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- 9 Black Chalk 'Wild Rose' Brut, England, 2020 | 164
- 6 Pierre Paillard 'Les Terres Bouzy', Champagne Grand Cru Rose, Extra Brut, France, N.V. | 168
- 1 Gosset, Grand Rosé Champagne, France, N.V. | 181
- 7 A. Bergere, Grand Cru Champagne Extra Brut, France, 2017 | 210
- 4 Ulysse Collin 'Les Pierrieres', Blanc de Blancs Champagne, France, N.V. | 400

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- 11 Krug, Champagne Grande Cuvée Brut, France, N.V. | 434
- 3 Dom Pérignon, Champagne Brut, France, 2010 | 557
- 10 Leclerc Briant, Champagne Zéro Abyss, France, 2017 | 582



Traditionally, most Champagne has been sold by the "Grand Marquees," the illustrious names we associate with luxury: Moët, Veuve Clicquot, etc. The great houses have always depended on myriad small growers to supply many of their grapes. More and more, the small family growers have begun to bottle and market their own wines. The father of Stephane Coquillette, for example, started his own label in the 1950's, and his son followed his example at 25. Coquillette 1er Cru 'Cuvée Diane' is a study in elegant intensity.

## BURGUNDY, FRANCE | Chardonnay

- 39 Chablis 'Terroir de Fyé', Patrick Piuze', 2023 | 89
- 44 Bouzeron, Jean-Claude Ramonet, 2021 | 99
- 80 Chablis 'Cote De Lechet' 1er Cru, Bernard Defaix, 2023 | 110
- 51 J. Moreau & Fils, Chablis 1er, Cru Fourchaume, Burgundy, France, 2023 | 120
- 57 Saint-Aubin 'Les Champlots' 1er Cru, Jean-Claude Bachelet, 2020 | 150
- 67 Chablis 'Les Vaillons' 1er Cru, Domaine Billard-Simon, 2022 | 173
- 33 Meursault, Pierre Morey, 2020 | 250
- 61 Chassagne-Montrachet, Domaine Michel Niellon, 2020 | 250
- 34 Mersault 'Clos du Cromin', Domaine Genot-Boulanger, 2022 | 270
- 95 Puligny-Montrachet, 'Clavoillon' 1er Cru, Domaine Leflaive, 2018 | 470
- 96 Bienvenues Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Faiveley, 2021 | 789



Typical view in the village of Chassagne; no different than hundreds of other sleepy French towns, except for the quality of its vineyards and the devotion of its farmers

## CALIFORNIA, OREGON, UNITED STATES | Chardonnay

89 Sandhi, Central Coast, California, 2023 | 70

"Very Burgundian" is the fashionable claim made by most California Chardonnays these days but finding one that actually earns the praise is often difficult. Sandhi is one of the very few. Founded by former sommelier Raj Par and made by Sashi Moorman, they make Pinot and Chard in the cool Santa Rita Hills that are surprising for their elegance, freshness and delicacy. Not surprisingly, the Sandhi team was instrumental in also founding an informal association of California winemakers who come together under the title "In Pursuit of Balance". The name says it all and indeed, this is a quality that in California wines has been most conspicuous for its absence.

- 23 Big Table Farm 'The Wild Bee', Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2021 | 85
- 22 St. Innocent, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Willamette, Oregon, 2019 | 90
- 58 SAMsARA, Sta. Rita Hills, California, 2021 | 128
- 59 Revik Wine Co., Coombsville, Napa, California, 2017 | 110
- 78 White Walnut Estate, Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2019 | 182
- 21 Jonive, Russian River, California, 2021 | 181
- 65 Bergström 'Le Pré du Col Vineyard', Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2020 | 218



Big Table Farm, nestled in an obscure hillsides of the Willamette Valley, Clare Carver and Brian Marcy work a seventy-acre farm, complete with chickens, vegetables, pigs, cows, honey, and wine. A return to an older paradigm, pre-monoculture, each aspect seems to support the other, a kind of fruitful bio-diversity. Brian has an impressive resume. Before moving to Oregon, Brian made wines for Turley, Nyers and Marcassin. The Big Table Farm Pinots are savory, tense, focused. The Chardonnays are further proof that this grape may prove to be Oregon's future. Brian's are outstanding. Clare, in addition to farming makes the really beautiful drawings that become each year's labels.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC, CHENIN BLANC

- 50 Domaine Aux Moines 'Les Berceau des Fees', Loire, France, 2023 | 80
- 18 Le Fief Noir 'Bonnes Blanches' Loire, France, 2021 | 105
- 54 Sancerre, Andre Neveu 'La Grand Fricambault', Loire, France, 2024 | 75
- 31 Olga Raffault, Chinon Des Picasses, Loire, France, 2020 | 145
- 38A Château de Bonnezeaux, La Minnée Haute, Loire, France, 2021 | 153

## Loire Valley Chenin Blancs

Two not-very-well-known regions in the Loire Valley are the source of some of the best white wines in France: Vouvray and Savennières. Made exclusively with the Chenin Blanc grape, they share a limestone soil that's the key to their finesse and complexity. Both are noted for the beauty of their perfume: peach, white flowers, green apple. Then there is the exquisite balance: an often honeyed fruit set off against the bright, citrus-like acidity. In Vouvray, the limestone is mixed with clay and chalk; the wines are forward and lush. In Savennières, the soil is limestone and slate, producing a more refined, tightly-wound wine with mineral flavors and great ageability.

