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Total Products to Taste: 453

NEW ITEM TABLE



1. NV Wolfberger, Cremant d'Alsace Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace – Cremant d'Alsace

The AOC of Cremant d'Alsace was established in 1976. 3 million cases of Cremant d'Alsace are produced annually.

100% Chardonnay vinified in stainless steel tanks and aged for 30 months on the lees.

Brilliant golden yellow with green tints characteristic of the Chardonnay grape, the nose is expressive with light notes of toasted brioche. The mouth is fresh thanks to a good balance of sugar to acid. The feeling of fullness is supported by elegant flavors of almond and vanilla.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



2. NV Georges Cartier, Champagne Brut Tradition 6/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

65% Pinot Meunier, 25% Pinot Noir, and 10% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 3 years.

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 (May/June 20022), 93 points

- Beverage Testing Institute (April 2022), 90 points - GOLD MEDAL

Suggested Retail Price: \$61.50 / bottle



3. 2018 Monzio Compagnoni, Franciacorta Brut Saten 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Lombardia – Franciacorta

100% Chardonnay – 30 months of bottle aging.

"Saten" means silk. The name "Franciacorta" comes from a 1100-1200's phrase for tax exempt. The phrase is "Franzacurta" referring to the tax-exempt status of some local towns in Lombardy, Italy. Franciacorta became a DOC in 1967 and was granted the DOCG status in 1995.

"Golden yellow color. Aromas and flavors of green and yellow apple preserves, lemon curd on a toast baguette, burrata, and toasted pineapple with a round, vibrant, finely carbonated, dry medium body and a tingling, interesting, medium-long finish with accents of toasted brioche with lemon curd, apple blossom, acacia blossom, and green apple."

- Beverage Testing Institute (November 2022), 93 points - Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$56.99 / bottle



4. NV Alexandre M, Sparkling Vouvray Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray

100% Chenin Blanc aged sur lattes for 3 years.

Nose of lime, tree flowers, and brioche. Complex and very expressive. Fresh and balanced with a smooth touch in the mouth. Small, teasing bubbles and a light and good length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



5. NV Alexandre M, Mon Mouss, "Pét-Nat" Pétillant Naturel 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

100% Chenin Blanc aged sur lattes for 9 months.

Pét-Nat is an abbreviation for "pétillant naturel"—a French term that roughly translates to "naturally sparkling". "Pét-Nat is like a junior version of the Champagne process. Rather than blending different dry wines and putting them through a second round of fermentation and aging, Pét-Nat is bottled while still undergoing its first round of fermentation. The French call this process "methode ancestral," and it's likely been around far longer than other, more complex methods of producing sparkling wine.

Mon Mouss was Alexandre Monmousseau's nickname at school. Monmousseau = Mon and Mousseux means bubbly. Mon Mouss is also a play on words meaning MY BUBBLY. The wine is a Pet-Nat produced using Methode Ancestrale. Lime and litchi with apple and pear flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



6. NV Alexandre M, Mon Chenin Cuvée #20 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

100% Chenin Blanc aged sur lie for 5 months.

Mon Chenin means "My Chenin". This is Alexandre Monmousseau's view of the Chenin Blanc from France. Floral and fresh white fruits. Mouth with floral character and yellow fruits. Finish clean fresh and dry.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



7. 2020 Alexandre M, Vouvray, La Serpette Tendre 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley – Vouvray

100% Chenin Blanc aged sur lie for 3 months. Barrel fermented.

La Serpette (pruning knife) is one of the most important vintner's tools. It is a symbol of work done by hand. Wine is not just "made" in the cellar; everything starts in the vineyards.

Nose of coconut and slight vanilla. It has a very "Caribbean" mouth of nutmeg, brown sugar, white rum, and candied citrus fruits. Like a sweet wine, without the sugar.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



8. 2021 Thorn-Clarke, Varietal Selection, 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 pome fruits and zesty lime and grapefruit. A refreshing style with a subtle texture and long, fruit driven finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



9. 2019 Quails' Gate, Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley (Canada) 12/750ml

Source: Canada – British Columbia – Okanagan Valley

100% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 9-10 months before bottling.

Fragrances of lemon, yellow flower, peach are accompanied by subtle hints of beeswax and vanilla. A bright entry on the palate with medium acidity leads to vibrant tastings of pear, lemon meringue crust and lime zest ending with a long and creamy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.00 / bottle



10. 2020 Trouillet Lebeau, Mâcon Solutr  Pouilly, Au Rompay 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy

100% Chardonnay

From the town of Pouilly, this parcel is the highest of the estate, located at the southern tip of the Mâconnais in the Mont Pouilly, across the famous Solutr  Rock. The harvest is usually carried out in the very last days of the harvest campaign, which gives wines of freshness and minerality.

The nose opens generously with sweet notes of candied and citrus fruits. The maturity and ripeness of the fruit combine with an aromatic freshness and a real delicacy in the mouth.

The wine is structured, but still lively on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



11. 2021 Trouillet Lebeau, St. V ran, Les Condemines 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Saint V ran

100% Chardonnay

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

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle



12. 2021 Trouillet Lebeau, Pouilly Vinzelles, Les Quarts 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly Vinzelles

100% Chardonnay aged 1 year on the lees and 6 months in stainless steel vat on the lees. The wine comes from a very small parcel located in the climate of "Les Quarts" benefiting from an eastern exposure that is perfectly suited to Chardonnay, allowing early harvests, and giving rich and powerful wines. Neighboring the archaeological complex of Solutré, the Vinzelles appellation is based on the same Jurassic (Bathonian and Bajocian) rocks that crown the Mâconnais mountains.

Rich aromas of peach, apricot, and grapefruit, evolving with age towards fresh almond, natural minerality with fatness and opulence.

Suggested Retail Price: \$42.99 / bottle



13. 2019 Trouillet Lebeau, Coeur de Pouilly 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Pouilly Fuissé

100% Chardonnay.

Pouilly Fuissé began recognizing 22 premier cru 'climats' starting with the 2020 vintage.

"Coeur de Pouilly" is the Trouillet Lebeau's latest Pouilly-Fuissé cuvée. It 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: \$58.99 / bottle



14. 2022 Maïonnette, Méditerranée Blanc 6/750ml

Source: France – Provence

30% Rolle, 30% Viognier, 20% Semillon, and 20% Sauvignon Blanc aged on the lees for 1 month.

This wine is a brilliant straw yellow and offers delicate aromas of citrus fruits and fresh notes of pear and apricot. Rich and round on the palate with a good balance.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.50 / bottle



15. 2022 Maïonnette, Instant Rosé, Côtes de Provence 6/750ml

Source: France – Provence – Côtes de Provence AOC

60% Syrah, 20% Cinsault, and 20% Grenache aged on the fine lees for 1 month.

This Côtes de Provence rosé reveals concentrated aromas of citrus fruits and white flowers, and a beautiful structure. The fresh palate brings out sweet candy notes, gooseberry, and litchi, and delivers bright acidity and ample length on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



16. 2019 Quails' Gate, Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley (Canada) 12/750ml

Source: Canada – British Columbia – Okanagan Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged in French oak for 9 months.

Aromas of cherry, cocoa, raspberry, wild strawberry, lavender, dried cranberry with savory notes of sage leaf and earthy, blackberry, leather tones. Medium bodied on the palate with balanced flavors of juicy red fruit.

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / bottle



17. 2021 Cortenova, Sangiovese, Marche Organic 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Marche

100% Sangiovese. Certified organic by ICEA Organic Biologico.

Brilliant, dark ruby red with violet reflections. Vinous bouquet with a blend of black cherries, floral and spice. Full-bodied and velvety with great ripe fruit extraction and balance. Layers of flavor lingering in the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



18. 2019 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 in bottle for 3 months. Certified organic by Q Certificazione Biologica.

"Salted cherries and bright acidity ready the palate for more. Balsamic and tobacco are savory underbelly notes. Cinnamon and white pepper season cedar and red plum on the finish."

- The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.95 / bottle



19. 2017 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 6 months in bottle. Certified organic by Q Certificazione Biologica.

"Black cherries, walnuts and black chocolate with a hint of red tile. It's full-bodied with juicy fruit and a savory undertone to the burnt-citrus character. Opulent, yet reserved at the same time. Gorgeous. From organically grown grapes."

- James Suckling (July 2020), 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast (April 2023), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.00 / bottle



20. 2018 La Fortezza, Aglianico del Taburno 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Campania

100% Aglianico aged in barrels for 10 months and then another 6 months in bottle.

"Blackberries with figs, flowers and hints of chocolate. Full-bodied with polished and focused tannins and a flavorful finish."

- James Suckling (October 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



21. 2018 La Spinona, Barbaresco, Bricco Faset 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged 12-15 months in Slavonian and French oak.

This single-vineyard Barbaresco comes from Pietro Berutti's 8 hectares of coveted vineyards on the top of the historic hill, Faset. It is 270 meters above sea level with a south, south-east exposure. The vines are an average of 35 years old. Only organic farming practices are used. The natural fertilizer comes from the 100 head of cattle that they have, and no herbicides or pesticides are used.

"Aromas of flowers, berries and sandalwood follow through to a medium body, fine tannins and a creamy, polished finish."

- James Suckling (August 2022), 93 points

- Vinous (September 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$82.99 / bottle



22. 2017 La Spinona, Barolo, Cru Bergera Pezzole 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged for 18 months in Slavonian oak of 40 hectoliters and 1 year in the bottle.

The Beruttis bought 4 hectares in 1994 in the then relatively unknown zone of Novello which lies on the confines of Monforte and Barolo. A Sorì is an entirely south-facing vineyard. This Sorì lies at 230 meters. It is named for the great grandfather that started the Barbaresco vineyards. The vines are an average of 40 years old. Bergera comes from the mid part of the vineyard and is dedicated to Pietro's grandfather who started the estate.

"Enticing, rich and ripe strawberry aromas hit the nose briefly, but dissipate into a dense web of minerals that expands even more on the palate. Medium-bodied with some firmness to the tannins, which are coated with plenty of quite distinct oyster-shell and ripe-fruit notes that push through the finish. A ripe, ebullient Barolo with plenty going on."

- James Suckling (October 2022), 93 points

- Vinous (September 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle



23. 2020 Lodovico, Langhe Nebbiolo 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Langhe DOC

100% Nebbiolo aged 9 months in Slavonian casks and then 3 months in bottle.

Nebbiolo is a native black grape variety of Piedmont that gives birth also Barolo and Barbaresco.

Bright ruby-red which softens on ageing; delicate, fruity nose of raspberries and violets that becomes ethereal over time; dry, balanced flavor, with good body that softens after ageing.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.00 / bottle



24. 2017 Lodovico, Barolo Sarmassa 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

100% Nebbiolo aged in Slavonian oak casks and small 500-liter barrels made of French oak (Allier) for around 18 months. It completes maturation in stainless-steel prior to bottling and is then stored for 6 months in bottle.

The Sarmassa vineyard is facing south; grandfather Lodovico has always called it Africa, due to the very high summer temperatures.

Very deep ruby-red; still rather fresh nose, with hints of red berries steeped in delicate vanilla; dry, full taste, packed with body and structure.

Suggested Retail Price: \$110.00 / bottle



25. 2017 Lodovico, Barolo Cannubi 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

From Cannubi Boschis vineyard on clay limestone marls and sands. Cannubi is the most famous property planted to Nebbiolo in the entire Barolo zone. Representing a history of almost three centuries, the 87-acre Cannubi represents a highly distinctive terroir captured in the wines of 11 owners that are fortunate enough to own a small parcel of this site. The name Cannubi outdates Barolo by more than a century.

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 spice. The palate is at first elegant and refined, then is begins to gain in complexity with a little breathing or decanting.

Suggested Retail Price: \$110.00 / bottle



26. 2021 Cueva de la Manos, Cabernet Sauvignon, Organic 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Lujan de Cuyo

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in oak 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



27. NV Boeira, White Diamond Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

Malvasia Fin, Viosinho, Gouveio, C dega de Larinho. Fermentation in stainless steel tank and stopped by adding spirit and aged in oak barrels 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



28. NV Boeira, 20-Year-Old Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Porto

40% Touriga Nacional, 30% Touriga Francesa, and 30% Tinta Roriz. Fermentation in steel tank and stopped by adding spirit 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: \$70.99 / bottle

ARGENTINA

An area known for its Malbec, Argentina is the 5th largest wine producer in the world after Italy, France, Spain, and the USA. The main producing region is the province of Mendoza producing more than 72% of the Argentinian wine, followed by the provinces of San Juan and La Rioja, and then Salta, Tucum n, Catamarca, La Pampa, and Rio Negro.

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, Ugni Blanc, and Pedro Gimenez are planted as well. Additionally, a few pink grape varietals are planted which are almost exclusively consumed domestically: Cereza, Criolla Chica, and Criolla Grande.

Wine productions 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, including Kysela's Chilean producer, Siegel Family Wines.



29. 2019 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



30. 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 at 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



31. 2021 Maipe, Organic Malbec 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

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 a 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 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

Chakana is a family-owned 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 soils.

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."

The Vineyards

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, temperate climate. Certified organic.



32. 2020 Chakana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

100% Cabernet Franc aged for 6 months in French oak barrels. Spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts. 100% malolactic. Lightly filtered before bottling.

"A rich reddish color. The nose offers ripe raspberry and blackberry with hints of mint and herbs that enhance the other flavors. The aging process makes itself felt in the mouth. The mild acidity enlivens the reactive tannins, which establishes a good structure."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2021), 91 points

- James Suckling (November 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



33. 2019 Chakana, Red Blend 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

70% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc aged in oak barrels and concrete vats for 10 months. From Chakana's Altamira (3,200 ft elevation) and Gualtallary (5,500 ft elevation) vineyards.

"Malbec from calcareous alluvial soils in Altamira and Gualtallary is evident in the firm texture of this wine, the rest are succulent flavors of sweet, friendly, and voluptuous fruits."

- Tim Atkin MW, 93 points

- Descorchados 2021, 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



34. 2020 Chakana, Malbec 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec – 70% aged in new and used French oak barrels, and 30% in concrete vats for 12 months. From Altamira (3,200 ft elevation) and Gualtallary (5,500 ft elevation) vineyards.

"This Malbec is a classically perfumed Uco Valley red, showing fine tannins, nuanced oak, red cherry and blackberry fruit and a chalky frisson. Engagingly graceful and refined."

- Tim Atkin (2022 Argentina Special Report), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



35. 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.

Deep purple in color. Fruity intensity on the nose with floral notes. A juicy texture, mild tannins and good structure balanced by a well-integrated freshness. Clean and pure finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



36. 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 liquorice snap note. Fresh acidity lies buried on the medium-weight, juicy finish.

Starting with the 2019 vintage, the grapes from this wine are grown in Gualtallary (within Tupungato). It is located at 1200 to 1500 meters above sea level and varies from Winkler 1 to Winkler 3 on the heat summation scale. This massive 5,550-acre parcel is divided between 5 sub parcels: Gualtallary Rio, Gualtallary La Vencedora, Gualtallary Albo, Gualtallary Monasterio and Gualtallary Las Tunas. This wine is made from grapes coming from the section called Gualtallary Albo.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



37. 2021 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

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, Monasterio, and Las Tunas. Out of 51,000 potential plantable acres, there are 6,175 acres presently under vine.

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



38. 2019 Miau, Four Gatos Locos, Malbec 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 willing 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.

"This is the entry-level wine of Cuatro Gatos Locos and it's 100% malbec from the Gualtallary zone, a high-altitude location more than 1,300 meters above sea level in the Uco Valley. It has the succulence and voluptuousness of a Gualtallary malbec, with the exuberant flavors of red fruits and violets in a pleasing body with round and juicy tannins."

- Descorchados 2021, 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



39. 2020 4 Gatos Locos, Malbec, Gualtallary 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Gualtallary

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

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.

"Ex-Chakana winemaker Gabriel Bloise is the man behind this low-intervention Malbec from clay and gravel soils in Gualtallary. Smartly wooded in first and second use barrels, it has sinewy tannins, chalky freshness and black cherry, wild herb, and blueberry flavors."

- Tim Atkin (2022 Argentina Special Report), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / bottle



40. 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.

Deep purple red colored with intense complex notes of red berries and spice, well integrated aromatic oak and very fine tannins structuring a powerful and elegant palate.

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” 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 complement of the game.

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



41. 2020 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).

"A single vineyard wine, composed of 55% Malbec and 45% Syrah. Rich, jammy, and juicy, violets shining on nose and palate. Boysenberry bursts, enveloped by a mocha-cedar denseness. Peanut brittle character sweetens on the finish."

- The Tasting Panel (January/February 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.95 / 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.

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 a 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).



42. 2020 Viejo Isaias, Juana, Cabernet Franc 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza

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 (March 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



43. 2021 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 fastest draining.

"Blackberry, walnut and fresh lavender aromas follow through to a medium body, fine tannins and a medium, creamy finish."

- James Suckling (March 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



44. 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 (March 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



45. 2019 Viejo Isaias, Elegido 3/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo

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. Drink now."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$46.99 / 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.

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 18th and early 19th 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.

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.

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.



46. 2019 Jip Jip Rocks, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway

100% Chardonnay; 1/3 fermented in French oak barrels and 2/3 in stainless steel tank.

Light yellow with a pale straw hue. A classic nose of lemon, fresh stone fruit and melon. The palate is clean and fresh with mineral characters underpinning ripe pineapple and lime flavors. Extended lees contact adds texture and complexity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



47. 2020 Morambro Creek, Chardonnay 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway
100% Chardonnay aged in French oak.

"Vibrant gold in color, this Chardonnay has a flinty, salty edge that doesn't overwhelm the concentrated citrus and stone fruit. There's a whiff of oak-derived smoke. The palate offers tingly freshness and medium weight."

- Wine Enthusiast (December 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



48. 2019 Jip Jip Rocks, Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Padthaway
100% Shiraz aged 11 months in new and used French and American Oak.

"An exceptional value, rhubarb and plum is spicy and generously spreads across the palate. Blackberry preserves and licorice meet with white pepper and a stoniness that combines on the finish with dark chocolate cedar."

- The Tasting Panel (March 2021), 92 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (September 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



49. 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 (January 2020), 90 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #253, February 2021), 90 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (September 2022), 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 vineyard team focuses first on nurturing quality grapes from prime land without cutting corners. Once grapes are harvested and into the winery it's about balance. 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.



50. 2019 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



51. 2021 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 pome fruits and zesty lime and grapefruit. A refreshing style with a subtle texture and long, fruit driven finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



52. 2019 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



53. 2019 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.

Deep purple red with aromas of ripe plums, cherries, and earth and subtle notes of vanilla and cloves. The aromas follow through onto the palate with a fruit focus, subtle oak notes, and soft, rounded tannins. Medium to full bodied with a plush mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



54. 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 the 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 (February 2021), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



55. 2018 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.

Shotfire Quartage is based on the five traditional red varieties found in the Bordeaux region of France (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec). The Thorn-Clarke winemakers use at least four of the varieties to create the blend each year.

