

Vintro

And we're back with a new and exciting 2024 Spring/Summer wine list!

Marianna, the team and I had the very difficult task of tasting 120 different wines from all over the globe so we can bring you vinous liquid joy with great stories and properly fit for the warmer months.....

This means white wines that are fresh, crisp, and cleansing. Like the....

Bacchus 2022 - Camel Valley, Cornwall, England

Varieties: Bacchus. Vineyards & winery: from an award-winning winery in northern Cornwall.

Stainless steel all the way for extra crispiness. Taste: a dry, steely, aromatic white with fantastic definition. Similar to Sancerre, with citrusy and floral characters.

Reds that are fragrant, crunchy, and lighter in tannins - also can be enjoyed chilled. Have a look at....

Pinot Noir 2022 - Cuvée Dissenay, Languedoc, France

Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: a challenge to grow a delicate grape in the heat of the south. The trick is to plant on slopes of the Pyrenees where sea breezes bring some relief, and to pick early. Taste: crunchy cranberry & redcurrant with round ripe black plum. Topped off with vanilla & clove.

Obviously not forgetting the rosé with their varying shades of colour. Have you ever thought how rosé gets its colour? It's not the blending of red and white wine together - it is made from red grapes. Rose's pink colour comes from a maceration process. The red grape skins transfer pink pigment to the juice, but as opposed to red wines, rosé in most cases undergoes a short skin contact time of 12-24 hours, and then it's pressed before the juice takes on too much colour. For a cracking example check out....

Cotes de Provence Cru Classe Grande Reserve 2023 - Ch de Saint-Martin, Provence, France

Varieties: Grenache, Tibouren, Cinsault, Carignan & Syrah. Vineyards & winery: fruit from low yielding vines, fermented in subterranean tanks built into rock, made by an all female team. Taste: really posh rose. Endless cranberries that you can almost feel burst in your mouth, sweet orange and toasted scones with cream.

If you want to try an Orange wine from Georgia using traditional earthenware, a process which goes back 8000 years, you must try....

Kisi 'Vita Vinea' 2022 - Dakishvili Family Vineyard, Akhmeta, Georgia

Varieties: Kisi. Vineyards & winery: single-vineyard old vine fruit, fermented with skins in traditional Qvevri (amphorae). Taste: dried apricot, almond & sweet spice. Equally at home with pork and fish dishes.

Keep in mind, if you're in a hurry and haven't got time to peruse our list, we have listed a load of 'Our favourite' wines on page 6 and 7 for your convenience. Don't forget, all the wines that you see in this list and the ones on by the glass are available to take away at shop price - bargain.

Here's to fun in the Sun!

Brett and Marianna

Makers

A A Badenhorst
Adega de Moncao
Amelie
Amoterra
Aniello
Atamisque
Au Bon Climat
Benegas
Besas
Blank Bottle
Blank Canvas
Bodega K5
Bodegas Pittacum
Bruno Lupin
Burn Cottage
Caiaffa
Camel Valley
Can Sumoi
Cantine Terlano
Capezzana
Carmelita
Carmim Reguengos
Castello Romitorio
Cathartic
Celler Masroig
Charles Heidsieck
Chateau Coutin
Chateau de Pasquette
Chateau de Saint-Martin
Chateau Durfort-Vivens
Chateau La Coustarelle
Chateau Tour de Capet
Chateau Valentin
Ciello
Claudio Mariotto
Clonakilla
Clos Henri
Creaciones Exeo
Crittenden Estate
Dakishvili Family Vineyard
Dandelion Vineyards
Daniel Ramos
Davenport Vineyards
Delheim
Devaux
Di Meno

Didier Desvignes
Distant Noises
Domaine Confuron-Gindre
Domaine Daniel Dugois
Domaine de Font-Sane
Domaine de la Chevalerie
Domaine de Mauperthuis
Domaine Delaunay
Domaine du Tunnel
Domaine Gaston et Pierre Ravaut
Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini
Domaine Laguerre
Domaine Rolly Gassmann
Domaine Sautereau
Domaine Violot-Guillemard
Esteban Martin
Familie Arbeau
Filipa Pato
Finca Villacreces
Fitapreta
Fratelli Felix
G.D. Vajra
Gavelot
Giuliana Vicini
Gluck & Bray
Grange des Rocs
Gulfi
Hacienda La Parrilla
Henschke
Highweald
Izadi
Jean-Claude Boisset
Johanneshof Reinisch
Keermont
Kloof Street
La Durbane
La Giustiniana
La Jara
La Salette
Lagar de Costa
Les Vignes de L'Eglise
Lopez de Heredia
Mac Forbes
Mauricio Lorca
Mezzogiorno

Mount Pleasant
Oliver Zeter
Orgo
Pavillon de Leoville Poyferre
Producteurs Reunis Cebazan
Produttori del Barbaresco
Quinta da Raza
Quinta das Maiais
Quinta do Piloto
Quinta do Vale Meao
Raimund Prüm
Raventos i Blanc
Renard Barnier
S A Prüm
Salcheto
Samos
Sandeman
Savege Wines
Seghesio
Serodes & Kovac
SIVIPA
Skouras
Soalheiro
Sokol Blosser
Sophie Cinier
Specogna
Te Whare Ra
Telmo Rodriguez Wine Company
Tenuta Marsigliana
Tenute Sella
Tetramythos
The Vineyard Party
Thymiopoulos
Tornai
Trinity Hill
Tschida
Valdespino
Verus
Vignerons d'Estezargues
Villa Cialdini
Vinos de Terrunos
Vinvita
Willunga 100
Winzerhof Stahl

Grapes

White

Albarino/Alvarinho
Alicante Branco
Altesse
Antao Vaz
Arinto
Assyrtiko
Bacchus
Bical
Bourboulenc
Catarratto
Cercial
Chardonnay
Chenin Blanc
Clairette
Cortese
Faber
Falanghina
Fernaõ Pires/Maria Gomes
Fiano
Furmint

Gewurztraminer
Glera
Godello
Grenache Blanc
Grenache Gris
Gruner Veltliner
Hondarribi Zuri
Huxelrebe
Kisi
Malagousia
Malvasia
Mauzac
Maturana Blanca
Muscat a Petit Grains
Muscat of Alexandria
Ortega
Palomino
Parellada
Picpoul
Pinot Blanc

Pinot Gris/Grigio
Riesling
Roupeiro
Roussanne
Sauvignon Blanc
Savagnin
Semillon
Seyval Blanc
Siegerrebe
Silvaner
Tempranillo Blanco
Trajadura
Trebiano
Trincadeira-das-Pratas
Verdelho
Verdicchio
Vermentino
Viognier
Viura/Macabeu
Xarel-lo

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Alfrocheiro
Black Kalavryta
Cabernet Franc
Cabernet Sauvignon
Canaiolo
Carignan/Mazuelo
Castelao
Cinsault
Corvina
Corvone
Croatina
Dindarella
Dolcetto
Espadeiro
Frappato
Gamay
Graciano
Grenache Noir
Lambrusco Grasparossa
Malbec
Malvasia Nera

Mammolo
Mencia/Jaen
Merlot
Montepulciano
Mourvedre
Mataro
Monastrell
Nebbiolo
Negrette
Negroamaro
Nero d'Avola
Oseleta
Padeiro
Petit Verdot
Petite Sirah
Pinot Meunier
Pinot Noir
Pinotage
Raboso
Rondinella

Sangiovese
Saperavi
Sousao
Sumoll
Syrah/Shiraz
Tempranillo
Tinta Roriz
Aragonez
Tibouren
Tinta Barroca
Tinto Cao
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[ORG] Organic

[V] Vegan

If a glass of wine is good for you, imagine what a bottle can do.

Before the Vino

Nothing summarises Italian culture quite like the Aperitivo occasion. Aperitivo is not just a drink, but a beloved cultural export of Italy. A pre-dinner ritual which acts as a break between work and home, it is a chance to unwind, connect and relieve the stress of the working day.

An **Aperol** or **Campari Spritz**, the world famous **Negroni**, or the traditional non-alcoholic aperitivo **Crodino**, paired with Vinoteca's bar snacks. It's a celebration of la dolce vita.

