



## Welcome to The Whiskers Society

Chef Patron Jonathan Cook had a debate club where the tasting and discussion of new and exciting wines was encouraged. And that's what our Sommelier Miguel Crunia wants to replicate meanwhile you dine with us in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

**We invite you to take an important decision:**

### **Take a stroll off the beaten track**

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*let us show you how deep the rabbit hole goes discovering new regions & varieties.*

### **Meander down memory lane**

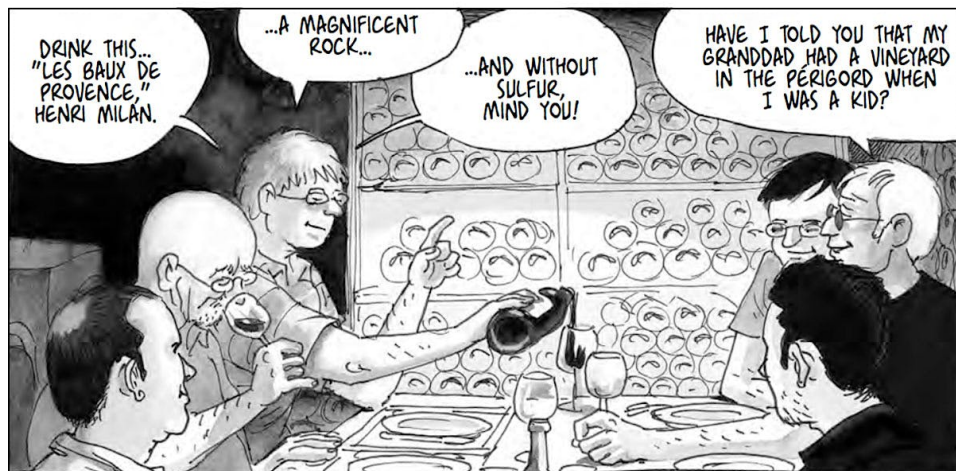
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*stay in your comfort zone and drink some of the greatest wines from classical regions.*

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## Off the beaten track!



With this list we want to encourage you to get out of your comfort zone and embark on a journey where we will take you to discover and explore new regions, grapes, and styles.

Remember, we're here to help you as we are wine lovers before anything else! You may not recognize every wine on this list but that's more than ok, so feel free to ask questions!

We just want you to trust in sommeliers once again. It's good-bye to the haughty bow-tied sommeliers who might've made you feel clueless for not knowing about a wine. We want to build up a community guided by a strong sense of "**wineloverism**".

## Great bubbles beyond Champagne

### **Riesling, Andreas Bender, Sekt, Brut, Mosel, Germany, 2019**

**62**

Andreas Bender is behind this fabulous wine. While on the one hand, his ideas are modern (he blends vineyards), when it comes to winemaking itself, Andreas is committed to low intervention.

### **Júlia Bernet, R-130, Xarel.lo, Corpinnat, Penedés, 2016**

**80**

Sourced from 130 years old vines of Xarel.lo planted by Xavier's grandfather on the slopes of the Ordal mountain, an area that is difficult to access. It ages a minimum of 46 months on its lees.

### **Blackbook, GMF, Battersea (London), 2019**

**60**

Seyval sourced from Essex & fermented in barrel (50%) where it spends a minimum of 6 months ageing on lees prior 2<sup>nd</sup> fermentation. Bottled undisgorged under crown cap giving the benefit continued lees ageing in the bottle.

### **Mahara, Espátula, Palomino de Parcela, Pet Nat, Cádiz, 2019**

**60**

70 years old Palomino. Macerated for 7 days in fiber glass tanks, where it started to ferment before being bottled to trap the CO<sub>2</sub>. No added sulphites, 16 months of ageing on its lees.

### **Bodegas Pigar, Royal, Pet Nat, Utiel-Requena, 2018**

**65**

Bodegas Pigar is born back in 2014 as the consolidation of a young couple's dream: Juan and Susana. Royal is an indigenous variety almost extinct, which was once the third most planted varietal in Valencia. 4 months (minimum) on the lees

## Salinity, purity, and minerality in white wine

### **Hondarribi Zuri, Bat Gara, Uno, Arabako Txakolina, Spain, 2018**

**35**

Winery born in 2012, founded by a Priest (no longer involved), a restaurateur and a rancher (not a joke) who wanted to craft unique wines that speak of altitude and Atlanticism.

