. 2022 Domaine Corne Loup, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

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

Dark ruby color with aromas of red berries, truffles, and spices. Rich, complex flavors of black fruits with spicy garrigue and bold tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**194. 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.



#### **195. 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 Dunnuck, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle**



**196. 2020 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.

The Syrah vines are situated on the sandy, grey clay slopes of Vacqueyras near the estate. They are facing east west, so the sun warms the grapes early in the morning allowing a considerable synthesis of sugars. The sandy soil is poor, giving a reduced yield.

The resulting wine is very fruity with strong persistent aromas of red fruits, spices and violets brought by the Syrah. Intense black cherry, blackberry, blueberry, and cherry flavors. Explosive fruit tannins give sweet, creamy flavors structure and focus, bright and uplifting on the finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle**



**197. 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. Count me in as a fan."*

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle**

### **Château de Ségriès**

Owner Henri de Lanzac (cousin of the Delorme family of Domaine de la Mordorée) purchased Château de Ségriès 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 1700's, production was high, but in 1863 phylloxera hit. The area struggled to recover until the early 1900's. In the 1930's, Count Henri de Régis began working to improve the quality of wines, vintage after vintage.

Château de Ségriès 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 Ségriès, "a super value treasure trove in the Southern Rhône" whose "wines continue to go from strength to strength".



**198. 2022 Château de Ségriès, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

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

30-year-old vines on clay/limestone soil. The wine is ripe, rich, and round, with black raspberry, white pepper, and spice flavors. Good concentration and acidity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle**



**199. 2022 Château de Ségriès, Lirac Rouge, Cuvée Réservee 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 10% Mourvèdre

Dark garnet in color. Expressive red fruits aromas, spicy, peppery, garrigue notes. A beautiful length in the mouth, red fruit-compote flavors with sweet and melted tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**200. 2020 Château de Ségriès, Clos Jean Alesi, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 6/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

1/3 each of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre aged 9 months in oak (5% new French oak from Seguin Moreau and 95% 1-year-old). This 8.6-acre vineyard, located in the famous "Quartier de la Chartreuse de Villeneuve-les-Avignon", has been owned by the Formula 1 racecar driver Jean Alesi since 1995. It is managed by Château de Ségriès.

This wine is a blend of 33% Grenache, 33% Syrah, and 33% Mourvedre sourced from 40-year-old vines. It was fermented in concrete vats then aged for nine months in 5% new oak barrels. The wine is a very grapey color in the glass. There is a light nose of tightly packed black fruit, dried herbs, pepper, and licorice. In the mouth there are tight-grained blue fruit, fine, powerful tannins, and a little strawberry flavor breaking loose. With air the wine reveals pencil and pepper flavors along with the structure for aging.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle**



**201. 2022 Château de Ségriès, Secret de la Grange, Lirac Rouge 6/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

90% Grenache and 10% 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: \$60.99 / 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. 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 Seguline", 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 granit and a clay/granit mix 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 hectare of red and 0.18 hectare of white. The soil is composed of clay and silica mixed with pebble stones.



#### **202. 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**



#### **203. 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**



**204. 2019 Domaine Fayolle, Hermitage Rouge, Les Dionnières 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Hermitage  
100% Syrah aged for a few months in neutral French oak.

*"Cassis and blueberries appear on the nose of the 2019 Hermitage Les Dionnières, supported by notes of black olives and roasted meat. It's a large-scaled, full-bodied effort, revealing plenty of power on the palate and with rich, velvety tannins that linger on the finish. Made using whole clusters and only old barriques, it's a solid, traditional effort."*

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 94 points**

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 94 points**

**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 case are produced yearly.



**205. 2020 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**



**206. 2020 Domaine Guy Bernard, Côte-Rôtie, Cuvée Côte Rozier 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) come to 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.

**- Wine & Spirits, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$96.00 / bottle**



**207. 2020 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) come to 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.

**- *Wine & Spirits*, 91 points**

**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 AOC's:

- 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 the 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 the 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).



**208. 2021 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.

*"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: \$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 pinned 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.



#### **209. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Blanc, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

34% Grenache, 33% Viognier, and 33% Roussanne fermented in used casks (10%) and stainless-steel (90%).

La Reine des Bois – "Queen of the Woods" – represents premium quality.

Gold with green hints. Aromas of white and yellow fruits - peach, apricot, pear, citrus fruits, verbena, acacia. The palate is round, fruity, complex, and elegant, with a long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle**



#### **210. 2023 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, strawberry, red currant, and citrus. Fresh and fruity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**211. 2023 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rosé 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Carignan. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

This dry, crisp, light, salmon-colored offering has ample aromas of framboise, blood orange and wild cherries. Round, fresh, and long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**212. 2023 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 class rose fragrance. Fresh, round, and smooth.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$38.99 / bottle**



**213. 2023 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: \$47.99 / bottle**



**214. NV Domaine de la Mordorée, La Rémise de la Mordorée, Rouge (Sulfite Free) 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley

40% Marselan (Cabernet Sauvignon x Grenache), 40% Merlot, and 20% Grenache.

La Rémise de la Mordorée represents Mordorée's signature quality at an affordable price.

Deep red color. Aromas of red and black fruits (blueberry, blackcurrant) and flowers (violet, peony). Nice mouthfeel and freshness.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**215. 2022 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.

Deep red color with fruity aromas of blackcurrant and violet. Full of finesse; melted and fine tannins; lengthy finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**216. 2021 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rouse 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. Drink or hold."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle**



**217. 2021 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.

*"Blackberries, dark berries, dried thyme and sweet spices on the nose follow through to a medium body with fine tannins. Round, fruity and juicy with a transparent character. Precise and well-balanced with a flavorful finish. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$47.99 / bottle**



**218. 2021 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 La Reine des Bois. It is meant to be enjoyed early, compared to her sister cuvée which is made for the long run.

*"The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape La Dame Voyageuse is darker in color and slightly more Grenache-dominated, made up of 90% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvèdre, Vaccarèse, and Counoise. Blackberries, violets, graphite, and peppery garrigue all define the bouquet. and it's medium to full-bodied, with beautiful balance, ripe, silky tannins, and a great finish."*

**- Jeb Dunnock, 90-93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$96.00 / bottle**



**219. 2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, La Reine des Bois 1/1.5L**

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 cuvee - whose name means "Queen of the Woods" - is from 65-year-old vines, planted on Villafranchian-era terrasses. The yield is 30 hl/ha.

*"The 2020 Châteauneuf Du Pape La Reine des Bois is a bigger, richer, more structured wine, which is normal. A blend of 80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, and the rest equal parts Syrah and Vaccarèse, its deeper ruby/purple hue is followed by a brilliant perfume of blackberries, black raspberries, ground pepper, violets, and new saddle leather. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with building tannins and great overall balance, it's another wine that shows the style of the vintage brilliantly."*

***- Jeb Dunnuck, 96 points***

***- James Suckling, 95 points***

***- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 95 points***

***- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92-94 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$255.99 / magnum**

## 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.



**220. 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**



**221. 2023 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.

Corne Loup Tavel represents the pinnacle of the rose pyramid quality wise that can be achieved in the Southern Rhône. The town of Tavel has been famous for its rosé wine since the time of the Popes in Avignon (1300's). Tavel is about 2,300 acres in size and produces about 500,000 cases yearly of 9-liter cases, plus can age for 2-3 years, unlike many other rosés. Produced from a blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Clairette, and Carignan, the wine comes from a famous sub-parcel called the Plateau de Vallongue between Tavel and Lirac AOC's.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**



**222. 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**



**222a. 2023 Alain Jaume, Tavel Rosé, Le Crétacé 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre aged in stainless steel.

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**



**223. 2023 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, strawberry, red currant, and citrus. Fresh and fruity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**224. 2023 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rosé 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Carignan. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

This dry, crisp, light, salmon-colored offering has ample aromas of framboise, blood orange and wild cherries. Round, fresh, and long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**225. 2023 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 class rose fragrance. Fresh, round, and smooth.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$38.99 / bottle**



**226. 2023 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: \$47.99 / bottle**



**227. 2023 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**



**228. 2023 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, and refreshing, beautifully balanced. A long and pleasant finish.

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



**229. 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 strawberry and raspberry 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: \$12.50 / bottle**



**230. NV Terre dei Buth, Frizzante Rose, Special Cuvee 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)**

Source: Italy – Veneto

90% Glera and 10% Raboso. Certified Organic and Vegan 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**



**231. 2023 Château de Ségriès, 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**



**232. 2022 Château de Ségriès, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Cinsault, 10% Clairette, and 10% Syrah

*"Notes of fresh red fruits and indicates that this wine possibly went through carbonic maceration as it has aromas of strawberry & bubble gum. Full bodied rose ideal for barbecued dishes."*

**- Sommeliers Choice Awards 2023, 92 points + Gold Medal**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle**



**233. 2021 Château de Ségriès, Tavel Rosé 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

50% Grenache, 30% Cinsault, 10% Clairette, and 10% Syrah

*"Brilliant Siam color. Attractive aromas and flavors of cherry-rhubarb tart and pomegranate chutney on raisin toast with a silky, vibrant, fruity medium-to-full body and a smooth, elegant, very long finish imparting overtones of strawberry shortbread, candied orange, and hint of rye cracker with fine, fruit tannins and no oak flavor. A brilliant, juicy and toothsome rose that delivers pleasure at every opportunity; try in a spritzer too."*

**- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points + Gold Medal**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle**



**234. 2023 Burgo Viejo, Rioja Rosado 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Rioja

100% Garnacha fermented in stainless-steel.

Burgo Viejo Rosado Wine is typical of the style developed in Rioja for years. Vinification has been improved to retain vibrant fruit and display colorful aromas when served. The wine has bright strawberry color and aroma, with hints of raspberry and intense strawberry flavors. A crisp and refreshing finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle**



**235. 2023 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**



**236. NV Rinaldi, Pink Moscato d'Asti 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Moscato d'Asti DOC

Moscato d'Asti 90% and Brachetto d'Acqui 10% - Method Charmat – temperature-controlled maceration for about 24 hours with mechanic plunging and pump over. Soft pressing. Settling in steel vats to have a natural clearing of musts. Further temperature and pressure-controlled fermentation.

A light rosé offset with striking spice and fruit scents. Fresh acidity complements its sweetness, a well-balanced wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



## **BIG BOTTLES – DISPLAY ONLY OR CASH AND CARRY**



### **NV Champagne Trouillard, Brut, Extra Selection 1/9L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: France – Champagne

35% Pinot Noir, 35% Pinot Meunier, and 30% Chardonnay aged 15 months minimum.

Selected from 15 different vineyards located in the Marne Valley, in the Aube and the small Mountain of Reims.

*"Medium gold color with a rich, seductive nose of roasted grains. Shows an elegant attack and a very fine, rich mousse. Finishes very dry but long. Dried lemon peel and toasted bread are evident on the richly textured palate with notable mineral character. Finishes very dry and long."*

**International Wine Review, 92 points**

**- Decanter World Wine Awards, 91 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points**



### **2018 Long Shadows, Pedestal Merlot 6/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

82% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Malbec aged for 22 months in French oak.

*"On the nose this shows an intoxicating bouquet of black currant jelly, espresso bean and shades of black licorice candy. The mouthfeel captured here is exquisite as the Merlot seamlessly glides across the mid-palate delivering a decadent core of dark fruits, black licorice, black peppercorn, and espresso ground tones."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 96 points**

**- Jeb Dunnock, 95 points**

**- James Suckling, 92 points**



### **2020 Arzuaga, La Planta, Ribera del Duero Tempranillo 1/5L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

100% Tempranillo aged for 6 months in French and American oak.

*"A fruity red with aromas of cherries, raspberries, dried flowers, cinnamon and vanilla. Medium-bodied with soft tannins. Creamy, soft, and round. Supple finish."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**



**2017 Lodovico, Barolo Cannubi 1/3L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged for 18 months in French oak and then 1 year in bottle.

With a ruby-red color, the Barolo Cannubi has a rich bouquet which gradually recalls the scents of roses flowers, truffles, and wood spices. The palate is at first elegant and refined, then begins to gain complexity with a little breathing or decanting.



**2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Dame Voyageuse 1/1.5L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

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%).

*"This full-bodied wine has a decadent nose of black plum, red cherry, rhubarb, licorice, rose potpourri, cinnamon, clove and freshly turned earth. The palate is structured with concentrated black plum and black licorice up front, followed by a midpalate of warm baking spices, earth, and a green peppercorn finish. Its velvety texture and ripe-fruit profile make this bottling easy to enjoy now."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points**

**- James Suckling, 94 points**

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points**



**2019 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Le Miocene 1/3L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre natured

The wine is produced from vineyards located in the northern part of Châteauneuf du Pape and the vines are grown using organic methods.