#### **OTHER WHITES**

- 98 Ridge Vineyards, Grenache Blanc, Paso Robles, California, 2022 | 77
- 79 Venica & Venica, Pinot Grigio 'Jesera', Collio, Italy, 2023 | 85
- 47 Tenuta Russobruno, Greco di Tufo, Campania, Italy, 2017 | 87
- 97 Terroir Históric, Priorat, Spain, 2017 | 91
- 38 Railsback Frères, Clairette Blanche, Santa Ynez Valley, California, 2021 | 95
- 36 Arianna Occhipinti, SP68, Sicilia, Italy, 2021 97
- 30 Miguel Merino, Rioja Alta, Spain, 2022 | 98
- 28 Domaine Faury, Saint-Joseph, Rhône, France, 2020 | 102
- 32 Pieropan 'La Rocca', Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy, 2021 | 109

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On the Greek island Santorini, bitter winds, volcanic soil and zero (!) rainfall during the growing season combine to inspire a unique farming style. The Assyrtiko vines are trained into little baskets that both shelter from the winds and collect the mist that blows in from the sea. The resulting wines are just as unique, firm-boned, exotic and delicious even with baby lamb.

- 40 Contino, Rioja Blanco, Spain, 2016 | 115
- 25 Chacra, Chardonnay Mainqué, Patagonia, Argentina, 2018 | 115
- 42 Albert Boxler, Riesling Reserve, Alsace, France, 2019 | 123
- 90 Orin Swift 'Blank Stare', Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River, California, 2022 | 128
- 48 Schloss Gobelsburg, Riesling Ried Gaisberg 1öTW, Kamptal, Austria, 2020 | 141
- 71 Benanti, Contrada Rinazzo, Etna Bianco Superiore, Italy, 2021 160
- 87 Lopez de Heredia, Viña Tondonia, Rioja Reserva, 2011 | 155
- 49 Benanti 'Pietra Marina' Etna Bianco Superiore Carricante, Sicily, Italy, 2016 | 217
- 41 Château de Saint Cosme, Condrieu, Rhône, France, 2016 | 217
- 82 Gaja, Rossj-Bass, Langje, Piedmont, Italy, 2022 | 220
- 35 Catena Zapata, Adriana Vineyard White Stones, Chardonnay, Mendoza, Argentina, 2020 | 250
- 45 Château Pape Clément, Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé des Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2016 | 284
- 20 Château Palmer, Vin Blanc de Palmer, France, 2019 | 347
- 77 Trimbach, Clos Sainte Hune, Riesling, Alsace, France, 2017 | 582

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Los Bermejos, Lanzarote, Spain, 2023 | 69

Bodegas Chacra 'Nacha', Patagonia, Argentina, 2022 | 85

Contino, Rioja, Spain, 2020 | 97

Lopez de Heredia, Viña Tondonia, Rioja, Spain, 2012 | 150

#### RED WINES

## BURGUNDY, FRANCE | Pinot Noir and Gamay

- 173 Château Thivin, Brouilly 'Reverdon', (Gamay), 2022 | 92
- 113 Mercurey 'Champ Ladoy', Domaine Belleville, 2022 | 99
- 108 Cote d'Or, Domaine Joseph Roty 'Cuvee de Pressonnie', 2021 | 101
- 240 Moulin-A-Vent, Château du Moulin-A-Vent, (Gamay), 2020 | 105
- 250 Maranges 1er Les Clos Roussots, Naudin Pére & Fils, 2019 | 113
- 318 Coteaux Bourguignons, La Petite Empreinte 'Mas a Tierra', 2023 | 119
- 152 Bourgogne 'En Gerlieus', Domaine de Cassiopee, 2022 | 123



Moulin-a-Vent Namesake

The Beaujolais region in Southern Burgundy produces delicious and affordable wine from the Gamay grape. Their 'brand' was damaged by the Beaujolais Nouveau craze of the 1980-90s. Real\_Beaujolais is now the great hidden gem of Burgundy.

