



Rubus

WINE SELECTIONS

The Rubus Project was created by specialty importer Fran Kysela as a way to source & sell incredible wines at value prices. All wines in this international project are hand-selected by Fran Kysela. Rubus wines are fruit driven, true-to-type values that over deliver. Rubus is a true representation of quality for the consumer at an excellent price.



2015 RUBUS SHIRAZ 12/750ml

Source: Australia – Barossa Valley

98% Shiraz & 2% Viognier. The Viognier was co-fermented (50/50) with Shiraz and then back blended with Shiraz before filling to oak. The wine features 15% super premium Shiraz, which was aged in rich American oak coopered in France (more delicate & yielding more elegant, longer tannins). The remaining wine saw American oak, most of which was sourced from the Appalachian mountain range. The coopers say that these barrels add a spicy nose and creamy mid palate (almost like lemon cream).

"Blackberry, currant and blueberry flavors are dense, intense and powerful, mingling with black licorice, sage and spice notes, with a brambly undertone. A spicy hint lingers on the finish. Drink now through 2030. 1,200 cases made. - MaryAnn Worobiec"

- **Wine Spectator (November 15th 2018), 90 pts**

"One of my favorites in the lineup was the 2015 Shiraz Barossa (there's 2% Viognier in the blend), which sports a deep purple color as well as a blockbuster nose of plums, blackberries, candied violets, and incense, with just a hint of eucalyptus showing with time in the glass. Possessing medium to full-bodied richness, an opulent, sexy texture, no hard edges, and a great finish, it's a lot of wine for the money. Drink it over the coming 4-5 years." - Jeb Dunnuck (March 27th 2019), 90 pts

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2018 RUBUS WHITE BLEND 12/750ml

Source: Southern France

80% Colombard, 10% Ugni Blanc, 10% Gros Manseng. Aged on the lees for 3 months; no oak. Agrilo-calcaire (limestone & clay) soil.

Fresh, clean and lively with intense exotic fruit aromas. Crisp, clean and zesty in the mouth, it offers delicate flavors of citrus fruit and grapefruit, and a long lingering finish.



2016/2017 RUBUS OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 12/750ml

Source: United States – Lodi, California

98% Old Vine Zinfandel and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged for 9 months in French and American oak.

This supple medium-bodied offering from an international brand is a terrific value. It supports pure ripe fruit flavors on a velvety texture of light tannins and mild acidity. It tastes focused, feels balanced and leaves you wanting another sip.

- Wine Enthusiast (April 2019), **90 pts, Best Buy (2016 vintage)**

"Rubus is a brand created by importer Fran Kyselá, whose tastes run towards the savory, especially in this old-vin zin, with its scents of bacon and briar. Its plummy fruit reverts to a pleasingly meaty savor on the finish."

-Wine & Spirits Magazine (August 2018), **90 pts, Best Buy (2016 vintage)**

"Seriously flavorful and appealing, this full-bodied wine virtually overflows with luscious blackberry, strawberry and maple flavors on a broad mouthcoating texture. It has good concentration, breadth and a lingering finish."

-Wine Enthusiast (October 1st 2019), **90 pts**



2016 RUBUS PROPRIETARY RED 12/750ml

Source: Spain - Calatayud

90% Garnacha and 10% Syrah.

The grapes are sourced from a mountainous area called Sistemal Ibérico, characterized by its high altitude and loose, stony, nutrient-poor soil.

70% of the Grenache used is Garnacha Tinta from 35-year-old vines. The remaining Grenache is a blend of Garnacha Peluda (Lledoner Pelut), Garnacha Tintorera and some loose Garnacha Blanca vines. The Syrah, mostly planted in trellis with irrigation, contributes color and aromas to the blend.

Vinification of Grenache & Syrah is carried out separately, using different strains of Saccharomyces as well as non-Saccharomyces yeasts. Part of the final blend ages briefly in French oak.

This blend of red varietals combines to produce a flavorful wine, rich in blackberry and plum fruits, with aromas of subtle spices, berry and fruitcake.



2017 RUBUS NAPA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 12/750ml

Source: United States – Napa Valley, California

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.



2017 RUBUS CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 12/750ml

Source: United States – Lodi & Sierra Nevada Hills, California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged 5 months in French oak barrels. 15-year-old vines.

Grapes were picked at premium ripeness. Fermented in static tanks with pump-overs three times per day.

This California Cabernet Sauvignon has 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.



2018 RUBUS VIN-GRIS 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon - Corbières

80% Grenache, 10% Carignan, 10% Cinsault. Aged on the lees for 3 months; no oak.

For this special blend for KyselA, the producer devoted extra focus to the pruning technique, lowering yields, sorting the grapes, selecting the tanks & continuing their environmentally conscious approach to vine growing, harvest and winemaking.

