

# Chardonnay

## Oregon

2017 **tendril CHILD'S PLAY | yamhill-carlton** (70% chardonnay | 30% pinot noir)

**on the nose:** fresh pear, yellow plum, white pineapple, wet stone, citrus flower, and honeydew melon; **on the palate:** fresh and juicy, showing flavors of Galia melon, strawberry purée, lemon-lime, with lingering hints of minerality 42

## California

**copain TOUS ENSEMBLE | sonoma coast**

**on the nose:** honeysuckle, jasmine, white blossom, pineapple mint; meyer lemon, verbena, mandarin and tangerine, pink lady apple; **on the palate:** lively acid that hits up front and is followed behind by fuji apple and asian pear flavors 12 | 38

**antica | atlas peak, napa valley**

**on the nose:** buttered toast, apple and mineral stone; **on the palate:** pineapple, asian pear, green melon and hazelnut; finishes with bands of silky oak, caramel and buttered brioche 16 | 48

**wildwood oak ELK VINEYARD | lodi**

**on the nose:** gala apple, ripe pear, toasted baking spice, honeysuckle; **on the palate:** lush asian pear, cinnamon toast spices, butterscotch with a hint of vanilla and a creamy finish 44

**rombauer | los carneros**

**on the nose:** vanilla, peach and mango are layered with apricots and a slight minerality; **on the palate:** a creamy, rich palate with flavors of creme brûlée, butter, fresh peaches, pie crust and baking spices 62

## France

**domain william fèvre chardonnay | chablis**

**on the nose:** fleshy and elegant bouquet revealing citrus, white fruits and flowers; **on the palate:** fresh and supple, the wine is marked by mineral notes that are typical of the appellation 58

**dominique cornin pouilly-fuisse chardonnay | pouilly-fuissé, mâconnais**

**on the nose:** exotic citrus and white pepper spice, chalky stone and beeswax; **on the palate:** citrus, stone fruit and hints of spice on a layer of crisp minerality 62

# Albariño

## California

**mattina fiore | edna valley \***

**on the nose:** hints of blooming honeysuckle, citrus blossoms and grapefruit; the essence of sweet white peach nectar, apricots and nectarines, the medium floral body of Hyacinths and linden rounded with blanched almonds.; **on the palate:** the slight minerality of white river stones and a great, textured, balanced body, with a finish that is lent a lush richness by the slightest hint of irish butter 38

\* Chris & Lori's favorites!

# Sauvignon Blanc

## California

rombauer | napa valley

**on the nose:** keylime, mango, papaya and white nectarine with a hint of fresh-cut grass; **on the palate:** fresh and enticing, as grapefruit, pineapple and passion fruit intertwine with meyer lemon and lime 44

## New Zealand

mohua | marlborough

**on the nose:** tropical fruits and fresh pink grapefruit combine with notes of passionfruit and lemon blossom; **on the palate:** punchy and vibrant with kiwi, jalapeno, starfruit and gooseberry 12 | 38

## Italy

scarpetta | friuli colli orientali

**on the nose:** grapefruit, meyer lemon and lime leaf folded in with hints of ripe peach and minerals; **on the palate:** full bodied with a vertical line of bright acidity keeping it fresh but widely complex 52

# Pinot Grigio & Pinot Gris

## Italy

scarpetta | friuli-venezia giulia

**on the nose:** stone fruits and melon; **on the palate:** medium body, bright acidity and great minerality 9/28

## California

carr | santa barbara county

**on the nose:** aromas of pear and lemon zest; **on the palate:** hints of yellow grass and key lime pie make this a bright wine with a crisp and refreshing finish 36

# Riesling

## California

dashe | potter valley, mendocino county

**on the nose:** floral notes of violet mixed with stonefruit followed with pear, chalky minerals and lychee; **on the palate:** smooth and dry flavors of apricot, peach, and pear mixed with minerals, earth and a touch of fennel spice 42

## France

trimbach | alsace

**on the nose:** crisp mineralality with a touch of lemon zest; **on the palate:** dry with intense notes of ripe lemon zest but hinting at richer notions of ripe pear and candied citron 34

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# Rosé

## Italy

### **squadra rosé | sicily**

this playful wine made from sicily's nero d'avola is dry and crisp with flavors of freshly picked strawberries, watermelon and citrus 11 | 32

## France

### **fabre en provence rosé | côtes de provence**

**on the nose:** ripe strawberry, cherry, mint sugar and shortcake with peaches; **on the palate:** dry-yet fruity body and a sparse cantaloupe and cream finish with soft, fruit tannins and no oak 34