"This is rich and has some earthy elements with dried red fruit, leaves, blackcurrants, gentle spice and blueberries. The palate has a very concentrated feel with breadth of flavor and then some longer-driving fruit, too. Blueberries and blackberries."

- James Suckling (November 2021), 92 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (December 2021), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



56. 2019 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.

"Aromas of mulberry along with salted and cured meats leave an intrigue ahead for that first sip. White pepper, dried lavender, and Italian herbs season rich, ripe plum. Juicy and fragrant all the way, with dark chocolate mint, roses, and a deep dive into a graphite core. The finish of cinnamon-cocoa cedar is mesmerizing."

- The Tasting Panel (November/December 2021), 94 points

- James Suckling (November 2021), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



57. 2020 Thorn-Clarke, Single Vineyard, Grenache 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

100% Grenache matured for 18 months in French oak.

"A grower-sourced grenache from older-vine material (two parcels, 70 and 90-year-old) on the Nuriootpa sands, this has a very attractive nose with blood-orange and red-berry fruit, as well as plum and some gently earthy elements. A little sappy edge adds interest. The palate has a deliciously detailed feel with concentrated, supple red-plum and cherry flavors on offer. So delicious now. Screw cap."

- James Suckling (November 2021), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



58. 2018 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 Single Vineyard Selection range focuses on single site, small batch wines, highlighting the true characteristics of each individual variety. Each block is hand selected by the winemaker and viticulturist each year, choosing the wines that best reflect the strengths of each individual vintage.

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



59. 2019 Thorn-Clarke, Single Vineyard, Mataro 6/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa

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

The Single Vineyard Selection range focuses on single site, small batch wines, highlighting the true characteristics of each individual variety. Each block is hand selected by our winemaker and viticulturist each year, choosing the wines that best reflect the strengths of each individual vintage.

Striking with its inky red color and purple hues, a hallmark of a classic vintage. On the nose, briary black fruits are in abundance. Notes of Chinese five spice and currants also shine through. On the palate, blackberries and winter spice are evident. The generous and silky tannins in this wine support a long and complex finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



60. 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 were 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 is a real wine of place with plenty of violets and blueberries on the nose, as well as blackcurrants. There are also leafy notes and black cherries. The palate has a lively feel with nicely detailed tannins, framed in cedary oak and delivered with purity. Long and pure blueberry and black-cherry flavors with generosity at the finish. Very Barossa!"

- James Suckling (November 2021) 94 points

- Wine Enthusiast (February 2023), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$57.99 / bottle



61. 2018 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 has impressive freshness of blue fruit and cola-like spices with blackberries and forest wood, as well as a blue-floral edge and some plum cake. The palate has a very vivid feel with such intense, fleshy fruit-presence that carries a long, succulent, and flavorful finish."

- James Suckling (November 2021), 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast (April 2022), 90 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's 30 hectares (74.13 acres) of vineyards are 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.



62. 2022 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: \$14.99 / bottle



63. 2022 Hugl, Gemischter Satz 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

50% Grüner Veltliner, 40% Gelber Muskateller, and 10% Riesling aged 4 months on the fine 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). Historically, Heurigen were simple places, where vineyard owners would open their doors during wine season to serve glasses of this year's wine and juices to guests. At most, a plate of cold meats and cheese could be served along with the delicious wine.

The regulation for the Wiener Gemischter Satz DAC requires that at least three white quality wine varieties be planted together in one vineyard that is listed in the Viennese vineyard register as Wiener Gemischter Satz. The highest portion of one grape variety must be no more than 50%; the third highest portion must be at least 10%. Wines without vineyard indication must be dry and without any prominent wood flavor. The Wiener Gemischter Satz DAC can be marketed with an indication of vineyard site also. Single vineyard wines do not necessarily have to correspond with the "dry" taste indication, and they cannot be released for sale prior to March 1st of the year following the harvest. Minimum alcohol is 12.5%. The wine displays a mix of green-spicy flavors mixed with muscat, white pepper on the palate.

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



64. 2022 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: \$14.99 / bottle



65. 2021 Hugl, Rosselberg Reserve, 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



66. 2021 Hugl, Zweigelt 12/1.0L

Source: Austria – Weinviertel

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

Zweigelt – a cross between the St. Laurent and Blaufrankisch grape varieties, created by Dr. Fritz Zweigelt in 1922 - is the most widely planted red variety in Austria, growing in nearly 9% of this country's vineyards. It is a robust grape, highly resistant to dryness, frost, and various diseases.

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: \$15.99 / bottle



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

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



68. 2022 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: \$16.50 / bottle



69. 2021 Wimmer, 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: \$15.99 / 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.



70. 2021 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 a good length.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



71. 2017 Leindl, Ried Seeberg, Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal 12/750ml

Source: Austria – Kamptal

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

"A rather shy nose reveals nothing but slight notes of citrus. The palate then fills out with subtle but convincing notes of fresh sage, lemon pith, celery salt and yeast. Lemon highlights keep this on the ultra-fresh side, but the savory yeastiness provides a lovely balance."

- Wine Enthusiast (March 2019), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle



72. 2020 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.

"Its original name – Hellenstein -- referred to hell stone, as the vineyards are on a mountain where the "sun burns like hell." It was later renamed Heiligenstein, which translates as holy rock, and is a geological island of desert sandstone, with volcanic matter. Its earthy slate character lends out scents and flavors of honeyed apricot, salty pears, and stone fruit pith."

-The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022), 94 points

- Wine Enthusiast (May 2022), 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 varietals for Chile include Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay (specialties in the Leyda Valley) and Cabernet Sauvignon (the most widely planted variety in Chile), Carménère, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Syrah.

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



73. 2021 John's Bay, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

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

"Notes of linen and tarragon lead to white grapefruit and high-toned acidity. Honeysuckle and pineapple sneak in mid-palate: sweet, salty, and pretty."

- The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022, "Down the Aisle"), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$11.99 / 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 soils originate from the large volcanic eruptions of the 'Ring of Fire' in the high Andes Mountains. 205 hectares (506 acres) planted with 8 different varieties.



74. 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: \$11.99 / bottle



75. 2021 Siegel, Crucero Collection, Chardonnay 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Chardonnay – 25% of the wine matures for 3 months in French oak barrels.

This Chardonnay has a pale-yellow color and offers intense grapefruit aromas and tropical fruits like mango. It presents a balanced palate with pleasing acidity and a persistent finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



76. 2021 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: \$11.99 / bottle



77. 2021 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



78. 2021 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



79. 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: \$11.99 / bottle



80. 2019 Siegel, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon 'Über Cuvée' 12/750ml

Source: Chile – Central Valley Region – Colchagua Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon 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: \$13.99 / bottle



81. 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



82. 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 (August 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



83. 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: \$13.99 / bottle



84. 2017 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.

"This is certainly a special wine from the best zones of Los Lingues, showing serious, aromatic mint, black cherry and cassis fruit, bold tannins, and the structure to age."

- Tim Atkin MW (Chile 2020 Special Report), 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast (May 2021), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle



85. 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 "plowed earth", specifically, Earth plowed by fire from 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: \$80.99 / bottle

FRANCE

Alsace

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

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

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

Alsace vineyards encompass 39,500 acres and produce around 140 million bottles of wine a year (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.

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 counts 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 of which are in and around Eguisheim. Their vineyards 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 winemaker since 2011.

The vineyards cover 13,000 parcels 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.

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.



86. 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. 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 / bottle



87. 2021 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



88. 2021 Wolfberger, Alsace, Pinot Gris 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Gris.

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

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



89. 2021 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



90. 2019 Wolfberger, Riesling, Rangen de Thann 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Riesling.

Riesling Rangen Grand Cru 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle



91. 2018 Wolfberger, Alsace, Pinot Gris, Rangen 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.

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):

- Rose: 440,000 cases (76% of the AOC's wine)
- Rouge: 120,000 cases (20% of the AOC's wine)
- Blanc: 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 Henri and Geneviève Tournier. 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 Henri and Geneviève 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 can hand harvested.



92. 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".

"Big, black fruits with some serious tannins as well as dryness at the core. It has ripe wood-aged flavors that go alongside the black plum skin texture and dark coffee flavors."

- *Wine Enthusiast (September 2022), 92 points*

Suggested Retail Price: \$104.99 / bottle



93. 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 from 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 (September 2022), 93 points*

Suggested Retail Price: \$61.99 / 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.



94. 2021 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 cassia and strawberry. This cuvée was specially made for the Parisian bistrots, willing to offer easy drinking wines with enough body to compliment local cuisine from the Beaujolais region.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



95. 2021 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 soils are 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



96. 2021 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



97. 2020 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 is one of the top three. The wines show finesse, fullness, and flavor. 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



98. 2020 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 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.

- Wine Enthusiast (April 2023), 91 points

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.



99. 2021 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.

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. This wine has also a very good ageing potential and will start to develop some secondary aromas after 5 or 6 years.

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. 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).



100. 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 (November 2022), 92 points - Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle

Bordeaux

Centered on 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).

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.



101. 2016 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.

"This 2016 is solidly built with a persistent flavor undertow of black raspberries and dark chocolate. The flavors keep giving in the end, showing the stamina to age."

- Wine and Spirits (June 2021), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



102. 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: \$26.99 / 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 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 hectares 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. 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.



103. 2019 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



104. 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 a slightly spicy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



105. 2018 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

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$46.99 / magnum)

(Also available in 375ml half bottle: \$15.99 / half bottle)



106. 2018 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.

"Aromas of violets, cherries, currants, chocolate and praline. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins. Creamy with a flavorful, juicy finish."

- James Suckling (March 2021), 91 points

- Wine Enthusiast (February/March 2021 double issue), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$40.99 / bottle



107. 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. 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 with love and passion to their wines and terroirs. This is a very charming wine with notes of red fruits and blackcurrant.

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 significant 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.



108. 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



109. 2016 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).

"A purple-colored, young wine dominated by Merlot, this is rich, structured and full of blackberries. With a good balance between the fruit and the tannins already in place, it shows excellent potential."

- *Wine Enthusiast* (December 2018, Best of Year 2018 Issue), 90 points

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.



110. 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 (March 1st, 2021), 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 produce Sauvignon, Semillon and Muscadelle, 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.



111. 2020 Château Hallet, Sauternes 6/750ml

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: \$36.99 / bottle

(Also available in 375ml half bottle: \$23.99 / half bottle)



112. 2018 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 / bottle

(Also available in 750ml bottle: \$41.99 / 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 and the USA is the largest importer of Burgundy wines.

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.



113. 2020 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



114. 2021 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 the Mount Epin.

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

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



115. 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. Hence, the minerality coming from these rocky soils. 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

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). Tillage is largely carried out to encourage underground life and root development, to obtain the richness and minerality required for wines of great quality. 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. The wines benefit from the exceptional terroir, which produces a wide range of dry and fruity wines with great complexity.



116. 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. They play a significant role in the composition of the soil as they bring minerality to the wine.

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, with a plan to enhance the French varietal grapes with a local and unique style. A sixth-generation winemaker, he is native of Le Pallet in the Muscadet vineyard, close to Nantes.



117. 2021 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: \$15.99 / bottle



118. 2021 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



119. 2021 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.

"A pure and taut sauvignon blanc, showing gooseberry, wet stone, green apple and quince on the nose, following through to a taut expression of citrus and stone fruit on the palate."

- James Suckling (May 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



120. 2021 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 carry through the ripe fruity palate, marrying hints of honey and apricots.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



121. 2021 Alain de la Treille, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: France – Loire Valley

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



122. 2021 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.



123. 2020 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).

"Rich Chenin Blanc, still bursting with youthful energy, is packed with flavor. Ripe apples dominate, giving the wine great ripeness. It is a tangy wine with fruitiness and texture."

- Wine Enthusiast (September 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / 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 strived 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 in 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.



124. 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 (May 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / 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 Minervois, 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 made wines come from vines grown on the hillsides. The grape varietals that thrive in this region are Carignan, Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Les Costieres de Pomerols

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

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

The members control 1,800 hectares (4,448 acres) of vineyard land, of which 400 hectares (988 acres) is Picpoul de Pinet. The Pomerols vineyards stretch over vast sun-lit terraces with clay/calcareous soils. They produce Piquepoul (Picpoul), Chardonnay, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Terret, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan. 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.



125. 2022 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



126. 2022 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



127. 2022 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: \$13.99 / bottle



128. 2022 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.

H.B. Rosé comes from vineyards planted on clay and limestone hillsides called "costières" bordering the Etang de Thau. This coastal lagoon is situated between the port of Sète and Cap d'Agde.

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.



129. 2019 Baron Ermengaud, Faugères Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Faugères

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

The Baron Ermengaud cuvée is named after the lord Ermengaud de Fouzilhon. In the 12th Century, the Lord gave land, which was in Laurens Village, to monks, who built a monastic barn. The monks (Benedictine and then Cistercian) used to cultivate the vineyards, using techniques that were quite wise and modern at the time. The people of Laurens enjoyed and benefited from learning their methods.

"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 (June 2021), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



130. 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, succeeding longtime director Bernard Pueyo. 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.



131. NV Castelmaure, La Buvette 12/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon

60% Grenache and 40% Carignan

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



132. 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



133. 2019 Castelmaure, Grande Cuvée, Corbières 6/750ml

Source: France – Languedoc-Roussillon – Corbières

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah aged 10-12 months in French oak barrels.

Planted on 50% schist and 50% limestone soils.

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.

Deep and intense color, with powerful aromas of dark berry fruit, prune, and coffee nuances. Full bodied with a silky texture and a persistent finish.

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. 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 the white and not the 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 (Rouge, Blanc, and Rosé)
- Lirac
- 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 soils are 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.



134. 2022 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



135. 2022 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 peach, and pear.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



136. 2022 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Le Miocene 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

60% Clairette and 40% Roussanne. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

Pale yellow color with hints of green, aromas of white flowers (may blossom, honeysuckle).

The palate is pleasantly balanced between liveliness and roundness, which brings out characteristics of dried apricot, honey, and elderberry.

Suggested Retail Price: \$69.99 / bottle



137. 2022 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, which is how a lot of people describe the Provençal lifestyle: sunny most of the year, gorgeous small of garrigue around the area (thyme, lavender, rosemary) as well as the legendary sound of the cicadas (cigales).

Salmon-pink color, clear and brilliant. The nose is fruity and spicy, reminiscent of wild strawberry and fine Provençal 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



138. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Le Crétacé, Tavel Rosé 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



139. 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 Rhône appellation. Good harmony and rather lively for its age at the clean finish."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 90 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (October 2020), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



140. 2020 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

(Also available in 375ml half bottle: \$12.99 / bottle and 3L bag-in-box: \$64.99 / bag-in-box)



141. 2020 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 ha classified in Côtes du Rhône. The plots are in the northern border of Châteauneuf du Pape, exactly from 3 meters outside the appellation. It is in the lieux dits of "Champavins" and "Coudoulet". A small lane of rocks going through the rocky plateaux has been decided to be the AOC limit in 1936. Here, soils are made of red clay and rocks (pebbled stones of quartz).

"Majestic have done well to snap up this delicious, organic-certified GSM blend, because despite its Côtes du Rhône labelling, the 34ha Champavins vineyard actually abuts the Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards of none other than Château de Beaucastel. The wine is aromatic and lifted, exuding ripe crushed raspberries and juicy cherries, as well as more dark black fruit tones. The palate is sweetly fruited, like blueberry yoghurt. Spicy, succulent, and finishing with dry tannins."

- Decanter (September 26th, 2022), 93 points

- James Suckling (February 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



142. 2020 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.

"In spite of the very full black-fruit aromas, this bold southern Rhone red remains well balanced with discreet, velvety tannins and nice freshness that lifts the finish in exactly the right way."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



143. 2020 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.

"Plenty of smoke and a touch of black pepper, as well as the big blackberry fruit of the Southern Rhone! Full body and the alcohol to go with it, but everything fits nicely together, and the wine has a very harmonious, long finish, thanks to the rather fine tannins."

- James Suckling (March 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$31.99 / bottle



144. 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). Soils are clay and sand with limestone.

"Lots of blackberry and raspberry fruits as well as floral, pepper, and spicy notes emerge from the 2020 Gigondas Terrasse De Montmirail, a blend of 65% Grenache and the rest Syrah and Mourvèdre. Still resting all in tank (concrete and stainless steel), this medium-bodied, supple, round, solid Gigondas will provide plenty of pleasure."

- Jeb Dunnuck (January 2022), 89-91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$45.99 / bottle



145. 2020 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 fresh berries (wild raspberry, blackcurrant, 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



146. 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



147. 2020 Château Mazane, Vacqueyras Rouge 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras AOC

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: \$34.99 / bottle



148. 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



149. 2019 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. They store heat and bring a beautiful expression of Syrah.

"The 2019 Crozes-Hermitage La Butte D'Or is incredibly spicy and peppery, with a medium-bodied, elegant, nicely balanced style. Delivering silky yet present tannins as well as good acidity, it's just about as gulpable and delicious as they come."

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2020), 89-91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle



150. 2019 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte, Lirac Rouge 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

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

"There's no missing the huge black-fruit character of this full-bodied but well-balanced Lirac. Excellent integration of tannins, fruit, and alcohol. Touches of tar, licorice and Mediterranean herbs add interest, particularly at the supple finish. From organically grown grapes."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$69.99 / magnum)



151. 2021 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



152. 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.

"The entry level cuvée is the 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Le Miocene, which is based on 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre. Its deeper ruby/purple color is followed by an impressive, medium-bodied, concentrated effort displaying classic darker cherry fruits as well as peppery garrigue and classic Provençal notes."

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2022), 90-92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$61.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$133.99 / magnum)



153. 2019 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Les Origines 12/750ml

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. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

"The 2019 Châteauneuf du Pape les Origines is rich and intense, a full-bodied, velvety wine with wow-level concentration. Blackberries and plums line the palate, finishing long, with hints of salted licorice."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (May 2022), 95 points

- Wine Enthusiast (May 2022), 94 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2021), 94 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2021), 94 points

- Wine and Spirits (October 2021), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$80.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$164.99 / magnum)



154. 2021 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml (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 (November 2021), 94-96 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$132.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$278.99 / magnum)

Domaine de la Colline Saint Jean

Located in the village of Vacqueyras, at the foot of Dentelles de Montmirail, Domaine de La Colline St. Jean has been a family-owned property for several generations. Roland Alazard, his son Cyril, and his daughter Aurélie go to great lengths to preserve character and tradition in their Côtes-du-Rhône wines.

They have 25 hectares of vineyards in Vin de Pays du Vaucluse, Côtes-du-Rhône, Vacqueyras, Gigondas and Beaumes de Venise. Their vines are 50 years old on average, planted on clay/limestone soil. The hillside vineyards are heated by the sun, giving the resulting wine a generous crimson robe, complex flavors, and a delicate roundness on the palate.



155. 2019 Domaine de la Colline Saint Jean, Vacqueyras, Vieilles Vignes 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras

80% Grenache and 20% Syrah aged for 18 months in concrete tanks.

Deep purple color. Intense nose of ripe black fruits, plum brandy, cherries brandy, chocolate. In the mouth, the wine has rich flavors of stewed black fruits, it is meaty, well-structured and the tannins are present, but they are round and elegant.