*"This shows smoldering intensity, with a core of steeped plum, blackberry and fig compote flavors that need some time to unwind. When they do, this has a backdrop of ganache, melted black licorice, tobacco, and roasted alder notes for them to meld with."*

**- Wine Spectator, 94 points**

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 93 points**

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 92 points**



### **NV Malard, Champagne Nebuchadnezzar 1/15L (DISPLAY ONLY)**

Source: France – Champagne

60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay. Dosage less than 7 grams.

Generous fizz and a beautiful bright golden color. A fresh, fruity start which rapidly develops confit fruit, fruit paste, apricot, and delicate confectionery qualities. Firm on the palate with structure from classic Pinot Noir vinosity and a nice long finish.

## **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 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.



### **237. 2021 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 a very long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**238. 2021 Bastgen, Berncastel-Cueser, Riesling, Spätlese, Trocken 12/750ml**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

In this southwest facing vineyard Riesling vines are planted on bridle 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 a very long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle**



**239. 2022 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 bridle 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.

*"This prototypical Mosel Kabinett has depth and vibrancy all packed into a light-bodied frame. Not super-sleek, but enormously refreshing with super-expressive white peach, yellow apple and honeysuckle aromas. Super-crisp finish. Delicious now, but excellent aging potential too! From organically grown grapes."*

***- James Suckling, 94 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.50 / bottle**



**240. 2021 Bastgen, Kestener Paulinshofsberg, Riesling, Spätlese 12/750ml**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling from 50+ year old vines.

The steep Paulinshofsberg is a classic and highly recognized vineyard and with only 9 hectares it's one of the most individual and smallest sites of the Mosel region. Its weathered slate soil grants the wines with tangy and mineral notes.

*"This Mosel Spätlese has some of the juicy grape sweetness we expect from this category, but also an herbal and gooseberry character that makes it stand out from the crowd on the barely medium-bodied palate. Very zesty at the brisk and crisp finish."*

***- James Suckling, 92 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / 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).



#### **241. 2022 Dr. Leimbrock, Estate Riesling 12/750ml**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Devonian slate Riesling aged in stainless steel tanks.

Typical Riesling, fresh and fruity, and easy to drink.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle**



#### **242. 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.



#### **243. 2022 Hansen Lauer, Bernkasteler Graben, Riesling Spätlese 12/750ml**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling aged on the lees for 3 months.

Hansen-Lauer Bernkasteler Graben Riesling Spätlese is grown on grey Devonian slate and comes from a vineyard overlooking the picturesque town of Bernkastel-Kues located in a bend of the Middle Mosel. The wine shows everything that makes a classic Mosel Riesling, minerality, acidity and fruit nicely balanced.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle**



#### **244. 2020 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**



#### **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**

### **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.



#### **246. 2022 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**

### **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. The 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.



**247. 2022 Maringer-Reif, Piesporter Michelsberg 12/1.0L**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

A beautiful wine with delicate perfumed aromas. Medium bodied, well balanced, filled with peaches and green apples, crisp and fresh acidity.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 1-liter bottle**



**248. 2021 Weller-Lehnert, Piesporter Goldtröpfchen, Riesling, Spätlese 12/750ml**

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling. Fermentation in stainless steel-tanks, wine stays on the lees until March.

Vineyards have a South-Southeast to South-Southwest sun exposure, with a steep incline.

Weller-Lehnert Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese is made from Estate grown grapes planted on south-facing steep slopes. It is fresh and mineral with inviting yellow fruit aromas. Elegant, full-bodied, and intensely concentrated with bright fruit flavors and fine acidity lingering on the finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 varietals 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 Pocenia 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).



**249. 2022 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.



**250. 2022 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 one of 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. Here they have 1,500 hectares.



### **251. 2022 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**



### **252. 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 adversaries. 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.



### **253. 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**



### **254. 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**



### **255. 2016 La Spinona, Sori Gegin, Barolo 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged 18 months in Slovenian oak.

The Beruttis bought 4 hectares in 1994 in the then relatively unknown zone of Novello which lies in the confines of Monforte and Barolo. A Sori is an entirely south-facing vineyard. This Sori lies 230 meters. It is named for the great grandfather that started the Barbaresco vineyards. The vines are an average of 40 years old.

*"Woodland berry, pressed rose, and spice aromas mingle with earthy notes of forest floor and leather. Medium-bodied, smoothly structured yet racy, the savory palate features Marasca cherry, truffle, vanilla, and star anise framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. Bright acidity keeps it balanced while it closes on a hint of salted game."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$100.99 / bottle**



**256. 2016 La Spinona, Cru Bergera, Barolo 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo Lampia aged 18 months in Slovenian oak.

The Beruttis bought 4 hectares in 1994 in the then relatively unknown zone of Novello which lies in the confines of Monforte and Barolo. A Sori is an entirely south-facing vineyard. This Sori lies 230 meters. It is named for the great grandfather that started the Barbaresco vineyards. The vines are an average of 40 years old.

*"Underbrush, violet and new leather aromas come to the forefront on this fragrant red. The bright, linear, elegantly structured palate offers pomegranate, cranberry and star anise framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. It has an almost salty finish."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points**

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**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. Elio Filippino specializes in bottle aged wines and produces



**257. 2023 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**



**258. 2020 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**



**259. 2015 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**



**260. 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.

*"A medium-to full-bodied red with aromas and flavors of dried cranberries, cherries, citrus peel, violets and licorice. Ultra fine tannins and bright acidity accompany earthy and chewy notes on the palate. Shows structure and intensity."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**- Wine Enthusiast, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**



**261. 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**

### **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.



#### **262. 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**

### **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.

Annual production is 5,000 9-liter cases.



**263. 2021 Collemattoni, Adone Rosso Toscano IGT 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Toscana – Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

100% Sangiovese. Aged in 32-hectoliter Slovenian Oak casks (foudre) for 30 months, then another 6 months in the bottle before release. Wine is slightly filtered before bottling.

The name 'Adone' is a tribute to Ado Bucci, Marcello's father.

This blend of Sangiovese and Merlot is a pleasant, enjoyable wine for any occasion. Ruby red in color, with a bouquet of violet, cherry, and blackberry. Fruit, well-balanced and persistent.

**Suggested Retail: \$21.99 / 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.



**264. 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 sparkle 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**



**265. NV Toso, Moscato Dolce 6/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte

100% Muscat

This Moscato is reminiscent of honeysuckle and rose petal. 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**



**266. 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**

### **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.



**267. NV Lambrusco, Amabile Bruscus San Valentino 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Emilia-Romagna – Emilia IGT

60% Lambrusco Marani, 20% Lambrusco Salamino, and 20% Lambrusco Maestri – juice is placed in stainless-steel along with the skins for 4-6 days. The wine is then raked, and the juice is allowed to ferment. After malolactic fermentation the wine is placed in an autoclave until spring. Re-fermentation creates natural effervescence.

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.



#### **268. 2020 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: \$25.99 / 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).



**269. 2023 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**



**270. 2022 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**



**271. NV Rinaldi, Pink Moscato d’Asti 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Moscato d’Asti DOC

Moscato d’Asti 90% and Brachetto d’Acqui 10%

A light rosé offset with striking spice and fruit scents. Fresh acidity complements its sweetness, a well-balanced wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle**



**272. 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**



**273. 2020 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**



**274. 2021 Rinaldi, Barbera d'Asti, La Bricca 12/750ml**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbera d'Asti DOC

50% Barbera d'Asti aged 12 months in 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**



**275. 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**



**276. 2018 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**



**277. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **278. 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.

*"Emerald straw color. Aromas and flavors of peach and orange blossom, lemon curd, and lime juice and sea salt with a satiny, crisp, dry medium body and a seamless, refreshing, carefree finish with accents of white peach and green apple, lemon and lime pith, pink grapefruit, and apricot. Good balance of fruit and acidity with a light body; a very crushable picnic wine."*

**- Beverage Testing Institute, 93 points + Gold Medal & Best Buy**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.50 / 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.



#### **279. 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**



#### **280. 2023 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**



#### **280a. 2023 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**

### Reguengo de Melgaço

Reguengo de Melgaço means ‘land of the royalty’. The estate was built by Queen Leonor and belonged to the Portuguese Royal Family in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The Melgaço population was taxed on the winery’s production, and as a result, there are some very large “lagares” and “canastros” at the Quinta.

The property passed through the hands of several noble families in the region, but that ended in the 1990’s with the sale to the Cardadeiro family. They decided to buy and rebuild the farm, focusing on Alvarinho wine production and rural tourism.

In 1997, the Cardadeiro family got to work planting vines. The vineyards cover 7.5 hectares, planted 100% to Alvarinho, located along the Minho River, just a short distance from Galicia, Spain. The soil is light textured granite with low organic matter. The first vintage was made in 2001.



#### **281. 2022 Reguengo de Melgaço, Alvarinho Vinho Verde 6/750ml**

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

100% Alvarinho aged on the lees for 3-4 months (no oak).

Fresh with an intense fruity character. Very mineral wine with notes of apple, plums, and peach, combined with a dominant citrus-like profile. Well-structured, elegant, and unctuous on the palate. Great balance between acidity and dryness/sweetness. A long and aromatic finish.

**Retail Price: \$32.99 / 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 1930’s and 1950’s, 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). After four generations, this winery remains a family business, owned by the Vida family. They produce 300,000 9-liter cases annually.



#### **282. 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.



#### **283. 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**



#### **284. 2018 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**



#### **285. 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**



**286. 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**



**287. NV Boeira, Tawny 20-Year-Old 6/750ml**

Source: Portugal – Porto

40% Touriga Nacional, 30% Touriga Francesa, and 30% Tinta Roiz. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks and aged in oak barrels for 20 years.

Brown color with copper reflections. Opulent and voluptuous nose with aromas of jammy fruits, cassis, blackberries, spices and dried fruits, orange blossom, caramel, and toasty notes. The palate is full of very rich and concentrated flavors with a delicate finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$77.99 / bottle**

### 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.



**288. 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: \$20.99 / bottle**





**289. 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: \$20.99 / bottle**



**290. 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 liquorice, culminating in a long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$118.99 / bottle**



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 be from estate-grown fruit.



**291. 2022 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**



**292. 2023 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.

Sourced from the Colchagua Valley, characterized by its steep slopes of well-drained granite soils, and irrigated by the Tinguiririca River, which brings clear melt water from the Andes.

Attractive yellow color with some green tones. Its intense varietal character reminds 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 finish, it is full, rich with just enough toast and vanilla flavors to compliment food.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / bottle**



**293. 2022 Rubus, Red Blend, Organic 12/750ml (CERTIFIED ORGANIC and CERTIFIED 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. 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 that's almost too good to be true for a value wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



**294. 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**



**295. 2022 Rubus, Pinot Noir, Carneros 12/750ml (sold out)**

Source: United States – California – Carneros

100% Pinot Noir

It shows complexity with raspberry and cherry notes that dance on the tongue.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**296. 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**



**297. 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: \$23.99 / bottle**



**298. 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: \$17.99 / bottle**



**299. 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**



**300. 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**



**301. 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**



**302. 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.



**303. 2022 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**



**304. 2021 Lexicon, Chardonnay 12/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland

100% Chardonnay matured in French oak for 3-6 months.

The Swartland region of South Africa is a rugged place of untamed beauty and unique, distinctive terroir. From low-yielding vines, Lexicon Chardonnay is made in a rich, full-bodied style. Intense aromas of ripe apples, lime, and pears with hints of tropical fruit are beautifully enhanced by subtle tones of well-integrated oak. The bright fruit is balanced by fresh acidity and a lingering finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / bottle**



**305. 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, meats, and stews.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**306. 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**

## ORGANIC – BIODYNAMIC – SUSTAINABLE



### 307. NV Terre dei Buth, Frizzante Rose, Special Cuvee 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Italy – Veneto

90% Glera and 10% Raboso. Certified Organic and Vegan 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**



### 308. 2022 Green and Social, Rueda, Organic Verdejo 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Rueda

100% Verdejo. Certified Organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

The launch of green and social is a step forward in pursuit of sustainability by Cuatro Rayas and the starting point of new environmental initiatives in support of the social economy that the Cooperative launched. Lightweight recycled glass to reduce emissions. The aluminum capsule is free of plastics (100% recyclable). Sugar cane cork with zero carbon footprint. Green and Social Rueda offers a yellow straw color with bright green hues and exhibits fresh, citrus fruit and balsamic aromas that are typical of the Verdejo variety. Its simplicity and purity find a dynamic and seductive path between fresh flavors, finesse, and minerality. It is a fresh and crisp wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



### 309. 2020 Green and Social, Rueda, Organic Tempranillo 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – VT Castile and León

100% Tempranillo. Certified Organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

The Green and Social Organic Tempranillo has a bright and clean, mid-depth ruby red color and purple hue. Intense aroma with hints of ripe berries. Soft and velvety on the plate, perfect balance between tannins and acidity, round, and long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



**310. 2021 Villa Monti, Chianti Superiore DCG, Organic 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Italy – Abruzzo – Montepulciano d’Abruzzo DOC

90% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo and 5% Colorino. Certified Organic by Q Certificazione Biologica. Grapes for Villa Monti Chianti Superiore come from Le Tire, Paradiso La Fonte parcels. These parcels receive good sun exposure, giving the wine plenty of roundness and juiciness.

Ruby red color, with delicious fruity and floral aromas, with a pleasant structure and tannic density, leading to a balanced and persistent finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**311. 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**



**312. 2021 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.

*"From, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, the 2021 Malbec Cueva de las Manos is an organic wine. It's purple in color. The nose showcases aromas of fresh plum, herb, and hints of cherry. Broad and indulgent with a voluminous flow and refined tannins, it's a delicate wine with good flavor."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**313. 2020 Finca los Cedros, Single Vineyard, Malbec 6/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec. Certified Organic by LETIS Organic.

Single vineyard wine from the Finca los Cedros vineyard in Paraje Altamira (3,600 ft. elevation). Planted in high density (8,000 plants per hectare) on calcareous gravel soils, this Malbec has a fresh and easy-drinking style with a mineral character.

Intense purple color. Plum, brambly berries, spices and an iris/violet note are apparent on the nose. Intense, fruity flavors with velvety tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle**



**314. 2022 Cueva de la Manos, Cabernet Sauvignon 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Lujan 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**



**315. 2018 Pierinvaletta, Organic Barolo, Langhe 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo. Certified Organic by ECOGRUPPO Organic.

Elegant with a good structure and a long, pleasant finish. Classic garnet edge. Leaves, earth, and tar components – dried flowers.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$46.50 / bottle**



**316. 2020 Ricudda, Chianti Classico 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in cement tanks and in small oak barrels for 12 months. The wine is then aged in the bottle for 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

*"A lovely red from a hot vintage, showing freshness and brightness. Medium body with orange-peel and cherry flavors that last effortlessly on the palate. Tangy. From organically grown grapes."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / bottle**



**317. 2019 Ricudda, Chianti Classico Riserva 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in small Tuscan oak barrels for 24 months and then for 6 months in bottle before release. Certified organic by Q Certification Biologica.

*"A very fine riserva with black-cherry, walnut with some cedar aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied with lovely tension and a fresh finish. Racy and refined. From organically grown grapes."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / 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 Riebeek. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**318. 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**



**319. 2021 Riebeek, Chardonnay 12/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland

100% Chardonnay

The color is a 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**



**320. 2023 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**



**321. 2023 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**



**322. 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 Pinotage wine with expressive fruit character and soft, supple tannins. Because the parents of Pinotage are Cinsault and Pinot Noir, both red berry fruit driven wines, our style of Pinotage highlights the vibrant fruit components of the Pinotage parentage. Bright plums and cherries with a touch of spice on a smooth, lingering finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



**323. 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**



**324. 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**



**325. 2020 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**



**326. 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**

### Indwe

Indwe is the Xhosa name for the Blue Crane, also called the Stanley Crane or Paradise Crane. It is South Africa's national bird and is almost exclusively endemic to South Africa (an estimated 20-25 birds are found in Namibia). 30,000 nesting pairs are known to exist.

The Indwe is highly revered culturally – its feathers and regalia can only be worn by the Zulu king and royalty.



The Blue Crane has a vulnerable status on the global red list; its population today is only half of what it was in the 1970's. The species faces threats from climate change, as well as illegal trade, domestication, and habitat loss. Kysela has partnered with the International Crane Foundation and Endangered Wildlife Trust, donating proceeds from the sale of each bottle of Indwe Pinotage to help support their conservation efforts.



#### **327. 2020 Indwe Pinotage 12/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region  
100% Pinotage

Indwe Pinotage offers an array of red cherry and bright plum flavors that follow through on an elegant palate with smooth tannins and a juicy finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / 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.



#### **328. 2023 Babylon's Peak, Chenin Blanc 12/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland

100% Chenin Blanc fermented on the lees in stainless steel. The Chenin Blanc grapes were picked from very old dryland bushvine vineyards. The vineyard grows on weathered granite soils, contributing to the flavor of the grapes and mineral character of the wine.

Crisp, fresh, and fruity, this wine has a great spectrum of fruit aromas and minerality, which are terroir-driven. A lively and lingering palate.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle**



**329. 2019 Babylon's Peak, Cinsault 12/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Paardeberg  
100% Cinsault

Medium to light bodied. Fruit driven with spicy undertones. Soft tannins and fine complexity. A fruit driven wine with lively light palate and lingering mouthfeel.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**

**Francois Van Niekerk**

Francois Van Niekerk grew up in 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 Angélu 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.



**330. 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.

Dense purple hues, with evocative aromas of black cherries, ripe plums, nectarines, boysenberry, wild bramble, and exotic oak spice. The juicy and sweet-fruited palate entry, combined with crunchy tannins, lures one into a sense of overtness, yet the wine is sublimely elegant and poised. The complex layers of fruit are in perfect harmony with the oak, all bound together by a lively seam of acidity. The finish is pleasantly dry and savory, with lingering notes of Christmas cake and vanilla pod.

**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 particular 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.



**331. 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***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$131.99 / bottle**



**332. 2022 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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$34.50 / bottle**



**333. 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 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 an 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**

**Keermont**

Keermont Vineyards is a family-owned farm located in a back valley outside of Stellenbosch, ZA. The name comes from Keerweder, which is the name of the former farm. A keerweder is a dead end in a valley - it literally translates to 'blocked again', as the early settlers were blocked by the terrain when they tried to pass through the valley. The winery and vineyards are in the shadow of Guardian Peak (official name is Suurberg). The mountain fruit here is like the grapes grown at the Howell Mountain AVA in Napa Valley.

Keermont was founded in 2007 by Mark and Monica Wraith, who moved to the Western Cape from Gauteng in 2003. Her purchased Keerweder III farm as well as Fleurfontein farm, joining them into one estate known today as Keermont Vineyards. Their first vintage was 2007, which yielded a tiny crop of around 5 barrels (about 108 cases). The first wines were made in an old spring water bottling shed, before the small winery was built in 2010.

The Keermont farm totals 157 hectares, with 30 hectares (72 acres) of vines:

20 hectares red varieties – Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah

10 hectares white varieties – Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, and Viognier

All grapes used in their wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. They are fermented, matured, and bottled in the winery. Alex Starey has overseen vineyards and winemaking since 2005. Alex studied Viticulture and Oenology at Stellenbosch University; he has travelled and worked in various wine regions including Maipo Valley, Chile; Penedes and Priorat, Spain; St-Émilion and Cote Rotie, France.

Small parcels are harvested by hand and fermented separately to produce wines with complexity and depth. Some of the Chenin Blanc vines are 40+ years old and used by De Trafford winery.

Keermont is certified sustainable and follows a natural and traditional winemaking philosophy – indigenous yeast fermentation, no adjustment to acid or alcohol, maturation in seasoned oak barrels, bottling by hand without filtration.

Annual production is around 3,500 cases per year.



**334. 2022 Keermont, White Blend, Terrasse 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Stellenbosch  
39% Chenin Blanc (34% Riverside parcel, 26% Low Road parcel, and 5% Bobbejaan parcel),  
34% Sauvignon Blanc (Uitkyk parcel), 14% Viognier (Cottage Lane parcel). and 13%  
Chardonnay (Low Road parcel).

*"Terrasse is a seamless, skillfully blended cuvée of Chenin Blanc with 54% Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Roussanne, Viognier and Marsanne. Barrel-fermented and aged in older oak, it's floral, spicy, and intense, marrying citrus, pear and clementine flavours and a touch of tannic grip."*

**- Tim Atkin, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle**



**335. 2020 Keermont, Merlot 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Stellenbosch  
86% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Malbec aged 20 months in French oak.

*"Reflecting the heat spikes of the 2020 vintage, this is the fuller bodied of the two current Merlot releases from Keermont. Sweet, ripe, and concentrated, it has notes of mulberry and raspberry jam, textured, supple tannins and deftly integrated older oak."*

**- Tim Atkin, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle**





**336. 2020 Keermont, Cabernet Sauvignon 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Stellenbosch

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, and 11% Cabernet Franc

Keermont Cabernet Sauvignon grows in Keermont's Cottage Lane Vineyard on the mid-slopes of the Helderberg. This vineyard is situated on the crest of a ridge (320m above sea level) so has aspects ranging from East through North to West. It is very exposed resulting in small vines with low yields. This has allowed us to make a relatively fine-grained Cabernet, but the clay soil translates to a wine with power, tension, and fresh acidity. They blend in a couple of barrels of other varieties to add to the complexity of flavor and tannin structure.

*"Something of a crowd pleaser from Alex Starey, this is a comparatively forward cuvée of Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. Supple, ripe and perfumed, it combines fynbos and dried herb aromas, fig and mulberry flavours, supple tannins and plenty of body and alcohol."*

*- Tim Atkin, **91 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$56.99 / bottle**



**337. 2015 Keermont, Amphitheatre Red 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Stellenbosch

32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc, 22% Merlot, 17% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, and 1% Syrah aged for 19 months in French oak (20% new) and then bottled aged for 12-24 months.

*"The maiden 2015 Amphitheatre has an intense bouquet of dark cherries, star anise, camphor and wild heather scents, all well-defined and expressive. The palate is medium bodied with supple tannins and fleshy ripe red fruit laced with white pepper and sage, fanning out wonderfully toward the finish. This is a beautiful maiden release, exuding breeding and class, from Alex Starey at Keermont."*

*- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, **95 points***

*-Tim Atkin, **93 points***

*- Wine Enthusiast, **91 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$83.99 / bottle**

### **Lismore Estate**

Tucked into the foothills of a dramatic mountain range at the bottom of Africa is Lismore Estate Vineyards. It is here, in the Greyton area, that Californian Samantha O'Keefe found paradise and the perfect terroir.

With a degree in political science and background in television, Samantha left Los Angeles for South Africa in 2000. She fell in love with a 300-hectare ranch called Riviersonderend, named for the mountain range. She purchased the ranch, built her own house, planted vines, and constructed a winery. Lismore Estate Vineyards was founded in 2003, and her inaugural vintage was released in 2008. Samantha's wines have been praised by the top journalists, and in 2018, she was inducted into the prestigious Cape Winemaker's Guild in 2018, becoming the 6th woman to ever be inducted into the Guild.

The Overberg region is rapidly earning a reputation for premium cool climate grapes. Greyton has now been designated a ward within that district, recognizing the unique terroir expression of the wine that is produced there. Lismore is the only registered wine estate in Greyton ward.

Lismore's vineyards are planted on slopes at the base of the Riviersonderend Mountain Range. The combination of elevation and climate makes for an extended ripening period which is roughly 3-4 weeks later than the more traditional wine growing areas in the Western Cape. There is a total of 12.5 ha planted with Chardonnay, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Viognier. On the Davis Scale, the area is classified as Region 1, meaning Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Syrah, and Pinot Noir are doing very well in the region and get perfect ripening conditions.

In December 2019, Lismore Estate suffered a devastating loss – a raging fire destroyed Samantha's home, the winery and damaged some of the vineyards. Fortunately, her finished wines were stored offsite and were not lost in the fire.



**338. 2021 Lismore, Age of Grace Viognier 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast  
100% Viognier aged for 10 months.

*"With pretty white peach and Mirabelle scents on the nose, this takes time to blossom. The palate is medium bodied with a gorgeous, dried apricot, mango and spicebox entry, nothing blowsy here with a very focused, almost understated finish. Excellent."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 93+ points**

**- Tim Atkin, 92 points**

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle**



**339. 2020 Lismore, Sauvignon Blanc 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast  
100% Viognier aged in concrete.

*"The fresh, saline, sea-spray-scented bouquet gradually unfurls with aeration in the glass. The palate is well balanced with a grassy, white asparagus and ginger-tinged opening, crisp acidity and a racy but composed finish."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 92 points**

**- Tim Atkin, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle**



**340. 2021 Lismore, Chardonnay 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Greyton  
100% Chardonnay aged for 11 months in French oak.

This very special Chardonnay shows intense citrus and soft fruit layered with brioche, honey and walnut carried by a distinct minerality and crisp acidity with a lingering citrus finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle**



**341. 2021 Lismore, Chardonnay Reserve 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Greyton

100% Chardonnay aged for 11 months in oak (33% new French oak).

