

FLIGHTS

BUBBLES Who said it BEST 37 "I drink Champagne when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone..." -Lily Bollinger

Francis Orban *Extra Brut,* Champagne, France NV Bollinger *Special Cuvée,* Champagne, France NV Krug *Grande Cuvée,* Champagne, France MV

WHITES

Not Your Grandpa's Riesling 18

Dry and delicious, with all the fruits, minerals and thankfully no new oak or gobs of sugary sweetness. While Blue Nun had its moment, it is now time to celebrate and enjoy how good dry Riesling can be.

Stadt Krems *Riesling,* Kremstal, Krems, Austria 2019 Ravines Dry *Riesling,* Finger Lakes, New York 2017 Dr. Bürklin-Wolf *Riesling Troken,* Pfalz, Germany 1999

Unusual Suspects 17

Ready to try something new? These indigenous white Portuguese grapes have lots of personality driven by minerals, ripe fruits and a kiss of new oak. There is a reason why everyone is moving to Portugal...

Textura de Estrela *Encruzado/Bical/Cerceal,* Dao, Portugal 2018 Muxagat "Os Xistos Altos" *Rabigato,* Duoro, Portugal 2018 Rovisco Garcia *Antão Vaz/Arinto,* Alentejano, Portugal 2016

Dual Monarchy 16

Take a journey through the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, this time no war, just some crisp mineral driven wines.

Stadt Krems *Riesling,* Kremstal, Krems, Austria 2019 Barta *Furmint,* Tokaj Hungary 2015 Edi Simčič *Tokata,* Goriška Brda, Slovenia 2018

Euro Cup 19

France, Italy and Austria, three heavyweights on the world stage. Will it be the upstart Gruner and its perfectly balanced attack, the Chablis with its chalky minerality that dominates the finish or the Pinot Grigio that is simply one of the greatest PGs ever; who will take home the Cup?

Geyerhof *Grüner Veltliner*, Kremstal, Austria 2018 Domaine Barat *Chardonnay*, Chablis, France 2018 Terlano *Pinot Grigio*, Alto Adige, Italy 2019

Nude Beach 17

Basking naked in the sun on a hot summer day, just as Mother Nature intended it. These three are lean, crisp & racy with crunchy just-ripe fruit flavors, and a bit of earthiness that echoes the sea and the soils they grow in. Hopefully Falanghina will not take after its name, and be that guy on the nude beach no one wants to see.

Columna Albarino, Rias Baixas, Spain 2019

Txomin Etxaniz *Hondarrabi Zuri*, Getariako Txakolina, Spain 2020 Marisa Cuomo Falanghina/Biancolella, Ravello, Campania, Italy 2020

ROSE

Pretty in Pink 13

Like the classic John Hughes film, charming, fun and delightful. However this is your chance to rewrite the ending and choose Duckie over Blaine.

Domaine de Figueirasse *Gris de Gris des Sables*, Camargue, France 2020 Famille Bourgeois *Pinot Noir*, Sancerre, France 2020 Murgo *Nerello Mascalese*, Etna, Sicily 2020

REDS

Truth in Advertising 18

No hiding behind gobs of new oak, no exaggerated wine maker's ego to deal with or syrupy over-ripness. Just text-book examples of what these grapes should taste like. What a concept, wines tasting exactly like the grapes listed on the label!

Ernest *Pinot Noir,* Cleary Ranch Vineyards, Sonoma Coast, California 2018 Silverado *Merlot*, Mt George Vineyards, Napa California 2017 Le P'Tit Paysan *Cabernet Sauvignon*, San Benito, California 2019

Mr. Big 47

Sophisticated, lots of personality and all the charm! Whether he is living in Napa, meeting you in Paris or taking you on a tip to Argentina; your timing (unlike Carrie's) is perfect to fall in love with Big.

Nicolas Catena Zapata *Cab Sauvignon/Malbec/Cab Franc,* Mendoza, Arg. '16 Margaux du Chateâu Margaux *Cab Sauvignon/Merlot,* Margaux, France 2011 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars *Cabernet Sauvignon,* Artemis, Napa, California 2018

The Other Beatle 24

Garnarcha/grenache is the George Harrison of grapes, when playing with others it harmonizes with the best and makes truly amazing wines but also has the star power to rock by itself.

Skylark 'Las Aves' Carignane/Grenache/Cab Sauvignon/Syrah/ Petite Sirah, Mendocino, California 2015 E. Guigal Grenache/Mourvèdre/Syrah, Chateâuneuf-du-Pape, France 2016 La Antigua Clásico Garnarcha/Tempranillo/Graciano, Reserva, Rioja, 2010

Say What !?!? 19

Ready to try something other than Pinot or Cab? Say it with me... wait – how do you say that again?

Tresomm *Touriga Nacional,* Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 2019 Bott Frigyes *Kékfrankos,* Južnoslovenská, Slovakia 2019 Paternoster 'Synthesi' *Aglianico,* Aglianico del Vulture, Italy 2016

Italian the Stallion 17

After prancing, trotting and galloping through Italy you'll be looking to add to your stable.

Feudo Montoni 'Lagnusa' *Nero D'Avola,* Sicily 2014 Pietroso *Sangiovese,* Rosso di Montalcino, Italy 2017 Paternoster 'Synthesi' *Aglianico,* Aglianico del Vulture, Italy 2016