

There has never been a better time to drink wine. It is being produced in a wide array of styles, offering an unprecedented level of fun and pleasure. Our wine program has been designed to make the most of this.

The wine list is organized by flavor profile, varietal, and theme. This allows you to choose how you would like to read it. Skim along the right side of each page to select a wine based on varietal or flavor profile. Alternatively, take some time to read the text on the left hand side of the page and select a wine based on a theme.

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W I N E S B Y T H E G L A S S

TAJUT

The “Tajut” is an essential aspect of the Friulian wine experience. Historically, a farm worker would drink the “Tajut”, a small glass of Tocai Friulano, with his meal at the local Frasca. It is a part of daily life in Friuli; experienced with the regularity we reserve for the morning cup of coffee.

WINES BY THE GLASS

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| Bubbles | | |
| Le Monde M.V. Spumante Ribolla Gialla, Grave, Friuli, Italy | \$13 | \$6.5 |
| Bertrand-Delespierre M.V. Extra Brut "Enfant de la Montagne," Premier Cru, Montagne de Reims, Champagne, France | \$30 | \$15 |
| Krug M.V. Brut "Grand Cuvée," Montagne de Reims, France | \$40 | \$20 |

White

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| Scarpetta 2019 Pinot Grigio, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Friuli, Italy | \$12 | \$6 |
| Régis Minet 2019 Pouilly Fumé "Vieilles Vignes," Central Loire Valley, France | \$20 | \$10 |
| Emmerich Knoll 2018 Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Loibner," Wachau, Austria | \$22 | \$11 |
| Edi Keber 2018 "Collio," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | \$22 | \$11 |
| Louis Michel 2019 Chablis, Burgundy, France | \$24 | \$12 |

Rosé

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| Peyrassol 2020 Rosé "Cuvée des Commandeurs," Côtes de Provence, Provence, France | \$16 | \$8 |
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Red

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| Iuli 2019 Barbera del Monferrato "Umberta," Piemonte, Italy | \$16 | \$8 |
| Bodega Chacra 2019 Pinot Noir "Barda," Rio Negro, Patagonia, Argentina | \$19 | \$9.5 |
| Istine 2018 Chianti Classico, Radda, Tuscany, Italy | \$20 | \$10 |
| Padelletti 2018 Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | \$25 | \$12.5 |
| Petrussa 2018 Schioppettino, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | \$27 | \$13.5 |
| Frog's Leap 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon "Estate Grown," Rutherford, Napa Valley, California | \$35 | \$17.5 |

B U B B L E S

Champagne Pushing the Envelope

Champagne is a sparkling wine made in Northern France. The region's cold climate places it on the borderline of viticultural possibility. This extreme climate forces the Champenoise to push the envelope of winemaking. Technological innovations have allowed the Champenoise to create exquisite sparkling wine from the grapes planted in the region's chalky soils. The result of this history of innovation is known as "Méthode Champenoise". In this process, the tart and acidic wine produced by grapes in Champagne experiences a second fermentation in the bottle. The wine that emerges from this complex process has a luxurious mousse of delicate bubbles; smelling of brioche, toffee, and chalk. Champagne is the perfect aperitif. Furthermore, we encourage you to continue drinking it with dinner, where it will compliment a wide array of dishes.

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Pushing the Envelope

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|---|------|-------|
| Vincent Couche Extra Brut "Élégance," Aube, France | M.V. | \$96 |
| Bertrand-Delespierre Extra Brut "Enfant de la Montagne," Premier Cru, Montagne de Reims, Champagne, France | M.V. | \$97 |
| Ruinart Brut Blanc de Blancs, Montagne de Reims, France [375 ml] | M.V. | \$100 |
| Marie-Courtin Extra Brut Blanc de Noirs "Rèsonance," Aube, France | M.V. | \$128 |
| Adrien Renoir "Le Terroir," Grand Cru Verzy, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$150 |
| H.Billiot & Fils Brut Rosé, Grand Cru Ambonnay, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$154 |
| Gaston Chiquet Brut "OR Premier Cru," Valle de la Marne, France | 2010 | \$157 |
| Dhondt-Grellet Extra Brut "Dans un Premier Temps," Cote des Blancs, France | M.V. | \$160 |
| Champagne Georges Laval Extra Brut "Garennnes," Cumières, Vallée de la Marne, France | M.V. | \$168 |
| Benoît Lahaye, Brut Nature, Grand Cru Bouzy, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$177 |
| Eric Rodez Brut Grand Cru "Cuvée des Crayères," Ambonnay, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$177 |
| Agrapart Extra Brut "7 Crus," Avize, Cote des Blancs, France | M.V. | \$177 |

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| Pierre Gerbais, Extra Brut, "Grains de Celles," Celles-sur-Ource, Aube, France | M.V. | \$177 |
| Jacques Lassaingne Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs "La Colline Inspirée," Aube, France | M.V. | \$183 |
| Jacques Lassaingne Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs "Le Cotet," Aube, France | M.V. | \$183 |
| Huré Frères Extra Brut "Memoire," Ludes, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$193 |
| Billecart-Salmon Brut "Sous Bois," Vallée de la Marne, France | M.V. | \$198 |
| Agrapart Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs "Terroirs," Grand Cru Avize, Cote des Blancs, France | M.V. | \$213 |
| Chartogne-Taillet Extra Brut Blanc de Noirs "Les Couarres," Merfy, Montagne de Reims, France | 2015 | \$231 |
| Delamotte Brut Blanc de Blancs, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Côte des Blancs, France | 2012 | \$253 |
| Krug Brut "Grande Cuvée," Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$316 |
| Pascal Agrapart Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs "Mineral," Grand Cru Avize, Cote des Blancs, France | 2014 | \$384 |
| Pierre Peters Blanc de Blancs "L'étonnant Monsieur Victor Edition MK.09," Grand Cru Les Mesnil-sur-Oger Cote des Blancs, France | M.V. | \$489 |

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| Philipponnat Brut "Clos des Goisses," Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, Vallée de la Marne, France | 2005 | \$532 |
| Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France | 2002 | \$563 |
| Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France | 2003 | \$568 |
| Bollinger Extra Brut "R.D." Aÿ, Vallée de la Marne, France | 2007 | \$575 |
| Selosse Blanc de Blancs "Substance," Grand Cru Avize, Cote des Blancs, France | M.V. | \$589 |
| Selosse Extra-Brut "Le Bout du Clos," Grand Cru, Ambonnay, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$599 |
| Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France | 2004 | \$613 |
| Krug Rosé, Montagne de Reims, France | M.V. | \$695 |
| Krug Brut Blanc de Blancs "Clos du Mesnil," Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France | 2004 | \$2495 |

CRISP & CLEAN LIGHT & LEAN

Sparkling Wine Alternative Zipcodes

Delicious sparkling wine is being made outside Champagne's zipcode. One can find refreshing bubbles made from Prosecco in the Veneto. Cava, produced in Catalonia, is a source for inexpensive wines made using the "Méthode Champenoise". Additionally, regions like Franciacorta in Northern Italy are producing wines that rival Champagne in quality.

Riesling and Chenin Blanc Sweet and Sour

To most people the terms sweet and dry are mutually exclusive. A wine is either one or the other. However, lovers of Riesling and Chenin Blanc know that the two are intertwined. These wines start out sweet but finish bracingly dry.

A note on German Wine

Rieslings from the Rheingau and Mosel were once among the most coveted wines in the world. Today they are more likely to strike fear in the heart of the wine consumer. German wine conjures up images of syrupy sweet wine with scarcely pronounceable names like Liebfraumilch. Collectors of German wine would like to keep it this way. It allows them to drink the wine they love for a fraction of what it's worth. They know that Rieslings from top sites in the Rheingau, Mosel, and the Nahe, are one of the greatest beverages on earth. The vines grow on steeply terraced slopes that rise from the rivers. Nurtured by sunshine reflected from slate soils and the rivers surface, these wines develop opulent fruit flavors while retaining piercing acidity. One can drink Riesling comparable to the greatest Bordeaux and Burgundy for a tenth the price.