The vineyards are planted in decomposed shale over clay 300 meters in the foothills of the Sonderend Mountain Range.

*"It has a wonderful bouquet with honeydew melon, apricot blossom and light crushed stone scents that percolate through with time. The palate is very well balanced with tropical hints of passion fruit and guava, but the acidity keeps everything on a tight course, very minerally on the finish. Top class."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 94 points**

**- Tim Atkin, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$69.00 / bottle**



**342. 2021 Lismore, Pinot Noir 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg

100% Pinot Noir aged for 10 months in French oak (25% new).

70% of the grapes came from Stanford in Walker Bay and 30% from Kaaimansgat in Elandskloof, both in the cool climate region Cape South Coast. The vines are all Burgundian, clone 115. The Stanford vineyard is close to the southernmost tip of Africa and is in one of South Africa's coolest wine producing regions. The maritime vineyard enjoys a long ripening season, because of the strong cooling winds that are prevalent in the summer. This microclimate is ideal for creating a long hang time, concentrating the flavours in the berries, while retaining natural acidity levels. Kaaimansgat is situated 700m above sea level and its continental climate allows for perfect winter dormancy and ripens even later than the coastal vineyards. The vines here are planted on decomposed granite soil high in clay content. Complex bouquet of crushed rose petals, wild jasmine and fresh French herbs followed by a palate full of cranberry, raspberry, and a long savory finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$56.00 / bottle**



**343. 2017 Lismore, Syrah 6/750ml**

South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg

100% Syrah aged for 9 months in oak.

*"It has a gorgeous bouquet of raspberry, pomegranate, embers and crushed violet aromas that seem to give the olfactory senses a big hug. The palate is quite brilliantly balanced, the fine tannins framing vivid brambly red and black fruit laced with cracked black pepper, desiccated orange peel, clove, and an undercurrent of garrigue that becomes more prominent on the persistent finish."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 95 points**

**- Tim Atkin, 94 points**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$56.00 / bottle**



**344. 2021 Lismore, Syrah, Reserve 6/750ml**

South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg  
100% Syrah aged 10 months in French oak (35%).

A careful selection of the best of the vintage exemplifies the extraordinary terroir of Lismore. An exotic experience which shifts your mind to another place. Cassis, brambles, and succulent cherry. White pepper, classic garrigue and the strong floral perfume of crushed violets. Light and elegant but structured with a fresh acidity. To experience the best this wine has to offer, decanting is suggested.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / 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.



**345. 2022 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**

**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.



**346. 2022 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**



**347. 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.

Lovely straw yellow color, clean and bright. The nose is reminiscent of ripe crystallized fruit and spices. The palate weaves together spicy, smoky, lightly toasted vanilla oak aromas with ripe pineapple and apricot notes. The mouthfeel is elegant, round and well balanced.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$47.99 / bottle**



**348. 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. III Año shows all the expressiveness of the Albariño grape, with a full nose of lemon, apple, exotic fruit, mineral character, and hint of dried herbs. Complex and meaty with firm structure in the mouth, it promises a splendid evolution. The palate's rich and thick with crisp acidity with citrus (lemon/grapefruit), apple and mango. Excellent length and a pleasant, refreshing finish.

**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.



**349. 2022 Valmiñor, Albariño Rias Baixas 12/750ml (CERTIFIED VEGAN)**

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño (no oak). Certified vegan by the European Vegetarian Union.

*"Chopped apples, fresh mangoes, honeysuckle and lemons on the nose. Deliciously fruity and juicy with a medium body, creamy texture, and tangy acidity. Refreshing. Vegan."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**- Decanter World Wine Awards, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**

### **Adega Valdes**

Adega Valdés reflects the vocation and work of the Valdés family who for more than 30 years have been the owner of twenty hectares (49 acres) of vineyards on the banks of the Ulla River. In 2001, with the extension of the Rías Baixas Designation of Origin to that area, the current winery was founded, combining the family tradition with the most avant-garde winemaking techniques.

All the wines of Adega Valdés are estate grown. The quintessential grape cultivated at the property is Albariño, the core character of its first brand, Gundian. The winery also owns a significant area dedicated to the Treixadura variety, which allows production of multi-varietal wines of different aromatic intensity.

The Valdés family vineyards are in the lands of Vedra, at the foot of the historic Gundian Bridge, between Monte de las Roxas and Castro San Miguel. This privileged area belongs to the Ulla subzone, within the Rías Baixas Designation of Origin.



**350. 2021 Gundian, Albariño, Rias Baixas 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño aged on the lees for 2 months.

Gundian is a local surname and the name of several Galician villages (3 in the area) as well as a famous bridge in Galicia - thus the bridge graphic on the label. The Gundian Bridge, also known as the Gundian Viaduct, is a bridge that spans the Ulla River Pass, on the old railway line between Orense and Santiago de Compostela.

Clean and bright wine, yellow straw color with green tones. On the nose, it has fruity and floral aromas of high intensity, especially apple and stone fruits (apricot). In the mouth, the freshness and youth stand out with a well-balanced acidity that makes it savory and sweet.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / 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.



#### **351. 2022 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Blanco 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

60% Viura and 40% Tempranillo Blanco aged 3 months on the lees with frequent batonnage. Certified organic by Gobierno de la Rioja.

Pale yellow color with green tones. Fresh and intense flavors of white fruits, peach, apple, and some citrus notes. Full bodied mouth with nice length.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**



#### **352. 2019 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Graciano 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Graciano aged 3 months on the lees with frequent batonnage. Certified organic by Gobierno de la Rioja.

*"If you were to macerate strawberries and rose petals, you might get something that smells like this wine. Add new oak to that, as well as Graciano's edgy acidity, and you get a bright, intense red wine desperately seeking morcilla."*

**- Wine & Spirits, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



#### **353. 2019 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Crianza 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano aged in American oak barrels for 12 months.

*"A fruity and attractive red with medium body, red fruit and a fresh finish. Not a lot of structure, but delicious and fruity at the end. And not overdone. Tempranillo."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle**





**354. 2016 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.

*"Aromas of blackberry, dark plum and a tiny hint of green bell pepper pave the way for flavors of cassis, blackberry, anisette, butterscotch and black-olive paste. Plush tannins melt into the background as notes of cherry and eucalyptus appear on the finish. - Mike DESIMONE"*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle**



**355. 2018 Licenciado, Rioja, Reserva 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo aged 18 months in 50% French and 50% American oak.

*"A soft, fruity red with berry and cherry character. Full body, round tannins, and a flavorful finish. 100% Tempranillo."*

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 90 points**

**- Decanter World Wine Awards, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**

### **Bodegas Cuatro Rayas**

The raison d'être of Bodega Cuatro Rayas is making Verdejo wine for the world. Since its establishment in 1935, the winery has become a benchmark in the production of white wine and, in recent years, has won numerous awards for its red, rosé, frizzante, fortified wines, and vermouth.

Since the beginning, some of the priorities of the cooperative have been taking care of the environment and the well-being of the people who live in rural areas. This commitment to a natural and social environment is now supported by the launching of 'green and social', a hallmark that attests the actions carried out in all the stages of the production of the wines to improve the living standard of their members and workers and the protection of the environment.



**356. 2022 Caballito de Mar, Rueda Verdejo 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Rueda

100% Verdejo aged in stainless-steel (no oak).

Caballito de Mar means 'seahorse' and is made from 100% Verdejo grapes. A yellow color with green highlights, fresh and fruity aromas of pear and apple. Citrus and tropical fruit flavors, smooth and soft on the palate, well-structured and complex.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle**



**357. 2022 Green and Social, Rueda, Organic Verdejo 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)**

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Rueda

100% Verdejo. Certified Organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

The launch of green and social is a step forward in pursuit of sustainability by Cuatro Rayas and the starting point of new environmental initiatives in support of the social economy that the Cooperative launched. Lightweight recycled glass to reduce emissions. The aluminum capsule is free of plastics (100% recyclable). Sugar cane cork with zero carbon footprint. Green and Social Rueda offers a yellow straw color with bright green hues and exhibits fresh, citrus fruit and balsamic aromas that are typical of the Verdejo variety. Its simplicity and purity find a dynamic and seductive path between fresh flavors, finesse, and minerality. It is a fresh and crisp wine.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle**



**358. 2020 Green and Social, Rueda, Organic Tempranillo 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)**

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – VT Castile and León

100% Tempranillo. Certified Organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

The Green and Social Organic Tempranillo has a bright and clean, mid-depth ruby red color and purple hue. Intense aroma with hints of ripe berries. Soft and velvety on the plate, perfect balance between tannins and acidity, round, and long finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / 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.



**359. 2022 Montebuena, Blanco 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

80% Viura and 20% Tempranillo Blanco

Montebuena - 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**



**360. 2020 Montebuena, Rioja 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

This is a core KPF product.

100% Tempranillo aged 3-4 months in French oak.

*"A soft and velvety red with berry and cherry character. Chocolate, too. Medium to full body, round tannins and a flavorful finish."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**- i-winereview.com, 91 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.



**361. 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 Ecologica 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**



**362. 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**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle**



**363. 2018 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.

**- James Suckling, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle**



**364. 2017 Finca Sobreño, Ildefonso, Toro 6/750ml (top reserve wine)**

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 wine is produced in very limited quantity from the estate's oldest vineyards (80-year-old vines). The name of the wine is the surname of the San Ildefonso family and represents the apex of their winemaking tradition.

Deep cherry color. Very expressive, elegant, and complex with ripe fruit, mineral notes, sweet spices, chocolate aromas and intense toasts. Powerful, tasty, round and very smooth.

**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.



#### **365. 2021 Luis Cañas, Rioja Blanco, Viña Viejas 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

90% Viura and 10% Malvasia Riojana aged for 5 months.

Beautiful golden yellow color with bright lemon-tinted reflections. On the nose it is fine, with great elegance, combined with hints of flowers, fruits and hazelnuts. In the mouth, it is dry with just enough acidity to make it fresh and lively with a structured and tasting finish of ripe fruit.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle**



#### **366. 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).

The wine shows a ruby red color, a clean nose with nuances of balsamic, plum and cedar. The palate is smooth and velvety, complex, and structured, with fruit, spice flavors with toasted oak. A pleasant finish with red fruits and hints of eucalyptus.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**



**367. 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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle**



**368. 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).

A brilliant garnet color with cherry hints on the edges. The nose offers a complex variety of aromas that combine to bring an intense and sophisticated wine. Initially we can find very ripe berry fruits, smoky notes, raisins, and liquor. After a certain amount of aeration, the cinnamon and jam notes appear and, with a little more time, the roasted and spiced aromas are noticed more clearly. The palate is full, with a good presence of tannins offset by the glycerin like character, resulting in a fleshy sensation. Long lasting and lingering finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle**



**369. 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.

Ruby red color with earthy tones. The wine shows finesse, elegance, and complexity with good concentration of black fruit, thyme, and rosemary with secondary aromas of leather and tobacco leaves. On the palate, it is polished and rounded, making it pleasant and easy to drink. Fleshy with both elegance and power. It has touches of black fruit jam and liquorice. A long, delicious, and persistent finish.

**- James Suckling, 92 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**370. NV Dioro Baco, Cava, Brut Rosado 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – La Rioja

100% Pinot Noir

Raspberry pink. Fine bubbles. Fruity aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and rose petals. Pleasant and potent in the mouth with light acidity. Persistent and elegant.

**Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle**



**371. 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 derive 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**



**372. 2015 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.

*"Deep, bright-rimmed ruby. Ripe black and blue fruits on the expansive, spice- and smoke-accented nose, along with suggestions of vanilla, candied flowers, and cola. The oak qualities recede quickly on the palate, which displays sappy, deeply concentrated boysenberry, black raspberry and spiced flavors that show a suave blend of richness and energy. Supple tannins build steadily on the penetrating finish, which leaves cherry-cola and baking spice notes behind."*

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 93 points**

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.00 / bottle**



**373. 2012 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.

*"A modern wine from Rioja Oriental, this is a blend of tempranillo, mazuelo (10 percent) and mixed old vines, all farmed by the Escudero family. They allow the fruit to ferment spontaneously, age it in new American oak barrels, and present a wine filled with supple harmonies and long-lasting flavors of plums and tobacco, intensely concentrated and delicious. The oak aging lends a sandalwood note of incense, the meaty Morello cherry notes give it a satisfying feel."*

***- Wine & Spirits Magazine, 94 points***

***- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 92 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**

**Bodegas San Dionisio**

Bodegas San Dionisio is in the town of Fuenteálamo in Albacete (Castilla – La Mancha). For centuries, from generation to generation, the winemakers have developed cultivation techniques to take full advantage of the exceptionally hard conditions of the climate and soil. The result is a small production and a slow ripening process (the most common variety – Monastrell – is harvested at the end of September and all of October) that produces very complex wines with a strong personality – high concentration of aromas and polyphenols.



