

# WELCOME TO OUR INDEPENDENT WINE BAR

The discovery of a wine is of greater moment than the discovery of a constellation. The universe is too full of stars.

Benjamin Franklin, circa 1700's

Accept what life offers you and try to drink from every cup, all wines should be tasted; some should only be sipped, but with others drink the whole bottle.

Paulo Coelho





#### PLEASE NOTE:

All vintages are as accurate as possible and where exhausted an alternative will be available. (250ml measures are available).

Please ask a member of staff for information on allergens. A 10% optional service charge will be added to your bill. Please advise your server if you would like to remove this.

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116.	Kendall-Jackson, Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay 2019 Chardonnay California, USA, 13.5%	10	12	16	42.5

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188. Cantine Rallo, Terre Siciliane "Baglio Antico Bianco" 2020

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38

Catarratto Sicilia, Italy, 12.5%, Natural

ROSÉ WINES / By the Glass	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
200. Sentito, Pinot Grigio Blush Delle Venezie 2021 Pinot Grigio Venezie, Italy, 12%	6.5	8.5	12.5	30
201. <b>Château du Rouet, Esterelle</b> 2021 Grenache, Tibouren, Cinsault, Syrah Côtes de Provence, France, 12.5%, Vegan	8.5	10.5	14.5	38

322.	Les Oliviers 2020 Merlot, Mourvèdre Pays d'OC, France, 14%	7	9	13	30
405.	Palladino, Biferno Riserva Rosso 2017 Aglianico, Montepulciano Molise, Italy, 13%	7.5	9.5	13.5	31
432.	Thymiopoulos 2019 Xinomavro Naoussa, Macedonia, Greece, 13%, Bio-Dynamic, Organic	8.5	10.5	14.5	37
359.	E. Guigal, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2018 Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre Côtes-du-Rhone, France, 14.5%, Vegan	8.5	10.5	14.5	37
347.	Plantagenet, "Three Lions" Pinot Noir 2021 Pinot Noir, Sangiovese Great Southern, Australia, 13.5%, Vegan	9	11	15	38
370	Castello Di Albola, Chianti Classico 2019 Sangiovese Tuscany, Italy, 13%	9	11	15	38
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413.	La Rioja Alta, Viña Alberdi Riserva 2017 Tempranillo Rioja, Spain, 14.5%	9.5	12	18	43
354.	Antinori, Vie Cave 2019 Malbec Tuscany, Italy, 15%	9.5	12	18	46
393.	Zenato, Ripassa Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2015 Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta Veneto, Italy, 14%	10	12.5	18.5	48
311.	Tenuta San Guido, Guidalberto 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14%	15	21	27.5	68
397.	Valentina Cubi, Morar Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2003 Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara Veneto, Italy, 15.5%, Organic, Bio-Dynamic	19.5	26.5	34.5	98

For years English sparkling wine has been disregarded, so when a couple of home-grown bubblies triumphed in our 'Champagne vs English sparkling blind tasting', a few eye-brows were raised. See if you agree with our judging panel of well-respected drunks, that the best English Sparklers are now a genuine alternative to Champagne.

# 1. Nyetimber, Classic Cuvée Brut NV

65

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

West Sussex, England, 12%, Vegan

Lovely pale gold with gentle, fine bubbles. Toast, spicy and complex aromas. The palate supports these complex aromas with honey, almond, pastry and baked apple flavours. Very fine and elegant with a great combination of intensity, delicacy and length.

# 2. Camel Valley, Pinot Noir Brut Rosé NV

75

Pinot Noir

Cornwall, England, 12.5%, Vegan

Beautifully balanced light pink traditional method sparkling wine with classic English pinot character. Lovely floral and delicate strawberry fruit nose and crisp acidity.

# 3. Wiston, Estate Rosé 2014

80

Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay

South Downs, West Sussex, England, 12%

Pale pink sparkling rosé with sweet & spicy aromas of honey, spiced berries & orange peel. At first it's a fruit-forward wine, brimming with ripe cherries & cranberries, but it has a sumptuous creamy finish.

# 4. Rathfinny, Blanc de Noirs Brut 2017

84

Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

West Sussex, England, 12%, Sustainable

Burnished almond to the eye with an opulent nose of golden russet apples and orange water. The palate is richly textured, complemented by notes of wild strawberry, quince and macadamia nut.

# 5. Gusbourne, Blanc de Blancs 2014

86

Chardonnay

Kent, England, 12%

Outstanding quality Chardonnay from Kent, aged for 42 months on lees & 6 months after bottling. This has a wonderful toasted walnut character, held in place by characteristic ripe apple acidity. One of the best this country has to offer!

# 6. Tickerage, Blanc de Blancs 2011

88

Chardonnay

East Sussex, England, 12%, Vegan, Organic

4983 bottles of this wine will be made! To attest to its scarcity, it is hand made & finished; and to provide the exuberant complexity this wine has, it rests on its yeast until it is sold in small batches to us. Rare, aged & a super complex sparkling wine which will appeal to Chardonnay lovers & Blanc de Blancs fans. Flavours of apple tart, orange blossom, preserved citrus fruits & subtle, yeasty honey. A superb example of the 100% Chardonnay that England can produce.

# 7. Nyetimber, Blanc de Blancs 2014

90

#### Chardonnay

#### West Sussex, England, 12%, Vegan

Light gold hue & a fine, delicate mousse. Aromas of citrus & honeysuckle lead into subtle brioche & vanilla characters. The palate offers generous yet elegant notes of baked lemon and white peach with the warmth of the vintage shining through. Subtle mineral notes accentuate the fresh, crisp acidity, leading to a long and complex finish.

# 8. Sugrue, The Trouble With Dreams 2017

94

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

#### South Downs, West Sussex, England, 12%

A classic blend of barrel-fermented Chardonnay & Pinot Noir boasting great purity & elegance, with lemon & apple aromas leading to a palate of delicate stone fruit & refreshingly crisp acidity. This is long, complex & absolutely delicious.

# 9. Nyetimber, 1086 Prestige Cuvée 2010

215

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

#### West Sussex, England, 12%, Vegan

The first ever Prestige Cuvée made in England, 1086 represents the pinnacle of English winemaking. The 2010 vintage has a rich & generous fruit character alongside a savoury & caramelised flavour (the result of almost a decade of ageing). Its texture & richness allow for pairing with some of the most decadent & complex ingredients. Immediately excelling in blind tastings and receiving lavish critical praise, they have cemented Nyetimber's place as a leader in the world of sparkling wine with this beauty.

Have you ever felt anything less than amazing after a glass or two of good Champagne? