



Welcome to Katya Vineyards

A fantastic welcome from Patricia (Mama), David (Dr. Wine), Katherine (Katya) and Award Winning Chef Antonio (Tony). Family owned and operated since 2010, Katya Vineyards (Sokol Vineyards, LLC) is a small business with a passion for outstanding gourmet food, great company and incredible wine. The Sokol name is Slavic in origin and denotes a bird-of-prey, the falcon. An ancient symbol of speed, strength, acuity and courage, we believe this beautiful creature is a perfect symbol for our vineyard.

Na Zdrowie!



Our family is very proud to announce Katya Vineyards was awarded an overall gold medal as 2021 Florida Winery of the Year and received medals for three of our wines *New York International Wine Competition.*



Katya Vineyards is the only Establishment In Marion County to Earn the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence Two Years in a Row



Katya Vineyards was selected to be listed as one of the Top Ten Wineries State of Florida 2021 by Choice Wineries



The Katya Vineyards Family wishes to Announce That Katya Vineyards Earned our first 'STAR'

World's Best Wine Lists Awards 2021 World of Fine Wine International Magazine The award is similar to the Michelin stars given to restaurants. In 2020 only 67 star awards given in North America Further, Katya Vineyards Earned a Jury Prize in recognition of exceptional list qualities.

Dear Patrons,

At Katya Vineyards we wish to bring you the finest dining experience in Central Florida.

Our family members work tirelessly to assure you that the freshest dining ingredients and excellent wines are provided every evening.

Unfortunately, recent challenges to the supply chain which are out of our control may cause unexpected changes to our published dining menu and the vintage years of our published wine list. We ask for your understanding if this occurs.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage and consider you as members of our family.

As we say around our dining table, Na Zdrowie!

Sincerely,

Katya, Tony, Mama and Dr. Wine



DR. WINE'S SELECTED 'PREMIUM VAULT' WINES

White Wines

Peter Michael Ma Belle Fille Chardonnay, Knights Valley, Sanoma California 2019 (JS 99pts)	210
Guigal La Doriane Condrieu 2017, Viognier from Condrieu (Rhône, France) (JD 97pts)	99
J. Moreau & Fils Chablis (Chardonnay) Les Clos Grand Cru 2019 (WE 97pts)	155
Jermann Vintage Tunina White Blend Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy 2019 (JS 97pts)	75
Le G De Chateau Guiraud Bordeaux Blanc 2019 (JD 96pts)	69
Larry Hyde Chardonnay Carneros Napa-Sanoma California 2017 (WE 95pts)	89
Elena Walch, Beyond the Clouds, Bianco Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy DOC, 2018, (JS 95pts)	99
Dariouh Signature Series, Viognier 2018 (Napa Valley, California) (CG 95pts)	77

Red Wines

Katya Vineyards Red Wine Blend Winged Hussars PEZERWOWAC' (Reserve) Proprietary Blend, (Côtes du Rhône Style) Florida (NYWC 97pts Stellar Hybrid Grape Blend')	125
Penfolds Quantum Bin 98 Wine of the World Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 (JS, WW, 98pts)	850
Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint Julien, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux France 2009 (JS 100pts)	769
Chateau Lynch Bages, Pauillac, Medoc, Bordeaux France 2009 (JS 97pts)	450
Chateau Cos d'Estournel, Saint-Estephe, Medoc, Bordeaux 2009 (RP 100pts)	725
Peter Michael Au Paradis Oakville Cabernet 2018 (JD 98pts)	290
Aperture Red Blend Sonoma CA 2019 (RP 97pts)	99
Promontory, Oakville, Napa Valley 2015 (JS 99pts)	999
Montes Wines, Icon Series Montes Folly Syrah Valle del Colchagua Chile 2016 (JS 97pts)	140



DR. WINE'S SELECTED 'PREMIUM VAULT' WINES

Red Wines (cont'd)

K Vintners King Coal Red Blend Columbia Valley, Washington State 2017 (<i>JD 98pts</i>)	185
OVID Hexameter 2016 (Napa Valley, California) (<i>JD 99pts</i>)	450
Château Mouton-Rothschild, First Growth, Premier Grand Cru Classe, Pauillac 2008 (<i>D 96pts, WE 96pts, JD96pts</i>)	950
Chateau des Bachelards Gamay Fleurie Le Clos Beaujolais 2019 (<i>JS 97pts</i>)	165
Will Harlan's The Mascot Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (Napa Valley, California) (<i>97pts WS</i>)	195
Crown Point Cabernet Sauvignon Happy Canyon, Santa Barbara, 2016 (<i>JD, WE, TP 97pts</i>)	199
Abacus XXII. (ZD) Napa Valley California <i>NR</i>	795
Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia Bolgheri 2017 (Italy) (<i>WE 97pts</i>)	285
Montes Wines, Icon Series Montes Alpha M Colchagua Valley Chile 2018 (<i>JS 97pts</i>)	155
Baron Philippe de Rothschild Baronesa P. Red Maipo Valley Chile 2019 (<i>JS 97pts</i>)	155
Bruno Giacosa Barolo Le Rocche del Falletto Riserva Piedmont Italy 2014 (<i>JS 98pts</i>)	555
Poggio Antico Brunello di Montalcino Altero Tuscany 2010 (<i>JS 96pts</i>)	155
Barone Ricasoli Castello di Brolio Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Italy 2016 (<i>JS 97pts</i>)	125
Joseph Phelps Red Wine Insignia Napa Valley 2018 (<i>JS 99pts</i>)	480
Barone Ricasoli Castello di Brolio Gran Selezione Chianti Classico DOCG 2013 (<i>JS 96pts</i>)	150
Vice Versa Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena, 2019 (<i>RP 100pts</i>)	475
Capanna Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese Tuscany Italy 2016 (<i>JD 96pts</i>)	115



DR. WINE'S SELECTED 'PREMIUM VAULT' WINES

Red Wines (cont'd)

Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley, Chile 2018 (<i>JD 100pts</i>)	175
Continuum Bordeaux Red Blend, St. Helena, Napa, California 2019 (<i>JS 99pts</i>)	499
Purlieu Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Franc 2018 (First Release) (<i>JD 99pts</i>)	275
Cain, Five, Bordeaux Blend Spring Mountain District Napa California 2017 (<i>JS 97pts</i>)	189
Faust, The Pact, Cabernet Sauvignon Coombsville, Napa Valley 2019 (<i>JS 96pts</i>)	215
Chateau Pontet-Canet Grand Cru Classe, Pauillac 2009 (<i>WE, JD, RP 100pts</i>)	599
Beaucastel CDP Hommage a Jacques Perrin, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2010 (<i>DEC, RP 100pts</i>)	950
Chateau Troplong 1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classeé Mondot <u>St. Emilion</u> , 2009 (<i>JD 100pts</i>)	495
Taylor Fladgate Very Old Single Harvest Port 1971 (<i>TP 100pts</i>)	550
Domaine de la Charbonniere Chateauneuf-du-Pape Les Hautes Brusquieres 2019 (<i>JD 97pts</i>)	125
Bodegas Vina Tridado, Priorat Soliterra Heredad Edicio Limitada 2016 (<i>RW 98pts</i>)	99
Arnaldo Caprai Sagrantino di Montefalco Collepiano Umbria Italy (<i>WA 96pts</i>)	89

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White Wines

America

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Katya Vineyards Alexandra, Blanc du Bois Estate Grape Proprietary Blend, Florida 13/ 39
*Deep gold. Light citrus & mineral on the nose. Taste of apple, citrus, pepper and smoke.
Finished with herbal notes.*

Katya Vineyards Katya, Blanc du Bois Estate Grape Proprietary Blend, Florida 13 / 39
*Light gold. Apricot, golden peach on the nose. Taste of peach, rose, melon & passion fruit, citrus
and herbs. As a dessert/sipping white wine, a beautiful ending to a wonderful evening!*

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Red Wines

America


Katya Vineyards

 Katya Vineyards Red Wine, Blend Winged Hussars PEZERWOWAC' (Reserve) 125
Proprietary Hybrid Blend, (**Côtes du Rhône Style**) Florida


45% Lenoir (Southern Hybrid) , 40% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Named after our ancestors; undefeated calvary of the 15th ~18th centuries. A gorgeous bouquet of blueberries, kirsch liqueur, smoked game, violets, and lavender. Deep purple, a mouth filling red that provides a soft, silky torrent of blackberry, cassis, and black cherry. It is luxurious with a slight touch of glycerin, smoke and dark herb providing a noticeable elegance. The finish is marked by fine, delicate tannins. (NYWC ~ 97pts)

 Katya Vineyards, Vladimir, Lenoir Estate Grape Premium 15 / 45
Proprietary Blend, Florida Recently medaled in six international wine competitions, 2020,

2021 (91pts, 91pts, 94pts, 94pts, 94pts, 94pts) An aged proprietary blend crafted in hand-selected, premium French, Hungarian and American oak barriques (barrels). The result is an inky red body with a bold foundation of dark fruits, currants, berries and black cherry with a hint of vanilla and smoke. The final tannins caress your senses to provide a voluptuous finish

 Katya Vineyards, Annadoll, Lenoir Estate Grape Proprietary Blend, Florida 13 / 39
Recently medaled in three (3) international wine competitions, 2021 (91pts, 91pts, 91pts) Lenoir

51%, Merlot 16%, Zinfandel 16%, Cabernet Sauvignon 9%, Cabernet Franc 8%. Our premium unfiltered, unfined, natural Annadoll Wine includes our estate grapes anchoring a proprietary blend including the descendant of an ancient grape of Slavic origin and a grape described by Pliny the Elder and fermented by the Greeks before 700BC! The bouquet of spices and jammy red berries. On the palate ~ blackberry jam, purple plum, black cherry, spice, earth, cassis, licorice, and a touch of vanilla...

 Katya Vineyards Red Wine Blend Winged Hussars Proprietary Blend, 15 / 45
(**Bordeaux Style Wine**) Florida) Recently medaled in one international wine competition, 2021,

(91pts) Named after our ancestors; undefeated calvary of the 15th ~18th centuries. The bouquet provides herbal scents and red fruit. On the palate ~ plum, black currant, dark cherry and baking spice with significant structured tannins. This is a 'baby' with highly structured tannins that should be 'decanted' for at least 30 minutes and can be cellared through 2036..... for the adventurous!

Katya Vineyards Bordó, Lenoir Estate Grape Proprietary Blend, Florida 13 / 39

Our unfiltered, unfined Bordó boasts a history from the 12th century, the marriage of Henry Plantagenet & Eleanor of Aquitaine, making the province of Aquitaine part of the Angevin Empire. Our Bordó Wine holds true to that ancient heritage ~ Bold aromas of strawberries, raspberry, violet and vanilla. On the palate plum, licorice, green pepper, and vanilla.

Red Wines

America (cont'd)

Katya Vineyards Mikhail, Lenoir Estate Grape Proprietary Blend, Florida 13 / 39
Dark ruby. Berry, vanilla on the nose. Taste of berries, plum & light vanilla. Finished with a hint of herbs.

Katya Vineyards Nikolai, Lenoir Estate Grape Proprietary Blend Florida 13 / 39
Garnet red. Stone fruit, earth on the nose. Taste of currants, berries, & black cherry & a hint of dark chocolate.

California Central Coast

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Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon (Page 36) 69

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California North Coast (cont'd)

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Plumpjack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Napa California	(Page 47) 21○
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Argentina

Mendoza is the main winemaking area of Argentina with more than 160 000 hectares of vineyards. More than 80% of all Argentinian wines are produced in this province and it has become a centre of reference for the Argentinian and South American wine industry. Mendoza is made up of five large winemaking regions: North, East, Centre, South and Uco Valley (Valle de Uco). Each region has a very different terroir, each with its own altitude and soil characteristics. These terroirs, coupled with Mendoza's long, dry and mild autumn, enable wine producers and oenologists to harvest according to their preferred level of grape ripeness, without being restricted by the weather.



Fabre Montmayou Cabernet Franc Reserva Mendoza

14 / 40

There's Agrelo and Agrelo, and this superb Cabernet Franc comes from the higher and generally better part of the sub-region at an altitude of 1,100 meters. Intense red color. Elegant on the nose, with red and black fruit aromas and hints of mint. Leafy, oral, and intense, with good texture and weight, graphite and basil undertones and racy black fruit freshness complemented by oak.

Argentina

Valle de Uco: *A viticultural region southwest of Mendoza, in Argentina. Situated along the Tunuyán River, the Uco Valley is widely considered one of the top wine regions in Mendoza, and all of Argentina. The annual average temperature is 14 °C (57 °F) and altitudes range from 900–1,200 metres (3,000–3,900 ft) above sea level. The combination of high elevation, alluvial soils, irrigation sourced from the Andes Mountains, a long growing season with over 250 sunny days a year, little rain and vast temperature differences between day and night are all conducive to growing quality wine grapes. These climate and geography elements come together to provide excellent fruit ripening and concentration, developing colors, aromas, flavors and textures resulting in wines that are deep in color, intense in aromas and rich in flavors. Traditionally, the varietals grown in this area are Sémillon and Malbec; together with Bonarda and Barbera in a smaller amount.*



Albafior Malbec Valle de Uco *Rich red color on appearance with an aroma of ripe dark fruits and hints of violets. The mouthfeel is concentrated with cherry notes and spices. The wine has a long finish with mature, seductive tannins.* **14 / 40**

BenMarco Malbec Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina *BenMarco Malbec is a testament to Uco Valley, from which it hails, proffering aromas of fresh black fruit and floral notes of violets. The palate shows great balance, very fine tannins, and a thread of acidity going through its core, lifting it up and going its length.* **45**

Zorzal Malbec Gran Terroir Gualtallary, Uco Valley (Mendoza, Argentina) *Single Vineyard (GRAN MALBEC) A very blueberry-themed nose that features violets & lots of lavender leads to a big & bold palate of fig newtons, dry leaves, dark chocolate, & powdered sugar. Smooth tannins and fruit galore.* **55**

Susana Balbo Signature Malbec Uco Valley (Mendoza, Argentina) *Beautiful deep violet color. It is a balanced and well-structured wine with flavors of raspberry, dark plum and currant that feature plenty of refined savory accents. Hints of mineral and smoke appear on its elegant, velvety and long finish.* **65**

Bodegas Bianchi, Gran Familia Malbec Valle de Uco, (Mendoza, Argentina) *Ripe berry aromas with a palate of Blackberry, cassis, coffee & spice flavors dark & toasty.* **69**

Benmarco Expresivo Uco Valley (Mendoza, Argentina) *Fabulous transparency and clarity showing blackberry, blueberry and floral character. Full body, 80% malbec and 20% cabernet franc.* **79**

Australia

The Australian wine industry is one of the world's largest exporters of wine. Wine is produced in every state, with more than 60 designated wine regions totaling approximately 160,000 hectares; 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. The wine regions in each of these states produce different wine varieties and styles that take advantage of the particular Terroir. The major varieties are predominantly Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Semillon, Pinot noir, Riesling, and Sauvignon blanc. Wines are often labelled with the name of their grape variety, which must constitute at least 85 percent of the wine.



McLaren Vale is a wine region in the Australian state of South Australia located in the Adelaide metropolitan area and centred on the town of McLaren Vale about 38 kilometres (24 mi) south of the Adelaide city centre. It is internationally renowned for the wines it produces and included within the Great Wine Capitals of the World. The McLaren Vale wine region is well known for its dry red wines, especially those made from Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre. Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo and angiovese are also grown. White wine varieties in the wine region include Fiano, Vermentino, Grenache blanc, Roussanne and other such Mediterranean varieties.



d'Ardenberg, The Originals, Shiraz The Footbolt McLaren Vale

14 / 40

(Footbolt is named after one of the families 'thoroughbreds) A consistently great McLaren Vale Shiraz. Aromas of ripe blackberry and spice that mingle with minty peppery notes. Generously rich with amazing fruit weight and balanced, chewy tannins. Brimming with ripe red fruits and an underlying layer of subtle oak, as well as a hint of pepper, supple in texture with a velvety finish.

Coonawarra wine region is a wine region centred on the town of Coonawarra in the Limestone Coast zone of South Australia. It is known for the Cabernet Sauvignon wines produced on its "terra rossa" soil.



Penley Estate, Cabernet Franc Coonawarra Francis

45

This wine shows oodles of bright cherry, clove, and star anise, with a soft floral note and a hint of reduction. The palate is medium in weight, but with a feathery quality to the fruit, raspy tannins, and a powdery texture. At the close, it shows a lovely, long finish that tastes like Chinese Five spice. Layered, likable and full of personality, this makes for fun, youthful drinking now, but should age until 2030 at least.

Austria

Kamptal DAC: *On the steep terraces that crowd the southern slope of the hillside – so steep that no permanent covering of loess could remain – it is mainly Riesling vines that root deeply, producing powerful, mineral-driven and (above all) extremely long-lived wines. Toward the Danube, the soil formations of the vineyards changes; here, refreshing and classic but also very robust wines from Grüner Veltliner find ideal conditions on the broad loess and loam terraces. The classic Kamptal DAC on the Gebietswein and Ortswein levels manifests itself in both Grüner Veltliner and Riesling as a fresh, dry white wine with personality; pleasantly light on its feet and yet exhibiting concentrated structure. The great robust Riedenweine and Reserve wines are, with their rich character and appreciable depth, are unmistakable expressions of their origins. In addition, white and red wines of the Pinot family as well as the Blauer Zweigelt show their finer aspects here, marketed under the designation “Niederösterreich”.*



In terms of climate, the dynamic tension that arises in the Kamptal between the hot, Pannonian basin in the east and the cool Waldviertel to the northwest is quite noticeable, and this fresh breath can also be felt in the wines. Interplay between the heat of the day and the substantially lower nighttime temperatures imparts great aromatic finesse and lively acidity to the grapes.

Grüner Veltliner, Franz Etz, Austria, Kamptal (Niederösterreich) Region, (1 liter)

14 / 40

A lively, densely fruited white wine from the of Austria. Known as the ultimate food wine for its great minerality & appealing freshness.

Neusiedlersee Burgenland DAC: *Austria's winegrowing region Neusiedlersee, situated to the east of Lake Neusiedl, reaches from the hills and the big wine town of Gols over the flat Heideboden down to the melancholy Seewinkel. A great wealth of grape varieties ripen here on the banks of the shallow steppe lake, on 6,675 hectares of vineyards. Since 2012, Neusiedlersee DAC has stood for fruit-forward and harmonious red wines vinified from the variety Zweigelt, which are moulded by the climate and the soil, with the supplementary designation “Reserve”.*



Heinrich Zweigelt, Burgenland, Austria

40

Zweigelt is a crossing between Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent created by Dr. Fritz Zweigelt at the Klosterneuburg wine college in 1922. Deep purple color. Nose of dark berries and earth. It produces soft and fruity wines that are generous with flavors of cherries, herbs, and spice, and features medium-weight and fresh acidity, slight smoke on the finish, making it an ideal wine for the table.

Kracher Scheurebe Trockenbeereenauslese Nummer 3 Zwischen Den Seen 375ml (3oz pour)

40 / 135

This aromatic dessert wine sports a gorgeous bouquet of jasmine and lilac. Lychee and mango flavors stand prominently midpalate, while the acidity pierces through, not letting this white become syrupy. There is a sense of grace that marks the long finish. Drink through 2035.

Bulgaria

The main Bulgarian wine regions are **the Struma Valley, the Thracian Valley, the Rose Valley, the Black Sea region and the Danubian Plain**. Bulgaria is one of the oldest wine producing countries in the world. Wine making appeared under the Thracians, Indo-European tribes, more than 4,000 years ago. There are about **300 wineries** in Bulgaria and the number is set to increase every year. The upshot is that Bulgaria has a long history of winemaking, aided by a favorable climate (toasty summers and icy winters), fertile soil, and a culture that is so deeply entrenched with good wine.

Thracian Valley: Red wine grapes are to the fore in the western part of the appellation. Leading varieties include the Bordeaux varieties, Ruby Cabernet, Mavrud and Pamid. Mavrud is very much an indigenous flagship variety for the area. Wine centers in the west include Asenovgrad, Brezovo and Perushtitsa. The zone is very large, and so general comments regarding wine styles and growing conditions are very hard to make. In the west, on the Macedonian border, it includes the outlying region region of the Struma Valley. In the east it encompasses the southern half of the Black Sea region. Between the two sits the central Thracian Lowlands. The west is protected from harsh winds and weather systems from the northeast. The climate is still continental but more moderate than many parts of the Danubian



Plains. There is typically plenty of rainfall throughout the growing season. East Thracia is regarded as the fruit and vegetable center of the country. There are also many vineyards on the fertile soils in areas such as Stara Zagora, Nova Zagora and Korten. Traditionally the emphasis here has also been on red wines. However in recent years Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat and Traminer have produced good results. The area also shows potential for sparkling wines.

Rough Day, Cabernet Sauvignon Thracian Valley Bulgaria

14 / 40

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. A garnet color in the glass, this Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of vanilla, black plum, and lavender. Flavors of black cherry and black raspberry unfold in the glass. The tannins are soft and well structured, with a pleasant astringency on the finish.

Bessa Valley Petit Enira Thracian Valley Bulgaria

45

(Merlot: 55 %, Syrah: 12 %, Petit Verdot: 20 %, Cabernet Sauvignon: 13 %) This unique wine has a deep ruby color. The strong and enduring fruity nose is dominated by cherry, wild berries and vanilla very well combined with the balanced taste result of the soft tannins due to the ageing in French oak barrels. Complex and lasting aftertaste distinguished by ripe fruit defines this wine as amazing and attractive.

California: Central Coast

The **Central Coast AVA** is a large American Viticultural Area in the U.S. state of California that spans from Santa Barbara County in the south to the San Francisco Bay Area in the north. The boundaries of the Central Coast include portions of six counties. With around 100,000 acres (400 km²) planted to wine grapes, Chardonnay accounts for more than half of the total. Within this larger AVA are several smaller appellations that share the same cooling influence from the Pacific Ocean. Because U.S. county names automatically qualify as legal appellations of origin for wine, the following appellations do not require registration with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau: **Contra Costa County, Monterey County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Santa Clara County**

Sea Sun, Pinot Noir (Fairfield, California)

14 / 42

From the legendary Wagner Family (Camus Wines) marries juicy, bold red fruit, fresh strawberry, cranberry, dark cherry with vanilla, brown spices, and hints of oak, wrapped up in silky tannins.

Paso Robles Wine Country is an American Viticultural Area located in the **San Luis Obispo County, California**. and is well known for its heritage varietal Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Rhône-style wines. When the Paso Robles American Viticultural Area was established in 1983, it contained just five bonded wineries and 5,000 acres of vines. Now home to more than 200 wineries and 32,000 vineyard acres, it was divided into 11 smaller AVAs in 2014: **Adelaida District, Creston District, El Pomar District, Estrella District, Genesco District, Highlands District, San Juan Creek, San Miguel District, Santa Margarita Ranch, Templeton Gap District, and the Willow Creek District.**



Vina Robles Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Aromas of roasted black cherry, fig, caramel, cassis, & licorice. Lavish, creamy, & smooth tannins, plum, fig & raisin flavors.

14 / 40

Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, California

69

Expresses aromas of fresh black currants and cherries accompanied by subtle smoky notes and dried spices. On the palate, this lavish powerful wine is layered with juicy blackberry, ripe cherry, vanilla bean and brown butter.

Austin Hope Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Paso Robles, California)

210

Luxurious, lush aromas of black cherry, caramel, clove & oak on the nose. Polished tannins, black cherry & cream tones meet with milk chocolate & mint ~ bright acidity pops on the finish.

California: Central Coast : Paso Robles

Paydirt, Paso Robles Going for Broke (84% Zinfandel, 6% Syrah, 4% Grenache, 3% Mourvedre, and 3% Petite Sirah) *The nose is filled with ripe blackberries, smoked plum, orange relish, cranberry, blueberry compote, white pepper, and dark chocolate. The palate is round, juicy, and bursting with freshness and concentrated red and dark fruit components.*

55

Turley, Old Vines Zinfandel (Paso Robles, California)
Bottled in Napa offers peaches, apricots, dried flowers, and orange peel with loads of underlying spices. The palate is silky and juicy but packed full of spiced fruit flavors (Allocated)

69

Santa Maria Valley is an AVA located in the northernmost part of **Santa Barbara County**, just east of Santa Maria city and 15 miles (24km) inland from the Pacific Coast. It was the first in the county to receive official AVA approval in 1981, and is renowned for producing some of California's finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines – the appellation's two flagship varieties. The east–west orientation of the wide, open valley means cool winds and fog flow in freely from the Pacific Ocean, settling most noticeably in lower-lying areas. This climatic effect is significant in several viticultural areas along California's Pacific coast, as the cool maritime influence lengthens the growing season and contributes to the eventual sugar/acid balance in Santa Maria Valley's wines. Indeed, Santa Maria Valley's extended grape-growing season is among the longest in the world.



Qupe Bien Nacido Vineyard Hillside, Roussanne (Santa Maria Valley, California)
Offers up an expressive bouquet of white truffle, beeswax, preserved lemon, smoke & quince. On the palate, the wine is texturally glossy & full-bodied, with lovely cut, energy & concentration & impressive reserves of depth and energy. A rich wine, bright and succulent

69

California: Central Coast

Los Alamos Valley (Not an AVA) The Los Alamos Valley, is sandwiched between the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley appellations. The best grapes from this vineyard are found to the north on the gentle slopes of the hills toward Solomon Hills.



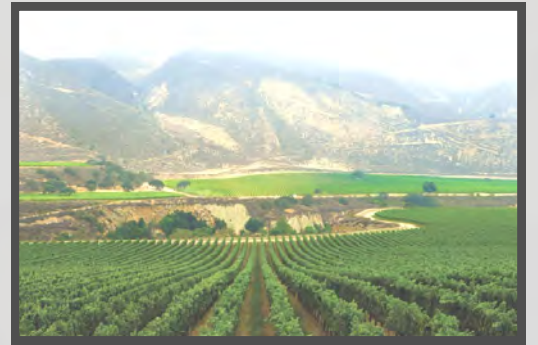
Au Bon Climat Chardonnay Daniel Los Alamos Vineyard Santa Barbara County

14 / 40

Santa Barbara, Central Coast, CA- Burgundian in sensibility but with California style is one way of describing Jim Clendenen's Chardonnays- Structure and restraint melded with bountiful opulence is another. This offers beautiful tropical flavors with a buttery complexity on the finish.

Monterey County, on California's Central Coast, is a relatively new addition to the United States' wine map. It was only in the 1960s that commercial-scale viticulture began to take off here, when the Salinas Valley became the place to plant vines on this stretch of the Californian coastline. The wide array of terroir means that a diverse range of wines are produced in the region, most notably from Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Monterey County roughly follows the path of the Salinas Valley, which stretches approximately 90 miles (145km) from Monterey Bay to the edge of San Luis Obispo County in the south. The valley is bordered by the Galibian Mountains in the east and the Santa Lucia Mountains which run down the edge of the Pacific Coast. The AVAs in Monterey County can be categorised into three groups: those in the Santa Lucia Mountains, those in the Salinas Valley, and those in the inland Galibian range. The Salinas Valley, through which the Salinas river flows, is the engine room of Monterey County. It is here along the valley floor where most of the AVA's vines are planted (including the sizable single-vineyard San Bernabe AVA). San Lucas, Santa Lucia Highlands and Arroyo Seco can also be found along the path of the river and stretching up into the eastern foothills of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Arroyo Seco is nestled between Greenfield and Soledad. This appellation includes a wide variety of topography, perfectly positioned against the Santa Lucia Mountains then opening up into a valley. The topography of the AVA is an enabling factor of the variety of micro-climates and soil. The mountain range protects the vines in the heart of the valley from the cool Pacific Ocean breeze, while moving east the cool breeze gains access to the valley floor. The soil throughout the valley is also varied; the soil closer to the valley floor is stubborn and forces the vines to dig deep for nutrients. This type of soil and micro-climate create an ideal environment for Rhone and Bordeaux varietals. The eastern part of the appellation is well-suited to cool-loving varietals, including Chardonnay and Riesling. Chardonnay from Arroyo Seco often shows distinct melon and apricot flavors. Although Arroyo Seco is small in acreage compared to other California AVAs this area has the spirit and strength to take on anything that comes its way.



Stoke's Ghost, Petite Syrah (Monterey, California)

59

Inky & dark, black cherries, blackberries & cassis flavors. Violet & hints of white pepper enchant while intense, jammy fruit comes forward.

California: Central Coast

Contra Costa County is an AVA directly east of San Francisco Bay in California's Central Coast AVA. Once a prolific wine-growing region, the county is home to some century-old plantings of Zinfandel, Mourvèdre and Carignan that produce rustic, earthy and leathery styles of red wine. The county sits on the edge of the San Francisco and Suisun bays at the entrance to where the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta can be traced back inland towards Lodi. Livermore Valley is directly south of Contra Costa County, and the city of San Francisco across the bay gives the county its name – "contra costa" meaning "opposite shore" in Spanish. Most of the vineyards are in the eastern part of the county, surrounding the towns of Brentwood and Oakley.



Cline Viognier North Coast Contra Costa County California

13 / 39

100% Viognier. This wonderful little wine shows juicy tropical fruit, fresh apricot and notes of mandarin orange and grapefruit. Luscious and full-bodied Honeyed stone fruit, peach cobbler and custard flavors are smooth and ripe, with floral details and spicy notes on the juicy finish with a slight crisp acidity.

California: North Coast / Lake County

The **North Coast** is an *American Viticultural Area* in the state of California that encompasses grape-growing regions in six counties located north of San Francisco: **Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano**. This large appellation covers over 3,000,000 acres (12,000 km²) and includes a number of smaller sub-appellations that all share the common ecology trait of weather affected by the cool fog and breezes of the Pacific Ocean.

Carson Scott Pinot Noir

14 / 40

Aromas of raspberry and cola lead to a rich mouthfeel and flavors of black cherry, licorice and subtle oaky vanilla. The finish is long and complex.

North Coast: Lake County

Lake County contains eight distinct AVAs (Benmore Valley, Big Valley District, Clear Lake, Guenoc Valley, High Valley, Kelsey Bench, and Red Hills Lake County), all of which are situated around Clear Lake – California’s largest freshwater lake and the oldest lake in North America – and near the base of Mount Konociti volcano. Here, grapes grow in volcanic, mineral-rich soils at high altitudes of 1,370 to 2,600 feet, where mild summers and cool winter temperatures create ideal conditions for producing elegant, complex wines. While the region has become well-known for its cabernet sauvignon and sauvignon blanc wines, Lake County is also planted to cabernet franc, petit sirah, merlot, syrah, malbec, grenache, zinfandel, viognier, and riesling, among others.



Red Hills: With vineyards starting at 1,350 feet and reaching up to 2,600 feet above sea level, Red Hills of Lake County grapes are grown in mountain climate conditions. Upper level airflows from the Pacific Ocean combine with many local convections to moderate daytime highs. Low relative humidity and varied topography permit quick radiative cooling of ridgetop vineyards in the late afternoon and evenings. Both factors allow for good acid retention during ripening. Cold winters and dry summer conditions are an important factor in Lake County’s reduced pesticide and other application rates, one of the lowest in California.



Obsidian Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Red Hills, Lake County, North Coast, California

75

(96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec) Aromas of tamarind and tobacco lead to dense flavors of blueberry, black cherry and dark chocolate that expand on the palate beautifully.

California North Coast: Lake County / Mendocino County

Big Valley District AVA. *Runoff over millennia have eroded the Mayacamas' young volcanic foothills of Kelsey Bench into the ancient clays and deposits of Big Valley on the shores of Clear Lake, North America's oldest lake, estimated to be two and a half million years old. Big Valley's mix of gravel, clay and loam, bright sunlight from the 1,400 feet elevation, and cool nights produces remarkable Sauvignon Blancs, establishing Lake County as one of the premier California regions for the varietal. Along with the volcanic Kelsey Bench, the gravel seams in Big Valley produce intense and balanced Zinfandels and Cabernet Francs.*



Steele, Writer's Block, Petite Syrah

49

Fresh dark berry and red cherry fruit mixes with chocolate, cocoa, smokiness, and toasty nuances work with tobacco and herbal complexities.

Mendocino County has a wide range of viticultural mesoclimates that are influenced by the county's diversity in climatic and geography. Following the path of the Navarro River from the Pacific, the fog drifts in and blankets the valley with low hanging cool air. Vineyards in these areas are often planted with cool-climate varieties like Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer and Riesling. At high elevations in Anderson Valley and nearby Mendocino Ridges beyond the fog's reach, these warmer pockets of lands will usually be planted with more warm climate varieties like Zinfandel. Around Ukiah, in the center of the large Mendocino AVA to the east of the Mendocino Ranges, the climate can get very warm to hot during the growing season. The warm allows this part of the county develop full bodied and very ripe red wines from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel. The Mendocino Wine Regions include: **Anderson Valley, Cole Ranch, Covelo, Dos Rios, Eagle Peak, McDowell Valley, Mendocino, Mendocino County, Mendocino Ridge, North Coast, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Talmage Region, Ukiah Valley, and Yorkville Highlands.**



Barra of Mendocino Pinot Noir (100% Pinot Noir)

40

This lovely Pinot Noir opens with an intriguingly spicy aroma. Lush black cherry notes on the palate follow through, and aging in French oak barrels contribute to a long finish with notes of vanilla and coconut. The tannins are soft, but the rich, full body of this wine enable it to complement even a hearty dish.

California North Coast: Napa County

Ideal climate creates the perfect place to grow wine grapes. Defined by mountain ranges and influenced by the Pacific Ocean, the Napa Valley enjoys a dry Mediterranean climate perfectly suited to the growing of fine wine grapes. The AVAs contained within Napa County include: Los Carneros, Howell Mountain, Wild Horse Valley, Stags Leap District, Mt. Veeder, Atlas Peak, Spring Mountain District, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, Chiles Valley, Yountville, Diamond Mountain District, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, Calistoga, and Coombsville.



Penfolds Quantum Bin 98 Wine of the World Cabernet Sauvignon

850

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Shiraz. What sticks with you about this global blend of Napa and Southern Australian wine is the intense and transparent purple and blue fruit. It's made mostly from Napa grapes and predominantly from Oakville and Diamond Mountain. A bouquet of rich malt, & a complex spectrum of dark berries & violets fused with notes of blackberry, blueberry, & boysenberry complemented by sugared pastry & piquant punches of mild horseradish cream. It's a very layered & intense wine with very refined, creamy, & chewy tannins.

Alexis Soyer Black Gold Napa Valley

13 / 39

80% Petite Sirah · 12% Zinfandel · 8% Syrah. The wine has a very deep color with big ripe dark dried fruit flavors, rubbed herbs, roasted coffee notes with a long silky finish that lingers. This wine needs to breathe a bit, possibly decanting, then it opens to a glorious, lush body with lingering fruit.

Kenzo Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon Ai Napa Valley Heidi Barrett Winemaker

375

(Cabernet Sauvignon 87%, Malbec 4%, Merlot 4%, Petit Verdot 3%, Cabernet Franc 2%) Indigo – ai represents the color indigo in the Japanese language, an element used in textile dyeing for thousands of years. Selected from the Napa Valley estate's most superb blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon. A wonderful bouquet of wild strawberry, vanilla extract, dark chocolate, ripe apricot, white pepper, cigar box, cedar, leather. Shows both red and darker fruits on the palate including a finish with flavors of red cherry and currant.

Joseph Phelps Red Wine Insignia Napa Valley

480

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc. Blackberry and black chocolate with mint, conifer, and clove. Sweet tobacco, violets and flowers, too. Some graphite. Cool and complex. Full-bodied with ultra-fine, dusty tannins and a wonderful, extremely long finish. Savory and refined. A classic-styled 2018. It is so approachable and gorgeous. One of the best Insignias ever. Alive and changing all the time.

Band of Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon (Coombsville, Mt. Veeder & Calistoga) Napa Valley

55

*83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc. A lush, approachable, and pleasurable wine **created by 7 Sommeliers**. What a spectacular vintage. A warm and inviting nose, reminiscent of a summer day in Napa, conjures up notes of grilled meats and Herbs de Provence. This vintage rolls over your palate with succulent flavors of black currant, boysenberry, and dark cherry. The wine continues to stretch out and its supple tannins perfectly frame an elegant finish.*

California North Coast: Napa County

St. Helena AVA: *Diverse soils and consistently warm weather are hallmarks of the St. Helena AVA on the narrow valley floor. Warm, due to greater protection from western hills, with less fog or wind incursions. This narrowest part of the Napa Valley floor provides more heat reflection off the hillsides. Mid-summer temperatures often peak in the mid-to-high 90s°F (36°C). Southern and western borders are more sedimentary, with gravel and clay soils, lower fertility and moderate water retention. Further north and east, the soil is prevalently volcanic in origin, deeper and more fertile. Principal Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Petite Sirah*



Fenwick Springs, Pinot Grigio *Soft Myers lemon, yellow apples & luscious white peaches* **13 / 39**

Pembroke Cabernet Sauvignon, Story Ridge, blackcurrant, tomato leaf, dark spices & cedarwood. **14 / 40**

J. Lohr Carol's Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon (St. Helena, California) **95**

*Expresses savory fruit elements wrapped in a barrel signature of hazelnut and cocoa powder. Firm and angular in structure with red and blue fruits on the finish. **COMMEMORATIVE RELEASE.***

Amuse Bouche Napa Valley Red Blend Heidi Barrett Winemaker **355**

Deep garnet-purple in color, it bursts from the glass with bombastic scents of ripe black plums, boysenberries and Black Forest cake with hints of Morello cherries, star anise, cardamom and red roses, plus a touch of garrigue. The medium to full-bodied palate is an exercise in poise, delivering loads of vibrant black fruit and exotic spice flavors with bold freshness plus exquisitely ripe, rounded tannins, finishing with fantastic length and perfume. Absolutely stunning Merlot!

Marcassin Vineyard, Pinot Noir (Sonoma Coast, California) **320**

*Spiced black cherries, raspberries, strawberries, orange blossom, & flowery incense notes, elegant. Aside from her own boutique winery, Marcassin, which she runs with husband John Wetlaufer, Helen Turley has been the consulting winemaker for some of the best wineries in the country. Marcassin (french for 'young wild boar') is a VERY small winery. The Marcassin vineyard is planted to 50/50 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and is about 10 acres in size. Fruit for the other vineyard designated wines is sourced from other neighboring vineyards. Marcassin will always be a small winery; John & Helen feel the perfect size is 100 barrels, enough for 2,500 cases. **VERY RARE/LIMITED – Only Katya has this wine***

Vice Versa Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena, Napa, California **475**

*5 Barrels (125 cases) produced. This gorgeous wine just about jumps out of the glass with its huge nose of bold scents; baked blackcurrants, boysenberries, and black cherry compote plus suggestions of garrigue, crushed rocks, tobacco leaf, chocolate, and lavender. Full-bodied, the palate has impressive energy with wonderfully vibrant black fruits and firm, exquisitely ripe tannins with bold freshness, finishing long with loads of floral and mineral sparks. **(RP 100pts)***

Continuum Bordeaux Red Blend, St. Helena, Napa, California **499**

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Merlot. Blackberries, dark wet soil, and blackcurrants. Graphite, too. So aromatic. Pure fruit. Full-bodied with superbly polished, fine tannins that draw you down through the center of palate. Extremely layered and the texture is so curated, giving wonderful persistence. Real plushness and fine, velvety texture.

California North Coast: Napa County

St. Helena AVA (cont'd)

Purlieu Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Franc, St. Helena (First Release) 275

This first release of Purlieu Cabernet Franc from the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard electrifies with powerful intensity and true varietal character. Purple fruit and fresh violet aromas with a perfume of crème de cassis, graphite, spring flower, crème brûlée, and tobacco on the nose only hint at the concentration that awaits on the palate. A focused beam of juicy purple and black berries melds with refined mocha and fresh earth notes, which bring extra depth and dimension to the sweet To Kalon fruit. Rich, fine-grained tannins and an endless finish of sweet boysenberry caramel promise years of continued evolution and delight. . It's gorgeous today yet there is no reason it won't keep for at least 15-20 years

Rutherford AVA is an American Viticultural Area located within Napa Valley AVA and centered on the town of Rutherford, California. The area is known for its unique terroir particularly with its Cabernet Sauvignon. The well-drained soil of this area is composition of gravel, loam and sand with volcanic deposits and marine sediments from the Franciscan Assemblage. The appellation accounts for only 6,650 acres (27 km²) in the center of Napa Valley but has been home to some of the regions most historic and world-renowned wineries



Round Pond Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Rutherford, Napa

40

This zippy Sauvignon Blanc practically jumps out of the glass with its aromatics of fragrant jasmine and hints of lemon grass. The palate opens with lemon zest, honey dew, and prickly pear before the finish introduces a mellower vanilla note. and displays bright, mouthwatering acidity from start to finish.

ZD, Chardonnay (Napa Valley, California)

77

Tropical aromas of guava, pineapple, and lime zest are complemented by subtle hints of orange blossom and vanilla. The palate is rich and full of citrus notes mingled with flavors reminiscent of crème brûlée, and the bright acidity is well balanced by subtle oak characteristics.

ZD Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, California) *A core of ripe, dark fruit integrates with subtle hints of vanilla, spice & toast while the tannins round out the long finish.*

89

Caymus Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley *This wine shows up with the lasting power of black fruit and licorice. Its layers of persistent and formidable fruit could turn a semi-vegetarian into a carnivore. lush aromas and flavors, including cocoa, cassis, and ripe dark berries.*

150

Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection (Napa Valley, California)

250

Outstanding synergy between fruit, earth, and oak ~ A Classic!

ZD Abacus Cabernet Sauvignon , (Napa, California)

795

A masterful blend of 26 vintages of ZD's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Tight & focused, earthy currant, black cherry, anise, chocolate, herb leathery notes.

Swanson Vineyards, Merlot (Napa, California)

49

Aromas of blue fruit, pie crust & a touch of coconut husk. Ripe plum & cassis, briar, cigar box & touch of graphite

California North Coast: Napa County

Carneros AVA : *The official Carneros AVA (created in 1983) covers an area of 90 square miles (230 square km) on the southernmost foothills of the Mayacamas and Sonoma mountain ranges. This location means the AVA is divided between America's two most famous wine-producing regions – the eastern half in Napa, the western half in Sonoma. Besides varietal Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, they also make high-quality sparkling wines from the two varieties. In the 1980s, Champagne house Taittinger chose Carneros as the location for its Californian presence (Domaine Carneros), at around the same time as Cava magnates Jose and Gloria Ferrer started their sparkling wine production here.*



Mumm Brut Prestige (Napa, California)

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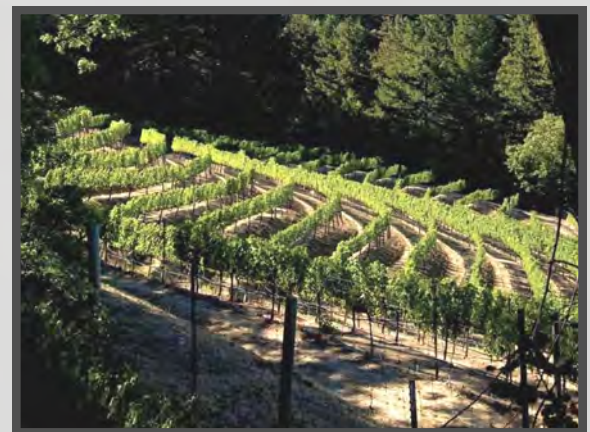
Gorgeous layered white blossom aromas, creamy vanilla, citrus, stone fruit & melon. Elegant acidity & crisp structure, excellent mousse and a rich, lingering finish.

Larry Hyde Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard Estate Carneros Napa-Sanoma California

89

100% Chardonnay. A SUPERB CHARDONNAY! Elegant and vibrant, this well-concentrated and well-balanced wine is well worth the most-special occasions. Lemon cream and toasted oak aromas, luscious pear and marzipan flavors and great acidity all come together beautifully. It has a long finish and will have a long life. Dr. Wine loves this one!

Oak Knoll District *Here, average summer temperatures are several degrees cooler compared to the likes of St Helena and Calistoga, mostly thanks to the cooling fog and breezes from San Pablo Bay 15 miles (25km) to the south. With a warm spring and a cool summer, the growing season here can span more than eight months and run into October, giving grapes ample time to ripen fully and develop complexity, while not losing critical acidity. The Bordeaux grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec hold sway among Oak Knoll District's red wines. Chardonnay is the pick of the white grapes here, and benefits just as much from the extended growing season as the reds do. Oak Knoll District is not to be confused with the longer-established Oakville AVA a short distance to the north, on the far side of Yountville. While Oak Knoll District has made significant progress towards establishing itself on the top tier of Napa AVAs, it still has work to do before gaining the prestige enjoyed by Oakville.*



Darioush Signature Series, Viognier (Napa Valley, California)

77

Floral aromas of honeysuckle, acacia flower, and bergamot. Bright citrus on first sip to pleasing layers of stone fruits- juicy apricot and nectarine. A spiced finish punctuated by hints of nutmeg and apricot & Eureka lemon with toasted hazelnuts and toffee.

California North Coast: Napa County

The Oakville AVA is an officially demarcated two-mile-wide swath of Napa Valley that extends to 1,000 feet in elevation up the base of the Vaca Mountains to the east and 500 feet in elevation in the Mayacamas Mountains to the west. Within this small district you will find the greatest concentration of Napa Valley's preeminent producers of Cabernet Sauvignon. The Oakville district was one of the first distinctive wine growing regions within Napa Valley to be officially recognized when it was granted AVA (American Viticultural Area) status in 1993. Today, the Oakville Winegrowers' Association boasts more than 70 growers and wineries.



OVID Experiment N.27 Red (Napa Valley, California)

350

Primarily Cabernet Sauvignon with small, nearly equal amounts of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, the wine intrigues with notes of blackberry, cola, cocoa nibs, licorice, and pencil Shavings

OVID Hexameter (Napa Valley, California)

450

Bold Black Forest cake, molasses, cassis, redcurrant jelly, candied violets, pencil lead, oolong tea & cumin seed scents. Palate reveals rainier cherry, red & black fruit layers laced with exotic spices, framed by super fine-grained tannins, finishing long.

Nickel & Nickel Cabernet Sauvignon Branding Iron, Napa, California

210

With its bright red fruit and floral aromas a bouquet of clove, anise and cardamom, hints of red berries, minerality, and warm toasted oak.

Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, California)

276

Opulent wine with notes of cassis, ripe raspberry, toasted coconut and shiitake mushroom. Fresh cherry flavors balanced with floral notes and a subtle hint of black pepper add a beautiful complexity.

Will Harlan's The Mascot Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, California)

195

Younger vines of BOND, Harlan Estate, and Promontory, red fruit & baking spice intermingle on the nose, while on entry, the wine is soft, it reveals athletic structure & shape, culminating in poise.

Promontory, Bordeaux Blend, Will Harlan, Oakville, Napa Valley

999

A Will Harlan new generation Cabernet Sauvignon blend. Due to the complexity of soil, exposure, and elevation, 42 passes were made resulting in 30 distinct vinifications. Aromas are diverse and complex, with no single primary scent standing above the rest. Some of the more subtle facets are beginning to surface: with showy red currant jelly, black cherry compote and warm cassis notes plus hints of cinnamon toast, wilted roses, unsmoked cigars, and fragrant earth. Full-bodied, the palate is rich and impactful, featuring layer upon layer of red and black fruits with loads of mineral sparks. The structure is rock-solid with firm, rugged tannins that are beginning to come into line with the flamboyant fruit, finishing with great length and a lively lift The wine shows its potential for aging with a balance of structure and lightness, as well as a latent potential only to be revealed with time.

Leviathan Red Blend, Oakville, Napa, California

16 / 50

A stunning little powerhouse! Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Petite Sirah, and Cabernet Franc sourced from Coombsville, Carneros, Red Hills, Moon Mountain, Fountaingrove, and the Sierra Foothills aged in 25% new French oak barrels. The 2019 Leviathan boasts an intense mix of fresh boysenberry, black cherry, and plum with cocoa powder, allspice, and nutmeg. Its earthy elements of our rocky California hillsides include bay Laurel, sage, cedar, and dry red earth which speaks to its origins. Supple and balanced tannins of this rich wine lead to a long savory finish with hints of graphite and star anise. It is approachable now and built to cellar.

California North Coast: Napa County

The Oakville AVA (cont'd)

Plumpjack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville Napa California

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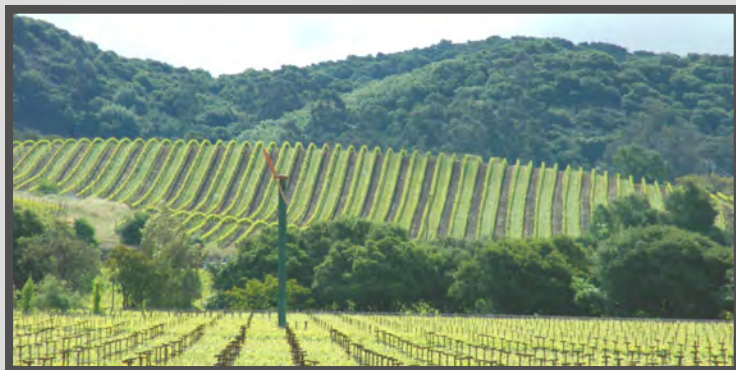
Composed of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec and 5% Petit Verdot, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate displays a deep garnet-purple color and fragrant notes of Black Forest cake, crème de cassis and wild blueberries with nuances of red roses, Chinese five spice, camphor, and black olive plus a hint of charcoal. Full-bodied, the decadently rich fruit has impressive freshness lifting the palate along with firm, finely grained tannins, finishing long and fragrant.

Peter Michael Au Paradis Oakville Cabernet

290

(76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc) A deep ruby/purple hue as well as full-bodied perfumed aromas of red rose and distinct black currant and cassis. The flavor delivers dark fruit reminiscent of plum and crème de cassis aside bright and savory notes of raspberry, rose petal, green tobacco, sandalwood, dried flowers and graphite. Flawlessly balanced, full-bodied, with silky yet present tannins, it's one of those elegant, seamless wines that surprise you with its richness and depth. It reminds me of a great vintage from Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou and is a brilliant, elegant, complex Cabernet that will evolve for two decades or more.

The Yountville AVA is an American Viticultural Area located within Napa Valley AVA and centered on the town Yountville, California. The town's founder George Calvert Yount planted the first vineyard in this area around 1836. Yountville AVA is one of the coolest wine regions in Napa Valley, which helps contribute to a long growing season. The area is particularly known for its very tannic Cabernet Sauvignon varietal wines that have the capability of aging well in the bottle.



Carpe Diem Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, California)

55

Delivers excellent depth and personality with aromas and flavors of black fruit and licorice.

Mon Reve Cabernet Sauvignon La Vie Napa Valley Like hitting triple 7's on the slot machine!

79

A 100 point caliber hillside vineyard on the southern border of 98pt Blankiet & 100pt Dominus Estate. Mon Reve is in its absolute prime...a 'supremely-quintessential-opulent' Cab that's singing with sophistication and poise. Aromas are vibrant, lively with an attractive scent of blackberry, stout beer, rich coffee and mocha notes along with hints of cherry pie. Refreshing, with wonderful purity of fruit, refined tannins and long finish. (Only Six Barrels—150 cases made of this vintage!)

Stephanie, Hestan Vineyards, Proprietary Red Wine (Bordeaux Blend) (Napa, California)

89

Nearly equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon & Petit Verdot, with Malbec, Merlot & Cabernet Franc, astounding richness, showing layers of chocolate liqueur and coconut flake.

Timeless, Soda Canyon (Silver Oak) Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa, California)

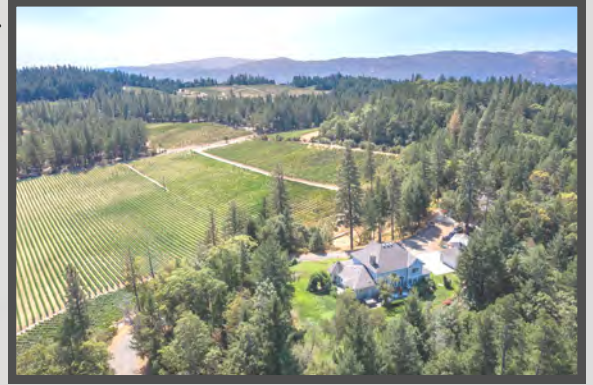
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The first new release from Silver Oak in 20 years. Aromas of pomegranate, cherry, wisteria, licorice, and mint. Flavors of minty balsam, licorice & stewed black fruits.

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California North Coast: Napa County

Howell Mountain AVA. *The AVA is located in the Howell Mountains within the Vaca Range on the northeast side of Napa Valley around the town of Angwin, and overlooks the town of St. Helena, California. The boundaries of the AVA are dictated by vineyard land located at elevations at least 1,400 feet (430 m). Influenced by the local topography, diurnal temperature variation is high here, giving the grapes the opportunity to bask in the Californian sunshine throughout the day and cool down overnight. Grapes develop intense color and flavor without becoming baked by stifling overnight heat. This shows in Howell Mountain wines, which are celebrated for their acid structure and aromatic depth. Howell Mountain's soil types are also influenced by the topography.*



Robert Foley Vineyards Merlot (Napa, California)

84

A Merlot for Cabernet lovers. Aromas of red currant & cassis a hint of chocolate. The mid-palate is rich with sweet fruit flavors & a gentle gripping finish. YES!

Cade Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain 2017 (Napa Valley, California)

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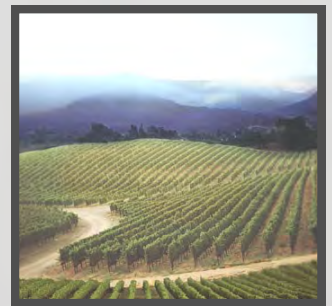
Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, coco nibs, cran-raspberry, roasted coffee, clove, cinnamon, black pepper, mint, and fruit leather. Flavors of boysenberry, blueberry pie, red cherry, cola, vanilla, graham cracker, and chocolate truffles.

Lamborn Family Vineyards Zinfandel,

115

The dense ruby garnet hue perfectly sets the stage for the rich, pure tones of black cherry, black plum, and blueberry compote aromas. A subtle hint of inviting toasty vanilla rounds off Scene One as this luscious Zinfandel story begins. Multilayered arrays of mouthwatering red and black fruits take the spotlight, offering depth and concentration mid-palate with a deliciously lengthy finish that will leave you cheering for more. Yet another elegant Zinfandel from the Lamborn's mountaintop vineyard, this wine will steal the show.

The Coombsville AVA is an American Viticultural Area located within the Napa Valley AVA just east of the city of Napa. The appellation varies from near sea level at the Napa River on the west to 1,900 feet at the ridge of the Vaca Mountain Range. Cooling effects of marine air and fog occur almost daily during the growing season, arriving earlier and lingering longer than in the more northern regions of Napa Valley. The Coombsville soils are dominated by the volcanic rhyolitic tuff sedimentary rock and lava flows of the Vaca Range on the eastern side of the Napa Valley.



Far Niente 'Dolce' Late Harvest Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc 500ml

98

This is divinely sweet without ever becoming cloying. A blend of 89% Sémillon and 11% Sauvignon Blanc. The 2012 Dolce is bursting with flavors of apricot and orange liqueur. Enticing fruit-forward aromas persist throughout the wine. On the palate, mouthwatering layers of vanilla and brioche mingle with lush fruit. A rich, distinctive texture and a smooth, coating mouthfeel carry this wine's full flavors into a long and satisfying finish.

Faust The Pact Cabernet Sauvignon Coombsville, Napa Valley

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The Pact 2019 lives up to Faust legend with beautiful dark blueberry and blackberry aromas over layers of crushed rock minerality, haunting forest notes and hints of violet. With the texture of velvet—luxuriously dense—the palate wraps that core of blue and black fruit with the barest edge of bright cherry spiced with star anise and savory dried tarragon. Silky tannins and generous ripe fruit linger through an endless, vibrant finish. There's a long life ahead for this Cabernet.

California North Coast: Napa County

The Stags Leap District AVA is an American Viticultural Area located within the Napa Valley AVA 6 miles north of the city of Napa, California. The Stags Leap District was the first appellation to be designated an AVA based on the unique terroir characteristics of its soil. The west-facing hillsides of the Palisades reflect warmth, creating high daytime temperatures that ripen opulent Cabernet. However, the location in the southern half of Napa Valley and its proximity to the San Pablo Bay draws in cool air in the late afternoons causing very low nighttime temperatures.



Clos Du Val Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, California) Classic characteristics of cassis, bramble fruit and blueberry. Hints of butterscotch on the long, smooth finish.

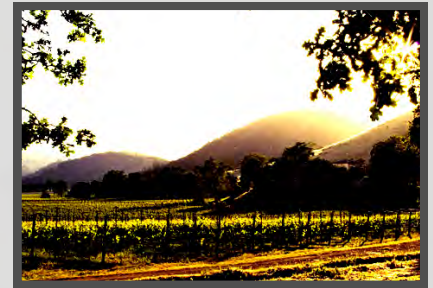
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Odette (PlumpJack) Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley, California)

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Notes of black cherries, ripe raspberries, black current, blackberry and blueberry fruit, violets and crushed rocks

The Calistoga AVA (formally established in 2010) is situated in the northern part of California's famous Napa Valley. Calistoga has been producing high quality wine grapes since 1853. Growers in the region have volcanic soils, hot, dry summers and cool nights thanks to breezes off the Russian River. Calistoga is also the wettest of the Napa Valley AVAs with as much as 60 inches of rain per year. Currently there are around 2,500 acres of vineyard land planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.



Arling Blaze, Sigrid in Black Napa Valley 55% Zinfandel, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot Black as ink. Dark chocolate with blackberries picked from the thorns. An aggressive, savory depth to this blend. Richer, but more linear. Sigrid in Black is about depth, concentration, and latent power. The Zinfandel from Calistoga takes centerstage.

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Barret and Barret La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley

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(100% Cabernet Sauvignon) The 2017 Cab is a deeply hued garnet color, with gorgeous aromas of black cherry, cassis, wild blackberry, black tea, and a complex floral note, layered and enhanced by French Oak nuances. Across the palate, it's luxurious and elegant, yet powerful, with flavors to match the aromatics. Flavors linger with a long-balanced profile that expands as the wine continues to open.

The Spring Mountain District AVA Local topography and regional weather patterns make the Spring Mountain District the coolest and wettest appellation within the Napa Valley. These same factors create a diurnal fluctuation in temperature in the summertime that differs from other regions of the Napa Valley.



Cain Five Bordeaux Blend Spring Mountain District Napa California

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45% cabernet sauvignon, 26% merlot, 21% cabernet franc, 5% malbec and 3% petit Verdot. If the Cain Five is utterly unique, distinctive in both aroma and taste, this can only reflect the Cain Vineyard, which gives birth to this wine and is both spectacular and idiosyncratic. The nose gives classic Cain Vineyard aromas of bramble, citrus, and tar. This is really firm and long with a solid core of tannins, earthy fruit and firmness. Medium to full body. Serious structure and length. Juicy and savory. ...a Dr. Wine favorite!

Cain - Concept the Benchland Bordeaux Blend Napa Valley

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65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot. This is really aromatic with wonderful, dried flower petal and plums plus hints of cinnamon. Full body, soft and velvety. Long and flavorful. Unique decadent flavor profile to this. This is truly a beautiful wine from Cain....Bravo!

California North Coast: Sonoma County

Sonoma County's large number (18) of American Viticulture Areas (AVAs) reflect the wide variety of climate and soil conditions in the County, the large production in the County, and the prominence of Sonoma County in the wine market. The difference in climate and soil (terroir), means that cooler climate grapes grow well in certain regions and in others warm climate grapes are more suitable. The large production of the County means that each AVA is significant in its own right. The prominence of the California wine industry



and Sonoma County in particular has established worldwide recognition of their wine regions. At the same time, many consumers have been confused by the many different AVAs within Sonoma County. The growers voted in 2006 to form a Sonoma County Winegrape Commission, representing more than 1,800 growers. The Commission seeks to raise recognition for Sonoma County and encourages all wine from the county to bear the mark "Sonoma County" on it. The following are appellations in Sonoma County: **Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Dry Creek Valley, Fort Ross-Seaview, Fountaingrove District, Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Knights Valley, Los Carneros, Moon Mountain District Sonoma County, Northern Sonoma, Petaluma Gap, Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak, Rockpile, Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma Valley, and Sonoma Mountain.**

Russian River Valley: The Russian River Valley AVA does not strictly outline the path of the Russian River, which flows from Mendocino County south-by-southeast through Alexander Valley, makes an abrupt left at Healdsburg, and cuts west through rugged terrain to the Pacific Ocean. Rather like a heart in its shape, roughly 15 miles wide and tall, the AVA occupies a 'sweet spot' that's cool, but not too cold. By wide margins, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Zinfandel top the charts in this AVA, and in that order. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Sauvignon Blanc are next in acreage, but the small amount of cool-climate Syrah produced here may get more attention among wine collectors. Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer are also important.



Balletto Unoaked Chardonnay

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Crisp and vibrant, yet amazingly luscious; it showcases how Chardonnay does not need flashy oak or malolactic fermentation to be distinct and delicious. It's focused with intensely bright and lifted tropical aromas that are offset with slightly savory tones. Then comes the texture, balance and persistence. It's mouthwatering with refreshing acidity that contrasts its surprisingly robust and weighted mid-palate. Slight tannins add subtle tension and pull the wine into a persistent, serious finish. It's awesome.

California North Coast: Sonoma County

Dutton-Goldfield Dutton Ranch, Chardonnay (Russian River, California)

63

Key lime, crème brûlée, green apple, mango, apricot & Eureka lemon with toasted hazelnuts and toffee.

Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Sonoma California

82

Aged sur lie for four months in 18% new French oak, this wine does not disappoint as it reveals the floral components we have come to love from it year after year. Luxurious scents and flavors include white petals scattered throughout an English garden on a bright spring day. This white offers a complex mix of lime sherbet, makrut lime leaf, lemon curd, juicy pear, white peach and orange blossom flavors enhanced by a hint of guava that are fragrant and complex on a fleshy, succulent frame, Harmonious, with a fresh thread of acidity on the finish.

Moon Mountain AVA: Located on the hills above the city of Sonoma, Moon Mountain is a high elevation region that became an official AVA in 2013. Elevation is a key defining factor of this Sonoma appellation, where hillside vineyards soar between 400 and 2,200 feet in elevation. The mountainous conditions and constant breezes prove favorable for growing structured cabernet sauvignon, zinfandel, syrah, and merlot.



Be Wise Vineyards, Wisdom Moon Mountain District (Sonoma, California)

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(39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Zinfandel, 12% Syrah, 9% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot) Strawberry, cherry, & black raspberry fruits with touches of black pepper, red earth, & mineral. Vanilla & warm oak notes accent supple tannins. Fruit-filled finish is soft and caressing.