### **Assyrtiko, 34, Artemis Karamolegos Santorini, 2018**

**80**

Artemis Karamolegos is the 3rd generation of a family who keeps a minimalistic approach. Sourced from ancient vines. Just an approximately 10% of the wine ferments in oak, the rest, pure stainless steel, followed by an ageing "sur-lies" for at least 8 months.

### **Nas-Cëtta, Le Strette, Langue, 2020**

**52**

Nas-Cëtta is a prima donna of a variety recovered by the two brothers behind this winery as it is a variety that until a few years ago there was almost no trace of. It rests on its lees for 6 months in stainless steel. Mineral, salty, textural.

### **Listán Blanco, Artifice, Borja Pérez, Tenerife, 2020**

**70**

The wine was fermented and aged for approx 7 months (on lees) in 500 litre French barrels. Minimal sulphur was added at bottling. True expression of volcanic soil of Canary Islands: #vulcanism.

**Blatterle, Nusserrhof, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy, 2018** **63**  
Father-daughter team making this wine with an indigenous and almost extinct variety. They work in harmony with their vineyards to express the full potential of the variety. Natural winemaking.

**Chardonnay, Osmote, Cayuga Lake, NY, 2020** **53**  
Unoaked. Single vineyard on the western shore of the lake. Ben Riccardi founded Osmote to move towards natural winemaking with a clear commitment to regenerative & holistic viticulture.

**Grüner Veltliner, Ingrid Groiss, Weinviertel, Austria, 2020** **35**  
Having lived the corporate life with Coca-Cola in her younger years Ingrid returned to her wine making roots to craft low-intervention wines. Great purity and very varietal glass of Grüner.

## **A red wine drinker drinking white wine**

**Doña Blanca, Alvar de Dios Vagüera, Arribes de Duero, Spain, 2020** **62**  
A beautiful cuvée from a 0.5ha vineyard planted in 1921 at 950m altitude. Barrel aged in neutral foudres. Texture, precision. 450 bottles made only! Alvar is probably the hottest name in Spain!

**Chardonnay, Bodegas Pigar Utiel Requena, Spain, 2019** **45**  
Juan and Susana inherited this tiny vineyard from his parents. They black-charred the must before fermenting and ageing it in old amphoras for 9 months, where it stays on its own lees. Interesting!

**Arinto+Fernão Pires, Humus, Encosta da Quinta, Alvorinha, 2019** **63**  
Natural. It comes from vineyards that are surrounded by a eucalyptus forest, which protects the vineyard from the Atlantic climate. Ferments in 225L old barrels where it is left to age for 9 months.

**Verdejo, Barco del Corneta, Valladolid, Spain, 2021** **77**  
Forget about those wishy-washy Verdejos. This is a true expression. Aged on its lees in barrel for 9 months. This small family project left the DO Rueda to be able to vinify freely.

**Verdicchio, La Marca de San Michele, Passolento, Marche, Italy, 2012** **69**  
2 sblings crafting Verdicchio very differently than the rest of their neighbours. Firstly, they eradicated the usage of chemicals, and then aged this cuvée in Slavonian "botti" for 8 months.

**Encruzado+Arinto, Quinta da Serradinha, Leiria, 2017** **60**  
Antonio Marques is one of the leaders in Portugal when it comes to producing wine as naturally as possible. 4 days of skin maceration pre-fermenting in barrels where it aged on its lees for 11 months!

## **You call it sweet, we call it ripe & aromatic!**

**Juhfark, Karoly, Kolonics, Somló, 2018** **55**  
6-8 hours of maceration before the indigenous yeast fermentation begins. Barrel fermented and aged in 60-year-old Acacia and Hungarian large oak. Exuberant and mineral.

**Grüner Veltliner, Pichler Krutzler, Supperin, Wachau, Austria, 2013** 80  
80 year old vineyard that has been first documented in the year 1493 being one of the most unique single vineyards in Wachau. This is Elisabeth Pichler-Krutzler & her husband's solo project.

**Pinot Grigio, Vignai da Duline, Collio, Italy, 2016** 70  
A PG as you've never tried it before. Properly ripened, and aged for 7 months in traditional "botti". Made by Lorenzo and Federica following a holistic approach towards viticulture.

**Ribolla, Cru Selection, Marjan Simčič, Goriska Brda, 2018** 55  
From a single vineyard filled with 40+ years old vines. It has been fermented and aged in special conical oak barrels to give us a perfumed yet serious and muscular glass of Ribolla. Fresh backbone.