Spritzs

Aperol Spritz	11.5
Aperol, Prosecco Superiore Asolo Extra Dry, Fever-Tree Spring Soda Water & Orange	
Campari Spritz	11.5
Campari, Prosecco Superiore Asolo Extra Dry, Fever-Tree Spring Soda Water & Orange	
Pink Spritz	11.5
ELLC Vodka, Lychee, Prosecco Superiore Asolo Extra Dry, Soda, Lime	
London Rye Spritz	14.5
ELLC London Rye, Crodino, Orange	
Botivo Spritz, 0%	8.5
Botivo Botanical Spirit, Soda, Orange	
Crodino 0%, 175ml	6.2

Cocktails

Seasonal Bellini	9.5
A fresh puree made from the season's tastiest fruit, topped up with Prosecco Superiore Asolo	
Sunset Cooler	11.5
Prosecco Superiore Asolo Extra Dry, ELLC Dry Gin, Triple Sec, Eldeflower, Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water, Mint & Lime	
Portonic	9.5
Quinta do Infantado White Port, Fever Tree Indian Tonic Water & Mint	
Blood Orange Negroni	10.5
Whitley Neill Blood Orange Gin, Campari & Cocchi Rosso	

Gin & Tonic Selection

	25ml	50ml
East London Liquor Co. Dry Gin & Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water, Lemon	7.5	11.5
Whitley Neill Blood Orange Gin & Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water, Lemon	8	12.5
Whitley Neill Connoisseur's Cut Gin & Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water, Lemon	8	12.5
Hendrick's Gin and Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water, Cucumber	8.5	13.5
Monkey 47 and Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water, Lime	10	16.5

Spirits & Mixers

	25ml	50ml
East London Liquor Co. Vodka & Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water, Lime	7.5	11.5
Seedlip Garden 108 (0% ABV Spirit) & Fever-Tree Naturally Light Tonic Water, Orange	-	8
East London Liquor Co. "Rarer Rum" & Fever-Tree Ginger Beer, Lime	8.5	14
El Rayo Reposado Tequila & Fever-Tree Premium Lemonade, Lime	8.75	14.5
Grey Goose & Fever-Tree Spring Soda, Lime	9.25	14.5

Beer On Tap

Available at Borough Yards, City & King's Cross

	1/2 Pint	Pint
Pure Pilsner - Purity (gf) 4%	4	7.2
Session IPA - Purity (gf) 4.5%	4	7.2

Beer & Cider

Peckham Helles - Brick Brewery (GF) (4% ABV) 330ml	5.5
Peckham Pale APA - Brick Brewery (4.5% ABV) 330ml	6
Keller Lager Braybrooke - Biercraft (4.8% ABV) 330ml	6.5
Railway Porter - Five Points (4.8% ABV) 330ml	6.75
Gravity Theory Cider (4.5% ABV) 330ml	6
Unfiltered Lager, Bavaria - Lucky Saint (0.5% ABV) 330ml	5.5
Pure Point Five Pale Ale - Purity 0.5% ABV 345ml	5.5

Non-Alcoholic & Soft Drinks

Coca Cola/Diet Coke, 330ml	3.5
Fever Tree Pink Grapefruit, 200ml	3
Premium Lemonade, Fever-Tree, 200ml	3
Indian/Naturally Light/Mediterranean Tonic Water, Fever-Tree, 200ml	3
Apple Juice, Pago, 200ml	4
Orange Juice, Pago, 200ml	4
Cranberry Juice, Pago, 200ml	4
Seasonal Square Root, 330ml	5

Our Favourites

SPARKLING

- 'Cornwall Brut' 2021 - Camel Valley, Cornwall, England [V]** 72
Varieties: Seyval Blanc, Pinot Blanc & Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: Grapes are crushed, and only the best 'free run' juice is used. Fermentation is long and cool to keep maximum aroma & freshness. 24 months ageing. Taste: wild berries, citrus fruit, yeast & honey.
- Champagne Blanc De Noirs 'Cuvee Speciale' - Renard Barnier, Villevenard, France** 67
Varieties: Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier. Vineyards & winery: traditional method & aged for three years in bottle before release. Taste: rich and intense, butterscotch, brioche & ripe golden apple goodness.
- Blanc de Blancs 2021 - Raventós i Blanc, Catalunya, Spain** 58
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WHITE

- Peninsula Chardonnay 2022 - Crittenden Estate, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, Australia [V]** 55
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: wild yeast fermented Chardonnay from cool maritime Mornington Peninsula, aged for 8 months in French oak barrels. Taste: spice, figs, melon & apples with lemon, butter, vanilla & toast.
- Gruner Veltliner 2022 - Besas, Niederosterreich, Austria [ORG]** 38
Varieties: Gruner Veltliner. Vineyards & winery: sustainably farmed, organic grapes from a quality conscious producer. Just 6 hours of skin contact to unlock more aromatics. Taste: a classic fresh and peppery Austrian wine that is elegant, light and delicately expressive. Herbs, pepper & peach.
- Horsmonden Dry 2022 - Davenport Vineyards, East Sussex, England [ORG][V]** 46
Varieties: Bacchus, Ortega, Faber, Siegerrebe & Huxelrebe. Vineyards & winery: a mix of varieties all wild fermented together. A small percentage spent time in old oak casks, not for flavour but for smooth texture. Taste: elderflower, shrubbery & zesty citrus.
- Sancerre 2022 - Domaine Sautereau, Loire, France** 58
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: 9th generation of the family making this wine in stainless steel only. Taste: big aromas here: floral, citrus, peach, grapefruit and lemon. More on the palate, but there's a real softness here too. The finish gives a little liquorice, so all in all a cracking package.
- Atma White 2023 - Thymiopoulos, NW Greece [ORG][V]** 38
Varieties: Xinomavro & Malagousia. Vineyards & winery: the dark Xinomavro grapes are pressed and kept from the skins ('blanc de noir'), and fermentation happens with wild yeast. Taste: buzzy, electric acidity keeping everything crisp & fresh, then the Malagousia kicks in with a floral peachiness.
- Obvius Blanco 2022 - Salcheto, Tuscany, Italy [ORG]** 54
Varieties: Trebbiano (75%) & Vermentino. Vineyards & winery: wild fermentation in stainless steel, followed by 4 months left unfiltered in both tank & barrel. Taste: fresh & round. Baked apple pie & toffee popcorn. Doesn't that sound delish?
- Vinho Verde 2023 - Adega de Moncao, Vinho Verde, Portugal** 33.5
Varieties: Alvarinho & Trajadura (50/50). Vineyards & winery: from one of the top co-operatives of northern Portugal, right up against the Gaician border. Taste: smile-inducing white to welcome the warmer weather. Unmasked, expressive, pure fruit. Lemon rind & lime burst to give a zingy freshness.
- Rias Baixas Albarino 2023 - Lagar de Costa, Rias Baixas, Spain** 49
Varieties: Albarino. Vineyards & winery: grapes from 30-year-old vines in Galicia's Rias Baixas. 3 months of maturation on the lees has kept it young & vibrant, while having a little extra weight for complexity. Taste: ranging from zingy citrus to comforting stone fruit: grapefruit, bergamot & peach stand out. A fantastic example of Albarino.

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ROSÉ

Cotes de Provence Cru Classe Grande Reserve 2023 - Ch de Saint-Martin, Provence, France [V] 46

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Swartland Rosé 'Secateurs' 2023 - A A Badenhorst, Swartland, South Africa [V] 40

Varieties: Mourvedre. Vineyards & winery: very old, unirrigated bush vine Mourvedre from one of our very favourite South Africans. Made from outstanding quality grapes. Taste: a concentrated & deeply refreshing rose with enough substance to go with food but enough delicacy to crack open on its own. Scrumptiously versatile.

ORANGE

Pinot Grigio Ramato 2022 - Specogna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy 53

Varieties: Pinot Grigio. Vineyards & winery: from over 50 year old vines in the heart of Friuli's Colli Orientali. 72 hours on skins and all done in tank. 'Ramato' means 'coppery' from the distinct colour of the skins. Taste: fascinating & fresh red apple, pink grapefruit, a ginger kick & fresh pastry.

RED

Serbal Petit Verdot 2023 - Atamisque, Mendoza, Argentina [V] 40

Varieties: Petit Verdot. Vineyards & winery: from the famous Mendoza region at 1,300m altitude. Spontaneous fermentation followed by 16 months ageing in French oak barrels. Taste: the oak compliments and supports the big bright black & red fruit with spice & cedar notes. A great quote: the perfect combination of muscle & poise.

McLaren Vale Tempranillo 2020 - Willunga 100, South Australia 38.5

Varieties: Tempranillo. Vineyards & winery: from two sites of different climates in McLaren Vale. Four days of cold soaking pre-fermentation to bring out extra colour & aromatics. Eight months ageing in old oak puncheons. Taste: a big, generous, warm body full of bright red fruit that shows all the juiciness of a great Tempranillo.

Morgon 2022 - Didier Desvignes, Beaujolais, France [ORG][V] 42

Varieties: Gamay. Vineyards & winery: from a top Beaujolais cru that produces wines with great depth. Stainless steel and concrete vats, no oak here. Taste: full-bodied, rich & meaty combined with such lip-smacking freshness. Big red fruit and chunkier tannins that you'd expect from a Gamay. A fully grown up Beaujolais.

Pinot Noir 2022 - Cuvée Dissenay, Languedoc, France [V] 36

Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: a challenge to grow a delicate grape in the heat of the south. The trick is to plant on slopes of the Pyrenees where sea breezes bring some relief, and to pick early. Taste: crunchy cranberry & redcurrant with round ripe black plum. Topped off with vanilla & clove.

Costa Toscana 'Birillo' 2020 - Tenuta Marsigliana, Tuscany, Italy 49

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon (65%) & Merlot (35%). Vineyards & winery: spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel followed by 12-14 months maturing in 500ltr French oak barrels. Taste: blackcurrant, cherry & violets to name just a few of the great characteristics here. Oh and a hint of balsamic on this Bordeaux blend from Tuscany.

'Al-Muvedre' Monastrell 2022 - Al-Muvedre, Alicante, Spain 34.5

Varieties: Monastrell. Vineyards & winery: from exceptional organic old vines in south east Spain. Altitude is high at 500-700 metres above sea level. Only stainless steel used for the vinification. Taste: deeply dark fruited, rich earthy notes and guarrigue herbs. A real Mediterranean expression.

Evolution 'Big Time Red' 9th Edition NV - Sokol Blosser, Oregon, USA [O][V] 49

Varieties: Syrah & 'loads of others!' (including Montepulciano & Nero d'Avola) Vineyards & winery: organic grapes, aged in steel & old oak and a blend of several vintages. Taste: soft & full, cherries & raspberries, fresh porcini & wild herbs. Luscious, but not big & heavy!