# Bubbles

## Italy

### **valdo prosecco brut | veneto**

mildly fruity bouquet reminiscent of ripe wild apples and the scent of acacia flowers with perfectly small bubbles 10/28

### **oceano moscato d'asti | piedmont** (frizzante: very lightly sparkling)

**on the nose:** peach, orange blossoms and acacia flowers, with hints of sage and citrus fruits; **on the palate:** pleasantly sweet with flavors of fresh stone fruit 28

### **luca paretto spumante rosé | treviso \***

intoxicating aromas of wild berries with notes of lilac and wild rose complement the bright and lively palette 32

## France

### **tresor grand cru champagne | aÿ -champagne**

bold, elegant, refined nose with citrus fruit aromas; light and crispy with tiny bubbles; round and generous in the mouth 80

### **veuve cliquot champagne | reims \***

well-knit and balanced, vibrant acidity framing hints of blackberry, cherry, biscuit, honey and candied lemon zest with a light smoky finish 95

# Pinot Noir

## Oregon

2015 sineann | eola-amity hills \*

**on the nose:** sweet herb, tobacco, clove, forest floor fungus and spicy red fruits; **on the palate:** a big burst of blackberry, blue plum and black cherry 58

## California

2017 hitching post HOMETOWN | santa barbara county

**on the nose:** classic pinot aromas of barnyard, cherry, plum, game and tomato leaf; **on the palate:** elegant, yet fleshy and filled with compact dark fruits and ripe pear, this wine has a substantial mouth feel, and a long finish 40

2014 navarro DEEP END BLEND | anderson valley

**on the nose:** baked cherry pie, cola and vanilla; **on the palate:** plum, strawberry, clove, pomegranate, vanilla, cocoa and chanterelles (This wine is 100% Pinot Noir, but it is a blend of 4 different clones) 96

2015 orin swift SLANDER | napa

**on the nose:** strawberry, cherries and slight savory tones of lavender, thyme and sage to exotic asian spice, hints of wet earth, chalk and smoky oak; **on the palate:** crème de caramel enveloped in subtle soft tannins, showing the sophisticated integration of balanced oak that finishes with a creamy mouthfeel 81

## France

2015 claudie jobard RULLY LA CHAUME | côte chalonaise

**on the nose:** tart cherry and raspberry; **on the palate:** well-structured with earth and spice 56

2016 stephane magnien AUX PETITES NOIX 1er Cru | morey-st-denis

**on the nose:** intense, rose petals and cooked red cherry; **on the palate:** pleasant acidity, fruity and floral flavors with beautifully poised tannins 108

# Sangiovese

## California

2015 cloak & dagger ILLUMINATUS | paso robles

**on the nose:** cooked red currant and cinnamon spice; **on the palate:** lightweight and tannic in texture, showing food-friendly flavors of star anise, clove, fennel and red fruits 46

# Merlot

## California

### 2014 matanzas creek | sonoma

**on the nose:** a medley of red cherry and raspberry, satsuma plum and sage, with a hint of cocoa powder in the background; **on the palate:** vibrant acidity and seamless tannins with notes of black slate and graphite that carry through to a lengthy yet elegant finish 42

### 2015 plumpjack | napa, california

**on the nose:** layers of aromatics ranging from black cherry, plum, and raspberry to graham cracker, vanilla, butterscotch, and sweet hickory smoke; **on the palate:** these aromas extend to the palate, which has a rich and silky entry with bright acidity and firm structure 70

## France

### 2016 plaisir de siaurac | aoc lalande de pomerol

**on the nose:** violets and roses mingle delicately with the secondary aromas of truffle, earth, coffee, leather and tobacco; **on the palate:** currant, black cherry and plum precede complex flavors of oak, smoke, toast, tar and tobacco, delivering an elegant wine 48

### 2015 chateau d'aiguilhe | côtes de castillon

**on the nose:** toasty, singed vanilla followed by waves of currant and plum preserves; **on the palate:** graphite and anise combine with apple wood to deliver a full-bodied, well-balanced wine 64

# Malbec

## Argentina

### 2017 la flor malbec | mendoza

**on the nose:** bright red fruit aromas of cherry, strawberry, with some floral notes of violet and hints of vanilla; **on the palate:** round with a good structure and soft tannins 36

### 2015 siesta malbec | mendoza

**on the nose:** plum and violet typical of the varietal, coupled with a hint of fig jam, in a delightful company of vanilla, chocolate, and smoky subtlety courtesy of its time in oak barrels; **on the palate:** completely balanced, unctuous with silky tannins and great lingering finish 48