Suggested Retail Price: \$41.99 / 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.



156. 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



157. 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



158. 2021 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



159. 2020 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



160. 2019 Domaine Corne Loup, Lirac Rouge, Cuvée du Gouverneur 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

50% Grenache, 40% Mourvèdre, and 10% Syrah aged in French oak (1/3 new) for 12-18 months.

The name of the Cuvée comes from Geraldine ancestor, who was mayor of Tavel and was nicknamed the "governor" (Le Gouverneur in French).

This is a very small cuvée, all aged in oak barrels that makes a sexy, international style of Lirac, with tons of spice and fruit.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / 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.



161. 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.

Deep color. Intense and persistent red fruits, such as strawberry and black cherry.

Expressive and delicate at the same time. The finish is long, and the tannins are quite round and well balanced.

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



162. 2019 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.

"I've drunk my fair share of this cuvée, and it always offers pleasure. The 2019 Vacqueyras Les Templiers is no exception, offering lots of juicy strawberry and darker berry fruits as well as classic Southern Rhône peppery herbs and leather nuances."

- Jeb Dunnuck (January 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



163. 2019 Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux, Gigondas Rouge, Cuvée Prestige 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Gigondas

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

"A terrific nose of red and black fruits, Provençal garrigue, and subtle spicy oak is followed by remarkable purity of fruit, silky tannins, and a great finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck (January 2022), 91-93+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle

Château de Ségrèès

Owner Henri de Lanzac (cousin of the Delorme family of Domaine de la Mordorée) purchased Château de Ségrèès 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.

In 1945, he obtained the highest distinction, a Cru, of the Côtes du Rhône. Lirac is the oldest recorded wine of the Côtes du Rhône region, and was the first to be produced in red, white, and rosé. It became an AOC in 1947. Located between (and shared by) Lirac and Tavel is perhaps the best terroir for red wine, the windy plateau Vallongue. The vineyards on this plateau are full of 'galets roulés' – these hard, dense silica-rolled pebbles absorb heat during the day and return it to the vines at night. Their presence also allows for deep vine roots.

Château de Ségrèès 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); and 3.5 hectares (Clos de l'Hermitage).

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



164. 2020 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



165. 2020 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



166. 2017 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.

"Smoky veins of clove and charred vanilla bean accent black-cherry preserves and plum compote. It maintains a keen balance between hedonistic black fruit and cherry spice tones. Opulent in mouthfeel and baby soft in tannins."

- Wine Enthusiast (October 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle



167. 2016 Château de Ségriès, Secret de la Grange, Lirac Rouge 6/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

90% Grenache and 10% Syrah

"This full-bodied blend is fabulously concentrated and lush, with ripe fruit flavors of raspberries and stone fruits, an intriguing hint of almond paste and a rich, long finish tinged with licorice. It should drink well for up to a decade."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #233, October 2017), 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast (December 2020), 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (September 26th, 2018), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$125.99 / magnum)

Domaine Jean-Claude et Nicolas Fayolle

Domaine Jean-Claude and 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 "cuvées" are produced from specific parcels, and they neither destem nor use new oak barrels to preserve each "cuvée's" typicity.

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

- 2.5 hectares in "La Rochette", at the North of the Village of Serves-sur-Rhone, located 600 meters South of the Northern border. (1.5 hectare in red and 1.0 hectare in white). It is a soil composed of red granit and Terre Blanches.
- 1.15 hectares in "La Grande Seguire", which is not an official Lieu-Dit. It is in the Lieu-Dit of Les Pontaix, North of the Crozes-Hermitage village. The soil is mainly a blend of clay/granit and clay/stone. (Argilo-granitiques and argilo-caillouteux).
- 2.35 hectares in other lieu-dits, used to make other Cuvées (Cuvée Fayolle and Cuvée 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 soils are composed of clay and silica mixed with pebble stones.



168. 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.

The wine shows a deep ruby red color and has plenty to offer with red and black fruit aromas, as well as a good minerality. The finish is long, clean and juicy and offers some white pepper spiciness typical of the best Crozes-Hermitage.

Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle



169. 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.

The wine shows an intense inky ruby red color and has plenty to offer with red and black fruit aromas, as well as a good minerality.

The finish is very long, clean, and juicy and offers a great spicy mouthfeel.

Suggested Retail Price: \$92.99 / bottle

Domaine Guy Bernard

Domaine Guy Bernard is a small estate of the Bernard family, well established in Tupin et Semons for several generations. They produce wines in the Côte-Rôtie and Condrieu appellations in the Northern Rhône Valley. The estate is currently in the process of converting to organic viticulture (since 2017) and will apply for the official Organic Agriculture certification.

Today, the vineyards cover 255 hectares (630 acres), in the communes of Ampuis, Tupin Semons and Saint Cyr sur Rhône, including 73 parcels. This appellation has a semi-continental climate, dry and hot in Summer, with mild autumns and harsh winters, with regular rainfall the rest of the year.



170. 2019 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), the 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$85.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$175.99 / magnum)

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 Cuvée 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 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).



171. 2020 Domaine Johann Michel, Grain Noir 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).

Well-structured and round, Cuvee Grain Noir displays red fruit, leather, black cherry, liquorice, and black berry aromas. This special cuvee is expressive, deep, rich, silky, and juicy.

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



172. 2020 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.

"Readers who love classic, old school, yet clean and impeccably made Cornas should jump on the 2020 Cornas from Johann Michel. Sporting a deep purple hue as well as killer notes of black cherries, scorched earth, iron, graphite, and violets, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a focused, firm, yet layered mouthfeel, and a good sense of freshness."

- Jeb Dunnuck (Northern Rhône: The 2020s and 2021s, December 15th, 2022), 94+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$72.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$123.99 / magnum)

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 Rémy 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. They are planted with 60% Grenache Noir, 10% Mourvèdre, Syrah and Cinsault, 5% Bourboulenc, and Clairette.
- CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE - vineyards are in the villages of La Crau, la Nerthe, Cabrières, Le Bois de la Ville. They are planted with 70% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, 5% Counoise, 5% Syrah, and 5% Vaccarèse.
- 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.



173. 2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Blanc, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

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

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

"A floral bouquet of white tea and jasmine make their designs on a defined slate mouthfeel. Lime pops with a tart center, along with notes of peach and gingerbread on a keen, edgy finish."

- The Somm Journal (Feb/March 2022), 94 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2022), 92 points

- Wine Enthusiast (April 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle



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

Source: France – Rhône Valley

50% 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



175. 2021 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.

"A very satisfying red Cotes-du-Rhone with plenty of black-cherry fruit and rather fine-grained tannins filling out the expansive palate. Lively acidity lifts the finish nicely. A blend of grenache and syrah with a touch of cinsault."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle

(Also available in 375ml half bottle: \$16.99 / half bottle)



176. 2019 Domaine de la Mordorée, Lirac Rouge, La Dame Rousse 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC
50% Grenache and 50% Syrah. Certified organic by Demeter.

"For this appellation this is a remarkably restrained and rather elegant red with complex red-fruit, baking-spice and terra-cotta aromas. The self-confidently dry tannins build gently and keep the alcohol well in check until right at the end, when you do feel a touch of warmth."

- James Suckling (February 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$33.99 / bottle



177. 2020 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.

"Fragrant nose of black and blue berries, together with delicate notes of licorice, sandalwood and bergamot. Rich and concentrated, but decisively dry. The fine tannins have a wonderful bitter-chocolate flavor and drive this full-bodied wine over the palate with astonishing briskness. Very long, powdery finish with plenty of spicy complexity."

- James Suckling (August 2022), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$47.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$137.99 / magnum)



178. 2020 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.

"A fragrant and spicy Châteauneuf that marries richness and structure with finesse and fascination. The fine tannins build beautifully at the self-confidently dry finish, where spicy and chalky elements mingle beautifully, with just a hint of milk chocolate neatly accenting this. A complex blend based on grenache. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drink or hold."

- James Suckling (August 2022), 94 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$138.50 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$206.99 / magnum)



179. 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. 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 (November 2022), 96 points

- James Suckling (August 2022), 95 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2021), 95 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (May 2022), 92-94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$255.99 / magnum

(Also available in 750ml bottle: \$155.99 / bottle)

BIG BOTTLES – DISPLAY ONLY OR CASH AND CARRY



NV Champagne Trouillard, Brut, Extra Selection 1/9L

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.

"Attractive floral, biscuity and red berry scents. Stone fruit driven palate with an ample finish. Poised and self-confident."

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021, 91 pts - Silver Medal



2018 Long Shadows, Pedestal Merlot 6/1.5L

Source: United States – Washington – Columbia Valley

82% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Malbec aged for 22 months in French oak (85% new).

"Long Shadows has crafted a beautiful new Right Bank style 2018 Merlot Pedestal, which is nearly all Merlot (82%) with smaller portions of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Once 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. Finishing very long, this is already a beautifully evolved wine that will improve with an hour in the decanter."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (March 2022), 96 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (May 2021), 95 points

- James Suckling (June 2021), 92 points



2020 Arzuaga, La Planta, Ribera del Duero Tempranillo 1/9L

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 (August 2021), 91 points



2017 Lodovico, Barolo Cannubi 1/3L

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barolo DOCG

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

From Cannubi Boschis vineyard on clay limestone marls and sands.

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



2020 Domaine de la Mordorée, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Dame Voyageuse 1/1.5L

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.

"A fragrant and spicy Châteauneuf that marries richness and structure with finesse and fascination. The fine tannins build beautifully at the self-confidently dry finish, where spicy and chalky elements mingle beautifully, with just a hint of milk chocolate neatly accenting this. A complex blend based on grenache. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification."

- James Suckling (August 2022), 94 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2022), 93 points



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, 5% Syrah, and 5% Vaccarèse 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 terraces

"It's 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 (November 2022), 96 points

- James Suckling (August 2022), 95 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2021), 95 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (May 2022), 92-94 points



2019 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Le Miocene 1/3L

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. T

"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 (Insider weekly, November 2021), 94 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2021), 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2021), 92 points



2018 Ayni, Malbec 1/1.5L

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec aged 12 months in untoasted oak.

Ayni is the Quechua term for the principle of reciprocity, practiced for centuries by the Andean people - "in order to receive, you first have to give." Chakana's renowned Paraje Altamira vineyard, which sits 3,300 feet above sea level, bears the name Ayni and is the source of the Ayni wines.

"Very perfumed floral nuances scented with some fresh herbaceous notes, slightly tangy mineral nose too. Lovely freshness and chalky tannins, nice follow through and well-textured. Great fruit purity, attractive use of oak."

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2020, 97 points

- Tim Atkin MW (March 2020), 95 points

- James Suckling (April 2nd, 2020), 93 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2020), 92 points

- Wine and Spirits (October 2021), 90 pts

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.



180. 2022 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, which is how a lot of people describe the Provençal lifestyle: sunny most of the year, gorgeous small of garrigue around the area (thyme, lavender, rosemary) as well as the legendary sound of the cicadas (cigales).

Salmon-pink color, clear and brilliant. The nose is fruity and spicy, reminiscent of wild strawberry and fine Provençal 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



181. 2022 Vignobles Alain Jaume, Le Crétacé, Tavel Rosé 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



182. 2022 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: \$14.99 / bottle



183. 2022 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



184. 2022 Mas Redonne, Bandol Rosé 6/750ml

Source: France – Provence – Bandol AOC

55% Mourvèdre, 35% Cinsault, and 10% Grenache

Nice light salmon color. The nose expresses some citrus (Pomelos) and lots of white fruit aromas and minerality. The flavors are fresh, fruity, and very aromatic, with tons of apricot and mango.

Suggested Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle



185. 2022 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; delightful.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 / bottle



186. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Côtes du Rhône Rosé 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Côtes du Rhône AOC

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

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



187. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Dame Rouse 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, and 20% Syrah.

Mordorée's Tavel Rose is a beautiful blend of three terroirs: galets rous (cobblestones), flat white limestone, and sandy soils.

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



188. 2022 Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel Rosé, La Reine des Bois 12/750ml

Source: France – Rhône Valley – Tavel AOC

60% Grenache, 15% Clairette, 10% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, and 5% Bourboulenc

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



189. 2022 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 blossom 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



190. 2022 Domaine de la Maïonnette, Instant Rosé, Côtes de Provence 12/750ml

Source: France – Provence

60% Syrah, 20% Cinsault, and 20% Grenache.

A delicate, dry rosé with a beautiful minerality and great aromatic intensity. This wine is ideal for a moment of conviviality with friends and food.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



191. 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



192. 2022 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



193. 2022 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



194. 2022 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

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 Berncastel-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.



195. 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



196. 2021 Bastgen, Berncastel-Cueser, Riesling, Spätlese, Trocken 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling from 50+ year old vines.

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



197. 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.

The wine offers a bouquet that ranges from ripe yellow fruits to exotic aromas of litchi and pineapple. The rich fruit density is balanced by a crisp and mineral acidity as it touches the palate and leads to an electric tasting experience.

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. Friedrich Wilhelm Leimbrock has served as 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).



198. 2021 Dr. Leimbrock, Estate Riesling 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Devonian slate Riesling aged in stainless steel tanks.

Typical Riesling, fresh and fruity, easy drinking.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / 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 is 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.



199. 2020 Hansen Lauer, Bernkasteler Graben, Riesling Spätlese 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling aged on the lees for 3 months.

This wine 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.

"Slim yet penetrating, this honey kissed Spätlese is packed with sweet yellow peach and apricot flavors. Backed by a racy streak of lime and lemon acidity, it's a spine tingling, electric sip with a lacy veil of sweetness and smoke on the finish."

- Wine Enthusiast (October 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



200. 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



201. 2020 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.

"Golden yellow color. Aromas and flavors of tart green apple, pineapple, scorched orange peel, and lemon marzipan with a satiny, lively, finely carbonated, dry medium body and a sleek, involved, medium-length finish revealing shades of lime zest, candied ginger, canned pineapple, and white flowers. Zippy acidity with lively aromatics makes this a natural pairing with spicy and complex southeast Asian cuisine or rich pork dishes."

- Beverage Testing Institute (November 2022), 92 points - Gold Medal

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.

Bottling is done in spring and early summer to preserve the fresh and fruity Riesling character. Because of its pronounced fruity acidity, you can store Rheingau Riesling longer than other white wines, especially when they are sweet (8-25 years and more).



202. 2020 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 / 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 a gentle winemaking and temperature-controlled fermentation. They intervene as little as possible, allowing the terroir to shine through.



203. 2021 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 / bottle



204. 2021 Weller-Lehnert, Piesporter Goldtröpfchen, Riesling, Spätlese 12/750ml

Source: Germany – Mosel

100% Riesling

Vineyards have a South-Southeast to South-Southwest sun exposure, with a steep incline (35-50%).

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 2nd century AD.

Of the 20 regions, Veneto leads with production at 18% and Tuscany at 17% (the other regions are Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Umbria, Abruzzo, Trentino Alto-Adige, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Marche, Puglia, Lazio, Sicily, Sardinia, Campania, Liguria, Calabria, Molise, Basilicata, and Valle d'Aosta).

The top grape varieties planted in Italy are Sangiovese, Pinot Grigio, Trebbiano, Glera, Montepulciano, Catarratto, Merlot, Chardonnay, Primitivo, and Barbera (although there are more than 400 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 Precenico 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)
- Merlot – 6 hectares (1,000 cases)
- Prosecco – 5 hectares (2,000 cases)
- Cabernet Franc – 2 hectares (500 cases)
- Chardonnay – 3 hectares (1,500 cases)
- Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso – 2 hectares (800 cases)
- Friulano – 2 hectares (1,500 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).



205. 2021 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

Cantina Gambellara

Cantina di Gambellara was founded in 1947 by a group of 26 associated vine growers, becoming the first cooperative winery in the Vicenza province. Today the cooperative has 365 members, 650 hectares of vineyard and an annual production of nearly one million cases.

Cantina di Gambellara is in the middle of four historic DOC production areas: Gambellara, Colli Berici, Lessini Durello and Soave. The vineyards are mainly located on the hillsides of Gambellara, famous for their volcanic soil; tophus and basaltic rocks that emerge on the surface in columns with polyhedric shapes. The soil is rich in mineral salts, potassium, and magnesium, giving the grapes great richness and aromatics.

About 50% of the vineyards are located on plains, providing the source for table wines and blends. The remaining 50% are ancient vineyards located on hills surrounding the villages of Gambellara, Soave, Zarmeghedo, Montebello and Montorso Vicentino. Production is low here, but quality is outstanding.



206. 2021 Gambellara, Soave, I Basalti 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Soave DOC

100% Garganega.

The color is a brilliant straw yellow with fresh fruit perfumes, especially apple and pear, and floral notes such as elder and bloom. The taste is very fresh and fruity, (yellow plum, star fruit and ground ginger), with a very interesting acidity. There is an important presence of mineral salts due to the volcanic origin of the soil.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.50 / bottle



207. 2021 Prime Brume, Soave 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Soave DOC

100% Garganega.

The color is a brilliant straw yellow, and the nose exhibits fresh fruit perfumes of apple and pear, and floral notes of elder and bloom. The taste is fresh and light with good acidity and mineral character due to the volcanic origin of the soil.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

Cortenova

Cortenova is a Kysela Pere et Fils, LTD. trademark, used for Italian value wines of premium quality.



208. 2021 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 a fresh and floral bouquet. Light and citrusy with easy drinking style and flavor density.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



209. 2020 Cortenova, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto

100% Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Deep ruby red color with violet highlights and a pleasant and fruity bouquet. Full bodied, soft tannins and good acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / 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.



210. NV Ornato, Prosecco 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC
100% Glera

Typical crisp and delicate perlage. Pale yellow color. Delicate and fragrant bouquet, with fruity notes of banana and apple and notes of acacia flowers. Fresh and light on the palate with balanced acidity and body harmony with a pleasant dry aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



211. 2021 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 from the early 1200's to the 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 an easy drinking style with a pleasing hint of almonds in the aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



212. 2019 Ornato, Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto
60% Merlot, 35% Corvina, and 5% Negroamaro

Intense purple color, tending towards amber with ageing. The oak aging gives pleasant notes of spices and vanilla. This wine has a very solid structure due to the elevated alcohol and the balance between soft tannins and acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



213. 2019 Resonata, Nero d'Avola 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Sicily – Sicilia IGT

100% Nero d'Avola aged on the lees for 3-4 months in stainless steel tanks.

Dense ruby red with violet reflections. Lush and ripe bouquet full of mulberries, blackberries, and spice. Harmonious and well balanced with good berry fruit in a spicy background.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle

Villa Travignoli

Travignoli, a name which literally means “Tra Vignoli” (between the vineyards), is in the middle of Frescobaldi’s Nipozzano vineyard, in the heart of the Rufina zone. There is documented evidence that wine was first produced there in the 5th Century B.C. by the Etruscans who called it “Nectar of the Gods”. Count Busi and his family acquired the estate in the 1800’s.