Sparkling

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- Brut Reserve NV - Highweald, West Sussex, England [V]** 79
Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier. Vineyards & winery: Hand-harvested estate grapes, with 1st fermentation in mostly steel tanks and some oak barrels. 2nd fermentation in bottle and aged on lees for 18 months. Taste: elegant, deep & refreshing with apples & preserved lemon, toast & spice.
- Champagne Blanc De Noirs 'Cuvee Speciale' - Renard Barnier, Villevenard, France** 67
Varieties: Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier. Vineyards & winery: traditional method & aged for three years in bottle before release. Taste: rich and intense, butterscotch, brioche & ripe golden apple goodness.
- Champagne Brut 'Cuvee D' NV - Aged 5 years - Devaux, France [V]** 98
Varieties: Pinot Noir (55%) & Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: grapes from select sustainably farmed vineyards, fermented mostly in tank with a little in barrel, blended with mature reserve wine & second fermented in bottle followed by 5 years ageing. Taste: intense & deep with plenty of citrus freshness and layers of spiced, dried & fresh fruit.
- Champagne Brut Millesime 2013 - Charles Heidsieck, Champagne, France [V]** 148
Varieties: Pinot Noir (57%) & Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: grapes from only premier and grand cru vineyards. After 2nd fermentation in bottle, it is aged for 8 years on lees before disgorgement. Taste: apricot, almond, liquorice & peach. A subtle yeastiness, very much wound up with the crisp character, which works perfectly with the underlying richness.
- Prosecco Superiore Asolo Extra Dry DOCG NV - Vinvita, Veneto, Italy [V]** 40
Varieties: Glera. Vineyards & winery: high quality grapes from the 'cru' of Colli Asoloni. Taste: all white flowers and melon, ripe grapefruit and almond. When is it not Prosecco time?
- Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature '3B' - Filipa Pato, Beiras, Portugal [BIO] [V]** 46
Varieties: Bical, Maria Gomes & Cercial. Vineyards & winery: organic & biodynamically grown grapes, aged for 9 months before release. Taste: 'Authentic wines, without make-up' is Filipa Pato's tagline. Pears, fennel, thyme & honey.
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ROSÉ

- Brut Rosé 2020 - Camel Valley, Cornwall, England [V]** 79
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: grapes from a beautiful corner of Cornish countryside. The best free-run juice only & a traditional fermentation with 12 months of ageing on the lees. Taste: pale pink and brimming with strawberries & rose blossom. A pink Champagne beater.
- Rosé Special Cuvee Frizzante NV - La Jara, Veneto, Italy [ORG][V]** 39
Varieties: Glera (mainly) & Raboso. Vineyards & winery: Made like a prosecco with the addition of the red grape Raboso for summer fruitiness & colour. Taste: Bright, fresh strawberry, cranberry & big squeeze of grapefruit.

RED

- Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro 2022 - Villa Cialdini, Emilia-Romagna, Italy** 39
Varieties: Lambrusco Grasparossa. Vineyards & winery: minimal intervention in the winery. A gentle & elegant mousse made in tank. Taste: a wine that is hard to define but super-easy to love. Dry yet sweetly ripe, fizzy & fresh, invigorating & fragrant, hipstery yet old fashioned. Confused? Thirsty?

White

ARGENTINA

Chardonnay 'Clara Benegas' 2023 - Benegas, Uco Vally, Mendoza [V] 40

Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: from vines at nearly 5000 ft, in the Uco Valley. A short pre-ferment skin contact, then fermented in steel tanks and aged on the lees for 3 months. Taste: peaches, lemons, pineapple and blossom. Pure & focused, ripe yet fresh and steely like Chablis!

AUSTRALIA

Clare Valley Fiano 'Change of Scene' 2021 - Gluck & Bray, Clare Valley [V] 45

Varieties: Fiano. Vineyards & winery: single vineyard fruit picked in two goes - the first is fermented on the skins, the second picked later and pressed before fermentation. No filtering or fining. Taste: the sweetness of golden plums as well as pure & crisp nectarine & pear, with bite & texture from contact with the grape skins.

Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley` Riesling 2022 - Dandelion Vineyards, South Australia 38.5

Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: sustainably made wine from magical Eden Valley. Low temperature fermentation to retain all those pure aromatics. Taste: deliciously dry, electric natural acidity, apple, pear, lime, jasmine & pretty orange blossom.

Elizabeth Cellar Aged Hunter Valley Semillon 2017 - Mount Pleasant, New South Wales 58

Varieties: Semillon. Vineyards & winery: an iconic style of wine from a leading producer of Hunter Valley. Only the finest free run juice used. Aged for 5 years in bottle before release. Taste: dry with fresh lemon & lime, plus the classic Semillon aged quality: roasted nuts & honey.

Peninsula Chardonnay 2022 - Crittenden Estate, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria [V] 55

Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: wild yeast fermented Chardonnay from cool maritime Mornington Peninsula, aged for 8 months in French oak barrels. Taste: spice, figs, melon & apples with lemon, butter, vanilla & toast.

Riesling 'RS8' 2022 - Mac Forbes, Strathbogie Ranges, Victoria [V] 62

Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: grapes from Strathbogie in Victoria, fermented in large, old oak casks. Taste: not bone dry, but the residual sweetness is so perfectly interwoven that you can't imagine this balanced by any other means. Lime, acacia, apples, grapefruit, honey.

AUSTRIA

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ENGLAND

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Varieties: Bacchus. Vineyards & winery: from an award-winning winery in northern Cornwall. Stainless steel all the way for extra crispiness. Taste: a dry, steely, aromatic white with fantastic definition. Similar to Sancerre, with citrusy and floral characters.

Horsmonden Dry 2022 - Davenport Vineyards, East Sussex [ORG][V] 46

Varieties: Bacchus, Ortega, Faber, Siegerrebe & Huxelrebe. Vineyards & winery: a mix of varieties all wild fermentated together. A small percentage spent time in old oak casks, not for flavour but for smooth texture. Taste: elderflower, shrubbery & zesty citrus.

FRANCE

- Riesling 2021 - Domaine Rolly Gassmann, Alsace** 55
Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: from the historical winery of Rolly Gassmann. A wonderfully long fermentation of 5 months before a further two months ageing on lees in tank. Taste: rich stone fruit, honey, lemon peel, blossom. Fantastic roundness from ripe fruit and a helping of residual sugar. What a wine.
- Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Truffieres' 2022 - Domaine de Mauperthuis, Auxerre [V]** 49
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: Kimmeridgian soil & plenty of sunshine hitting the vines. Kept 12 months in stainless steel after fermentation. Taste: quality white Burgundy, made to drink. Fresh & aromatic with spicy baked apple flavours and fresh lemon to balance it all.
- Chablis 2022 - Domaine de Mauperthuis, Chablis [V]** 60
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: traditionally made with a natural fermentation & 12 months ageing in stainless steel. Taste: steely freshness that characterises the region. No oak needed; it's all about the apples & lemons.
- Macon Fuisse 2021 - Sophie Cinier, Maconnais, Burgundy [V]** 62
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: 25 year-old vines from this small estate, with fermentation & ageing in 80% tank and 20% old barrels. Taste: ripe orchard fruit, grapefruit & blossom, with bags of freshness and a hint of chopped almonds
- Meursault 'Les Meix-Chavaux' 2020 - D. Viot-Guillemard, Cote de Beaune, Burgundy [V]** 134
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: wild-yeast fermented old-vine Chardonnay, fermented and aged in barrel, thankfully without too many new ones... Taste: full-bodied & lively with pear, mandarin and toasted almonds. There's peach too, even sweet mandarin rind. Brilliant.
- Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Morgeot' 2020 - Domaine Viot-Guillemard, Burgundy [V]** 164
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: low-yielding fruit from the tiny premier cru vineyard of Morgeot, wild-yeast fermented and aged in 60% new, lightly toasted, oak. Taste: both fresh & baked apple, nectarine, hazelnuts & brioche, and that's before you even taste it! Stunning depth and complexity.
- Arbois Savagnin Sous Voile 2019 - Domaine Daniel Dugois, Jura [ORG][V]** 62
Varieties: Savagnin (not Sauvignon!). Vineyards & winery: organic grapes, fermented and aged for 8 months in old barrels under a covering of yeast 'flor'. Taste: dry & citrusy with the distinctive 'flor' characteristics of almond paste, fine-ground nuts, fresh bread & green peppers, similar to those found in Manzanilla sherry.
- Vermentino IGP Pays d'Oc 2022 - Les Vignes de L'Eglise, Languedoc** 30
Varieties: Vermentino. Vineyards & winery: it's all about protecting the aromatics for this bright wine so stainless steel only from vineyards cooled down by the sea. Taste: cosy stone fruit of peach with ripe tropical pineapple & mango goodness.
- Picpoul de Pinet 2022 - Grange des Roccs, Languedoc** 36
Varieties: Picpoul. Vineyards & winery: from vines overlooking the Med and grapes that have only seen stainless steel. Taste: pear, melon and grapefruit with crushed-up salty oyster shells. Dry and brilliantly mineral. Get some seafood.
- IGP Val de Loire Sauvignon 'The Holy Snail' 2023 - TYDY, Touraine [V]** 38
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: lovely Touraine Sauvignon, fermented at very cool temperatures and aged in steel tanks on the lees. Taste: grapefruit, gooseberry & lime with a little underlying tropical fruit, but nice and dry despite the ripeness. Irresistible.
- Sancerre 2022 - Domaine Sautereau, Loire** 58
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: 9th generation of the family making this wine in stainless steel only. Taste: big aromas here: floral, citrus, peach, grapefruit and lemon. More on the palate, but there's a real softness here too. The finish gives a little liquorice, so all in all a cracking package.
- Cotes du Rhone 'Grandes Vignes' 2022 - Vignerons d'Estezargues, South [V]** 35
Varieties: Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Roussanne & Bourbelenc. Vineyards & winery: wild yeast-fermented, short skin contact, plenty of oxidative winemaking, unfiltered, ageing on lees before bottling. Taste: rich & intense white, not unlike white Chateauneuf du Pape, punchy mouthfuls of peach & pineapple, white flowers & herbs, ginger & orange rind.
- Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc 2021 - La Durbane, South Rhone** 98
Varieties: Grenache Blanc. Vineyards & winery: Grenache Blanc from one small sandy vineyard, fermented and aged in 600 litre used oak barrels. Taste: unusually for white Chateauneuf du Pape, this is full of energy & freshness with apricot & peach, white blossom & lemon skin.