- 360 Maranges 'Le Saugeot', Domaine de Cassiopee, 2023 | 158
- 104 Mercurey 1er Cru 'Clos des Myglands Monopole, Domaine Faiveley, 2022 | 159
- 350 Volnay 'Sur-Roches', Maxime Dubuet-Boillot, 2018 | 164
- 353 Mercury Sazenay 1er Cru, Domaine Génot-Boulanger, 2021 | 166
- 335 Pernand-Vergelesses 'Ile des Vergelesses' 1er Cru, Maison Champy, 2017 | 178
- 359 Fixin 1er Cru Les Hervelets, Domaine Bart, 2022 | 178
- 390 Beaune 1er Cru Aux Coucherias, Domaine Boris Champy, 2021 200
- 392 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine Joseph Roty, 2021 | 204
- 319 Gevrey-Chambertin Clos Prieur 1er Cru, Domaine Marc Roy, 2021 250
- 328 Gevrey-Chambertin, Arnaud Mortet 'Ma Cuvée', 2021 | 260

## BURGUNDY, FRANCE | Pinot Noir and Gamay(continued)

- 395 Morey-Blanc, Aloxe-Corton Clos du Chapitre, 2021 | 283
- 383 Nuits-Saint Georges 'Aux Chaignots' 1er Cru, Domaine Faiveley, 2021 | 329
- 353A Pierre Morey, Pommard Grand Epenots 1er Cru, 2021 | 372
- 329 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Camille Giroud, 2020 | 608



Laurence and Arnaud Mortet
This mother and son duo took over the Mortet estate after the death of Denis
Mortet in 2006 - a family of perfectionest and truly inspired winemakers.

## CALIFORNIA, OREGON, UNITED STATES | Pinot Noir

- 115 J. Cristopher, 'Volcanique', Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2019 | 100
- 122 Roco 'Knudsen Vineyards', Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2021 | 112
- 147 Bergström, 'Cumberland Reserve', Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2022 | 113
- 247 St. Innocent, 'Momtazi Vineyard', McMinnville, Oregon, 2019 | 130
- 316 Domaine Serene 'Yamhill Cuvee', Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2019 | 135
- 228 Revik Wine Co., Ramondo Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California, 2018 | 151
- 334A SAMsARA 'Rancho La Viña, Sta. Rita Hills, California, 2018 | 158
- 212 LaRue, Sonoma Coast, California, 2015 | 166
- 343 Littorai 'Les Laumes', Alexander Valley, California, 20 | 170
- 373 Melville Block M, St. Rita Hills, California, 2021 | 179
- 381 Freeman 'Akiko's Cuvée, Sonoma Coast, California, 2019 | 176
- 309 White Walnut Estate, Worden Hill Road, Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2020 | 180
- 324 Arista, 'Ferrington Vineyard', Anderson Valley, California, 2017 | 187

- 267 Roco Winery 'Private Stash', Chehalem Mountains, Oregon, 2016 | 193
- 306 Sandhi 'Romance', Sta. Rita Hills, California, 2020 | 211
- 313 Lingua Franca 'Tongue N Check', Eola-Amity, Hills, Oregon, 2018 | 216
- 330 Summer Dreams 'Super Child', Sonoma County, California, 2022 | 300



Josh Bergström and his beautifully crafted Chardonnays and Pinots
Having been influenced by his Swedish upbringings, Josh's father John founded Bergström
Wines, which showcase how grapes can thrive in harsh climates, whether they are grown in
Sweden or, in this case, the Pacific Northwest.

## LOIRE. FRANCE | Cabernet Franc

- 126 Olga Raffault, Chinon 'Les Picasses', 2018 | 85
- 101 Domaine Filliatreau, Saumur Champigny Vielles Vignes, 2010 | 125
- 366 Anne-Claude Leflaive 'Clau de Nell', Anjou, 2021 | 130

## BORDEAUX, FRANCE Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

- 236 Le Kid d'Arsac, Margaux, 2022 | 74
- 275 Château Cos Labory, Saint-Estephe, 2016 | 126
- 315 Château Montrose 'La Dame de Montrose', Saint-Estephe, 2018 | 173
- 331 Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac, 2016 | 360
- 388 Château Léoville Barton, Saint-Julien, 2014 | 385



View of the port of Bordeaux, Edouard Manet, 1870s
The Dutch, Germans, British, and Irish all had important roles in both the shipping and creation of Bordeaux wines. This openness to international trade helped to make Bordeaux the benchmark wine of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Today, China's thirst for Bordeaux, and their willingness to pay, has pushed the price of the top growths into the stratosphere.

## UNITED STATES Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Bordeaux-Style Blends

- 241 Broken Earth Winery 'CV', Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, California, 2019 | 85
- 143 DeLille Cellars 'D2", Columbia Valley, Washington, 2021 | 105
- 320 Domaine Eden Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, 2019 | 117
- 244 Hall, Cabernet Sauvignon Cellar Selection, Napa Valley, California, 2019 | 152
- 310 Taken From Granite, North Yuba Claret 'Èlégance', Renaissance Vineyard, California, 2000 | 153
- 182 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa, California, 2022 | 154
- 507 Quintessa Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa, California, 2019 (375ml) | 200



Aerial View of Domine Eden, sister estate of Mount Eden, high in the Santa Cruz Mountains
With a direct lineage to the pioneers of California wine, they are best known for their iconic Pinot and Chardonnay. The Cabernet also seems to evoke an earlier epoch, before people decided that bigger equals better: balanced, clean, elegant, mineral driven, beautiful aromatics.