Until current winemaker Giovanni Busi graduated from the prestigious enological school of Conegliano in 1979, the estate sold almost all its production in demijohns to private clients. With the expert consultation of Giacomo Tachis, one of the most respected enologists in Italy, Giovanni began to bottle the wine of Travignoli. High acidity and tannins have always been characteristic of Rufina wines. The wines of Travignoli, however, due to Busi’s vinification methods, are more approachable than most, showing a subtle fruitiness against a strong tannin-acid backbone, even when young.

Since he began bottling, Giovanni Busi’s collection of awards and accolades have continued to grow. Veronelli, Italy’s foremost wine writer gave him high marks in his catalogue and again in an article in a national magazine, L’Espresso, saying that the recent releases from the estate demonstrate that “the young Giovanni Busi knows what he is doing and that another important estate is developing in the zone.” Gambero Rosso has also praised the estate and highly rated its wines. Giovanni is now joined by his son Clemente, who studied in France before coming to work at the estate,

The Travignoli estate covers 91 hectares (225 acres), with 70 hectares (148 acres) under vine. The vineyards are excellently positioned on the slopes with a southerly exposure at an elevation between 270 to 370 meters (886-1,214 feet). They are planted mostly to Chianti Rufina (60.5 hectares); the remaining plantings are 8 ha of Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 ha of Chardonnay and .5 ha of Merlot. There are also 25 hectares (62 acres) of olive trees.



214. 2021 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 feather which adorned his helmet. It was said that the sight of his red feather on the battlefield gave courage to his men and struck fear in the hearts of his advisories.

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).

Their best Barbaresco Cru comes from the Faset Vineyard area, of which Berutti owns the "Bricco" or crest of the vineyard. Only the owner of these coveted hilltop vineyards can use the designations "Bricco" on the label.

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 the 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.



215. 2016 La Spinona, Barolo, Sori Gepin 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Barbaresco 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 on the confines of Monforte and Barolo. A Sori is an entirely south-facing vineyard. This Sori lies at 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 (September 2021), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$100.99 / 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 the 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 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.



216. 2021 Zaccagnini, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Marche – Verdicchio

100% Verdicchio

Verdicchio is an historic wine that has been made since the 1400's. There is an ancient bond between the Verdicchio vine and the region of Le Marche, a seaside province on the Adriatic Sea, which stems from a cherished relationship with the Benedictine, and later the Camaldolese, Monks. The monks helped spread Verdicchio vines – which had been present for centuries – as well as viticultural-oenological techniques throughout the Marche region. The efforts of the monks, along with improvements in the quality of the vines and vinification methods, have allowed Verdicchio to thrive for centuries. At one time, Verdicchio measured 65,000 hectares (158,080 acres) of grapes throughout Italy. 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: \$19.99 / 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 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 at 380 meters above sea level. This vineyard, named for the ancient water source in the area, dates to 1984 and is the oldest vineyard at Collemattoni. 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, at 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.



217. 2019 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.

An early picking insures higher acidity and a more floral bouquet. The grapes are crushed immediately to avoid any oxidation which might detract from the wine's aromas. The grapes are gently crushed, and the juice is settled, centrifuged, and filtered. The purified musts are placed in stainless steel tanks and held at near freezing temperatures, which blocks any fermentation (and allows batches of fresh must to be drawn whenever they decide to bottle). The batch of must is then inoculated with special yeast and fermented in an autoclave to retain the naturally produced carbon dioxide. The fermentation is stopped by a rapid chilling when the wine reaches the desired ratio of alcohol (typically 7%) to residual sugar (3-5%). The wine is then filtered, bottled and shipped immediately.



218. 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



219. 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



220. 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.



221. 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. Refermentation 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

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.



222. 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 a 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 around 15,000 cases.

Their single vineyard Bricco Cardogno, planted to 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).



223. 2021 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.

"If I had not seen the crystal-clear shimmering wine in the glass, I would have thought this was a Bellini on the nose. The vibrant and intense peach aroma dominates the wine. There are subtle hints of mint and lemon, but this wine is a peach orchard in a bottle. Luckily, the bright acidity keeps the wine intact and allows it to end vibrantly and with a freshness that a Bellini lacks."

- Wine Enthusiast (December 2022), 91 points - BEST OF YEAR

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$46.99 / magnum)



224. 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



225. NV Rinaldi, ReDream 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte

100% Malvasia Nera – cold maceration for 48 hours. Soft pressing and natural cleaning of the must. Slight filtration.

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



226. 2020 Rinaldi, Brachetto d'Acqui DOP 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Brachetto d'Acqui DOCG

100% Brachetto d'Acqui – temperature-controlled maceration for approximately seven days with mechanic plunging of the cap and pumping over to increase extraction of substances from the skins. Soft pressing.

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



227. 2019 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.

La Bricca is a deep, ruby-red colored wine with violet hues. The bouquet is vinous and intense with ethereal aromas (typical of the Barbera grape) and scents of ripe fruit and spices. The wine is full-bodied with very pleasant silky tannins. Long and harmonious with a good aging potential.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



228. 2018 Rinaldi, Panta rei, Monferrato Rosso 12/750ml

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Monferrato DOC

50% Barbera, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 14 months in French oak (Allier, medium toast) 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 (drying harvested grapes on bamboo racks or straw mats for a few weeks to several months) along with spicy aromas and flavors from oak aging proves an aptly named smooth, silky, and powerful wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



229. 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 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



230. 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).

Quinta da Aveleda (Praia)

Aveleda S.A. is a family-owned company that has been managed by the Guedes family for over three centuries. The first records of the sale of bottled wine date back to 1870 with Manuel Pedro Guedes, who was known for his strong enterprising spirit and believed to be the founder of the business as we know it today.

Today the Guedes family still owns 100% of the company, always committed to maintaining this family legacy which spans several generations. Manuel's son, Fernando Guedes da Silva da Fonseca, continued his father's work, significantly increasing the production capacity at the estate. He had 7 children, and it was Roberto Van-Zeller Guedes who led the family business, dedicating his whole life to working at Aveleda. The 4th generation includes the six children of Roberto – Fernando, Luís, António, Maria Isabel, Maria Helena, and Roberto – who manage the company today.

A market leader in the Vinho Verde region, Aveleda is one of the largest wine producers in Portugal and exports over half of its output to 60 countries across the globe. The family owns 120 hectares (296.4 acres) of vines.



231. NV Praia (Aveleda), Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

40% Loureiro, 20% Trajadura, 20% Arinto, and 20% Azal. Grapes are pressed at low pressures. The must is clarified and fermented at controlled temperatures with selected yeasts. Before bottling, the wine is filtered and cold stabilized. No oak.

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.

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 soils are 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, Loureiro variety has particular importance, due to its magnificent adaption 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 by its unmistakable aroma of red fruits and berries.



232. 2021 Lima, Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

80% Loureiro and 20% Trajadura fermented in stainless steel (no oak).

Vinho Verde - "green wine" - hails from Northern Portugal. Vinho Verde is comprised of nine sub-regions along the Douro Valley - these 9 areas each have their own unique microclimate, though they are all generally wet and rainy (thanks to the Douro and Minho rivers) and feature granite soils.

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



233. 2021 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. 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



234. 2021 Lima, Schist Vinho Verde 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Vinho Verde

Schist soil comes from the south side of the Lima River (Northern Portugal). Lima Schist Vinho Verde displays subtle, yet more complex aromas. It is 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 16th 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.



235. 2020 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 fantastic 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. They are in the process of rebuilding the entire production area.



236. 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 de Fafide

Quinta de Fafide estate is located on the outskirts of São João da Pesqueira, overlooking the Torto River, on schist soil at an average altitude of 550 meters above the sea level. The winery produces Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tempranillo. Owner and winemaker Rui Roboredo Madeira dreamed of producing wines in the Douro that could rival the best wines in the world



237. 2019 Quinta de Fafide, Douro Reserva Branco 12/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

60% Viosinho, 40% Rabigato, and 20% Codega do Larinho.

Aromatic concentration and high acidity of the grapes from the very old traditional vineyards of high altitude in Douro Superior, about 550 meters above sea level, showing the full character of the varieties of indigenous Douro old vines, giving very mineral and creamy wines. Mineral aroma, citrus, and tropical fruit, fresh and full-bodied on the palate, buttery texture and complexity provided by fermentation and ageing in barrels.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / 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.



238. 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



239. 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



240. 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

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 and Co., now part of the Fladgate Partnership. Wines are made by David Guimaraens in Taylor's Vila Nova de Gaia facility.



241. 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



242. NV Romariz, Fine Tawny Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

Blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca

Made from wines selected for their smoothness and mellow character. These are aged for up to three years in oak casks. The individual wines are then blended a few months before bottling for balance and completeness. 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



243. 2017 Romariz, Vintage Port 6/750ml

Source: Portugal – Douro

Blend 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 be from estate-grown fruit, and they must over deliver.

The first Rubus wine was a superb batch of 1,200 cases of 1997 Amador County Zinfandel. The wine sold out in a few days, and the Rubus label wasn't used for the next 10+ years. In 2009, Kysela found an outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leaps district in Napa Valley, which became the next wine to be sold under the Rubus label. This was followed closely by a Russian River Chardonnay and an excellent Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel.

Over the years, the Rubus project has grown in terms of sku's, sources and quality. The project currently includes 15 skus, including the new Reserve Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel (USA) and the Reserve Russian River Pinot Noir (USA).



244. 2021 Rubus, Rueda, Private Selection White 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Rueda
100% Verdejo

Verdejo is typically known to produce wines with terrific white citrus aromas and clean, zesty flavors. Rubus Verdejo comes from the town of La Seca in the heart of the Rueda region in northern Spain

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



245. 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



246. 2022 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 bring 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.

On the finish, it is full, rich with just enough toast and vanilla flavors to compliment food.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.50 / bottle



247. 2022 Rubus-Castelmaure, Vin-Gris Rosé 12/750ml

Source: 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Carignan, and 10% Cinsault aged on the lees for 3 months (no oak).

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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



248. 2021 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



249. 2020 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 finish is round and long.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



250. 2020 Rubus, Reserve Pinot Noir, Russian River 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley

100% Pinot Noir

Rubus Reserve Pinot Noir is sourced from Russian River Valley. It shows complexity with raspberry and cherry notes that dance on the tongue.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



251. 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



252. 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 (November/December 2021), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



253. 2019 Rubus, Icono Malbec 6/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Uco Valley

100% Malbec aged 12 months in French oak.

Sourced from ten-year-old vines in Paraje Altamira.

This Icon Malbec is suave and rich, offering loads of dark plum, currant and dried blackberry flavors supported by notes of soft spices. Molten chocolate notes emerge on the mid-palate, with Asian spice accents. The finish is long and ripe with a loamy character.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



254. 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



255. 2018 Rubus, Barossa Shiraz 12/750ml

Source: Australia – South Australia – Barossa Valley

98% Shiraz and 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 and 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).

The grapes for this wine were sourced from the second largest vineyard owner in the Barossa Valley, mostly from Bay of Biscay soils. The wine features 15% super premium Shiraz, which was aged in rich American oak coopered in France (more delicate and 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. They tend to have less sweet oak character and therefore helps retain the perception of acid line.

This richly concentrated Barossa Shiraz is indicative of the style for which Australia's top production region is famous. The wine is dark in color, rich and dense. There are ample tannins balanced by the powerful fruit. You will note the hints of blackberries, mint, and eucalyptus flavors upfront and in the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / bottle



256. 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 (November 2021), 94 points

- The Somm Journal (April/May "Rising Stars of the Wine World"), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$107.99 / bottle



257. 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.

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.

Elegant pale-yellow color with fine bubbles. Floral and fruity on the nose, with aromas of fresh butter and cake. On the palate, the wine is crisp and harmonious - a delightful sparkling wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



258. NV Rubus, Sparkling Rosé Brut 12/750ml

Source: France

60% Tempranillo and 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$12.99 / bottle



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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.



259. 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



260. 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



261. 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



262. 2018 Lexicon, Malbec 12/750ml

Source: Argentina – Mendoza – Luján de Cuyo
100% Malbec aged in stainless steel and American oak (10%) for 3 months.

This Malbec offers a deep purple color with violet tints, complex plum, fig, strawberry, spices, and floral aromas. Rounded and velvety tannins, excellent length with a distinguished character - an incredible value.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



263. 2020 Lexicon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

"Violet color. Aromas and flavors of chocolate covered berries, mocha nuts, and purple flowers with a satiny, vibrant, fruity medium-to-full body and a seamless, interesting, medium-long finish displaying accents of chocolate orange peels, berry chutney on raisin toast, and spiced nuts with well-integrated, chewy tannins and moderate oak flavor. A juicy, chewy, fruit-forward Cabernet that is sure to please."

- Beverage Testing Institute (May 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle

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264. 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 (November 2022), 90 points - Gold Medal - Best Buy

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99 / bottle



265. 2021 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 the 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. Aluminum capsule 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



266. 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



267. 2019 Villa Monti, Chianti Superiore D.O.C.G., 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.

"We found roses and strawberries on the nose. The powdered rose petal mouthfeel and sweet, ripe red berries were just the start of an exquisite experience. Soft tannins and a delicate acidity keep a freshness on the palate. A denseness comes in mid-way, adding a layer of chocolate cake and violets."

- Tasting Panel (November 2021), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



268. 2020 Finca Sobreño, Organic Toro 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Toro

100% Tempranillo aged 4 months in American oak and then 6 months in bottle. Certified organic by Agricultura Ecologica de Castilla y Leon.

"A fresh and fruity red with cherries, berries and a hint of black pepper. Medium body. Solid core of fruit. From organically grown grapes."

- James Suckling (September 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



269. 2021 Suau, Bordeaux Blanc 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Bordeaux

80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon aged on the fine lees for 3 months. Certified organic by ECOCERT.

This wine reveals complex aromas of honeysuckle, citrus, and pineapple. It's refreshing and expressive. An excellent depth of fruit as well as a long finish with a nice acidity.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle



270. 2016 Suau, Côtes de Bordeaux, Rouge 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bordeaux

70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. Certified Organic by ECOCERT.

The wine is produced from vineyards that are in the Cadillac region of the Côtes de Bordeaux appellation, spreading over 66 hectares. The vines are organically grown on gravel and clay soils that benefit from favorable south-south-east facing slopes and plateau.

Dark ruby in color, luscious and fleshy with juicy blackberry and currant aromas. Round, ample and well-balanced with a fresh finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$27.99 / bottle



271. 2015 Suau, Cadillac, Côtes de Bordeaux, Rouge 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

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

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. Certified Organic by ECOCERT.

"This rich wine is already smoothly textured yet still has fine tannins that give aging potential. With its black fruit and acidity, it's ripe and smoky."

Wine Enthusiast (December 2017), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$42.99 / bottle



272. 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.

Deep purple in color. Fruity intensity on the nose with floral notes. A juicy texture, mild tannins and good structure balanced by a well-integrated freshness. Clean and pure finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



273. 2021 Cueva de las 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



274. 2017 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



275. 2016 Mas Sinen, Negre, Priorat 6/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Catalunya – Priorat

Red

38% Garnacha, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Carinena, and 17% Syrah. Certified Organic by CCPAE Organic. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

"This is a super ripe and fleshy ball of rich dark berries and plums with a super-rich, long and fluid texture. Such length and depth of blackberry fruit here."

- James Suckling (July 2019), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$62.99 / bottle



276. 2016 Mas Sinen, Coster, Reserve Priorat 6/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Catalunya – Priorat

70% Garnacha, 30% Carinena – old planting; old school. Certified Organic by CCPAE Organic. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

Unique soil of black slate and quartz llicorella. The Priorat DOQ (DO since 1954) has 109 wineries, 48,800 acres of land, and produces 160,000 9-liter cases.

Intense red cherry color with garnet reflections. Black fruit, compote fruits, hints of balsamic. The mouth is ripe and intense, fresh, and powerful. Strong and flavorful.

Suggested Retail Price: \$84.99 / bottle



277. 2016 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



278. 2020 Pierinvaletta, Moscato d'Asti, Organic 12/750ml (ORGANIC)

Source: Italy – Piemonte – Moscato d'Asti DOC

100% Moscato. Certified Organic by ECOGRUPPO Organic.

Delicious Moscato flavors with a tropical fruit flavors and aromas, as well as a nice fresh acidity to balance the classic sweetness.

The grapes are harvested at desired level of ripeness. Then the grapes are crushed, and the juice is separated from the skins. The juice is left to ferment only partially. When the desired level of alcohol is reached, the wine is chilled and filtered, leaving some un-fermented sugar in the future wine. This is the reason why Moscato d'Asti are low in alcohol and sweet. Not all the sugar has been transformed into alcohol during fermentation. Hints of honey and fresh green apple.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 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 3rd and 4th generation wine grape growers. Sourcing only from this select group ensures continuity of the finest quality and preservation of the terroir. They produce around 1.2 million 9-liter cases per year. The group farms 1,000 acres of Chenin Blanc.

The vineyards lie in a richly diverse area in terms of soil, climate, and topography. Vineyards are situated at heights that vary from 60 meters above sea level to 300 meters against the slopes of the Kasteelberg mountains. Because of the topography, the soils display the same rich variety, with Oakleaf (sandy-clay and loam that holds water) and Dundee (poor drainage) alluvial soil formed by sediment from Berg River to Swartland and Glenrosa soils formed out of underlying shale along the Kasteelberg mountains. The notable 'Koffieklip' (coffee stone) soil is a combination of clay and iron-rich Ferricrete deposits, known widely throughout South Africa for its erosion-resistant qualities.



279. 2021 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



280. 2021 Elton Bay, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

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

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Strung between serene beaches, sculpted coves and wild, rugged mountains, the coastline of South Africa stretches for thousands of miles from east to the west. Drawn to its wild beauty, many leisure adventurers discover the pristine serenity of unnamed, secluded bays to claim as their own.

Elton Bay Sauvignon Blanc offers tropical fruit and delicate pear drop aromatics with subtle green notes and a hint of minerality on a refreshing, crisp finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / bottle



281. 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



282. 2021 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



283. 2022 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



284. 2020 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



285. 2020 Riebeek, Merlot 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Swartland
100% Merlot matured in oak.

One of the most popular wines in the Riebeek range, the Merlot offers an array of red berries and a soft and mellow palate. 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



286. 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



287. 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

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.



288. 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.



289. 2022 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



290. 2019 Babylon's Peak, Cinsault 12/750ml

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

"Savory aromas of black olives, grilled meat, thyme, peppercorns and dark fruit. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins and a flavorful, succulent, and peppery palate."

- James Suckling (December 2021), 90 points

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, Bovelei Co-operative, and Wamakersvallei Wines – where he continues to work to this day.



291. 2020 Francois Van Niekerk, Pinotage 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Stellenbosch

100% Pinotage from 27-year-old bush vines. Malolactic fermentation took place in a combination of 70% and 30% 2nd-fill barrels. The wine was matured for 24 months. **Only 12 barrels produced.**

"The talented Francois van Niekerk is the CEO of Wellington Wines, but also makes a little Pinotage under his own label. Combining grapes from Wellington and Agter Paarl (hence the Coastal label), this is a very elegant, considered iteration of the variety, with beautifully integrated 70% new wood, velvety tannins and black cherry and wild strawberry fruit."