Be Wise Vineyards, Trios Cabernet Sauvignon Moon Mountain District (Sonoma, California)

85

A big, bold wine. Raspberry, Plum & red cherry fruits abound, accented by black licorice and warm oak notes on the nose anise, leather, white sage and red earth.

Ty Caton, Estate Petite Sirah Moon Mountain District Sonoma

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(100% Petite Sirah) This deep inky wine tempts you with delicious aromas of blackberry bramble that embrace subtle hints of mint. The deep indigo tones unveil dark fruit flavors and a big structured mouthfeel, then leave you with a light toasty finish lingering on your palate.

Chalk Hill AVA, is one of 13 in Sonoma County - a region of fine wine, remarkable beauty, and agricultural abundance. Unique biospheres distinguish Chalk Hill from the neighboring appellations - the cooler Russian River Valley to the west and the warmer Alexander Valley to the northeast. Elevations in Chalk Hill are higher; soil fertility is lower. In amazing proximity, the soils range from shallow to deep, from thin to thick, from gravel and rock to heavy clay. An old river bed caps one hill; an unusual serpentine vein ranges through another and, under the topsoil, is a distinctive layer of chalk-colored volcanic ash which inspired the name of Chalk Hill, the appellation



Chalk Hill Chardonnay

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Hints of baking spices & warm apple pie meet the nose. Rich toasted hazelnut, vanilla custard & crème brûlée perfect balance of acidity & minerality.

California North Coast: Sonoma County

Dry Creek Valley AVA: *Among Sonoma County wine regions, Dry Creek Valley is the most compact, easy to navigate, and cheek-by-jowl filled with wine tasting opportunities. Yet it's also home to a tight-knit agricultural community, where corporations do not have so much as a toehold, and many newly-built wineries are owned by the descendants of immigrants who farmed here in the 1800s. And even though the nation's largest family-owned winery maintains a facility here, you'd never know they were tucked into the rolling benchland.*

Established as an AVA in 1983, Dry Creek Valley includes more than 9,000 vineyard acres and 60 wineries, one deli, and no traffic lights.



Lake Sonoma, Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley, California)

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Jammy aromas intermingled with baking spice & toasted oak notes. Complex, black fruit, wild berry & black pepper spice. (90 pts TP)

Silkwood Vineyards 'My Way' Petite Sirah, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma, California

60

(Last Bottles Available) *A huge,... huge,... big, ...big ...wine,.. did I say big?... OK...but, it is very "civilized" with lush, dark, mature fruit characteristics and generous mouthfeel. This wine is extremely well balanced and will become an even bolder wine in time. Released after five years in coarse grain toasted French Oak, it retains its big, bold flavors. "My Way" expresses the style of wine the owner/ winemaker (John Monnich) prefers, and if it hits the floor, it doesn't splash! Becomes stellar with a 15 - 30-minute aerating. This wine will easily keep for at least 15-20 years.*

Alexander Valley AVA *is a Californian American Viticultural Area just north of Healdsburg in Sonoma County. It is home to many wineries and vineyards, as well as the city of Cloverdale. It is the largest and most fully planted wine region in Sonoma. Cabernet Sauvignon reigns in Alexander Valley; some of America's most loved Cabernets are grown and made here. Merlot and other Bordeaux varietals are important, particularly in mountain sites above the valley; Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc hold their own; some of the county's finest old vine Zinfandel is grown here - often made by small wineries, and snapped up fast. A few wineries have located old vine Grenache; newer plantings of Sangiovese show promise.*



Aperture Red Blend Alexander Valley Sonoma CA

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40% Malbec, 34% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. For this vintage, Aperture crafted a distinct Bordeaux blend. The ripe fruit characters are structured by seamless tannins, showcasing an elegant density to the blend. Deep ruby-purple in color, the nose bursts with lilac perfume, Morello cherries, cured meats, star anise, tar, and a mineral undercurrent. The palate is pixelated and lifted with glorious perfume lingering on the exceptionally long finish. This is a WOW wine!

California North Coast: Sonoma County

Knights Valley: *abuts the Alexander Valley AVA to the west, Chalk Hill to the south, and cozies up to Calistoga (in Napa Valley) on the east. The only practical access to the valley is via twisty sections of Highway 128 through mountainous terrain; the road eventually straightens out in a high valley, where it's bordered by stately oaks draped with Spanish moss. Vineyards take the lion's share of the valley floor, but cattle operations are also important. Ancient, volcanic Mount Saint Helena, which stretches into Sonoma, Napa, and Lake counties, towers over Knights Valley. Protected from direct Pacific Ocean influence, the*



valley is the warmest of Sonoma County's viticulture areas. Warm afternoons and cool evenings provide the ideal environment for growing Bordeaux grape varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon remains the star in the valley. Also present are the rest of the Meritage blend: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, as well as Sauvignon blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Syrah, and some limited plantings of other varieties.

Peter Michael Ma Belle Fille Chardonnay, Knights Valley, Sonoma California

210

(100% Chardonnay) Ma Belle Fille is the highest of the Peter Michael vineyards, located at 1,200-1,800 feet. Planted to a field selection of Hudson, Old Wente, Montrachet and Calera clones, it is also the earliest ripening vineyard. A bright, light straw color, Ma Belle-Fille bursts from the glass with vine blossom, pure liquid minerals, ripe nectarines, white flowers, creamed hazelnut, pastry elements, and Raenette apple giving way to a beautiful perfume of honeysuckle, beeswax, and tangerine peel, plus a waft of cashews. On the palate, noticeable layer upon layer of stone, minerals, grilled bread, and jasmine are accentuated with an oily, full-bodied concentration. The finish is complex and expansive with a purity of lingering lemon curd, vanilla bean, yellow flowers, and nougat with hints of cinnamon and pain d'épices finishing on a long-lasting honey-nut note.

California: Sacramento Valley (not an AVA)

The Sacramento Valley runs for approximately 120 miles from Red Bluff in the northern end of the valley to the city of Sacramento. Bordered by the Sierra Nevada to the east and the Coast Ranges to the west, this level, sun-drenched, agriculturally rich area is unaffected by ocean influences. The region has about 8,000 acres of winegrapes. Chardonnay is the most prominent variety and Zinfandel follows. There are some 16 wineries, and approximately two percent of the total state winegrape crush comes from this region.



The Clarksburg AVA is an American Viticultural Area that spans three counties in California's Sacramento Valley. Located in portions of Sacramento County, Solano County, and Yolo County, the Clarksburg AVA includes 64,640 acres (26,159 ha) near the town of Clarksburg. The growing region has dense clay and loam soils.



Aperture Cellars, Chenin Blanc North Coast *Coming from the rich clay loam soils of an old vine California Chenin Blanc site, planted in the 1940s, this vibrant wine showcases notes of passion fruit, nectarines, and honeysuckle with brightly lifted acidity giving way to a round, smooth mouthfeel.*

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California: San Joaquin Valley

The San Joaquin Valley is comprised of the counties of Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern and is home to four American Viticultural Areas (AVAs). It measures about 220 miles in length and 40 to 80 miles in width, extending from around Modesto in the North to the Tehachapi Mountains in the South. Although the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys are not designated AVAs, the region produces 71 percent of the state's wine grapes and is home to eight AVAs — Clarksburg, Diablo Grande, Dunnigan Hills, Lodi, Madera, Merritt Island, River Junction and Salado Creek.

Lodi AVA. *The following sub-appellations based upon distinctions primarily having to do with differing soils and topographies, more subtle climate-related differences, plus additional evidence demonstrating precedent in terms of historic usage of the proposed place names within each respective region. The seven additional Lodi AVAs approved in August 2006: Alta Mesa, Borden Ranch, Clements Hills, Cosumnes River, Jahant, Mokelumne River, and Sloughhouse*



Rowdy Bush Petite Syrah, Lodi (Central Valley, California)

A deep, dark color and bold aromas of roadtar and baked blueberries precede dark-chocolate and blackberry flavors in this full-bodied and moderately tannic wine. It is super flavorful but does not overwhelm the palate

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California: Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara wine country is sandwiched between two mountain ranges with elevations ranging from 200 feet in the valley to 3400 feet in the hillside vineyards. The transverse (ahem... East to West) nature of these mountain ranges is unique to the region and forms a collage of microclimates and soil types while keeping the region cool. Soils range from pockets of calcareous limestone that help maintain acidity, diatomaceous earth (aka DE) creates concentrated wines, sandy soils make more fruit driven styles, and finally, clay loam mixtures retain moisture for thirsty vines.

Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara: Located in the far eastern edge of the Santa Ynez Valley AVA, Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara has one of the most sweeping entrances in the region. A drive down Armor Ranch Road drops you into this gorgeous valley with incredible views of San Rafael Mountains just north-west of Lake Cachuma. Elevations range from 500 feet to over 3,400, with a north-south orientation. Its inland position means a significantly warmer climate that ensures complete maturation for later ripening varieties. The rolling terrain, high slopes and varied soils of this region are best suited for growing Bordeaux varieties like Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Sauvignon Blanc, creating rich, concentrated wines. Syrah and other Rhône varieties also flourish here. Head to this Happy for the vistas but call ahead for access to these exclusive vineyards.



Crown Point Relevant Red Bordeaux Red Blends from Happy Canyon, Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot. Offers classic cassis, cedar, graphite, and crushed boysenberry aromas with hints of Chinese Five Spice and licorice. Beautifully pure cassis, violets, flowery incense, and spice notes all emerge from this beauty, which is soft, supple, layered, and just impossible to resist. It's an opulent, sexy wine.

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Crown Point Cabernet Sauvignon Happy Canyon, Santa Barbara, Central Coast, California Aromas of black currant, toffee, caramel and coffee are wrapped in a lavish violet tone on the nose of this bottling. Blue fruits, purity, and precision. Blackcurrants, cassis, crushed violets, graphite, and lead pencil notes all give way to a powerful, concentrated, beautifully pure Cabernet that has ultra-fine tannins, a seamless texture, building tannins, and a great, great finish. It's another magical wine from this team that's going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for two decades.
(Dr. Wine ~ This is an AMAZING wine!)

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California: Santa Barbara

Sta. Rita Hills is part of the larger Santa Ynez Valley AVA, located between the towns of Lompoc and Buellton with the Purisima Hills on the north and the Santa Rosa Hills on the south. The wine region is exposed to fog and coastal breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean. The hills run east to west, which allows cool ocean breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean to enter the valley created by the hills and create a cool micro-climate. When combined with the rocky nature of the area, the Santa Rita Hills area is well-suited for the growing of Pinot noir grapes, which tend to do well in cool climates with rocky soil. The region is best known for Chardonnay, Pinot noir, and Syrah varietal wines.



Sea Smoke Estate Vineyards 'Ten' Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills, California

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(HIGHLY ALLOCATED ~ GENERALLY UNAVAILABLE) 100% Pinot Noir. A brooding and intense wine. Fresh aromas of smashed black cherry, dark strawberry, and fig, then a myriad of savory spices and a hint of jasmine prove quite juicy on the nose of this bottling, while tarragon, cinnamon and nutmeg elements add nuance. The palate is like a bowlful of cherries and strawberries, sprinkled generously with chai and French toast spices, proving immensely easy to drink.

Canada

Canada's wine growing regions are situated within the recognized growing zones of 30 and 50 degrees latitude north, which is shared by many other cool climate wine regions in Europe. Our primary wine-growing regions are the Niagara Peninsula in southern Ontario and the Okanagan Valley in southern British Columbia, along with other regions in each of these provinces and smaller producing areas found in Quebec and Nova Scotia. Although small in scale by world standard, wine is a growing business in Canada, with wineries sprouting up wherever soil and climate permit the growing of productive vines. The major wine regions are Lake Erie North Shore, Niagara Peninsula, Prince Edward County, Nova Scotia, Okanagan, Similkameen, Naramata Bench, and Vancouver Island.



Okanagan Valley: located within the region of the same name in the British Columbia Interior, is Canada's second-largest wine producing area. Along with the nearby Similkameen Valley, the approximately 8,619 acres (3,488 hectares) of vineyards planted in the Okanagan (2018 data) account for more than 80% of all wine produced in British Columbia, and are second in economic importance for wine production to the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario. Nearly every style of wine is produced across the whole spectrum of sweetness levels that include still, sparkling, fortified and dessert wines—most notably ice wines. There are more than 60 grape varieties grown in the Okanagan including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot noir, Pinot gris, Chardonnay, Auxerrois blanc, Marechal Foch and Cabernet Franc. Additionally many German varieties are still found throughout the Okanagan including Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Bacchus, Optima, Ehrenfelser, Kerner, Siegerebe. In the 21st century, growers have been planting more warm climate varieties typically not associated with the Canadian wine industry. Recent plantings include Sangiovese, Syrah, Tempranillo, Trebbiano, Pinotage, Malbec, Barbera and Zinfandel.



Painted Rock Merlot, Single Estate, Okanagan Valley, BC, Canada

(100% Merlot) Aromas of dark plums, red fruit and chocolate intermingle with eucalyptus and sweet baking spices in the glass. On the palate the acidity is fresh and well-integrated, and there are further notes of fig and violet on the finish with fine grained tannins.

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Chile

*Chilean wine has a long history for a New World wine region, as it was the 16th century when the Spanish conquistadors brought *Vitis vinifera* vines with them as they colonized the region. In the mid-19th century, French wine varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Carmenère and Franc were introduced. In the early 1980s, a renaissance began with the introduction of stainless steel fermentation tanks and the use of oak barrels for aging. Wine exports grew very quickly as quality wine production increased. Chile is now the fifth largest exporter of wines in the world, and the seventh largest producer. The most common grapes are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Carmenère. So far Chile has remained free of the phylloxera louse, which means that the country's grapevines do not need to be grafted with phylloxera-resistant rootstocks. The wine regions of Chile include the Atacama Region, Coquimbo Region, Aconcagua Region, Central Valley Region, and the Southern Chile Region.*



Coquimbo Region: *centered on Elqui River in northern Chile. The Elqui Valley Denomination of Origin (DO) is defined by the Chilean appellation system, the legally defined and protected geographical indication used to identify where the grapes for a wine were grown. The region's vineyards extend from the Pacific Ocean in the west to the Andes Mountains in the east, and rise to an elevation of 2,000 meters above sea level (6,500 feet). The region has clay, silt and chalk soil, and is characterized by a sunny, desert-like climate, less than 70 millimetres (2.8 in) of annual rainfall, dry rocky terrain, steep valleys and temperate hills cooled by strong winds from the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains, producing excellent results for varieties like Syrah.*



Aconcagua Region: *The Aconcagua wine region is a warm, dry area with high daytime temperatures. These extreme conditions might cause vine disease, but the mild and cooler air from the Pacific Ocean cools the soil in the evening and moderate the temperature during the day. The soil of the Aconcagua wine region is mainly made up of sand. This soil type is common also throughout all sub-regions. The sandy soil has one advantage, it creates a phylloxera-free environment, where vines grow very healthy.*



Terrunyo Sauvignon Blanc Costa Los Boldos Vineyard Block 5 Casablanca Chile

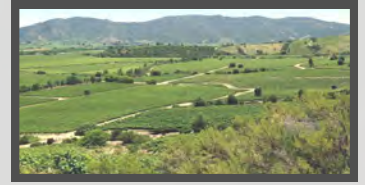
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(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Bright greenish-yellow in color. Very expressive character and elegant with delicate freshness and minerality. Highly complex. Good combination of herbal, gooseberry, lime, and grapefruit notes. Medium- to full-bodied with sweet ripeness, and sea and salty notes, chalky nuances, citrus, lemon curd, and herbal notes. Deep and lingering finish. Well-balanced, with crisp, juicy acidity.

Chile

Central Valley (*El Valle Central*) of Chile is one of the most important wine-producing areas in South America in terms of volume, stretching from the Maipo Valley (just south of Santiago) to the southern end of the Maule Valley.

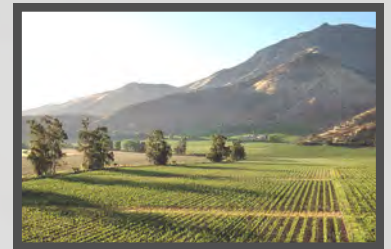
Colchagua Valley, in central Chile, is one of South America's most promising wine regions. It forms the south-western half of the larger Rapel Valley region; to the north and east of it lies the less famous but equally promising Cachapoal Valley.



Montes Wines, Icon Series Montes Alpha M Colchagua Valley Chile 155
(Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Merlot 5% y Petit Verdot 5%.) The production of Montes Alpha M is extremely limited, and vintages are only released if the head winemaker, Aurelio Montes considers the quality of the wine to be of a good enough standard. A bold Bordeaux style wine. The nose is perfumed and complex with outstanding aromas of ripe red and black fruits over subtle notes of crème de cassis, tobacco, and leather. Spice aromas of red and black pepper mingle with cinnamon and dark chocolate notes. In palate is smooth but structured, with silky tannins.

Montes Wines, Icon Series Montes Folly Syrah Valle del Colchagua Chile 140
(100% Syrah) A big Syrah. The wine presents an impressive, deep red color, with purple borders. On the nose, the wine shows great potency and complexity of aromas, ranging from ripe red and black fruit to black pepper, nutmeg, candy, and leather; leading to the aromas acquired after 18 months in French oak barrels, including tobacco, toast, vanilla, and liqueur. The palate is equally broad and balanced, with big body and a silky sensation that remains for a long, pleasing finish.

Maipo Valley: Maipo Valley is the closest Chilean wine region to Santiago, the capital city of Chile. The valley includes over 7,302 acres (2,955 ha) of vineyards, more than half of which are dedicated to producing Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet blends. The Maipo Valley can be divided in three sub-regions: Alto Maipo, Central Maipo, and Pacific Maipo.



Baron Philippe de Rothschild Baronessa P. Red Maipo Valley Chile 155
(76% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet Franc 9% Carmenere 6% Petit Verdot 5% Syrah) The color is intense, deep ruby-red with violet highlights. The nose, intense and potent revealing black fruit aromas with predominant notes of blackberry, blackcurrant, and black cherry. Spices such as black pepper gradually mingled with subtle aromas of cedarwood, vanilla, caramel, and toasted hazelnuts imparted by oak ageing. The Palate is nicely balanced with a a complex aromatic expression where wild blueberry and blackberry notes elegantly intertwine with Asian spices and a hint of toffee.

Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley, Chile 175
91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot. This is amazing!!! The vibrancy and energy in this wine is stunning. The complexity of aromas is breathtaking with flowers, blackcurrants, raspberries, and peaches. Full-bodied, yet ever so refined and polished with impeccable texture and beauty. The length is marvelous!!! This is a testimony to balance, harmony, and transparency in a great red

Unrated Xtra Cab, Chile 15 / 45
The highest expression of a Cab's essence, from Xtraordinary parcels of the best Cab estates from Chile. This racy, concentrated cabernet sauvignon offers intense aromas and flavors of dark red berries, black fruits, and sweet tannins. This wine culminates in a bold, long, and enjoyable finish. If you think this is just another cab, you are mistaken.

Miguel Torres Cordillera Chardonnay Maipo Valley Chile 13 / 39
The nose displays great aromatic complexity, revealing floral notes, peach, lychee green apple, green pineapple, star fruit, fine lees and limey, chalky notes.. Fresh on the palate, with juicy acidity, and a briny streak that is the hallmark of Limari's calcareous soils. Well made.

China

*The most renowned wine-growing regions include **Hong Kong, Shandong, Yunnan, Ningxia, Shaanxi, and Hebei**. Nowadays, China is in the top ten global markets of fine wine consumption. Most definite in the next few decades, the country's wine production and wine consumption will rise tremendously.*

***Ningxia:** Ningxia is a significant wine-producing region in the central-north of China. The wide, heavily irrigated valley between the Yellow River and the base of Helan Mountain has proved to be one of China's most promising vineyard areas. The climate is extremely continental – short and hot summers are moderated by high altitude (with some vineyards sit 1200m above sea level) and cool nights, which help to slow down the ripening process and retain acidity. Winter in Ningxia is long and harsh, producers need to bury their vines early November then dig them out in March next year, adding extra costs to the production.*



Silver Heights (银色高地酒庄) 'The Last Warrior' White Blend, Ningxia, China

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Gao Yuan (also known as Emma) and her husband Thierry Courtade, (three generations of winemakers at Calon-Ségur France) created this exceptional white ~ a Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling blend that gives surprising new meaning o the "made in China" label. With its light golden color, The Last Warrior opens with a clean nose of flower and fruit, boasting fragrant notes of oranges and tangerines and toasted hazelnut and almond. On the palate, pineapple, peach, apricot and a fresh, citrus palate, a charmingly long and fresh beginning gives way to a pure and lustrous body with moderate acidity.

Croatia

Wine has been produced in Croatia for some 2,500 years, since the land was inhabited by the Ancient Greeks. Therefore, it's no surprise that many of the traditional, indigenous grapes originally used in winemaking continue to be used today, as they are perfect for the Croatian climate, though the names may be unfamiliar outside of Croatia. There are four main wine regions in Croatia – Croatian Uplands, Istria, and Kvarner, Slavonia and Podunavlje, and the Dalmatian wine region. There are also sixteen sub-regions and 66 appellations. Each with different climates, geographical features, traditions, and local grape varieties.



Grgić Vina, Korčula Island Pošip Croatia

100% Pošip. Grgić Vina was established in 1996 by legendary Napa Valley winemaker, Croatian-born Miljenko “Mike” Grgich and his daughter, Violet Grgich. The winery is perched overlooking the Adriatic Sea just north of the historic walled city, Dubrovnik, in the southern Dalmatia wine region of Croatia. Essence of grapefruit, chèvre, and white stone. White stonefruit, kaffir lime leaf, and briny minerality on the palate. Long finish of green apples. Stellar Pošip from Korčula.

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France: Beaujolais

Beaujolais is an important wine region of eastern France, famous for its vibrant, fruity red wines made from Gamay. It is located immediately south of Burgundy, of which it is sometimes considered to be a part, despite being within the Rhone administrative region. The widespread plantings of Gamay here make Beaujolais one of the few regions of the world to be so focused on a single grape variety. Pinot Noir is used in small quantities in red and rosé wines, but in the name of regional identity it is being phased out and will be permitted only until the harvest of 2015. Although best known for its red wines, the region also produces white Beaujolais Blanc, from Chardonnay and Aligote. These two white-wine varieties are also sometimes used in the local red wines, in which they may constitute up to 15% of the final blend. There are several forms of red Beaujolais wines: standard Beaujolais (including Beaujolais Superieur), Beaujolais Villages, and the characterful, youthful Beaujolais Nouveau. The region's highest-quality wines are those of the ten Beaujolais 'crus' – ten vineyard areas long recognized as the finest in the area. Each of these ten (Brouilly, Chenas, Chiroubles, Cote de Brouilly, Fleurie, Julienas, Morgon, Moulin-a-Vent, Regnie and Saint-Amour) has its own appellation title.



Domaine de Leyre-Loup Morgon, Beaujolais Crus

40

A beautiful Cru Beaujolais. Clear medium ruby color. Clean, youthful, medium+ intensity fruit forward nose of red currant, red cherry, mushroom, forest floor and vanilla. Dry, full body, medium alcohol, medium tannin, and high acid. Medium+ intensity flavors of red currant, red cherry and earth on the palate leading to a medium+ length mouthwatering finish. Exceptionally good wine. Drink now, but also suitable for aging.

Domaine Blain Soeur et Frère, (Gamay) Brouilly Beaujolais France

45

(100% Gamay) The northwest-facing vineyard brings a balance of sun and shade to produce grapes with fresh acidity and bright fruity flavors, while sandy clay soils provide weight and roundness. Dark fruit aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberries, and floral notes are supported by medium weight on the palate.

France: Bordeaux (Left Bank)

Medoc: *The Left Bank encompasses the Médoc wine region north of Bordeaux. Its four best-known appellations – from north to south – are St-Estèphe, Pauillac, St-Julien and Margaux. It also encompasses Haut-Médoc, Listrac-Médoc and Moulis-en-Médoc appellations. The Left Bank is where you will find all the First Growth Bordeaux, as well as all the other 1855 Classified Bordeaux wines of the Medoc including the Second Growths, Third Growths, Fourth Growths and Fifth Growths. In the Left Bank of Bordeaux, more than 200 chateaux can be found that are classified as Cru Bourgeois. The Left Bank is also the home of all the Cru Bourgeois estates.*



Domaines Barons de Rothschild, Lafite Legende R Medoc (Bordeaux, France)

75

The nose is rich, complex, with aromas of dark berries, sweet spices (vanilla, cinnamon) and burnt notes. Ripe black fruit character, supple tannins, and sweet spice. Elegant. (D, WE 90pts)

Pauillac, Haut-Médoc: *A commune located between Saint-Estèphe and Saint-Julien on Bordeaux's Left Bank Médoc peninsula, is home to some of the world's most famous and expensive red wines, made predominantly from the Cabernet Sauvignon grape variety, which is well suited to the free-draining gravel soils found in Pauillac's vineyards. Classic Pauillac wines have juicy flavors of black-currant and cedar, often with coffee, chocolate and graphite notes.*



Château Pédesclaux Fleur de Pédesclaux Pauillac

87

(56 % Cabernet-Sauvignon, 37 % Merlot, 4 % Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc) Clean and expressive black cherry, blueberry, plum, cedar, cloves, nutmeg, licorice, tobacco, and a bit of stalky nuances. Juiciness on the palate with ripe black fruit, pleasant fine tannins, spicy complexity, uplifting balance, satisfying length. A beautiful expression of luxurious Pauillac wines!

Les Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite), Légende Pauillac, (Left Bank, Bordeaux), France

108

(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot) Made from grapes grown in Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite)'s own vineyards and, once again, the wines are made with the same attention to detail as for the Grand Vin. The nose is complex and discreet, the bouquet will further develop upon ageing. Swirling of the glass will reveal notes of underwood, spices and pencil lead delicately woven together. Assertive on the palate, this full-bodied wine shows great persistence and rich flavors.

Château Mouton-Rothschild, First Growth, Pauillac (Bordeaux, France)

950

Christmas cake, plum preserves, chocolate-covered cherries, eucalyptus and crème de cassis with beautifully fragrant wafts of potpourri, incense, Indian spices and cigar box.

Chateau Lynch Bages, Pauillac, Medoc, Bordeaux France

450

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. What incredible precision and clarity here. Deep inky purple in color, this is a majestic Pauillac to be savored by Bordeaux lovers. Currants, mineral, mint, and lead pencil. Full body, with super refined A wine with great beauty and finesse. Such elegance and ethereal quality for this estate. Full body, with ultra-fine tannins and a juicy delicious finish. Long and beautiful.

Chateau Pontet-Canet Grand Cru Classe, Pauillac

599

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. The 2009 Pontet-Canet slips sensuously from the glass with opulent scents of crème de cassis, baked plums, and Black Forest cake plus suggestions of Chinese five spice, potpourri, oolong tea and menthol. Deep purple-colored, full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, and just about off the charts in terms of scale and density, it nevertheless just glides across the palate with an ethereal, seamless texture that never seems heavy or cumbersome. This is pure Pauillac in all its glory and is a monumental wine in every way.

France: Bordeaux (Left Bank)

Margaux, Haut-Médoc: is a wine growing commune and Appellation d'origine contrôlée within Haut-Médoc in Bordeaux, centered on the village of Margaux. Its leading (premier cru) château is also called Margaux. It contains 21 cru classé châteaux, more than any other commune in Bordeaux.



Château Rauzan-Ségla - Margaux Grand Cru Classé

199

beautiful and elegant Margaux made from 53% Cab, 40% Merlot with Cab Franc, & Petit Verdot. Bouquet of strawberries with cream, white chocolate, and cedar. Feminine silky texture with lively veins of acidity and supple tannins wrapped around fresh, crushed dark fruits. Slowly builds on the palate, with big velvety tannins and a long finish. Gorgeous aromas and lovely mouthfeel.

Graves This region is bordered on the north by the Garonne river and contains the sub regions of Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes and Barsac. The Graves is considered the birthplace of claret. In the Middle Ages, the wines that were first exported to England were produced in this area. Château Pape Clément, founded at the turn of the fourteenth century by the future Pope Clement V, the first named châteaux in Bordeaux.



Sauternes and Barsac. Sauternes is a subregion of Graves known for its intensely sweet, white, dessert wines such as the Premier Cru Supérieur classified Château d'Yquem. Wines produced in the region of Barsac, such as Premiers Crus Château Climens and Château Coutet are allowed to be labeled either with the commune name or with Sauternes. The three main grapes of this area are Sémillon, Sauvignon blanc and Muscadelle.



Antoine Moueix La Fleur Renaissance, Sauternes, (Bordeaux France) 375ml (3oz pour)

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(sweet) Fine dry notes of apricot and honey. A soft start, with a velvety and floral finish. Very sweet and long-lasting.

Le G De Chateau Guiraud Bordeaux Blanc

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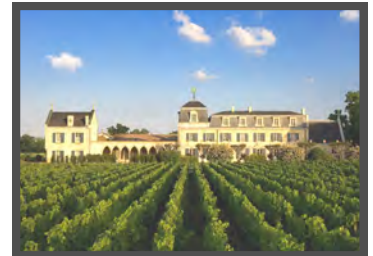
50% Sauvignon Blanc and 50% Semillon. Pretty notes of quince, honeyed orange, white flowers, and apricot-like notes all emerge from the 2019 Château Guiraud, which is medium to full-bodied and has a terrific sense of purity, a focused, elegant texture, and a great finish. Elegant texture that keeps you coming back.

Clos Des Lunes Lune D'Argent (Bordeaux, France)

55

Light yellow color with pale green tints. Intense & complex nose of exotic white fruits & citrus fruit mixed with floral notes of acacia. Apple, citrus blossom, tart citrus, white peach, jasmine, & fennel notes.

Pessac-Léognan is a wine growing area and Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée, in the northern part of the Graves region of Bordeaux. Unlike most Bordeaux appellations, Pessac-Léognan is equally famous for both red and (dry) white wines, although red wine is still predominant. It includes the only red-wine producer outside the Haut-Médoc classified in the Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855, the premier cru Château Haut-Brion



L'Esprit de Chevalier Rouge Pessac Leognan

85

Checking in as 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot brought up mostly in Cru barrels, the 2018 Domaine De Chevalier L'Esprit De Chevalier has a rich, dense, medium to full-bodied style with slightly reserved darker currant and cherry fruits, notes of cedary herbs and earth, firm tannins, and a great finish.

France: Bordeaux (Left Bank)

Saint-Estèphe AOC : an *Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC)* for red wine in the Bordeaux region, located in the Médoc subregion. It takes its name from the commune of Saint-Estèphe and is the northernmost of the six communal appellations in Médoc. Five classified growths of 1855 (Bordeaux Grands Crus Classés en 1855) are located within the appellation area. Saint-Estèphe has held AOC recognition since 1936. The varieties allowed for this appellation are Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Carménère, Côt and Petit Verdot. The AOC regulations do not stipulate the exact proportions to be combined,^[4] but in practice most blends consist predominantly of Cabernet Sauvignon. The proportions according to which the six varieties are combined give the wines from each château or estate their own distinctive personality. While some châteaux increase the proportion of Merlot in order to make their young wines easier on the palate, others continue to grow a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon.



Chateau Cos d'Estournel, Saint-Estephe, Medoc, Bordeaux

725

65% Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet colored, the 2009 Cos d'Estournel features a myriad of wonderfully intense notes, including blackcurrant pastilles, redcurrant jelly, kirsch, and blueberry compote with hints of rose hip tea, sautéed herbs, underbrush, pencil shavings and Indian spices. Full-bodied, rich, and opulently fruited in the mouth, it has beautifully plush tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing exceptionally long and very spicy.