FRANCE (Continued...)

- 'Neuks n Crannies' 2021 - Cathartic, Roussillon [V]** 57
Varieties: Roussanne & Grenache Gris. Vineyards & winery: from a horse-ploughed vineyard at the south-western limit of the Pyrenees. Only three barrels produced. Taste: weight & richness; a mix of creamy intensity, textured savoury characters & gorgeously ripe apricots.
- 'Roussette de Savoie Cru Frangy 2022 - Bruno Lupin, Savoie [ORG][V]** 46
Varieties: Altesse. Vineyards & winery: old vines from this tiny estate, with the grapes naturally fermented & aged in stainless steel on lees. Taste: green apple and a touch of freshly baked gingerbread, super-pure flavours of melon & apple and hints of yeast & nougat.
- Diane Blanc 2023 - Famille Arbeau, South West [V]** 30
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc & Marzac. Vineyards & winery: from vineyards in Fronton, less than an hour north of Toulouse. Cool-fermented to keep all the aroma & freshness. Taste: crisp and fresh, with underlying body & ripeness. Gooseberries & sweet lemon, floral aromas and a surprisingly long finish.

GERMANY

- Silvaner 2022 - Winzerhof Stahl, Franken** 44
Varieties: Silvaner. Vineyards & winery: handharvested Silvaner from one of Germany's quality regions. 14 hours skin contact gives texture. Taste: lychee, lime & green apples galore.
- Riesling Troken 'Solitar' 2022 - Raimund Prüm, Mosel [V]** 38
Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: from some of the most beautiful vines in Germany, hugging the Mosel river. Taste: fresh apricot, peach and zippy lemon sherbert.
- Riesling GG Bernkasteler Lay 2017 - S A Prüm, Mosel [V]** 80
Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: grapes from the revered Bernkasteler Lay vineyard in the heart of Mosel. Meticulously tended vines and precise winemaking techniques yield a refined wine with a touch of residual sweetness, showcasing the artistry of S A Prüm. Taste: amazingly youthful for a seven year-old wine, delicate & clean with a harmonious blend of luscious peach, vibrant citrus, and a mineral undertone.
- Sauvignon Blanc Fumé 2021 - Oliver Zeter, Pfalz [V]** 57
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: a great wine from a great producer. Unusually, the Sauvignon went through spontaneous fermentation and maturation for 9 months in French oak. Taste: An elegant and classy Sauvignon with gooseberry, apple & peach and, as the name suggests, a smoky freshness.

GREECE

- Atma White 2023 - Thymiopoulos, NW Greece [ORG][V]** 38
Varieties: Xinomavro & Malagousia. Vineyards & winery: the dark Xinomavro grapes are pressed and kept from the skins ('blanc de noir'), and fermentation happens with wild yeast. Taste: buzzy, electric acidity keeping everything crisp & fresh, then the Malagousia kicks in with a floral peachiness.
- Organic Malagousia 2022 - Tetramythos, Peloponnesus [V]** 39
Varieties: Malagousia. Vineyards & winery: organic grapes from Tetramythos' pristine high altitude vineyards, fermented & aged in tank. Taste: jasmine & bergamot, peach, lemon, basil & mint.
- Assyrtiko 'Wild Ferment' 2022 - Skouras, Peloponnesus [V]** 42
Varieties: Assyrtiko. Vineyards & winery: fruit from vineyards at 600m altitude in the Peloponnese, whole-bunch pressed and aged on lees. Taste: this mainland Assyrtiko is every bit as deep & electrifying as its better known Santorini counterparts. Mineral, gooseberry, floral.

HUNGARY

- Furmint 'Premium' 2022 - Tornai, Somlo** 39
Varieties: Furmint. Vineyards & winery: a touch of pre-fermentation skin contact, then gentle pressing & cool fermentation in tank. Taste: best known for its role in the famous sweet wine Tokaji, this dry Furmint shouts peaches & pears and finishes with a zippy mineral bang.

ITALY

- Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2022 - Giuliana Vicini, Abruzzo [V]** 38
Varieties: Trebbiano. Vineyards & winery: sustainably farmed & low yields for concentration. Fermented in stainless steel. Taste: It's all about the quality of the fruit here, farmed for flavour & character rather than quantity. Fragrant, crisp & fresh yet underneath is texture and a round, broad weight. Think quince, apples, nectarines.
- IGP Campania Bianco 2022 - Fratelli Felix, Campania [ORG][V]** 38.5
Varieties: Fiano & Falanghina. Vineyards & winery: organic fruit from vineyards in Beneventino & Cilento, tank-fermented and bottled fresh with very low intervention. Taste: peaches and lightly cooked apple, ground almonds and satsuma juice.
- Verdicchio di Matelica 2022 - Amoterra, Marche [ORG]** 40
Varieties: Verdicchio. Vineyards & winery: handharvested organic grapes from the town of Matelica. Low temperature fermentation to retain freshness. Taste: bruised apple, white flowers, peach & dried herbs. Just yum.
- `Lugarara` Gavi di Gavi 2022 - La Giustiniana, Piemonte** 44
Varieties: Cortese. Vineyards & winery: single vineyard Gavi with grapes grown & hand picked at 300m altitude. Taste: a delicious nuttiness surrounded by lime juice & freshly grated zest, white peach & green apple.
- IGT Puglia Fiano 2023 - Caiaffa, Puglia [ORG][V]** 39
Varieties: Fiano. Vineyards & winery: the juice unusually spent 36 hours macerating with the skins to extract extra personality & texture. Fermentation happened with indigenous yeasts to allow for even more character, followed by 3 months on lees. Taste: ripe lemon rind, chamomile, peach & apricot. Lively and fresh.
- IGP Catarratto 'Ciello Bianco' 2023 - Ciello, Sicily [ORG][V]** 32.5
Varieties: Catarratto. Vineyards & winery: organic grapes with skin contact during the first part of fermentation. Taste: quince, peach & apple, yeast & fresh Mediterranean herbs.
- Chardonnay 2022 - Cantine Terlano, Trentino Alto-Adige** 46
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: manual harvest followed by a slow fermentation in stainless steel. Kept in those tanks on lees for 5-7 months. Taste: unaoaked Chardonnay showing in all its tropical glory. Passion fruit, mango, banana, melon with quince and juicy lemon rind.
- Obvius Blanco 2022 - Salcheto, Tuscany [ORG]** 54
Varieties: Trebbiano (75%) & Vermentino. Vineyards & winery: wild fermentation in stainless steel, followed by 4 months left unfiltered in both tank & barrel. Taste: fresh & round. Baked apple pie & toffee popcorn. Doesn't that sound delish?

NEW ZEALAND

- Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2021 - Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay [V]** 45
Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: fruit from Gimblett Gravels, Haumoana and Ohiti, fermented and aged in both tanks and large oak barrels. Aged for 6 months on lees. Taste: grapefruit, peach & apples with a sprinkling of hazelnuts & almonds and an underlying creaminess.
- Marlborough Sauvignon 2022 - Clos Henri, Marlborough [ORG][V]** 46
Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: from a family who's origins lie in the classic Sauvignon region of Sancerre. Organic grapes from the warm & sunny Wairau Valley. Taste: intense, textured, concentrated Sauvignon. Orange blossom, lime & passion fruit. A crisp mineral finish.
- Toru 2022 - Te Whare Ra, Marlborough [ORG][V]** 49
Varieties: Gewurztraminer, Riesling & Pinot Gris. Vineyards & winery: an organic 'field blend' (all varieties planted & fermented together). Taste: exotic explosion of mango, lychee, sweet spice, crisp nectarine & lemon, all cut by spot-on mineral acidity.
- Marlborough Gruner Veltliner 'McKee' 2017 - Blank Canvas, Marlborough [V]** 53
Varieties: Gruner Veltliner. Vineyards & winery: a mixture of stainless steel & oak (both old & new) for layers of wonderful complexity. Taste: superb Kiwi Gruner, brimming with characteristic mandarin & peach flavours, and sprinkles of white pepper. Now showing brilliant savoury, almost oily characters from bottle age.

PORTUGAL

Vinha dos Pardais Branco 2022 - Quinta do Piloto, Peninsula de Setúbal [V] 34.5

Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc & Maria Gomes. Vineyards & winery: from a single vineyard known for attracting flocks of sparrows who particularly like these yummy grapes. Stainless steel only. Taste: Sauvignon brings citrus panache and zippy acidity, while Maria Gomes brings the rounder comforting stone fruit.

Vinho Verde 2023 - Adega de Moncao, Vinho Verde 33.5

Varieties: Alvarinho & Trajadura (50/50). Vineyards & winery: from one of the top co-operatives of northern Portugal, right up against the Gaician border. Taste: smile-inducing white to welcome the warmer weather. Unmasked, expressive, pure fruit. Lemon rind & lime burst to give a zingy freshness.