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2022 Special Report), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$97.99 / bottle

La Motte

In 1695, a piece of land in the Franschhoek Valley was granted to German immigrant Hans Hendrik Hattingh. In 1709, the land was purchased by La Motte's first French Huguenot owner, Pierre Joubert. The name La Motte has its origin from a little village in Provence – La Motte d'Aigues. Viticulture on La Motte was established in 1752 with the planting of 4,000 vines by Huguenot descendant Gabriël du Toit. In 1970 the farm was bought by Dr. Anton Rupert and a major development, restoration and conservation program followed, which reinvented La Motte into a leading global wine producer and sought-after tourist destination. Vineyards have been progressively replanted with noble varieties, the latest viticultural practices have been introduced and a modern cellar has been built.

Today, La Motte Wine Estate is operated under the guidance of owner Hanneli Rupert-Koegelenberg and her husband Hein Koegelenberg, Chief Executive Officer of the estate.

La Motte boasts four provincial monuments (previously known as national) – the Manor House (c1751), Jonkershuis (c1752), Historic Cellar (c1782) and the Water Mill (erected between 1752 and 1793). All the structures have been fully restored following the purchase of La Motte by Dr. Anton Rupert in 1970.

Environmental management is a high priority at La Motte and is factored into the long-term strategy as well as daily running of the estate. Examples of environmental care include the protection of precious natural flora known as 'fynbos' on the adjoining Wemmershoek mountains and adherence to biologic principles in the production of grapes, flowers, and ethereal oils. La Motte was one of the first wine estates to be awarded the coveted ISO 14001 Environmental Management Certification. The estate also complies with IPW, is a member of the Green Mountain Eco Route in the Groenlandberg area and is a WWF Conservation Champion. La Motte, as well as its Nabot farm in the Walker Bay coastal area, are committed to biologic farming principles.



292. 2021 La Motte, Sauvignon Blanc 12/750ml

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

100% Sauvignon Blanc

This wine was made from grapes originating from vineyards in several areas of the Cape Winelands — Franschhoek (25%), Stellenbosch (50%) and the Cape South Coast (25%).

Light straw in color with hint of green. Lots of fresh winter melon and gooseberry with distinctive lime aromas very typical to La Motte Sauvignon Blanc. Silky and soft on the palate with a fruity green apple aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



293. 2019 La Motte, Merlot 12/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Coastal Region – Franschhoek
100% Merlot

The Merlot originates from vineyards in Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Walker Bay area.

"Medium garnet color. Aromas and flavors of smoked meat, toast, leather, grilled plum, baked cherry tart, cracked black pepper, and myrrh with a round, lively, dry medium body and a smooth, interesting, medium-long finish with notes of chocolate-covered pecans with well-integrated, fine, firm tannins and light oak flavor."

- Beverage Testing Institute (April 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 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.



294. 2017 Kershaw, Syrah Elgin Clonal Selection 6/750ml

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

100% Syrah

Tastes like a smoky Côte-Rôtie from the Northern Rhône.

"This has a gorgeous, lifted nose that combines perfumed fruit and oak spice to heady effect. Soft, plush, and fresh on the palate, with pinpoint raspberry acidity and lingering rose perfume. It's matured in barriques and 500-litre French oak barrels, half new, the other half recently used – the oak plays an integral part and it's applied with great skill. Displaying exceptional tannic finesse, this is a thrilling and emotive Syrah."

- Decanter (August 2020, Syrah vs Shiraz: 30 great buys from South Africa), 97 points

- Beverage Testing Institute (April 2021), 94 points

- James Suckling (December 2021), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$131.99 / 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 the 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.



295. 2020 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).

Leesy, grippy and textured, with impressive concentration, subtle oak, fresh bread, pear and white peach flavours and a baking spice finish."

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2022 Report), 92 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (September 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



296. 2018 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.

"The 2018 Merlot has an almost understated nose at first, opening with raspberry coulis and blueberry scents, then a touch of violet petals. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a dash of white pepper and an almost Syrah-like finish."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$35.99 / bottle



297. 2018 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 to make a relatively fine-grained Cabernet, but the clay soils translate 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.

"The Keermont Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the north-facing, low-yielding Cottage Lane Block and is a serious, somewhat shuttered red with lots of grip, dense damson and blackcurrant fruit, subtle wood and an herbal undertone from 10% Cabernet Franc."

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2021 Report), 91 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$56.99 / bottle



298. 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. - Neal Martin"

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2021), 95 points

-Tim Atkin, South Africa 2021 Special Report, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$83.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$202.50 / magnum)

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 the Greyton ward.

Lismore's vineyards are planted on slopes at the base of the Riviersonderend Mountain Range. The combination of elevation and climate make 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 list in the fire.



299. 2018 Lismore, Viognier Estate Reserve 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg
100% Viognier

"Reviewed in my 2019 and 2020 reports, but still on the market, this comes from a 0.3-hectare block that was planted 17 years ago and survived the fire last year. Rich, complex and concentrated, it has pear and apricot fruit, a hint of nectarine and a patina of vanilla and cinnamon spice. Has tightened up over the last year."

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2020 Special Report), 95 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (April 2021), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$66.99 / bottle



300. 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 at 300 meters in the foothills of the Sonderend Mountain Range. A low mean February temperature lends to an extended ripening period that can put harvest 3-4 weeks later than traditional wine growing regions.

"The 2021 Chardonnay Estate Reserve is 100% from Greyton matured for 11 months in 500-litre barrels, 40% new. 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 (September 2022), 94 points

- Tim Atkin, South Africa Report 2022, 94 points

- James Suckling (November 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$83.99 / bottle



301. 2018 Lismore, Pinot Noir 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg
100% Pinot Noir

"The 2018 Pinot Noir comes from Walker Bay and Kaaimansgat and includes 30% whole-bunch fruit, aged for 11 months in 25% new oak. The bouquet sports vivid red cherry and raspberry fruit that is exceptionally well defined and beautifully integrated with the oak. The palate is medium bodied with supple tannins, well-judged acidity, and a slightly fleshy texture. There is just the right amount of salinity here, and the finish is kept on a tight leash, allowing the detail and precision to be fully expressed. A slight sour edge on the finish keeps you coming back for another sip. Excellent and reassuringly classy."

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2019), 92 points

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2020 Special Report), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.99 / bottle



302. 2016 Lismore, Syrah 6/750ml

South Africa – Western Cape – Cape South Coast – Overberg
100% Syrah aged for 9 months in oak.

"Scents of blueberries and blackberries invite a sip, then notes of beef broth, dried herbs and tobacco follow. O'Keefe fermented it with 40 percent whole clusters in large oak casks, then extended its time on the skins before mellowing the intensity over nine months in a 3,000-liter oak vat. The wine has a touch of oak spice and vanilla bean, yet it feels graceful from start to finish."

- Wine and Spirits Magazine (November 2019), 95 points

- Tim Atkin Master of Wine (SA Special Report 2016), 95 points + Red Wines of the Year

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (August 2018), 93 points

- Wine Enthusiast (July 2019), 91 points

- International Wine Review (February 2018), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$66.99 / 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 pips 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 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 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, grape, 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. Txakolina is 437 acres, and the area produces 100,000 cases annually.



303. 2021 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: \$23.99 / 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.

Year after year, local critics rate Albariño de Fefiñanes as one of the best. Palacio de Fefiñanes produces 11,000 cases annually.



304. 2021 Fefiñanes, Albariño, Rias Baixas 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño fermented in stainless-steel vats and bottled in its first year.

"One of those textbook Albariños that delivers the goods, year in, year out, this is a very pure expression of the grape, with no lees ageing at all. Sourced from vineyards in the Cambados sub-region, all on decomposed granite soils, it has lovely pear and lime zest flavours and engaging focus, minerality and stony freshness."

- Tim Atkin (Rias Baixas Special Report 2022), 93 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue 259, February 28th, 2022), 91+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$70.99 / magnum)



305. 2021 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

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$84.99 / magnum)



306. 2020 Fefiñanes, III Año Albariño 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Albariño

100% Albariño tank-aged for 3 years.

This rare style of lees aged Albariño is only made in great years.

This 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 & hint of dried herbs. Complex and meaty with firm structure in the mouth, it promises a splendid evolution which will favor a long life for this elegant wine with personality. 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 its products.



307. 2021 Valmiñor, Albariño Rias Baixas 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Rias Baixas

100% Albariño (no oak)

Valmiñor Albariño presents a yellow straw color. On the nose, the wine shows a wide fruity range of aromas, with notes of fresh grapefruit, apricot, and melon. In the mouth, Valmiñor combines fruity flavors and freshness with a rounded acidity, resulting in a balanced wine that boasts an opulent taste and slight spritziness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / 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.



308. 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 varieties, 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.



309. 2021 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



310. 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.

Looking for the highest harmony with the environment, Burgo Viejo has produced this red cherry colored wine with violet shades. Structured and fruity, it offers aromas of blackberry and subtle woody spice. This wine is full-bodied, fresh, and well-balanced with smooth and velvety tannins.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



311. 2018 Burgo Viejo, Rioja, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano aged in American oak barrels for 12 months.

"I find balance, seriousness and some restraint in the 2018 Crianza. It has moderate alcohol and contains ripeness, integrated oak and a polished palate with fruit and spice flavors that make it quite recognizable as Rioja. It has some tannins that would welcome food and/or a little bit more time in bottle. It's 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano matured in American oak barrels for one year. 240,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in April 2020."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #251, October 2020), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



312. 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.

"A ripe, fruity red with plum, berry and some orange peel and bark. It's medium-to full-bodied with round tannins and a juicy finish."

- Wine Enthusiast (February 2023), 92 points

- James Suckling (October 2020), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / bottle



313. 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 (August 2021), 91 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.



314. 2021 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



315. 2021 Green and Social, Rueda, Organic Verdejo 12/750ml (ORGANIC and VEGAN)

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Rueda

100% Verdejo. Certified Organic by Agricultura Ecológica de Castilla y León. Certified Vegan by European Vegetarian Union.

The launch of green and social is a step forward in pursuit of the 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. Aluminum capsule 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



316. 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.

The quad used by Castro to get to his weather stations is more than just a means of transport. The four-wheeled vehicle incorporates a sensor that sweeps the vineyards to draw an extremely precise map of the vineyards and measure the vigor of the leaves. "A vineyard with a high level of vigor may produce grapes that are unsuitable for vinification, while others with less vigor could be of better quality", Castro explains. "High-tech viticulture helps to make high quality wines".



317. 2021 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. It is in the eastern part of the village and covers more than 160 hectares (395 acres).

Labastida's viticultural records go back several centuries, but the best evidence of its winemaking history is its "lagares rupestres" – man-made formations, carved into large rocks in the vineyards, consisting of three holes where the grapes were pressed to obtain the juice prior to fermentation. These were used between the 9th and 18th centuries.

Montebuena Blanco is 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



318. 2020 Montebuena, Rioja 12/750ml

Source: Spain – La Rioja – Rioja

100% Tempranillo aged 3-4 months in French oak.

This wine displays a brilliant deep ruby red color. Aromas of juicy fruit combine with a spicy vanilla bouquet. Smooth and fruity in the mouth, with some well-integrated secondary nuances. Full-flavored with a persistent, pleasant finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

Bodegas Campos Reales

Tiza is a house brand for Kysela Pere et Fils, LTD. It started with a delicious Malbec from Argentina back in 2005. In 2019, we added an excellent value Tempranillo from Spain in a Bag-In-Box format.

Tiza Tempranillo is made by Bodegas Campos Reales. The winery dates to the 1950's, when dozens of small farmers founded a winery in El Provencio, a small town in Cuenca, in the La Mancha D.O. The winery is in the center of almost 4,000 hectares of vineyards and is part of the Virgen del Rosario cooperative.

Winemaker Soledad López (born in El Provencio, Cuenca, 1975) has been working at the Campos Reales winery for 18 years now. She started as an assistant, learning from Rafael Cañizares, the winemaker from the neighboring town of Las Mesas, who left Campos Reales to start his own winery. Soledad works closely alongside David Villora, the agricultural engineer and field technician for the cooperative. Between the two of them, they control the 20 varieties planted in the near 4,000 hectares of vineyards and produce an average of 27 million kilos of grapes per season, giving rise to approximately 18 million liters.



319. 2019 Tiza, Tempranillo 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla La Mancha – La Mancha

100% Tempranillo

Tiza means 'chalk', an ode to the soil. The one-foot-deep topsoil is composed of sand and red clay, blended with chunks of pure chalk. Another layer of chalk mixed with sand lies under the soil. The best Tempranillo vineyards are selected for Tiza. Most are bush vines at 700 meters above sea level with an average age of 30+ years.

Juicy, clean, and fresh with aromas and flavors of ripe black fruit, blueberries, black cherries, and hints of dark chocolate. Full bodied with a solid texture, velvety tannins, and a slightly sweet, creamy finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle

(Also available in 3.0L bag-in-box: \$33.99 / bag-in-box)

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.



320. 2019 Toza, Jumilla Monastrell 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Murcia – Jumilla

100% Monastrell aged for one year in oak barrels.

Toza is a classic example of the Monastrell variety from the Mediterranean region. Clean, bright cherry-red color. It is bold with intense fresh red fruits and varietal aromas on the nose. Aged in oak barrels, this Spanish red is rich, toasty, round, and velvety.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



321. 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: \$18.99 / 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.



322. 2021 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.

"Nectarines, green apples and crushed stones on the nose, following through to a clean, textured palate with pure white stone fruit."

- James Suckling (May 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



323. 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. The clay-limestone soils of the high-altitude vineyards define the intense and complex personality of the wines.

"A plush and fabulous expression of variety and provenance with well-integrated alcohol, tannin and acidity. Will continue for several years and mellow. Be warned – one glass will be quickly followed by the next."

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021, 96 points + GOLD MEDAL

- Wine Spectator, (September 2021), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / 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.



324. 2018 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).

A classic style Rioja from one of the region's most enduring family run wineries. The hillside terraced vineyards are sheltered by the Sierra Cantabria Mountains to the north from harsh weather extremes. Small plot production is utilized in this region of infertile chalky clay soil to produce clusters of excellent quality. Almost 900 plots are needed to complete the approximately 400 hectares of estate-owned or cellar-controlled vineyards, some with vines more than 100 years in age.

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



325. 2017 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).

"The 2017 Reserva Selección de la Familia comes from a very challenging vintage, and the wine produced with Tempranillo and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon has high ripeness at 14.5% alcohol (it was a warm year after the crop was decimated by frost). It feels quite oaky with notes of incense and cigar ash intermixed with ripe fruit and some herbs after it spent 20 months in French and American oak barrels. Traditional with a twist and an herbal side to it. 101,225 bottles produced."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (July 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$46.99 / 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 skins 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 in 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).



326. 2020 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.

"A fresh and fruity red with cherries, berries and a hint of black pepper. Medium body. Solid core of fruit. From organically grown grapes."

- James Suckling (September 2021), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / bottle



327. 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 wine boasts a deep-red cherry color with purple tones at the edges and offers intense aromas of black berries with toasted nuances from the oak. Balsamic and spicy underscore. It is powerful and flavorful on the palate with very fine and ripe tannins. A long and persistent aftertaste.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 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.

The Bodega's passionate work has turned their wines into one of the most prestigious brands within the Ribera del Duero Denomination of Origin.



328. 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.

"A fruit-forward nose with brambly cherries, plums, flowers and some dark spices. Fruity and medium-bodied on the palate showing bright and supple fruit with soft tannins. Quite approachable and pleasing with lots of fruit."

- James Suckling (October 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / bottle

(Also available in 3L: \$182.99 / jeroboam)

(Also available in 5L: \$263.99 / methuselah)

(Also available in 9L: \$587.99 / salmanazar)



329. 2020 Arzuaga, Laderas del Norte, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 12 months in French oak and then 14 months in bottle.

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 (January 2023), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle



330. 2018 Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Crianza 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

94% Tempranillo and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 16 months in oak barrels (60% French and 40% American oak).

The Crianza is mainly produced from Tempranillo: 80% come from La Maquinilla vineyard - the oldest of La Planta farm and cultivated at 911 meters of altitude in calcareous clay soils with limestone rock, one meter away from the surface. The other 20% come from centuries-old vineyards of pebbled and sandy soils, from the area in the province of Burgos.

"The bouquet is full of fragrant black fruits, cinnamon, cumin and Frankincense, the palate beautifully fleshy and textured, carrying cigar box, vanilla, blueberry and silky tannins through to a lingering, richly fruited, finish. Such refined elegance! Outstanding."

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2021, 97 points, Platinum Medal

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (February 2021), 92 points

- Beverage Testing Institute (February 2021), 92 points

- James Suckling (October 2020), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$133.99 / magnum)

(Also available in 3L: \$279.99 / jeroboam and in 5L: \$380.99 / methuselah)



331. 2018 Arzuaga, Reserva 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y Leon – Ribera del Duero

95% Tempranillo, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 1% Merlot aged in French oak for 26 months.

"An energetic wine with a charming nose of spice, black fruits and black pepper. On the palate, it is ripe and concentrated, with Cabernet-led leafy blackcurrant flavours, underpinned by fresh acidity and supported by mineral, fine-grained, very elegant tannins. Classy and characterful with a really long, immensely impressive, finish."

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2022, 97 points - PLATINUM Medal

- Wine Spectator (October 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$69.99 / bottle



332. 2014 Arzuaga, Gran Reserva 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.



333. 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 Provechón 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 (November 2021), 93 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (August 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle

Sei Solo Bodegas y Viñedos

Sei Solo and Preludio represent the artistic vision of Javier Zaccagnini, after his 20 years of experience in Ribera del Duero: he headed the Quality Control Regulatory Board (Consejo Regulador) of the Appellation Contrôlée for 6 years, and he has spent the subsequent 14 years as director of AALTO, a flagship of Ribera del Duero that Javier co-founded with the great Mariano Garcia, the man who famously made Vega Sicilia for over 30 years.

Javier's two newest babies might have been born in the 2011 vintage, but they were conceived back in 2007 with the purchase of some 60-year-old vines, organically grown, in the top Ribera village of La Horra. The original and true aim was clear: to make a wine that whilst remaining a Ribera, leant purely towards Javier's own personal tastes, with an emphasis on finesse, elegance, and nuance at the expense of structure and overt wood influence.

Given the greatness of La Horra's terroirs, Javier also wanted to allow the singular qualities and personality of the village to shine through. As a result, no new oak is used in any of the winemaking processes. Fermentation takes place spontaneously after the wines are de-stemmed, cooled, and gravity fed into four small 20 Hl old wooden vats. After alcoholic fermentation has finished no press wine is ever added to the resulting must, which is placed in used French oak barrels, and taken to an underground cellar at 10°C of temperature, to develop malolactic fermentation naturally, slowly and without heating. It usually lasts until April or May.

When malolactic is finished, the wine is racked into 2-year-old French barrels of two different sizes: 228 liter and 600 litres. The wines are racked a limited number of times over the next 15 to 20 months, before the time comes for the final blending.