**Caiño Blanco, Pinka, L'Ombre, Ribeiro, 2016** 60  
Jorge is the one man show behind Bodegas L'Ombre. Here, he is farming a 1.5ha clos-like vineyard at the shore of the Miño river. 70 to 90 year old vines (only 0.3 has) It ferments on the skins very slowly in inox and is left on its lees for 4 months without undertaking batonage. Super terpenic.

**Blank bottle, 'Empire Strikes back', Swartland, South Africa, 2020** 75  
Pieter Walser is one of the most innovative winemakers out there. Blend of similar varieties, a combination that is giving Swartland's blends a go. Whole bunch in concrete and amphora.

## Skin Contact

**Touriga Nacional, Curtimenta, Encosta da Quinta, Alvorinha, 2020** 70  
Skin contact wine made of Touriga Nacional (free run jus) fermented on the skins of Arinto and Fernão Pires for 3 months. Fermentation is spontaneous with native yeasts in amphoras. The wine then ages for 9 months in 225L chestnut foudres. Mental!

**Tsitska, Lagvinari, Imereti, 2017** 85  
Eko Glonti, that started his natural wine project **Lagvinari** in 2011 in Georgia. All stages of vinification take place in qvevri during 12 months (3 of which in the skins) because, for him, all the benefits and all the goodness of his wines are concentrated in the skins of the grapes.

**Rkatsiteli, Shavnabada Monastery, Kakheti, 2007** 105  
The Shavnabada Monastery is a Medieval Georgian Orthodox Monastic Complex. Made by gently crushing the grapes with a wooden press and leaving them to ferment on their skins, seeds, and stems for 6 months. The wine is aged in Qvevri for 9 years and a further 6 years in bottle.

## Volcanic reds!

**Nerello Cappuccio, Calabretta, Etna, Italy, 2012** 70  
This grape varietal is a rarity. Rooted in the family's traditional philosophy of making wine. Large neutral barrels and zero intervention. Concentration & dynamic flow.

**Listán Negro, Suertes del Marqués, La Solana, Orotava, Spain, 2020** 64

This is bonkers! The grapes are sourced from centenary vines that are grown using a unique multi corded system. Aged in 500L barrels for a year. Smokey, saline, volcanic, mineral, & atlantic.

## Reds that I would also drink with my fish

**Pelaverga, Bel Colle, Verduno, Piemonte, Italy, 2018** 45

Bel Colle has resisted the lure of easy lucre (=planting Nebbiolo) in favour of stopping Pelaverga from disappearing. Not demanding, not challenging, just delicious!

**Cinsault, Vignerons Fine Wines, Itata, Chile, 2020** 50

Sourced from an ungrafted vineyard in this Pacific influenced region. Brothers Sebastián and Marco de Martino are working in a free and 'natural' style unlike the rest of their family projects.

**Kadarka, Sebestyen, Szekszárd, Hungary, 2019** 42

This is a refreshing red varietal that undoubtedly played a role in the establishment of Hungarian red wine culture. Very charming and distinctive, a little reminiscent of Pinot Noir.

**Espadeiro, O Esteiro, Albar, Rías Baixas, 2015 (MAGNUM)** 220

Espadeiro was the most widely planted variety in Rias Baixas before Albariño. This is sourced from small old vineyards distributed throughout Valle de Salnés. Aged in French oak barrels for 8 months.

**Juán García, Camino de los Arrieros, Alvar de Dios, Arribes, 2019** 50

**Alvar de Dios** is one of the upcoming young talents within the Spanish viticulture scene. **Juan García** in 40%, the rest some local reds and whites. Ferments in 300/500L old barrels, then left in there for 6 months. Ethereal, herbaceous, mineral, and smokey.

**Pinot Noir, Naranjuez, La Rosa del Desierto, Sierra Nevada, 2020** 44

Produced from grapes grown at high altitude. Antonio follows a zero/zero approach towards winemaking. Probably the "glou-glouest" Pinot you've ever encountered.

**Pinotage, Wolf & Woman, Swartland, 2020** 50

Jolandie Fouché belongs to the new wave of super exciting winemakers in SA. Single vineyard planted in 1973 which grows over granitic soils. This label represents that the Pinotage revolution continues at pace as this is a lighter and fresher style

## What if I want a red with my meat?

**Kékfrankos blend, Sebestyen, Iván-Völgy Bikavér, Hungary, 2020** 77

If you seek elegance, do not hesitate with this wine! There're some Scottish connections in here as Csilla used to work as sommelier at Andrew Fairly. 23 months in old Hungarian and French oak.

**Garnacha, Uvas de la Ira, Dani Landi, Gredos, 2014** **85**  
High-altitude, biodynamic, old-vine fruit sourced from high in the Gredos mountains is the secret behind this super smoky and silky Grenache made by Dani Landi, one half of Comando G.