CRISP & CLEAN LIGHT & LEAN

Sparkling Wine Alternative Zipcodes

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| Bisol Brut Prosecco "Jeio," Veneto, Italy | M.V. | \$39 |
| Le Monde Spumante Ribolla Gialla, Grave, Friuli, Italy | M.V. | \$45 |
| Scarpetta Brut Rosé "Timido," Italy | M.V. | \$46 |
| Albet i Noya Brut Rosé Reserva "Petit Albet," Classic Penedés, Cataluña, Spain | 2018 | \$55 |

Riesling and Chenin Blanc Sweet and Sour

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| Hexamer Riesling "Quarzit," Nahe, Germany | 2019 | \$52 |
| Selbach Oster Riesling Kabinett "Zeltinger Sonnenuhr," Mosel, Germany | 2018 | \$55 |
| Habit Chenin Blanc "Jurassic Park Vineyard," Santa Ynez Valley, California | 2017 | \$64 |
| Leitz Riesling Spätlese "Rüdesheimer Magdalenenkreuz," Rheingau, Germany | 2018 | \$64 |
| Domaine Huet Chenin Blanc Demi-Sec "Clos du Bourg," Vouvray, Loire Valley, France | 2017 | \$78 |
| Domaine du Collier Chenin Blanc, Saumur, Loire Valley, France | 2014 | \$93 |
| Joh.Jos.Prüm Riesling Spätlese "Wehlener Sonnenuhr," Mosel, Germany | 2016 | \$112 |
| Willi Schaefer Riesling Spätlese "Graacher Domprobst," Mosel, Germany | 2018 | \$120 |

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Sauvignon Blanc The Workhorse

Sauvignon Blanc is the quintessential dry, aromatic, white wine. It's a workhorse; doing its job, day in and day out, at dining tables across the world. And what is that job? Offering refreshment in the summer heat; its zippy acidity accompanies goat cheese in Chavignol and fresh asparagus in Friuli. In the Loire Valley of France classic examples are made in Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. They have flavors of lime, grapefruit, and freshly cut grass. In Bordeaux where it is blended with Semillon, it takes on a more exotic note of honeycomb.

Sauvignon from unexpected places

For years, if you wanted to drink Sauvignon Blanc it came from France. With the development of the international wine scene the varietal has spread its wings. It is producing great wine in surprising and unexpected places.

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Sauvignon Blanc

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| Dalia Maris Sauvignon, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$58 |
| Régis Minet Pouilly Fumé “Vieilles Vignes,” Central Loire Valley, France | 2019 | \$65 |
| Buona Notte Sauvignon Blanc “Il Nido,” Columbia Gorge, Oregon | 2018 | \$78 |
| Lis Neris Sauvignon Blanc “Picol,” Isonzo, Friuli, Italy | 2013 | \$80 |
| Venica Sauvignon “Ronco delle Mele,” Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$122 |
| Domaine Vacheron Sancerre, Central Loire Valley, France | 2019 | \$128 |
| La Castellada Sauvignon, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2008 | \$157 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Sauvignon “Sol,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$166 |
| Edmond Vatan Sancerre “Clos La Néore,” Central Loire Valley, France | 2017 | \$214 |
| Miani Sauvignon “Zitelle,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$229 |
| Miani Sauvignon “Saurint,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$240 |
| Domaine Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly Central Loire Valley, France | 2016 | \$255 |
| Domaine Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly “Silex,” Central Loire Valley, France | 2014 | \$316 |

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

The grape formerly known as Tocai...

Beginning with the 2007 vintage, the EU, under pressure from Hungary, forced Friulano winemakers to shorten the name of their most important regional varietal from Tocai Friulano, to Friulano. The aim was to differentiate the renowned Hungarian sweet wine made in a region in eastern Hungary, called Tokaji, using a grape called Furmint, from the dry table wine of Friuli called Tocai Friulano. It is the wine of choice to accompany Prosciutto di San Daniele, its peach skin and bitter almond flavors playing beautifully off the salty, sweetness of the ham.

Collio Goriziano

The Collio Goriziano is one the greatest regions for making white wine in the world. Its near perfect confluence of alpine and maritime weather ally to create white wines of extraordinary richness and complexity, supported by brisk acidity. It put Friuli on the map winewise, and fairly or not, is still the perceived famous big brother to the Colli Orientali; as Puligny is to Chassagne in Burgundy, or the Wachau is to Kamptal in Austria.

Friuli Colli Orientali

Colli Orientali del Friuli means literally, eastern hills of Friuli. These rolling hills lie east of the city of Udine and steepen dramatically as they grow closer to the border with Slovenia. Like the Collio Goriziano to the south, the soil is a calcareous marl called Ponca by the Italians, and Opoka by Slovenians. Although the southern Colli Orientali is climatically very similar to the Collio, more northerly producers like Ronc di Vico, in Bellazoaia, often harvest as much as 10 days later.

Isonzo, Grave, Latisana

While the most concentrated and profound white wines of Friuli are made in the Collio Goriziano and Colli Orientali del Friuli, there are important wines made elsewhere. On the Isonzo plain the producers Vie di Romans and Lis Neris craft deeply flavoured, textural whites, which see contact with new wood. Grave and Latisana are best at snappy, mineral-driven whites, moderate in alcohol and unmarked by wood.

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Friulano

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| Valle Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$46 |
| Gradis'Ciutta Friulano, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$55 |
| Petrussa Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$55 |
| Ronchi di Cialla Friulano, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2020 | \$55 |
| Mitja Sirk Friulano "Bianco," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$64 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Friulano "San Zuan," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$103 |
| Vignai da Duline Friulano "La Duline," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$106 |
| Borgo del Tiglio Friulano, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$110 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Friulano "Buri Bellaria," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$145 |
| Miani Friulano "Buri," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$240 |
| Miani Friulano "Filip," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$240 |

F L O R A L , A R O M A T I C , E X O T I C

Grüner Veltliner: Austria's Friulano

There are many parallels between the food and wine culture of Lower Austria and Italy's Friuli Venezia-Giulia. This makes great sense given both their geographic proximity and shared history of being part of the Hapsburg empire for nearly 500 years. This common emphasis on crisp, lively white wines, accompanying locally prepared, seasonal food, reaches its most striking similarity in the instance of the Heurige. The Heurige, meaning literally "this year's," is a Viennese tradition of casual restaurants serving the recent harvest of freshly made Grüner Veltliner alongside cured meats and schnitzel, and denoting this by placing a branch (frasca in Italian) or "buschen" over the door.üü

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Grüner Veltliner

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| Von Donabaum Grüner Veltliner, Burgenland, Austria | 2018 | \$40 |
| Fred Loimer Grüner Veltliner "Langenlois," Kamptal, Austria | 2017 | \$52 |
| Salomon Undhof Grüner Veltliner "Wieden," Kremstal, Austria | 2019 | \$53 |
| Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner "Terrassen," Kamptal, Austria | 2019 | \$71 |
| Emmerich Knoll Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Loibner," Wachau, Austria | 2018 | \$72 |
| Salomon Undhof Grüner Veltliner "Ried Lindberg," Kremstal, Austria | 2018 | \$96 |
| Veyder-Malberg Grüner Veltliner "Loibner," Wachau, Austria | 2017 | \$132 |
| Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Ried Achleiten Stockkultur," Wachau, Austria | 2016 | \$138 |
| Rudi Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Ried Kollmütz," Wachau, Austria | 2019 | \$148 |
| Veyder-Malberg Grüner Veltliner "Liebedich," Wachau, Austria [1500 ml] | 2018 | \$160 |
| Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Wachstum Bodenstein," Wachau, Austria | 2019 | \$165 |
| Veyder-Malberg Grüner Veltliner "Weitenberg," Wachau, Austria | 2017 | \$190 |
| Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner "Ried Lamm," Kamptal, Austria | 2018 | \$201 |

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Macerated Wines Looking East from Oslavje

Perched on a hilltop, a stones throw from the Slovenian border, the village of Oslavje is where the macerated winemaking movement began. It is here where the restless genius Josko Gravner, having concluded he had tired the possibilities that conventional winemaking vessels offered, and in a move widely thought of as madness by his peers, instead employed giant clay amphorae which he sourced from the Caucasus mountains of Georgia. He used no sulphur and left the white grapes on their skins for months. The resulting wines shocked people with both their cloudiness, and deep amber color as well as their noticeable tannin. Neighbor Stanislao Radikon takes a slightly less extreme approach, eschewing amphorae in favor of large open top chestnut containers. The Bensa brothers of La Castellada leave the grapes on the skins for about a week and use smaller wood, making them an easier first step into the world of macerated wine.

Malvasia Istriana and Vitovska The Carso: Living in Limestone

The Carso region-or Kras in Slovenian-provides the wines for the province and city of Trieste. It is a dramatic shelf of white limestone, which in places rises more than 1000 feet above the Adriatic Sea. Atop the plateau, a famously violent wind called the Bora charges down from the Carnic Alps, pummeling the sparse stands of Sumac and scrub pine, and making viticulture challenging in the extreme. Remarkably, the winemaker Edi Kante was forced to truck in 30 cm of soil in order create a vineyard grapes would even grow in. He then carved a 60 foot deep cellar, replete with a spiral staircase. The astonishingly ornate stonework in the cellar of Beniamino Zidarich is further testament to this meeting of hands, vine and rock. The indigenous Malvasia Istriana and Vitovska reveal their minerality differently: the Malvasia shows a surprising brininess underneath its flamboyant aroma of orange blossom; Vitovska can smell like walking into a pristine limestone cave.

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Macerated Wines

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| Rojac Malvazija, Istra, Slovenia | 2015 | \$58 |
| Picééh “Bianco Jelka,” Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2012 | \$78 |
| Klinec Rebula Villa de Mandan, Mandan, Goriška Brda, Slovenia | 2015 | \$116 |
| Podversic Damijan “Kaplja,” Gorizia, Friuli, Italy | 2010 | \$126 |
| Zidarich Vitovska, Carso, Friuli, Italy | 2016 | \$128 |
| Vodopivec Vitovska “Origine,” Carso, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$142 |
| La Castellada Ribolla Gialla, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2008 | \$157 |
| Radikon “Oslavje,” Oslavia, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy [1000 ml] | 2008 | \$178 |
| Vodopivec Vitovska “Solo,” Carso, Friuli, Italy | 2012 | \$178 |
| Gravner Ribolla Gialla, Oslavia, Friuli, Italy | 2012 | \$222 |
| Radikon “Fuori dal Tempo,” Oslavia, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy [1000 ml] | 2000 | \$391 |

Malvasia Istriana, Vitovska, Ribolla Gialla

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| Serena Palazzolo Ribolla Gialla, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$71 |
| Venica Malvasia “Pètris,” Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2020 | \$80 |
| Kante Malvasia, Carso, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$96 |
| Vignai da Duline Malvasia “Chjoma Integrale,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$96 |
| Meroi Malvasia “Zitelle,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$155 |
| Borgo del Tiglio Malvasia “Italo & Bruno,” Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$234 |
| Miani Malvasia “La Mont di Zuc,” Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$240 |

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Fantasy Field Blends

In a time before the French decided to relegate one varietal to an entire region and researchers identified the umpteenth different clone of chardonnay, farmers made a blend in the field. They understood that if they planted their land to a ménage of varietals, as opposed to one, they could achieve a superior result. Famous vineyard sites have been planted like this for over a thousand years.

Currently, the focus is on clonal selection, on matching a single clone of a varietal to the right piece of land. However, a small group of winemakers, inspired tradition, are going against the grain. They are producing field blends. There is a rich tradition of such wines in Alsace, and in Friuli, where the wines are christened with fantastic names.

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Fantasy Field Blends

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| Ronco delle Betulle "Villa Oleis," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2016 | \$41 |
| Margerum "M5", Santa Barbara, California | 2017 | \$49 |
| Dalia Maris "Gros," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$64 |
| Tablas Creek "Côtes de Tablas Blanc," Paso Robles, California | 2016 | \$70 |
| Edi Keber "Collio," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$71 |
| J.L.Chave Saint-Joseph Blanc "Circa," Northern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$71 |
| Domaine de l'Horizon, "L'Esprit de l'Horizon," Côtes Catalanes, Roussillon, France | 2016 | \$84 |
| Anne et Jean-François Ganevat "L'Ailleurs," Jura, France | 2016 | \$93 |
| Roncús "Bianco Vecchie Vigne," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2013 | \$116 |
| Jamet Côtes du Rhone Blanc, Northern Rhone, France | 2019 | \$116 |
| Chateau Musar Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon | 2007 | \$121 |
| An Approach to Relaxation "Nichon," Vine Vale, Barossa Valley, Australia | 2016 | \$128 |
| Château Simone Blanc, Palette, France | 2014 | \$144 |
| Domaine Hauvette "Dolia," Les Baux de Provence, France | 2015 | \$144 |
| Auguste Clape Saint-Péray, Northern Rhone, France | 2017 | \$151 |
| Abbazia di Rosazzo, Rosazzo, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy | 2009 | \$152 |
| La Castellada "Bianco della Castellada," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2008 | \$157 |
| Borgo del Tiglio "Studio di Bianco," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2016 | \$170 |
| Domaine Gauby "Vielles Vignes" Côtes Catalanes, Roussillon, France | 2003 | \$180 |
| Vieux Télégraphé Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape Blanc "La Crau," Southern Rhone, France | 2012 | \$198 |
| Miani "Bianco," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2014 | \$210 |
| Miani "Bianco," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$210 |
| Jean-Louis Chave L'Hermitage Blanc, Northern Rhone, France | 2000 | \$574 |

F L O R A L , A R O M A T I C , E X O T I C

“Paisan”

From Other Hills and Seas

“Paisan” is an Italian term translating to “fellow countryman.” This phrase is most commonly associated with Roberto Rossellini’s film originally titled “Paisà.” A neorealist portrait of Italy’s vast and then war torn lands from Sicily to the northern reaches of Venice. While our emphasis at Frasca is on the white wines of Friuli and the Northeast of Italy, there are numerous exciting, characterful white wines who speak of the unique and sometimes distant lands they come from. Verdicchio, from the Marche, and Vermentino, from Liguria and Sardegna, are both terrific with the local seafood and vegetable dishes made there. The trio of indigenous Campanian varietals, Fiano, Falanghina, and Greco, sing with the spicy chili flake, citrus and olive flavors that predominate in Napolitano cooking.

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

“Paisan”

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| Fratelli Alessandria Langhe Favorita, Verduno, Piemonte, Italy | 2016 | \$52 |
| Clelia Romano Fiano di Avellino “Colli di Lapio,” Campania, Italy | 2013 | \$55 |
| Vietti Arneis, Roero, Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$60 |
| Ciro Picariello Fiano di Avellino, Campania, Italy | 2019 | \$84 |
| Claudy Clavien Petite Arvine “Perles du Soleil,” Valais, Switzerland | 2016 | \$102 |
| Favia Viognier “Suize,” Amador County, California | 2015 | \$106 |
| Benanti Etna Bianco “Contrada Cavaliere,” Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy | 2018 | \$109 |
| Bovard Chasselas “Médinette,” Dézaley Grand Cru, Vaud, Switzerland | 2014 | \$115 |
| Pierre Gonon Chasselas, Northern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$165 |
| Jean-François Ganevat Savagnin “Cuvée Prestige,” Jura, France | 2006 | \$195 |
| Benanti Etna Bianco Superiore “Pietramarina,” Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy | 2016 | \$195 |
| San Lorenzo “Il San Lorenzo,” Marche, Italy | 2008 | \$198 |
| Azienda Agricola Valentini Trebbiano d’Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2015 | \$434 |

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

The Alsatian Noble Varietals Contrary Sensations

These are exotic wines with fragrances of honeysuckle and rose, peaches and apricots. You're sure they're going to be sweet. How could your nose delude you? And then you taste the wines. They're powerful, dry, and concentrated.