**374. 2018 Toza, Crianza Jumilla 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Murcia – Jumilla

100% Monastrell aged in French and American oak for 12 months.

Toza Crianza is a powerful, rich, and delicious aged red wine with toasted and smoked nuances from its ageing in oak, which respect and blend perfectly with the ripe fruit varietal aromas of the Monastrell (or Mourvèdre).

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / 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.



**375. 2022 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.

*"A fresh and delicious tempranillo blanco that has more than enough energy to support its phenolic, full-bodied palate. Plenty of white fruit, green plums and stones, but subtle and elegantly rendered. Drink now."*

***- James Suckling, 91 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle**



**376. 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 the finest soils in Ribera del Duero's "Golden Mile". This terrain with its unique micro-climate (during the day, a 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.



**377. 2021 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.

*"Deep-ruby-red in the glass, this wine has a bouquet of blackberry, purple plum and clove. It is soft at first sip, followed by a sensation of fullness as plush tannins fill the palate. Flavors of black cherry, cassis, caramel, anise and a touch of dried thyme linger on the taste buds."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points + Best Buy**

**- James Suckling, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle**



**378. 2020 Arzuaga, Laderas del Norte, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml (CERTIFIED 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**



**379. 2020 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).

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: \$48.99 / bottle**



**380. 2019 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 delicious reserva is garnet-ruby in the glass, with a violet-colored rim. It has enticing aromas of ripe cherry, red plum, and saddle leather. In the mouth, there are flavors of ripe red and black fruits, dried sage and thyme, pencil lead and cedar shavings. The tannins are velvety, the mouthfeel is voluptuous, and the finish goes on for days."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$69.99 / bottle**



**381. 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.

*"Generous, full-bodied and flavorful with notes of spiced plums, coconuts, grilled rosemary, coffee and cassis. Gorgeously supple and plush, with well-integrated tannins and a tasty, savory finish."*

**- James Suckling, 94 points**

**- Tim Atkin, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$200.00 / bottle**



**382. 2014 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.



**383. 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 a breathtaking patchwork. Low annual rainfall of 200-300mm and the remarkable soils 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 raked into 2-year-old French barrels of two different sizes: 228 liter and 600 litres. The wines are raked 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.



**384. 2019 Preludio de Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero  
100% Tempranillo aged for 17 months.

Displaying a good vibrant deep cherry red colour and with fragrant, clear notes of cherry drop and violet there is a beautifully unadorned yet brooding quality to this; it feels deep, vinous, and vibrant, flecked with bright red fruit notes, sweet earth, and a darker, more spiced character on the finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$55.99 / bottle**



**385. 2019 Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

This displays wonderful clarity of fruit and excellent transparency to the multi-layered flavors, there is no new oak influence on this at all, resulting in a wine that has nothing to hide behind. Deft tannins support a taut, mineral, dark fruited wine. A Ribera built on elegance, refinement, and nuance that promises great things for the future.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$107.99 / bottle**

### **Ossian Vides y Vinos (Alma de Carraovejas)**

The Ossian project was founded on exceptional vineyards: 9 hectares of venerable vineyards between 100 and 200 years old. This is pre-phylloxera Verdejo that escaped the plague because of its sandy soils. The vineyards are in the town of Nieva (Segovia province), the highest in altitude among of all the villages that are included in the D.O. Rueda, between 840 and 930 meters above sea level (150 meters in the area near the Duero River). This causes a specific climate, with higher thermal oscillations between day and night in the valley, delaying the harvest date and, finally, improving the quality of wine.

The cellar in which the project started is a small facility that is part of the old Monastery of El Parral, the 12th century, opposite the Church, Mudejar Romanesque style, from the same era.

With prime raw materials, owners Javier Zaccagnini and Ismael Gozalo traveled to Burgundy in search of a good winemaker. There they found Pierre Millemann, who already had a strong reputation and long experience in developing large Burgundian whites. Pierre accepted the challenge and began designing what the wine could be.

The project began with the 2005 harvest, making two different cuvées, and fermenting the juice in Burgundian 228-liter barrels manufactured by four different coopers (all from Burgundy), with oak from three different forests, with 2 different roasts. All this was intended to investigate what wood is best suited to the Verdejo grape, which endowed the wine with more complexity. The inaugural 2005 vintage was bottled on October 25, 2006, yielding 12,000 bottles that were put on the market in December of that year, after nine months of barrel aging and 2 months of bottle aging. They sold out in three weeks and were awarded a 93-point score in the Peñin Guide.

Ossian has been certified Organic for more than seven years. The winery does not get a single chemical synthesis, fertilizer, herbicides, or fungicides of any kind. It is the oldest registered and certified organic vineyard in the D.O. Rueda. In short, this is an old project that is 100% Verdejo, 100% ungrafted, 100% organically grown, 100% fermented in oak barrels, 100% Burgundian philosophy.

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#### **386. 2020 Ossian, Quintaluna, Verdejo 12/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon

100% Verdejo aged for 9 months in stainless-steel with a small portion aged oak.

Quintaluna expresses the genuine character and freshness of Verdejo. The grapes are sourced from a range of small vineyards across various towns in northern Segovia: Nieva, Aldeanueva del Codonal, Aldehuela del Codonal and Santiuste de San Juan Bautista. The vineyards are planted on sandy soils with a high codon content, bringing minerality, freshness and finesse to the wine. Most of the vines are ungrafted, dating back to the 19th century prior to the phylloxera epidemic, having been protected from the devastating plague by its sandy soil. A smaller section of the vineyard is comprised of younger vines.

*"It has a balsamic nose reminiscent of bay leaf, dried yellow flowers, chamomile, and pollen intermixed with pit fruit. It has a dry palate and a chalky texture, with balance and finesse, with moderate ripeness and 13.5% alcohol. 110,000 bottles."*

***- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle**



**387. 2020 Ossian, Verdejo 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon

100% Verdejo aged on the lees in French oak (20% new, 40 1-year-old, and 40% 2-year-old) for 9 months, then 12 months in bottle. Certified organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon.

A barrel fermented; old vines Verdejo made in a style different from what we typically see in this white varietal. It has a remarkable complexity, resulting in the smoothness and depth of a high-end white. Very suitable for cellaring.

*"The eponymous 2020 Ossian was produced with Verdejo grapes from old, organically farmed vines around the village of Nieva (Segovia), a zone where phylloxera didn't reach. They consider 2020 their finest vintage to date, with a big change from 2018 and when they have achieved a much better understanding of their vineyards. It has notes of pit fruit and sweet spices, with good weight on the palate, moderate alcohol (13.5%) and ripeness and good freshness and balance. It's serious and has the potential to develop in bottle. 80,000 bottles produced."*

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle**

**Viña Mein (Alma Carraovejas)**

Viña Mein is a family estate that originated in the early 90's, when the Alén family acquired the Mein farm. Javier Alén manages the property with extreme care and in a few years, he became the reference of the Denomination of Origin. His wines are made exclusively from his vineyards. The focus for these vineyards was to reestablish some of the ancient varietals of Galician white grapes: Treixadura, Godello, Loureira, Torrontes, Albariño and Albilla. As an experimental side project, they also planted 400 vines of Galician red grapes that include Caiño, Mencía and Ferrón.



**388. 2020 Viña Mein, O Gran Mein, Ribeiro Blanco 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Galicia – Ribeiro

75% Treixadura, 10% Godello, 5% Loureira, 5% Albariño, 3% Torrontés, 1% Lado, and 1% Albilla aged 2 months on the fine lees in stainless-steel.

The terraces on the slopes and plots of the Avia Valley, inheritance of a millenary crop, are mostly planted on "sabrego", which is the local name used for the coarse sands of decomposed granite. This particularity, together with a microclimate marked by the combination of various exposures between west and east of eleven small plots spread over 16.3 hectares with different orientations, are the origin of Viña Mein.

A wine that expresses the exuberance of the Ribeiro landscape and its surroundings. The Viña Mein vineyard plots are a mosaic of pieces that make up an exceptional varietal richness, a unique wine and cultural heritage. Incredibly complex, this medium-bodied and energetic white offers fresh and delicate citrus, stone fruit and floral aromas. Lively, round, and elegant on the palate with a crisp acidity that balances the fruits and structure.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle**



**389. 2019 Viña Mein, O Gran Mein, Ribeiro Tinto 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Galicia – Ribeiro

70% Caíño Longo, 25% Brancellao, and 5% Garnacha Tintorera aged 9 months in oak.

Viña Mien's commitment to the classic red varieties of Ribeiro – Brancellao, Caíño Longo and Grenache – offers a journey through the Avia Valley and the history of the region. Heading upstream from the Toro plot adjacent to the winery, we find the Osebe and Ribeira plots tucked away in the corners of this terrain. These traditional red varieties thrive in the Avia Valley's special micro-climate characterized by the Atlantic's cooling influence and great diurnal temperature fluctuations during the summer months of the growing season. It is this unique landscape and climate that allows the revival of the historic Ribeiro style of wine that goes back centuries. On just 5 acres at 490 feet above sea-level, these terraced vineyards located on the western side of the Avia River grow in "Sábrego" soil comprised of decomposed granite, sand and clay that is unique to this region.

The wine is vibrant and lively, has a long mouthfeel with fresh and spicy notes and light, soft tannins. A genuine expression of the unique and elegant character of a Ribeiro red.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / 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 begin 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 absolute). 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 an 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.



**390. 2020 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.

*"It has an expressive nose of ripe berries, sweet spices and some toast and is lush and creamy, with a soft texture. It's powerful in the house style, but there's balance and harmony. They produced some 800,000 bottles."*

***- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 93 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$75.99 / 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 the Ribera.



**391. 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.

*"As the percentage of new oak has fallen over the last three years, so this impressive wine has started to express the remarkable freshness and quality of its terroir between 900 and 1,076 meters in Fuentenebro. Mostly made from very old vines, it's an assemblage of Tinto Fino and 15% Alarije, Albillo Mayor, Bobal, Garnacha, Graciano, Mazuelo and Viura that's 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**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle**

**Pago de los Capellanes** (HOT NEW KPF PROPERTY!)

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" translate 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.



**392. 2022 Pago de los Capellanes, Tinto Joven, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – 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. We take its production very seriously to obtain a blissfully satisfying wine with every vintage.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle**



**393. 2020 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.

Crianza is an essential wine. Balance and integrity. It displays the fine manners of experience and the grace of plethoric vine. Juicy black fruit on the palate inviting you to eat well and feel good. But there is more. Crianza maintains an invisible pact with the landscape. An imperceptible force that brings us closer to the truth of the place. And instantly turn extreme climate vineyards into the most welcoming place in the world.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$62.99 / bottle**



**394. 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.

Its name expresses maturity, distinction, and seduction. A world of nuances and depth. For intense, exquisitely balanced occasions. A celebration of deep-rooted, opulent, and harmonious flavours. This is Reserva, born from the oldest vines and offering the pleasure of time. Its grace arises from old, extremely classy vineyards in the heart of our most intimate Ribera del Duero. With it, we notice that perfection is near to accompany our best moments.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle**

### **Torelló**

Torelló has been growing grapes since the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It is family owned and currently run by the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**395. 2018 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**



**396. 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.

*"Made from both Champagne and Catalunya varieties, this is an elegant and layered Brut. A bouquet with nuances of hazelnut and lemon cream leads to a creamy textured palate with flavors that mirror the nose. It has a beautiful, fine mouth feel and a lovely mousse. A blend of organically cultivated, hand harvested, 32% Chardonnay, 32% Xarel·lo, 22% Macabeo and 14% Parellada from estate vineyards. Méthode Tradicional with more than 48 months on the lees in bottle."*

**- *I-winereview.com*, 92 points**

**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.

Fondillón is a rare and very prestigious wine. There are only 10 certified wineries and there are no cheap Fondillóns.

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.



**397. 2022 Luis XIV, Brisa 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Merseguera

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.

**- *Peñin*, 90 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**



**398. 2022 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 the Monastrell, Arcos and Bonicaire. On the palate, the purity of the fresh fruit stands out, with a light, velvety, fluid, and persistent. It is a medium-bodied wine with very fine tannins.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle**



**399. NV Luis XIV, Vermut 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

This wine is made by combining 70% young vermouth, with 30% of 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**



**400. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 25 Years 6/500ml (very limited)**

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 25 years in 19<sup>th</sup>-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**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle**



**401. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 50 Years 2/500ml (very limited)**

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 50 years in 19<sup>th</sup>-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**

## URUGUAY

Winemaking in Uruguay dates to the 1600's, but the business became more serious in the 1870's with the arrival of French-Basque producer, Pascual Harrague who planted Tannat.