Saint-Julien AOC is an *Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC)* for red wine in the Bordeaux region, located in the Médoc subregion. It takes its name from the commune Saint-Julien-Beychevelle and is one of the six communal appellations in Médoc. A number of classified (Grand Cru Classé) Bordeaux estates are located within the appellation. Some of the wines from Saint Julien can be easily confused with Bordeaux wine from Pauillac, which is easy to understand as Pauillac and St. Julien are only a vine away on the northern side of St. Julien. Other Bordeaux wines from St. Julien are on the elegant, refined side of the style of range. There are Saint Julien estates that are able to majestically pair concentration with elegance and purity. Some chateaux remain traditional in their winemaking, while others lean to a more modern approach. There are early drinking wines and wines that demand decades in the cellar.



Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint Julien, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux France

769

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot. Purple-hued with just a hint of lightening around the edges, the Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou offers an incredible bouquet of black currants, white truffle, cassis, lead pencil shavings, tobacco, and a hint of flowers. A good portion of its baby fat has melted away, and it is full-bodied and elegant on the palate, with silky tannins, incredible depth of fruit, and a gorgeous finish. This is pure elegance and finesse paired with richness and texture. A quintessential Bordeaux, drink bottles any time over the coming 40-50 years. It reminds me of the 1982, only better!

France: Bordeaux (Right Bank)

The Right Bank lived in the shadows of its neighbors across the river until a man named Robert Parker came along. He heaped all sorts of praise and high scores on the modern “garagiste” (A term originally used in the Bordeaux region of France to denigrate renegade small-lot wine makers) approach many producers used to make their Merlot blends. Rich in fruit, with less tannin and acid, these wines usually seem more enjoyable at a young age. More of a “garagiste” feel, with small, modest family producers instead of premier chateaux. Merlot is the most planted grape, with a lot of Cabernet Franc and some Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is softer style.



Lussac-Saint-Émilion: *An Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) for red wine situated in the Bordeaux wine region. The appellation is located on the right bank of the Garonne and Dordogne rivers, about 45 kilometres (28 mi) from city of Bordeaux or 9 kilometres (5.6 mi) from the medieval village of Saint-Émilion. It is one of the so-called "Saint-Émilion satellites" situated around the appellation Saint-Émilion AOC itself. The grapes permitted within the Lussac-Saint-Emilion appellation are Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Merlot is the dominant variety by far, most often partnered with Cabernet Franc (known here as 'Bouchet').*



Chateau Des Arnauds Bordeaux Lussac Saint-Emilion

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Intense aromas of blackcurrant, black cherry & liquorice. Black fruits with silky tannins & slightly spicy finish.

Les Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite), Légende Saint-Emilion,

87

(Right Bank, Bordeaux), France (85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc) *Deep crimson-purple color.*

Elegant, refined nose, mingling toasted and vanilla notes with aromas of blackberries and liquorice.

Full-bodied, rich, and smooth on the palate, with a silky tannic structure and a long aftertaste of red fruit and graphite.

Chateau Ripeau Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion

95

THESE ARE THE LAST BOTTLES AVAILABLE *90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc brought up all in new oak. It's a gorgeous wine on all accounts, which given that this terroir is located near Cheval Blanc, La Conseillante, and Figeac, should surprise no one. Beautiful notes of crème de cassis, blueberries, toasty oak, lead pencil shavings, and Asian spice all emerge from the glass and this beauty is full-bodied, concentrated and layered, with underlying structure*

Chateau Troplong 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Mondot St. Emilion,

495

90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. It boasts an inky/purple color along with a gorgeous bouquet of mocha, chocolate, blackberry and cassis fruit, an unctuous texture, a full-bodied, viscous mouth-feel and a skyscraper-like, multilayered finish. This spectacular wine is nearly overwhelming in its richness, thickness, and intensity.

France: Bordeaux (Right Bank)

Castillon—Cotes de Bordeaux AOC: *From the same limestone plateau as Saint-Emilion, east of Bordeaux, the wines of Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux enjoy a privileged location with a southern exposure and an altitude difference of more than 100 meters. Gravelly near the river Dordogne, the clay soils at the foot hills become clay limestone and limestone on the plateau. 3 major types of terroir which offer the perfect solution for winemakers to produce and grow exceptional quality wines.*



Château Cap de Faugères, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

56

(10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 85% Merlot) Fresh blueberries, crushed brambleberries and licorice on the nose with a touch of cocoa powder. It is medium-to full-bodied with firm, creamy tannins and fresh acidity. Succulent finish.

Fronsac AOC: *a wine growing region named after the commune of Fronsac on the right bank of the Gironde estuary in Bordeaux. It includes the following communes: La Rivière, St.-Germain-la-Rivière, St.-Aignan, Saillans, St.Michel-de-Fronsac, Galgon, and Fronsac. Canon Fronsac AOC is a sub-appellation contained entirely within Fronsac AOC in the southern area nearest the Dordogne river. The AOC produces red wines only, which are based primarily on Merlot. The major grape varieties grown, with approximate acreage given in parentheses, are Merlot (almost 80%), Cabernet Franc (almost 15%), and Cabernet Sauvignon (under 10%). The appellation covers 771 ha, with approximately 100 winemakers producing 5 million bottles per year.*



Château Recougne (Bordeaux Supérieur, France)

49

A pleasant fruity nose, a deep and powerful structure and round, velvety tannins make for a very elegant, rich, and complex bottle of wine.

France: Bordeaux (Right Bank)

Pomerol is a red wine appellation located on the right bank of the Dordogne River in Bordeaux, France. Unlike the classification systems used in St.-Émilion and the famous 1855 Classification utilized in the Haut-Médoc, there is no such system based on quality and prestige to rank the chateaus of Pomerol. Unlike the Cabernet Sauvignon-driven wines created in the communes situated on the Dordogne River's left bank, Merlot and Cabernet Franc are the choice varieties in Pomerol. These red blends typically create wines with a plump, velvety mouthfeel and a notable plummy depth.



De Mour La Route Domaine G. Arpin Bordeaux Libournais Pomerol France

99

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. This is a wine from the right bank of Bordeaux appellation Pomerol. Purple in color, opaque and bright. The nose has black cherries, plums, black raspberries, cedar, and spice. Medium bodied. Firm tannins. On the palate, rich, decadent, with notes of chocolate, dark cherry, plums, and spice with layers of cedar and slight earthiness. This beautiful wine will continue to mature and improve over the next decade and drink well for ten to twelve more after that..into 2040!

France: Bourgogne Region

Burgundy wine (French: Bourgogne or vin de Bourgogne) is wine made in the Burgundy region in eastern France,^[1] in the valleys and slopes west of the Saône, a tributary of the Rhône. The most famous wines produced here—those commonly referred to as Burgundies"—are dry red wines made from pinot noir grapes and white wines made from chardonnay grapes. Red and white wines are also made from other grape varieties, such as gamay and aligoté, respectively.



Chablis ("Shah-blee") is a Chardonnay making wine region in the northwest corner of Burgundy, France. Unlike other Chardonnay wines, Chablis rarely uses oak-aging, resulting in a very different style and taste profile. It's because of Chablis' renown that the unoaked Chardonnay style is popular worldwide.



Domaine de Charmoy Chablis (Chardonnay) Bourgogne France

49

This is a bright, crisp wine with a pretty lemon, limestone and slightly floral nose. The palate is citrusy, mostly lemon backed up with some peach, green apple and more minerality. Good developing finish in a nice Chablis.

Côte d'Or Appellation: The vines of the Bourgogne Côte d'Or appellation extend across an area 65km long and between 1-2km wide, from Dijon to the Maranges. Geographically speaking, the Côte d'Or (golden slope) covers the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits. The vines of the Bourgogne Côte d'Or appellation look like a diagonal fault line running from northeast to southwest, in a succession of slopes at between 200 and 450m above sea level.



Côte de Beaune is the southern part of the Côte d'Or, the limestone ridge that is home to the great names of Burgundy wine. The Côte de Beaune starts between Nuits-Saint-Georges and Beaune, and extends southwards for about 25 km to the river Dheune. The trend of producing red wines continues from the Côte de Nuits to the north, down through Beaune, although the wines become lighter and more perfumed.



Chevalier de la Créée, Côte de Beaune Knights Templar Cuvée

69

100% Pinot Noir. Although 'young and quite bold' it is beautifully balanced upon approach, displaying dark cherry and raspberry aromas, with hints of citrus peel and tobacco. The palate is awash with balanced red fruit flavors, finishing with lively floral tones of dried flowers and pomegranate. Texturally, this young Burgundian Pinot Noir is bright, with soft tannins and balanced acidity that will age very well for the next decade ...or serve now by decanting.

Côte Chalonnaise Appellation: A subregion of the Burgundy wine region of France. Côte Chalonnaise lies to the south of the Côte d'Or continuing the same geology southward. It is still in the main area of Burgundy wine production but it includes no Grand cru vineyards. Like the Côte d'Or, it is at the western edge of the broad valley of the river Saône, on the rising ground overlooking the town of Chalon-sur-Saône which is about six kilometers out into the plain. To the north lies the Côte de Beaune. To the south is the Mâconnais.



Maison Chanzy Bouzeron Cote Chalonnaise (Aligoté) Clos De La Fortune Monopole

49

Aligoté possesses naturally high acidity and is often described as tart and neutral. The variety is capable of excellent quality when planted in a top site such as Clos de la Fortune where it achieves riper flavors and richer texture. Aging partially in oak barrels lends additional roundness and complexity to this exceptional example of Aligoté.

France: Bourgogne Region

Louis Latour Beaune, Cote de Beaune, Cote d'Or, Burgundy, Premier Cru *An intense ruby, cherry red color and tight, concentrated aromas of sweet black cherry and raspberry fruit, chocolate, spice and black pepper. Medium bodied, the palate offers a restrained elegance and power with succulent, round tannins and is a wine with a long silky finish.* **150**

Mâconnais. *The most southerly region, and the largest of Burgundy. Located between the town of Tournus and St. Veran, it lies at the crossroads between Northern and Southern France. The change is striking. The main area, and the most famous, is in the south: Pouilly-Fuissé. This region is a beautiful, open amphitheater of vineyards. The surrounding villages lay in the valley bottom, cast in the shadow of Mont Solutré and Mont Vergisson. Many of the vineyards border Beaujolais, just over the hills to the south. The soils here are full of limestone with a little granite as well. The wines are white, made from Chardonnay, and display soft apple, pineapple, and white peach aromas, with wonderful structure and freshness.*



Chateau Vitallis Pouilly-Fuisse (Chardonnay), Maconnais (Burgundy, France) **59**
This property, situated in heart of the picturesque village of Fuisse, is one of the few large estates in the area and covers 24 acres. It has been owned by the Dutron family since 1835. Concentration on the nose, reflecting the old vines. Intense aromas of dried fruits, Acacia, nuts, & honey. Exceptionally long in the mouth with legant, but ripe flavors, minerality and spiciness.

Domaine des Deux Roches, Pouilly-Fuissé (Chardonnay), Vieilles Vignes **59**
Its luminous hue glimmers with silver-grey reflections, while honeysuckle blossom explodes in the glass with glimpses of Mirabelle, creaminess, ripe lemon and a hint of chalk. Its smooth texture accentuates the ripe apricot notes of this delectable and perfectly balanced wine. The finish is bright and fresh.

Fleurie Wine Region *is a well known Cru Beaujolais wine appellation for red wines from the Gamay grape variety. The wines are some of the most highly regarded in the region, which is sometimes referred to as "The Queen of Beaujolais". Fleurie is in the center of the ten Beaujolais crus. It lies just south of Moulin-à-Vent and Chénas and to the north of Morgon. Chiroubles lies just to the west. The area's vineyards sit on the western side of the Beaujolais hills, on south and southeast facing slopes overlooking the Saone River valley. Fleurie vineyards are generally planted on pink granite soil.*



Henry Fessy Chateau des Labourons Fleurie, Gamay Beaujolais (Burgundy, France) **49**
The nose is intense with flavors of blackberry & blackcurrant. On the palate, the wine is concentrated, & the tannins are supple & silky. A beautiful finish that is slightly peppery with violet notes.

Chateau des Bachelards Gamay Fleurie Le Clos Beaujolais **165**
The best Beaujolais I ever tasted! Not only that, but it redefines the true capability of the best-of-the-best of the region. A wine of great sophistication, the nose is intense with wild berry fruits, black earth, pepper, and a whole florist store of flowers. So deep and so subtle, the major concentration of tannins on the palate wrapped in the finest velvet. Super long finish with some real mystery, pulling you back inexorably for more of this gamay elixir!

France: Champagne

Champagne, lying to the east of the Paris region, is one of the great historic provinces of France. As far back as the times of the Emperor Charlemagne, in the ninth century, Champagne was one of the great regions of Europe, a rich agricultural area that was famous for its fairs. Today, thanks to a type of sparkling wine to which the region has given its name, the word Champagne is known worldwide – even if many



of those who know the drink do not know exactly where it comes from. The Champagne-Ardenne area consists of four departments - the Ardennes, the Aube, the Marne and the Haute-Marne. The area is bordered by Belgium in the north, by Lorraine in the east, by Franche-Comté and Burgundy in the south, and by the Paris region and Picardy in the west.

Montagne de Reims *is one of the five sub-regions of the Champagne wine region. It is north of Vallée de la Marne, Côte de Sézanne and Côte des Blancs. The region is located around Reims Mountain, from Reims to Épernay, and contains nine Grands Crus villages. Its soils are chalk-based, with striations of loam, lignite, clay, sand, silt, and marl. Pinot Noir is the main grape cultivated.*



Champagne Marguet, Champagne Grand Cru Extra Brut, Zero-Dosage, Shaman NV **130**
(24% Chardonnay 76% Pinot Noir / Pinot Nero) The nose has notes of lemons and limes and a good dose of slatey minerality. Almost Chablis-like. The palate is tight, structured, minerally, and bone-dry, that spears through the palate with a laser-like rapier of lemon, lime, and hint of juniper berries at the edges, and then a twist of salty minerality at the end, all couched in a fine bead and juicy citrus acidity

Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Champagne, Champagne France **99**
An opulent selection of ripe, fruits such as mango, apricot, greengage plum with dried fruits, pistachio and almond.

Tattinger Prelude Grands Crus Brut Champagne (Champagne France) **129**
A blend from grand cru vineyards in the Côte des Blancs and the Montagne de Reims, this wine is beautifully rich densely textured

France: Champagne

Champagne Collet (NV) Brut Art Deco

99

Exceptional assemblage of 7 Grands Crus and 13 Premiers Crus carefully selected. 40% Chardonnay predominantly from Vertus contributes freshness, tonicity, and citrus notes. The Premier Cru of Villers-Marmery completes the assemblage and contributes the mineral dimension of the limestone terroir along with smoky touches. 40% Pinot Noir contributes richness and power thanks to historic Crus such as Aÿ, Hautvillers and Avenay-Val- d'Or blended with Crus from Rilly-la-Montagne, bringing tenderness and enjoyment. 20% Meunier from Ville-dommange completes the assemblage with roundness and suppleness. Nose: A first floral impression of white flowers and tulips. Notes of lemon peel, lime, ripe citrus. A mix of fruity flavors – apple, pear, pineapple, quince jelly – subtly complemented by smoky notes, anise and a touch of lavender honey. Palate: A creamy feel, tender and unctuous. A first impression of citrus and lime. Notes of juicy pineapple and crisp apple followed by smoky touches and sea salt. A finishing note of honey for a wine of endless charms.

Jacquart Brut Blanc De Blanc Champagne

100

100% Chardonnay: Chouilly, Oger, Avize, Le Mesnil sur Oger, Villers-Marmery, Premier and Grand crus. Dosage : 7 g/l. This has pared back aromas of lemon citrus with hints of grilled peaches and a fresh mineral edge. The palate has impressive depth and fruit flesh. Five years on lees has rounded the palate out nicely as it now delivers smooth lemon-curd flavors. A fresh, crisp, and mouthwatering finish.

Champagne Collet N/V a Aÿ Depuis 1921, Esprit Coutour, Brut Premier Cru Millesime

199

A rare assemblage of 11 Premier and Grand Crus selected in 2012. 60% Chardonnay from Grands Crus villages like Avize, Chouilly and Cramant contributes to the freshness, the tonicity, and the elegance of the Esprit Couture. Vinification and ageing of the Chardonnay in champenois oak barrels allowed their aromas of brioche to develop fully. 40% Pinot Noir brings structure, softness, and tenderness to the wine through iconic Grands Crus such as Aÿ, Mailly- Champagne or Verzy. Nose: The first nose elegantly and distinctly recalls notes of butter, grilled hazelnut, cardamom, lime, verbena. When aerated Champagne reveals notes of apricot, blackcurrant, plum, biscuit, with accents of nougat, pineapple, and toasted bread. Palate: The contact on the palate is supple, fresh, fruity, sustained by an acidity reminding lemon. The middle mouth is orchestrated by chalky minerality that provides frankness, saltiness. Fruit and mineral matters are finely stitched and are carried by suppleness with aroma of citrus, exotic fruit.

Champagne Jacquart, Champagne Brut Cuvée Alpha

200

60% Chardonnay: Avize, Vertus, 35% Pinot Noir: Aÿ, Mailly, Chigny, Premiers and Grands Crus. Dosage : 5 g/l. Elegant, mineral & structured. Thanks to its finesse and its depth, the prestigious Cuvée Alpha Blanc is a bold rendition of Champagne Jacquart's FLAGSHIP LABEL (7 years on the lees). Toast and roasted coffee notes followed by dried fruit aromas. Displays the elegance of a perfectly mature Champagne. Fresh with a sensation of candied citrus fruits. Reveals notes of roasted coffee. Long finish with aromas of honey and candied fruits.

Henriot Grand Cru Cuvee Hemera

210

This long-awaited new prestige cuvée, Hemera - named after the ancient Greek goddess of daytime - is a perfectionist creation of Henriot's villages, all grande crus. It's a brilliant medley of top Chardonnay from cooler Chouilly, Avize and Mesnil, combined with equally rigorous grand cru Pinot from north Montagne, Mailly and Verzenay. This has a gold-tinged color & an exquisite mousse, with full Chardonnay aromas of apricots, citrus fruits, toast and honey. Aged on its lees for 12 years.

Champagne Laurent-Perrier (NV), Champagne Siècle Grande Cuvée (100% Grand Cru Vineyards)

225

A fantastic prestigious cuvée this year with a solid core of fruit that makes it so serious and structured. Like a grand cru Burgundy. An intense and complex nose of slightly candied fruits, followed by aromas of fresh pastry, grilled almonds, subtle hints of honey and gingerbread. Grand Siècle offers a perfect balance between strength and delicacy. This is the first year to use numbers. 55% chardonnay and 45% pinot noir.

France: Champagne

Dom Pérignon Champagne Brut (Champagne France)

375

The best Dom since 2002. A vintage with very restrained, powerful style that has been released non-sequentially after the 2009. Delivers super fresh & intense aromas of lemons, grapefruit & blood-orange peel. Berry-pastry with light, sweet spices, stone fruit & fine citrus fruit.

Champagne Jacquart, Champagne Brut Mosaïque

85

Champagne Jacquart, Champagne Brut Mosaïque (Magnum)

175

40% of Chardonnay, 35% of Pinot Noir, 25% of Pinot Meunier including 25% to 35% of reserve wines. Dosage : 9 to 10 g/l. Pale yellow with tints of white gold and a stream of fine bubbles. Aromas of fresh pear, fig, acacia, hawthorn, cream, spice, and almond, with hints of orange blossom. A light swirl of the glass brings out richer notes of honey and freshly baked bread. Fresh and supple. Full, with a long fruity finish. An excellent, classic Champagne with all the virtues you could hope for, and a very delicate dosage.

Collett Demi-Sec Champagne (traditional sweet)

79

50% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Noir. Dosage 35 g/l. Chardonnay creates elegance and finesse, Pinot Noir adds depth and structure, and Pinot Meunier imparts freshness and rich fruit driven flavors. An opulent and fruit driven off-dry champagne that is the perfect companion for spicy, aromatic dishes or sweet indulgences. The nose reveals aromas of dates and figs. The palate is concentrated and fruit-driven with floral and mineral accents.

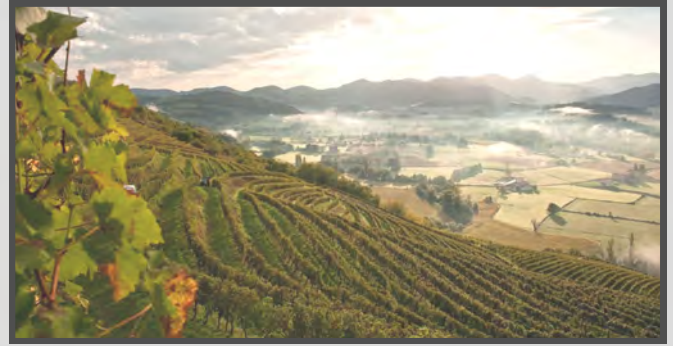
Champagne Jacquart, Champagne Brut Mosaïque Rosé (NV)

90

33% of Chardonnay, 44% of Pinot Noir including 16% red wine, 23% of Pinot Meunier including 25% to 35% of reserve wines. Dosage : 9 to 10 g/l. This has an attractive, fresh, sliced-strawberry core with a wealth of zesty and composed berries. Honey aromas, too. The palate has a very composed, elegant yet delicately fleshy, strawberry core with a fine, acidity-etched finish.

France: Comte Tolosan and Chablis

Comte Tolosan is an IGP title that covers wines produced in a large area of South West France. The catchment area of the IGP encompasses 12 administrative departments, and is home to a wide range of AOC-level appellations such as Jurançon, Cahors and Armagnac. The IGP label provides a geographical classification to wines which do not classify for the AOC-level appellations due to the grape variety or wine-making style. The grape varieties permitted in Comté Tolosan IGP wines are indicative of the region's location: local grape varieties such as Petit Manseng, Colombard, Tannat and Cot (Malbec) are all a part of the various AOC appellations as well as the IGP level wines. This list is also populated by better-known grape varieties such as Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.



VSE Vino San Establen Private Selection Malbec Comté Tolosan, France

14 / 40

100% Malbec. This full-bodied wine exhibits bright fruit including blackberry, cherry & a jammy chocolate flavor, with smooth tannins.

Chablis: The northernmost wine district of the Burgundy region in France. The cool climate of this region produces wines with more acidity and flavors less fruity than Chardonnay wines grown in warmer climates. These wines often have a "flinty" note, sometimes described as "goût de pierre à fusil" ("tasting of gunflint"), and sometimes as "steely". The Chablis Appellation d'origine contrôlée is required to use Chardonnay grapes solely. The grapevines around the town of Chablis make a dry white wine renowned for the purity of its aroma and taste. In comparison with the white wines from the rest of Burgundy, Chablis wine has typically much less influence of oak. Most basic Chablis is unoaked, and vinified in stainless steel tanks. The amount of barrel maturation, if any, is a stylistic choice which varies widely among Chablis producers. Many Grand Cru and Premier Cru wines receive some maturation in oak barrels, but typically the time in barrel and the proportion of new barrels is much smaller than for white wines of Côte de Beaune.



J. Moreau & Fils Chablis (Chardonnay) Les Clos Grand Cru

155

Seven climats or single vineyards have contributed to the worldwide fame of the great white wines of Chablis: **Les Clos, Vaudésir, Valmur, Blanchot, Les Preuses, Grenouilles, and Bougros**. The very first Chablis vineyards were most likely planted in Les Clos since we can find traces of vines grown there before 1267. J. Moreau has a long and successful history...established in 1814, the year of Napoleon's abdication. Pale gold in color. Candied fruit, pistachio, honey, and lightly toasted nougat on the nose. Rich and round with notes of acacia honey and citrus. This is certainly the "best of the best."

France: Côtes du Rhône

The Rhône Valley has been a hub of wine culture since ancient times and is just as popular today. “There’s no place like Rhône.”

Viticulture as we know it arrived in Southern France with the Greeks in the 4th century BC. But it was the Romans who really established the vineyards and reputation of the area using the Rhône as their highway through France (and planting a few vineyards along the way). Châteauneuf-du-Pape means “The Pope’s New Crib” The Catholic Church was the next main influence when Pope Clement V moved his headquarters from Rome to Avignon in 1309.

The Northern Rhône is a mere 40 miles long and is responsible for a tiny 4-5% of all the wines from the region. The climate is ‘Continental’—hot summers, cold winters and precipitation throughout the year. Probably the most striking feature is the steepness of the hillsides. This is the birthplace of Syrah and where many wine lovers find it reaches its height of expression – full bodied, savory, and elegant. As the Rhône River progresses southward, the valley widens and the climate changes. The region is distinctly more ‘Provençal’ with a Mediterranean influence in culture and climate. If Syrah is the big boy of the North, Grenache is the King in the South and forms the foundation of the area’s popular blends. You’ll also encounter Mourvedre, Cinsault, Counoise, Carignan, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Roussanne, Clairette, Bourboulenc and a host of minor players.



JP-Bourgeois, Côtes du Rhône Cuvée Vincent

55

100% Syrah. Cuvée Vincent is made from 50+ year-old vines. Its unusual composition of 100% Syrah imbues it with the smoky aromas and meaty, savory flavors more associated with the legendary wines of Hermitage and Côte-Rotie in the Northern Rhône, but with the generosity of tart cherry, blackberry, blueberry, and dark spices one expects from the more lush Southern Rhône. (NR)

Michel Gassier, Côtes du Rhône

14 / 40

(Shiraz/Syrah, Monastrell, Garnacha) Pristine blackberry and cassis flavors are fresh and forward in this juicy, quaffable red. A Grenache-dominant blend augmented by Mourvèdre and Syrah, it's a voluminous wine framed by soft, easy tannins.

Costières de Nîmes: *is an Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) for wines that are produced in an area between the ancient city of Nîmes and the western Rhône delta, in the French department of the Gard. Formerly part of the Languedoc region of France, as the wines more resemble those of the Rhône valley in character than of the Languedoc*



Michel Gassier, Costières de Nîmes Nostre País Rouge

15 / 45

(55% Garnacha, 25% Shiraz/Syrah, 10% Monastrell, 5% Cinsault, 5% Cariñena) This massive, mouth filling red bursts with black-cherry flavor. It is opulent, with touches of glycerin, but hints of dark herb, smoke and nut lend elegance. The finish is marked by fine, delicate tannins.

France: Côtes du Rhône

Michel Gassier, Costières de Nîmes Nostre Païs Blanc

45

(45% Grenache Blanc, 20% Roussanne, 20% Clairette, and the rest Viognier and Bourboulenc) Coming all from the estate Bec Vineyard, located in the cool, southern part of the appellation, the 2018 raised in old barrels and concrete tanks. This is a superb white to drink over the coming 2-3 years. It offers terrific notes of white peach, rose petal, crushed citrus, and spice. With a touch of White Burgundy class, medium body, beautiful freshness, and a great finish, it way over-delivers.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a French wine appellation known for its bold Grenache-based red blends. Officially, the region makes both red and white wines with up to 13 different grapes. (Unofficially, there are 20 varieties used in the region!). Châteauneuf-du-Pape literally translates to "The Pope's new castle" and, indeed, the history of this appellation is firmly entwined with papal history.



Elizabeth Chamberland Chateauneuf du Pape

16 / 50

The Châteauneuf Du Pape Vieilles Vignes Elisabeth Chambellan is a smaller production cuvée based on 88% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and the rest Mourvèdre, coming from the La Crau and Font du Pape lieux-dits. Spring flowers, peppery herbs, candied orange, and assorted red and blue fruits emerge from this medium to full-bodied, spicy, complex, elegant red that displays wonderful Grenache typicity. Prime drinking through 2037.

JP-Bourgeois, Côtes du Rhône Cuvée Vincent

49

(100% Syrah) The Castel Mar (Châteaumar) estate dates back to the 11th century. Today, the estate is located 9 km from Orange, in the heart of the Côtes-du-Rhône AOP. Its unusual composition of 100% Syrah imbues it with the smoky aromas and meaty, savory flavors more associated with the legendary wines of Hermitage and Côte-Rotie in the Northern Rhône, but with the generosity of tart cherry, blackberry, blueberry, and dark spices one expects from the more lush Southern Rhône. A rich and complex wine unlike any other Côtes-du-Rhône you will find.

Domaine de la Charbonniere Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge (Rhône, France)

85

Hints of crushed raspberry, licorice and graphite..Blend: 70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre

Domaine de la Charbonnier Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc (Rhône, France)

89

40% each Grenache Blanc and Roussanne with 20% Clairette, white peach, crushed citrus, floral notes as well as a salty minerality. This is an absolutely beautiful wine, a true reflection of the terroir!

Chateauneuf-Du-Pape Les Quartz Rouge, (Rhône, France)

195

75% Grenache - 25% Syrah Dense palate of Kirsch, blackberries, crushed flowers, blood orange, cloves, black pepper, Bourbon vanilla.

Domaine Barville Chateauneuf du Pape by Brotte

62

This blend of 80% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre is a showcase of Grenache's easy, juicy blackberry and preserved-strawberry flavors accented by a brambly, peppery edge of Syrah. Matured in a combination of French oak and inert vessels, it keeps primary, youthful fruit at the forefront but maintains a depth and solidness of structure. Freshly balanced in acidity and finishing on fine, furry tannins, it's ready now—2029.

Beaucastel CDP Hommage a Jacques Perrin, Chateauneuf-du-Pape

950

Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Counoise, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Muscardin, Clairette, Picpoul, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Cinsault. I don't know what more a wine could offer. Inky blue/purple, with an extraordinary nose of smoked duck, grilled steaks, Provencal herbs, blackberries, blueberries, kirsch, licorice and truffle, this wine, which is dominated by its Mourvedre component, is a tour de force, a spectacular, world-class wine.

Domaine de la Charbonniere Chateauneuf-du-Pape Les Hautes Brusquieres

125

60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Cuvée Les Hautes Brusquière has a dense purple, almost opaque hue followed by a brilliant perfume of mulled red and black fruits, peppery herbs, crushed stone, violets, and licorice. With full-bodied richness, a layered, multi-dimensional texture, and just about perfect tannins, it's another superstar wine from this estate that's up with the finest vintages to date.

France: Côtes du Rhône

Gigondas AOC. is a village in the southern Rhône valley and an appellation for red and rosé wines. Both colors are made from up to 80 percent Grenache (according to the appellation laws), with at least 15 percent comprised of Syrah and Mourvèdre. Any Gigondas wine may have a maximum of 10 percent of any variety sanctioned by the standard red Côtes du Rhône appellation laws, with the exception of Carignan. The resulting style of wine made under the appellation is often likened to that of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, just 17 kilometers (10 miles) to the southwest. Red wines are typically bold, forward, ripe and relatively high in alcohol – in fact, the appellation



laws require a minimum alcohol level of 12.5 percent, one of the highest stipulated for French red wine. The best examples can certainly match many bottlings from its more famous neighbor. The quality measures taken in the creation of Gigondas' wines include the mandatory selection of healthy grapes over imperfect grapes, known in French as triage. Maximum yield is set at 36 hectoliters per hectare, only 1hl more than Châteauneuf-du-Pape (385 vs 374 US gallons per acre). The appellation occupies an area covering the base and slopes of the first Dentelles de Montmirail foothills. The villages of Beaumes-de-Venise and Vacqueyras are located to the south and west of Gigondas respectively and enjoy very similar growing conditions. The terroir here is characterized by a hot, dry Mediterranean climate and by the combination of limestone soils (on the Montmirail slopes to the east) and rocky, sandy, free-draining soils (on the flatter, lower-lying land to the north and west)

Domaine Santa Duc Aux Lieux Dits Gigondas

81

(Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault) Offering a mélange of black olives and mixed berries on the nose. Fresh in feel, with bright red currant, damson plum and raspberry coulis notes streaming through, laced with pretty floral and mineral details along the way. Offers a long, pure finish.

Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas

96

(70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre and 2% Cinsault) Gentle notes of bay leaf & thyme accent purple raspberries on the nose, while the palate is full-bodied & generous, with a ripe core of dark cherry & blackberry fruit leading dried garrigue, singed apple wood & dark licorice notes

Gabriel Meffre Domaine de Longue Toque Gigondas

96

65% Grenache, 26% Syrah, and 9% Mourvèdre. Deep red robe with purple hints. Intense with scents of fresh black fruits and a touch of vanilla and incense. Plump and structured on the palate with flavors of toasted spices, roasted herbs, licorice, and black fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry). Fine, lingering tannins with an impressively long and fruity finish. Picks up energy toward the end as a bramble accent checks in. Very solid. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. An integrated, foursquare wine to enjoy now—2030

France: Côtes du Rhône

Condrieu (*Con-dree-euh*) and the tiny vineyards of **Château Grillet** are best known for the luscious wines of **Viognier**. This is the home of **Viognier** and at one time was the only place to find it. Again, not the least expensive of wines but something to savor – heady apricot, floral notes and a rich honeyed mouthfeel. I like to call it the ‘cashmere sweater’ of white wines!



Guigal La Doriane Condrieu Viognier from Condrieu (Rhône, France)

99

Bottled at the end of June & brought up in new barrels, the blockbuster 2017 Condrieu La Doriane is the crème de la crème. Stunning notes of buttered peach, crème brûlée, white flowers, and honeysuckle.

Ventoux: is a large wine region in the far southeast of the southern Rhône, on the border with Provence. It is located 40 kilometers (25 miles) northeast of Avignon, in the **Vaucluse** department. The wines made in the **Ventoux** appellation are very similar to those of the **Côtes du Rhône** title and employ much the same combination of grape varieties. The classic southern Rhône red grape varieties of **Grenache**, **Syrah** and **Mourvèdre** are used in the production of most of these wines, with **Cinsaut** and **Carignan** also used to a smaller extent. The area does produce some white wines. These are made from **Clairette**, **Bourboulenc** and **Grenache Blanc**, with the occasional use of **Roussanne**. Quantities of these are far outweighed by red and rosé wines. **Mont Ventoux** looks down over the wine-producing areas of the **Rhône Valley** to the west and **Provence** to the south and east. On the western slopes and foothills of this iconic mountain, in an area roughly 30 miles (50km) from north to south and covering 51 communes, are the vineyards of the **Ventoux** appellation. The **Côtes du Luberon** region lies on its southern border. Wines have been made here since the 1st Century AD and have been consumed (and written about) by popes and kings throughout the centuries. The official **Côtes du Ventoux** appellation was created just before the harvest of 1973, for red, white and rosé wines. The style of these wines varies according to the combination of grape varieties used and the **terroir** from which they originate. The style is overall one of lighter, fruit-driven wines, compared with wines from neighboring regions. This reflects the increased altitude and slightly cooler mesoclimates that the **Ventoux** slopes provide.



Chateau Pesquie Terrasses Blanc Rhone France

40

40% Viognier, 20% Grenache Blanc, 20% Roussanne, 20% Clairette. Very limpid color with silver reflections. On the Nose... orange blossom, acacia, violet, anise, mint, herb, tea, wild flower, apple, lemon, citrus, apricot, acidic, honey, slate and almond. On the pallet honey, orange, mango, kiwi, tangerine, herbal tea, wild flower, almond, apple, pear, crisp acid, apple, lemon, honeysuckle, spice, floral, citrus, pear, banana and peach.

France: Entre Deux Mers (Between Left and Right Bank Bordeaux)

In light of the left and right bank appellations, the Entre-deux-Mers is undeniably the 'lesser know area' of Bordeaux. Its name comes from the two rivers which surround it, the Dordogne to the north and the Gironde to the south. This region produces, in terms of red wines, a majority of Bordeaux wines or under the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux appellation, whereas the white wines are produced with the Entre-deux-Mers appellation, which causes much confusion, as consumers can tend to think that the area solely produces white wines! The south of the appellation is specialized in sweet wines (Loupiac, Sainte-Croix du Mont et Cadillac). As far as terroir is concerned, there is great diversity, with limestone (particularly towards the Dordogne), clay-rich areas (to the north-west of the region), and gravelly areas, in the Graves de Vayres appellation to the north of the Entre-deux-Mers.



Vieux Château Lamothe, Haux, Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux Blanc

14 / 40

(40% Semillon, 40% Sauvignon, 20% Muscadelle) Tangy, crisp and with plenty of tight citrus flavors, this is still a young wine. A mineral texture balances with the fruitiness and vibrant acidity

Crémant de Bordeaux is the regional appellation for white and rosé methode traditionnelle sparkling wines from the Bordeaux wine region of south-western France. More than 500 parishes are covered by the Crémant de Bordeaux appellation, making it one of the largest in France in terms of geographical area. However, only 670 hectares (1655 acres) of vineyards are currently devoted to producing these wines. The classic Bordeaux grape varieties prevail, with the sparkling wines being made from the same varieties as the still wines. These include the white varieties Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle and the red grapes Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot. A good Crémant de Bordeaux has tight, persistent effervescence (a defining advantage of methode traditionnelle wines over those made by other techniques, such as the Charmat process) and a complex, nutty, gently honeyed nose. The use of Semillon is responsible for more floral, grassy aromas than those found in champagne and this is emphasized in those wines that are subjected to extended lees contact beyond the minimum legal requirement for Crémant de Bordeaux wines, which must not be disgorged for at least nine months after their first bottling.



France: Languedoc-Roussillon

Languedoc-Roussillon (often called "the Languedoc") is a historical coastal region in southern France, extending from Provence to the Pyrenees Mountains and the border with Spain. It's now part of Occitanie. The area is a major wine producer, with Vin de Pays d'Oc and sparkling Crémant de Limoux among its best-known varieties. The majority of Languedoc's wines are red blends, but rosé and still white wines are produced here, as are sparkling wines made in the traditional method, a technique made famous because of its association with Champagne but one that's believed to have been discovered in Languedoc's Limoux area. Documents dating to 1544 support this claim.



There are also four Languedoc sweet wine appellations, which produce vins doux naturels from the Muscat variety. Although the major share of Languedoc's production is still made up of IGP wines, today there are 23 AOCs in the region, representing about 16 percent of its total production. There are 10 Sub-Regional Appellations, 5 Village Appellations, 4 Sweet Wine Appellations, 3 Sparkling Wine Appellations, 11 Regional Designations, and 3 Sub-Regional Designations.

Domaine Lafage, Narassa, Rhone Red Blend, Côtes Catalanes, Languedoc Roussillon, France 14 / 40
70% Grenache, 30 % Syrah. the deep purple 2018 Narassa gives up a gorgeous bouquet of blueberries, kirsch liqueur, smoked game, violets, and lavender. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, and has a great finish.

Domaine de Nizas, Languedoc Le Clos 2018 49
(Syrah, Mourvèdre, Granache) A supple yet concentrated red, with underpinnings of dried herb and black tea flanking the black cherry and currant notes. Spice and licorice elements detail the moderately tannic finish.

Domaine Lafage Novellum Chardonnay, Languedoc Roussillon, France 13 / 39
100% Chardonnay. A richer, creamier styled wine, it has a medium gold hue as well as a rich, powerful bouquet of caramelized lemon, honeyed almonds, candle wax, and toasted bread. Rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and balanced, this is another wonderful wine from the House of Lafage.

Domaine Lafage Cuvee Centenaire Blanc, Côtes du Roussillon, Languedoc Roussillon, France 13 / 39
80% Grenache blanc et gris, 20% Roussanne. Lifted lemon curd on the nose, slightly tropical. On the palate it had an increasing big mouthfeel after each sip. Lots of minerality in the mid palate to balance out the baked pears up front. Great white wine.

Domaine Lafage Cuvee Blanc, Cote Est Blanc Catalan Languedoc Roussillon, France 13 / 39
50% Old vine Grenache Blanc et gris, 30% Chardonnay, 20% Roussanne. Côté Est, as the name suggests, comes from vineyards planted on the gentle slopes facing the Mediterranean just a few kilometers inland from the sea. Benefiting from the thermal breezes that refresh these vineyards every afternoon in the summer – which preserves a high level of natural acidity in the grapes. Floral and aromatic, it is an excellent example of the open and friendly whites you can find all along the Catalan coast from Perpignan to the Penedès.

Domaine Lafage Miraflores Rose Languedoc Roussillon, France (1.5L Magnum) 52
Named after an old estate located in the heart of Domaine Lafage, Mas Miraflores, the Miraflores Rosé is sourced from old vines of Grenache Gris and Noir, some nearing 80 years old, planted near the Mediterranean. Added to this is some Mourvèdre that Jean-Marc planted here about 15 years ago. Captivating passion fruit, wild berry and cream give way to a concentrated crunch of cherry and redcurrant and a mouthwatering lemon acid burst; textural, persistent, and delicious.

France: Languedoc-Roussillon

Chateau Haut-Blanville Grand Reserve Pinot Noir IGP Pays d'Oc

14 / 40

Pale ruby in the glass. The nose is dominated by red fruit and cedar with some typical supporting complexity. Much of what I would expect from a good Pinot noir. Notes of dried strawberry, cherry, raspberry, cranberry, cedar, rhubarb, wet leaves, tobacco, vanilla, and smoke. Medium bodied with soft tannins and medium plus acidity. Excellent length.

Gerard Bertrand Banyuls Traditionnel Vin Doux Naturel

14 / 40

100% Grenache. Between sea, mountains, sun and wind, the wines of Banyuls are above all wines for pleasure. The vines, exposed to the generosity of the climate, give wines of expression and quintessence, rich, powerful, elegant, and distinguished, carrying with them the heat of the sun and the rusticity of the shale soil. The terroir and the wines of Banyuls are expressed through a king grape variety: Grenache.

Cremant de Limoux is an AOC for sparkling wines produced around the city of Limoux in the Languedoc in southwestern France. The region has a long history of producing sparkling wines that dates as far back as the early 1500s. The main grape of the region is Mauzac, which produces a rustic wine with a characteristic, pithy, apple-peel flavor. Cremant de Limoux; however, relies more heavily on Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay as is more typical of the Loire. Together these two grapes cannot comprise more than 90% of the blend, with Chenin having to make up between 20- and 40%. Mauzac and Pinot Noir round out the blend.



l'Éphémère Crémant de Limoux Brut 2015 (Languedoc Roussillon, France) 1.5L

89

Dough and lemon aromas lead into a slightly floral, citrus and brioche palate, with a rounded character to the body.

Côté Mas Blanquette de Limoux St Hilaire Brut Abbey of Saint-Hilaire AOC

15 / 45

90% Mauzac, 5% Chenin Blanc, 5% Chardonnay. Saint-Hilaire sparkling wine was aged for 12 months of horizontal aging in the bottle and with a 12.5% abv it delivers dry, toasty, smooth and clean notes of yeasty aromas and luscious creamy texture. The palate is light and crisp with citrus and apple flavors and the body is just hefty enough. France's Oldest Sparkling wine— 490 years. Dom Perignon, YES that Dom Perignon, visited the monks at St. Hilaire Abbey. He was taught the method and experimented it on Champagne wines when he came back to Hautvillers Abbey." So the Dom himself learned from the monks in Limoux.

Saint-Hilaire Cremant de Limoux Rosé Brut Languedoc-Roussillon, France

15 / 45

(Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Chenin Blanc, Mauzac) The wine has a balanced flavor with good acidity and subtle sparkling pearlescence well-meshed to the lacy mousse and minerally, smoke- and stone-laced underpinning. The finish is long, with hints of pear, nectarine, and notes of toasted bread (brioche). The flavor profile is very, very similar to Veuve Clicquot Rosé!

Antech Blanquette de Limoux Languedoc-Roussillon Brut Nature ('0' Dosage)

15 / 45

Chardonnay & Chenin Blanc. Gentle apple-aniseed aroma and flavor. Clean and persistent with manifest concentration and a bone-dry finish. A well-made elegant wine Antech's Brut Nature is produced with no added dosage, which translates to a super clean and crisp glass of bubbles. It is composed of 90% Mauzac, 5% Chenin Blanc and 5% Chardonnay. All harvesting is done by hand. Its fresh and crisp apple-pear flavors will pair beautifully with a wide range of finger foods and pre-dinner snacks. What a value, too!

France: Loire Valley

Loire Valley: includes the French wine regions situated along the Loire River from the Muscadet region near the city of Nantes on the Atlantic coast to the region of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé just southeast of the city of Orléans in north central France. In between are the regions of Anjou wine, Saumur, Bourgueil, Chinon, and Vouvray. The Loire Valley itself follows the river through the Loire province to the river's origins in the Cévennes but the majority of the wine production takes place in the regions noted above. The area includes 87 appellations under the Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC), Vin Délimité de Qualité Supérieure (VDQS) and Vin de pays systems. While the majority of production is white wine from the Chenin blanc, Sauvignon blanc and Mel-



on de Bourgogne grapes, there are red wines made (especially around the Chinon region) from Cabernet franc. In addition to still wines, rosé, sparkling and dessert wines are also produced. With Crémant production throughout the Loire, it is the second largest sparkling wine producer in France after Champagne. Among these different wine styles, Loire wines tend to exhibit characteristic fruitiness with fresh, crisp flavors-especially in their youth. The Loire Valley has a long history of winemaking dating back to the 1st century. In the High Middle Ages, the wines of the Loire Valley were the most esteemed wines in England and France, even more prized than those from Bordeaux.

Domaine Foucher-Lebrun, Pouilly-Fumé La Vigne aux Sandres

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Nice old world Sauvignon Blanc of pale transparent yellow color. It offers citrus aromas of grapefruit and lemon with a touch of white flowers, fresh grass and a hint of honey. The palate is one of softness with a good acidity mixed with citrus flavors. The finish is marked by a very nice minerality and good persistence on the palate.

Vouvray and Touraine: The region around Vouvray, Montlouis-sur-Loire and Touraine has some of the most diverse plantings of all the Loire region and makes a wide variety of white, red and rosé wines. For white wines the main grape is Chenin blanc but Sauvignon blanc and (to a smaller extent) Chardonnay is also planted. For red wines the main grape is Cabernet franc with some smaller plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay and Malbec. The rosé wines are made from an assortment of Gamay, Pineau d'aunis, Pinot gris and Pinot noir. The villages of Vouvray and Montlouis are the largest appellations in the region and make only white wines from Chenin blanc. The wines can vary in sweetness from bone dry (often appearing as sec on the wine label) to very sweet moelleux wines that are often infected by noble rot For years the Touraine region would compete with the Beaujolais region for the release of an early bottling of Gamay that would rival the Beaujolais nouveau.



While the competition is not so much of a focal point now, there are still some producers who release early bottlings of the wine around the same time as Beaujolais. The soil around the Touraine area is a variety of limestone with excellent drainage that is known as tuffeau which is the same material used to build many of the famous Loire Valley Châteaux.

Sauvion Vouvray, Chenin Blanc (Loire Valley, France)

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Chenin Blanc fruit grown on tuffeau clay soils near Vouvray. White flowers, honey dipped pear, soaring acidity and a kiss of sweetness.

France: Loire Valley

Saumur-Champigny: *A red wine appellation of Saumur in the central Loire Valley wine region of France. Created in December 1957, this location-specific title was introduced as a complement to the Saumur Rouge appellation (created at the same time and under the same decree). Saumur-Champigny wines are made predominantly from Cabernet Franc, with a permitted (if rarely used) addition of up to 15 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and/or Pineau d'Aunis (sometimes called "Chenin Noir" here). The wines are typically light or medium-bodied, and characterized by crisp acidity and forward, slightly spicy, berry fruit flavors.*



Thierry Germain Saumur Champigny Franc De Pied (Cabernet Franc) Loire, France

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(100% Cabernet Franc). Warm, intense and with super ripe yet refined and precise dark fruit, spicy toast and flint aromas open the 2019 Saumur Champigny Franc de Pied. Fermented with whole clusters, the fruit is generous and elegant on nose and palate, pure and refined but rich and aromatic. This is a full-bodied and generous but finessed and fresh red with a marvelous texture and perfectly balanced fruit. The wine is superb with a silky texture and refreshing grip which is unique, due to the antique vines and the whole-cluster fermentation, a method that is quite rare in Saumur. This Franc de Pied is fabulous, pure, fresh, and crunchy and reminds me of finest Austrian Blaufränkisch.

Sancerre: *Known for its exceptional Sauvignon Blanc wines, Sancerre is found in some of the world's best restaurants and praised by many of the top wine experts. Although Sancerre is most famous for its white wine, the appellation also produces high quality red and rosé using Pinot Noir grapes. East of Bourges, the Sancerre appellation is located along the left bank of the Loire River, stretching across 3,000 hectares (7,413 acres). north east of Bourges, and extend over the communes of Bannay, Bué, Crézancy, Menetou-Ratel, Ménétréol, Montigny, Saint-Satur, Sainte Gemme, Sancerre including the hamlets of Amigny and Chavignol), Sury en Vaux (incl. Maimbray), Thauvenay, Veaugues, Verdigny, and Vinon.*



Domaine Hubert Brochard Sancerre le cul de Beaujeu Loire France

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100% Sauvignon Blanc. This wine comes from a steep, southeast-facing vineyard close to the castle of Beaujeu. Particularly rich, it offers tropical fruits that show strongly through the acidity. There is an urgency to the texture, taut and still young. The wine proves the aging ability of fine Sancerre.

France: Provence

Provence (Provençal) wine comes from the French wine-producing region of Provence in southeast France. The Romans called the area *provincia nostra* ("our province"), giving the region its name. Just south of the Alps, it was the first Roman province outside Italy. Wine has been made in this region for at least 2,600 years, ever since the ancient Greeks founded the city of Marseille in 600 BC. Throughout the region's history, viticulture and winemaking have been influenced by the cultures that have been present in Provence, which include the Ancient Greeks, Romans, Gauls, Catalans and Savoyards. These diverse groups introduced a large variety of grapes to the region, including grape varieties of Greek and Roman origin as well as Spanish, Italian and traditional French wine grapes. Today the region is known predominantly for its rosé wine, though wine critics such as Tom Stevenson believe that region's best wines are the spicy, full-flavoured red wines. The Côtes de Provence is the largest AOC followed by the Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence. The Bandol region near Toulon is one of the more internationally recognized Provençal wine regions.



Côtes de Provence AOC The Côtes de Provence AOC is a large noncontiguous wine region that covers over 85 communes in the eastern region of Provence. The boundaries of the region extend from the alpine hills near Draguignan to the coast of Saint-Tropez. The noncontiguous parts of the region include land southeast of the Palette AOC and on the outskirts of the Bandol and Cassis wine area. The mountainous terrain near Villars-sur-Var in the northeast part of the area includes vineyards that can label their wine as Côtes de Provence. The region accounts for nearly 75% of all the wine production in Provence with rosé accounting for around 80% of the production. While the number is rising, about 15% of wine production is red wine with the remaining 5% white. The main grape varieties are Carignan, Cinsaut, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Tibouren with an increase in the use of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.



Vanderpump Rosé (Cotes de Provence, France)

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Pale rose, peach color with an elegant nose of delicate red currant and hints of pepper, as well as sweet citrus. On the palate it reveals a touch of strawberry, tangerine, and peach in a dry, classic style.

Villa Riviera, Côtes de Provence Reserve Rosé

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A rosé wine at its best! The color is pale, slightly salmon with beautiful clarity and luminosity. The nose is complex and structured; the palate is rich and gentle. Flavors and layers appear as you are enjoying the oldest expression of our unique terroir for a very long, aromatic finish. This is what French people call a Rosé Gourmand, a Rosé of Connoisseurs or simply a Gastronomic Rosé.

Ruby Red First Press Rose, Côtes de Provence, France

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Blended with luscious grapefruit juice, this French sparkling rosé from Provence offers a unique semi-sweet sipper that will have you saying "ooh, la la!"

Peyrassol, Côtes de Provence Cuvée des Commandeurs Rosé (Knights Templar)

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Incisive red berry, cherry and citrus fruit aromas are complemented by building mineral and floral accents. Silky and energetic on the palate, offering intense strawberry, blood orange and honeysuckle flavors braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Finishes long and gently chewy, repeating the orange and floral notes.

France: Provence

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence and Les Baux-de-Provence *The Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence AOC is the second largest Provençal wine appellation, covering over 50 communes in the west and northwestern regions of Provence. The area comprises the city of Aix-en-Provence and surrounding communes. Nearly 60% of the production is red wine, followed by 35% rosé and 5% white wine. The major grape varieties include Grenache, Cinsaut and Mourvèdre, and Cabernet Sauvignon was introduced to the region in the 1960s. The cuttings came from the Bordeaux estate of Château La Lagune. The main white wine grapes of the Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence include Bourboulenc, Clairette, Grenache blanc, Chardonnay, Sauvignon blanc and Semillon. Within the Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence is the smaller Les Baux-de-Provence AOC which was granted AOC status in 1995. The climate of the region is very hot with the surrounding valley known as the Val d'Enfer (Valley of Hell). Vineyards are centered*



around the hilltop village of the Les Baux-de-Provence and red grape varieties account for around 80%. with some white wine and a dry rosé. The leading grape varieties are Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. The AOC rule requires that no two varieties can compose more than 90% of the blend with Carignan, Cinsaut and Counoise permitted but at a maximize usage of 30%. The use of Cabernet Sauvignon is growing in prevalence but is limited to composing no more than 20% of the blend. The rosés of Les Baux-de-Provence are composed of a minimum 60% of Cinsaut, Grenache and Syrah with similar requirements to the AOC red wine that no two grapes varieties compose more than 90% of the blend. Baux-de-Provence was the first AOC to require all vineyards to be farmed biodynamically. The rule was adopted as producers had already converted to organic viticulture, eliminating the use of chemicals that could easily dispersed from the vines by the strong Mistral wind.

Maison Saint AIX, Rosé Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2019

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Peppery Grenache brings out the richness. Raspberry flavors and ripe acidity are full and generous. Deliciously refreshing.

France: Jura

Jura is a small wine region in eastern France which is responsible for some traditional and highly idiosyncratic wine styles. It is close to, but quite distinct from the Swiss Jura. The region is sandwiched between Burgundy in the west and Switzerland in the east. It is characterized by a landscape of wooded hillsides and the twisting topography of the Jura Mountains. Five main grape varieties used in the region's wines – three traditional and two more-modern imports. The first of the local varieties is Poulsard (or Plousard as it is known in the communes of Arbois and Pupillin), a red grape which accounts for about one-fifth of the region's plantings. Poulsard is used mostly in dry reds, but also in sparkling rose



wines. Trousseau, the other local red variety, requires high sunshine levels to mature properly and covers only the warmest five percent of Jura's vineyards. It is grown mostly around Arbois, where it produces a small quantity of varietal wines. White Savagnin (known locally as Nature) is used in all of the region's appellations. It is responsible for the idiosyncratic vins jaunes ('yellow wines'). These are long-lived, bone dry wines aged in barrels under a layer of flor/yeast known as le voile. Vins jaunes may be made under the the Arbois (including Arbois-Pupillin), L'Étoile and Côtes du Jura titles appellations. However they are at their best under the more exclusive Château Chalon title. Along with its unique vin jaune, Jura has been known traditionally for its sweet vin de paille made from dried grapes. They are produced under the same appellations, Château Chalon excepted.

Francois Montand Ice Edition Demi-Sec Sparkling Wine Jura France NV

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Pale gold with a hint of green. Fine bubbles. Bouquet: Intense aroma of white flowers and citrus fruit. A perfectly-balanced texture which combines gentle acidity and a lively, creamy fizziness. Grapes varieties: A complex blend of various white grapes, mainly Colombard, Ugni blanc & Chardonnay.

Germany

Mosel AVA: Mosel is the most famous of Germany's 13 official wine regions, and also the third largest in terms of production. As with many German regions, it is most associated with a range of wine styles made from the Riesling grape variety, but Müller-Thurgau is also widely planted. The Mosel has a very cool, northern continental climate, and such slopes are very effective in optimizing the vines' exposure to sun, facilitating the ripening of the grapes. A long growing season helps develop the intense flavors in the Riesling grapes while keeping potential alcohol levels low. One disadvantage of such steep vineyard sites is that they are inaccessible to machinery, meaning as much as seven times the amount of manual labor is required to tend them, compared to level vineyards.



Thomas Schmitt Private Selection Kabinett, Riesling (Mosel, Germany)

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Light on its feet and fruity, this is an easy-drinking wine that boasts concentrated flavors of white grapefruit, apple and lemon.

Mönchhof, Riesling Estate

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The Estate Riesling is a typical elegant Mosel Riesling with flavors of citrus and peach in combination with a nice minerality. The fresh and elegant acidity shows a perfect balance to the sweetness.

Pfalz AVA: For over 85 uninterrupted kilometers, Pfalz's vineyards sweep across this remarkably pretty, peaceful land, linking the 130 wine towns of the region between Bockenheim and Schweigen on the border with Alsace. Weinstraße. The main focus of the winegrowers in the cultivation area limited and protected by the Pfälzerwald forest, is on classic grape varieties, especially Riesling. The king of white wines has become the undisputed leader in the Pfalz with nearly 6,000 hectares cultivated. Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris have also been on the rise with now over 3,000 hectares planted. In addition, Silvaner, Müller-Thurgau, Gewürztraminer, Kerner and Morio-Muskat belong to the diverse range of white wines in the Pfalz as well as the international varieties Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The red wines are becoming increasingly important. There is lively, fresh Weißherbst from the Portugieser grape, fruity Pinot Noir and as a special Pfalz success story, Dornfelder, which has been creating a sensation for several years. The Pfalz the largest red wine region in Germany.



Dr. Bürklin-Wolf Bürklin Estate Dry Riesling (Pfalz, Germany)

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Lovely, mineral Riesling, with complex nose of citrus, and palette that is dry and acidic, yet very pleasant.

Germany

Rheinhessen AVA: *Rheinhessen is Germany's largest region for producing the quality wines of the Qualitätswein bestimmter Anbaugebiete (QbA) and Prädikatswein designations, with roughly 26,500 hectares (65,000 acres) of vineyards as of 2014. Many of its most significant viticultural areas are favorably influenced by the Rhine river, which runs along its north and eastern borders. The Rhine, along with the Nahe river to the west and the Haardt mountains to its south, form a natural border. Rheinhessen covers an area south of Rheingau, north of Pfalz and east of Nahe, and is located within the Rhineland-Palatinate federal state. The region has been cultivating grapes for wine production at least since ancient Roman occupation. It's also the home to the oldest surviving records of a German vineyard. Named Glöck,*



the vineyard was included in a deed for a church and vineyards gifted by Carloman – a duke of the Franks of the Carolingian family and the uncle of the first Holy Roman Emperor, Charlemagne – to the diocese of Würzburg in 742. Within a century, dozens of villages were cultivating grapes throughout Rheinhessen. The region predominantly produces white wine, in-line with the majority of German wine production, however it is known for growing relatively diverse range of grape varieties. Müller-Thurgau has been the most planted variety for much of Rheinhessen's modern history, however Riesling has gained in prominence and over the last half-decade the two grapes have come to occupy a similar share of the land under vine, roughly 16 percent each. Dornfelder, the most widely planted red, accounts for 13 percent of the land under vine, with other prominent varieties include Silvaner, Grauburgunder (Pinot Gris) and Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir). Despite the diversity, Riesling and Spätburgunder are the only varieties permitted in the VDP Grosse Lagen wines of Rheinhessen.

Josef Sommer Dornfelder Qualitätswein, Trocken, Rheinhessen, Germany

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100% Dornfelder. Provides elegance to match rich fruit and sweetness. It has a mouth filling texture and an exceptionally smooth taste.

Strub Riesling Soil To Soul Kabinett Rheinhessen

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The very best grapes from Brückchen and Paterberg, and a dash of Riesling from the Rote Hang, combine to create an unmistakable wine. Its classic residual sweetness, paired with a tangy fruit acidity, make this light Riesling versatile and the perfect companion for any food.

Leonard Kreusch, Sapphire Selections Riesling Spätlese Rhinhessen Germany

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This late-harvest white offers a fresh floral bouquet with nice concentration. The mineral notes pair well with the ripe peach and melon flavors and give the wine a pleasant finish. Vinified from very ripe grapes, our Rheinhessen Spätlese, with flavors of peach and melon, pairs well with smoked ham or spicy foods, and is also delicious as an aperitif.

Greece

*Greece is one of the oldest **wine-producing regions** in the world and among the first wine-producing territories in Europe. The earliest evidence of **Greek wine** has been dated to 6,500 years ago^{[1][2]} where wine was produced on a household or communal basis. In ancient times, as trade in wine became extensive, it was transported from end to end of the Mediterranean; Greek wine had especially high prestige in Italy under the Roman Empire. In the medieval period, wines exported from Crete, Monemvasia and other Greek ports fetched high prices in northern Europe.*

Peloponnese: *There are eight main sub-regions in the Peloponnese wine region, namely, **Argolis, Arcadia, Achaia, Ilia, Corinthia, Laconia, Messinia, and Kefalonia**. Along those, the wine appellations are organized into 24 P.G.I and 10 P.D.O, whereas Nemea is the most famous one, meaning “Hercules' blood”*



Mantinia: *is a Greek designation within the Peloponnese that produces light and aromatic white wines from Moschofilero—an indigenous pink-skinned Greek grape. The region is located **on the eastern side of the Peloponnese**, an area characterized by its cool microclimate.*



Tselepos Winery, Κτήμα Τσελεπου (Ktima Tselepos) Moschofilero, Mantinia Peloponnese Greece, (100% Moschofilero) *One of the best Moschofilero wines we have ever tasted! Fresh and crispy with excellent acidity in a superb vintage (2019)! A silky Moschofilero wine from one of the most well-known wineries in the region of Mantinea, Peloponnese. The nose is elegant with citrus, lemon, orange, and minerals! Delicate flavors of high intensity, mainly of citrus fruits and lemons. They are complemented by the characteristic rose and lucoum aromas of Moschofilero. Clean mouthfeel with a strong aftertaste.*

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Greece

Greek Macedonia (*Makedonia*) is an expansive region in northern Greece. It is bordered by the Republic of North Macedonia, Albania and Bulgaria to the north and the Aegean Sea in the south. The vineyards in the mountainous region are extensively planted to Xynomavro, along with Roditis, Limnio and the more-international Cabernet Sauvignon grape variety. Macedonian red wines are noted for their firm tannins and big flavors, and the best examples are among Greece's most-sought-after reds.



Goumenissa: is one of northern Macedonia's lesser-known appellations, located about 50 kilometers (30 mi) northwest of Thessaloniki. The area's vineyards, sitting on the western slopes of Mount Paikos near the small town of Goumenissa, are planted extensively to the Xynomavro and Negoska grape varieties. The appellation covers red wine made from a blend of these two varieties, which are more rustic and fruit-driven in comparison to neighboring regions.



Ktima Gerovassiliou, Malagousia Epanomi Macedonia Greece

(100% Malagousia) This wine has a brilliant straw color with greenish shades and an aroma of matured fruit such as pear, mango and citrus. On the palate flavors of ruby red grapefruit, granite, ripe yellow peach and a touch of lemon peel enhance the appealing mouthfeel in this well-cut, medium-bodied white. Lithe and lingering on the minerally finish.