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The Alsatian Noble Varietals Contrary Sensations

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| Scarpetta Pinot Grigio, Friuli, Italy | 2020 | \$42 |
| Weszele Riesling "Ried Loiserberg," Kamptal, Austria | 2017 | \$64 |
| Vignoble du Réveur Riesling "Vibrations," Bennwihr, Alsace, France | 2016 | \$70 |
| Domaine Bechtold Riesling "Sussenberg," Dahlenheim, Alsace, France | 2010 | \$70 |
| Domaine Weinbach Riesling, Alsace, France | 2018 | \$90 |
| Alzinger Riesling Smaragd "Ried Loibenberg," Wachau, Austria | 2019 | \$138 |
| Von Winning Riesling G.G. "Ungeheuer," Deidesheim, Pfalz, Germany | 2017 | \$140 |
| Dönnhoff Riesling G.G. "Hermannshöhle," Niederhäusern, Nahe, Germany | 2018 | \$196 |
| Rudi Pichler Riesling Smaragd "Ried Achleiten," Wachau, Austria | 2019 | \$201 |
| Trimbach Riesling "Clos Ste. Hune," Hunawihr, Alsace, France [1500 ml] | 2013 | \$1208 |

FULL BODIED, RICH & ROUND

Chardonnay

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The Motherland

"White Burgundy" tastes differently than Chardonnay produced in other parts of the world. Because of this, people overlook the fact that White Burgundy is Chardonnay. Burgundy's Côte de Beaune is the "Motherland" of this varietal. These wines age gracefully and are extremely reflective of the terroir. The three most significant villages in the Côte de Beaune are Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, and Chassagne-Montrachet. These villages lie a stones throw away from one another. Yet, the wines produced in each are remarkably different. Meursault is the most exotic and smells of hazelnuts and honey. The wines from Puligny-Montrachet are faceted and precise. They are delicate and smell of white flowers. Chassagne-Montrachet is the bridge between the two. The wines have aromas of wild herbs and baked apples.

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Chardonnay The Motherland

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| Drouhin-Vaudon Chablis, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$61 |
| Athenais Bourgogne, Burgundy, France | 2016 | \$68 |
| Les Matheny Chardonnay, Arbois, Jura, France | 2015 | \$74 |
| Moreau-Naudet Chablis, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$88 |
| Domaine Chantemerle Chablis, Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$90 |
| Domaine Gérard Duplessis Petit Chablis, Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$93 |
| Rémi Jobard Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$93 |
| Domaine Savary Chablis "Vieilles Vignes," Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$96 |
| Thierry Pillot Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$100 |
| Domaine Pattes Loup Chablis "Vent d'Ange," Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$103 |
| Dominique Lafon Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$105 |
| Eleni & Edouard Vocoret Chablis "Le Bas de Chapelot," Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$110 |
| Michel Niellon Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2017 | \$119 |
| Pierre Morey Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$119 |
| Domaine Gérard Duplessis Chablis "Vaugiraut," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2018 | \$122 |
| Jérémy Arnaud Chablis "Vau de Vey," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2018 | \$150 |
| Domaine Roulot Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2016 | \$162 |
| Jean Noel Gagnard Chassagne-Montrachet "Champ Derrière," Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$201 |
| Jean-Philippe Fichet Meursault "Le Tesson," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2019 | \$216 |
| Michel Niellon Chassagne-Montrachet "Clos de la Maltroie," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2016 | \$276 |

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Chardonnay The Motherland

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| Pierre Morey Meursault, Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$288 |
| Maison Leroy Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$294 |
| Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Meursault "Santenots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$393 |
| Pierre Girardin Meursault "Les Charmes," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2019 | \$393 |
| Domaine Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet "Clavoillon," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2015 | \$412 |
| Domaine du Martray Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2004 | \$486 |
| Domaine Roulot Meursault "Porusot," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2013 | \$640 |
| Domaine Leflaive Puligny-Montrachet "Les Pucelles," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2015 | \$765 |
| Domaine Roulot Meursault "Clos des Bouchères," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2012 | \$841 |
| Domaine Roulot Meursault "Clos des Bouchères," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2014 | \$841 |
| Domaine Leflaive Chevalier-Montrachet, Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2009 | \$889 |
| Coche-Dury Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2011 | \$4000 |

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Italian Chardonnay Between Worlds

For those looking to meet in between California and Burgundy this is the place. Chardonnay produced in Italy is able to combine the finesse of French Chardonnay with the tremendous richness and generosity of examples produced in California.

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Italian Chardonnay Between Worlds

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| Lis Neris Chardonnay "Jurosa," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy | 2014 | \$78 |
| Kante Chardonnay, Carso, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$87 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Chardonnay "Ronco Basso," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$96 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Chardonnay "Corrado di Manzano," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$125 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Chardonnay "Sol," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$157 |
| Miani Chardonnay, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2014 | \$210 |
| Miani Chardonnay "Baracca," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2019 | \$240 |

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Chardonnay First Love

No other wine inspires such a diverse range of feelings as California Chardonnay. It's the first wine most people fell in love with. It's also the only grape varietal that has inspired clubs devoted to its demise. The wines are lavishly oaked, buttery, tropical, and undeniably complex. They embrace their roots and the qualities people love in California Chardonnay.

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Chardonnay

First Love

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| Enfield Wine Co. Chardonnay "Citrine," California | 2017 | \$60 |
| Arnot-Roberts Chardonnay "Watson Ranch," Napa, California | 2016 | \$77 |
| Wilde Farm Chardonnay "Brouseau Vineyard," Chalone, Monterrey County, California | 2014 | \$85 |
| Martin Woods Chardonnay "Yamhill Valley Vineyard," McMinnville, Oregon | 2016 | \$90 |
| Arcadian Chardonnay "Clos Pepe Vineyard," Sta. Rita Hills, California | 2012 | \$96 |
| Lingua Franca Chardonnay "Avni," Willamette Valley, Oregon | 2017 | \$96 |
| Mayacamas Chardonnay, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, California | 2017 | \$105 |
| Peay Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, California | 2015 | \$109 |
| Massican Chardonnay "Hyde," Napa Valley, California | 2018 | \$122 |
| Tyler Chardonnay "La Rinconada Vineyard," Sta. Rita Hills, California | 2016 | \$128 |
| Rhys Chardonnay "Horseshoe Vineyard," Santa Cruz Mountains, California | 2013 | \$150 |
| Hyde de Villaine Chardonnay "Hyde Vineyard," Carneros, California | 2018 | \$168 |
| Hirsch Chardonnay "Estate," Sonoma Coast, California | 2013 | \$168 |
| Raen Chardonnay "Charles Ranch," Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast, California | 2017 | \$180 |

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Pinot Noir The Holy Grail

No wine experience is more coveted than an encounter with a breathtaking bottle of Pinot Noir. But finding that great bottle of Pinot is akin to the quest for the Holy Grail. One encounters many extraordinary stories but few actual experiences. There are reasons for this. Pinot Noir is the most difficult red wine to make. It requires a cool climate to thrive. However, growing it in cool climates subjects the varietal to an inordinate amount of bad weather. This is the last thing a fragile, thin-skinned varietal like Pinot needs. It is easily destroyed by rain, rot, and hail. Regions like Oregon's Willamette Valley, famous for Pinot Noir, rarely experience a string of great vintages. Fortunately, we've done the research for you. The following wines deliver what you seek.

Pinot Noir Crafted by the Ocean

Pinot Noir requires a cool climate in order to thrive. In France, this climate is Burgundy, where cool temperatures sweep in from the core of continental Europe. In the new world, the moderator of summer's heat is the ocean. When Pinot Noir is grown successfully on the western coast of America it does so because of its relationship with the Pacific.