**Baga, Niepoort & Lagar de Baixo, Bairrada, Portugal 2011** **57**  
An absolute legend traveling from Douro to this Atlantic region pursuing the finesse that this noble grape offers. Delicate, earthy, herbaceous, atlantic.1<sup>st</sup> vintage bottled.

**Xinomavro, Markovitis, Ch. Pegasus, Naoussa, Greece, 1997** **85**  
Originally, this brand was named "Chateau Pegasus" hence the name in its label. Aged in tanks for 12 months, before being transferred to barrels for extra 24 months. One of the best and most historic examples of Xinomavro produced in Naoussa.

**Blaifränkisch, Ried Roterd, Dorli Muhr, Carnuntum, 2018** **90**  
Ried Roterd lies mid-slope on the Spitzerberg hill which is interfused with elements of clay. Thus, the wines are always a bit fuller in body and more accessible. Matured in 1000-litre wooden casks. No new wood is utilized

## If Robert Parker would've liked wines made in amphora...

**Aladasturi, Lagvinari, Iemereti, 2019** **90**  
The Georgian answer to PN. The wine is produced by an ex-cardio anaesthesiologist, Dr. Eko Glonti, who has a limitless curiosity to grow and vinify indigenous grapes of every corner of the country.

**Tempranillo + Garnacha, Hontza, Amphora, Rioja Alavesa, 2020** **42**  
Iker García is behind this village wine made from grapes grown biodynamically. He runs away from the heavy usage of oak in Rioja so he crafts this wine using amphoras and really big old tinos.

**Garnacha, J.C. Sancha, Peña El Gato, Tinaja, Rioja Alta, 2019** **62**  
Centenary vines of Garnacha located on the coolest side of Rioja Alta. The grapes are fermented with indigenous yeasts in an amphora for 11 months. Very pure. Sancha is a professor of oenology too.

**Saperavi, Qvevri Number 10, Papari Valley, Kakheti, 2020** **50**  
This powerful red spent 10 months in a Qvevri, 6 of which in contact with the skins through the winery's terraced Qvevri system that winemaker Nukri Kurdadze developed, in which the wine is transferred between Qvevri by gravity flow.

**Tintilla de Rota, Mahara, Cádiz, 2016** **65**  
Left to macerate in amphora (500l & 1000l) for 9 months. The Mahara brothers want to extract something more from the stalks, maintaining freshness, gaining delicate green nuances, and increasing its salinity.

## Memory lane!



With this following list we want to pay homage to the historical role that Edinburgh's port paid in the flourishing and development of the wine industry in the UK.

Leith was a hub of the wine trade. As early as the 12th century, wine was imported into Leith for the use of the Abbot and Canons of Holyrood. When Holyrood became the official court of the Stuart kings, all the royal wines came via Leith.

A number of industries to service this important trade such as coopering, glass making and warehousing for storage were established in Leith. At that time Edinburgh was only second to London in terms of wine imports.



# Champagne

## **Laherte Frères, Rosé de Meunier, NV**

**120**

From 25-40yo vines planted in limestone clay soil and has been made from equal parts 2016 and 2015, with 60% white wine, 30% rosé de macération and 10% red wine all from meunier grapes. It was disgorged in May 2019.

## **Albert Beerens, Blanc de Noirs, NV**

**100**

Small Champagne house based in Aube since 1862. Pinot Noir (80%) and Pinot Meunier (20%). 2015 harvest blended with the reserve wines of the 2013 and 2014 harvest.

## **Henri Giraud, Esprit, Brut Nature, NV**

**135**

"The greatest champagne you've never heard of!" In the words of Robert Parker. This small champagne house is one of the most exciting and pioneering in the world today. Utilising a 'hands off' approach to the winemaking there is minimal intervention & added sulphites.

# Rosé

## **Mourvèdre+Grenache+Cinsault, Ch. Sainte Anne, Bandol, 2020**

**70**

50yo+ bush vines. Ste Anne continues to make its rosé the old-fashioned way with the 'saignée' method (bleeding as opposed to a direct press). Ferments and ages in enamelled steel vats.

## **Tinta Amarela+Touriga Franca, Redoma, Niepoort, Douro, 2019**

**50**

Made from old vines and fermented spontaneously in 228L and 500L French oak barrels where the wine also matured for approximately 5 months. 2019 is an excellent vintage. Serious yet fresh.