# UNITED STATES Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Bordeaux-Style Blends (continued)

- 321 Andrew Will, Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, Red Mountain Washington, 2016 | 164
- 303 Taub Family Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignong, Rutherford, California, 2017 | 159
- 111 Ramey Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley California, 2020 | 176
- 385 Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, California, 2020 | 180
- 384 Hyde de Villaine 'Belle Couisine' Hyde Vinyard, Napa, California, 2017 | 174
- 326 Peter Paul Master's Blend, Napa Valley, California, 2018 | 186
- 377 La Jota Vineyard Co. Merlot, Howell Mountain, Napa, 2018 | 193
- 304 Gandona Encosta, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, 2018 | 216
- 332 Snowden Brothers Vineyard Cabernert Sauvignon, Napa, 2019 | 230
- 312 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa, Claifornia, 2021 | 235
- 367 Chappellet, Cabernet Franc, Napa Valley, California, 2019 | 260
- 348A Outpost Cabernet Sauvognon, Howell Mountain, Napa, California, 2019 | 272
- 380 Dunn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 'Howell Mountain', California, 2017 | 324
- 338 Clos du Val 'Yettalil', Stags Leap District, California, 2019 | 361
- 350A Ridge Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, 2019 | 385



Cathy Corison walking through her vineyard

A soft spoken woman, Cathy makes one of the most powerful but elegant, food friendly, and aged
worthy Cabernet Sauvignons in Napa Valley, like the ones from the 1960s.



First generation in America of Seghesio family
The history of California winemaking in a bottle. Eduardo Seghesio emigrated from Piedmont, Italy to work
for The Italian Swiss Colony winery. In 1895, he built a house and planted his own vineyards on land given to
him by the company to homestead. He chose the spot wisely. Now known as
"Home Ranch Vineyard," these vines, which still produce the wine of this name, are an
heirloom clone of Zinfandel found almost nowhere else. An extraordinary American wine.

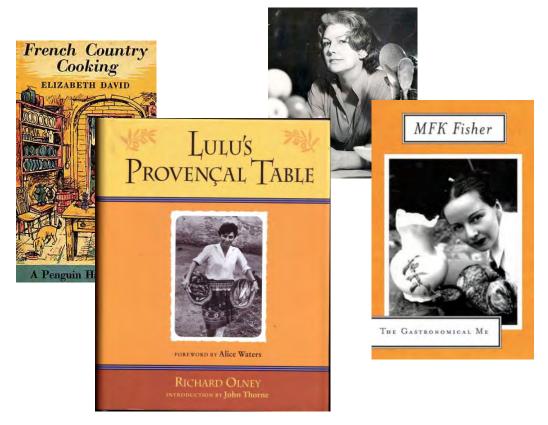
- 257 Bucklin, Old Hill Ranch 'Bambino', Sonoma Valley, California, 2023 | 83
- 103 Birichino 'Saint Georges', California, 2021 | 88
- 118 Ridge, 'Lytton Springs', Sonoma, California, 2021 | 119
- 198 BACA 'Double Dutch', Dusi Vineyard, Paso Robles, California, 2020 | 118
- 141 Rombauer Vineyards, California, 2020 | 124
- 262 Seghesio 'Cortina', Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma, California, 2019 | 157
- 333 Easton, Shenandoah Valley, California, 1999 | 180

## NEW WORLD | Syrah and Rhone-Style Blends

- 131 Piedrasassi 'Rim Rock Vineyard', Arroyo Grande Valley, California, 2019 | 121
- 152 SAMsSARA 'Zotovich Vineyards', Sta. Rita Hills, California, 2017 | 135
- 382 DuMol Wild Mountainside, Russian River Valley, California, 2022 | 171
- 302 Phelan Farm, Bassi Vineyard, San Luis Obispo, California, 2021 | 163

## RHÔNE, LANGUEDOC, PROVENCE, FRANCE Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignan

- 226 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de Beaurenard, 2022 | 70
- 117 Vinsobres, Château de Saint Cosme, 2019 | 88
- 156 Gigondas, Domaine des Pasquieres, 2021 | 90
- 123 Gigondas, Les Pallières 'Terrasse du Diable', 2022 | 118
- 264 Crozes-Hermitage, Alain Graillot, 2021 | 127



In the post-war period, a generation of cooks and writers from England and the US came to live in the inexpensive but supremely bountiful south of France. Welcomed by folks like Lulu Peyraud of Domaine Tempier in Bandol, they absorbed a culture of food, wine, and life that was threatened by mechanization and commercialism. The Provencal, or more broadly, Mediterranean approach to fresh, seasonal food which they would bring back to the States, initially to California, would revolutionize the way we eat and drink; basking in fresh, ripe, bright flavors. Every chef, restaurant and sommelier in America today is in their debt. The wines of the Rhône share a similar profile to the cuisine and are a natural accompaniment to much contemporary cooking.