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Pinot Noir Crafted by the Ocean

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| J. Hofstätter Pinot Nero "Meczan," Alto Adige, Italy | 2018 | \$72 |
| Bodega Chacra Pinot Noir "Barda," Rio Negro, Patagonia, Argentina | 2019 | \$80 |
| Whitcraft Winery Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara, California | 2019 | \$84 |
| Failla Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California | 2019 | \$87 |
| Smockshop Band Pinot Noir "Spring Ephemeral," Columbia Gorge, Oregon | 2017 | \$100 |
| Littorai Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California | 2019 | \$122 |
| Ceritas Pinot Noir "Elliot," Sonoma Coast, California | 2018 | \$144 |
| Donnachadh Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara, California | 2018 | \$148 |

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

The Côte d'Or

Nothing is more intimidating for the novice wine lover than trying to understand Burgundy. One is confronted with a map of vineyards reminiscent of a cubist painting. There are hundreds of vineyard and village names.

The villages of Pommard and Gevrey-Chambertin produce broad-shouldered powerful Pinot Noir. The wines are dark in color, possess forceful thick tannins, and smell of black cherries, leather, and bacon.

The villages of Chambolle-Musigny and Volnay are famous for producing delicate Pinot Noir. These wines are translucent red in color. They smell of dried flowers, chanterelle mushrooms, and limestone. Often, people assume that there is a correlation between color and complexity; that full-bodied, darkly colored, highly extracted wines are the most complex. But these wines illustrate that this is not the case. They are among the most complex wines. However, the complexity is based on delicacy, not power.

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

The Côte d'Or

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| Emanuel Giboulot Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits "Sous le Mont," Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$138 |
| Domaine de Montille Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Saints-Juliens," Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$156 |
| Pierre Girardin Pommard "Éclat de Calcaire, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$165 |
| Dominique Lafon Beaune "Les Grèves," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2019 | \$228 |
| Chanterèves Pommard, Burgundy, France | 2019 | \$228 |
| Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Pruliers," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$240 |
| Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges "Clos des Porrets St-Georges," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2018 | \$240 |
| Domaine Lucien Boillot & Fils Volnay "Les Caillerets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$240 |
| Génot-Boulangier Pommard "Clos Blanc," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$243 |
| Domaine de la Arlot Nuits-Saint-Georges "Mont des Oiseaux," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2019 | \$261 |
| Domaine Y.Clerget Volnay "Carelle sous la Chapelle," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2019 | \$279 |
| Domaine Arnoux-Lachaux Chambolle-Musigny, Burgundy, France | 2018 | \$348 |
| Hubert Lignier Morey St. Denis "Les Chaffots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2004 | \$349 |
| David Duband Chambolle-Musigny "Les Gruenchers," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$360 |
| Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Volnay "Fremiet," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2014 | \$375 |
| Domaine Michel Lafarge Volnay "Clos des Chênes," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2013 | \$379 |
| Bernard Dugat-Py Gevrey-Chambertin "Champeaux," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2008 | \$406 |

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| Domaine des Comtes Lafon Volnay-Santenots du Milleu, Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2013 | \$410 |
| Domaine G.Roumier Morey St.-Denis "Clos de la Bussière," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2013 | \$417 |
| Domaine Arnoux-Lachaux Vosne-Romanée "Les Chaumes," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2017 | \$447 |
| Domaine Jean Grivot Nuits-Saint-Georges "Aux Boudots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2012 | \$450 |
| Armand Rousseau Gevrey-Chambertin "Les Cazetiers," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2013 | \$455 |
| Frédéric Magnien "Clos Vougeot," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2016 | \$510 |
| Domaine Dujac Gevrey-Chambertin "Aux Combottes," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2014 | \$560 |
| Joseph Roty Griottes-Chambertin, Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2006 | \$571 |
| Jean-Marie Fourrier "Échézeaux," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2012 | \$659 |
| Domaine Dujac "Clos Saint-Denis," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2012 | \$850 |
| Armand Rousseau "Charmes-Chambertin," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2012 | \$905 |
| E. Rouget "Échézeaux," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2013 | \$1006 |
| Maison Leroy Volnay "Les Angles," Burgundy 1er Cru, France | 2000 | \$1345 |
| Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "Échézeaux," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2011 | \$2003 |
| Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "Romanée-St-Vivant," Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2010 | \$2838 |
| Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "Richebourg" Burgundy Grand Cru, France | 2011 | \$2995 |

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Rosé Wine for Tonight

No other wine evokes the Here & Now quite like rosé. As the snow melts from the mountains, at the first signs of Spring, our souls begin to long for rosé. It is a style of wine meant for a specific setting. Fresh and sprightly, the classic dry versions from Provence are the perfect spring refresher. The ideal compliment to tomatoes, asparagus, and spring peas, rosé demands the freshest garden selections. With few exceptions, like Chateau Simone and Clos Cibonne, rosés are very best when young. Drink them now, before the leaves fall and you begin to yearn for heavier, weightier wines.

Barbera True North

In the Piemonte of the past Barbera was planted on slopes facing North, on the side of the vineyard where the sun doesn't shine, in gulches and gullies. They reserved the best spots of the vineyard for Nebbiolo and the production of Barolo. The Barbera produced from this mindset were simple acidic wines to be consumed in their youth, a mere afterthought.

A lot has changed in fifteen years. Barbera is now valued as a plush counterpoint to wines made from the tannic Nebbiolo grape. Barbera is planted in prime, south-facing locations in great vineyards, and vinified like a serious red wine.

Nebbiolo is often compared to Red Burgundy because of its light color and ethereal aromas. A similar comparison might be made between Barbera and New World Pinot Noir. People fall in love with Pinot Noir's dark cherry fruit, low tannin and bright acidity. It's prized for its ability to meld with vast variation in cuisine. Barbera plays the same roll. It has a magenta ruby hue, deep, dark berry fruit, complete absence of tannin, and enlivening acids.

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Rosé

Wine for Tonight

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| My Essential Rosé, Provence, France | 2018 | \$36 |
| Scarbolo "Il Ramato," Grave, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$46 |
| Tiberio Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2017 | \$49 |
| Peyrassol Rosé "Cuvée des Commandeurs," Côtes de Provence, Provence, France | 2020 | \$58 |
| Bisson Ciliegiole, Portofino, Liguria, Italy | 2019 | \$60 |
| Nervi-Conterno Rosato "Il Rosato," Piemonte, Italy | 2020 | \$68 |
| Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Rosé, Burgundy, France | 2020 | \$87 |
| Château Pradeaux Rosé, Bandol, France | 2020 | \$87 |
| Domaine Tempier Rosé, Bandol, France | 2018 | \$112 |
| Château Simone Rosé, Palette, France | 2019 | \$168 |
| Azienda Agricola Valentini Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2019 | \$420 |

Barbera and Blends

True North

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|---|------|-------|
| Iuli Barbera del Monferrato "Umberta," Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$52 |
| Cigliuti Barbera d'Alba "Vigna Serraboella," Piemonte, Italy | 2018 | \$65 |
| Bruno Giacosa Barbera d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2018 | \$84 |
| Brovia Barbera d'Alba "Sori' del Drago," Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$87 |
| Iuli Barbera del Monferrato "Barabba," Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$103 |
| Vietti Barbera d'Alba "Vigna Scarrone," Piemonte, Italy | 2017 | \$112 |
| Braida Barbera d'Asti "Bricco dell'Uccellone," Piemonte, Italy | 2016 | \$168 |

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Grenache and Zinfandel Strawberries and Spice

These varietals excel in warm climates. You can feel the sunshine when you drink them. They remind you of the jam your grandmother made; of strawberries and black berries picked at the peak of ripeness. They also take on the spicy scents of the surrounding countryside. In the Southern Rhône Valley this means provencal herbs and pepper. In the warm climates of California one can smell briar, bay leaf, and juniper.

These wines are great in summer and winter. One can enjoy them with both barbecues and braises.