## **Garnatxa, S. Pérez & R. Barbier, La Solució Rosa, Montsant, 2015**

**60**

The wine is fermented in open 500 liter wooden tanks. After it is allowed to mature in a 4000 liter barrel and a 300 liter barrel (this is added to the bottling) for 20-24 months.

# Nope, we don't list any Picpoul, get over it!

## **Riesling, Sybille Kuntz, Trocken, Mosel, 2021**

**44**

Sybille took over her family estate in the early 1980's thinking she could do better! She was right and crafts some of the best dry Rieslings in the Mosel. Like this one: pure tension and minerality!

## **Grenache Blanc + Gris, D. Sainte Croix, La Serre Blanc, H. Corbieres, 2019**

**54**

English husband and wife team, crafting artisan wines in an unfashionable area of France that has long been dominated by co-ops. Linear, super tense backbone and a citric **natty** character.

## **Riesling, Clemens Busch, Trocken, Mosel, 2021**

**50**

An absolute legend in the Mosel. This is his entry level with Riesling grapes sourced from different vineyards growing over different types of slate. Classically crafted respecting the local tradition (old German barrels). Textural yet with a mineral-driven tension which is out of this world!

**Loureiro, O Pequeno Rabentós, Marcio Lopes, Vinho Verde, 2022** 40  
Fermented in neutral vessels to showcase the primary varietal characters with short lees maceration for extra mouthfeel, made with minimal intervention in the winery. No petillance left!

**Albariño, Zárate, Eulogio Pomares, Rías Baixas, 2021** 50  
This small but brilliantly run cellar was established in 1920. Current winemaker Locho Pomares was one of the first ones who started to work organically, abandoning mineral fertilisers. The most saline glass of white you'll come across.

**Sauvignon Blanc, à Chavignol, Gérard Boulay, Sancerre, 2021** 70  
Chavignol is a field of chalky-white soils. Gérard Boulay is one of the greats of this tiny village producing some of the most distinctive and sublime wines in Sancerre. 8 months on the lees. A tiny % goes into barrels.

## Exuberant whites

**Pinot Gris, Meyer Fonne, Reserve, Alsace, 2019** 50  
Run by the same family since the 1800's the Meyer's are Organic in all but name and utilise as many biodynamic techniques as possible. This reserve is aged in older wooden barrels which gives the wine a delicacy and complexity unique to this area.

**Gewürztraminer, Les Fous, Léon Boesch, Grand Cru, Alsace, 2020** 88  
Indigenous yeast and malolactic fermentations are allowed to occur as well as a decent ageing time on its fine lees. The wine shows the brilliant side of this grape when it is restrained by its acidity.

**Viognier, Marc Autran et Fils, Piaugier, Vallée du Rhône, 2021** 68  
Jean-Marc and Sophie Autran are running this vigneron-oriented estate. This Viognier will satisfy your expectations: fatty, fragrant, unctuous, yet vital. Sourced from vines of about 50 years old.

**Fiano, Pietraincatenata, Luigi Maffini, Campania, 2019** 80  
Family owned by Luigi & Rafaella since 1996, the vineyard is located on the coast of Campania just south of Naples. Organically farmed using nothing but local grapes.

**Greco di Tufo, Vigna Laure, Cantine di Marzo, Campania 2019** 65  
Resting on the slopes around the village of Tufo, Cantine di Marzo is the oldest Greco producer in the world! Their clay and limestone soils bring us this cru of only 5000 bottles, showing great finesse bursting with wild fennel & thyme with 9 months on lees.

## ABC – Anything but Chardonnay

**Pinot Blanc, Schneider, Von Kalkstein, Le Blanc, Baden, 2019** 47  
This winery has been family owned since 1892 and is now in the hands of two siblings who farm organically and have meticulous attention to detail. 18 months on lees in inox and barrels.