There are 16,208 acres of vines planted in Uruguay (80% red and 20% white) and there are 260 wine producers. The average yearly production is 10.6 million 9-liter cases. A big focus area in Uruguay is Canelones. The top 10 grape varieties in Uruguay are Tannat (accounting for around 26%) Black Muscat, Ugni Blanc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Marselan, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. Uruguay is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest producer of wine in South America.

### Giménez Mendez Wines

In 1991, Luis Alberto Gimenez and his wife Marta Mendez, with a long tradition in the wine business, decided to start producing premium wines for the domestic and international market. Strong efforts were necessary to create and produce unique wine styles. Focused since the beginning in taming the national Uruguayan grape - Tannat - GIMENEZ MENDEZ is one of the leading exporters wineries of the country, producing outstanding gastronomy wines.

Mauro Giménez Mendez, the youngest son of the family, is the chief winemaker. Harvest after harvest, Mauro Giménez Mendez has been increasing the capacity to produce each time better wines, combining his studies in oenology with experience, both in his winery and in wineries abroad - most recently in Washington State in the USA. He mainly focuses on Tannat, Malbec and Sauvignon Blanc. He works together with a committed oenological team.

The Giménez Mendez winery adopted the owl as an institutional image several years ago because of its presence in their main and first vineyard - Las Brujas region. On the other hand, this special bird is associated in the western world with important characteristics for winemaking: wisdom and seriousness.



**402. 2020 Gimenez Mendez, Alta Reserva, Petit Verdot 6/750ml**

Source: Uruguay - Canelones - Las Brujas

100% Petit Verdot aged for 8 months in 70% American oak, 30% French oak.

The wine comes from Las Brujas vineyard located 35 km from the Río de la Plata.

*"Plum and blueberry jam blend with notes of coffee bean. This red delivers juicy ripe black fruit flavors alongside nice acidity. It's well structured, with fine-grained tannins supporting the flavorful and balanced palate."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$39.95 / bottle**



**403. 2020 Gimenez Mendez, Alta Reserva, Tannat 6/750ml**

Source: Uruguay - Canelones - Las Brujas

100% Tannat aging in American and French oak for 9 months.

*"Sourced from the family's holdings in Las Brujas, this is a subtle, engagingly floral Tannat that doesn't have to try too hard to impress. Chalky and fresh, with subtle reduction, fine tannins, racy minerality and bramble and black cherry fruit."*

**- Tim Atkin, 92 points**

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$39.95 / bottle**

## UNITED STATES

### *California*

#### 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.



**404. 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**



**405. 2021 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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$85.99 / bottle**



**406. 2019 Argot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sage Ridge Vineyard 12/750ml**

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 22 months in new French oak.

A dramatic, ridgetop landscape — rising 1500 feet above Lake Hennessey, staring west over Pritchard Hill — persistently influenced by a push/pull draw between The Valley's floor and Lake Berryessa. This wild, untamed, eastern frontier of Napa Valley produces singular, terroir-driven wines of captivating beauty, power, and lift.

*"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Sage Ridge Vineyard opens with open-knit notes of plum preserves, baked blackberries and boysenberry jam, leading to a core of crème de cassis, mocha, camphor and Indian spices with a touch of unsmoked cigars. The palate is full-bodied, concentrated, and dense with black fruit preserves, framed by soft tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long and very spicy."*

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 95 points**

**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.



#### **407. 2022 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**



#### **408. 2019 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**



**409. 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**



**410. 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**



**411. 2019 Laird, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml**

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French oak (40% new) for 21 months.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from three vineyards: Mast Ranch, for its earthy and robust structure, Flat Rock Ranch, for its fruit-forward characteristic and silky tannins, and Linda Vista Ranch, for its juicy and vibrant approachability. The blending of these three vineyards has resulted in an elegant wine with a well-balanced structure.

*"A juicy, ripe and packed style, with a core of dark currant and boysenberry preserves flanked by singed vanilla and black licorice. Ends with toasty oomph, but with good underlying energy as well."*

**- Wine Spectator Insider, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$64.99 / 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.



#### **412. 2022 Trione, Sauvignon Blanc, River Road Ranch 12/750ml**

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley  
100% Sauvignon Blanc

*"Apricots, grapefruit, spiced pears and green apples on the nose, with vanilla and lemon pie. Tangy and fruity, with a medium to full body and creamy texture. Excellent freshness and persistency. Drink now."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle**



#### **413. 2019 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 soils, 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 in 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. The wine is tasting great now but will be awesome for the next 5-7 years.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$34.99 / bottle**



**414. 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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle**



**415. 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**



**416. 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. This wine is age worthy and will continue to develop for 10 years and beyond. Cheers!

**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.



#### **417. 2021 Navigator, Cabernet Sauvignon, AVA CA 12/750ml**

Source: United States – California

85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petite Sirah aged in 60% new and 40% neutral oak for 15 months.

Deliciously dense purple color. A rich perfume of plum and currant, spicy licorice, and blackberry are supported with a touch of toasted oak.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / bottle**



#### **418. 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, 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**

### Volker Eisele

Volker Eisele Family Estate creates enticing wines from the Chiles Valley District of the 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 purchase of 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 vineyard is 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.

The four-hundred-acre estate was originally part of the "Rancho Catacula" land grant, given to Joseph Ballinger Chiles in 1843 by the last Mexican governor of California. The Chiles family later sold a portion of their land to Francis Sievers, a German pioneer. In the 1870's, Sievers founded Lomita's Vineyard and Winery on the site. The original winery building, some of the tanks, and the original press remain on the Estate. The oldest cabernet vines were planted by the Eisele's in 1976 and continue to yield fruit of superb quality.



**419. 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.

**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.



**420. 2020 Hoopla, Chardonnay, Yountville 12/750ml**

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

100% Chardonnay aged for 3 months sur lies in stainless steel, then 4 additional months off. The goal with the Hoopla Chardonnay is a fresh juicy wine showcasing flavors and aromas of the grape. A long cool fermentation and aging in stainless steel shines helps preserve the luscious aromas and fruit characters in the wine. Classic notes of fresh pineapple, ripe pear and Fuji apple greet the nose with a lovely warmth and creaminess in the mouth from aging sur-lie in tank without the introduction of oak. This mid-palate breadth yields to an open, clean, and refreshing finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**



**421. 2020 Hoopes, Chardonnay, Napa Valley 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Chardonnay – Napa Valley

100% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 10 months in 100% French oak (35% new).

*"I was blown away by the 2020 Chardonnay, a clean, crisp, vibrant expression of Chardonnay that has medium to full-bodied richness, wonderfully integrated acidity, and a distinct sense of minerality in its citrus, stone fruit, and white flower-driven aromatics."*

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 96 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle**



**422. 2018 Hoopes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml**

Source: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (45% new).

*"A terrific value in the overheated realm of Napa Valley Cabernet, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon easily combines notes of Ribena and ripe cherries with hints of mocha. It's full-bodied but easygoing, not overdone, just harmonious and supple, with a soft dusting of fine-grained tannins on the finish, making it very drinkable. "*

**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / 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.



**423. 2021 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**

## ***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 unfined to keep as much unique characteristics as possible.





**424. 2020 Lydian, GSM 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

40% Grenache, 33% Mourvèdre, and 27% Syrah aged in 100% neutral French oak for 14 months.

In music, Lydian refers to a mode, or scale that is used as a building block for some of the world's oldest and newest masterpieces. This happy sounding mode brings joy on its own, yet when molded and crafted by talented musicians can become a work of timeless art.

We believe Washington vineyards produce some of the finest building blocks in the world. With these grapes, and the collective talent behind those growing and working with them, Lydian wines can be as complex, nuanced, and profound as any jazz classic.

*"This is a superb value, with aromas that recall a warm custard popover slathered with blackberry jam. The wine's silky texture almost makes you forget about its cassis, mocha, and saline flavors. It's a balanced gem of a red."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points + Editors' Choice**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.50 / bottle**



**425. 2021 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.

Avennia believes Washington vineyards produce some of the finest building blocks in the world. With these grapes, and the collective talent behind those growing and working with them, Lydian wines can be as complex, nuanced, and profound as any jazz classic.

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**



**426. 2020 Avennia, Gravura, Red Blend 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and 12% Cabernet Franc aged for 20 months in 50% new French oak.

*"Notes of blueberries and plums with dark chocolate, dried herbs and stones. Medium- to full-bodied, refined and polished, with dusty tannins that are well integrated. Firm, yet juicy and sleek, with a flavorful blue-fruit finish."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle**



**427. 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. 77% cabernet sauvignon, 17% merlot and 6% cabernet franc. Drink or hold."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$78.50 / bottle**



**428. 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**

**- 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 winegrowers 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.



**429. 2021 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. This is the epitome of a 'food wine'.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.50 / bottle**



**430. 2019 Pearmund Cellars, Ameritage Red 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Virginia

35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Franc, 11% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec aged 10 months in American oak.

Done in a smooth Bordeaux-style, Pearmund Cellars continues its tradition of using the five classic Bordeaux grape varieties to have one finished product. 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 whenever possible.



**431. NV St. James, Velvet White 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Missouri

Niagara and Chardonel

Delicate and sweet with intense fruity aromas and flavors. A blend of America's best American and hybrid grapes.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$9.99 / bottle**



**432. 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: \$10.99 / bottle**



**433. NV St. James, Mango 12/750ml**

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Mango wine is crafted with 100% pure, ripe mangos.

Aromas of sweet, fresh mango with fresh from the tree mango taste. A tropical treat!

**Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle**



**434. 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: \$10.99 / bottle**



**435. 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: \$10.99 / bottle**



**436. 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: \$13.99 / bottle**



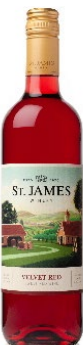
**437. NV St. James Winery, Blackberry 12/750ml**

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: \$10.99 / bottle**



**438. 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: \$10.99 / bottle**

## **SPARKLING and CHAMPAGNE**

### **El Gaitero Group**

El Gaitero was founded in 1890 by Valle, Ballina y Fernández families as a cider factory that developed into a long and successful venture. The alliance and shared vision of the brothers Alberto and Eladio del Valle, Bernardo de la Ballina and Ángel Fernández gave its name to the company. These entrepreneurs, like many enlightened Asturians of the time, recognized the potential of apple planting and the industrialization of the region as a means of fostering prosperity in Asturias.

They acquired the machinery that would enable them to begin production of ‘champagne cider’ in the borough of Villaviciosa. At that time many Asturians emigrated to America in search of a better life and future. During this long journey cider could easily spoil, so to keep all its properties intact, the champagne method was used. In the late 19th century, and following the arrival of Obdulio Fernández, the company would experience the first of its golden ages: securing the strategic site at La Espuncia and converting El Gaitero cider into a household name around the world. The business partners made further investments aimed at centralizing production of El Gaitero on a single site - a strategy that would be reinforced years later, with the construction in 1915 of the company’s own bottle factory. In the 1950s, and under the management of José Cardín, the company experienced a period of unprecedented growth thanks to the extension work carried out on the mill and the diversification of the El Gaitero brand.

Today, El Gaitero group is a modern, forward-thinking company boasting a hundred-year history that perpetuates the value of its heritage and traditional production methods, whilst constantly looking ahead to innovation and development based on the use of cutting-edge technologies. Its facilities, which have been declared an Industrial Heritage site, now extend over more than 40,000 square meters and its cider production stands at 27 million liters a year. The company is committed to developing products based on innovation and tradition, such as its modern and refined ciders and sparkling bruts.



**439. NV Don Piere, Brut 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Asturias  
90% Airen and 10% Viura

The grapes for this sparkling are sourced from high elevation areas throughout Spain. Don Piere offers a crystal-clear pale-yellow color, small and abundant bubbles of great finesse and elegance. The nose shows light and pleasant citrus and fresh fruit aromas. Well-balanced and refreshing on the palate with fruity flavors, good acidity, and pleasant texture.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$11.99 / bottle**



**440. NV Mon-Basart, Brut Rosé 6/750ml**

Source: Spain – Asturias  
100% Garnacha

Grapes for this sparkling are sourced from high elevation areas throughout Spain. This Rosé Brut is delicious and tastes like June strawberries.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$11.99 / bottle**

**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.



**441. 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**



**442. 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.



**443. 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 and 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**



**444. NV Wolfberger, Crémant d'Alsace Brut 12/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace

90% Pinot Blanc and 10% Pinot Auxerrois. The grapes used to produce Crémant d'Alsace are harvested early to reach optimum balance and harmony. Produced according to the methode traditionnelle.