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Grenache, Zinfandel, & Nero d'Avola Strawberries and Spice

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|---|------|-------|
| Pedro Parra Cinsault "Imaginador," Itata, Chile | 2018 | \$58 |
| Musar Jeune Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon | 2018 | \$58 |
| Famille Dutraive Fleurie "La Tonne," Beaujolais, France | 2018 | \$68 |
| Roland Pignard Morgon, Beaujolais, France | 2016 | \$80 |
| Le Clos du Caillou Côtes du Rhone "Les Quartz," Southern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$80 |
| Cune Rioja Gran Reserva, Rioja, Spain | 2014 | \$96 |
| Domaine des Tours Vaucluse, Southern Rhone, France | 2015 | \$103 |
| Robert Biale Vineyards Zinfandel "Black Chicken," Napa Valley, California | 2019 | \$109 |
| Jean Foillard Morgon "Cuvée Corcelette," Beaujolais, France | 2018 | \$123 |
| Goyo García Viadero "Finca el Peruco," Ribera del Duero, Spain | 2014 | \$138 |
| Domaine Tempier "La Migoua," Bandol, France | 2018 | \$159 |
| Domaine Hauvette "Cornaline," Les Baux de Provence, France | 2015 | \$162 |
| Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$170 |
| Benanti Etna Rosso Riserva "Serra della Contessa Particella no. 587," Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy | 2015 | \$195 |
| Domaine Hauvette "Amethyste," Les Baux de Provence, France | 2018 | \$225 |

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|---|------|--------|
| Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$276 |
| Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudo di Mezzo," Sicily, Italy [1500 ml] | 2005 | \$329 |
| Daphne Glorian "Clos Erasmus," Gratallops, Priorat, Spain | 2012 | \$392 |
| Terroir al Limit Priorat, "Les Manyes," Priorat, Catalunya, Spain | 2013 | \$489 |
| Chateau Pignan Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France | 2009 | \$736 |
| Chateau Rayas Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France | 2006 | \$1218 |
| Chateau Rayas Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France | 2009 | \$1462 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Cabernet, Merlot, Etc. Blue Chip Bordeaux Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot are the five Bordeaux varietals. The wines produced from them in Bordeaux and in the Napa Valley are the commodities of the wine world. Right or wrong, they are the standard by which all other red wines are judged.

Cabernet The Left Bank

Bordeaux is created from water. Its great vineyards were reclaimed from the sea. The sweet wines of Sauternes are born in the misty interactions of waterways and the Atlantic Ocean is responsible for the region's moderate climate. Water also divides the region. The Gironde Estuary divides the region between The Left and Right banks; between the Cabernet based wines of the Medoc and the Merlot inspired blends of St. Emillion and Pomerol. This dichotomy between the two banks is essential to both an understanding of Bordeaux and the difference between Cabernet and Merlot.

The Medoc is the youngest of France's great wine regions. The gravelly vineyards didn't emerge until the estuary was dredged by the Dutch in the 1600's. This move transformed mere marshland into the prime real estate of the viticultural world. The wines from the appellations of St. Estephe, Pauillac, St. Julien, and Margaux are the essence of Cabernet. Drinking them allows us to understand the grape. They smell of cassis, sweet cuban tobacco, and pencil shavings. Their powerful, fine, tannins are buffered by dark red fruits. They are delicious in their youth but capable of aging for up to one hundred years.

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Cabernet

The Left Bank

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|---|------|-------|
| Cartello Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California | 2018 | \$86 |
| Tenuta di Trinoro "Le Cupole," Sarteano, Tuscany, Italy | 2019 | \$87 |
| Matthiason Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California | 2017 | \$96 |
| Tzum "Fèis Spring Ephemeral," Columbia Gorge, Oregon | 2018 | \$120 |
| Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon "Estate Grown," Rutherford, Napa Valley, California | 2018 | \$145 |
| Le Serre Nuove Dell'Ornellaia, Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$175 |
| Ca' Marcanda "Magari," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$186 |
| Domaine de Trévallon, Les Baux de Provence, France | 2015 | \$213 |
| Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley, California | 2017 | \$225 |
| Dunn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California | 2017 | \$234 |
| Dalla Valle "Collina," Napa Valley, California | 2018 | \$240 |
| Castello dei Rampolla "d'Alceo," Panzano, Tuscany, Italy | 2007 | \$426 |
| Geurrieri Gonzaga "San Leonardo," Trentino, Italy | 1994 | \$450 |
| Tenuta di Trinoro Rosso Toscana, Sarteano, Tuscany, Italy | 2013 | \$457 |
| Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$531 |
| Dalla Valle Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California | 2016 | \$541 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Cabernet, Merlot, Etc. Blue Chip Bordeaux Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot are the five Bordeaux varietals. The wines produced from them in Bordeaux and in the Napa Valley are the commodities of the wine world. Right or wrong, they are the standard by which all other red wines are judged.

Cabernet The Left Bank

Bordeaux is created from water. Its great vineyards were reclaimed from the sea. The sweet wines of Sauternes are born in the misty interactions of waterways and the Atlantic Ocean is responsible for the region's moderate climate. Water also divides the region. The Gironde Estuary divides the region between The Left and Right banks; between the Cabernet based wines of the Medoc and the Merlot inspired blends of St. Emillion and Pomerol. This dichotomy between the two banks is essential to both an understanding of Bordeaux and the difference between Cabernet and Merlot.

The Medoc is the youngest of France's great wine regions. The gravelly vineyards didn't emerge until the estuary was dredged by the Dutch in the 1600's. This move transformed mere marshland into the prime real estate of the viticultural world. The wines from the appellations of St. Estephe, Pauillac, St. Julien, and Margaux are the essence of Cabernet. Drinking them allows us to understand the grape. They smell of cassis, sweet cuban tobacco, and pencil shavings. Their powerful, fine, tannins are buffered by dark red fruits. They are delicious in their youth but capable of aging for up to one hundred years.

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Cabernet The Left Bank

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| Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2012 | \$631 |
| Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2004 | \$864 |
| Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion, Graves, Bordeaux, France | 1998 | \$946 |
| Dalla Valle "Maya," Napa Valley, California | 2016 | \$1081 |
| Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 1990 | \$1179 |
| Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac, Bordeaux, France | 1982 | \$5150 |
| Chateau Latour, Pauillac, Bordeaux, France | 1961 | \$5890 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Merlot & Cabernet Franc The Right Bank

The right bank refers to the land that lies to the east of the Gironde Estuary and the great appellations of St. Emillion and Pomerol. The scene, and the wines themselves, starkly contrast the structured culture of the Medoc. Many of the Medoc's chateaus occupy areas of land larger than than the appellation Hermitage, while the wines of Pomerol are often produced from holdings of only a few acres. The wines of the medoc are conservatively tethered to a systematic classification dating back to 1855 while the wines of Pomerol are only defined by the extravagant prices they can command in the market.

The differences are just as stark in the wines themselves. Cabernet is bridled by its structure but Merlot knows no such bounds. The Merlot and Cabernet Franc based wines of St. Emillion and Pomerol are the apogee of hedonism. They smell of coffee, ripe plums, and creamy chocolate. Though these wines are capable of aging as well as Cabernet they do so with a more fluid sense of structure.

Bordeaux isn't the only place that produces great Merlot. Italy is becoming an increasingly important place for this varietal. Merlot from the Tuscan Coast combines the aromatics of Pomerol with the sheer ripeness of wine from the Napa Valley. Merlot has also found a home in Friuli where we find the most delicate expression of the varietal.