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Hungary

One hundred years ago, Hungary was one of the most important wine producers in Europe. Every royal court in Europe clinked glasses filled with precious gold Tokaji wine, while other lush Hungarian whites and reds were lauded and enjoyed throughout Europe. So why don't we see more Hungarian wine today? Cue the aggressive assault of phylloxera in the 1880's, two world wars, and forty years of communist collectivization and we begin to get our answer. Fortunately, Hungary is bouncing back. Countless small estates, replanted and cultivated across the country are turning out beautiful wines—a result of traditional winemaking culture mixed with a modern sensibility. With 22 wine regions growing hundreds of varietals, the country offers a multitude of great wines to explore.

Tokaj: Tokaj is the gold standard of the Hungarian wine regions. It is Hungary's most famous wine region, the oldest classified wine region in the world, a Unesco World Heritage Site, and home to the world's first noble rot wine—the sweet golden Tokaji Aszú (“toe-kye as-zoo”). Named after the village of Tokaj, the region is made up of 28 towns scattered along rolling hills and nestled between two rivers, the Tisza and the Bodrog. The rivers create a special microclimate in the area with high levels of moisture in the air, offset by wind and abundant sunshine. This creates optimal conditions for botrytized wines.



Oremus Tokaji Late Harvest (Hungary) 500ml (3oz pour)

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Delightfully sweet on entry, this late-harvest wine leads with delicate Mandarin orange, lemon blossom and canned peach aromas. It has flavors of apricot and peach and is velvety smooth on the palate. The finish is pleasant with a good level of acidity to counterbalance the sweetness.

Disznókő Tokaji Dry Furmint Tokaj-Hegyalja region, Hungary

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***Disznókő** is a hundred-year-old winery in the **Tokaj** region, a world-renowned area that is known for its extraordinary, sweet wines made with clusters affected by *Botrytis cinerea*. The estate also produces dry wines from its native varieties like this **Disznókő Tokaji Dry Furmint**, a single-variety wine made with the town's flagship grape: the **Furmint**, which in this case comes from plots with clay-volcanic soils that give it a subtle mineral touch that perfectly expresses the freshness of the terroir. Aromas of white fruits and grapefruits on the nose. On the palate it is fresh and fruity with flavors reminiscent of exotic fruits, pears and quinces accompanied by a subtle mineral and saline hue that lingers through the finish. A fresh and elegant wine.*

Israel

Over the last twenty years, the Israeli wine industry has grown tremendously and today there are around 300 wineries of different sizes in all areas of Israel and the Israeli-occupied territories of the Golan Heights and the West Bank. Israeli wine is produced in five regions, including portions of the Israeli-occupied territories: Galilee (which includes the sub-regions of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, Upper Galilee and Lower Galilee); the Samson region, located between the southern West Bank and the Coastal Plain; the Negev desert region; the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and the Sharon plain located near the Mediterranean coast and just south of Haifa. A primary concern in Israeli wine production is maintaining acid levels to balance the naturally high sugars that the warm climate of the region produces. Vineyards at higher elevations, as opposed to the lower coastal plains, have more consistently produced wines with the necessary acid balance. Cabernet Sauvignon has shown the greatest aging potential thus far. The smooth texture and ripe tannins of Israeli Merlot has increased that wine's popularity in the market. Chardonnay grown in Israel has shown itself to be highly reflective of terroir and reflective of the particular characteristics of vineyard soils. It is also the primary grape used in Israeli sparkling wine production made according to the methode champenoise.



Gates of Jerusalem Reserve Chardonnay Judean Hills Israel

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100% Chardonnay, grown on terra rossa and limestone soils in the high-elevation Judean Hills. The wine was partly aged in small French oak barrels for 4 months.

Italy— Friûl Vignesie Julie

Friuli Venezia Giulia is a northeast Italian region bordering Austria, Slovenia and the Adriatic Sea. It's home to the sharp-peaked Dolomite Mountains and vineyards producing white wines. Trieste, the capital, was once part of the 19th-century Austro-Hungarian Empire. Its famous sights include the old quarter, the waterfront Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia square and Castello di Miramare, a former royal residence. The name used to be hyphenated as Friuli-Venezia Giulia until 2001. The region is called Friûl Vignesie Julie in Friulian, Furlanija Juljska krajina in Slovene and Friaul Julisch Venetien in German, three languages spoken in the region. The city of Venice ("Venezia") is not in this region, despite the name. The region is divided in as many as 10 DOC and 4 DOCG areas that grow some thirty different wine varieties, often in small quantities.



Jermann Vintage Tunina White Blend Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

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(Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Ribolla Gialla, Malvasia and Picolit) One of Friuli's most iconic wines, this racy, elegant white opens with enticing scents of white spring flowers, sliced pears, green apples, white peaches, and lychee fruit. Full-bodied and very reserved, but the complexity and beauty here are so apparent delivering ripe pear, peach, nectarine, and lemon drop candy alongside a mineral vein and crisp acidity.

Colli Orientali del Friuli (Co-lli Oryen-tally) East of Udine (oo-den-eh) is where winemaking dates back to Roman times. Today, you can find international and local varieties growing side-by-side including Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Pinot Grigio. Vines do very well when planted on the Colli (aka hills) which are protected by the Alps to the North and exposed to gentle sea breezes to the South. White wines of Colli Orientali del Friuli feature scents of white flowers and ripe apples. On the palate you'll taste lots of stone fruit and a long tingly finish. Despite the prevalence of international varieties in Colli Orientali, it's the local varieties that are worthy of interest.



Borgo Conventi, Pinot Grigio Colli Orientali del Friuli (Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy)

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Straw yellow in color, with coppery highlights. On the nose it is fragrant, layered and concentrated with notes of ripe pear and spring flowers it is elegant and supple with avory characteristics.

Zaglia Giorgio Z, Pinot Grigio (Friuli, Italy)

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Reminiscent of acacia blossom. Very refined taste, it is dry and full bodied with pleasing bitterness.... perfect for pairing with gourmet foods.

Italy: Lombardy

Lombardy, located in north-central Italy, is a wine region that is primarily known for its sparkling wines from Franciacorta and Oltrepo-Pavese. Lombardy tends to have a cool, continental climate. The major distinguishing geographic features are the Alps in the north and the Po River, which cuts through Oltrepo-Pavese. To the west is Piedmont, to the south is Emilia-Romagna, and to the east is Trentino-Alto Adige and Veneto.



Lugana: *A picturesque, white wine-specific viticultural region in northern Italy. The vineyard area straddles the regional border between Lombardy in the west and Veneto in the east. It sits at the southern end of Lake Garda, the vines providing a relatively new addition to the landscape of fishing villages and castle-topped towns. The Verdicchio grape variety (aka Trebbiano di Lugana) is the essential ingredient in the area's bianco (white) wines. It thrives in the zone's calcareous clay soils, rich in mineral salts which help the fruit to reach high levels of ripeness and organoleptic complexity. All Lugana wines must comprise at least 90% of this variety, and are often praised for their balance, structure and fragrance (similar in that of Soave Classico). They are also characterized by their freshness gained from the soil characteristics, fruit concentration, underlying floral and spice notes, and delicate acidity. As well as being renowned for its fruity whites, Lugana is noted for its intensely colored chiaretto wine, which can be made as either a pale red or dark rose, using Gropello, Marzemino, Sangiovese and Barbera grapes.*



Zenato, Lugana San Benedetto Italy

100% Verdicchio harvested from the San Benedetto parcel on the south shore of Lake Garda.

Pale lemon-green in color, San Benedetto Lugana offers appealing notes of peaches, citrus, bananas, and herbs, which are underscored by crisp acidity and supple body on the palate.

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Italy: Lombardy

Oltrepò Pavese: *The Oltrepò Pavese region is responsible for more the half of all wine produced in the Lombardy region as well as two-thirds of its DOC-designated wines. This region along the Po Valley was once a part of the Piedmont but has always had Milan as its primary market. Today it produces a DOCG sparkling wine with its Pinot nero (Pinot noir) grapes and a rose sparkling wine denominated Cruase. In addition to sparkling wines, the Oltrepò Pavese also produces red wines from the Pinot nero, Barbera, Croatina, Uva Rara and Vespolina. There are some small plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon that are starting to appear as varietal wines. The white wines of the region are made from Riesling Italico Welschriesling), Riesling (Riesling Reano), Chardonnay, Cortese, Malvasia, Moscato, Pinot grigio and Sauvignon blanc. The Pinot nero grape is also vinified as a rose and as a white, non-sparkling wine in addition to being made as a standard red wine. The sparkling wines of the region are made in several styles. The wines labeled metodo classico are made according to the méthode champenoise of the Champagne region. The wines are composed primarily of Pinot nero with up to a 30% blend of Chardonnay, Pinot bianco and Pinot grigio. Slightly sparkling frizzante styles are made from several of the region's red and white wine grapes including the dry Buttafuoco style and the semi-sweet Sangue di Giuda (meaning Judas' blood) both made from the Croatina grape, known locally as Bonarda. The Moscato grape is also made into a frizzante style as well as liquoroso fortified wine & passito dessert wine.*



Calatrone Sangue Di Giuda, dell'Oltropo(Pavese, Italy)

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A beautiful Red, semi sweet, slightly bubbly wine, coming from the most renowned micro zones of the Oltropo Pavese area~crushed berries, dark plums and black cherry.

Franciacorta: *Franciacorta lies in the heart of Italy's Lombardi region. Lombardy lies south of the Swiss border at the foot of the Alps. Milan is the financial, fashion and cultural hub of this northern part of Italy and just to the north is picturesque Lake Cuomo. Lake Iseo, to the northeast of Milan, is smaller than Lake Cuomo and not as well known, yet charming and impossibly pretty. The Franciacorta wine region cozies up against the southern shores of Lake Iseo and is characterized by rolling hills dotted with stone villages and historic monasteries. This small region, only 77 square miles with just under 8,000*



planted acres, is defined by weather mitigated by Lake Iseo, complex soils deposited by glaciers and many small producers, the majority of whom farm organically. And all Franciacorta is sparkling wine made in the traditional method, called metodo classico in Italy. Franciacorta describes the region, the winemaking and the wine.

Ca' del Bosco Franciacorta Cuvée Prestige (Lombardy, Italy)

85

Aromas of yellow orchard fruit, citrus & a whiff of bread crust a crisp palate along with a nutty note. (Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Nero)

Ca' del Bosco NV Cuveé Prestige Sparkling Rosé Brut Franciacorta (Lombardy, Italy)

130

Aromas of wild berry, bread dough & crushed aromatic herb silky palate of tangerine, pomegranate & peach.

Italy: Piedmont

Piedmont (*Piemonte*) enjoys an unrivaled seat among the world's very finest wine regions. Located in northwest Italy it is the home of more DOCG wines than any other Italian region, among them such well known and respected names as Barolo, Barbaresco, and Barbera d'Asti. Although famous for its austere, tannic, and floral red wines made from Nebbiolo, Piedmont's greatest success story in the past decade has been sweet, white, sparkling Moscato d'Asti. Piedmont sits, as its name suggests, at the foot of the Western Alps, which encircle its northern and western sides and forms its naturally formidable border with Provence, France. To its southeast lie the northernmost Apennine Mountains. These low coastal hills divide Piedmont from its long, thin neighbor Liguria, and the Mediterranean beyond.



Gavi Gavi is in fact a small town in the North-Western part of Italy, in the Piedmont region, one of the most famous wine-growing regions of Italy, the one that also produces the Astis, the Barolos and the Barbarescos. But rather than being quite high up inland towards the Alps, the 11 towns around Gavi that form the Gavi appellation area, are located at the Southern end of Piedmont, bordering the Coastal region of Liguria. Gavi not only has influences from the Alps mountain ranges, but also cooling influences from the Mediterranean, especially during summer. Gavi whites are made from an Italian white grape variety called Cortese-di-Gavi which is pretty much unique to this area.



Villa Sparina, Gavi di Gavi Monterotondo (Piedmont, Italy)

Lots of stone and mineral character with an undercurrent of ripe lemon, sliced pineapple and peaches. Medium to full body, layered and flavorful. Lovely rich texture, great personality. Real Gavi. A seriously good wine!

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Enrico Serafino Gavi di Gavi DOCG Cortese from Piedmont, Italy

Gavi DOCG is the most esteemed source of Cortese wines and the town of Gavi, at its heart, is recognized to produce the finest expressions of the denomination. Super-fresh aromas of yellow plum, tropical fruit, apple, and peach, with a touch of floral and salinity. In the mouth it is more of the same, deliciously juicy and outlined by fresh acidity. There is a hint of honey here, too, which lingers on the long finish.

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Italy: Piedmont

Montferrat (UK: /ˌmɒntfəˈræt/,^[1] US: /-ˈrɑːt/; Italian: - Monferrato [monˈferˈra.to]; Piedmontese: Monfrà [mɔŋˈfrɑ]; Latin: Mons Ferratus) is part of the region of Piedmont in northern Italy.

It comprises roughly (and its extent has varied over time) the modern provinces of **Alessandria** and **Asti**. The territory is cut in two by the river Tanaro. The northern part (the Basso Monferrato, "Low Montferrat"), which lies between that river and the Po, is an area of rolling hills and plains. The southern part (the Alto Monferrato, "High Montferrat") rises from the banks of the Tanaro into the mountains of the Apennines and the water divide between Piedmont and Liguria.



Asti is the name of a province, a town and a wine – all to be found in Piedmont, north-western Italy. The suffix "d'Asti" appears in the names of several wines from the Asti area, including Barbera d'Asti, Dolcetto d'Asti and of course the famous Moscato d'Asti. When used alone (just 'Asti') on a wine label, it indicates the wine formerly known as Asti Spumante – a refreshing, slightly sweet, sparkling white wine made from Moscato grapes. In late 1993, Asti Spumante was promoted to the top-level DOCG classification, at which point the "spumante" was officially dropped. Almost invariably, these other wines are simply the sparkling version of their appellation's main style.



Michele Chiarlo, Nivole Moscato di Asti, (Piedmont, Italy)

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This sweet, fragrant, lightly sparkling wine has vivid aromas and flavors of peach and apricot on a light body with a delicate finish

Coppo L'Avvocata Barbera D'Asti DOCG, Piedmonte, Italy

39

This wine offers abundant fruit while exhibiting excellent balance. Its aromas and flavors of raspberries & blackberries

Castello di Neive Arneis Montebertotto, Langhe Asti, Piedmont,

40

Absolutely vibrant Arneis! From a single vineyard in Barbaresco, fermented and aged in steel. Pale straw with silver. On the nose; subtle pear, peach, flint, and starfruit aromas. Flavors of underripe peach, starfruit, and key lime, with palate cleansing flinty minerality. Medium bodied, silky texture, dry with a playful bit of 'off dry' at the midpalate, crisp acidity, good complexity from this local grape!

La Morandina Moscato D'Asti DOCG, E Garantita, Asti, Italy

14 / 40

Fine perlage. Scents are fresh and fragrant, with hints of orange blossom, gardenia, and aromatic herbs. On the palate like the nose, slightly sparkling with low acidity, fresh and flavorsome, notes of mint and sage on the finish This wine is typical of its grape variety.

Barbaresco This wine region is ranked as one of the greatest in Italy. Along with Barolo, Barbaresco produces world class wines from the Nebbiolo grape in the Piedmont region. The vineyards around the town of Barbaresco make up for 45% of Barbaresco production . Wines from this area tend to be relatively light in color and body well structured and aromatic.



Massimo Rivetti Barbaresco 'Froi' Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy

75

100% Nebbiolo. A Classic dry Barbaresco. Fragrant blue flowers, wild berry, new leather, a hint of clove and an earthy whiff of game shape the nose. Linear and precise, the focused palate delivers dried black cherry, oriental spices, licorice, tobacco, vanilla and star anise alongside fine-grained tannins and bright acidity.

Italy: Piedmont

Barbaresco (cont'd)

Rivetti Massimo Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy

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100% Nebbiolo. Nebbiolo ripens earlier in Barbaresco than in Barolo, primarily due to the vineyards' proximity to the Tanaro River and lower elevations. While the wines here are still powerful, Barbaresco expresses a more feminine side of Nebbiolo, often with softer tannins, delicate fruit, and an elegant perfume. Aromas of red berry, mint, menthol, and baking spice slowly take shape in the glass. On the palate, notes of anise, chopped herb and black pepper add depth to the cherry-raspberry core. Firm, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity provide the framework.

Barolo is a traditional hillside village in the rolling hills of Piedmont, northwestern Italy. The vineyards and cantine (wineries) there have long been famous for producing some of Italy's very finest red wines. The region's signature grape variety, Nebbiolo is the sole variety permitted for the wine which takes the village's name. Fragrant, tannic Barolo wine is so revered that it was one of just three wines awarded DOCG status on the day that the classification was introduced in July 1980. (The other two were Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano).



Michele Chiarlo Barolo Tortoniano, Barolo Piedmont Italy

89

100% Nebbiolo. Earthy and delicious, this opens with aromas of ripe dark-skinned berry, new leather, truffle and crushed botanical herb. The structured, expressive palate delivers crushed black cherry, mature raspberry, tobacco, and spice as well as chocolate character and the barest whiff of game alongside tightly knit, velvety tannins. It is well balanced, with fresh acidity.

Tenute Neirano Barolo Piedmont Italy

45

This wine has a red color with orange reflections. A rich and powerful wine which is velvety on the palate with the distinct bouquet; attractive, fine, floral rose petal perfume here with a neat array of spice-dusted red fruit. The palate has a very approachable and fleshy feel with a wide arc of fine, chalky tannins. Before release Neirano Barolo spends three years in large oak 'botti' and a further period in bottle to allow the tannins to soften and the wine to develop.

Bruno Giacosa Barolo Le Rocche del Falletto Riserva Piedmont Italy

555

100% Nebbiolo. Simply put, this is a beautiful wine that unfolds slowly with amazing intensity and complexity, delivering delicate notes of violets and candied orange peel that cede softly to darker tones of licorice, dried blackberry, and savory spice. Give the wine the time it needs to open in the glass. It goes on for so long. Stops and then starts over again. This vintage flaunts its most elegant side, with fine tannins and soft fruity fiber that remains everlasting and pure.

Italy: Puglia / Sardinia

The Puglian wine region is divided into three subregions: Foggia in the north, Bari and Taranto in the center, and Brindisi and Lecce in the south. After Veneto, Puglia is tied with Sicily as the second biggest wine region in Italy. The Puglia area is mostly home to grape growers, rather than wine producers. If you want fruit-forward, ripe, red wine for a good price, look no further than Puglia. Some of the best values in Italian wine come from this sunny, dry region. Most Puglia wine is red, full-bodied and will pair well with a wide variety of foods. Producers in Puglia have focused on making great red wines and local grapes like Negroamaro, Primitivo, and Bombino Nero make for delicious drinking.



Primitivo Feudi Di San Gregorio, Manduria, (Puglia, Italy)

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Complex, spicy hints of clove & black pepper woody undertones wild cherry & prune, blackberry cherry chocolate leather cigar

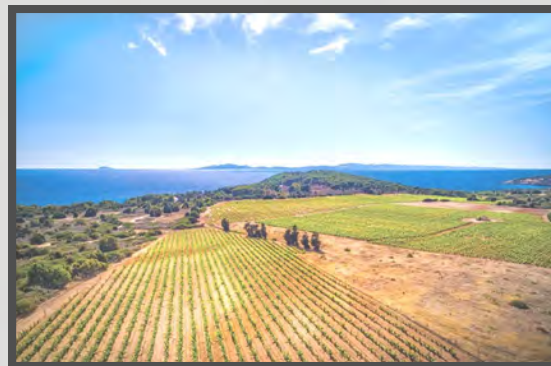
Primitivo di Manduria Riserva, Miluna, Puglia, Italy

14 / 40

Pours a lovely dark color. Quite spicy on the nose with aromas of Christmas cake, raspberry, cinnamon, clove, and allspice. Notes of blackberry, cherry, plum, vanilla, cinnamon, clove and black currant. Spicy finish.

Sardinia

Sulcis: Sulcis is a coastal zone around the modern-day Sant'Antioco, a city founded by the Phoenicians and known then by the name Solki, which eventually became Sulcis. It includes the island of Sant'Antioco, Italy's fourth-largest island (after Sicily, Elba and Sardinia itself), which is connected to the mainland by a causeway and bridge. A respectable number of vines are grown on the island, particularly in the northeast corner between Sant-Antioco and Calasetta towns. The northern end of the Gulf of Palmas separates the island from the Sardinian mainland and provides a cooling influence for Sardinia's most southerly vines. At a latitude of 38 degrees north, this is one of the more equatorial viticultural regions in Europe, parallel with Murcia in southern Spain, Alentejo in Portugal and Calabria on the Italian mainland.



Cantina Mesa Vermentino di Sardinia Giunco

13 / 39

Bright straw yellow. Tasting is energetic and quick-fire yet all-embracing, freshness and saltiness dictate the rhythm and underpin the aromatic fruity and balsamic hints. Intense with citrus zest, white-fleshed fruit and tropical fruits with balsamic notes from Mediterranean shrubs and hints of iodine. A truly pretty wine from Sardegna!

Buio, Carignano Del Sulcis Sardinia DOC

13 / 39

This smooth red opens with aromas evoking ripe dark-skinned berry, Mediterranean scrub, and dark culinary spice. The medium-bodied palate offers mature blackberry and star anise alongside lithe tannins.

Italy: Sicily

The Greeks, Phoenicians, Arabs and Italians have all held sway over Sicily. Though the Greeks brought their advanced viticulture techniques, Sicilians have been making wine since 4000 BC. Its dry, warm climate features regular sunshine and moderate rainfall that suits wine production. Arid conditions reduce the chance of rot and mildew, especially in areas kissed with coastal breezes. This makes Sicily a prime candidate for organic farming. Olives, citrus and grains drive the agricultural sector beyond wine. In the past, however, farmers opted for higher yields, which turned Sicily into a bulk wine center. They distributed to mainland Europe to boost thin wines, as well as to China and India, who imported concentrated Sicilian must to sweeten foods. Heritage regions like Marsala did put Sicilian wine on the map. Wine traditions in each of the island's regions, from Vittoria to Mount Etna, have remained strong. In the 1980s, a resurgence in interest brought improvements in viticulture and winemaking. Today, Sicily turns out some of the most exciting labels in Italy.

Patelleria: Pantelleria is a small island nestled in the middle of the Mediterranean, sixty miles southwest of Sicily and thirty miles east of Tunisia. The fortunate few who have heard of this best-kept secret may know it through the island's sweet, luscious Passito wines made from sun-dried Muscat grapes. "Passito" refers to the technique of drying, or raisining, berries on or off the vine. Pantelleria's exceptionally hot, and generally dry, climate certainly favor this technique, which effectively concentrates sugars in the berries through desiccation, a style further aided by the island's sometimes strong winds that blow from the North African coast.



Donnafugata Ben Ryé Passito di Pantelleria, (Sicily, Italy) 375ml (3oz pour)

22 / 79

Made from Zibbibo grapes on the tiny Italian island of Pantelleria. An extraordinary rich bouquet with outstanding aromas of apricots and candied orange peel obtained from the dried grapes. The palate is very fresh and intense, balancing perfectly the sweetness with a long and satisfying persistence.

Italy: Trentino-Alto Adige region

Trentino is an autonomous province in the far north of Italy, bordering Lombardy to the west and Veneto to the south and east. The province forms the southern half of the Trentino-Alto Adige region. The other half is Alto Adige (Südtirol to its largely German speaking population). Some 70 percent of the land lies above 1000 meters (3000 feet), with 20 percent above 2000m; 90 peaks exceed 3000m. The Dolomite Alps make up these highlands. Vineyards are planted in the lower 10 percent of the region. Still, in some areas the vines sit up to 900 meters above sea level, and are found throughout Trentino. The peaks and ridges bring protection from the elements, casting a rain shadow over the valley. They also channel warm air currents through it as the land heats up and cools down over the course of the day. This reliable mountain breeze keeps vineyards free from undesirable rot and fungal diseases.



Roscatto Moscato, Travenezie,

13 / 39

Straw yellow in color with varied notes of candied citrus, ripe fruit, & white flowers. Fresh taste & pleasantly fruity aftertaste.

Santa Margherita Sparkling Rose Brut (Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy)

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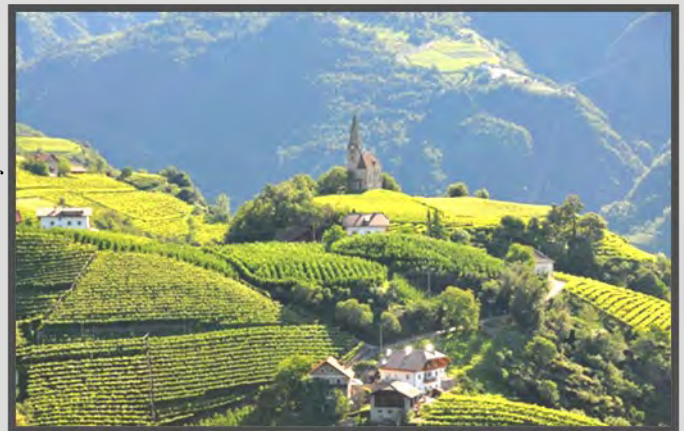
Elegant perfumes of strawberries and citrus lead to an attractive palate with mixed berry fruits that linger on the finish.

Peter Zemmer Pinot Grigio, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

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This wine hails from estate vineyards in the Cortina area of the Dolomites in South Tyrol. Shy at first, its aromas take their time to emerge, but once they do, sweet apple and white flowers are particularly lovely, sliced cooked-pear and some pear-blossom aromas. Pear Williams. Steely, salty, and floral nature of the palate encompasses mouthwatering notes of peach. The crisp, full-bodied character dominates with high-toned acidity from mid-palate to finish. What a pretty wine!

Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT *Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT is an IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica) title of the Trentino-Alto Adige region in the far northern reaches of alpine Italy. Its geographical area also spills over into Veneto (specifically the Belluno province), but the vast majority of Vigneti delle Dolomiti wines are from Trentino-Alto Adige. The German-language form of the title is Weinberg Dolomiten. The IGT title is named after the Dolomite Mountains of which dominates a majority of the topography here. Vineyards are found scattered amongst the peaks and valleys of the foothills at altitudes of which create cool night time temperatures and warm, sunny days. This diurnal temperature variation increasing the length of the growing season of which is crucial in this cool climate to allow grapes to achieve full phenolic ripeness.*



Cembra Schiava Dolomiti IGT (Trentino, Italy)

39

Schiava Brigia, Schiava Grossa, Schiava Gentile, Schiava Meranese Grapes. Clearest, lightest red. Nose: cotton candy/bubblegum, strawberry balsamic. Light, tart taste with cranberry, hibiscus, orange peel, slight earthiness. A wonderful 'chilled' accompaniment to appetizers

Italy: Trentino-Alto Adige region

Überetsch or L'Oltradige is one of the most important wine areas in the Alto Adige–Südtirol region of northern Italy. Together with the Bassa Atesina (Unterland), it forms the Oltradige-Bassa Atesina area. It is a hilly section of the Etschtal in South Tyrol, south-west of Bolzano (Bozen), covering the territory of Alto Adige west of the Adige and south-west of Bolzano at the heart of the Alto Adige–Südtirol region. It is a hilly area, at 200-500 m above sea level, along the slopes of the Coast of Mendola under which the Alto Adige wine road and the Oltradige cycle path run. The region is a known tourist destination, famous for its wines, castles of medieval origin surrounded by vineyards, orchards and the lakes of Monticolo and Caldaro.



Elena Walch, Beyond the Clouds, Alto Adige Bianco Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy DOC, (Mostly Chardonnay with smaller amounts of indigenous grapes) **99**
Fragrant and bright with a little sliver of Italian sunshine locked deep within. Nuances of exotic fruits such as pineapple revealing yellow rose, orchard fruit, dried apricot, pine nut and acacia honey. Dense and complex, the wine enthuses on the palate with fullness and structure, creamily soft and elegant, stimulatingly fresh and juicy with a discreetly incorporated, modest notes of wood and a long reverberation of taste. THIS IS ONE OF DR. WINE'S FAVORITES!

Elena Walch Schiava, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy (100% Schiava) **39**
Bright ruby in color with a delicate hint of cherry on the nose – true to the Schiava grape. On the palate, it is harmonious and elegant due to naturally mild acidity and tannin with a pleasant bitter almond flavor on the finish. An elegant, fruity red wine with good lengths. Served chilled.

Elena Walch Pinot Bianco Selezione Südtirol Trentino-Alto Adige Italy **40**
(100% Pinot Bianco) We tasted this Elena Walch Alto Adige Pinot Bianco and were immediately smitten. It is deliciously clean, with intoxicating notes of stone fruit and citrus, but the real highlight for us was the beautiful acidity and crispy minerality. A pinot bianco with crystal-clear aromas of sliced apples, white flowers and minerals that follow through to a full body with density and structure that delivers freshness and layers at the finish. Attractive fruit at the end.

Elena Walch, Gewürztraminer Südtirol Trentino-Alto Adige Italy **40**
(100% Gewürztraminer) WOW...intense straw yellow with hints of gold reflections. Classic Gewürztraminer notes are mirrored in the bouquet – intensively aromatic notes of rose petals, flowers and spices. The wine presents itself rich in finesse on the palate, with fresh fullness, harmonic elegance and a long finish

Elena Walch Müller Thurgau Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy **40**
(100% Müller Thurgau) The Müller Thurgau is persuasive with light straw yellow color, aromas of a bouquet of flowers, discreet aromas of herbs, some nutmeg as well as slight notes of apricot. Enjoyable freshness, youthful acidity, and delicate structure, fruity taste characterizes the palate.

Italy: Trentino-Alto Adige region

Südtirol Alto Adige (cont'd)

Cantina Tramin Kellerei, Lagrein, Alto Adige, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy,

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Lagrein is a red wine grape variety native to the valleys of South Tyrol, northern Italy. Along with Marzemino, it is a descendant of Teroldego, and related to Syrah, Pinot noir and Dureza. The name suggests its origins lie in the Lagarina valley of Trentino. This deeply colored wine is a classic with intense and complex aromas of cocoa, cinnamon, wild berries and violets. Fine tannins, it is full-bodied and velvety

Tramin, Südtirol Alto Adige Gewürztraminer

13 / 39

*This Traminer has an intensive color with a golden yellow tint. The **splendid bouquet** shows aromas like roses, carnations, cinnamon, and lychee. On the palate it has a very good extract, despite all the intensity it has been preserved to its vitality, because no malolactic fermentation has been made. **An excellent Traminer.***

Italy: Umbria

Umbria is located in central Italy surrounded by Tuscany, Lazio and Marche wine regions. Etruscans and Umbrians were the first to plant vines 3,000 years ago. Later, the region was known especially for the white wine Orvieto. The Orvieto still exists today - it is called Trebbiano, Verdello or Canaiolo Bianco - but today Umbria is best known for its characterful red and white wines.



Montefalco The DOC was introduced in 1979 and applies to both red and white wines. The vineyard zone surrounds the communes of Montefalco and Bevagna, south-east of Perugia. This area is steeped in grape-growing and wine-making traditions.



Arnaldo Caprai Sagrantino di Montefalco Collepiano Umbria Italy

89

100% Sagrantino. Darkly alluring notes of plum and cherry sauce give way to balsamic spices and hints of mocha as the wine blossoms in the glass. This is a deeply textural yet youthfully dense and poised expression, a wave of ripe black fruits, encased in a web of minerals, coasting along a core of brisk acids. Cooling hints of mint add lift through the massively structured finale, where sweet tobacco, baker's chocolate and currants linger incredibly long. This is a towering yet sleek vintage of Collepiano that will enjoy a long life, though it will require several years to come fully into focus.