# RHÔNE, LANGUEDOC, PROVENCE, FRANCE | Syrah, Grenache, Mourevèdre, Carignan (Continued)

- 213 Bandol, Domaine Tempier 'Lulu & Lucien', 2022 | 149
- 107 Cornas, Alain Voge, 2020 | 168
- 179 Châteauneuf-Du-Pape, Domaine Vieux Télégraphe, 2021 | 174
- 370 Côte-Rôtie 'Les Chistes', Maison Clusel-Roch, 2022 | 180
- 374 Bandol, Domaine Tempier 'La Migoua', 2022 | 204
- 356 Hermitage 'Farconnet', J-L Chave, 2018 | 210
- 305 Châteauneuf-Du-Pape, Clos de l'Oratoire des Papes, 'Les Choregies', 2018 | 216
- 374 Châteauneuf-Du-Pape, Domaine Vieux Télégraphe, 2012 | 375



## Jean-Louis Chave in Hermitage

If the Chave family is the royal family of wine making in France, Jean Louis would be the Crown Prince. A 16th generation heir to a wine empire in Northern Rhone, the family has been making wine for 500 years, going back to 1481. Every generation has been perfecting the craft, passing down the wisdoms learned. Chave wines are renowned for their blending, with every vintage a piece of art, curated by hand. In 1992, Jean Louis regained their ancestral land in St. Joseph, land that was lost due to the Phylloxera outbreak during the 1900s. He has since replanted all the vines, bringing a new life to the land and winemaking potential of the terroir.

## ITALY | PIEDMONT AND MORE

- 201 Azienda Agricola Zeni, Teroldego Rotaliano, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2016 | 70
- 145 Mardorlo Dolcetto d'Alba, Elvio Cogno, 2022 | 74
- 154 Dolcetto d'Alba, Bruno Giacosa, 2023 | 75
- 261 Roagna, Langhe Rosso, 2018 | 110
- 205 Cascina Chicco, Roero 'Valmaggiore' Riserva, 2015 | 115



#### Elisabetta Foradori

- 188 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Zenato, 2019 | 140
- 146 Barbaresco 'Santo Stefano', Catello di Neive, 2019 | 143
- 317 Barolo 'Cannubi', Damilano, 2019 | 160
- 352 Barbaresco 'Martinenga', Marchesi di Gresy, 2018 163
- 378 Valpolicella Superiore, Dal Forno Romano, 2009 | 231, 2008 | 254, 2007 | 283
- 327 Barolo 'Cerrati', Tenuta Cucco, 2016 | 180
- 341 Barolo 'Ravera' Elvio Cogno, 2017 | 186
- 322 Barolo Cascina Chicco, 'Rocche di Castelletto', 2013 | 216
- 340 Barolo 'Monprivato', Giuseppe E Figlio Mascarello, 2017 | 361

## ITALY | TUSCANY, LAZIO, SARDINIA

- 503 Chianti Classico, Castello di Volpaia, 2021 (375ml) | 40
- 206 Chianti Classico, Castellare di Castellina, 2022 | 73
- 234 Toscana IGT, Casanova di Neri Irrosso, 2022 | 75
- 265 Chianti Classico, Isole e Olena, 2020 | 70
- 127 Stefano Amerighi, Cortona Syrah, Tuscany, 2021 | 88
- 112 Conti di San Bonifacio, Maremma Toscana Docet, 2014 | 121
- 124 Chianti Classico Riserva, Castello Monterinaldi, 2018 | 121
- 230 Donatella Cinelli Colombini, Fattoria del Colle, Orcia Fattoria dell Colle Conerentola, Tuscany, Italy, 2016 | 130
- 362 Brunello di Montalcino, Cerbaia, 2018 | 143
- 191 IGT Toscana La Pineta, Podere Monastero, 2017 | 162
- 219 Toscana IGT, Tenuta San Guido 'Guidalberto', 2021 | 160
- 336 Toscana IGT, Castello di Volpaia, 2018 | 177
- 311 Tua Rita, Giusto di Notri, 2020 | 204
- 376 Tignanello, Marchesi Antinori, 2019 | 357
- 339 Brunello di Montalcino, Valdicava, 2016 | 364
- 396 Brunello di Montalcino, Biondi Santi 'Tenuta Greppo', 2012 | 385

## ITALY | CAMPANIA, BASILICATA, SICILY



The wines of Etna, the looming still-active volcano on the north east coast of Sicily, have re-established a stellar reputation in the last few years, but a few decades ago, almost none were being produced commercially. Dr. Giuseppe Benanti was instrumental in this revival. In 1988, he began working to revitalize an old family vineyard and also set about intensive research on the indigenous grape varieties of Etna and their clones. Searching out ancient plots of old vine Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio on the volcanic soil, he has created world-class wines with an indelible sense of place. Firm, but not heavy, they age beautifully.