Vinho Verde Alvarinho 'Granit' 2022 - Soalheiro, Vinho Verde [ORG][V] 53

Varieties: Alvarinho (same as Albarino). Vineyards & winery: grapes grown on granitic soil. Stainless steel for freshness & time on lees for complexity. Taste: lean & precise from Vinho Verde, with an almost volcanic minerality. A wine with seemingly endless layers, all of which unfold after time in the glass.

SLOVENIA

Riesling 2022 - Verus, Ormoz 39

Varieties: Riesling. Vineyards & winery: 3 friends produce this wine from 30 year old vines. The aim of the game is varietal purity. Handled only in stainless to really show off this Riesling. Taste: a true aromatic variety. Acacia, honeysuckle, basil & peach.

SOUTH AFRICA

Terrasse White 2022 - Keermont, Stellenbosch [V] 56

Varieties: Chenin Blanc (mainly), Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Roussanne & Marsanne. Vineyards & winery: from 40 year old, unirrigated vines. Fermentation plus 12 months lees ageing in old French oak. Taste: There's richness & weight here cut through with steely, savoury freshness. Orange blossom, oyster shell, hazelnut, butterscotch.

Chenin Blanc Unwooded 2022 - Delheim, Stellenbosch [V] 38

Varieties: Chenin Blanc. Vineyards & winery: family-run, sustainably farmed estate in the most historical region of the Western Cape. Fermentation in concrete & stainless steel followed by a few months on lees. Taste: bang on acidity. Pineapple, honeysuckle & a touch of sultry guava.

Moment of Silence 2022 - Blank Bottle, Wellington [V] 56

Varieties: Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc & Viognier. Vineyards & winery: from vineyards all across the Western Cape. Each variety fermented separately in old oak, amphorae & an egg-shaped concrete tank. Taste: a little skin contact adds texture, underneath is citrus & pear, sweet spice and salted lemon.

Sauvignon Blanc 'Salt River' 2023 - Savage, Western Cape [V] 49

Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: master winemaker Duncan Savage picked these grapes from 32 year old bush vines in Stellenbosch. Taste: grapefruit, honeysuckle, blackcurrant & a lick of saltiness that'll have you reaching for the next glass. The complexity of a good Sancerre.

SPAIN

El Pinto Palomino 2022 - Hacienda La Parrilla, Andalucia [ORG][V] 36

Varieties: Palomino. Vineyards & winery: from vines rubbing shoulders with those used for Sherry in Andalucia. A hands-off approach with minimal intervention from the winemaker. Taste: bergamot, green apple and a saline character that'll have you reaching for the next sip.

Getariako Txakolina 'Pilota' 2022 - Bodega K5, Basque Country [V] 46

Varieties: Hondarribi Zuri. Vineyards & winery: grapes grown high above the Cantabrian sea. Natural fermentation in stainless steel & a good amount of lees ageing for added depth. Taste: lots going on — super-dry, citrus fruit, apples, white flower aromas, life! And texture!

Rias Baixas Albarino 2023 - Lagar de Costa, Rias Baixas 49

Varieties: Albarino. Vineyards & winery: grapes from 30-year-old vines in Galicia's Rias Baixas. 3 months of maturation on the lees has kept it young & vibrant, while having a little extra weight for complexity. Taste: ranging from zingy citrus to comforting stone fruit: grapefruit, bergamot & peach stand out. A fantastic example of Albarino.

Godello 'Benaza' 2021 - Vinos de Terrunos, Monterrei [ORG][V] 49

Varieties: Godello. Vineyards & winery: 30 year-old high altitude Godello vines from the southernmost region of Galicia, next to Portugal, fermented and aged on lees for 6 months. Taste: Crisp & fresh, although there's good intensity & richness here, with melon & crunchy pear fruit.

Rioja 'Selección' Blanco 2022 - Izadi, Rioja 53

Varieties: Viura, Grenache Blanc, Maturana Blanc, Tempranillo Blanco, Turruntés, Malvasia (!). Vineyards & winery: every varietal was vinified separately until bottling. The Viura & Malvasia were fermented and aged in new French oak for 6 months, the rest in stainless steel tanks. Taste: juicy tangerine & florals, slightly toasty and spicy to add a little extra pizzazz.

USA

Chardonnay 2021 - Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara 76

Varieties: Chardonnay. Vineyards & winery: an iconic producer carefully selecting grapes from 5 vineyard sites. Fermentation & malolactic conversion followed by 8 months of lees ageing, all happened in French barrel. Taste: ripe peach, nectarine yogurt, bread dough, clove & nutmeg. Complex & divine.

Rosé

ENGLAND

Brut Rose 2020 - Camel Valley, Cornwall [V] (Sparkling)

79

Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: grapes from a beautiful corner of Cornish countryside. The best free-run juice only & a traditional fermentation with 12 months of ageing on the lees. Taste: pale pink and brimming with strawberries & rose blossom. A pink Champagne beater.

FRANCE

Cotes de Provence 'No. 2' 2023 - Ch de Saint-Martin, Provence (bag-in-box) [V]

33.5

Varieties: Syrah, Grenache & Cinsault. Vineyards & winery: a short 4-6 hour of skin contact. Stainless steel only for crisp refreshingness. Fantastic quality fruit at amazing value. Taste: irresistible — pale salmon pink, orange blossom aromas, blood orange and mango, and smile-inducing freshness.

Cotes de Provence Cru Classe Grande Reserve 2023 - Ch de Saint-Martin, Provence [V]

46

Varieties: Grenache, Tibouren, Cinsault, Carignan & Syrah. Vineyards & winery: fruit from low yielding vines, fermented in subterranean tanks built into rock, made by an all female team. Taste: really posh rose. Endless cranberries that you can almost feel burst in your mouth, sweet orange and toasted scones with cream.

ITALY

IGT Rosato Puglia 2022 - Mezzogiorno, Puglia [V]

29

Varieties: Negroamaro & Malvasia Nera. Vineyards & winery: stainless steel tank only for freshness & aroma. Taste: soft red fruit and berries, apples and melon with a lovely underlying green herbal note.

Rose Special Cuvee Frizzante NV - La Jara, Veneto [ORG][V] (Sparkling)

39

Varieties: Glera (mainly) & Raboso. Vineyards & winery: Made like a prosecco with the addition of the red grape Raboso for summer fruitiness & colour. Taste: Bright, fresh strawberry, cranberry & big squeeze of grapefruit.

PORTUGAL

Vinho Verde Rosé 2022 - Quinta da Raza, Vinho Verde [V]

36

Varieties: Vinhao, Padeiro & Espadeiro. Vineyards & winery: manual harvesting of 3 indigenous varieties. Cool fermentation in stainless steel. Taste: bursting with bright red berry fruit. Juicy & delicious.

SOUTH AFRICA

Swartland Rosé 'Secateurs' 2023 - A A Badenhorst, Swartland [V]

40

Varieties: Mourvedre. Vineyards & winery: very old, unirrigated bush vine Mourvedre from one of our very favourite South Africans. Made from outstanding quality grapes. Taste: a concentrated & deeply refreshing rose with enough substance to go with food but enough delicacy to crack open on its own. Scrumptiously versatile.

SPAIN

La Rosa 2022 - Can Sumoi, Catalunya

49

Varieties: Sumoll & Xarel-lo. Vineyards & winery: organic grapes grown at an impressive 600m altitude looking onto the Mediterranean. Gentle treading to extract the lovely blush colour. Taste: Raspberries, raspberries and more raspberries! With a sprinkling of mediterranean herbs & attractive florals.

Orange

FRANCE

Cazot Orange 'Vallee des Aigles' 2022 - Serodes & Kovac, Roussillon [V][ORG]

48

Varieties: Macabeu, Grenache Blanc & Gris, Malvoisie. Vineyards & winery: the juice of white grapes fermented with the skins & pips. Vineyards at altitude looked on by soaring eagles or 'aigles'. Taste: intense colour, good grip from the skin contact & a hefty amount of flavour.

GEORGIA

Kisi 'Vita Vinea' 2022 - Dakishvili Family Vineyard, Akhmeta [V]

56

Varieties: Kisi. Vineyards & winery: single-vineyard old vine fruit, fermented with skins in traditional Qvevri (amphorae). Taste: dried apricot, almond & sweet spice. Equally at home with pork and fish dishes. Try it.

ITALY

Pinot Grigio Ramato 2022 - Specogna, Friuli Venezia Giulia

53

Varieties: Pinot Grigio. Vineyards & winery: from over 50 year old vines in the heart of Friuli's Colli Orientali. 72 hours on skins and all done in tank. 'Ramato' means 'coppery' from the distinct colour of the skins. Taste: fascinating & fresh red apple, pink grapefruit, a ginger kick & fresh pastry.

PORTUGAL

a Laranja Mecanica 2020 - Fitapreta, Alentejo [V]

55

Varieties: Arinto, Roupeiro, Verdelho, Antao Vaz, Alicante Branco, Trincadeira-das-Pratas & Fernao Pires. Vineyards & winery: a week on the skins for colour & tannin followed by a malolactic fermentation for texture. Taste: orange wine at its best showing both delicacy and power. Dry, savoury, orange peel, quince and grippy tannin. Intense & expressive.

SOUTH AFRICA

'I'm Your Huckleberry' 2020 - The Vineyard Party, Western Cape [V]

60

Varieties: Semillon. Vineyards & winery: from one of South Africa's most exciting micro-producers. 30% on skins for 10 days with stems. Old oak barrels for fermentation and ageing. Taste: sparks of orange peel, both refreshing & comforting, bruised apple & hay. The beginnings of Semillon's classic waxy texture. The name? Means 'I'm the one you're looking for'. Sure are.