- Sauvignon+Semillon, Chateau Grand Village, Blanc, Bordeaux, 2019** **60**  
The Guinaudeau family (in Fronsac) moves away from winemaking trends that promote over-ripeness and long macerations. Aged for 8 months in French oak. It radiates style and elegance.
- Chenin Blanc, La Taille Aux Loups, vdf Bretonniere, 2014** **75**  
Jacky Blot's philosophy is to eschew malo-lactic fermentation, giving this cuvée a wonderfully racy, precise clear-cut feel. Fermentation and elevage is carried out in barriques, 20% new.
- Chenin Blanc, David & Nadia, Swartland, 2021** **65**  
Husband & wife team whose thoughtful, sensitive approach to winemaking has set them out as one of the Swartland's shining stars. Fermented & matured for 11 months in neutral French barrels.
- Savagnin, Les Molates, Les Marnes Blanches, Jura, 2020** **85**  
In the village of Gevingey, lieu-dit Les Molates is filled with 0.7ha of 25yo vines. Aged in old foudres for 11 months this Jura has the intensity, density and length typical of savagnin ouillé.
- Godello, Bodegas Somoza, Neno, Valdeorras, 2019** **45**  
Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel, in French oak barrels and vats. After the fermentation, the wine is aged in French oak barrels with its fine lees for 7 months. Granite edge.
- Riesling, Le Vignoble de Rêveur, Vibrations, Alsace, 2020** **75**  
Mathieu Deiss and Emmanuelle Milan work completely biodynamically. Made from from 50 yo vines fermented in oak foudres and aged for one year on fine lees. Textural yet vitally tense. Top.
- Pecorino, Aurai, Terra Argilosa, Marche, 2018** **48**  
Forget about those wishy-washy Pecorinos. This is tradition at its best! It's been aged in old barrels as its natural acid backbone and its glyceric character helps it stand to the task. Silk & freshness.

## 50 shades of Chardonnay

- Chardonnay, Luke Lambert, Yarra Valley, 2020** **90**  
Luke's low-intervention winemaking puts the focus on fruit, producing effortless wines with quality at their core. Displays real tension & a chalky edge. Ages 8 months in 30 y/o puncheons.
- Chardonnay, Felton Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago, 2021** **80**  
A small, artisan producer that has been dazzling the wine world since 1991. Ferments spontaneously in used French barrels where it ages for 11 months. Textural yet focus and vital.
- Chardonnay, Blackbook, Pygmalion, Battersea (London), 2020** **64**  
Sergio Verrillo is showcasing pure craftsmanship in his tiny urban winery. Grapes were sourced from Crouch Valley in Essex. Matured 20 months in Burgundian barrels with frequent lees stirring. Class!
- Chardonnay, Danbury Ridge, Essex, 2020** **75**  
This winery has wowed us! Fermented in 228L Burgundian oak barrels where it is left to age for 10 months. Malolactic fermentation took place without battonage. Unique soil: London clay.

- Chardonnay, Domaine Michel, Quintaine, Viré Clessé, 2014** **60**  
 On the slopes of Clessé, in the Mâconnais, in the south of Burgundy. Denis Michel farms the domaine's vineyards according to the sustainable principles. The average age of the vines is 50 years. Almost 20 months on lees.
- Chardonnay, Goisot, Corps de Garde, Côtes d'Auxerre, 2017** **60**  
 Domaine Goisot should be known as a fine Chablis estate, but this region was removed from the appellation after phylloxera. This is a proper vigneron wine of top-notch pedigree.
- Chardonnay, Moreau Naudet, 1er Cru Forêts, Chablis, 2020** **80**  
 Forêts is one of the most sought-after lieu-dits of Chablis, producing wines with exceptional depth and crystal-like precision. Aged in a mix of tank and demi-muid casks for a maximum of 18 months.
- Chardonnay, AMI, Clos Rousseau, Santenay Blanc, 1er Cru, 2018** **125**  
 Two friends (ami), Willy is the winemaker & Paul is the farmer. Organic principles & biodynamic treatments. Spontaneous fermentation in old oak where it is left to rest. Top class.
- Chardonnay, DuMol, Estate Vineyard, Sonoma, 2014** **145**  
 A self-professed **Scottish** socialist making wine in US. Barrel fermented with complete malolactic and 11 months aging in 30% new French oak. Restrained power, a whisper, not a foghorn.

## Pinotesque

- Pinot Nero, Elisabetta Dalzocchio, Dolomiti, 2012** **88**  
 Elisabetta's tiny estate, with only 2 hectares under vine, is devoted entirely to the production of Pinot Nero. Viticulture has been biodynamic since 1999. Aged in their 18th-century cellar in oak
- Pinot Noir, Marjan Simčič, Cru, Brda, 2015** **65**  
 Marjan is a cult producer in Slovenia who believes on traditional viticultural methods and natural winemaking. This is a Pinot Noir matured during 29months in French oak barriques.
- Spatburgunder, Hanewald-Schwerdt, Pfalz, 2018** **40**  
 Family owned estate in Pfalz run by two cousins, considered some of the best young winemakers in whole Germany. It's mostly vinified in 600L barrels, as just a small part goes into barriques (20% new). So enjoyable!
- Spatburgunder, Schneider, Baden, 2019** **48**  
 Inspired by Burgundy, revealing an unrivalled class, depth and balance. Family owned winery since 1892 that is now in the hands of two siblings who farm organically.
- Pinot Noir, Domaine Arnaud, Roncevie, Burgundy, 2016** **90**  
 Cyprien Arlaud is leading his grandparent's estate's conversion to biodynamics. This is a lieu-dit that until 1964 was part of Gevrey-Chambertin. De-classified due to political reasons. Elegance.