Italy: Tuscany

Tuscany: Located in central Italy along the Tyrrhenian coast, Tuscany is home to some of the world's most notable wine regions. Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano are primarily made with Sangiovese grape whereas the Vernaccia grape is the basis of the white Vernaccia di San Gimignano. Tuscany is also known for the dessert wine Vin Santo, made from a variety of the region's grapes. Tuscany has forty-one Denominazioni di origine controllata (DOC) and eleven Denominazioni di Origine Controllata e Garantita (DOCG). In the 1970s a new class of wines known in the trade as "Super Tuscans" emerged. Some producers still prefer the declassified rankings or to use the Indicazione Geografica Tipica (IGT) classification of Toscana. Tuscany has six sub-categories of IGT wines today.



Chianti: Located in the central region of Tuscany, the Chianti zone is Tuscany's largest classified wine region and produces over eight million cases a year. In addition to producing the well known red Chianti wine, the Chianti zone also produces white, other Rosso reds and Vin Santo. The region is split into two DOCG- Chianti and Chianti Classico. The larger Chianti DOCG zone is further divided in six DOC sub-zones and areas in the western part of the province of Pisa, the Florentine hills north of Chianti Classico in the province of Florence, the Siena hills south of the city in the province of Siena, the province of Arezzo and the area around the communes of Rufina and Pistoia.^[13]



Chianti Classico: The Chianti Classico zone covers the area between Florence and Siena, which is the original Chianti region, and where some of the best expressions of Chianti wine are produced. The terroir of the Classico zone varies throughout the region depending on the vineyards' altitude, soil type and distance from the Arno River. The soils of the northern communes, such as Greve, are richer in clay deposits while those in the southern communes, like Gaiole, are harder and stonier. Riserva Chianti is aged for at least 27 months, some of it in oak, and must have a minimum alcohol content of 12.5%. Wines from the Chianti DOCG can carry the name of one of the six sub-zones or just the Chianti designation. The Chianti Superiore designation refers to wines produced in the provinces of Florence and Siena but not in the Classico zone.



Dievole Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy

15 / 45

90% Sangiovese, 7% Canaiolo, and 3% Colorino - The bouquet opens to wild berry and redcurrant with grilled rosemary and red rose petal. Flavors of cherry, strawberry, leather, and earth highlight this intense red.

Italy: Tuscany ~ Chianti Classico ~ Bolgheri

Ricasoli Brolio Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG (Tuscany, Italy)

59

Aromas of black-skinned berry, mint & cooking spice .Ripe black cherry, crushed raspberry, licorice & clove polished tannins.

Barone Ricasoli, Chianti Classico Brolio

49

Intense ruby color with notes of red fruit, vanilla, and liquorice complement a complex mouthfeel with a long, mineral finish.

Barone Ricasoli Castello di Brolio Gran Selezione Chianti Classico DOCG

150

A refined red with fine nose of blackberries and blackcurrant notes, balsamic and spicy hints. Delicate chocolate, plum and raspberry character. Medium body, integrated fruit, and tannins. The wine displays excellent acid structure, well balanced, elegant tannins. The impact in the mouth is velvety and persistent.

Bolgheri ~ Home of the Super-Tuscans.

The DOC Bolgheri region of the Livorno province is home to one of the original Super Tuscan wines

Sassicaia, first made in 1944 produced by the marchesi Incisa della Rocchetta, cousin of the Antinori family.

The DOC Bolgheri region is also home to the Super Tuscan wine Ornellaia which was featured in the film Mondovino as well as Tignanello from Marchesi Antinori.



Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso, Tuscany

59

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 10% Sangiovese. Radiant ruby red. In the bouquet plum, currant, dried cherry, and leather. At the palate then full juice and strength, wonderfully harmonious aroma picture of small red fruits, Mediterranean spices and a restrained tannin framework with a hint of black tea. A wonderful and balanced representative from Bolgheri (Vineyards next to Sassicaia), which also comes up with an impressively long finish.

Baracchi, O'lillo Rosso Super Tuscan (Toscana, Italy)

69

(Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah) O'Lillo means "hello, my beautiful friend.

"Similar to a fantastic Bordeaux, but is soft yet complex on the palate, presenting cherries, blueberries without the sugar, licorice, vanilla, chocolate and a touch of tobacco."

Tenuta San Guido Guidalberto (Tuscany, Italy)

99

If Mario Incisa, creator of Sassicaia, was inspired by his great-uncle Leopoldo Incisa della Rocchetta, then his son Nicolò, director of Tenuta San Guido since forty years, has been motivated by Guidalberto della Gherardesca his great great great grandfather. Fondly called 'Sassicaia's child' this beautifully balanced wine is marked by sweet black Merlot fruit, with ripe, concentrated berries offset by restrained notes of spice, vanilla, and cedar. Elegant supple texture / ripe, silky tannins, finish.

Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia Bolgheri (Tuscany, Italy)

285

85 % Cabernet Sauvignon 15 % Cabernet Franc. This wine is chiseled and sharp with blackberry, ripe cherry, grilled herb and barbecue spice. The aromas flow from the glass in a continuous stream and are all marked by radiant intensity. The mouthfeel is long and powerful. The crisp linearity of the wine's tannic backbone is perfectly measured to the volume and depth of the fruit flavors.

Italy: Tuscany

Brunello di Montalcino is a red DOCG Italian wine produced in the vineyards surrounding the town of Montalcino, in the province of Siena, located about 80 km south of Florence in the Tuscany wine region. Brunello, a diminutive of Bruno ("brown"), is the name that was given locally to what was believed to be an individual grape variety grown in Montalcino. In 1879 the Province of Siena's Ampelographic Commission determined, after a few years of controlled experiments, that Sangiovese and Brunello were the same grape variety, and that the former should be its designated name.^[1] In Montalcino the name Brunello evolved into the designation of the wine produced with 100% Sangiovese.



Petrolo, Val d'Arno di Sopra Galatrona Gran Cru Merlot, Tuscany, Italy

165

100% Merlot. Galatrona is Petrolo's most acclaimed wine, a Merlot cru made exclusively with grapes from the Galatrona-Feriale vineyard. The aromas of dried flowers, stones, dark tea leaves, hot tile, and dark berries. Full-bodied, yet tight and linear. Wonderful drive and depth. An extremely long and focused finish. A great wine.

Poggio Antico Brunello di Montalcino Altero Tuscany

155

100% Sangiovese. Extremely dark and concentrated. Open, very persistent and clean with wonderful aromas of blackberries, raspberries, coffee, spices and vanilla. Rich, powerful, extremely concentrated yet elegant and velvety. The silky and ripe tannins make it particularly smooth to the palate. Loads of plum, dark cherry and licorice and a very long finish. It's very fine and pretty. Savory and delicate. Such finesse here.

Capanna Brunello di Montalcino Sangiovese Tuscany Italy

115

The 2016 Brunello spent 36 months in classic Slavonian oak. The lifted aromatics upon opening give way to more subtle floral tones, fresh raspberry, dried herbs, dusty earth, black cherry, cedar, leather, and dried flowers. The palate is crisp and linear, refreshing citrus-like acidity with fine but creamy tannins that are long and caressing. The 2016 is layered and complex within its transparency. There is a lot to love with this wine for those who enjoy traditional Sangiovese with brightness and lift.

Abruzzo is home to one DOCG – Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Colline Teramane – and three DOC wine designations. The red and Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo and Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, and the white wine appellation Trebbiano d'Abruzzo are the most notable, followed by the lesser-known Controguerra.



Avignonesi, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Tuscany Italy

14 / 40

100% Sangiovese. Fragrant and loaded with finesse, this has enticing aromas of dark-skinned berry, violet, camphor, whiffs of pipe tobacco, rose petals, tulips, and orange zest. The vibrant, linear palate has great tension, delivering juicy Morello cherry, crushed mint, orange zest and star anise framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. Crunchy on the finish.

Ciavolich, Colline Pescaresi Pecorino Aries

14 / 40

(100% Pecorino) From a single hectare in Loreto Aprutino at 250 metres above sea level, a small percentage is matured in old French tonneaux for three months before bottling. The result is an aromatic wine full of summer meadow flowers, melon, straw, apricot, lemon, apple, rosewater and sweet exotic spices. It's delightfully complex in the mouth too, and light on its feet thanks to the lifted lemon notes and good acidity. Green apple and citrus flavors are joined by cantaloupe and honeydew melon, a richer streak of apricot, and a touch of smoky wood on the finish, with some white grapefruit, rosewater, and white flower highlights.

Italy: Tuscany

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano: *The Vino Nobile di Montepulciano received its DOCG status shortly after Brunello di Montalcino, in 1980. The DOCG covers the red wine of the Montepulciano area. The wine received its name in the 17th century, when it was the favorite wine of the Tuscan nobility. Located in the southeastern region of Tuscany, the climate of the region is strongly influenced by the sea. The variety of Sangiovese in Montepulciano is known as Prugnolo Gentile and is required to account for at least 80% of the wine. Traditionally Canaiolo and Mammolo make up the remaining part of the blend but some producers have begun to experiment with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The wines are required to age two years prior to release, with an additional year if it is to be a riserva. The recent use of French oak barrels has increased the body and intensity of the wines which are noted for their plummy fruit, almond notes and smooth tannins.*



Avignonesi, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Tuscany Italy

13 / 39

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Dei, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

55

(90% Sangiovese and 10% Canaiolo Nero) This Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is a brilliant color with hints of garnet as it ages. Intense bouquet, pungent and ripe, with aroma of fragrant blue and violet flowers, ripe cherry, plum and violets. It is savory and loaded with finesse, delivering juicy black cherry, ripe blackberry, truffle, and cocoa before a star anise finish. Supple tannins and bright acidity provide seamless support and balance.

Morellino di Scansano DOCG is an Italian red wine made in the hilly environs of the village of Scansano, GR, in the Maremma region of coastal Tuscany, which has an ancient but obscure tradition of winemaking. Morellino is the local name for the Sangiovese grape variety. Many people think that the name Morellino comes from morello (brown), the colour of the region's horses. The name may also come from the morello cherry, a dark red cherry with great tartness and acidity. The wine, which was granted DOC status in 1978, then upgraded to DOCG status beginning with the 2007 vintage, is made from at least 85% Sangiovese, which is also the basis of the Tuscan wines Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino, and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. The remaining 15% can comprise any non-aromatic black grape varieties included in a list made and periodically updated by Tuscan wine authorities.



Fattoria Le Pupille Poggio Valente (Tuscany, Italy)

79

100% Sangiovese Full bodied, with significant but dusty tannins, bright cherry, slightly toasted oak, tobacco and spices. This feels and tastes like a fine Brunello. Decant and enjoy.

Italy: Veneto

Veneto Wine Region: *Veneto is slightly smaller than Italy's other main wine-producing regions – Piedmont, Tuscany, Lombardy, Puglia and Sicily – yet it generates more wine than any of them. Although the southern regions Sicily and Puglia were for a long time Italy's main wine producers, this balance began to shift north towards Veneto in the latter half of the 20th Century. In the 1990s, southern Italian wine weakened in an increasingly competitive and demanding world, while Veneto upped its game, gaining recognition with such wines as Valpolicella, Amarone, Soave and Prosecco.*



Torresella Prosecco Extra Dry, , Veneto, Italy

13 / 39

Fresh & fruity, juicy acidity, flavors of fresh peaches, apricots & green apple, hints of almonds, creamy

Le Contesse Pinot Noir Rose Brut (Veneto, Italy)

40

Bright pink color, fruity notes with a touch of berries and tropical fruit. Floral bouquet, with a hint of rose and violet.

Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco: *A DOCG title given to a prestigious zone for Prosecco wines made from the Glera grape variety in the Veneto wine region of northeastern Italy. The appellation was created in 1969 and promoted to DOCG 40 years later. Some retailers and other sources describe the wine as Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene. This naming convention has been superseded on labels. The zone is located near the center of the Treviso province. The catchment area spans approximately 25 kilometers (16 miles) running from east to west, just north of Montello and Colli Asolani. Vineyard yields are capped at 13.5 tons per hectare.*



Rustico Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG (Nino Franco, Italy)

40

Aromas of white spring flower, Bartlett pear and citrus. The racy, refreshing palate is full of energy, offering crisp yellow-apple, lemon drop & orange zest flavors balanced by vibrant acidity.

Italy: Veneto

Lison-Pramaggiore is a DOC of the Veneto wine region in northeastern Italy. It covers a wide range of styles including red and white still varietal wines, multivariety blends, spumante and dessert wines. A Rosso blend must contain 50 percent or more of Merlot. Up to half may be Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Malbec and/or Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso. All of these red varieties may be made into varietal wines. The two Cabernets may only feature individually on labels from the Pordenone subzone. This province lies across the border in Friuli-Venezia Giulia.



Famiglia Boron, Lison Pramaggiore Refosco dal Penduncolo Rosso

14 / 40

A beautiful example of the Refosco grape from Veneto. An 'easy drinking' wine with wild blackberry, raspberry and berry nuances with a lingering mixed berry aftertaste. Enjoy!

Prosecco di Treviso Doc Treviso is a city in Veneto, and capital of the eponymous province, situated between the Gulf of Venice and the Alps. Treviso is famous as the origin of the sparkling wines known as Prosecco, and still considered among the best sources for wine made from the grape variety Glera, formerly known as Prosecco, especially from the Prosecco de Conegliano Valdobbiadene DOCG and Colli Asolani Prosecco DOCG appellations, which are independent of the standard Prosecco DOC. Prosecco wines produced according to DOC regulations within Treviso are labeled Prosecco di Treviso.



La Gioiosa Valdobbiadene Prosecco Treviso, Extra Dry (Veneto, Italy) 187 ml = 1 glass

14

Pale straw color & fine perlage. Fruity aroma of ripe golden apple & an elegant reminiscent of acacia flowers.

Villa Sandi il Fresco Brut (Prosecco DOC, Italy)

13 / 39

Very pale straw yellow and fine,mpersistent perlage. Aroma is fruity & flowery with hints of ripe golden apple & small mountain flowers followed

Italy: Veneto

Amarone della Valpolicella: usually known as *Amarone* (UK: /ˌæməˈroʊneɪ, ni/, Italian: [amaˈroːne]), is an Italian DOCG

denomination of typically rich dry red wine made from the partially dried grapes of the Corvina (45–95%, of which up to 50% could be substituted with Corvinone), Rondinella (5–30%) and other approved red grape varieties (up to 25%). Valpolicella is in the province of Verona, within the large Veneto region near Venice. In Italian, the name *Amarone* literally means "the

Great Bitter"; originally, this was to distinguish it from the *Recioto* produced in the same region, which is sweeter in taste. There are three important subregions: *Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico*, *Amarone Della Valpolicella* and *Amarone Della Valpolicella Valpantena*.



Villa Leone, Amarone della Valpolicella (100% Corvina)

120

This is a WOW! Amarone! The wine has a powerful bouquet and intense aromas of cherry, ripe plum, toasted almond, and vanilla. The proper description would be 'very fruit-forward!' There is no doubt this is a luscious example of the Amarone production.

Tenute Fiorebelli, Amarone della Valpolicella (single vineyard, 100% Corvina)

120

This wine is absolutely amazing for the price-point! It exudes aromas and flavors of black cherries, chocolate, coffee, and raisins, along with a note of almonds. Despite a formidable structure, your palate will be caressed...a velvety, spicy, and elegant feel with an extremely long and lingering finish. Sorprendente!

Soave: is arguably the most famous white wine DOC in Italy.

Granted in 1968, the DOC title covers wines made from Garganega grapes grown in hillside vineyards east of Verona, in the Veneto wine region of northeastern Italy. A dry, crisp, fruity white wine, Soave's naturally refreshing appeal led it to phenomenal popularity in the second half of the 20th Century.

The official catchment area for Soave wine production covers the communes of Monteforte d'Alpone, San Martino Buon Albergo, Mezzane di Sotto, Ronca, Montecchia di Crosara, San Giovanni Ilarione, San Bonifacio, Cazzano di Tramigna, Colognola ai Colli, Caldiero, Illasi, Lavagno and

Soave itself. The production area was significantly expanded when the Soave DOC laws were drawn up, and it now covers about three times its former area.



Suavia, Soave Classico Veneto Italy

13 / 39

100% Garganega. Pristine aromas of ripe apples, fresh pears, almonds, and flowers follow through to a medium-bodied palate with fresh, lemony acidity providing tension and drive. Clean finish, leaving a bright, mineral aftertaste.

New Zealand

New Zealand's wine regions extend 1,100km (700 miles) from subtropical Northland (35° S) down to Central Otago (45° S), home to the world's most southerly vineyards. Our vineyards benefit from the moderating effect of our maritime climate (no vineyard is more than 120km, or 80 miles, from the ocean), long sunshine hours and nights cooled by sea breezes. Most of our wine regions are found on the eastern coastlines of the North and South Islands, in the rain shadow of the mountains, each with its own unique soils and climatic conditions. Within these diverse regions, subregional characteristics shine through and wines are distinguished as being not just from a wine region, but from a subregion and a place.



Marlborough AVA: *Marlborough put New Zealand on the international wine stage with its exquisite Sauvignon Blanc in the 1980s. Over 20,000ha of vines (around 2/3 of the national total) are under the care of local wine producers, making it the country's largest wine region. Marlborough wineries offer a huge range of varieties, from exquisite Pinot Noir to intense Chardonnay, and vivacious aromatics. The diverse soils and meso-climates are revealing exciting new sub-regions, and it is within these unique sub-regions that Marlborough's future lies.*



Hooks Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand

13 / 39

Hooks Bāy Sauvignon Blanc embodies all the best qualities from Marlborough, a world-renowned grape growing region. The fruits flavor and expression were carefully preserved by way of cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Pale straw color with a juicy mid-palate. Delicious tropical, bright melon and citrus notes combine with a lovely fresh, mouth-watering acidity.

Greywacke, Pinot Noir Marlborough

69

(Named after 'Greywacke Jones,' an absolutely loveable little cat in the 'Slinky Malinky' children's book series.) A very complex and well-executed style that has everything from crushed violets to cherries, blueberries, tar, Christmas spice, earthy notes, plums, sappy nuances, homemade strawberry jam, intermingled with more savory suggestions of black olives, cedar, and a hint of lavender. The palate has a sleek, succulent feel that combines red and black fruit with earthy, smoky nuances with very plush, smooth tannins, drawing the fruit effortlessly deep.



New Zealand

Canterbury AVA: *The Canterbury Geographical Indication covers wine made anywhere within the Canterbury region of New Zealand, a very large area of some 44,500 square kilometers (17,200 sq mi). In practice, almost all the region's vineyards are concentrated in a relatively small area around the city of Christchurch, which has prompted the establishment of two more specific GIs within it. North Canterbury is simply the top half of the larger Canterbury GI north of the Rakaia River, and Waipara Valley, a small area about 60 kilometers (37 mi) north of Christchurch which accounts for the majority of Canterbury's total vineyard plantings.*



Waipara Valley: *a Geographical Indication and sub-region of the larger Canterbury GI, about 60 kilometres (37 mi) north of Christchurch. The valley floor provides a warm micro-climate ideal for viticulture. To the west, the Southern Alps temper the prevailing westerly winds and provide a rain shadow, and to the east, low coastal limestone ridges moderate the cool ocean winds. The region makes up the bulk of Canterbury's plantings, which by 2017 was a total vineyard area of 1,257 hectares (3,110 acres), well known for its Pinot Noir, of which 340 hectares (840 acres) is planted. Liam Steevenson MW has described Waipara as possibly the "most exciting place to grow Pinot Noir". White wines of the region include varietal wines, most commonly of Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay.*



Rubus Sauvignon Blanc, Waipara Valley, Canterbury, New Zealand

13 / 39

100% Sauvignon Blanc. The name RUBUS means "raspberry" in Latin, and it is the name given to the genus of flowering plants in the rose family. The Rubus Sauvignon Blanc was produced from grapes grown in selected Waipara Valley vineyards. The extended growing season of warm, fine days and cool nights ensured the fruit was harvested in wonderful condition mid-April. In this pretty wine you will find 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 that is silky in the mouth with a soft lingering finish.

Oregon

Willamette Valley AVA is 150 miles long and up to 60 miles wide making it Oregon's largest AVA. It runs from the Columbia River in Portland south through Salem to the Calapooya Mountains outside Eugene. The Willamette Valley is relatively mild throughout the year, with cool, wet winters and warm, dry summers. While moisture is abundant, most of the rainfall occurs in the winter, not during growing season. This temperate climate, combined with coastal marine influences, make the gentle growing conditions within the Valley ideal for cool climate grapes, including Pinot noir. The Valley enjoys more daylight hours during the growing season than in any other area of the state. During this longer growing season, the Willamette Valley enjoys warm days and cool nights, a diurnal temperature swing that allows the wine grapes to develop their flavor and complexity while retaining their natural acidity. Named for the river that flows through it, the Willamette Valley has the largest concentration of wineries and vineyards in Oregon and includes seven appellations within its borders: Chehalem Mountains, Dundee Hills, Eola-Amity Hills, McMinnville, Ribbon Ridge, Van Duzer Corridor and Yamhill-Carlton.



Left Coast Cellars The Orchards Pinot Gris Willamette Valley

45

(91% Pinot Gris, 9% Pinot Blanc) aromas of pears, all spice, and lemon zest. The pallet is rich and round with flavors of pears, juicy-fruit, and golden grasses leading up to a dry, mineral finish. The Orchards Pinot Gris is a bright and tropical white wine.

Elouan Pinot Noir Reserve Missoulan, Willamette Valley, Oregon

49

Deep magenta. Focused and complex with intense and lively aromas of strawberry, blackberry, and spice. Lush and elegant flavors of cranberry and blackberry with subtle layers of sweet pipe tobacco and cedar. Supple tannins with a lingering finish.

Left Coast Cellars, Truffle Hill Chardonnay, Willamette Valley

45

This is a tangy, lightly toasty white wine. Fermented in 80% neutral oak and 20% new French oak puncheons, it mixes in Palo Santo, elderflowers, white pepper and toffee, with fruitier aromas of lemon peel, peaches and pears. This age-worthy Chardonnay offers up bright acidity, ripe kiwi fruit, a nectary mid- palate and spiced poached pears. Exceptional!

Portugal

Portugal has a number of native grape varieties – such as Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Cao, and Tinta Roriz – making a variety of different styles. These wines are often a mystery to the international shopper because they are produced to be sold locally, with very few being exported to other countries. Portugal's most globally recognized and celebrated vino is of course Port, closely followed by Madeira, making Portugal a force to be reckoned with when it comes to fortified wines. From Vinho Verde in the north west of Portugal to the Alentejo region in the south east, there are a vast number of wine growing regions available to Portuguese winemakers to create some truly outstanding wines. The



Douro wine region (where the majority of Port is produced) has been the most important winemaking region in Portugal for centuries, but with further exploration into still wine production, other regions may be set to challenge it's authority over the coming years. Similar to Bourgogne in France, there are a large number of AVAs and sub-AVAs.

Porto / Douro: *The Porto & Douro regions are two of the most famous wine-producing regions in Portugal. Forming a part of the world-renowned Douro Valley, Porto has played a big role in the production of excellent Port wines. Since the start of the wine industry in this region, the land following the course of the Douro River has been worked by hand and shaped into terraces, which creates spectacular landscapes. The valley of the Douro River provides a natural amphitheater in which endless rows of vines are planted. The landscape leaves all who see it completely enraptured by its deep valleys and gorges, clean and crisp air, terraced vineyards, and the clear blue waters of the Douro River.*



Caves Velhas Alma Grande Reserva Douro

13 / 39

(Touriga Nacional ~ the same grape used to make port) Aged for nine months in barrel, the wine is rich and smooth. A classic Douro wine allowing for black fruits and juicy acidity, with a firm core of mineral tannins. The wood shows only in the extra richness and the smooth, spicy final character of the wine.

Maçanita Tinto DOC Douro, Portugal

15 / 45

(55% Touriga Nacional, 25% old vine field blend, 20% Sousao) Concentrated violet ruby color, intense nose, with ripe fruit and -oral notes, combined with the aroma of red fruit. Full bodied, round, with good persistence.

Dos Lusiada Eleivera Tinto Douro Portugal

13 / 39

100% Touriga Nacional. Luscious and jammy reds are medium-bodied, full-bodied, or very full-bodied wines that combine ripe berry notes and pronounced jammy flavors. You can discern notes of cherry jam, wild berry jam or dark plum in these wines. Ripe tannins add the necessary structure for pairing the wines with food.

Portugal

Porto / Douro (cont'd)

Ruby Port

Ruby Port is the freshest and least complex of fortified wines, deep red in color and filled with sweet flavors of red fruits. Ruby Port is made from wine produced from a blend of red grapes, fortified, and aged no more than three years to maintain its fresh flavor and brilliant color.

Taylor Fladgate, Fine Ruby Porto (Oporto, Portugal)

12 / 36

Aged two years in oak vats / stylish fruity nose, intense concentrated blackcurrant, & cherry aromas. Crammed with luscious black fruit flavors.

Vintage Port

Vintage Port is a wine made from a single, exceptional year that usually spends no longer than two years in barrel before being bottled UNLESS it is selected for extended aging.

Taylor Fladgate, VERY OLD, 1971 Single Harvest (Oporto, Portugal) 750ml

550

(51 Years Old) These are Ports from a single year which age to full maturity in seasoned oak casks and display the year of harvest on the label. Pale mahogany core surrounded by a broad pale gold rim with subtle olive highlights. On first impression, the wine is lifted and ethereal but soon begins to unfurl layer after layer of multi-dimensional aroma. First to emerge are notes of sawn wood and cigar leaf, against a background of cedar, balsam, and citrus. These are followed by a warmer, mellow redolence of marzipan, walnut and coffee, notes of sultana and plum and spicy hints of black pepper and cardamom. Finally, the nose opens a discreet savory dimension, with hints of toast and wild herbs. On the palate, the wine has a smooth, velvety texture. Rich, dense and sumptuous, it coats the tongue with opulent mellow flavor, coffee, and butterscotch with hints of walnut and candied orange peel, but with a remarkable freshness from the current of lively acidity which runs through the palate into the extraordinary long finish. A wonderfully elegant, finely constituted and beautifully matured port delivering a surge of rich flavor with every sip. A Dr. Wine Favorite!

Taylor Fladgate, Late Bottled Vintage Porto 2015 (Oporto Portugal)

13 / 45

Deep ruby-black core and narrow red rim with purple highlights Ripe strawberry notes and discreet leafy, herbal scents are suffused in a powerful redolence of dark brambly woodland fruit and blackcurrant jam. Luscious berry fruit flavors linger into the long finish.

Quinta Nova Late Bottled Vintage Port 2014 (Oporto, Portugal)

15 / 57

The Late Bottled Vintage of Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo has a modern style where the aromas of blueberries combine with a succulent structure, a fluid density, an imposing gravity and a beautiful balance between alcohol and sweetness. It is an LBV that ends long, precise and with enough tension. Being an unfiltered Port, it maintains the capacity of positive evolution in a bottle.

Portugal

Porto / Douro (cont'd)

Vintage Port (cont'd)

Tawny Port

Tawny ports are wines usually made from red grapes that are aged in wooden barrels exposing them to gradual oxidation and evaporation. When a port is described as tawny, without an indication of age, it is a basic blend of wood-aged port that has spent time in wooden barrels, typically at least three years.

Taylor Fladgate 20-Year-Old Tawny Port (Oporto, Portugal)

28 / 95

Silky smooth & toasty with nuts, spice & firm acidity; elegant & complex; long, perfectly balanced; exquisite

Fonseca 20-Year-Old Tawny Port (Oporto, Portugal)

28 / 95

A complex marriage of ripe, plummy, mature fruit, warm spicy overtones of cinnamon and butterscotch & subtle oak nuances

Chilled White Port

White Port is produced from a blend of different white wine grape varieties, with the best known including Esgana Cão (known elsewhere as Sercial) and Malvasia Fina.

Fonseca Sirocco Dry White (Chilled) Port (Oporto, Portugal)

25 / 85

Pale, straw colour. A superb balance of ripe fruit, delicate acidity and elegant notes of wood aging. Full and fruity on the palate this wine has a glorious lingering finish and an attractive, refreshing crispness. (Traditionally enjoyed as an aperitif)

Tejo, until 2009 named Ribatejo, is a Portuguese wine region covering the same areas as the Ribatejo Province. It takes its name from the river Tejo (Tagus). The entire region is entitled to use the Vinho Regional designation Tejo VR, while some areas are also classified at the higher Denominação de Origem Controlada (DOC) level under the designation DoTejo DOC.^{[1][2]} VR is similar to the French vin de pays and DOC to the French AOC.



Cabeça de Toiro, DoTejo Reserva Portugal

40

Touriga Nacional and Castelão. A big, bold, and juicy wine, this is rich with both tannins and black fruits. Deep and hypnotizing ruby core with a tinge of purple. The aromas burst out of the glass with steeped purple flowers, hibiscus tea, grapefruit peel, and mint. The mouthfeel is weighty and satisfying, full of dark tone fruit compote, chocolate, and menthol with a broad structure and rich tannins. This vineyard is grown in one of the original locations of the Knights Templar dating from the late 12th century.

Romania

Romania is one of the world's largest wine producers and fifth-largest among European wine-producing countries, after Italy, France, Spain, and Germany. In recent years, Romania has attracted many European business people and wine buyers, due to the affordable prices of both vineyards and wines compared to other wine-producing nations such as France, Germany, and Italy.



Romania's most cultivated grape varieties are for white wines *Fetească Albă*, *Fetească Regală*, *Riesling*, *Aligoté*, *Sauvignon*, *Muscat*, *Pinot Gris*, *Chardonnay*, *Tămâioasă Românească*, *Grasă de Cotnari*, *Galbenă de Odobești*. Also, the main grape varieties for red wines are *Merlot*, *Cabernet Sauvignon*, *Băbească Neagră*, *Fetească Neagră*, and *Pinot Noir*. Romania has eight wine regions: *Transylvania Highlands*, *Moldavian Hill*, *Muntenia Hills*, *Oltenia Hills*, *Banat Hills*, *Dobrogea Hills*, *Crișana Maramureș Hills*, and *The Danube Terrace*.

Transylvania Highlands: The esteemed sub-region of Romania has an array of wines known throughout the world for their eminence and distinction. Romania's quintessential style is set apart from the rest due to its soil types, the selection of grape varieties grown, and the specific production methods of winemakers in the area. These elements produce a style of wine found nowhere else in Transylvania Highlands., or the world for that matter.



Royal Maiden of Transylvania Fetească Regală, Dealu Mare, Romania

14 / 40

(100% *Fetească Regală*) One of Dracula's lovers, *Royal Maiden*, came from a noble family of royal descent. Her noble origins and high education, along with her charming appearance, captivated the Dark Count of Transylvania, who seduced her ending in her death. Pale straw yellow color with quince aromas. The intense taste, with peach accents, and the clean acidity give the wine a long, pleasant finish.

Dark Maiden of Transylvania Fetească Neagră , Dealu Mare, Romania

15 / 45

(100% *Fetească Neagră*) One of Dracula's famous lovers, *The Dark Maiden* was known to have the body of a true goddess, with magnetic black eyes and very long black hair. Her savage spirit and rebellious attitude intrigued the Dark Count of Transylvania, who seduced her ending in her death. Ruby red wine with aromas based on notes of plum jam and cloves. The taste contains accents of plums, blackberries, vanilla and black pepper, and the velvety tannins enhance the creamy texture.