*"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**





**445. 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. This is a traditional method Crémant (method Champenoise).

*"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. Made using the methode champenoise and given 30 months on the lees. Excellent value in a blanc de blancs."*

***- I-winereview.com, 90 points***

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**



**446. NV Wolfberger, Crémant d'Alsace Rosé Brut 12/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Noir. Grapes are harvested in early Fall. Gentle pressing of whole grapes is followed by temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks. After bottling, bottle fermentation takes place in cellars at 12°C. 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 Franschoek 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.



**447. 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**



**448. NV Colmant, Brut Reserve 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Method Cap Classique  
52% Pinot Noir and 48% Chardonnay. 10% of the blend is made of reserve wine from the previous vintage and 12% of the base wine is barrel fermented.

*"More of the first pressing is used to produce this appealing blend of Pinot Noir and 48% Chardonnay, which also benefits from the addition of 20% reserve wine. With 36 months of autolysis, it has sourdough, red berry, candy floss and sherbet flavours and well-integrated 7.4 grams of dosage."*

**- Tim Atkin, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle**

### **Tanzanite**

Tanzanite Winery was founded in 2003 by Melanie van der Merwe. The winery's name is inspired by Melanie's birthstone - the rare, beautiful, and highly sought-after Tanzanite - and symbolizes her passion for creating unique sparkling wines in the time-honored way.

Melanie grew up in the Hex River Valley where her late parents farmed export table grapes. She fell in love with the grapes and vineyards and decided to venture into winemaking. She studied BSC Agriculture at Stellenbosch University, worked in France at Louis Roederer Champagne, Moët and Chandon and Pommery in 3 vintages. She worked at Distillers Corporation as a winemaker from 1994-1998. In 1998, Distillers Corporation and Stellenbosch Farmers Winery merged and formed Distell. She was appointed as sparkling winemaker of the group. She resigned in 2006 and started her own small sparkling wine production in 2003 which she launched in 2006.

Today Melanie runs Tanzanite Winery with help from her husband, Wentzel, and daughters Maré and Hané. As they do not own vineyards, Melanie buys grapes from Robertson, a tradition she's been following for 15 years. Robertson is the only area in the Western Cape with chalky soils - a crucial component to MCC production. The base wine made from these chalky soils shows long ageing potential and specific flavors crucial for the Tanzanite style.

Melanie hires cellar space and makes her base wine in the old traditional French way of hand harvesting and whole bunch pressing. Malolactic fermentation is done on all base wines as this gives the wine soft, creamy, and elegant tones with maturation on the lees. Wines are blended proportionally to the year's vintage and quality. Mobile lines do the filtration, stabilization, and bottling. The bottled wine is stored in Worcester, where they work with the MCC. Riddling is done by hand, then they hire in a mobile disgorgement unit to disgorge the wine. Finally, the bottles are washed and labeled using a mobile line. All these mobile processes are done by temporary hand labor at least twice a year. Cellar hand Wilma, along with her family and friends, help Melanie with all the hand labor processes. The production does not have the need to employ permanent workers, so Melanie started working with disadvantaged individuals in the Worcester Community. She works mainly with women, coordinating their work schedules around their family schedules.



#### **449. NV Tanzanite, Brut 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa - Western Cape – Breede River Valley - Robertson  
80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir. Grapes are harvested in whole bunches by hand and pressed through a soft pressing cycle. The must undergoes its first fermentation (temperatures vigorously controlled) to preserve grape aromas. After fermentation each wine is tasted and blended. After blending the wines are stabilized, inoculated with yeast, and bottled. The bottled wine is taken into temperature-controlled cellars where secondary fermentation takes place – the so called “prise de mousse”. The yeast converts the sugar to carbon dioxide and alcohol, creating effervescence. Aging on the lees is crucial to making a good Cap Classique. After riddling and degorgement, the sugar is adjusted by adding dosage according to the wine's taste. The wine is aged a few more months.

*"Showing a fragrant bouquet of toasted nuts and lemon-like citrus, the Tanzanite Brut is balanced and fresh with notes of orchard and citrus fruit and brioche on a crisp, dry palate. The finish is persistent and very dry. Well made."*

*- I-winereview.com, 91 points*

**Suggested Retail Price: \$38.50 / bottle**



**450. NV Tanzanite, Brut Rose 6/750ml**

Source: South Africa - Western Cape - Method Cap Classique  
60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay. Grapes are handpicked and whole bunch pressed. Yields are around 450-480 liters per ton of grapes. Juice was inoculated with Prise de Mousse yeast for primary fermentation at cool temperatures for 8-10 days, then followed by malolactic fermentation on all base wines. Secondary fermentation took place in the bottle and wines were left on the lees and tasted every few months to monitor the ageing on the lees. Minimum time spent on the lees 24 months.

*"Pale pink. Ripe red berries accented by Cointreau show on the nose of this very dry and crisply textured sparkling rosé. It's mineral and subtly fruit flavored palate is superbly fresh and alluring despite an astringent touch on the finish. It's a great sparkler for food."*

**- International Wine Review, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$38.50 / bottle**

**Rebulo**

The Rebulo family have been wine growers for generations, and sparkling winemakers since the 1980's. Founded by Angelo Rebulo, Azienda Agricola Rebulo 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.



**451. NV Rebulo, 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**



**452. NV Rebuli, Prosecco Cartizze 6/750ml**

Source: Italy – Veneto – Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 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.

Grand Cru of Prosecco. 108 hectares (260 acres). 140 owners in Cartizze.

*"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.



**453. 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.

*"A blend of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Chardonnay. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### **454. 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**



**455. 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.



**456. 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**



**457. 2015 Roland Champion, Champagne Grand Eclat, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru 12/750ml**

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay aged 6 years sur lattes.

*Showing a light-yellow hue, the all-Chardonnay Grand Eclat is dry and crisp, the perfect bubbly to accompany oysters on the half shell, as we did. Fine bubbles with outstanding depth and sense of refinement. Sourced from Chouilly and Enracines and aged 6 years sur lattes."*

*- I-wineReview.com, 93 points*

**Suggested Retail Price: \$78.99 / bottle**



**458. 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**



**459. 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**



**460. 2017 Roland Champion, Champagne Le Mont Aigu Brut Nature 12/750ml**

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay. Brut Nature: no liqueur d'expedition (zero dosage). First fermentation was conducted in 228-liter French oak barrels. Only from the "Coeur de cuvée" juice – 1st press. Wine went through malolactic fermentation. 10 months on fine lees before bottling. Natural clarification using gravity without fining or filtration. After disgorging, the wine is kept for 6 months in the cellar to avoid bottle shock and to allow the wine to express itself at the fullest. Aged another 3 years in bottles

Mont Aigu displays beautiful notes of citrus, as well as exotic and spicy aromas. It is very fresh on the palate, then develops into a generous and full-bodied mouthfeel, with a long crunchy and mineral finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle**





#### 461. 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**

*\*Magnums available by special order\**

## 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.



#### 462. 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**

### **Sidras Bereziartua Sagardoak**

Sidras Bereziartua Sagardoak is a family-run firm devoted to cider production since 1870. The first Bereziartua ciders were produced at the old facility in Ergobia. A century later, in 1970, the cider house finally committed itself to the production of sagardua or cider at its facilities in Astigarraga, where they are located today. Since then, and following various modernization processes, Bereziartua has become a beacon in the production of natural cider, while at the same time preserving its family character at the service of tradition, and out of respect and gratitude towards the loyal customers. The fourth generation is currently running the company.

Bereziartua is home to 60 kupelas (barrels with a capacity of over 1,000 litres) made of wood, polyester, and stainless steel. Next to these kupelas there are two refrigerated warehouses to control the fermentation process in line with our requirements. The txotx is a tradition that is carried out following the first contact with the cider inside the kupela; that usually happens on the Friday before 20th January - Saint Sebastian's day. The txotx season at Bereziartua goes on until the end of May.



#### **463. Sidra Bereziartua, Organic Basque Cider 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Spain – Basque Country – Astigarraga

Apple ingredients: Txalaka, Urtebia, Judeline, and Judor. Certified organic by AB Organic.

This organic natural cider from Astigarraga in the Basque Country is produced from freshly pressed juice that is fermented by native yeasts in large wooden casks (kupelas) for a minimum of 4 months. The cider is uncarbonated and unfiltered. A typical golden color, intense, deep, and fruity aromas, the cider is medium-bodied and fresh on the palate with tangy flavors and a slight fizz.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle**

## **BEER**

### **Caldera Brewing Company**

Caldera was incorporated on March 12, 1996. The first brew was July 4, 1997, and the first keg sold was August 28, 1997. Caldera self-distributed its products for the first six years. In November 2003, Caldera partnered up with Gold River Distributing in Southern Oregon and Mt. Hood Beverage Company in the Eugene and Portland markets to expand its business. For the first eight years, Caldera was draft beer only until June 2005 when the Pale Ale was put into cans.

Caldera is the first microbrewery in the State of Oregon to brew and can its own beer.



#### **464. Caldera, Saucer Portals Hazy IPA 4/6/12oz**

Source: United States – Oregon – Ashland

ABV: 6%

IBU's: 60

Malts: Premium Two Row, Oats, and Wheat

Hops: Lotus, Amarillo, and Solero

Yeast: Imperial Juice

**Suggested Retail Price: \$22.50 / 6-pack**

## **Cascade Brewing**

Cascade Brewing is a pioneer of the NW style sour beer movement. Their blending house currently houses more than 1,400 French oak, Kentucky Bourbon, and Northwest wine barrels – plus nine foudres – filled with wheats, blonds, quads, reds, browns, and porters that are aged and blended into “magical elixirs”. These beers have aggressive tart notes that are balanced by residual sugars, fruits, spices, and the oak they use.

Portland-area fans of Cascade can try their brews at their Raccoon Lodge and Brew Pub in SW Portland, or the Cascade Brewing Barrel House – aka House of Sour – in SE Portland, which features more than 24 rotating taps with a predominantly sour lineup at any given time.

Cascade has been awarded several medals from the Great American Beer Festival (GABF) for their products and the brewery itself has been awarded a score of 99, a World Class score, from Beer Advocate.



### **465. Cascade, Cherry Lime Casc-ade 6/4/12oz**

Source: United States – Oregon – Beaverton

ABV: 5.9%

Special Ingredients: cherries, lime zest, and vanilla

Cherry Lime Casc-ade features Cascade's sour rye ale aged in a foudre for 12 months with Oregon grown Montmorency sour cherries. The blend was then finished with generous amounts of fresh citrus zest and a gentle touch of vanilla bean to complement the delicate and enticing cherry flavor.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / 4-pack**



### **466. Cascade, Figaro Ale 6/4/250ml**

Source: United States – Oregon – Beaverton

ABV: 9.5%

Aging: 15 months in oak

Special Ingredients: dried white figs, bergamot peel, and lemon peel

Elegant and complex, Figaro showcases flavors of dried figs with delicate hints of citrus fruit and a crisp, clean finish.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / 4-pack**



### **467. Cascade, Kriek Ale 12/500ml**

Source: United States – Oregon – Beaverton

ABV: 7.4%

Aging: 14 months in oak

Special Ingredients: Bing cherries

Intense flavors of both sour pie and Bing cherries are supported by a rich Red ale base beer with a touch of oak and hints of wood spices.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle**

### **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.



#### **468. Exhibit 'A', Goody Two Shoes Kolsch (available on tap today)**

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. It facilitates a good time and puts a jump in your step.”*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 96 points**

**- Beer Advocate, 100 points**

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**



#### **469. Exhibit 'A', Everyday Lager (available on tap today)**

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 5%

Malts: American 2-Row Barley, Weyermann Pilsner, Valley Malt Va Va Voam, Valley Malt Vienna, Weyermann Acidulated, Valley Malt Flaked Barley, Flaked Rice, Rice Hulls

Hops: Hallertau Mittelfruh

Yeast: House Ale

Light, crisp, and refreshing! This classic American lager features a traditional Pilsner malt character with a touch of Noble Hops for balance.

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**



#### **470. Exhibit 'A', The Cat's Meow New England IPA (available on tap today)**

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. Smooth finish with a touch of grapefruit bitterness at the end.

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**



**471. 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)**

**Gnarly Barley Brewing**

Originating from the home of Zac and Cari Caramonta, Gnarly Barley Brewing began in a cramped garage, surrounded by two fat cats and a halfpipe. Zac started homebrewing initially as an investigation into the brewing process after being exposed to exceptional craft beer. He soon set out to make beers that were just as excellent as those that had first inspired him. The Korova Milk Porter and the Hoppopotamus IPA, two of Gnarly Barley's homebrews, had their festival premiere in 2011 at New Orleans on Tap Beer Festival. Zac and Cari set out to create a craft brewery after receiving positive feedback through local beer festivals and making many friends in the local brewing community. In 2014, their vision was realized in a 14,000 square foot facility in Hammond, Louisiana.