Whilst all the fruit comes from La Horra, and the magnificent character of that terroir is clearly there, Javier's aim is that with four fermentation tanks, each divided into two different sized barrels, he naturally achieves several stylistically diverse nuances. Those barrels which precisely fit the character goals Javier has in mind are blended to form SEI SOLO, the first wine, with the rest making up the blend for PRELUDIO de SEI SOLO.

It should be noted that Javier's quest for perfection saw him attempt to fulfil his vision every year since taking control of the vines. It was only in 2011 after five vintages, each year getting closer, that he felt the resulting wine displayed all the attributes he so very much wanted to achieve.

Sei Solo is named after Johann Sebastian Bach's - Javier's favorite composer - six solos for violin, honoring his BMW 1001-1006 violin sonatas. In fact, their wine labels are manuscript letters from J.S. Bach.



334. 2019 Preludio de Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

100% Tempranillo aged for 17 months. The grapes for this wine come from 12- to 80-year-old vines from vineyards in the villages of La Horra, Gumiel de Izan, and Moradillo.

With only 10 % of production or less making it into Sei Solo, Preludio accounts for the lion's share of Javier's newest brainchild. 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



335. 2019 Sei Solo, Ribera del Duero 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

Named after Bach's six solos for violin, Sei Solo represents Javier Zaccagnini's vision of elegant, high-toned Ribera del Duero from the powerful, mineral soils of La Horra and the top vineyards of Barroso and Acos that are planted with old vines of 60- to 90-years-old. 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 that, while tight knit and brooding is tremendously refined and vital and not at all tiring to drink. A Ribera built on elegance, refinement, and nuance that promises great things for the future. A star is born.

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 Ishmael 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 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, or 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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"I hadn't tasted the wines from Ossian for a while. The winery is 100% under the ownership of Pago de Carraovejas in Ribera del Duero (now a group called Alma Carraovejas) and has been since 2016 after they bought the initial shares in 2013. They now have 55 hectares of old vineyards, mostly in Nieva and the surrounding villages, and produce around 150,000 bottles divided into three brands. Even if they are in Rueda (in the province of Segovia), their wines are sold as Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León, a common situation with many small producers there. I did three verticals of their white wines to catch up and see the evolution of the wines in bottle."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #255, June 2021)



336. 2018 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 that are hand-selected and low-yielding.

"Waxy apple and melon aromas come with notes of white pepper and hot rocks. This is another in Ossian's line of oak-aged Verdejos from Segovia. It's full and rounded, with notable core acidity. Lightly spiced apple and saline flavors are leesy, while this plays out on the finish with oak and mineral notes. The wine comes from 150-year-old vines."

- Wine Enthusiast (September 2021), 92 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (February 2021), 92 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #255, June 2021), 91+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$43.99 / bottle



337. 2019 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 Ecológica 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.

"Fruit from 100-year-old vines spent nine months on the lees to create a creamy, nutty profile. Flavors and aromas of pear and peach sharpen their tune with jicama and a salty mineral thread. Bright and well-seasoned with basil and tarragon."

- The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle

Viña Mein (Alma Carraovejas)

Viña Mein is a family estate that was originated in the early 90's, when the Alén family acquired the Mein farm. Javier Alén manages the property with extremely care and in few years, he has become 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.



338. 2019 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 Vina Mein.

"It has aromatic complexity and depth and is elegant and nuanced, with herbal, balsamic and spicy aromas and the inland, river character. The palate is really balanced, and the mouthfeel is terribly stony, with a drying finish. Here they are again looking for potential to create this blend; they talk about wines for 30 years, guided by the first vintages in the 1990s."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue 259, February 28th, 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle



339. 2019 Viña Mein, O Gran Mein, Ribeiro Tinto 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Galicia – Ribeiro

70% Caiño Longo, 25% Brancellao, and 5% Grenache Tintorera aged 9 months in oak.

Viña Mein's commitment to the classic red varieties of Ribeiro – Brancellao, Caiño 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 to 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 began to take shape. José María Ruiz began by transforming the very concept of wine as it was served in the hearty Castilian Taverns. He started by eliminating the traditional pottery pitcher in which they were served and started serving bottled wine, caring meticulously about the presentation, right temperature, conditions, and the serving protocol.

The Ribera was then unknown as 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 to the star dish of his restaurant and the region, cochinito (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 less than 400 mm. The soils are 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.



340. 2019 Pago de Carraovejas, Ribera del Duero 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Castilla y León – Ribera del Duero

90% Tempranillo, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% 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. On the tertiary soil, loamy limestone emerges on the surface, with the presence of clay and sandstone.

"Fragrant from start to finish, it delivers notes of violets, purple plum, and sandalwood and a magnificent mouthfeel defined by the tension between slate-driven tannins and juicy, succulent fruit. Dark chocolate and earth strike a pose and linger for an extended time"

- The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022), 96 points

- Wine Spectator (July 31st, 2022), 92 points

- James Suckling (October 2021), 91 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.



341. 2018 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.

"Inky violet. Potent aromas of cassis, cherry preserves, incense and potpourri, plus oak spice, and mineral top notes. Alluringly sweet and concentrated, with a spine of smoky minerality supporting intense flavors of dark berry liqueur, bitter chocolate, cola, and candied lavender. Youthful, slow-building tannins add shape and grip to an impressively long, juicy finish that echoes the dark berry and floral notes."

- Vinous (February 2021), 95 points

- James Suckling (November 2021), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$117.99 / bottle

Torelló

Torelló has been growing grapes since the 14th century. It is family owned and currently ran by the 23rd generation. Grapes are 100% from their own vineyard, 100% organic, 100% hand-harvested, and 100% vinified on premise. They specialize in long-aged Corpinnat sparkling wine.

Torelló is also founding member of CORPINNAT. CORPINNAT is a Collective Brand of the European Union founded with the desire of distinguishing the great sparkling wines produced in the heart of the Penedés, from 100% ecological grapes harvested by hand and integrally vinified on the premises.



342. 2016 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 movement of water through the soil dissolves the carbonates and takes them to a certain depth. The continuous repetition of this process has ended up producing the accumulation of these deposits. When these become massive, after thousands of years, they bind together and form a hard stratum called a petrocalcic horizon. This hard stratum limits the availability of water to the vine and the production, but is a factor that gives the grape quality

"Medium yellow straw. Showing ripe citrus and orchard fruit on the nose with a touch of toasted grain. Firmly textured and quite boldly flavored with notes of tropical fruit flavors. Good acidity, finishing long and dry. Overall, a flavorful, fresh, and well-balanced sparkler. A blend of organically cultivated 44% Xarel-lo, 37% Macabeo, 11% Chardonnay, and 8% Parellada. Método Tradicional with more than 36 months on the lees."

- I-winereview.com (December 2022), 91 points

- Beverage Testing Institute (November 2022), 90 points - Gold Medal

Suggested Retail Price: \$36.99 / bottle



343. 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 (December 2022), 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 from 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.



344. 2021 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.

"This is a new dry table wine, a red blend of Monastrell, Arcos and Bonicaire grapes. The 2021 Luis XIV Ánforas is a young, juicy, and fruit-driven red with moderate alcohol (13.8%) and ripeness and good freshness. It was produced in a light and approachable style, maturing it mostly in tinaja and a small part in oak. It's perfumed with notes of berries and herbs and has a medium-bodied palate with very good balance and fine tannins. Young, primary and tasty."

- Wine Advocate (Issue #260, April 29th, 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



345. NV Luis XIV, Vermut 6/750ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

This wine is made by combining 70% of young vermouth, with 30% of Monastrell "rancio" wine that was aged for 8 years. The resulting wine was aged in Centenary old American oak barrels.

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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



346. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 25 Years 6/500ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 25 years in 19th-century American oak.

The wine is produced in the village of Cañada, in the subarea of Alto Vinalopó in the province of Alicante. Made from 100% Monastrell planted on traditional dry land as bush vines, at 550-580 meters above sea level and enjoying a Mediterranean climate with great marine influence due to the easterly winds.

"Fondillón is an extraordinary treasure of Alicante, a rare product, made from late harvest, non-botrytised grapes, unfortified, but with a final alcohol of no less than 16%. Intense, aged, but not sweet (deliciously not more than 45g/l). Fab with cheese or dark chocolate. The wines must be a minimum of 10 years; this release is more than 25 years. The project is a revival by David Carbonell of Vins del Comtat and two local families. Very limited quantities."

- Decanter (December 2021, My top 10 Spanish fine wines of 2021), 95 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$99.99 / bottle



347. NV Luis XIV, Fondillón 50 Years 2/500ml

Source: Spain – Valencia – Alicante

100% Monastrell aged more than 50 years in 19th-century American oak.

"The NV Fondillón Luis XIV has the subtitle Edad Superior a 50 años (over 50 years old), and it's a dark mahogany, bottled from a single barrel that has the specific profile of a very old wine greatly concentrated by age, which tends to make it similar to other very old and concentrated wines, be it a Mediterranean rancio or a very old Moscatel. It has notes of bitter chocolate, coconut and iodine, carob beans (algarroba) and some bittersweet sensations. It's dense and concentrated, and the palate is pungent, with very intense flavors and a bitter twist in the finish."

- Wine Advocate (September 2020), 95 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 4th 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 the experience, both in his winery and in wineries abroad - most recently in Washington State in the USA. He mainly focuses in 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 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.



348. 2020 Gimenez Mendez, Alta Reserva, Sauvignon Blanc 6/750ml

Source: Uruguay - Canelones - Las Brujas

100% Sauvignon Blanc fermented in stainless steel tanks during 15 days at controlled low temperatures.

"An un-oaked white that shines with green herbs, grapefruit zest, pea tendrils and superb acidity. It shows exotic floral notes with a steely middle. A pop of nectarine on the finish adds to its crystal clean clarity."

- The Tasting Panel (January/February 2022) - 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / bottle



349. 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. The breezes of the Atlantic Ocean refresh the vines permanently thanks to the flat topography of the South of Uruguay.

Intense purple in color, Alta Reserva Petit Verdot offers aromas of dried fruits, ripe plums, spicy notes of white pepper and vanilla. In the mouth it is powerful and refined, with elegant and firm tannins. It is a wine with great personality and expression of Uruguay.

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99 / bottle



350. 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 (Uruguay Special Report 2021), 92 points

- James Suckling (May 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$30.99/ 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.



351. 2018 Argot, Chardonnay, Sonoma County 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

100% Chardonnay aged 15 months in used French oak barrels.

Produced from three vineyards in the significantly cool AVA of Bennett Valley — two located on the valley floor: one on the north-facing hillsides overlooking the valley. The cool microclimates, old vines and deep volcanic soils allow their grapes an extended ripening period on the vine, resulting in perfect balance and concentrated flavors. Raised by minimalistic methods — native barrel fermentations in used oak, sur-lie aging and an extended élevage — often associated with the classic Chardonnay winemaking techniques of Meursault, have led to a glorious Chardonnay. Pouring green-tinged into the glass, the nose and palate exude Pome fruits, white flowers, and citrus blossoms, all delivered by the gorgeous textures that only barrel-fermented and barrel-raised Chardonnay achieves.

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle



352. 2018 Argot, Pinot Noir, Sonoma County 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

100% Pinot Noir aged 16 months in French oak.

Everything you have come to expect from an Argot Pinot Noir, shone through the filter of a textbook-perfect vintage. Intense, yet fresh; fruity, yet spicy; brambly, yet juicy; immediate, yet lingering. A Pinot Noir that displays the variety's natural come-hither attitude, while succinctly capturing its intriguing nature.

Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle



353. 2020 Argot, Bastard Tongue, Pinot Noir 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Sonoma County

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

Inheriting an unbroken string of success, the “Bastard Tongue” arrives fully formed and ready to impress. Always a blend from multiple Pinot Noir vineyards, this iteration of “BT” was selected from three distinct sites, each making their own unique contribution of Sonoma County terroir to the wine's character.

Exploding forth on a tidal wave of high-toned, intense red and black fruits, this is a Pinot Noir that no stemware can contain. The palate's profound depth is balanced by an inherent freshness, allowing the wine to crackle with brambly energy, while sustained by bass notes of underbrush, black tea, pie spice and baker's chocolate. A formidable rendition of “Bastard Tongue”, and a deserving successor to its line.

Suggested Retail Price: \$85.99 / bottle



354. 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 (November 2021), 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 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.



355. 2021 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



356. 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



357. 2017 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.

"Bursts with fan-friendly boysenberry, plum and blackberry compote flavors all wrapped in black licorice. Features flashes of singed apple wood and bramble, which add cut and contrast on the fruit-driven finish."

- Wine Spectator (May 31st, 2022), 92 Points

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.99 / bottle



358. 2018 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.

"Fruity nose of baked blueberries, ripe blackberries, cherry pie, sweet spices, licorice, tobacco leaves and chocolate. Full-bodied with firm, polished tannins. Beautifully rich, succulent core of blue and black fruit."

- James Suckling (December 2021), 93 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (January 2022), 92 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.



359. 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 the 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



360. 2018 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).

"A savory and mossy pinot noir with racy berries, licorice and ash. Some coca cola, too. This is deep and decadent with some dried roses and wet earth on the palate and some darker fruit and herbs in the lengthy finish."

- James Suckling (June 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$39.99 / bottle



361. 2017 Trione, Henry's Blend, Alexander Valley 12/750ml

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).

"An inviting, herbaceous nose of thyme and sage with notes of black cherries and plums as well. Medium-to full-bodied with sandy tannins. Really clean, with bright red fruit shifting into more savory, dark-chocolate, and leather character. Rather well done."

- James Suckling (January 14th, 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$44.99 / bottle



362. 2017 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.

"Aromas of ripe blackberries, redcurrants, baking spice and leather. Medium-to full-bodied with well-integrated tannins. Rather restrained in style, very lean and clear. Pleasant ripe fruit on the palate with fresh acidity."

- James Suckling (January 14th, 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / 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.



363. 2020 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: \$24.99 / bottle



364. 2021 Octopoda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley
100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Dark and dense, with aromas of cassis, plum, anise, and just the right amount of toasty spice and vanilla. This fruit forward Cabernet is intense and enveloped in soft, ripe, tannins, which lead to beautiful balanced finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / bottle



365. 2020 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



366. 2020 Navigator, Red Blend, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

80% Petite Sirah and 20% Zinfandel

The wine shows an opaque purple color which extends to the brim of the glass, with a nose reminiscent of bright red cherries and blackberries, licorice, and loam. This red wine has firm structured tannins, a long, strong, and flavorful finish of vanilla which comes from the French oak barrels.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.50 / 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.



367. 2015 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.

Volker Eisele Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of vineyard blocks from throughout the entire estate. Varying terrain, different clones, and different rootstocks produce a patchwork of flavor identities between the vineyard blocks and their resulting cuvees, brought together in a blend that is essentially a snapshot in time of a dynamic, ever-changing vineyard.

"Waxy and reductive at first, this wine opens slowly to reveal black olive, plum and a sinewy texture. It has balanced power on the midpalate alongside a mix of oaky char, dark chocolate and clove that finish in unison."

- Wine Enthusiast (October 2021), 92 points

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Issue #234, December 2017), 90 points

- James Suckling (December 2017), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$79.99 / bottle

Hoopes Vineyard

Hoopes Vineyard is a small, family-owned winegrower and producer with deep roots in Napa Valley. The estate is now run by 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.



368. 2019 Hoopla, Chardonnay, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

100% Chardonnay aged for 3 months sur lies in stainless steel, then 4 additional months off lees prior to bottling.

Serendipity was in the morning air when Maya and Sophie took Lindsay for a walk down a Yountville country lane. Maya, the feisty one, spied a jackrabbit and bounded off in hot pursuit. When Lindsay caught up with her, she found herself surrounded by some fine-looking Chardonnay vines. Always on the look-out for the best fruit for Hoopla, with some neighborhood super-sleuthing, Lindsay tracked down the vineyard owner and kept talking until she got his handshake. That chance discovery gave us great Chardonnay that we offer at a great price. In fact, chasing rabbits is exactly what we're talking about. This cheeky Chardonnay will make you want to get into some mischief too.

Our 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. We find ourselves reaching for this crowd-pleasing wine time and time again without fail.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



369. 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).

"Hoopes's 2020 Chardonnay saw no new oak, so it offers up pristine scents of lime, tangerine and white peach on the nose. It's medium to full-bodied, plump, and round, even a bit creamy in texture from time on lees, but then it turns crisp and racy on the finish."

- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate (May 31st, 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.99 / bottle



370. 2018 Hoopla, The Mutt, Napa Valley 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Napa Valley

95% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Syrah aged in 50% new and 50% once-used French oak for 24 months.

"The Mutt" was inspired by Maya and Sophie, our beloved rescue dogs. "The Mutt," like Maya and Sophie, is playful, unique, and interesting. The grapes used are the "seconds"—what we don't use in our premium wines, we salvage and use in "The Mutt." Maya and Sophie aren't shy about their pedigrees, and we're not shy about using "seconds," either, because they make a wine made from premium grapes very affordable and tasty, too. So come take a walk on the wild side—this Merlotful red blend will have you running through the vineyards, leaping for joy!

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / bottle



371. 2019 Hoopla, Cabernet Sauvignon, AVA California 12/750ml

Source: United States - California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 18 months in 1-year-old French oak; racked 5 times.

Our California Cabernet is a nod to Dante. Dedicating this wine, from the king of grapes to our original boss just made sense to us. Like any king worth his salt, Dante was sure of his alpha status in the pack. Spencer didn't even have to pat the passenger seat before he'd jump up and claim 'shotgun!' Lindsay was a good sport about sitting in the back. Like Dante, this Cabernet was born and raised here with true California pedigree. It is a luscious, juicy, fruit-centric wine, with a whimsical and punchy mouthfeel, layered with flavors of baking spices and clove. A pleasure to drink easily, anytime, with food or without!

This generous Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep, inky purple color and is very ripe with blackberry and blueberry fruit. The palate is very concentrated with deep plum and pomegranate flavors which include some panaforte spices. Though the wine is very concentrated, it is balanced with acidity and its oak profile while ample is integrated.

Overall, the wine finishes ripe with black cherry, cassis, and spices, very supple and silky and long on the finish.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.50 / bottle



372. 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 (May 31st, 2022), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$54.99 / bottle



373. 2015 Hoopes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Oakville

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (45% new).

"Our flagship wine is, and always has been, the soul of our farm. Crafted from our ten-acre vineyard in the heart of Oakville, planted in 1983, it was previously a fruit source for several famous estates until we started winemaking ourselves. The soil is dense in geologic composition, featuring four different types of soil. One, volcanic, is unheard of in the Oakville sub-appellation, except for To Kalon, and is rarely, if ever present, in valley floor vineyards. We harvest this vineyard in fourteen small batches, despite the small size, to ensure the perfect balance of acid, flavor, and tannins."

"Maraschino cherry highlights its juicy midpalate of lush texture and integrated tannin structure, with a length of dried herb, lavender, and black pepper on the finish."

Wine Enthusiast (July 1st, 2020), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$115.99 / bottle

Oregon

Fullerton Wines

Great wine speaks profoundly, a universal language transcending any one culture. Hailing from northern Europe, the Fullerton family speaks many languages, and delights in sharing the language of wine with others. Fullerton Wines crafts elegant and distinctive Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays that transport you to their place, Oregon's Willamette Valley.