ARGENTINA

- Mendoza Malbec 'Lorca Lorca' 2023 - Mauricio Lorca, Uco Valley, Mendoza [V]** 36
Varieties: Malbec (90%) & Syrah. Vineyards & winery: from estate-grown fruit in Vista Flores in the Uco Valley. No oak, just stainless steel here. Taste: ripe, strikingly pure black cherry fruit and seamless tannins.
- Malbec 'Vista' 2019 - Carmelita, Uco Valley, Mendoza [V]** 48
Varieties: Malbec. Vineyards & winery: from the impressive height of above 1,000 metres in the renowned Uco Valley. 16 months of ageing in oak (5% new) to soften Malbec's powerful tannins. No filtering means tons of extra character. Taste: showing Malbec's naturally full body with the brightness of altitude. Plums, red & black cherries, raspberries and black pepper all coming together in a delicious package.
- Serbal Petit Verdot 2023 - Atamisque, Mendoza [V]** 40
Varieties: Petit Verdot. Vineyards & winery: from the famous Mendoza region at 1,300m altitude. Spontaneous fermentation followed by 16 months ageing in French oak barrels. Taste: the oak compliments and supports the big bright black & red fruit with spice & cedar notes. A great quote: the perfect combination of muscle & poise.
- 006 Merlot 2022 - Aniello, Rio Negro, Patagonia [V]** 41
Varieties: Merlot. Vineyards & winery: wild-yeast fermentation in small concrete tanks at a low temperature to retain character. 30% of the wine was aged in oak for 12 months. Taste: a wine that shows how well Merlot can grow in Patagonia. A wonderfully soft texture, a great lift of acidity and a powerful fruity mix of blueberries, blackcurrants and plums.

AUSTRALIA

- 'Hilltop Shiraz' 2021 - Clonakilla, Australian Capital Territory** 58
Varieties: Shiraz. Vineyards & winery: from 3 separate sites in the Hilltops district of New South Wales. 11 months in French oak. Mostly old oak to soften the tannins, just 15% new for an extra layer of flavour complexity. Taste: concentrated blackberry & black cherry. Liquorice & dark florals. Round from silky tannins but with brilliant acidity.
- McLaren Vale Tempranillo 2020 - Willunga 100, South Australia** 38.5
Varieties: Tempranillo. Vineyards & winery: from two sites of different climates in McLaren Vale. Four days of cold soaking pre-fermentation to bring out extra colour & aromatics. Eight months ageing in old oak puncheons. Taste: a big, generous, warm body full of bright red fruit that shows all the juiciness of a great Tempranillo.
- 'Henry's Seven' 2022 - Henschke, Barossa [V]** 62
Varieties: Shiraz, Mataro & Viognier. Vineyards & winery: acclaimed Henschke's been making wine in South Australia since 1868. The Shiraz & white grape Viognier were co-fermented, the Mataro was kept separate. 10 months of maturation in oak before bottling. Taste: violets, raspberry & blueberry first, then comes liquorice and pepper spice. Masterful.
- Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 - Distant Noises, Victoria [V]** 48
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon. Vineyards & winery: a joyful cool climate Yarra Valley Cabernet, unusual to see now but once upon a time this was the region's go-to variety. Taste: medium in weight, bright and fresh, bursting with blackberries, sprinkled with a little cinammon & fresh as an April morning.
- Los Hermanos Tempranillo 2022 - Crittenden Estate, King Valley, Victoria [V]** 49
Varieties: Tempranillo. Vineyards & winery: Spanish-born Tempranillo grown in Australia's King Valley. Fermented with indigenous yeasts for extra character followed by 5 months of maturation in old barrel. Taste: quite a dark fruit profile for this one. Blackberry, cherry, plum, warming spices & dark chocolate.
- Peninsula Pinot Noir 2022 - Crittenden Estate, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria [V]** 55
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: estate-grown fruit, hand-picked and wild yeast-fermented, aged in old oak barrels for 9 months. Taste: a near-perfectly balanced, 'serious' Pinot which is also seriously drinkable. Elegant, pure-berry fruited, fine tannins and super background oak.

AUSTRIA

Zweigelt 2022 - Johanneshof Reinisch, Thermenregion [ORG][V] 41
Varieties: Zweigelt. Vineyards & winery: organic grapes from Thermenregion (known for its thermal springs), aged in large oak vats for 10 months. Taste: punnets of ripe cherries & plums, sweetly-spiced tannins.

FRANCE

Cote de Blaye 2018 - Chateau Valentin, Bordeaux [ORG][V] 41
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot. Vineyards & winery: right bank Bordeaux from the Cotes de Blaye just across the estuary from the Medoc. Taste: fresh red & black berries provided by the different varieties. Over 5 years of age has softened the tannins down and given a warm leather satchel vibe.

Bordeaux Château de Pasquette 2015 - Saint Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux [V] 55
Varieties: Merlot (85%) & Cabernet Franc. Vineyards & winery: sustainably farmed fruit from the appellation around the UNESCO village of St. Emilion. Fermentation in stainless steel, followed by a softening 18 months in barrel. Taste: redcurrant, red plum, freshly ground coffee and a lick of vanilla. A truly delicious right bank Bordeaux.

St Emilion Grand Cru 2019 - Chateau Tour de Capet, Bordeaux [V] 67
Varieties: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc. Vineyards & winery: fruit from this small estate is fermented in concrete vats and aged in oak for 12 months, only a third of which is new. Taste: dark berries, tobacco and toasty spices. Intense ripe fruit, smooth & delicate tannins.

Saint-Julien 2016 - Pavillon de Leoville Poyferre, Bordeaux [V] 96
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot. Vineyards & winery: the 2nd wine from Leoville Poyferre, using younger-vine fruit. Aged for 18 months in 2 year-old French barrels. Taste: deep black fruit, menthol, liquorice and graphite. Powerful & elegant.

Margaux 2eme Cru Classe 2016 - Chateau Durfort-Vivens, Bordeaux [V] 160
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot. Vineyards & winery: aged in oak barrels for 14-16 months. A true expression of Margaux's terroir. Taste: complex and elegant with aromas of blackcurrant, cherry and vanilla. Rich, full-bodied and silky tannins.

Morgon 2022 - Didier Desvignes, Beaujolais [ORG][V] 42
Varieties: Gamay. Vineyards & winery: from a top Beaujolais cru that produces wines with great depth. Stainless steel and concrete vats, no oak here. Taste: full-bodied, rich & meaty combined with such lip-smacking freshness. Big red fruit and chunkier tannins that you'd expect from a Gamay. A fully grown up Beaujolais.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Ursulines' 2022 - Jean-Claude Boisset, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy [V] 58
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: 60-year old vines from close to Nuits St Georges, wild-yeast fermented and aged in mostly old oak for 7 months. Taste: bright and clear, piles of fresh red fruit, blackcurrant and a touch of smoke. Silky and very long, elegant yet deep.

Aloxe-Corton 2017 - Domaine Gaston et Pierre Ravaut, Cote de Beaune, Burgundy [V] 94
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: super-old vine Pinot Noir, destemmed and fermented in concrete vats followed by a year's ageing in oak (20% new). Taste: heady dark fruit aromas and plenty of cherries and strawberries to follow, finishing with chopped herbs and plentiful, but not excessive, tannins.

Nuits-St-Georges 2018 - Domaine Confuron-Gindre, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy [V] 110
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: grapes from 3 plots, fermented with 20% whole-bunches in vats and aged for a year in small oak barrels (20% new). Taste: the perfect balance between power & elegance; wild strawberries & tobacco leaf, firm tannins and lovely generous finish.

Gevrey Chambertin 'Clos Village' 2016 - Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini, Cote de Nuits, Burgundy [V] 110
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: a high proportion of whole bunches are used in the wild-yeast fermentation, with 18 months ageing in oak (30% new). Taste: supreme elegance, belying the power & intensity underneath. Amazing red fruit & floral aromas, with scented red berries & spice throughout.

Pommard 1er Cru 'Les Arvelets' 2018 - Domaine Violot-Guillemard, Cote de Beaune, Burgundy [V] 135
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: stunning fruit from this 1er cru vineyard, fermented in vats and aged for around 15 months in 50% new oak. Taste: beautifully perfumed fruit here, the scents are beguiling. The oak works perfectly with the dark cherry fruit, never overpowering but there all the same.

FRANCE (Continued...)