- 195 Azienda Agricola COS, Pithos Rosso, Vittoria, Sicily, 2019 | 83
- 203 Arianna Occhipinti, Il Frappato, Sicily, 2023 | 117
- 121 Arianna Ochipinti 'Siccagno' Nero d'Avola, Sicily, 2021 | 127
- 161 Mastroberardino Radici, Taurasi, Campania, 2017 | 149
- 314 Roccamonfina, Terra di Lavoro, Galardi, Campania, 2010 | 167
- 209 Arianna Occhipinti 'Grotte Alte', Cerasuolo di Victtoria, Sicily, 2019 | 163
- 301 Benanti, Rovittello Particella No. 341, Etna, Sicily, 2017 | 235

## SPAIN | RIOJA

- 106 Bodegas Faustino 1 Gran Reserva, 2014 | 83
- 246 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Cubillo' Rioja, 2016 | 90
- 258 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Bosconia' Rioja Reserva, 2013 | 123
- 273 Izarbe, Rioja Gran Reserva, Produccion Limitada, 2008 | 120
- 235 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Tondonia' Rioja Reserva, 2010 | 153
- 325 Lopez de Heredia, 'Viña Tondonia', Rioja Reserva, 2001 | 240
- 389 Castillo Ygay Marqués de Murrieta, Rioja Gran Reserva Especial, 2009 | 264



Old School Rioja
Many wine lovers are beginning to rediscover the beauty of traditional Rioja, especially the older Reservas and Gran Reservas. Gran Reserva requires 24 months aging in barrel and a further 36 months in bottle before release, though many winemakers allow for additional aging in the bodega.
No one is more traditional than Lopez-Heredia, who will not release their wines until they are considered ready. Today, they are still relasing bottles from the 1970s and 1980s!
Lopez-Heredia, Pecina, Santurnia, La Rioja Alta, and Marqués de Murrieta are other proud practitioners to one degree or another, of the traditional style. Emphasis is on finesse, delicacy and complexity. Really, no other wines in the world are delivered to you with this much pampering at a comparable price



## SPAIN | RIBERA DEL DUERO, TORO, CASTILLA

- 266 Descendientes de J. Palacios 'Petalos', Bierzo, 2021 | 68
- 133 Comando G'La Bruja', Sierra de Gredos, 2023 | 75
- 155 Comando G'Navatalgordo', Sierra de Gredos, 2023 | 146
- 351 Bodegas Garmón, Ribera del Duero, 2017 | 165
- 361 Dominio de Pingus, Ribera del Duero Flor de Pingus, 2020 | 173
- 375 Pintia, Toro, 2018 | 174

## SPAIN | PRIORAT, CATALONIA AND THE BALEARICS

#### Priorat

Priorat is a rugged mountainous region south of Barcelona. For centuries, it had been famous for its "black wine," but with the ravages of the 20th century, found most of its vineyards abandoned. Then in the late 1980s, a group of pioneering winemakers rediscovered the area's potential. The ancient vines of Grenache and Carignan, many over 100 years old, still bore fruit. It was a question of quality over quantity. They produced fewer grapes but those grapes were capable of making profound wine. Today, Priorat is again recognized as making some of the finest wines in Spain.

- 116 Tierra Fundida, Tacoronte-Acentejo, Islas Canarias, 2021 79
- 119 Familia Torres, Secret del Priorat, 2019 | 88
- 181 Mas Martinet, Martinet Bru, Priorat, 2020 | 96
- 130 Com Tu, Clos Mogador, Monsant, 2017 | 130
- 137 Venus de la Figuera, Montsant, 2017 | 132
- 308 Familia Torres, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mas La Plana, Catalonia, 2008 | 225
- 342 Albaro Palacios, Finca Dofí, Gratallops, Priorat, 2018 223
- 348B Espectacle, Montsant, 2018 | 253

## ARGENTINA, CHILE

- 160 Bodega Colome Malabec, Salta, Argentina, 2022 | 79
- 208 Zuccardi Malbec, 'Concreto', Paraje Altamira, Mendoza, Argentina, 2021 | 83
- 272 Cara Sur Parcela La Totora, Paraje Hilario Calingasta, Argentina, 2020 | 109
- 391 Catena Zapata, Malbec Argentino, Mendoza, Argentina, 2020 | 216
- 355 Catena Zapata, Adriana Vineyard 'River', Malbec, 2020 | 320



González Bastías, 'Tinaja' País, Maule, Chile, 2015
Chile's Pais is one of the original 'Mission' grapes planted by the Spanish in the 1500's in the cool southern regions far from the capitol. It was long written off as a rustic throwback, grown and vinified by local farmers in the simplest way possible for their own consumption. Many of the vineyards are thought to be 200 - 300 years old, thriving almost wild on sandy soil where phylloxera has never come, there is no irrigation, and never any chemicals. Just recently, these majestic vineyards have captured the imagination of winemakers who had the wherewithal to bring the wines out into the wider world. José Luis Gómez Bastías is the fifth generation to farm this land. With his wife Daniela Lorenzo, an oenologistagronomist, they are dedicated to making fully natural wines by hand as their forefathers did. Above you see the crushing of the grapes on straw mats, a traditional technique.