## Mexico

### 2015 corona del valle | baja california

**on the nose:** very rich, very fruitful; **on the palate:** deep smokey flavors of ripe plums and cherries accompany a mouthful and mouthfeel of dark chocolate 88

## California

2017 jaffurs | santa barbara county \*

**on the nose:** olive, cocoa powder, baked blueberries and black cherries, blackberry pie and a roasted coffee note; **on the palate:** full-bodied with heady blackberry, bacon fat and bitter chocolate flavors that take on richness toward polished tannins 14 | 48

2015 sycamore ranch | madera county \*\*LOCAL WINE MAKER\*\*

**on the nose:** savory herbs, smoky black fruit and wild roasted game; **on the palate:** blackberry, blueberry, mint and buttered toast 64

2016 plumpjack | napa

**on the nose:** savory aromas of white and black pepper, dried meats, and grilled mushroom along with the sweet aromas of blueberry, plum, and huckleberry pie; **on the palate:** rich and dense with firm tannin, bright acidity, and a lasting finish; the flavors here are sweet and savory with blueberry, plum, au jus, white pepper, and grilled meat 80

## Washington

2016 elephant 7 YELLOW BIRD VINEYARD | walla walla valley

**on the nose:** a lovely bouquet of violet, wild flowers, eucalyptus, and cassia bark; **on the palate:** notes of crushed granite, white pepper, and clove mix seamlessly with blackberry and blueberry; expansive and concentrated but without overripe fruit and intrusive amounts of oak 64

## France

2015 domaine les alexandrins | crozes-hermitage, northern rhône

**on the nose:** pungent black and blue fruit, smoky bacon and licorice aromas are sharpened by cracked pepper and mineral notes; **on the palate:** blackberry, peppery herbs, hints of charcoal and mineral, this full-bodied, silky red is supple and elegant on the palate 61

## Mexico

2017 solar fortun | valle de guadalupe

**on the nose:** plum, black pepper, violets, fig and vanilla; **on the palate:** intense black fruits and spice with sweet notes from the barrel; this wine is soft but expressive 56

# Petite Sirah

## California

2015 odette estate ADAPTATION | napa \*

**on the nose:** wild berries, Black Mission figs, incense, chai tea and baking spices graduating into gingerbread and hints of roasted coffee bean; **on the palate:** a gorgeous texture with a combination of richness and density that give way to the elegant and weightless finish 72

# Zinfandel

## California

### 2016 foxglove | paso robles

**on the nose:** rich and bright notes of bramble and spice; **on the palate:** the use of stainless, rather than oak, keeps the ripe fruit from being too dark 28

### 2015 gehricke | russian river

**on the nose:** cracked cinnamon sticks and black peppercorns mingle with ripe plum aromas and hints of mint chocolate; **on the palate:** soft with a texture similar to milk chocolate; ripe plums, cherry cordials and black currants show through on a rich and supple palate 52

### 2016 turley old vines zinfandel | california

**on the nose:** succulent dark cherry, leather, tobacco, sage, menthol and crushed flowers; **on the palate:** full-bodied, deep and concentrated, with rich structuring tannins, a generous core of fleshy fruit and a long, flavorful finish 56

### 2016 sycamore ranch primitivo | paso robles \*

**on the nose:** red & black cane fruit, and sweet, toasty oak; **on the palate:** blackberry, raspberries, hazelnuts and vanilla 62

### 2016 rombauer | el dorado

**on the nose:** concentrated aromas of blackberry and raspberry meld with clove and spice; **on the palate:** raspberry, blackberry jam, plums & vanilla followed by touches of white pepper 62

### 2017 ridge GEYSERVILLE | alexander valley

**on the nose:** ripe black cherries and plum, sweet oak, mint, and gravel earth; **on the palate:** rich bramble fruit entry, round and supple tannins, refreshing acidity, and layered complex fruits in a long finish 80

# Tempranillo

## Spain: Rioja Gran Reserva

### 2006 bodegas muriel gran reserva | rioja alavesa and alta

**on the nose:** fine oak (vanilla, fine herb and spices), very mature fruit such as raisins, as well as caramel and subtle bottle aging sensations (leather and tobacco); **on the palate:** perfectly assembled, full of velvet silkiness and finesse 62

## Portugal: Blend

### 2017 herdade são miguel SUL | redondo - alentejo

**on the nose:** intense aromas of red and black forest fruits plus floral and toasted notes; **on the palate:** delicious flavors of cherry, mulberry, tobacco, and light mint on the palate; smooth tannins, nice amount of acidity, and juicy length on the finish 28