- Malbec 2021 - Gavelot, Languedoc [V]** 33.5
Varieties: Malbec. Vineyards & winery: sun-worshipping Malbec from the sunny climes of the south of France. No oak to really show off the pure variety. Taste: blackberries, blackberries & more blackberries! Then come the blueberries & raspberries.
- Pinot Noir 2022 - Cuvée Dissenay, Languedoc [V]** 36
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: a challenge to grow a delicate grape in the heat of the south. The trick is to plant on slopes of the Pyrenees where sea breezes bring some relief, and to pick early. Taste: crunchy cranberry & redcurrant with round ripe black plum. Topped off with vanilla & clove.
- Pays d'Oc 'Le Rouge 2021 - Amelie, Languedoc [V]** 38.5
Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc & Syrah. Vineyards & winery: from vineyards overlooking the mediterranean. No oak here, it just doesn't need it. Taste: medium bodied, with a classy balance between soft tannins & fresh red fruit, delicately spiced with black pepper.
- Bourgueil « Franco de Porc» 2020 - Domaine de la Chevalerie, Loire [BIO][V]** 40
Varieties: Cabernet Franc. Vineyards & winery: the Caslot family have been farming the same land since 1640. In recent years they turned organic. Natural fermentation & no filtration. Taste: cherry brightness & crunch, sloe, grilled red pepper & that classic tomato leaf perfume.
- Cotes du Rhone 'Cuvée Galets' 2021 - Vignerons d'Estezargues, South Rhone [V]** 34.5
Varieties: Grenache Noir, Syrah, & Carignan. Vineyards & winery: Grapes from old vineyards, tended by a small number of local farmers. Fermented and aged in concrete, no fining or filtration, minimal sulphur added. Taste: Bursting with ripe mulberries, raspberries, plums & figs, peppered with rich spice, juicy to the last drop.
- Gigondas Tradition 2021 - Domaine de Font-Sane, Gigondas, South Rhone [V]** 57
Varieties: Grenache Noir, Syrah, Mourvedre & Cinsault. Vineyards & winery: old vine fruit grown on terraces within site of the Dentelles de Montmirail mountain. Aged for 8 months in large oak casks. Taste: rich & intense, natural fruit sweetness & fine tannins, raspberries & plums, clove & licorice.
- Cornas 2020 - Domaine du Tunnel, North [V]** 105
Varieties: Syrah. Vineyards & winery: Syrah from 15 separate parcels, fermented and aged for 14 months in four year-old casks. Taste: cherry, raspberry, black pepper and roasted nuts. Powerful & deep, but beautifully drinkable due to the softness of the tannins.
- Ciste Rouge 2017 - Domaine Laguerre, Roussillon** 55
Varieties: Grenach, Syrah, Carignan & Mourvedre. Vineyards & winery: from the sunniest & driest part of France, with a bit of altitude. Each variety was vinified separately and aged for a year in barrel before blending. Taste: rich tannins give tons of texture. Dark chocolate, black pepper, fresh thyme, liquorice, bramble & blackberry.
- Cahors 2018 - Chateau La Coustarelle, South West [V]** 38
Varieties: Malbec (80%), Merlot. Vineyards & winery: sustainably grown fruit, fermented and aged for 18 months in old oak casks. Taste: a crazily drinkable Malbec with dark berry fruit taking centre stage & supporting tannins following up to ensure that the flavours go on, and on, and on...
- Fronton Rouge 2019 - Chateau Coutinel, South West [ORG][V]** 41
Varieties: Negrette (70%), Syrah & Cabernet. Vineyards & winery: fruit from vines in organic conversion, wild yeast-fermented and aged in tank before bottling. Taste: mulberries & redcurrants with a lovely crunch of tannins and some wild herbs thrown in for free.

GEORGIA

- Saperavi 2022 - Orgo, Kakheti [V]** 49
Varieties: Saperavi. Vineyards & winery: single-vineyard old vine fruit, fermented in traditional Qvevri (amphorae). Taste: sour cherry, pomegranate, blackcurrant, chocolate and spice. Impressive stuff.

GERMANY

- Pinot Noir Reserve 2020 - Oliver Zeter, Pfalz [V]** 69
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: fruit from two small vineyards, small-batch fermented and aged in half new half used French oak barrels. Taste: full, deep Pinot with plenty of red berry fruit and floral aromas, firm yet silky tannins and fabulous vibrancy and energy.

GREECE

- Naoussa 'Young Vine' 2022 - Thymiopoulos, Macedonia [BIO] [V]** 39
Varieties: Xinomavro. Vineyards & winery: hand-picked young vine Xinomavro fruit, fermented in steel tanks and aged in concrete vats for 8 months. Taste: fragrant, medium bodied, crunchy tannins & red plums. Brilliant! Shares a similar profile to northern Italy's Nebbiolo.
- Organic Black Kalavryta 2022 - Tetramythos, Peloponnesus [V] [ORG]** 38.5
Varieties: Black Kalavryta. Vineyards & winery: the extremely rare Black Kalavryta variety, organically grown and fermented & aged without any oak. Taste: violet aromas, spiced dark cherries, full & ripe tannins and a fresh herbaceous finish.

ITALY

- Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2021 - Giuliana Vicini, Abruzzo [V]** 38
Varieties: Montepulciano (not to confuse with the Tuscan town!). Vineyards & winery: from sustainably farmed grapes & only stainless steel used in the winery. Taste: fresh and youthful yet with great ripeness & depth, cherries and plums leap from the glass and run around in a joyfully hyperactive way.
- Coste Della Sesia Nebbiolo 'Orbello' 2022 - Tenute Sella, Piedmont** 48
Varieties: Nebbiolo, Vespolina & Cabernet Sauvignon (tiny bit). Vineyards & winery: located in the foothills of the Alps. The winery has been in the family for an impressive 350 years. Aged for 1 year in barrique and 6 months in bottle. Taste: red cherry, strawberry, dried herbs & rose petal. Grippy tannins and fresh acidity. A fantastically balanced tippie.
- Dolcetto d'Alba 2022 - G.D. Vajra, Piedmont [V]** 49
Varieties: Dolcetto. Vineyards & winery: grapes grown unusually on prime Nebbiolo soils, the creme de la creme of Piemonte. Just a few short months in tank before going straight to bottle to retain that zippy panache. Taste: drink this and you'll see how darn good Dolcetto can be. Soft, round and delicately fragrant. Fresh berry fruits, liquorice all-sorts and a grating of almond.
- Croatina Colli Tortonesi 'Montemirano' 2017 - Claudio Mariotto, Piedmont** 57
Varieties: Croatina. Vineyards & winery: made in an old winery established in 1920 by an iconic producer of Piemonte focussed on native grapes. 12 months in both 1st & 2nd year barrels. Taste: a generous wine from a grape variety we should all be talking about. Smokey & red fruit aromatics.
- Barbaresco 2020 - Produttori del Barbaresco, Piedmont** 87
Varieties: Nebbiolo. Vineyards & winery: from fantastic vines around the historical village of Barbaresco. 28 days of maceration on skins. 24 months in large old oak casks. Taste: raspberry, strawberry, red cherry & blackcurrant. Red liquorice, florals & dried herbs. One you'll just want to keep sipping and sipping.
- Negroamaro 2021 - Caiaffa, Puglia [ORG]** 38
Varieties: Negroamaro. Vineyards & winery: organically grown healthy grapes from northern Puglia. Just a short 3 months in small barrels to retain as much freshness as possible. Taste: blackberry, black cherry & plum. A hint of jamminess & savoury earth. Round & yummy.
- Terre Siciliane Nero d'Avola 2022 - Di Meno, Sicily [ORG][V]** 36
Varieties: Nero d'Avola. Vineyards & winery: organic fruit, fermented with plenty of whole bunches. Taste: lovely fleshy character with good supporting tannins, liquorice, blackberry & spice along with a hint of dark chocolate.
- Chianti 'Biskero' 2022 - Salcheto, Tuscany [ORG][V]** 39
Varieties: Sangiovese (mainly), Canaiolo, Mammolo & Merlot. Vineyards & winery: organic grapes & partly aged in large American oak casks. Taste: vibrant cherry fruit lifted by Sangiovese's zippy acidity and balanced by a dry, grippy finish.
- Costa Toscana 'Birillo' 2020 - Tenuta Marsigliana, Tuscany** 49
Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon (65%) & Merlot (35%). Vineyards & winery: spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel followed by 12-14 months maturing in 500ltr French oak barrels. Taste: blackcurrant, cherry & violets to name just a few of the great characteristics here. Oh and a hint of balsamic on this Bordeaux blend from Tuscany.
- Barco Reale di Carmignano 2021 - Capezzana, Tuscany [ORG][V]** 48
Varieties: Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Canaiolo & Cabernet Franc. Vineyards & winery: a proper blend of international & native grapes, grown to the west of Florence. Aged for up to 8 months to soften in humungous oak barrels. Taste: a bright and plush red. Young, fun and full of red cherries and plum, run through with a toasty smokiness.

ITALY (Continued...)

Brunello di Montalcino 2019 - Castello Romitorio, Tuscany [V] 120
Varieties: Sangiovese. Vineyards & winery: twenty-four months in oak and then a further twelve in the cellars of Castello Romitorio, reflecting the nature within the terroir of Montalcino. Taste: mature, dark and brooding, yet extremely elegant. Rich fruit character, a mix of blackberry and cherry. Savoury, herbal and spicy notes.

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2018 - Le Salette, Veneto [V] 96
Varieties: Corvina & Corvinone (70%), Rondinella, Croatina, Oseleta & Dindarella. Vineyards & winery: grapes are dried for four months, fermented & aged for 30 months in Slavonian oak casks. Taste: fathoms-deep red fruit, graceful power.

Cerasuolo di Vittoria 2022 - Gulfi, Sicily [ORG] 55
Varieties: Nero d'Avola & Frappato. Vineyards & winery: winemaking kept simple to highlight the fantastic fruit. Over 400m altitude combined with sea breezes elongated the ripening process and brought great balance to the organic vines. Taste: raw, artisanal & a true representation of Sicily. The tannins are so fine & texture so elegant. Strawberry, watermelon & a seasoning of wild herbs.

NEW ZEALAND

Central Otago Pinot Noir 2020 - Burn Cottage, Central Otago [BIO] [V] 94
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: a very special biodynamic producer with a philosophy of sustainability and very little intervention, wild-yeast fermentation, minimal sulphur added and no filtration. Taste: garden herbs, rhubarb, cherry & rose petal. Intense & wonderful.