## SWEET AND FORTIFIED WINES



Banyuls, a sweet, port-like fortified wine is made in the hills behind a small fishing village on the French Mediterranean close to the Spanish border. The village was a favorite haunt of painters at the turn of the 20th century. Matisse, Braque and Derain were inspired by the brilliant light of the region to paint in a new way. Called by the press Les Fauves, "The Wild Ones" they helped to create modern painting. It's not hard to imagine them retreating from the heat of the day into the shade of a little café with friends, arguing, eating a bite of cheese, and sipping the local wine.

At Left: View of Banyuls, André Derain

Champalou, Vouvray Les Fondraux, 2017 | 16

Elvio Cogno, Moscato D'Asti, Italy, 2019 | 17

Château La Tour Blanche 'Emotions' Sauternes, France, 2017 | 17

Moulin Touchais, Coteaux du Layon, Loire, France, 1994 | 18

Inniskillen Ice Wine 'Vidal', VQA Niagara Peninsula, Canada, 2019 | 31

Tua Rita, Passito Di Pantelleira Sese, Sicily, Italy, 2017(500 ml. bottle only) | 95

Trimbach Gewürztraminer 'Vendages Tardive' Alsace, France, 2007 (750 ml. bottle only) |

## SWEET AND FORTIFIED WINES



#### Madeira

700 km off of the coast of West Africa, Madeira produced the wines that fed the trade routes of the 18th century. On the long voyages between Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, the American colonies, and Britain, it was discovered that the wines of Madeira, buried deep in the ship's holds through this long and intense tropical heat, arrived in Baltimore not just good but better. The Estufagem process was developed to age the wine in oven-like rooms on the island for long periods, replicating the effects of a sea voyage. Madeira became the most popular drink of our Founding Fathers. Due to its unique production, Madeira is practically indestructible. Bottles from the 19th century remain perfectly sound. Most great Madeira is not sweet - the caramelized, amazingly complex flavors finish quite dry, delicious with cheese or many savory dishes.

#### PORT

Fonseca Bin 27 | 12

Fonseca 10 Year Tawny | 18

Taylor Fladgate 20 Year Tawny | 18

Dow's 30 Year Tawny | 36

Taylor Fladgate Tawny 40 year | 45

Dow's LBV 2015 | 14

#### SHERRY-JEREZ-XERES

Off-Dry Wine

Alvear, Montilla-Moriles Fino en Rama, 2016 | 14

**Sweet Wine** 

Lustau, East India Oloroso | 15

MADEIRA

Blandy's Malmsey 10 yr. | 13

#### MEZCAL



The most complex spirit in the world, Mezcal has been produced mainly in the southern states of Mexico for more than two centuries, most prominently in Oaxaca. Recent archeological evidence points to distillation even before the arrival of the Spanish. The word mezcal or mexcall in Naualt (one of the indigenous languages of southern Mexico) translates to oven-cooked agave. Using only ancient practices, this "Elixio of the Gods" is the most labor intensive spirit made anywhere today. The families of the Palenqueros, village producers, will do everything by hand (or donkey), from harvesting, roasting, grinding, fermentation, and finally distillation. Various types of agave are used, Espadia being the most common, but all take five to fifteen years to reach the necessary maturity.

Here is some examples of this mystical and magical spirit. These wild agave bottles come from some of the most remote villages of Oaxaca and Michoacán, made the same way from generation to generation.

And remember: sip it, don't shoot it. It's not tequila.

Stigibeo! Cheers!

## MEZCAL

Peloton de la Muerte| 12
Fosforo Ensamble | 18
Vago Ensamble | 25
Fosforo Tobala | 28
Fosforo en Penca | 37
Del Maguey Ibérico | 38
Los Siete Misterios Coyote | 42
Curated Flight of Three Mezcals
Three 1 oz. \$45

#### **TEQUILA**

Tequila Ocho Plata | 15
Casamigos Blanco | 16
San Matias Extra Añejo | 16
San Matias Tahona Añejo | 18
Cayeya Reposado | 18
Casamigos Reposado | 20
Arte Nom Selección Añejo | 22
Clase Azul Reposado | 42
Don Julio 1942 | 42
Jose Cuervo Reserva de La Familia Extra Añejo | 43