**Domaine Jean Fournier, Croix Violettes, Cotes de Nuits Rouges, 2011** **100**

This is a tiny-production, from a special 80-year-old vineyard called Croix Violette in Brochon (between Gevrey Chambertin and Fixin). Laurents ages the wine for 20 months in new French oak.

## Knee deep in Bordeaux blends

**Cab.Sauv + Cinsault + Carignan, Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, 1998** **110**

1998 was a cooler year so it has more Cinsault than usual. It's starting to show earth and vegetation, a bit of brett, and still enough of that compelling blackcurrant and sour cherry aroma.

**Cab.Sauv + Cinsault + Carignan, Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, 2015** **105**

2015 was an equal blend. It was a hell of a tricky vintage reducing production. Spontaneously fermented in concrete, it aged 12 months in French oak.

**Bordeaux blend, Yeringberg, Yarra Valley, 2017** **105**

Yarra Valley pioneers, the de Pury family are renowned for wines of finesse. Produced from some of the oldest and low yielding vines in the valley. Fermented separately before assemblage.

**Château Bel Air Marquis d'Aligre, Margaux, 2001** **110**

Run by the 87 y/o redoutable Jean-Pierre Boyer who got rid of in the 1950s, as he regarded them as mere marketing gimmicks and reverted to cement tanks. 3 years of élevage.

**Le Graves Figeac, Saint Emilion Grand Cru, 2015** **72**

Laurent and Caroline's wines are an absolute joy to drink, showing more class and finesse than many Grand Cru Classés. Their daring attitude in an appellation so avert to risk-taking is a breath of fresh air. Aged in cement cuves for 16 months, it has a crystalline purity to the fruit.

## The Eternal Underdogs

**Syrah, Consolation Wines, Wild Boar, Cotes Catalanes, 2020** **60**

Andy Cook lived and worked in St Andrews for many years before making "Tramontana" wines in South of France. Following a gentle tank ferment, the wine was aged in oak barrels for 10 months.

**Babera d'Alba, Luciano Sandrone, 2014** **75**

Hands picked grapes from each parcel are vinified separately to preserve the character of the individual site. This Barbera from the hills of Barolo is barrel matured for 15 months in mostly new oak to preserve a balance of fresh fruit and soft, delicate tannins.

**Gamay, Christophe Pacalet, Beaujolais Villages, 2021** **45**

Christophe's crowd-pleaser, uplifting fun for everyone. Highly quaffable stuff but with a serious feeling as it comes from lieu-dits in La Chapelle de Guingchay and Lantignié. Carbonic maceration for 2-3 weeks. Elevation on fine lees in used oak vats and concrete tanks for 5-8 months.

**Gamay, Daniel Bouland, Bellevue, Morgon, 2019** **56**  
Bellevue is a lieu-dit. The vines average 40-50yo, they're planted in sandy granite. Using natural yeasts together with cement cuve ageing, this has a nice intensely mineral play on the long finish.

**Carignan+Syrah+Grenache, Le Soula, Terroir d'Altitude, Rousillon, 2014** **100**  
Spontaneous fermentation. Aged just under two years in used wooden vats, demi-muids and tank. So fine it's almost fragile, and yet it builds up with a roar of defiance and wildness.

**Alfrocheiro + Touriga + Mencia, Alvaro Castro, Dão, 2018** **40**  
Despite being in one of the hottest Portuguese regions, Álvaro Castro dislikes high alcohol wines, so he aims for elegance and finesse, expressing his terroirs to the full. Aged for 12 months in oak.

**Garnacha + Cariñena, Planetes de Nin Classic, Priorat, 2019** **80**  
Ester Nin and Carles Ortiz run the winery, two people in love with Priorat's steep slate slopes and biodynamic agriculture. Fermentation and aging take place in wooden 'fudres'. Elegance.

**Malbec, Finca Ambrosia, Vina Única, 2018** **65**  
Finca Ambrosía is one of the most recent wineries in Mendoza, and there's Scottish investment behind it! Made with grapes grown at 1250m alt. Steel fermented + 15 months in French oak.