A family of enophiles, the Fullerton's can trace their love of wine to Eric, who was first introduced to wine growing and production during his teenage years when he worked as a cellar hand in Germany (a story in and of itself). A few years later, his best friend in Denmark inherited an impressive cellar of Bordeaux and Burgundy wines. Together, they sought younger bottlings of the cellared wines, and held vertical tastings. Their interest in wine grew, and they began traveling throughout France discovering new producers to fuel their expanding passion.

When Eric and Susanne met in Stockholm, it did not take long for Susanne to fall in love with Eric and the wines he respected. Marriage soon followed, and they continued tasting, savoring, and cellaring wine.

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.



374. 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 craft 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 unfinned to keep as much unique characteristics as possible.



375. 2019 Avennia, Justine, Red Blend 12/750ml

Source: United States – Washington – Yakima Valley

62% Grenache, 23% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah

Justine reflects the belief that Washington can produce world class blends of grape varieties traditional to the Southern Rhone region of France. The name is inspired by one of the great heroines of recent literature, who also sprung from the imagination of the Mediterranean.

Dark, seductive, complex, with a chasm of depth:

Leading with aromas of black raspberry, kirsch, lavender, jasmine, and wet limestone, the palate is concentrated and focused, with a complex array of dark red fruits, blackberry from the Mourvèdre, licorice root, garrigue, and finishing with savory umami notes and a stony minerality that evokes the Old-World wines that inspired this classic blend.

Suggested Retail Price: \$47.50 / bottle



376. 2018 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, complex blend where all the components complement each other.

"A beautiful, Saint-Julien-like bouquet of blackcurrants, cassis, violets, tobacco, and cedar gives way to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated, structured wine that builds incrementally on the palate, with ripe, velvety tannins, a stunning mid-palate, and a blockbuster of a finish."

- Jeb Dunnuck (May 2021), 96+ points

- Wine Enthusiast (July 2021), 94 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (December 2020), 92+ points

Suggested Retail Price: \$78.50 / bottle



377. 2020 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.

In music, Lydian refers to a musical 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.

Avennia 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.

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

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.



378. 2020 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. The wine is produced from South River Vineyards in Green County, VA.

While Petit Manseng is not as well-known as other white *Vitis vinifera* grapes, it performs immaculately in Virginia's climate. It is traditionally grown in southwest France where it is generally made into a dessert style wine. After this French region of Jurancon, Virginia holds the second largest plantings of the variety worldwide.

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



379. 2018 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.



380. 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



381. 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. It's the next best thing to biting into a perfectly ripe peach.

Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle



382. 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



383. 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



384. 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



385. NV St. James Winery, Raspberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Naturally sweet and free of added colors or flavors, St. James Winery Raspberry wine is crafted with 100% rich, ripe raspberries.

You can almost taste the sunshine in this wine.

Suggested Retail Price: \$10.99 / bottle



386. 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$13.99 / bottle



387. NV St. James Winery, Blackberry 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Residual Sugars: 12%

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



388. NV St. James Winery, Velvet Red 12/750ml

Source: United States – Missouri

Residual Sugars: 13%

100% Concord grapes from Ozark Highlands AVA.

The Concord grape is a robust and aromatic grape variety perfectly suited to grow in the region. Native to North America, Concord grapes thrive in their vineyards during Missouri's hot, humid summers. The grapes ripen early and once fermented make a rich, aromatic, velvety smooth, sweet red wine.

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

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.

It has been selected for its fresh, clean, mineral, typical Crémant de Bourgogne flavor profile, at a great price point.

For the story, the ancestor of the producer involved in this project, invented the first crank-operated pupitre (riddling table), ancestor of the gyropalette (automation of the bottle riddling).



389. NV Baron Aime, Cremant de Bourgogne Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Cremant de Bourgogne
40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir, and 30% Aligoté

"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 (November 2022), 93 points - GOLD MEDAL - BEST BUY
Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / bottle



390. NV Baron Aime, Cremant de Bourgogne Brut Rose 12/750ml

Source: France – Burgundy – Cremant de Bourgogne
85% Pinot Noir and 15% Chardonnay

"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 (November 2022), 94 points - GOLD MEDAL - BEST BUY
Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 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 counts 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 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 winemaker since 2011.

The vineyards cover 13,000 parcels over 15 Grand Crus. Rangén 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.



391. NV Wolfberger, Cremant d'Alsace Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

90% Pinot Blanc and 10% Pinot Auxerrois.

"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 (December 2022), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle



392. NV Wolfberger, Cremant d'Alsace Rosé Brut 12/750ml

Source: France – Alsace

100% Pinot Noir

"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. Perfect with sushi. All Pinot Noir given a minimum of 15 months on the lees."

- I-winereview.com (December 2022), 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 the blending, and for that reason, they select their grapes from different valleys, according to the specificity of each terroir, to ensure maximum complexity. Chardonnay is sourced mainly from the Franschhoek Valley. 70% is produced on their own farm (vineyards supervised by viticulturist Paul Wallace), and the rest of is sourced from the limy soils of Robertson. Their Pinot Noir is carefully selected from 5 different farms located in Robertson, Elgin, and Stellenbosch.



393. NV Colmant, Brut Chardonnay 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Method Cap Classique
100% Chardonnay. 45-month maturation.

"Using a base from the 2016 vintage, blended with 20% of what Paul Gerber calls a "perpetual reserve", 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 (South Africa 2021 Report), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$51.99 / bottle



394. NV Colmant, Brut Reserve 6/750ml

Source: South Africa – Western Cape – Method Cap Classique
52% Pinot Noir and 48% Chardonnay

"Still youthful by the autolysis-rich standards of some Colmant bubbliies, this is a structured cuvée of Pinot Noir with 48% Chardonnay, showing raspberry, malt, and citrus flavours, leesy underlying texture and a chalky flourish."

- Tim Atkin (South Africa 2021 Report), 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 with 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 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.



395. NV Tanzanite, Brut 6/750ml

Source: South Africa - Western Cape – Breede River Valley - Robertson
80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir

"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 (December 2022), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$38.99 / bottle



396. NV Tanzanite, Brut Rose 6/750ml

Source: South Africa - Western Cape - Method Cap Classique
60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay

"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: \$38.99 / bottle

Rebuli

The Rebuli family have been wine growers for generations, and sparkling winemakers since the 1980's. Founded by Angelo Rebuli, Azienda Agricola Rebuli combines years of knowledge with a respect for nature and desire for simplicity and freshness. Today Angelo's sons continue his traditions: Mauro is the winemaker and manager of domestic sales; Paolo manages and cares for the vineyards; Gianni manages the accounting and foreign markets.

The 40-hectare estate is in the small village of Saccol di Valdobbiadene, at the foot of the Prealpi Trevigiane, where the hills dive into the waters of the Piave River. Surrounded by its vineyards, the winery harmonizes perfectly with the countryside around it. Grapes are harvested at the first signs of autumn, when they have reached full maturity.



397. NV Rebuli, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Extra Dry 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG
100% Glera (formerly known as Prosecco)

"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 (November/December 2021), 91 points

- Wine Enthusiast (December 2022), 90 points

- I-winereview.com (December 2022), 90+ pts

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle



398. 2020 Rebuli, Prosecco DOC Rose Brut 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC

85% Glera (known as Prosecco) and 15% Pinot Noir

Pale pink and bright with dense foam and persistent perlage. An intense and fine bouquet of red rose. Dry and very intense at the end. Wild strawberry notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle



399. NV Rebuli, Prosecco Cartizze 6/750ml

Source: Italy – Veneto – Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze DOCG

100% Glera

"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 (December 2022), 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.



400. NV Georges Cartier, Champagne Brut Tradition 6/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

65% Pinot Meunier, 25% Pinot Noir, and 10% Chardonnay aged on the lees for 3 years.

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 (May/June 2022), 93 points

- Beverage Testing Institute (April 2022), 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 ("Spartnacienne Niticole"). When he passed away in 1966, his two sons took over the operation, followed by his grandsons Luc and Bertrand. In 1979, the House of Trouillard became one of the most important houses in the champagne business. In 2006, Maison Trouillard joined forces with the Gobillard family, a 5th generation Champagne house who shared the history, passion, and philosophy of the Trouillard family. They are located 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.



401. NV Trouillard, Brut, Extra Selection 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

35% Pinot Noir, 35% Pinot Meunier, and 30% Chardonnay aged at least 15 months. Selected from 15 different vineyards located in the Marne Valley, in the Aube and the small Mountain of Reims.

"Based in the village of Hautvillers, reputedly the birthplace of Champagne, this producer's nonvintage wine is fruity, fresh and has a good balance between the structured Pinot and the steely Chardonnay."

- Wine Enthusiast (December 2019), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$48.99 / bottle



402. NV Trouillard, Comte Decrion Brut, 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

50% Pinot Meunier, 30% Pinot Noir, and 20% Chardonnay

The Comte Decrion is clear gold in color, offering fine and attractive bubbles. Elegant and fruit driven. Supple, ample, and well-balanced with good length and freshness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$45.99 / 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.



403. NV Roland Champion, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Dosage Zero 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne – Chouilly

This cuvée is made for Kysela Père et Fils only. It is a Zero Dosage, meaning no liqueur d'expédition was added during the disgorging process.

It is the same base as the Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc Chouilly NV as it is also 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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$68.99 / bottle



404. 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



405. 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. Disgorged January 2022. Good value."

- I-wineReview.com (December 2022), 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$78.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$165.99 / magnum)

(Also available in 3L: \$596.99.99 / jeroboam)

(Also available in 6L: \$1,002.99 / methuselah)

(Also available in /9L: \$1,427.99 / salmanazar)



406. 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

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$151.99 / magnum)



407. 2017 Roland Champion, Champagne Le Mont Aigu Brut Nature 12/750ml

Source: France – Champagne

100% Chardonnay

Each year Champagne Roland Champion features a single vineyard from their Estate Grand Cru Chouilly. This year, they crafted this unique cuvée from the parcel called LE MONT AIGU as it is their favorite from the 2017 vintage. This parcel is part of the historic vineyard of the estate and is planted with Chardonnay grapes. The wine coming from this parcel has a great personality and reveals purity from the terroir of Chouilly. No liquor of dosage was added to let the Terroir, the Wine, and the Nature express themselves.

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

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 and pear trees grow. The apples and pears used for their ciders are grown in their own orchards, on shallow clay-limestone hillsides.



408. 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.



409. Sidra Bereziartua, Organic Basque Cider 12/750ml

Source: Spain – Basque Country – Astigarraga

Apple ingredients: Txalaka, Urtebia, Judeline, and Judor

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

BlackBird Cider Works

In the fall of 2006, BlackBird Cider Works founder Scott Donovan purchased a commercial apple orchard in Somerset, Niagara County, New York. He purchased the land from the Bittner family, who operate Bittner Singer Farms, a large grower of apples, pears, and stone fruit in Niagara County.

As they learned the commercial tree fruit business, Scott and co-founder Margaret Glover also began experimenting with blends of apples making small batches of hard cider using a restored 1920's cider press. With the help of a very long-time friend and Finger Lakes winemaker Steve DiFrancisco, early hard cider recipes began to form in 5 glass gallon carboys.

Just four years later, in late 2011, the team - now able to competently grow quality apples and pears and produce quality ciders - secured their licenses to produce and sell hard cider. On December 31st, 2011, with very basic bottling equipment, the team pulled off a 150 case New Year's Eve production run, finishing the last case minutes before the New Year rang in. The BlackBird Cider Works tasting room was opened in March of 2012.



410. BlackBird, Estate Reserve Semi-Dry Hard Cider 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – New York – Barker

This hard cider has is medium dry with a fruity apple aroma, crisp refreshing taste, and light finish. Lightly carbonated.

Suggested Retail Price: \$9.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)



411. BlackBird, Premium Draft Semi-Sweet Hard Cider 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – New York – Barker

This hard cider is semi-sweet with apple aromas and a crisp, light finish. Lightly carbonated.

Suggested Retail Price: \$9.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)

Cobbler Mountain Cellars

Cobbler Mountain Cellars is a vineyard, farm winery and cidery in Delaplane, Virginia. The property, owned by Jeff and Laura McCarthy Louden, is located 45 miles west of Washington, D.C.

Cobbler Mountain Cellars is located on Laura's family farm. Her father, Lawrence Daniel McCarthy, purchased the farm in 1959, after leaving Washington, DC and his job writing for the Associated Press. He made a handshake deal with the farmer ready to retire from Cobbler Mountain and settled on \$100 an acre, plus the cow and chickens.

Laura was born, raised, and educated in South Carolina, but visited the Virginia farm over the summers. Laura continued to love the farm, and 40+ years later, after a visit with her new husband, Jeff, they made plans to revitalize the farm. In 2005, they began work establishing climate stations, then restoring and preparing the land for its first vineyard planting. They built a new road and bridge, designed house plans, and built a house with start-up cellar space for a business. On October 29th, 2009, they hosted a Farm Awakening – 50 years after the original purchase date.



412. Cobler Mountain, Ginger Peach Cider 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Delaplane

ABV: 6.8%

Apple Types: Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Ginger Gold, and Fuji

Other Ingredients: Ginger, Peach, and Cascade Hops

An apple blend with ginger peach notes and cascade hops.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)



413. Cobler Mountain, Wild Blackberry Cider 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Delaplane

ABV: 6.8%

Apple Types: Red Delicious, Yellow Delicious, and Ginger Gold

Additional Ingredients: Wild Blackberry, Local Honey, and Cascade Hops

Hopped with Cascade and full of delicious blackberry flavor.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)

BEER

Backroom Brewery

Backroom Brewery is a boutique farm brewery nestled in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. They began as an herb farm, growing culinary and medicinal herbs for the garden center trade. The herb farm, Sunflower Cottage, grows 120,000 potted herb plants each spring from seeds and cuttings to sell.

In the fall of 2012, they built their hops field. After all, hops are the herbs that flavor beer! Hops provide the bitter balance to the sweet malt that feeds yeast, which ferments beer. In 2013, they began the process of creating an ordinance in Warren County to accommodate farm breweries. By late spring, the process was complete and Backroom Brewery became the first farm brewery in the Northern Shenandoah Valley.



414. Backroom Brewery, Cilantro Lime Wheat 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middletown

ABV: 6.3%

IBU's: 38.4

Malts: Barley and Wheat

Hops: Noble

Yeast: American

Color (SRM): 4.5

A year-round wheat ale brewed with fresh lime zest and cilantro picked straight from Backroom brewery's greenhouses.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



415. Backroom Brewery, Rosemary Orange Amber 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middletown

ABV: 6%

IBU's: 39

The beautiful color of this amber ale is reminiscent of shimmering rubies. Layers of flavor. Brewed with fresh farm grown rosemary and orange zest.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

Cascade Brewing

Caldera Brewing Company is a microbrewery which means no restaurant, pub, or tasting room.

Caldera was incorporated 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 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.



416. Caldera, I.P.A. 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Oregon – Ashland

ABV: 6.1%

IBU's: 94

Malts: Premium Two Row, Munich, Crystal, Carahell

Hops: Citra, Simcoe, Centennial, Amarillo

Color (SRM): 10

An American-style Indian Pale Ale brewed with plenty of body and assertive hop profile.

Suggested Retail Price: \$14.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



417. Caldera, Cryo Me A River Hazy I.P.A. 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Oregon – Ashland

ABV: 5.5%

IBU's: 80

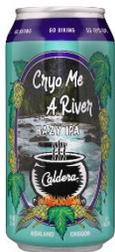
Malts: Premium Two Row, Oats, Wheat

Hops: Azacca, Idaho 7 Cryo, Mosaic Cryo

Color (SRM): 6

Cryo Me A River is a hazy IPA brewed with Azacca whole flower hops and Mosaic and Idaho 7 cryo hops.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.50 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



418. Caldera, When Doves Cryo Hazy Mosaic I.P.A. 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Oregon – Ashland

ABV: 69%

IBU's: 85

Malts: Premium Two Row, Oats

Hops: Mosaic, Mosaic Cryo

Color (SRM): 17

An unfiltered hazy IPA brewed with Oats and whole flower Mosaic hops as well as cryogenically frozen Mosaic hops creating a hop product that is pure hop lupulin without the vegetative matter.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.50 / 6-pack (12oz cans)

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.



419. Cascade, Sang Rose 6/4/250ml

Source: United States – Oregon – Portland

ABV: 8.7%

Sang Rosé features Cascade's sour blond ale aged in oak barrels for up to one year followed by a secondary fermentation with Willamette Valley Pinot Noir grapes. Starting with a brilliant light ruby color, this blend opens with notes of strawberries, watermelon, raspberries and rose petals on the nose.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / 4-pack



420. Cascade, La Rita Loca 6/4/250ml

Source: United States – Oregon – Portland

ABV: 7.1%

La Rita Loca features Cascade's sour blond and wheat ales aged in tequila barrels and oak wine barrels for up to a year with late infusions of lime zest, Oregon coast sea salt and ground coriander.

Suggested Retail Price: \$29.99 / 4-pack (250ml cans)



421. Cascade, Vernal Equinox 6/4/12oz

Source: United States – Oregon – Portland

ABV: 5.2%

Vernal Equinox helps to usher in the season with a blend of sour blond and wheat ales aged in foudres for 10 months with locally grown plums and a blend of black teas to accentuate the delicate fruit flavors.

Suggested Retail Price: \$25.99 / 4-pack (12oz cans)

CT Valley Brewing Company

Connecticut Valley Brewing Company is an independently owned and operated family business. The company was founded by two Connecticut locals who have dreamt of opening a brewery for many years and have always wanted to create a place where the community could gather and enjoy each other's company. The South Windsor facility, which officially opened in early 2018, is situated in the heart of the Connecticut Valley. The brewery is just a short, five-minute drive to the banks of the beautiful Connecticut River.

The logo features the F4U Corsair airplane which is the Connecticut State Airplane and a great testament to the spirit of the state. Because they feel community is important, the company is highlighting some of the state's great industries and adventure spots by featuring them on the cans. These people and places have not only inspired their own lives and the life of the brewery, but they also honor the places they've come to live, love and grow in.



422. CT Valley, Spiked Smoothie Strawberry Lemonade 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Connecticut – South Windsor

ABV: 5%

Special Ingredients: strawberries and lemons

When life hands you lemons, you make lemonade. But when life throws in strawberries too, you get this: a sweet, sour, and tart mash-up of two classic summer tastes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



423. CT Valley, Spiked Smoothie Blueberry Lemonade 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Connecticut – South Windsor

ABV: 5%

Special Ingredients: blueberries and lemons

When you're longing for a sip of summer, we've got you covered. This one hits like a ray of late afternoon July sunshine, bursting with the flavors of just-picked blueberries and fresh-squeezed lemonade. It's as refreshing as sitting on a porch swing as a cool breeze blows through the trees.

Suggested Retail Price: \$21.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

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.