Gnarly Barley was the recipient of a 2017 Louisiana Lantern Award for demonstrating excellence in manufacturing and outstanding service to their community. The Brewers Association named Gnarly Barley among the top 50 fastest-growing craft breweries in 2017 and 2018. Current distribution in South Louisiana includes the Northshore, Greater New Orleans area, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Houma, Lake Charles, and Alexandria. Gnarly Barley was recently named the 2023 Louey Award winner for Louisiana Attraction of the Year.



**472. Gnarly Barley, Jucifer IPA 4/6/12oz**

Source: United States – Louisiana

ABV: 6%

Malts: 2 Row, Wheat, Oats

Hops: Cascade

Dry-Hop: Cryo Citra, Cryo Mosaic

Yeast: Ale Yeast

Jucifer IPA was unveiled at Gnarly Barley's 3rd Anniversary and quickly became the bestselling IPA in Louisiana. This brew lends impressions of tropical fruit - papaya, mango, passionfruit, and grapefruit. Jucifer is fermented with Gnarly Barley's house hazy yeast and finishes with a soft mouthfeel that will keep you wanting more.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 6-pack**

### **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. They were also one of two breweries from Ohio included on the Ratebeer.com list of best breweries in the world in 2018.



#### **473. Jackie O's, Who Cooks For You, NEIPA (available on tap today)**

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.

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**



#### **474. 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**



#### **475. 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 / 4-pack**



**476. 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**



**477. Jackie O's, Solt American Sour 12/500ml**

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.2%

Malts: 2-Row Barley, Malted White Wheat

Hops: Czech Sazz

Yeast: Weizen, Brettanomyces, Lactobacillus

Special Ingredients: sea salt, coriander

Sour wheat ale brewed with sea salt and coriander, conditioned and naturally soured in stainless tanks with Jackie O's mixed cultures over the course of 2 months.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$9.99 / bottle**

**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.



**478. Lost Barrel, Lager Golden Ale 6/4/16oz**

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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack**



**479. 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**



**480. Lost Barrel, American IPA 6/4/16oz**

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 6%

IBU's: 24

Malts: Pilsner, Caramel, Aromatic

Hops: Chinook, Cascade, Citra, Mosaic

Yeast: American Ale

A classic American craft beer, hoppy, malty, and well-balanced. Citrus notes give way to caramel malt sweetness in this pale ale brewed with Cascade, Mosaic, and Citra hops.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / 4-pack**



**481. Lost Barrel, New England Hazy IPA 6/4/16oz**

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.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack**



**482. Lost Barrel, Farm Ale (available on tap today)**

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 6.2%

IBU's: 20

Hops: Czech Saaz, German Hallertau

Malts: Pilsner, Vienna, Crystal 40

Yeast: American Ale Yeast

A traditional Belgian-style farmhouse ale brewed with pale malts and lightly hopped.

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**





**483. 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**



**484. Lost Barrel, Wild Berry Sour Ale 6/4/16oz**

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 6%

IBU's: 7

Hops: US Golding

Malts: Pilsner

Yeast: American Ale Yeast

A tart and fruity malt beverage, kettle-soured for 3 days and then fermented with cherry, blackberry, and strawberry and lightly hopped with US Golding hops.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack**

### 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.



**485. 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**



**486. Perennial, Dry Hopped Pils (available on tap today)**

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.

**AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY**



**487. Perennial, Saison de Lis 6/4/16oz**

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5%

IBU's: 20

Special Ingredients: Belgian-Style Saison brewed with Chamomile Flowers

It is fermented with a traditional saison yeast that imparts fruity and spicy notes that dovetail perfectly with the tea-like quality of the chamomile. This refreshing brew finishes dry and slightly tart.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack**



**488. Perennial, Hommel Bier Belgian Pale Ale 6/4/16oz**

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5.9% ABV

IBU's: 35

Malts: American

Hops: Pacific Northwest

Yeast: Belgian

This Hommel Bier is a dry-hopped Belgian-Style Pale Ale which defies tradition by combining Pacific Northwest Hops and American malts with Belgian yeast. Enjoy the earthy hop aroma, spicy yeast character, and slight orange notes throughout.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / 4-pack**



**489. 2023 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. Abraxas is brewed with unique ingredients intended to challenge and excite the palate. It may be enjoyed right away or allowed to age in the bottle.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle**

**Valley Lager**

Valley Lager is a custom brew created for Kysela Pere et Fils by Susquehanna Brewing Company in Pittston, PA.



**490. Valley Lager (available on tap today)**

Source: United States – Winchester, Virginia

Lager

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 degrees until natural lactobacilli produces 1% lactic acid solution. After this, the malt is kilned again at temperatures up to 140 degrees until the lactic acid concentrates to 2-4 percent. Normally this kind of malt is no more than 10% of the malt bill, and tends to produce a lighter colored, crisper drinking lager.

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.

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**Winchester Brew Works**

Winchester Brew Works, located in Kysela's back yard of Winchester, Virginia, opened in May 2016. The team of owners consists of 2 couples, brought together by a mutual love of engineering and beer, which naturally translated into homebrewing. While homebrewing and enjoying the thriving brewery scene in Virginia, they decided to open their own 3-barrel nano-brewery in Old Town Winchester. After a successful Kickstarter campaign in the Fall of 2015, they were able to fund their tasting room build-out.

They are currently the only majority female-owned and -brewed establishment in the state of Virginia, for which they are very excited, but they note that women brewing in Virginia is nothing new: even before Thomas Jefferson made any beer at Monticello, his wife Martha was brewing small batches of beer every two weeks.

Brewer Bonnie Landy is a chemical engineer who worked with fermentation at a HUGE pharmaceutical company for over 5 years before deciding she would rather be her own boss. She likes science and spreadsheets and stuff - its not unusual for her to whip out her thermodynamics textbook for reference – and she works on developing recipes with the rest of the team.

Taproom manager Holly Redding has extensive experience in customer service, marketing, and “she smiles a lot - she is without a doubt the friendliest one of the bunch.” Although originally from North Carolina, she has come to call the Shenandoah Valley home.



**491. Winchester Brew Works, Cascade Falls IPA 6/4/16oz**

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

ABV: 7%

100% Centennial hops. A classic west coast IPA with the addition of grapefruit and blood orange for a fruity finish!

**Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 4-pack**

## SAKE

### *Sake Tengoku Selections*



**492. 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 / 300ml bottle**



**493. Gunma Izumi Maikaze, Yamahai Junmai 20/720ml**

Source: Japan – Gunma Prefecture – Otashi

Sake type: Junmai-shu

60% milling / +3.0 sake meter value

Savory nuances of toasted quinoa, banana bread, and nutmeg are present in the nose. On the palate, this sake is layered, lifted and complex, with flavors of plantain, dried cranberry, nougat, white mushroom, and almond.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle**



**494. Gunma Izumi, Yamahai Honjozo 20/300ml**

Source: Japan – Gunma Prefecture – Otashi

Sake type: Honjozo-shu (added alcohol)

60% milling / +3.0 sake meter value / 1.6 acidity

This is a classic, delicious Honjozo with cremini mushroom, almonds, and lilac aromas. The first sip of this sake is full of stone fruit and minerals complimented by notes of caramel, cocoa and almond and finishes with plenty of umami.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / 300ml bottle**



**495. Namazake no Jozen, Junmai Ginjo 6/300ml**

Source: Japan – Niigata Prefecture – Echigo Yuzawa

Sake type: Namazake

Koshi Ibuki rice.

60% milling / +5.0 sake meter value / 1.6 acidity

This unpasteurized sake is exciting and lively with a nose full of citrus, apple blossom and shizo. The palate is equally as bold featuring fresh persimmons, marshmallow and slightly underripe stone fruit. The finish is clean showing soft minerality.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / 300ml bottle**

## LIMONCELLO



**496. Limó, Limoncello 6/700ml**

Source: Italy

Ingredients: sugar, alcohol, and an infusion of lemon peels from Sorrento

Ripe Femminello lemons from Sorrento are harvested and the peels – which are rich in essential oils – are steeped in a grape-based spirit.

Sunny yellow with a natural cloudiness. A delightful aroma of fresh lemons. Vibrant, zesty citrus with a perfect balance of sugars. Delicious and refreshing with a sweet taste that is never cloying. 25% ABV.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle**

# Mondovino

## MENU

### HANDMADE STATION

*Olives: Lucques, Niçoise Coquillo,  
Red Cerignola, & Termite di Bitetto*

*Cheese: 55 Cheeses from Around the World  
(on our new Cheese Runway)*

*Bread: Harvest Grain, Pane di Altamura*

*Butter: Carr Valley Goat, Water Buffalo*

*Preserves: Bitter Orange, 3 Citrus*

*Salade Russe (Russian Salad)  
with Carrots, Peas, Pickles, & Herbs*

*Arugula with Slivered Red Onion, Cucumber,  
Macadamia Nuts, Feta, & Lemon Oil Vinaigrette*

*Grilled Vegetables with Maldon Salt, Grapeseed  
Oil, & Balsamic Glaze*

*Venison Chili*

*Sushi by Ming*

### GRILL STATION

*KPF Grown Organic Beef Burgers  
from our own Cow Tomahawk*

*Grilled Tomahawk Marinated Steer Cuts  
with Horseradish*

*Grilled Venison with Rosemary Cherry Dipping  
& Bacon Drippings*

## Lunch Wines

*We invite you to enjoy these selections with your food.*



**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**



**2022 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**



**2022 Palacio de Fefiñanes, 1583, Albariño 6/1.5L**

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño. The wine is aged for a total of 6 months: 4 months in French and American oak barrels (1-, 2-, and 3-year-old barriques), plus 2 months 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.

Lovely straw yellow color, clean and bright. The nose is reminiscent of ripe crystallized fruit and spices. The palate weaves together spicy, smoky, lightly toasted vanilla oak aromas with ripe pineapple and apricot notes. The mouthfeel is elegant, round and well balanced, with a silky texture.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$84.99 / magnum**



**2021 Trouillet Lebeau, Pouilly Fuissé 1er Cru Pouilly 6/1.5L**

France – Burgundy – Pouilly Fuissé Premier Cru

100% Chardonnay

This wine comes from the best plots located in the heart of the appellation and aged in oak barrels. The wine shows a pale-yellow color with deep golden highlights, an aromatic and complex nose with fruity (fresh almond, apricot) and floral (violet) notes. Powerful and fleshy in the mouth, it reveals notes of lime trees, cinnamon, honey and has a good aromatic persistence.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$135.99 / magnum**



**2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Dame Rouse 12/750ml (BIODYNAMIC)**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Cinsault, and 10% Clairette. Certified biodynamic by Demeter.

*"Pale watermelon in color. It has a focused nose of ripe watermelon, cherry skin, blueberry, violets, and wild herbs."*

**- Wine Enthusiast, 92 points**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 91 points**

**- James Suckling, 91 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$39.50 / bottle**



**2020 Ricudda, Chianti Classico 12/750ml (ORGANIC)**

Source: Italy – Toscana – Chianti Classico DOCG

100% Sangiovese aged in cement tanks and small Tuscan oak barrels for 12 months, and then 3 months in bottle.

*"A lovely red from a hot vintage, showing freshness and brightness. Medium body with orange-peel and cherry flavors that last effortlessly on the palate. Tangy. From organically grown grapes. Drink now."*

**- James Suckling, 93 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / bottle**





**2020 Xavier Vignon, Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Cuvée Vieilles 12/750ml**

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

50% Grenache, 40% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah, and 5% Cinsault

*"The spicy nose with a slew of red-fruit aromas pulls you into this full-bodied but lively and very well-balanced Cote-du-Rhone. Lovely, creamy texture that's neatly supported by fine tannins. Long, supple finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."*

**- James Suckling, 92 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle**



**2021 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.

*"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 / magnum**



**2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, La Reine des Bois 1/1.5L**

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 cuvee - whose name means "Queen of the Woods" - is from 65-year-old vines, planted on Villafranchian-era terrasses. The yield is 30 hl/ha.

*"The 2020 Châteauneuf Du Pape La Reine des Bois is a bigger, richer, more structured wine, which is normal. A blend of 80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, and the rest equal parts Syrah and Vaccarèse, its deeper ruby/purple hue is followed by a brilliant perfume of blackberries, black raspberries, ground pepper, violets, and new saddle leather. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with building tannins and great overall balance, it's another wine that shows the style of the vintage brilliantly."*

**- Jeb Dunnuck, 96 points**

**- James Suckling, 95 points**

**- Antonio Galloni's Vinous, 95 points**

**- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92-94 points**

**Suggested Retail Price: \$240.00 / magnum**