**Crozes Hermitage Rouge, Silene, Jean Louis Chave, 2018** **58**  
Producing wines since 1995, the family restored derelict vineyards in Saint-Joseph for more than 10 years before they were ready to produce all of their wines using their own grapes.

## Haute Couture Outside of France

**Mencia, El Rapolao, Vino de Paraje, César Marquez, Bierzo, 2020** **100**  
César's introduction to winemaking was via legendary uncle Raul Pérez. El Rapolao is a 0.2-hectare vineyard growing at 540m of altitude over clay-driven soils. The wine is left to age 12 months in 500L old oak barrels. Only 300 bottles were crafted.

**Viña Tondonia, Lopez de Heredia, Rioja Reserva, 2010** **110**  
One of the best vintages out there in Rioja. Fermented in the original 144 years old "tinos" before aging for 6 years in exhausted American barrels crafted in their cooperage. Elegance at its best.

**Tenuta delle Terre Nere, Santo Spirito, Etna, 2017** **70**  
From the father of Etna's "Cru-cification" in the Northern face of this active volcano. Santo Spirito's Nerello Mascalese are luscious and sensual, generous and vulnerable at once.

**Le Porte di Vertine, Chianti Classico Riserva, 2012** **65**  
A Chianti that respects all the classicism in modern times. All the elegance of Sangiovese tamed by time, plus the addition of a tiny touch of local Colorino and Cannaiolo. Sit down, relax, & enjoy!

**Marion, Valpolicella Superiore, 2018****85**

Marion, located East of Verona, is small family run property managed by Stefano Campedelli, a Quintarelli's pupil. 36 months in Slavonian oak; less than a 30% of appassimento grapes.

**Corte Lavel, Amarone della Valpolicella, 2014****90**

Once again in Marion's hands, they re-bought it in 2017 because its north-facing slopes allow to craft a more elegant Amarone in climate-change times. This is the work of the previous family.

**Sherry is no longer your grannie's drink**

	100ml	btl
<b>Fino, Ceballos, Primitivo Collantes</b> Chiclana	6	45
<b>Amontillado, La Casilla, Callejuela (500ml)</b> Sanlúcar	16	120
<b>Oloroso, El Cerro, Callejuela (500ml)</b> Sanlúcar	16	120
<b>Moscatel Oro, Los Cuartillos, Primitivo Collantes</b> Chiclana	7	52
<b>PX, Dulce Natural, Callejuela (500ml)</b> Sanlúcar de Barrameda	50ml 8.5	85

**Fortified, late harvest, & noble rot**

	50ml	btl
<b>Part des Agnes Vdf, Saint Croix 2017 (500ml)</b> Haute Corbieres	7.5	75
<b>Tawny port, Colheita 1997, Niepoort (750ml)</b> Porto	10	150
<b>Auslese Riesling, Maxime Grunhaus, No. 149 2002 (375ml)</b> Mosel	10	75
<b>Sauternes, Tour de Blanc 2009 (375ml)</b> Bordeaux	8	48



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	125ml
<b><u>Bubbles</u></b>	
Riesling, Andreas Bender, Sekt, Brut, Mosel, Germany, 2019	12
Bodegas Pigar, Royal, Pet Nat, Utiel-Requena, 2018	12
<b><u>Whites</u></b>	
Nas-Cëtta, Le Strette, Langue, 2020	9
Loureiro, O Pequeno Rabentós, Marcio Lopes, Vinho Verde, 2022	7
Riesling, Clemens Busch, Trocken, Mosel, 2021	8.5
Chardonnay, Goisot, Corps de Garde, Côtes d'Auxerre, 2017	10
Chenin Blanc, David & Nadia, Swartland, 2021	12
Verdicchio, La Marca de San Michele, Passolento, Marche, Italy, 2012	12
<b><u>Skin Contact</u></b>	
Touriga Nacional, Curtimenta, Encosta da Quinta, Alvorinha, 2020	12
<b><u>Rosé</u></b>	
Mourvèdre+Grenache+Cinsault, Ch. Sainte Anne, Bandol, 2020	12
<b><u>Red</u></b>	
Gamay, Christophe Pacalet, Beaujolais Villages, 2021	8
Spatburgunder, Schneider, Baden, 2019	9
Alfrocheiro + Touriga + Mencía, Alvaro Castro, Dão, 2018	7
Baga, Niepoort & Lagar de Baixo, Bairrada, Portugal 2011	9.5
Le Porte di Vertine, Chianti Classico Riserva, 2012	12
Malbec, Finca Ambrosia, Vina Única, 2018	12