424. 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

Crisp and clean, with light flavors of lemon, white flour and fresh baked crackers that flow into a dry finish.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



425. 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



426. Exhibit 'A', Panda Punch Sour 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 6.1%

Malts: American 2-Row Barley, Weyermann Acidulated Malt, Valley Malt Warthog Wheat, Flaked Barley, Crystal Naked Oats, Valley Malt Va Va Voam

Hops: Bravo

Yeast: House Ale

Special Ingredients: Orange Puree, Passionfruit Puree, Pink Guava Puree, Hibiscus

This kettle sour delivers a punch of tropical fruit flavors. It's brewed with orange, passionfruit, and pink guava purees that deliver refreshing tartness and juicy sweetness.

Suggested Retail Price: \$22.50 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



427. Exhibit 'A', Just a Kitten New England India Pale Ale 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 5%

Malts: American 2-Row Barley, Simpson's Golden Promise, Warthog Wheat, Flaked Oats

Hops: Vic Secret, Mosaic, Citra

Yeast: House Ale

Just A Kitten is the spiritual little sister to The Cat's Meow. Light orange on the nose with a peachy orange flavor and a light hint of malt shining through.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



428. 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



429. Exhibit 'A', Hair Raiser Hazy Double India Pale Ale (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 8%

Malts: Simpson's Marris Otter, Valley Malt Warthog Wheat, Flaked Oats

Hops: Galaxy, Azacca, Mosaic

Yeast: House Ale

Big citrus hop aroma greets your nose from this New England Style DIPA. Flavors of citrus zest, grapefruit and hints of mango and peaches from Galaxy hops are followed by a balancing bitterness. A hit of malt sweetness rounds out the soft and full mouthfeel.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



430. 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)



431. Exhibit 'A', Sunday Paper Imperial Stout with Coffee 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Massachusetts

ABV: 9.9%

Malts: American 2-Row Barley, Simpson's Maris Otter, Valley Malt, Vienna, Chocolate Malt, Flaked Barley, Chocolate Rye, Roasted Oats, Roasted Barley

Hops: Magnum

Yeast: House Ale

Special Ingredients: Coffee from Barrington Coffee Roasters

The smoothness of this beer belies its 9.9% ABV. Fresh roasted coffee nose leads into a smooth and rich roasted dark chocolate and coffee flavor with hints of dried black cherries.

Brewed in partnership with friends at Barrington Coffee Roasters.

Suggested Retail Price: \$23.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

Jackie O's Brewery

Jackie O's, located in Athens, Ohio, was founded by Art Oestrike (owner) and Brad Clark (former head brewer). Founded in 2005, the brewery was named Jackie O's to pay homage to the Irish-inspired brewpub - O'Hooley's Irish Pub - that occupied the building beforehand, and also to honor Art's mother, Jackie Oestrike.

In 2013, Art purchased another building in Athens that would become his new primary production facility. The new production facility expanded their annual capacity from 800 to 3,200 barrels. When building his new production facility, Art added a room specifically for sour beers, which they began brewing in 2017.

While they produce several year-round beers such as Razz Wheat and Mystic Mama, 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.



432. Jackie O's, Off Duty Lifeguard, Wheat Ale 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.5%

Malts: 2-Row, White Wheat

Hops: Czech Saaz, Comet

Special Ingredients: Mango Puree, Guava Puree, Passion Fruit Puree

Soft, gently tart, and tremendously fruity, Off Duty Lifeguard packs tons of lively tropical flavors from fermentation on mango, guava, and passion fruit puree. A careful addition of Comet hops adds a light citrusy hop character to this vibrant wheat ale.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



433. Jackie O's, Razz Wheat, Raspberry Wheat Ale 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.5%

Hops: Czech Sazz

Malts: 2-Row, White Wheat, Crystal 10

40% white wheat and 60% two-row malt create a subtle wheat ale. Natural raspberry puree (from Oregon) is added during fermentation giving this beer a unique and playful personality. The rosy haze and thick head embody a continuum of sour-sweetness held together by a wheat back bone.

Suggested Retail Price: \$20.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



434. Jackie O's, Peach Scrip Grisette 12/500ml

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.9%

Malts: 2-Row, Vienna Malt, White Wheat, Oats

Hops: Mosaic

Yeast: Classic Saison Strains, House Brett C.

Special Ingredient: 2nd use peaches

Scrip was primarily fermented with Saison yeast and Brettanomyces. It was then aged in oak wine barrels for 9 months, maturing and gaining complexity before refermentation on second use peaches.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / bottle



435. Jackie O's, Who Cooks For You, NEIPA 4/6/12oz

Source: United States – Ohio – Athens

ABV: 5.5%

IBU's: 18

'Who Cooks for You' was brewed with over 4 pounds/barrel of both Cryo hop powder and hop pellets. The result is a light, fruity hop-forward offering with a satisfying bitterness and a smooth finish that will please both hopheads and haters alike.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



436. 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: Columbus, Simcoe, Centennial, Citra, Falconers Flight

This beer offers lots of flavor and aroma without overpowering the senses. A complex blend of 5 hop varieties lend to a firm bitterness and notes of grapefruit, tangerines, and pine. A big, dry hop addition of Citra and Simcoe give a nose to stand up to the flavor.

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 6-pack (12oz cans)



437. 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 (12oz cans)

Lost Barrel Brewing

Lost Barrel Brewing was founded in 2020 as a small group to brew fresh, hand-crafted beer and hard seltzer that they could not find in retail stores to share with family and friends. They invested in world class equipment, research and development, and fresh ingredients that are meticulously tracked in a custom-built application. Every day they strive for quality, consistency, and variety.

Lost Barrel Brewing is located on an historic horse farm in beautiful Middleburg, VA that dates to the early 1700's. Reclaimed woods, both from the property and locally sourced, mix with nods to the equestrian history of the land. Our Bale House is a restored two-story barn that now offers two private event spaces. In addition to the Bale House, our second floor Loft is a one-of-a-kind location for your private event. The Loft's vast view of the brew room provides the perfect setting.

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.



438. Lost Barrel, Toasted Lager 6/4/16oz

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.

Suggested Retail Price: \$19.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



439. Lost Barrel, New England Hazy IPA (available on tap today)

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 7%

IBU's: 10

Malts: Pilsner, Vienna, Oats

Hops: Citra, El Dorado, Simcoe

Yeast: American Ale Yeast

Color (SRM): 4

The Hazy IPA is brewed for those that love hops and boasts strong citrus and tropical notes with a balanced bitterness.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY



440. Lost Barrel, Tangerine Imperial IPA 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Middleburg

ABV: 9%

This imperial ale was brewed for the high-octane hop lovers and was conditioned on fresh tangerines for an intense citrus burst of flavor.

Suggested Retail Price: \$32.95 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



441. 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



442. Lost Barrel, Wild Berry Sour Ale (available on tap today)

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.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY

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.



443. Perennial, Dry Hopped Pils 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Missouri – St. Louis

ABV: 5%

IBU's: 30

Hops: Tettnang and Saphir

Malts: German malt

Pils is a dry-hopped, unfiltered lager created with 100% German malt and Saphir hops in the kettle and fermenter. Spicy noble hop character over sweet Pilsner malt.

Suggested Retail Price: \$16.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



444. 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 (16oz cans)



445. 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 (16oz cans)



446. 2021 Perennial, Abraxas Chocolate Stout 12/750ml

Source: United States - St. Louis, Missouri

ABV: 10%

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. Vertical tastings are encouraged.

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.



447. 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 produce 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.

AVAILABLE ON TAP TODAY

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.



448. Winchester Brew Works, Cascade Falls IPA 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

ABV: 7%

A classic IPA with the addition of grapefruit and blood orange for a fruity finish!

Suggested Retail Price: \$17.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)



449. Winchester Brew Works, Bear Tracks Peanut Butter Porter 6/4/16oz

Source: United States – Virginia – Winchester

ABV: 7%

This is a dry, roast porter with a hefty dose of peanut butter! This dark beer bursts with an earthy, chocolatey backbone, but the finish is nutty and dry. Made with plenty of roasted and caramel malts, as well as natural peanut butter flavor, the brewery worked hard to bring you a peanut butter porter that doesn't disappoint.

Suggested Retail Price: \$18.99 / 4-pack (16oz cans)

SAKE

Shirataki Shuzo

Shirataki Shuzo, founded in 1855, is based in Echigo Yuzawa, in the Nigata Prefecture. It is in the heart of the Japanese Alps, in an area called "Snow Country." Each spring, the snowpack melts, providing an abundance of clear natural spring water. This water runs through a coal seam providing a natural filtration process that accentuates the taste and quality of the water. This very soft water is the secret behind the very light, elegant, pretty style of sake made at Shirataki. The town of Echigo Yuzawa is home to "Koshihikari" a famous high-quality rice brand in Japan.



450. Jozen Mizuno Gotoshi, Junmai Ginjo Hiyaoroshi Namazume 12/720ml and 30/300ml

Sake type: Junmai-shu

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.

(Essentially aged Namazume)

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. Additional 7 months of aging adds depth and roundness.

16.50% ABV/ 60% Milling / -0 sake meter value / 1.5 acidity

Suggested Retail Price: \$38.00 / bottle (720ml) and \$24.00 / bottle (300ml)



451. Jozen Mizuno Gotoshi, Junmai Ginjo Namazake 30/300ml

Sake type: Namazake

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 under ripe stone fruit. The finish is clean showing soft minerality.

15.50% ABV/ 60% Milling / +5.0 sake meter value / 1.6 acidity

Suggested Retail Price: \$24.99 / bottle (300ml)

Eikun (Saito Shuzo)

Eikun, also known as Saito Shuzo Co. LTD., was founded in 1895 and is in the Fushimi region of Kyoto Japan.

In 1905, during the Taisho period in Japanese history, the "EIKUN" sake was adopted as the company's corporate brand name. It is acknowledged today as the finest sake produced in the Fushimi district of Japan, famously known to sake lovers for its premium brewed sake.

Thanks to the quality of its water source, the Fushimi region is home to 30-40 other breweries, known as kuras. The soft water plays an instrumental part in creating smooth and balanced sake. The water source is called "Fusui", rated as one of the top 100 sources of water in Japan. It is located just south of Kyoto.

Unique to the region of Kyoto is Iwai rice, which is only used by Kyoto's sake producers. Eikun purchases 40% of all Iwai rice produced. The Kura also uses Yamada Nishiki rice.

In addition to Fushimi/Kyoto, the other major sakes production areas are:

- Kobe – Nada-Gōgo - largest area of sake production
- Niigata – largest number of Kura (over 90)
- Akita – northern sake region called Tohoku

Eikun Sake is also well received at traditional high-end Japanese restaurants throughout Japan. Kyoto is home to a particular cuisine called "Kaiseki": a sequence of small and artistically arranged dishes, both beautiful in presentation and flavor. Kaiseki is all about "Dashi" (broth)" and its "Umami". The Sake flavor is slightly gentle and a soft match with local Kyoto cuisine.

Since the 1890's, there has been an annual competition called "Shinshu Kanpyou-Kai" - National New Sake Competition (now called National Competition) – where sake quality is judged. Eikun has received the gold medal for their sake an unprecedented 14 years in a row. Only 20-25% of all Kura receive gold medals each year. In addition, no Kura or brewery has received the award 14 times consecutively. The National Competition is attended by 90% of all 1,300 Kura in Japan and is for Daiginjo grade (competition-level Sake) products only.



452. Eikun, Junmai Ginjo, Water Lords 12/720ml and 30/300ml

Sake type: Junmai-shu

Gohyakumankoku rice.

15.30% ABV / 60% Milling / +3 sake meter value / 1.2 acidity

"Aromas of macadamia oatmeal cookie, spicy zucchini bread, and vanilla cream with a satiny fruity-yet-dry medium-to-full body and a layered, banana custard, jicama, salted whole nut, apple, and radish nuanced finish. A Wonderfully vibrant and flavorful sake."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 94 points + (EXCEPTIONAL)

Retail Price: \$37.99 / bottle (720ml) and \$15.99 / bottle (300ml)

Gassan (Yoshida Sake Brewing)

Gassan, also known as Yoshida Sake Brewing Co., Ltd., was founded in 1743. The family of present owner Tomonori Yoshida-san took over the property in 1826; Yoshida-san represents the 5th generation. The kura (sake brewery) is in the small village of Yasugi, in the southernmost Japanese Prefecture of Shimane.

Over 200 years ago around Yasugi, the Amago-clan was reigning over the Sanin district. There, the clan established a castle where the feudal lord of Amago resided in the Age of Civil Wars. Gassan took its premium sake brand name from the mountain in this area. Their time-honored tradition of sake brewing was established by special permission from the feudal lord of the House of Hirose. They have proudly maintained this tradition, handing down brewing secrets from generation to generation for over 180 years. Their sake has received the gold award over ten times at the "Zenkoku Shinsyu Kanpyou Kai" (National New-Brewed Sake Contest).

Tomonori Yoshida-san is certified as a Sake Expert Assessor and can be called a "top taster," just like a Master Sommelier in the wine world. The certification exam is extremely difficult, and as a result, only 50 people have achieved certification; Yoshida-san is number 2 out of these 50.

Production is small at 700 Koku, or 14,000 9-liter cases in wine terms. Seven sake types are produced here by the ageless Master Toji, Tanaka-san, who is 88 years young. Tanaka-san is certified as "modern master craftsman" by the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare. Highly skilled people (a wide variety of things such as an entertainment, food, metalwork, machine appliance assembling, repair, the sewing of clothes, carpenter) can be certified as "modern master craftsman" because the Japanese government wants master's to pass the technique to the younger generation. Tanaka-san is passing his skills down to younger toji, Adachi-san. The uniqueness of Gassan is the mixture of classic and modern Toji skills that effect the flavor in the end.

At artisanal breweries like Gassan, water source is very important, and Gassan's the water is sourced from mountain springs around Yasugi. The water has a low iron content, and is the same water used by the Lord of the House of Hirose in their tea ceremonies at the end of the Edo period (late 1800s). It is recognized as one of the 100 best waters in Japan. Furthermore, as the water varies according to climate conditions, they specially blend in other water sources to precisely control water hardness, thereby maintaining their exact brewing requirements.

Another key component for Gassan is their top-quality rice. They do not hesitate to spend money on the highest quality rice. The rice types – or sake mai - used are Yamada-Nishiki, Gohyakumangoku, Sakanishiki, Kairyoomachi, and Kannumai.

Gassan's constant pursuit of perfection has resulted in a world-class sake product.



453. Gassan, Junmai Ginjo, Mountain Moon 12/720ml and 30/300ml

Sake type: Ginjo-shu

Simaneken Gohyakumankoku rice. A big-boned, western style sake.

15.50% ABV / 60% Milling / +1 sake meter value / 1.6 acidity

"Woodsy honeycomb, nutshell, and mushroom patch aromas with a satiny, fruity- yet-dry, medium-to-full body and a delicate, savory mushroom stock, chestnut, and golden beet driven finish. A fine choice for tempura."

- Beverage Testing Institute, 91 points

Retail Price: \$38.99 / bottle (720ml) and \$18.99 / bottle (300ml)

Lunch Wines

We invite you to enjoy these selections with your food.



2022 Rubus, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 12/750ml

Source: New Zealand – Marlborough

100% Sauvignon Blanc aged 2 months in stainless-steel.

The Rubus Project was created by Fran Kysela 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 - a true representation of quality for the consumer at an excellent price.

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



2020 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.

"Aged on the lees for 12 months in stainless steel, this wine saw no oak. Its original name – Hellenstein -- referred to hell stone, as the vineyards are on a mountain where the "sun burns like hell." It was later renamed Heiligenstein, which translates as holy rock, and is a geological island of desert sandstone, with volcanic matter. Its earthy slate character lends out scents and flavors of honeyed apricot, salty pears, and stone fruit pith."

-The Tasting Panel (May/June 2022), 94 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$65.99 / bottle



2018 Russian River Vineyard, Chardonnay, Bacigalupi Vineyard 12/750ml

Source: United States – California – Russian River Valley

100% Chardonnay aged in French oak for 10 months (35% new).

An unmatched heritage. This wine is made from the budwood of the vines that produced the California Chardonnay that rocked the industry by winning the infamous "Judgment of Paris" wine tasting in 1976. And the quality has persisted.

"A beautiful, intense chardonnay with lots of ripe red apples and some mineral and lemon-rind character, as well as just the right amount of vanilla and cream. Full-bodied, dense and layered with lovely intensity and focus at the end."

- James Suckling (November 2020), 94 points

- Wine & Spirits (October 2020), 90 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$52.99 / bottle



2016 Fullerton, Pinot Noir, Lichtenwalter Vineyard 12/750ml

Source: United States – Oregon – Willamette Valley

100% Pinot Noir aged 12 months in neutral French oak.

On the western slope of the south-facing Ribbon Ridge sits the lovely Lichtenwalter Vineyard. Here Willakenzie soils, derived from ancient sedimentary seabed, coax black fruits and concentrated spices out of the wines. The solid heat of the 2016 vintage has produced poised and plush fruit. With thoughtful decision making in the vineyard, specifically regarding canopy management and crop loads, the vineyards balanced physiological ripeness with balanced sugar and acid levels. During harvest, the fruit, including the seeds and skins, tasted great, and the resulting wines show beautifully today.

"This has attractive, vibrant and fresh fruit aromas with plenty of red cherries and a very juicy, lithe and attractively plush core of fresh fruit that carries long into the sweetly fruited, gently smoky finish."

- James Suckling (November 2018), 93 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (June 2019), 92 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$60.99 / bottle



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. - Neal Martin"

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (November 2021), 95 points

- Tim Atkin, South Africa 2021 Special Report, 93 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$83.99 / bottle

(Also available in 1.5L magnum: \$202.50 / magnum)



2019 Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Les Origines 12/750ml

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 2019 Châteauneuf du Pape les Origines is rich and intense, a full-bodied, velvety wine with wow-level concentration. Blackberries and plums line the palate, finishing long, with hints of salted licorice."

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (May 2022), 95 points

- Wine Enthusiast (May 2022), 94 points

- Jeb Dunnuck (November 2021), 94 points

- Antonio Galloni's Vinous (October 2021), 94 points

- Wine and Spirits (October 2021), 91 points

Suggested Retail Price: \$164.99 / magnum

(Also available in 750ml bottle: \$80.99 / bottle)

**NV Wolfberger, Cremant d'Alsace Chardonnay 12/750ml**

Source: France – Alsace – Cremant d'Alsace

100% Chardonnay vinified in stainless steel tanks and aged for 30 months on the lees.

Brilliant golden yellow with green tints characteristic of the Chardonnay grape, the nose is expressive with light notes of toasted brioche. The mouth is fresh thanks to a good balance of sugar to acid. The feeling of fullness is supported by elegant flavors of almond and vanilla.

Suggested Retail Price: \$26.99 / bottle

**2020 Rebuli, Prosecco DOC Rose Brut 6/750ml**

Source: Italy – Veneto – Prosecco di Treviso DOC

85% Glera (known as Prosecco) and 15% Pinot Noir

Pale pink and bright with dense foam and persistent perlage. An intense and fine bouquet of red rose.

Dry and very intense at the end. Wild strawberry notes.

Suggested Retail Price: \$28.99 / bottle