## Whiskey

FUJI Single Grain Japanese Whisky | 36

## SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

Dalmore 12 yr. | 15 Glenfiddich 12 yr. | 18 The Glenlivet, 12 yr. | 18 Laphroig, 10 yr. | 18 Glendronach, 12 yr. | 18 Glenglassaugh, Revival | 22 The Balvenie, 12 yr. | 22 The Macallan, 12 yr Double Cask. | 22 The Macallan 12 yr Sherry Cask. | 28 The Glenlivet, 14 yr | 30 Oban, 14 yr. | 35 Lagavulin 16 yr. | 35 Highland Park, Orkney, 18 yr. | 36 The Glenlivet, 18 yr. | 40 The Macallan, 18 yr Double Cask. | 55 The Macallan, 18 yr Sherry Cask. | 60 Dalmore 18yr. | 60

#### **BLENDED SCOTCH**

Dewars | 12 Monkey Shoulders | 14 Johnny Walker Black Label | 18 Johnny Walker Blue Label | 50

#### **IRISH WHISKEY**

Jameson's | 12
Bushmills | 13
Teeling | 14
Tullamore Dew | 14
Connemara, 'Cask Strength', 116 Proof, Peated
Single Malt | 16

#### **BOURBON**

Buffalo Trace | 13
Maker's Mark | 14
Michter Bourbon | 14
Knob Creek | 13
Basil Hayden | 15
Bulleit | 13
Muckley Eye | 13
Woodford Reserve | 14
Angel's Envy | 15
Widow Jane 10yr | 21
Widow Jane 13yr | 31
Michter Bourbon 10 yr. | 40

## **RYE WHISKEY**

Rittenhouse | 12 Bulleit Rye | 14 Second Glance | 13 Muckley Eye Rye | 13 Michter Rye | 14 Michter Rye 10 yr. | 45

## After Dinner Drink

## COGNAC / ARMAGNAC/CALVADOS

Ansac Cognac VS | 12
Hennessy VS | 15
Armagnac Ugni Blanc 2012 | 16
Armagnac Baco 2005 | 18
Larresigle Armagnac VSOP | 18
Hennessy VSOP | 24
L'Encantada Armagnac XO | 35
Hennesy XO | 50
Remy Martin XO | 50

## Beer

CRAFT-BREWED DRAFT
Ask your server about our seasonal drafts

## BOTTLES AND CANS, DOMESTIC | 8

Athletic Brewery Free Wave IPA, CT
(N/A < 0.5%)
Athletic Brewery "Lite", CT (N/A < 0.5%)
"Granny Smith", Woodchuck Hard Cider, VT
(5%)
Glutenberg (Gluten-Free) IPA, Quebec (6%)

#### INTERNATIONAL | 8

Guinness Stout Pub Can, Ireland (4.2%) Corona Extra Lager, Mexico (4.6%) Crabbies Ginger Beer, UK (4.8%) Stella Artois Pilsner, Belgium (5.2%)

## Seasonal Cocktails

Wrong Decision | 18
Peach & Pandan Infused Tequila, Citric Acid,
Tarragon Agave

8 For Summer | 19 Tequila Ocho, Mezcal, Lemon Juice, Honeydew Cordial, Chartreuse, Saline Solution

Better Now | 19 Michter's Rye, Coochi, Lemon Juice, Honey-Ginger Syrup, Bouquet Bitters

Memories n' Dreams | 19 Woodford Reserve, Lemon Juice, Strawberry Elixir, Green Chartreuse, Egg White

> S&M | 18 Fords Gin, Fresno Shrub, Grapefruit, Lemon, Suze

Golden Hour | 18 Tanqueray Gin, Gooseberry Cordial, Amaro Nonino, Lime Juice

Tropical Punch | 18 Diplomatico Reserva, Ansac Cognac, Lemon, Pineapple Gum Syrup

B.T.S | 17

Pisco, Pear Liqour, Lime, Pineapple Elixir

El Ardito | 16 House Infused Serrano Vodka, Triple Sec, Passionfruit

Pineapple Cosmo | 16 House Infused Pineapple Vodka, Cranberry, Lime Juice, Triple Sec



## **APÉRITIFS**

Vermouths: | 11

♦Dolin 'Vermouth de Chambéry' Sweet, Blanc or Dry ♦ Punt e Mes ♦ Genepy des Alpes ♦ Boutinet Pineau des Charentes ♦ Lillet Blanc ♦ Dubonnet ♦ Bonal Gentiane-Quina ♦ Cocchi Americano ♦ Suze ♦ Cappelletti

♦ 'Antica Formula' | 13

## DIGESTIFS | 14

Averna ♦ Fernet Branca ♦ Amaro Lazzaroni ♦ Nardini Amaro ♦ Cynar ♦ Caffo 'Vecchia Amaro del Capo ♦ Troussepinette ♦ Zucca Rabarbaro Amaro ♦ Poli Cleopatra Moscato Oro ♦

♦ Pio Cesare | 22