# Cabernet Sauvignon

## California

### 2016 napa valley quilt | napa valley

**on the nose:** a seamless blend of crème de cassis, hazelnut, cocoa, blackberry preserves, charred meat, and blackberry pie; **on the palate:** rich and satisfying with dark chocolate, molasses, brown sugar and rhubarb notes presented in perfect balance with fruit emphasis 16 | 52

### 2016 wildwood oak | lodi \*\*LOCAL WINE MAKER\*\*

**on the nose:** black cherries with hints of vanilla and cocoa; **on the palate:** black currants and black cherries enveloped in whispers of vanilla 58

### 2013 hammer sky | paso robles

**on the nose:** red fruit & vanilla; **on the palate:** black raspberry, cinnamon, earth & leather 62

### 2014 ramey | napa

**on the nose:** cassis, warm plums and cedar chest with touches of tobacco, dried herbs and underbrush; **on the palate:** plenty of ripe, juicy black fruits and savory accents framed by grainy tannins and background freshness, finishing on an earthy note 68

### 2016 rombauer | napa valley

**on the nose:** red fruit, cassis and toast; **on the palate:** full-bodied, packed with flavors of boysenberry, raspberry and black cherry, along with notes of sweet tobacco, cedar and vanilla 84

### 2016 ridge ESTATE | santa cruz mountains

**on the nose:** cassis, blueberry, cola, licorice, and sweet oak; **on the palate:** ripe blackberry fruit up front; full bodied, rich, exotic spice and toasted oak with a complex, long, sensuous finish 98

### 2016 THE SETTING | alexander valley \*

**on the nose:** wild blackberries, blueberries, baking spices and fresh saw dust; **on the palate:** intense tastes of sweet tobacco, coconut shavings and mocha, the layered flavors built around thick, extracted tannins and pillowy soft oak 112

### 2016 lail vineyards BLUEPRINT | napa valley

**on the nose:** opening in cedar, clove and cinnamon, it follows with a dusting of cocoa powder and toasted oak, before it offers a lingering thread of mineral in the form of crushed rock, violet, red and black currant; black raspberry, cinnamon, earth & leather; **on the palate:** a burst of sweet red cherry, plum, espresso, chocolate, tobacco, menthol and French oak 124

### 2014 rombauer DIAMOND SELECTION | napa valley

**on the nose:** blackberry, cassis and black cherry combine seamlessly with sweet notes of milk chocolate, vanilla and tobacco; **on the palate:** ripe and soft, with pronounced black cherry and a hint of cocoa powder; lush tannins and sweet, subtle oak build on the palate for a long finish 132

## Chile

### 2015 concha y toro DON MELCHOR | alto maipo \*

**on the nose:** red fruits delicately intermingle with mineral notes that recall cold ashes and pencil lead; **on the palate:** foresty berry aromas and generous but controlled oak followed by dark, toasty chocolaty black-fruit flavors, finishing with a note of cherry cough drop and moderate acidity 128

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# Red Blends

## BORDEAUX BLENDS

2015 chappellet MOUNTAIN CUVÉE cab-merlot-malbec | pritchard hill, napa

**on the nose:** alluring fruit-driven aromas of cherry, currant and plum, as well as sophisticated undercurrents of graphite, cedar, clove and nutmeg; **on the palate:** the berry and spice notes are echoed on the round, mouthcoating palate, where they mingle with hints of black tea, vanilla and savory herbs 58

2016 peter michael L'ESPRIT DES PAVOTS cab-merlot-cab franc-petit verdot | sonoma & napa \*

**on the nose:** blueberry, chocolate, cedar, coffee, vanilla bean and black truffle; **on the palate:** full bodied and concentrated, exhibiting savory elements with abundant, supple tannins and a lingering finish 138

## RHONE BLENDS (GSM)

2015 orin swift machete petit syrah-syrah-grenache blend | st helena

**on the nose:** powerful aromas of crème de cassis, boysenberry, & ripe cherries are complemented by a soft minerality & hints of dark chocolate; **on the palate:** dark plums & a charred meatiness that floods to create a velvety texture that lingers 80

### France: Châteauneuf-du-Pape

2005 château de beaucastel grenache blend | southern rhône

**on the nose:** dominant red fruit with rose water accents; orange rind and smoked brisket aromas; **on the palate:** lithe and dense, this wine showcases hoisin sauce, umami, blood orange puree, red cherry syrup and black tea flavors 148

## CALIFORNIA BLENDS

2014 trinitas MYSTERIAMA zin-carignan-petite sirah-cab | mendocino

**on the nose:** ripe raspberry, maraschino cherry, blackberry jam and vanilla tinged notes of oak; **on the palate:** black cherry & dark-chocolate flavors ride a richly tannic texture 12/38