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Merlot & Cabernet Franc The Right Bank

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| Mayacamas Merlot, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, California | 2015 | \$79 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz "Pupillo," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$96 |
| Tercic Merlot, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$100 |
| Podversic Damijan "Prelit," Gorizia, Friuli, Italy | 2013 | \$138 |
| Charles Joguet Chinon "Clos du Chêne Vert," Loire, France | 2016 | \$150 |
| Tenuta di Trinoro "Campo di Magnacosta," Sarteano, Tuscany, Italy | 2014 | \$237 |
| Roberto Voerzio Merlot "Pissota," Langhe, Piemonte, Italy | 2010 | \$249 |
| Vignai da Duline "il Merlot," Friuli Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy [1500 ml] | 2010 | \$260 |
| Miani Rosso, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$267 |
| Le Macchiole "Paleo" Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$277 |
| Le Macchiole "Messorio," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 2014 | \$407 |
| Miani Merlot, "Buri," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2012 | \$476 |
| Miani Merlot, "Filip," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2012 | \$525 |
| Giuseppe Quintarelli "Alzero," Veneto, Italy | 2009 | \$875 |

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Nebbiolo Grape of the Fog

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| G.D. Vajra Langhe Nebbiolo, Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$61 |
| Cascina Preziosa Spanna, Coste della Sesia, Piemonte, Italy | 2017 | \$80 |
| Trediberri Barolo, La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2017 | \$96 |
| Giacomo Fenocchio Barolo, Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2017 | \$106 |
| Luke Lambert Nebbiolo, Yarra Valley, Australia | 2016 | \$140 |
| Brovia Barolo, Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2017 | \$159 |
| Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Riserva "Montestefano," Piemonte, Italy | 2016 | \$162 |
| Alessandria Barolo "Gramolere," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2015 | \$171 |
| Giovanni Canonica Barolo "Paigallo," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy | 2013 | \$175 |
| Cascina Fontana Barolo "Vecchia Vigne," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2013 | \$189 |
| Margherita Otto Barolo, Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2015 | \$189 |
| Alessandria Barolo "Monvigliero," Verduno, Piemonte, Italy | 2015 | \$210 |
| Nervi-Conterno Gattinara "Vigna Molsino," Piemonte, Italy | 2014 | \$270 |
| Roagna Barolo "Pira," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2013 | \$285 |
| Aldo Conterno Barolo "Cicala," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2010 | \$346 |

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| Vietti Barolo "Lazzarito," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2014 | \$360 |
| Vietti Barolo "Lazzarito," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2012 | \$360 |
| Vietti Barolo "Brunate," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2012 | \$360 |
| Vietti Barolo "Rocche di Castiglione," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2012 | \$360 |
| Vietti Barolo "Rocche di Castiglione," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2006 | \$415 |
| Bartolo Mascarello Barolo, Barolo/La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2012 | \$424 |
| Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Tre-Tine," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy | 2010 | \$424 |
| G.D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco delle Viole," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml] | 2010 | \$425 |
| Giacomo Conterno Barolo "Cascina Francia," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2005 | \$426 |
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| Gaja Langhe Nebbiolo "Sperss," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2009 | \$429 |
| Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Brunate-Le Coste," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy | 2005 | \$437 |

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| Gaja Barbaresco, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy | 2014 | \$508 |
| Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Cerequio," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2008 | \$524 |
| Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Cerequio," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2012 | \$566 |
| Paolo Scavino Barolo Riserva "Bric d'el Fiasc," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2008 | \$589 |
| Vietti Barolo Riserva "Villero," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 2006 | \$678 |
| Vietti Barolo "Rocche," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 1988 | \$721 |
| Roberto Voerzio Barolo Riserva 10 Anni "Fossati Case Nere," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 2006 | \$739 |
| Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Tre-Tine," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml] | 2011 | \$755 |
| Bruno Giacosa Barolo "Villero," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy | 1990 | \$876 |
| Roberto Voerzio Barolo "La Serra," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy | 1996 | \$939 |
| Gaja Barbaresco "Sori San Lorenzo," Piemonte, Italy | 1990 | \$995 |
| Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Riserva Vecchie Viti dei Capalot e Delle Brunate," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml] | 2008 | \$1044 |

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| Paolo Scavino Barolo Riserva "Rocche Dell'Annunziata," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy [3000 ml] | 1996 | \$2007 |
| Giacomo Conterno Barolo Riserva "Monfortino," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2005 | \$2300 |
| Giacomo Conterno Barolo Riserva "Monfortino," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy | 2004 | \$2600 |
| Giacomo Conterno Barolo Riserva "Monfortino," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml] | 2001 | \$3600 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Indigenous Ancient Varietals

International grape varietals like Cabernet and Chardonnay thrive all over the world. In contrast, the following grapes are grown in a specific place. They are at their best planted in the terrain they have inhabited for centuries.

As the international wine scene boomed over the course of the late twentieth century most of these varietals lay dormant, accessible only to a small local populace. Often, these varietals have a more rustic texture, which prevented them from being understood by a wide audience. They sat idle while they waited for the benefit technology would bring.

Modern winemaking has married the unique flavor and structure of these varietals to supple texture. The following grapes offer a gateway to the past, a way to experience wine as our ancestors did. Italy is a treasure trove of such varietals and the ideal place to start such exploration.

Corvina, Rondinella, and Molinara Wines of Meditation

Vino de meditazione as the Italians call them. These are wines to be enjoyed at the end of an evening, to consecrate the meal. Drink them alone, with game, or a simple cheese plate.

They are made from Corvina Veronese, Rondinella, Molinara, and Negrara, planted on the hillsides of Verona's Valpolicella Classico Zone. The grapes are harvested in the fall and placed in barns where they hang through the winter. During the drying process the grapes lose water, concentrating aroma, flavor, and sweetness. They are pressed the following spring and when fermented dry are called Amarone. They taste of bitter chocolate, raisins, exotic spices and tobacco.

Sip these wines and enjoy their luxurious texture and warming alcohol.

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Indigenous Ancient Varietals

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| Trediberri Dolcetto, "Bricco Mollea," Dogliani, Piemonte, Italy | 2019 | \$46 |
| Ronchi di Cialla Refosco, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$55 |
| Guímaro Ribeira Sacra "Camiño Real," Galicia, Spain | 2018 | \$61 |
| Ronchi di Cialla "RiNera," Venezia Giulia, Italy | 2018 | \$64 |
| Petrussa Schioppettino, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$87 |
| Pitticco Schioppettino, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$87 |
| Ronco del Gnemiz Schioppettino Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$103 |
| Vignai da Duline Schioppettino "La Duline," Friuli, Italy | 2017 | \$103 |
| Dalía Marís Pignolo "Pignûl," Trevenezie, Italy | 2018 | \$106 |
| Pitticco Tazzelenghe "Serika," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$109 |
| Petrussa Schioppettino "S.Elena," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2018 | \$116 |
| Vignai da Duline "Morus Nigra," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$120 |
| Ronchi di Cialla Schioppettino di Cialla Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 2015 | \$122 |
| Foradori Teroldego "Granato," Alto-Adige, Italy | 2018 | \$165 |
| Ronchi di Cialla Schioppettino di Cialla Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 1995 | \$180 |
| Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy | 2016 | \$190 |
| Galardi "Terra di Lavoro," Campania, Italy | 2009 | \$195 |
| Moric Blaufränkisch "Lutzmannsburg," Alte Reben, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria | 2013 | \$270 |
| Moric Blaufränkisch "Neckenmarkt," Alte Reben, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria | 2013 | \$270 |
| Emidio Pepe Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2013 | \$300 |
| Ronchi di Cialla Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso di Cialla Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy | 1983 | \$339 |
| Emidio Pepe Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2003 | \$426 |
| Emidio Pepe Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy | 2008 | \$427 |
| Giuseppe Quintarelli "Amarone Della Valpolicella Riserva," Veneto, Italy | 2009 | \$1250 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Sangiovese Chianti

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Sangiovese

Blood of Jupiter

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| Istine Chianti Classico, Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$61 |
| Caparsa Chianti Classico, Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$61 |
| Riecine Chianti Classico, Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2019 | \$64 |
| Isole E Olena Chianti Classico, Barberino Tavarnelle, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$65 |
| Castell'in Villa Chianti Classico, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$71 |
| Piemaggio Chianti Classico, Castellina, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$77 |
| Riecine Chianti Classico Riserva, Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$109 |
| Istine Chianti Classico "Vigna Istine," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$116 |
| Istine Chianti Classico "Vigna Casanova Dell'Aia," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$116 |
| Istine Chianti Classico "Vigna Cavarchione," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$116 |
| Piemaggio Chianti Classico Riserva, Castellina, Tuscany, Italy | 2013 | \$125 |
| Istine Chianti Classico Riserva "Levigne," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$125 |
| Castell'in Villa Chianti Classico Riserva, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$144 |
| Le Boncie "Le Trame," Castelnuovo Berardenga, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$148 |
| Monteraponi Chianti Classico "Baron' Ugo," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$148 |
| Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Gran Selezione "Il Poggio," Barberino Val d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy | 2014 | \$156 |