Hawkes Bay Pinot Noir 2022 - Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay 48
Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: made by true experts of New Zealand's North Island. Some of the Pinot went through whole bunch fermentation, adding extra character. Taste: raspberry, plum and a rich black cherry unusual for a Pinot. Adding depth and moodiness to a bright and juicy wine. So soft and velvety.

PORTUGAL

Terras Del Rei 2022 - Carmim Reguengos, Alentejano 32.5
Varieties: Trincadeira, Aragonez & Castelão. Vineyards & winery: from a co-op formed in 1971 with the aim to really represent all that the region has to offer. Taste: lots of spice to accompany the florals & fruit. Cinnamon & black pepper, along with violets & dried lavender, red & black plum.

Dao Tinto 'Maias' 2022 - Quinta das Maias, Dao [ORG] [V] 38.5
Varieties: Jaen (aka Mencia) (40%), Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro & Tinta Roriz. Vineyards & winery: organic vines grown at high altitude (650m) in the Dao region. Taste: intense blackberries & cassis, wrapped up smoothly by soft tannins.

Serra Mãe 2020 - SIVIPA, Setubal [V] 39
Varieties: Castelão. Vineyards & winery: from the Setubal Peninsula, south of Lisbon. Naturally fermented & aged in concrete vats. Taste: a fresh & juicy, herb-scented, cherry-laden red. Your search for the perfect accompaniment to Toad in the Hole is over!

SOUTH AFRICA

Swartland Rouge 2021 - Kloof Street, Swartland [V] 41
Varieties: Syrah, Tinta Barroca, Grenache, Cinsault & Carignan. Vineyards & winery: from seven vineyards across the Swartland, part-destemmed and wild-fermented followed by 11 months ageing in a combination of large-format oak vessels. Taste: supremely balanced with mostly black berry fruit, fabulous tannin and a seam of pure freshness.

Kalmoesfontein Red 2021 - A A Badenhorst, Swartland [V] 69
Varieties: Shiraz, Cinsault, Tinta Barocca, Grenache Noir & Mourvedre. Vineyards & winery: old bush vines grown on the granite foothills of the Paardeberg Mountain. Taste: magic red, sumptuously fruited and perfectly textured, with liquorice, pepper & black cherries.

Master of None 2022 - Blank Bottle, Western Cape [V] 53
Varieties: Grenache, Cinsault, Pinot Noir, Pinotage & white grapes! Vineyards & winery: a big blend of not just varieties but also vineyards & fermenting vessels in the winery, including oak barrels, steel tanks & concrete eggs. Winemaking with the reigns off. Taste: a brilliant 'vin de soif' style or thirst-quencher that's meant for fun! Earthy cherry & strawberry. Glorious.

SPAIN

`Al-Muvedre` Monastrell 2022 - Al-Muvedre, Alicante [ORG] [V] 34.5

Varieties: Monastrell. Vineyards & winery: from exceptional organic old vines in south east Spain. Altitude is high at 5-700 metres above sea level. Only stainless steel used for the vinification. Taste: deeply dark fruited, rich earthy notes and garrigue herbs. A real Mediterranean expression.

Bierzo 'Petit Pittacum' 2022 - Bodegas Pittacum, Bierzo [V] 36

Varieties: Mencia. Vineyards & winery: from beautifully tended, ancient 90-year-old vines planted on mountain foothills in northern Spain. A short 3 months in barrel has rounded it slightly and added a little extra grip. Taste: Mencia has great charm. A smokey, dark plum character but in this case lovely lifting ripe strawberries too.

Ribera Del Duero 'Pruno' 2021 - Finca Villacreces, Castilla y Leon [V] 48

Varieties: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Vineyards & winery: vineyards at around 750 metres altitude, with fruit fermented in tanks and aged for 12 months in used French oak. Taste: an amazing expression of Tempranillo - fragrant and deep red berries, liquorice & spice and some toast from the oak, all wrapped up in epic tannins.

Montsant Crianca 'Vi Negra' 2021 - Celler Masroig, Catalunya (bag-in-box) [V] 28

Varieties: Grenache Noir & Carignan. Vineyards & winery: fruit from old vines, fermented in stainless steel and oak-aged for 6 months. Taste: dark fruited, perfumed & fresh with plenty of grippy tannin.

Garnacha 'El Berrakin' 2022 - Daniel Ramos, Gredos [V] 48

Varieties: Grenache Noir (90%), Jaen. Vineyards & winery: from high up in the mountains outside Madrid. Completely produced in stainless steel. Taste: a wild personality with strawberry, cherry & warming spices. Delish.

El Otro Garnacha Syrah 2022 - Esteban Martin, Cariñena [V] 32.5

Varieties: Grenache Noir & Syrah. Vineyards & winery: mainly old vine Grenache with a generous dollop of Syrah (about 15%). Simply made and unmasked as a style to show just how pure the fruit is. Taste: clean, fresh and juicy. Troughs of dark berry fruit in a very well-rounded package.

Rioja 'Letras Minusculas' 2020 - Creaciones Exeo, Rioja [V] 43.5

Varieties: Tempranillo, Graciano & Garnacha. Vineyards & winery: handled separately, the Tempranillo was aged in used French oak barrel for 8 months, while the Graciano & Garnacha spent their whole time in concrete vats before blending & bottling. Taste: a powerful nose of ripe red fruits, stawberry & raspberry with a darker touch of liquorice to spice things up.

Rioja Reserva 'Vina Tondonia' 2011 - Lopez de Heredia, Rioja [ORG] [V] 92

Varieties: Tempranillo, Grenache Noir, Mazuelo & Graciano. Vineyards & winemaking: from estate-grown vines and aged in barrel for 6 whole years. Taste: deeply elegant. Heredia's famous acidity is the backbone that keeps this so vibrant. A perfume of sweet spice, liquorice & red cherry fruit.

USA

Evolution 'Big Time Red' 9th Edition NV - Sokol Blosser, Oregon [ORG][V] 49

Varieties: Syrah & 'loads of others!' (including Montepulciano & Nero d'Avola) Vineyards & winery: organic grapes, aged in steel & old oak and a blend of several vintages. Taste: soft & full, cherries & raspberries, fresh porcini & wild herbs. Luscious, but not big & heavy!

Sonoma County Zinfandel 2021 - Seghesio, California [V] 67

Varieties: Zinfandel (88%), Petite Sirah, Carignan & 'other varieties!' Vineyards & winery: low-yielding vines in Alexander Valley, Russian River & Cortina, fermented in both open & closed vessels and aged in American & rench oak. Taste: plenty of concentration here, yet the elegance & complexity is impressive. Plump, dark raspberries & blackberries, fragrant spice.

Pinot Noir 2021 - Au Bon Climat, Santa Maria Valley 80

Varieties: Pinot Noir. Vineyards & winery: the use of French oak has given it firm structure. Taste: a wine that'll transport you to sunny California. Red plum, cherry & sweet spice with a velvety smooth palate to boot.

Fortified & Sweet

AUSTRIA

Merlot Spatlese 2022 - Tschida, 750ml, Neusiedlersee

Varieties: Merlot. Vineyards & winery: a super unusual late-harvest Merlot, the grapes are left on the vine until over-ripe with a higher sugar content, picking happens in late autumn. Taste: wild strawberries, sour cherry, rhubarb & some herbaceousness. Sweet but lifted with energetic acidity for top-notch balance.

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GERMANY

Sauvignon Blanc 'Sweetheart' 2022 - Oliver Zeter, 375ml, Pfalz [V]

Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards & winery: late-harvested grapes from 7 different vineyards, wild yeast fermented. Taste: sweet, yes, but the pure exotic fruit is so alive you can drink glass after glass. A lemon tart wine.

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GREECE

Vin Doux 2022 - Samos, 375ml, Samos [V]

Varieties: Muscat a Petit Grains. Vineyards & winery: grapes from steep hillside & mountain terraces on the island of Samos, with the pressed juice remaining unfermented & fortified with grape spirit. Taste: floral, citrusy aromas with intense lemon curd & cardamom. Firm favourite!

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PORTUGAL

Tawny Port 10 year-old NV- Sandeman, Douro [V]

Varieties: Tinta Amarela, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, Tinto Cao, Touriga Franca & Touriga Nacional. Vineyards & winery: low-yielding old-vine fruit fermented in traditional 'lagares', aged for 10 years in Vila Nova de Gaia. Taste: red fruits, rasins, roasted nuts, caramel & vanilla. Sweet yet moreish.

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Vintage Port 2019 - Quinta do Vale Meao, Douro [V]

Varieties: Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz & Sousao. Vineyards & winery: traditional foot-treading in stone 'lagares' followed by wild yeast-fermentation which is halted by adding grape spirit. Aged for 22 months in large wooden vats. Taste: everything you want from an exceptional vintage port - huge concentration, tonnes of dark sweet fruit and gorgeous balancing acidity.

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Moscatel de Setubal - SIVIPA, Setubal [V]

Varieties: Moscatel de Setubal (Muscat of Alexandria). Vineyards & winery: partial fermentation arrested with grape spirit to kick it up to fortified and to leave a luscious residual sugar. Taste: honey, dried fruits and orange, balanced by high acidity. Awesome cake wine!

43.5

SPAIN

Manzanilla 'Deliciosa' Pago de Miraflores NV - Valdespino, Andalucia [V]

Varieties: Palomino. Vineyards & winery: from one of the oldest bodegas in Jerez. The cool breezes from the Atlantic promote a healthy layer of yeast or 'flor' which this sherry is aged under for 5 years. Taste: super dry. Yeasty, bready, salted almond and just a touch of floral. The ultimate aperitif.

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