2016 1849 wine company ANONYMOUS cab-petite sirah-merlot-zin | napa \*

**on the nose:** fruity rich with dark plum, cranberry, and pineapple aromas; **on the palate:** black cherry, cassis and ripe blackberry are distinctly present creating a pleasantly complex combination of ripe fresh fruits with just a faint hint of barrel oak 54

2015 dashe cellars THE COMET zin-petite sirah-carignan blend | sonoma county

**on the nose:** intense blackberry, cassis, and plum, followed by elements of black pepper, chocolate, coffee, and black licorice; **on the palate:** luscious, thick mouthfeel with fruit flavors of blackberry and cassis, plum, coffee, chocolate, with balanced acidity and round, lush tannins 70

2016 orin swift 8 YEARS IN THE DESERT zin-petite sirah-syrah | napa

**on the nose:** briar fruit, ripe blackberry and dark plum with a tinge of minerality and charred meat; **on the palate:** ripe brambly fruit, a touch of earth and notes of espresso bean 82

2015 lewis cellars ALEC'S BLEND syrah-merlot-cab franc-cab sauv | napa \*

**on the nose:** notes of blueberries, ripe black cherries, white flowers, graphite, and flowery, peppery spice; **on the palate:** ripe, oak-infused berries, with cherries, peaches, vanilla and creamy caramel 94

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## Sangiovese

2016 scarpetta FRICO rosso | tuscany

**on the nose:** sour cherry, cranberry and wild herbs; **on the palate:** an everyday tuscan red, sour cherry, cranberry and plum framed in savory dried herbs 9/28

2016 castellare chianti classico | tuscany

**on the nose:** pleasant hints of red fruit, licorice, black currant and a touch of vanilla; **on the palate:** a delicate sweetness on the palate, it is round, soft and fruity; acidity and persistence characterize an elegant finish 44

2014 tenuta di arceno chianti classico riserva | tuscany \*

**on the nose:** dark cherry, earth, licorice, tobacco and toasty oak; **on the palate:** firm structure and refreshing acidity make it a very versatile food wine 64

## Brunello di Montalcino

2012 le ragnaie brunello di montalcino docg | tuscany \*\*

**on the nose:** aromas of forest floor, freshly oiled leather, baked plum, clove and a balsamic whiff of eucalyptus lead the nose; **on the palate:** fleshy wild cherry, raspberry, star anise, tobacco and nutmeg alongside chewy tannins 105

## Barolo

2013 umberto fracassi MANTOETTO barolo docg | cherasco, piemonte

**on the nose:** ripe berry, baking spice, tobacco, leather and a balsamic note; **on the palate:** sour cherry, crushed raspberry, strawberry, cinnamon, clove and anise 90

## Indigenous Grapes

2017 barbera d'asti TRE VIGNE | castiglione falleto, piemonte

**on the nose:** ripe red cherry aromas with hints sweet spices; **on the palate:** a dry, medium bodied red wine with refreshing acidity, well balanced with good integration of oak, good complexity and a long finish of red cherries 38

2016 lamùri nero d'avola | sicilia

**on the nose:** lush aromas of black cherry, black fruits, vanilla, tobacco, and wild herbs; **on the palate:** velvety tannins and refreshing acidity make for an elegant, expressive wine 32

# La Volata Wine

(love alotta wine)

It's been quite a road from the original 1-page wine list to this. When we opened five years ago, I knew what wine I liked to drink and sort of assumed that these were universally liked. Until the day that Paul Emerson (thank you Paul!) suggested that I put something a little lighter on the menu. At that time, 90% of our wines were BRWs (big red wines) from California. That was a year and a half ago, when I decided to take the Somm journey.

Last August I completed my Court of Masters Level 1 Sommelier. At the completion of that exam, I really didn't feel like my understanding of wine was enough, so I signed up for Level 2. With a lot of studying and a lot of patience from my family (both at home and at work), I was able to pass the Certified Examination in September 2019. And I can honestly say that I do not see a Level 3 in my future!

That does not mean, however, that I am done learning. I expect that this list will be a constant work in progress because every day I come across something new and interesting that I want to have on the list. Now I know why some lists are 150 pages long! Ours will never be that long, simply because we can't store that many bottles. But it will evolve...

And as the list evolves and grows, so too will the wine-knowledge and the wine-appreciation of everyone here at La Volata. Because good wine needs to be shared.

"Drinking good wine with good food in good company is one of life's most civilized pleasures." Michael Broadbent

Enjoy your wine!