Pale pink rose color with salmon hues. Delicate strawberry nose, savory berries and cherries, and a touch of dried herbs and minerality. A classic gris de gris at a great value price.



2018 RUBUS SAUVIGNON BLANC NZ 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Waipara Valley

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged 2 months on the lees in stainless steel tanks.

This Sauvignon Blanc was produced from grapes grown in the heart of the Waipara Valley, from Church Road, Stirling and Georges Road vineyards. The extended growing season of warm, fine days and cool nights ensured the fruit was harvested in wonderful condition. Following harvest, the fruit was gently pressed, settled and racked to fermentation. The juice was then cool fermented for 21 days and left on lees contact for a further two months prior to blending, light fining, filtering and bottling.

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.



2018 RUBUS CHARDONNAY 12/750ml

Source: Chile – 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 bring clear melt water from the Andes. Sauvignon Blanc is grown in the cooler western part of the valley.

Grapes are harvested in the morning to avoid high temperatures & gently pressed at the winery. 25% of the wine goes into American Oak barrels for 3 months.

Attractive yellow color with some green tones. Its intense varietal character reminds one of ripe fruits like pineapple, with notes of melon and honey well harmonized with oak. Full, rich and buttery.



2015 RUBUS ICONO MALBEC 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Paraje Altamira, Mendoza

100% Malbec. Aged 12 months in 225-liter French Oak Barrels.

Sourced from ten-year-old vines in Paraje Altamira. Gentle winemaking with natural yeast and long maceration at controlled temperatures yield purity and richness in this wine. Slight filtration before bottling.

"The 2015 Rubus Icono Malbec is one of the varietal brands selected from various countries by US importer Kyselá. This is a Malbec from ten-year-old vines in Altamira in the Valle de Uco that matured in 225-liter French barriques for one year. It has notes of dark fruit, good ripeness and generous spices from the oak. The palate is medium to full-bodied, with some grainy tannins, powerful but without excess. 12,000 bottles produced. - Luis Gutiérrez"

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #237, June 2018), **90 pts**



2017 RUBUS PINOT NOIR 12/750ml

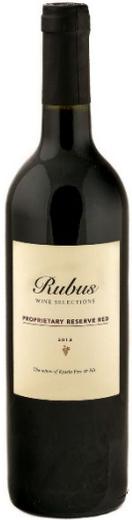
Source: Italy – Lessini Hills, Veneto

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, where the coll nights allow the aromatic compounds in the grapes to develop. The vines, 20 years old on average, are planted on calcareous soils of volcanic origin. The grapes were harvested, destemmed, crushed and then cool soaked for 24 hours. Maceration on the skins took place before fermentation at temperatures of up to 22°C.

Following malolactic fermentation, 30% of the wine was aged in oak for 4-5 months prior to bottling.

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 to the finish is round and long.



2014 RUBUS PROPRIETARY RESERVE RED 12/750ml

Source: South Australia

44% Rubired, 31% Durif and 25% Shiraz; aged 9 months in oak (French & American).

Rubired is a cross between Tinto Cao and Alicante Ganzin (which is itself a cross between Alicante Bouschet and Aramon Rupestris Ganzin). It is known for being particularly adapted to the hot climate and producing dark wines, as the color is not only coming from the grape's skin, but also from the grape juice itself. It was developed in 1958 by H.P. Olmo of the University of California Davis.

Durif, also known as Petite Sirah, is also a cross of two different grape varieties: Syrah and Peloursin. It was created by French botanist François Durif in 1860 while keeping Syrah and Peloursin plants under the same roof; it happened from a natural process called "cross-pollination." The grape itself is known for its very aromatic, plummy character.

Shiraz, which we all know for being the most recognized grape variety of Australia, brings some minty, spicy and fruity characteristics to the wines.

Deep, dark ruby color with aromas of blue fruit, confectionery and subtle licorice characters. Thick luscious palate with good structure and soft finish.



NV RUBUS SPARKLING BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS 12/750ml

Source: France

33% Ugni Blanc, 33% Airen & 33% Muscat. From 20-year-old vines on clay/limestone chalk soil.

Machine harvest. The base wine is fermented at a low temperature. The second fermentation takes place at 14°C for 2 weeks, followed by dosing.

Pale yellow and elegant color with fine bubbles. On the nose, it is a floral, fruity and elegant sparkling wine, with aromas of fresh butter and cake. Lively, crisp and harmonious.



NV RUBUS SPARKLING BRUT ROSÉ 12/750ml

Source: France

60% Tempranillo & 40% Bobal. From 20-year-old vines on clay/limestone chalk soil.

Machine harvest. The base wine is fermented at a low temperature. The second fermentation takes place at 14°C for 2 weeks, followed by dosing.

Stunning salmon-pink hues. The nose is intense and fine, dominated by notes of red berries. On the palate, the combination of fine bubbles and delicate aromas makes this wine a delightfully light and silky rosé.