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| Le Boncie "Chiesamonti," Castelnuovo Berardenga, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$156 |
| Isole E Olena "Cepparello," Barberino Tavarnelle, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$192 |
| Monteraponi Chianti Classico Riserva "Il Campitello," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$198 |
| Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva "Il Poggio," Barberino Val d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy | 2009 | \$213 |
| San Giusto A Rentennano "Percarlo," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2010 | \$256 |
| Bibi Graetz "Testamatta," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy | 2013 | \$291 |
| Bibi Graetz "Testamatta," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy | 2012 | \$293 |
| Antinori "Tignanello," Firenze in San Casciano, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$306 |
| Fontodi "Flaccianello della Pieve," Panzano, Tuscany, Italy | 1999 | \$393 |
| Montevertine "Le Pergole Torte," Radda, Tuscany, Italy | 2010 | \$395 |
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| Isole E Olena Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Barberino Val d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy | 2006 | \$435 |
| Castello di Ama Chianti Classico "Vigneto Bellavista," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2004 | \$458 |
| Montevertine "Le Pergole Torte," Radda, Tuscany, Italy [1500 ml] | 2010 | \$790 |

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Sangiovese Wines of Montalcino and Montepulciano

Although Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano are made from Sangiovese and are a mere 35 miles South of Siena, the wines taste markedly different from Chianti. The respective clones of Sangiovese, the Brunello or Sangiovese Grosso of Montalcino and the Prugnolo Gentile of Montepulciano, have adapted to the hotter climate and sandier soils here. The resulting wines exhibit riper fruit aromas and the tannin structure is more pronounced, enabling the wines to age longer than Chianti is typically capable of aging.

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Sangiovese Blood of Jupiter

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| Val di Suga Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$80 |
| Le Chiuse Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$80 |
| Le Ragnaie Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$96 |
| Pian dell'Orino "Piandorino," Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2018 | \$96 |
| Salicutti Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$125 |
| Cerbaiona Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$132 |
| Caprili Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$154 |
| Pian dell'Orino Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2017 | \$157 |
| La Torre Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$177 |
| Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$201 |
| Le Chiuse Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2016 | \$210 |
| Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$213 |
| Biondi-Santi Rosso di Montalcino "Fascia Rossa," Tuscany, Italy | 2014 | \$231 |
| Conti Costanti Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$246 |
| Biondi-Santi Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$249 |
| Stella di Campalto Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2014 | \$258 |

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| Stella di Campalto Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$282 |
| Pian dell'Orino Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$285 |
| Padelletti Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2015 | \$336 |
| Stella di Campalto Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany, Italy | 2012 | \$395 |
| Il Marroneto Brunello di Montalcino "Madonna delle Grazie," Tuscany, Italy | 2011 | \$406 |
| Salvioni Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2010 | \$438 |
| Stella di Campalto Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany, Italy | 2013 | \$454 |
| Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2008 | \$497 |
| Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2004 | \$512 |
| Poggio di Sotto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2008 | \$540 |
| Il Paradiso di Manfredi Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy [1500 ml] | 2004 | \$584 |
| Poggio di Sotto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 2009 | \$618 |
| Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy | 1990 | \$721 |

B L A C K & B L U E

Syrah Lavender Wake

The personality of Syrah asserts itself powerfully. Tasters rarely fail to recognize its purple hue and intense aromas of blueberry, bacon-fat, and white pepper. Its intoxicating aroma, capable of making even the most jaded drinker swoon, has the potential of overwhelming the flavor of the landscape. How is one supposed to taste the hairline vein of iron running through the bed of clay, the scent of a pinecone carried by the wind, or the path of the sun across the hill, when the grape involved is capable of subsuming all sensation in its lavender wake?

At times identification can be challenging, but Syrah does display discernibly different personalities in the locations where it is grown. The climate of the growing region magnifies different aspects of the grape's flavor. The cool climate of Cote Rotie's terraced hillsides renders Syrah in which scents of flower, spice and rock are magnified, while fruit, color and alcohol recede toward the background. At Lee Hudson's vineyard in Carneros all of Syrah's aromatic cylinders strike at full bore. In wines from this site, aromas of ripe black fruits stand "toe to toe" with those of purple flowers and smoked meat. Wines from South Australia's Barossa Valley express aromas of sun-baked blueberry. Volatile esters of chocolate and caramel accompany these scents. Syrah's savory side is subdued, emerging subtly as wild mint and eucalyptus.

Syrah is beginning to gain a foothold in Italy. Winemakers are experimenting with the grape in every one of Italy's important wine regions. Sometimes the results are predictable. Syrah from the Alpine slopes of Valle d'Aosta tends to resemble Cote Rotie while examples from Sicilia are closest in flavor to wines from Australia. However, there are some exciting examples of Syrah in which regional terroir is capable of fully taming the flavor of the grape. When tasting Le Macchiole's micro-production Syrah "Scrio", the scent of the varietal vanishes. The characteristic Bolgheri aromas of wildflower honey and gravel emerge prominently. In this wine Syrah's exotic personality lingers as a barely detectible afterthought.

BLACK & BLUE

Syrah Lavender Wake

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| J.L Chave Saint-Joseph "Offerus," Northern Rhone, France | 2017 | \$74 |
| Stephane Ogier Syrah "La Rosine," Rhone, France | 2016 | \$77 |
| Pax Syrah "North Coast," Sonoma County, California | 2018 | \$84 |
| Domaine Faury Saint-Joseph, Northern Rhone, France | 2018 | \$93 |
| Arcadian Syrah "Stolpman Vineyard," Santa Ynez Valley, California | 2008 | \$96 |
| Domaine Monier Saint-Joseph "Terre Blanche," Northern Rhone, France | 2017 | \$145 |
| Domaine Champet Côte Rôtie "La Viallière," Northern Rhone, France | 2019 | \$156 |
| Jean Louis Chave Saint-Joseph, Northern Rhone, France | 2016 | \$173 |
| Jean-Michel Gerin Côte Rôtie "Champin Le Seigneur," Northern Rhone, France | 2014 | \$180 |
| Rene Rostaing Côte-Rôtie "Ampodium," Northern Rhone, France | 2017 | \$186 |
| Le Macchiole Syrah "Scryo," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy | 1999 | \$513 |
| Jean Louis Chave Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France | 2011 | \$556 |
| Jamet Côte-Rôtie "Côte-Brune," Northern Rhone, France | 2011 | \$590 |
| Jean Louis Chave Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France | 1996 | \$882 |
| Jean Louis Chave Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France | 2000 | \$900 |

S T I C K Y & S W E E T

Nowhere is the pairing of food and wine more essential than in the case of dessert wines. Often these wines are consumed with a sweet dessert course, but it is when they are served with cheese, paté, and foie gras that they come into their own.

STICKY & SWEET

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| Vietti Moscato d'Asti, Piemonte, Italy | 2020 | \$13 glass |
| La Cappuccina Recioto di Soave "Arzimo," Veneto, Italy | 2015 | \$16 glass |
| Kopke L.B.V. Port, Douro, Portugal | 2015 | \$18 glass |
| Badia a Coltibuono Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy | 2011 | \$20 glass |
| Maculan "Torcolato," Breganze, Veneto, Italy | 2016 | \$20 glass |
| Château Les Justices Sauternes, Preignac, Bordeaux, France | 2015 | \$24 glass |
| Vietti Moscato d'Asti, Piemonte, Italy | 2020 | \$45 |
| Braida Brachetto d'Acqui, Piemonte, Italy | 2018 | \$58 |
| Bodegas Valdespino Oloroso VOS "Don Gonzalo," Jerez, Spain [375 ml] | M.V. | \$68 |
| La Cappuccina Recioto di Soave "Arzimo," Veneto, Italy [500 ml] | 2015 | \$68 |
| Badia a Coltibuono Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy [375 ml] | 2011 | \$106 |
| The Rare Wine Co. Madeira "Charleston Sercial," Madeira, Portugal | M.V. | \$107 |
| Maculan "Torcolato," Breganze, Veneto, Italy [375 ml] | 2016 | \$122 |
| Giuseppe Quintarelli Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy [750 ml] | 1990 | \$695 |