Slovenia

Slovenia has three key wine regions: **Podravje in the east, Primorska in the west and Posavje just south of the center.** Podravje is the engine room of Slovenian wine industry, producing roughly half of the country's national output.



Littoral Region ~ Primorska is a coastal region, just across the Adriatic from Venice and Friuli. Since 1991, it has shown the greatest increase in quality wine production of all the regions, and continues to demonstrate its vinous potential in national and international wine competitions. Sharing many of the same mineral-rich soils and mesoclimates as neighboring Friuli-Venezia, the region is well-suited to viticulture. The Littoral Wine-Growing Region (Primorska vinorodna dežela) has two of Slovenia's most widely known and prominent wine districts, the Gorizia Hills (Goriška brda) and Koper districts. It is subdivided into four districts. The Brda district borders the Italian wine region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia with the Gorizia Hills Denominazione di origine controllata (DOC). This region was one of the first in Slovenia to make a concentrated attempt at establishing an international reputation for quality. The area is planted with international varieties of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon blanc, Pinot gris (Sivi Pinot), and Pinot noir (Modri Pinot) as well as Ribolla Gialla (Rebula), Refosco (Refošk) and Friulano. Brda is best known for its Rebula white wine and Merlot-Cabernet blends.^[1]



Edi Simčič Duet, Goriska Brda, Primorska, Slovenia

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(80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) Pronounced nose of black fruit, blackberries, black cherries, jam, plum, black pepper, animalic, leather. The palate is reminiscent of blackberries, red cherries and a little of pepper. A wine of medium body and a more complex character than other robust reds from the Goriška Brda region holding a soft texture and nice length.

Edi Simčič Rebula, Goriska Brda, Primorska, Slovenia

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(100% Ribolla Gialla) Virtually unknown in the U.S., the Rebula varietal (aka Ribolla Gialla) is a classic white grape from Goriška Brda. Bottle aging can lead to remarkable layers of citrus and pome fruits. In classic Edi Simcic style, this layered and complex wine spends 10 months fermenting in oak and has a pleasing, oily palate-weight. Driven by its fascinating terroir, it speaks to both its subalpine origins and the estate's proximity to the sea. The nose is matured and youthful at the same time providing dried apples, roasted notes, lemon, balsamic and honeycomb. It has a firm, full mouthfeel with a longer aftertaste. It wins us over with distinct acidity, saltiness, and a mineral note, which cleans the mouth.

South Africa

The wine regions of South Africa were defined under the "Wine of Origin" (Wyn van Oorsprong) act of 1973. Mirroring the French Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) system, all South African wines listing a "Wine of Origin" must be composed entirely of grapes from its region. The "Wine of Origins" (WO) program mandates how wine regions of South Africa are defined and can appear on wine labels. While some aspects of the WO are taken from the AOC, the WO is primarily concerned with accuracy in labeling. As a result, the WO does not place adjunct regulations on wine regions such as delineating permitted varieties, trellising methods, irrigation techniques, and crop yields. The WO system divides growing regions into four categories. The largest and most generic are Geographical Units (such as the Western Cape region) which subsume the smaller, but still broad spanning Regions (such as Cape South Coast). Under these are clustered districts (like Walker Bay) and within them are wards (such as Elgin). Although these are geographic units, regions and districts are largely traced by political boundaries (wards are the segment most defined by unique, Terroir characteristics).



Western Cape is a Geographical Unit within the Wine of Origin classification system of South African wine. Corresponding to the province of Western Cape it includes most of the vineyards in South Africa. The wines of the Western Cape range from sturdy Rhone-style red wines to aromatic Sauvignon blancs in vineyards cooled by breezes off the Atlantic.



Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc (Steen op Hout) Western Cape South Africa

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Transparent yellow. Predominantly yellow apples, sweet melon, and nuts on the nose. Good acidity level with a certain freshness to the attack. Yellow apples, sweet melon, citrus, nuts, and vanilla to the palate. Pineapple lurking in the background. Medium long, fruity finish.

Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc Western Cape, South Africa

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Nose – Summery, fully ripe melon with fine and perfumy sweet-pea blossom. Honeysuckle, some muscat notes and red capsicum adds to the allure. Palate – Perfectly balanced with lingering focus and acidity, the mid palate plays with classic cassis and thyme flavors. Very much a wine for all occasions.

Tania et Vincent Careme Terre Brulee Chenin Blanc Swartland, South Africa

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This vibrant Chenin showcases yellow fruit, honeysuckle and spice which are supported by an underlying minerality. Made from 40 year old vines. Aged in a combination of stainless and large oak barrels. Pale in color with some green hues. Lemon, green apple, melon nose. Medium plus acidity, cool clean body. Has some Loire Valley influence. Melon and lime body. Lots of extract.

Babylonstoren Viognier Western Cape, South Africa

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Light, yellowish tint. Showcases layers of fresh peaches with dried apricot and blossom aromas. The wood contributes to depth, although not strongly noticeable. The mouthfeel is round and creamy from the 30% well integrated French oak (seven months). A floral nose and lime zest finish complete the perfect balance.

Spain

There are 69 officially recognized wine regions in Spain. The mainstream areas are referred to as *Denominaciones de Origen D.O*, which are like France's appellations, and the wine produced here is carefully regulated for quality according to specific laws. With extremely varying climates, terroir and wine making traditions throughout the country, every wine region has something different to offer – from the warm red wines of Rioja to the sparkling Cava from Penedes.



Alella DOC. Purchasing wines from Alella is difficult internationally — nearly all of the wines are consumed locally in Catalunya. Alella, located just north of Barcelona on the Mediterranean coast, is one of Spain's smallest wine producing regions. Despite a rich wine producing history stretching all the way back to the Roman empire and with local wines served to the medieval kings of Aragon.



Marfil Brut Cava, Alella Vinicola Barcelona, Spain (Macabeu, Parellada, Xarel·lo)

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This cava, a blend of white grapes xarel-lo, macabeu and parellada, is deceptively delicious. Reveals flavors of red currants and citrus before gliding into a long finish

Ribera del Duero is a Spanish *Denominación de Origen Protegida (DOP)* located in the country's northern plateau and is one of eleven 'quality wine' regions within the autonomous community of Castile and León. It is also one of several recognised wine-producing regions to be found along the course of the Duero river. The region is characterised by a largely flat, rocky terrain and is centered on the town of Aranda de Duero.



Bodegas Balbas, Ribera del Duero Tempranillo 5 Barrica Balbás Barrica is a contemporary red wine that fully demonstrates the versatility of Tempranillo to reach new horizons beyond its evident freshness and fragrant, exuberant aromatic potential. A reddish color with a marked violet rim, fruity notes appear over a light vanilla background. The mid-palate is wonderfully balanced, confirming that the character of the Tempranillo grape can achieve unimagined heights with the application of scrupulous vinification techniques and careful ageing in oak .

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Aragon Located in the northeast of Spain, Aragon extends from the Pyrenees Mountains all the way south to the central Iberian Peninsula. To the east of Aragon is the wine region Catalonia, and to the west, the wine regions of La Rioja, Castillay Leon and Navarra.



Campo de Borja is a Spanish *Denominación de Origen Protegida (DOP)* for wines located in the Campo de Borja comarca, northwest of the province of Zaragoza (Aragon, Spain). It is a transition zone between the plains of the River Ebro and the mountains of the Sistema Ibérico. The Moncayo mountain is the dominant feature of the DOP and creates a microclimate which gives the wines a special character.



Bodegas Alto Moncayo, Campo De Borja Garnacha Aragón, Spain

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100% Garnacha. Red-violet to the eye, this wine features aromas of blackberry, Luxardo cherry, black fruit, balsamic notes, toasted touches and violet. It is smooth on the palate, meaty and powerful with glossy tannins and flavors of blackberry, black cherry, elderberry, menthol, and dark chocolate. There is a note of butterscotch on the finish which is lingering and persistent.

Spain

Rioja (La Rioja) Wine Region. *Without doubt, Rioja is Spain's most famous wine growing region. People have been growing wine grapes there since the 2nd century BC. The wines are based on the Tempranillo grape variety, but are usually blended with Garnacha, Graciano, and Mazuelo (along with a few others). Rioja is divided into three distinct growing regions: Rioja Alta is the coolest of the three and makes the finest wines, Rioja Alavesa is just southeast of Alta and makes wines of high tannin and structure, and Rioja Baja, the warmest of the three, which makes simple, everyday drinking wines.*



CVNE Monopole Clasico Viura from Rioja, Spain

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Aged in Sherry casks of 300 to 500 liters and blended with 5% Manzanilla de Sanlúcar (produced with Palomino grapes). On the nose, it's a complex wine with notes of pear, apple, white currant, white flowers, dried fruits, and spice. On the palate, there is salinity and an elegant acidity which provide freshness. Yeasty, saline and refreshing, with lots of acidity and barely a hint of wood. Monopole is always a classic!

CVNE Rioja Reserva Tempranillo Rioja, Spain

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The first wine made by family-owned CVNE (founded in 1879). This Reserva is 85% Tempranillo, with 15% Garnacha Tinta, Graciano and Mazuelo, aged for 18 months in French and American oak. There's a savoury edge to the attractive black and red fruit aromas, plus sweet spice from the oak. The layered palate has a silky black fruit attack, spice, and leather notes, with medium tannins. Nicely judged oak.

La Rioja Alta Vina Arana Reserva Tempranillo Rioja, Spain

85

Lovely, deep cherry red, with a marked pink rim. The nose stands out for its aromatic intensity, with notes of ripe dark fruit leading to an elegant range of balsamic notes, tobacco leaves, caramel, vanilla and chocolate. This new Viña Arana stands out in the mouth for its freshness and balanced acidity. Soft tannins and a pleasant structure provide an elegantly mouthfeel. Over time, the bottle will endow it with an elegant, complex bouquet.

Bodegas Izadi, Rioja Blanco

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A classic blend of indigenous varieties Viura, Malvasía, Garnacha Blanca, Tempranillo Blanco, Maturana Blanca and Turruntés, the Rioja Blanco from Izadi comes from 50–60-year-old bush vines planted on chalky soils in Rioja Alavesa. Very attractive dried-apple and lemon aromas with some stone and honeysuckle character. It's medium-bodied with firmness and freshness. Stone and chalk undertones. Flavorful finish.

Penedès Wine Region is a wine-producing region within Catalonia having a Spanish Denominación de Origen Protegida (DOP) (Denominació d'Origen Protegida in Catalan). Penedès DOP includes all Penedès region and municipalities of four other comarques: Anoia, Alt Camp, Baix Llobregat and Tarragonès. The area is framed by the coastal hills of the Serra del Garraf and the higher inland mountains which skirt the Catalan Central Depression. Long considered one of the country's best wine-producing regions after the Rioja, it is also one of the most ancient viticultural areas in Europe.



Freixenet Ice Cuvée Especial (demi-sec) Cava N.V. (100% Macabeo) *Fine bubbles combined with a nose of peaches, ripe pears, flowers, and nuances of tropical fruits. The palate is creamy yet sweet with a long finish.*

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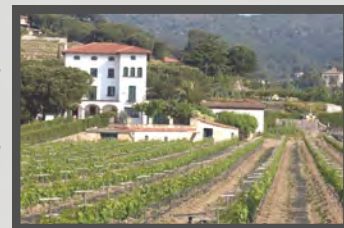
Juvé & Camps, Cava Brut Nature Reserva De La Familia *Pale gold in color, this Cava has aromas of mature white peach, toasted bread and green tea with hints of lemon citrus and apricots. Reserva de la Familia is the flagship cuvée of the Juvé y Camps estate winery. Made from the free run juice of traditional varieties Macabeo, Xarel.lo and Parellada and a touch of Chardonnay, this is the Cava of choice of Spain's royal family, and it is regularly served at all official banquets.*

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Spain

Toro is a *wine region* in Castilla y Leon, north-western Spain. It is becoming increasingly well known for its powerful, full bodied red *wines* made from *Tina da Toro* (Tempranillo). Very small amounts of white *wine* are also made.

The **Catalunya** wine region has different sub-regions dividing the main area and those are also appellations, namely: Costers del Segre, Emporda, Cava, Penedes, Pla de Bages, Alella, Conca de Barbera, Tarragona, Montsant, and Terra Alta as DOs and Priorat, as DOCa. The region itself is also an appellation (Catalunya DO).



Vina Tridado Enlightenment Garnacha Blanca Catalunya, Spain 2020

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The region of Catalunya on the northeastern coast of Spain is home to some of the most sought-after wines in the country. Its location near the ocean lends especially particularly well to white and sparkling wines, providing plenty of sunshine as well as consistent, cooling breezes. 'Enlightenment' is a prime example of this - crisp acidity with flavors of tangerine, grapefruit and a subtle salinity that only comes from coastal terroir.

Vina Tridato Harmonic Garnacha Rose D.O. Catalunya, Spain 2020

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Hailing from the hills of Catalonia, Harmonic Rose is 100% Garnacha and really showcases the fruit quality of that grape. Garnacha is a perfect varietal for making rose due to its spiciness and natural acidity, which is key for having complex and great tasting rose. The Harmonic rose has plenty of red berry fruits and some delicious watermelon and mango.

La Figuera Sub Region, Montsant DOP almost completely surrounds the more famous Priorat (DOQ). The vineyards extend along the mountainsides among olive groves, forests and rocky outcrops. The denomination covers the area of Priorat comarca that is not part of DOQ Priorat as well as part of the neighboring comarca of Ribera d'Ebre.



Com Tu Grenache Clos Mogador 2017

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100% Grenache from Montsant, Spain. Coming from 35- to 50-year-old Garnacha vines, the 2017 Com Tu offers a pretty strawberry and red currant-scented nose as well as plenty of peppery spice and flowery incense nuances. With medium-bodied richness, ripe, polished tannins, and terrific overall balance, this charming, undeniably delicious Monstant is well worth drinking and following over the coming 7-8 years.

Priorat is a Denominació d'Origen Qualificada (DOQ) for Catalan wines produced in the Priorat county, in the province of Tarragona, in the southwest of Catalonia. It primarily produces powerful red wines. The area is characterised by its unique terroir of black slate and quartz soil known as llicorella. It is one of only two wine regions in Spain to qualify as DOCa, the highest qualification level for a wine region according to Spanish wine regulations, alongside Rioja DOCa.



Bodegas Vina Tridado, Priorat Soliterra Heredad Edicio Limitada

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60% Carinyena, 10% Garnatxa, 21.83% Cabernet, 5.70% Syrah & 2.47% Merlot. Soliterra is a wine with a great personality. This is a wine marked by potent aromas, a pleasant sensation of tannins and by a finish rich in nuances. Garnet in color, its aroma reminds of carob, ripe black fruits, and chocolate, with touches of licorice. On the palate it is round, structured, with flavors of black fruits and vanilla. It is easy to drink and smooth and silky in the mouth. This beautiful wine can cellar through 2035.

Reserva De La Tierra Slates of Bonmont DOQ Priorat Spain 2017

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Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Grenache, Merlot, Syrah. Red wine blend from vines growing in slate soil. Warm ripe aromas reminiscent of red currants and blackberries, vanilla, chocolate, and jams. A savory wine with an attractive silky texture. Truly an excellent wine from a premier terroir for the price.

Switzerland

Switzerland: *may not be the most famous of wine-producing nations, but this small, mountainous country in western Europe has been making wine for more than two thousand years. Swiss wine's lack of fame is not due to any lack of quality or quantity, but because it is produced mostly for (and consumed happily by) the Swiss themselves. Six wine regions are defined by Swiss Wine Promotion, an association that represents Swiss wine-makers. They are: Geneva, German-speaking Switzerland, Three Lakes (including Neuchatel, Fribourg, and part of the canton of Bern), Ticino, Vaud, and Valais. The nation's favorite grape varieties – Chasselas (often labeled "Fendant" in numerous cantons throughout the country), Pinot Noir, Gamay and Merlot – are all of French origin.*



Valais: *is the largest wine region and appellation in Switzerland, responsible for around one third of the country's total wine production. The main vineyard area covers the southeast-facing slopes of the dramatic Rhône river valley as the glacial waters run southwest between Leuk (Loeche in French) and Fully.*



Provins, Fendant L'Alpage (Chasselas) Valais

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Fendant is the Valais' name for Chasselas, Switzerland's premier white-wine variety, and for those of you who've tasted Chasselas before, you know two things: (a) it makes beautifully textured, terroir-expressive wine, and (b) it is usually prohibitively expensive. Valais is a beautiful white that delivers richness, minerality, and a great sense of elegance. Caramelized citrus, lemon blossom, crushed rocks, and white flower notes dominate the bouquet, and it hits the palate with medium body, flawless balance, building richness, and a great finish.

Turkey

Turkey is geographically located on the wine belt thanks to its suitable climatic conditions and soil character. Turkey is part of the **Caucasus region**, considered to be the birthplace of wine, with signs of production and grape domestication as far back as 8000 BC to 4000 BC. The vineyards in Turkey cover an area of 1,000,000 ha (2,500,000 acres). Annual grape harvest in Turkey accounts for 3.6 million tonnes putting it on the 6th place in the world. However, only 2% of that amount is suitable for wine production. Wine production was neglected in Turkey primarily on the grounds of religion. Major wine regions are Aegean, Marmara and Central Anatolia.

Mid-Northern Anatolia: The Mid-Northern Anatolia wine region is located right in the centre of Turkey and includes two wine areas : Usak province in the west and Ankara province in the northeast of Turkey. The region has a continental climate with hot dry summers and cold winters. Soil : Pebbly clay loam. Wine production share in Turkey : 3,3% Grape varieties : Bogazkere, Emir, Hasandede, Kalecik Karasi, Okuzgozu, Papazkarasi and Syrah.



Kavaklıdere Prestige Kalecik Karasi Ankara Central Anatolia Region Turkey

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Kalecik Karasi, Other Red. Dark cherry to the eye, this wine has aromas of blackberry, vanilla, and violet. It feels good in the mouth, with silky tannins and flavors of cassis, black plum, crème brûlée and herbes de Provence. The smooth finish is marked with a note of orange zest.

Kavaklıdere Selection Narince-Emir Cappadocia Central Anatolia Region Turkey

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Narince-Emir, Other White. Aromas of grapefruit and lemon zest lead to flavors of pink grapefruit, toasted pineapple and honeysuckle. It brightens the mouth from first sip to the zesty finish.

Mid-Eastern Anatolia wine region includes the wine areas of Tokat Province in the north, Elazığ Province and Malatya Province in the east. The climate of Tokat area shows a transition between the Central Black Sea and the Central Anatolia climates while the climate of Elazığ and Malatya is typical terrestrial.



Kavaklıdere Yakut Eastern Anatolia Öküzgözü-Boğazkere Turkey

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100% Öküzgözü-Boğazkere . This black-cherry-colored wine has a bouquet of raspberry, dark plums, and thyme. Mellow tannins support flavors of blackberry, cherry, white chocolate, and Mediterranean herbs, winding down into a pomegranate finish.

Selection Kavaklıdere Öküzgözü - Boğazkere, Mid-Eastern Anatolia, Turkey

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100% Boğazkere, Öküzgözü. Selection Red, which combines the aroma and elegance of Öküzgözü, one of the most elegant grapes of Anatolia, with the strong and bodied structure of the Bosphorus, is a unique cup in the Eastern Anatolia Region. The Selection series, which started production in 1987 in honor of the 60th anniversary of Kavaklıdere Wines, is the rising value of Anatolian wine production. Full-bodied, complex, strong, and mature tannins and a bottle of aging potency for many years.

Uruguay

Uruguay may be small compared to its Goliath neighbors (Argentina and Brazil), but for what it lacks in size it makes up for in diversity. Uruguay has no less than 99 classified soil types and has wine regions that range from rocky coastal hills to humid pampa. Canelones & Montevideo, Maldonado, Lavalleja, Atlántida, Rocha, San José, Colonia, Durazno, Rivera Paysandú .

Maldonado: Maldonado is an emerging wine region in the southeast of Uruguay, on the Atlantic Ocean, producing an array of red and white wines. As elsewhere in the country, the Tannat grape variety is most common. Other key red varieties are Merlot, Malbec and the Cabernets (Sauvignon and Franc). The wines are classified either as *Vino de Calidad Preferente (VCP)* or as *Vino común (VC)*. VCP wines are of high quality and are made using only cultivated grape varieties. VC wines are table wines that are sold in demijohn bottles or tetra packs. Maldonado Pinot Noir is used to create excellent Uruguayan champagne. The grapes are lightly squeezed to avoid colour tainting the colour of the wine and the juice undergoes a slow process of fermentation until it becomes champagne.



Bodega Garzón, Cabernet Franc Reserva Maldonado Uruguay

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100% Cabernet Franc A deep purple color with violet reflections, this noble red wine begins with a pleasing aroma of blackberry, plum, earth, a little graphite and just a hint of a minty herbal note accompanied by a subtle chocolate note and smoke from selected barrels. Tasting the wine reveals ripe fruit and no green pepper (pyrazine) notes so often found in Cabernet Franc. This easy to drink wine is full of flavorful fruit with touches of herbs and spice. Add in a smooth mouthfeel and soft tannins and this is a nice little Cab Franc! It ends dry and quite long with a slightly grippy finish.

Washington State: Columbia Valley

Walla Walla Valley: Consider the special range of soils carpeting the Valley. The variations are nearly infinite, but we refer to four major categories. At the lowest elevations are cobblestone river gravels. These are fields literally covered with dark basalt stones, and they soak up the warmth of the sun before releasing it back at the vines after twilight. These soils are very well-drained (which is great for wine quality), and they are rich in iron, calcium, magnesium and other minerals that fuel remarkable flavors. The next category is known as loess (pronounced “luss”) layered over flood sediments. Loess is fine, wind-blown silt; and it measures two to four feet deep here in areas below 1,100 feet in elevation. Beneath the loess are coarser layers of sand and gravel deposited by catastrophic, glacial floods that swept through this region about 15,000 years ago. The uplands above 1,100 feet in elevation are home to the soil category called deep silts. As with the previous soil type, this silt is fine, wind-blown loess. But in these higher locations the powdery soil measures more than eight or 10 feet thick! The final soil category is very thin silt sprinkled over weathered basalt. It’s found on steep, southwest-facing hillsides, and it consists of just a few inches of very fine, wind-blown soil over the ancient volcanic bedrock that supports our entire region.



Seven Hills Winery, Merlot

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This wine presents all the classic attributes we look for in Washington Merlot: lush and ripe fruit, a balanced and succulent palate, and a friendly accessibility. We also blend in a small amount of Cabernet Franc to accentuate the floral notes and bring an intriguing undertone of tobacco and brown leaf. This wine is soft, with a berry palate of strawberry, black plum and spice with a juicy, firm finish.

K Vintners King Coal Red Blend Columbia Valley, Washington State

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I was blown away by the 2017 King Coal, which comes all from the Stoneridge Vineyard on the Royal Slope and is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah. The Syrah is not destemmed, and everything is co-fermented in oak uprights and aged in 60% new barrels. Brilliant on all accounts, with a huge nose of spiced red and black fruits, chocolate, cured meats, tobacco, and truffle, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, awesome tannins, a great mid-palate, and a finish that won't quit. The Syrah component gives this plenty of upfront appeal, yet it's going to cruise in cold cellars for 15 years or more.

Yakima Valley: Part of the larger Columbia Valley AVA, Yakima Valley AVA is home to more than 18,000 acres (73 km²) of vineyards, giving the area the largest concentration of wineries and vineyards in the state. The most widely planted varietals in the area are Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot gris, and Syrah. ^[4] Nearly 40% of Washington state yearly wine production is made from Yakima Valley grapes.



L'Ecole No 41, Chenin Blanc Old Vines Columbia Valley Washington

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A standout Chenin Blanc! With pronounced aromatics which range from citrus peel to fresh stone fruit, laced with white floral flourishes, it is vibrant and energetic. In the mouth, flavors burst forward with tropical kiwi and guava, completed by a snappy quince note. An exceedingly interesting and tasty wine, its complexity persists to a vibrant finish.

Lebanon

The latitudes of the Lebanon on the eastern Mediterranean coast may seem too low for high-quality wine production, but the Bekaa Valley on an inland plateau as high as England's tallest mountains eases the temperatures considerably and can yield some very exciting red wines. Château Musar is the label best known outside the Lebanon and its bordeaux-like structure (filled out with much headier Cabernet Sauvignon and Cinsaut fruit than the Médoc is ever likely to produce) was inspired by a visit to the Bartons of St-Julien.



Bekaa Valley wine region of Lebanon is considered the home of the country's modern winemaking industry. It is one of the oldest winemaking regions in the world and today produces more than 90% of all of the wine made in Lebanon. Throughout the history of the valley, winemaking has played a predominant role in its growth and development. Today, the majority of grapes grown in the valley are of French origins. Most of the vineyards in the region work the vines completely by hand and then use a mix of traditional and modern methods in wine production. The result of this is a portfolio of some of the best wines in Lebanon.



Château Musar, Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

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A gorgeous white blend from Lebanon! Château Musar Blanc is a barrel-aged white wine made from the Obaideh (related to Chardonnay) and Merwah (related to Semillon) native varieties that are grown in the Bekaa Valley (Lebanon) by Château Musar. Château Musar Blanc comes from two ancient native varieties that grow in the Bekaa Valley. The Obaideh variety grows at the foot of the hill on rocky and calcareous soils and the Merwah is planted on the hill on calcareous gravel soils at an altitude of 1,400 metres. They are cultivated using traditional agriculture and the harvest is low-yield but high-quality. Château Musar Blanc is a Lebanese style wine and one of the best in the world. An intense and complex white that is perfect for people who love mature wines with good bottle aging.

Massaya, Gold Reserve Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

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The 2011 Gold Reserve is a 50/40 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Mourvèdre, plus 10% Syrah. All of the grapes were sourced from Haddath Baalbeck vineyard, at 950 meters. It was aged for 16 months in an equal mixture of new and used French oak and comes in at 14.5% alcohol. It seems pretty brilliant now, perhaps the best wine I've ever seen from Massaya. It opens with some velvet. The oak certainly affects the texture. Then the wine becomes intense and largely pulls in the wood with a half hour in the glass. It shows some hints of beef and game on the gripping finish. The Syrah and the Mourvèdre add welcome complexity on the nose and palate. It's focused and powerful, with a lot of tannic pop. This is beautiful—and very young. This is built for the long haul. It is certainly still on the upswing.

Armenia

*The region of Vayots Dzor claims to be home to the oldest winery in the world, in operation some 6,100 years ago. Discovered in 2007, the Areni-1 cave complex held evidence of large-scale wine production and the likely domestication of vines. Some think wine consumption reaches back even further. Patrick McGovern, scientific director of biomolecular archaeology project for cuisine, fermented beverages and health at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, found traces of wine on an 8,000-year-old Stone Age shard of pottery retrieved on a modern-day Georgian site. There are 4 main wine regions in Armenia: **Ararat, Armavir, Aragatsotn, and Vayots Dzor**. Around 85 and 90% of all the wine from Armenia comes from these superb wine regions. The best known is Vayots Dzor, which is home to the Areni wine.*



***Vayots Dzor** is a mountainous province in southeastern Armenia. It is one of the oldest documented wine producing regions in the world, and the motherland of Areni Noir (Sev Areni), the country's main indigenous red variety. Other key varieties are Khatoun Kharji, Tozot and Voskehat. Vayots Dzor contains the most wineries of any province, many of which lie in the famous Areni Valley. Key villages there include not only Areni itself, but also Yeghegnadzor and Aghavnadzor, as well as Vayk a little further southeast.*



YACOUBIAN-HOBBS, Areni Rind, Vayots Dzor, Armenia,

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100% Areni. Internationally renowned winemaker Paul Hobbs and the Yacoubian family journey to the birthplace of Wine to craft modern, world-class wines from the indigenous varieties found in the high altitude, mineral-rich soils of Vayots Dzor, Armenia. Expressive aromas of red berries and black cherries, followed by floral notes of lilacs and hint of minerality. The palate is both intense and elegant. A ripe and powerful tannic structure and refreshing acidity bring balance to the fruit flavors, culminating in a complex yet harmonious finish.

Zulal Vayots Dzor Areni 'Reserve' Red Wine Armenia

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100% Areni. The fruit for the Areni Reserve comes from Aghasafi, a small village in the Arpa River Valley. Coming from a single south-facing plot, the fruit is hand-harvested and fermented in stainless steel before spending 12 months in neutral French and Caucasian oak barrels. More dark-fruited than the Classic, the Areni Reserve has the structure of a Burgenland Blaufrankisch or Côte-Rôtie Syrah. This wine has an intense nose showing ripe red cherries and red currants on the nose with nuanced caramel and vanilla notes. The palate is pleasant with silky tannins, with a round mouthfeel and a long finish.

Zulal Vayots Dzor Areni Red Wine Armenia

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100% Areni. An elegant, aromatic wine with notes of red cherries, plums, pomegranate, and chocolate set the scene for flavors of strawberry, raspberry, white chocolate, and anisette. Medium-weight tannins and a good mouthfeel.

Zulal Vayots Dzor Voskehat White Wine Armenia

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100% Voskehat, an ancient white variety indigenous to Armenia. It results in fuller bodied wine with flavors of stone fruits, flowers, and delicate notes of herbs. This is a dry, medium-to-full bodied wine with aromas of ripe apple, pear and honeysuckle balanced by a crisp, savory herb backbone. Pale golden yellow in color, it has a long finish and a pleasing minerality.

India

The heat and humidity of India's wine region dictate many of the viticultural choices that are made in the vineyards. Vines are often trained on bamboo and wire in a pergola to increase canopy cover and to get the grapes off the ground where they would be more prone to fungal diseases. The canopy protects the grapes against sunburn and rows are spaced wide to help with aeration between the vines. Irrigation is essential for the vines given the hot weather. The tropical conditions often promote high yields which requires frequent pruning throughout the year. Harvest normally takes place in February and is usually done by hand. In the very warm wine regions of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, grapevines can produce a crop twice a year.



*Southern India is home to several indigenous table grape varieties that can also be used in wine production with Anabeshahi, Arkavati and Arkashyam being the most common. Popular non-native grapes include the Bangalore Blue (Isabella) and Gulabi (Black Muscat). The Turkish grape Sultana is the most widely planted grape in India, cover more than half of the 148,000 acres (60,000 ha) planted in the country. In addition to the imported French varieties that Chateau Indage planted, Sauvignon blanc, Zinfandel, Chenin blanc and Clairette Blanche have started to establish a presence in the Indian wine industry. There are five major wine producing regions in India including **Nashik, Pune, Bangalore, Hampi Hills, Bijapur and Northern Karnataka.***

***Nashik** is India's most prolific wine-producing area, located some 135 kilometers (85 miles) north-east of Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra. The wine industry here has been growing steadily since the mid-1990s, and now there are around 40 vineyards spread throughout the area. Nashik primarily makes wine from several red and white grapes. Not only is the hot conditions good for a range of red wines, but also several white wines. Like its neighbouring region of Pune, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz are primarily used for the red wines, while locals use Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc for the white wines. While the days are hot, which develops high levels of sugar and concentration, the cool nights ensure balanced acidity in the grapes and wines.*



Sula Vineyards, Chenin Blanc Estate Bottled Nashik, India

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100% Chenin Blanc. The unique climate of Nashik helps in growing different grape varieties, each with its distinct personality. The Chenin Blanc is A refreshing, light, off-dry wine with a bouquet of apple and green pear. It is bright in the mouth, bursting with tropical fruits aromas and flavors of pineapple, pear, apricot, peach, green apple, and a hint of Jasmine.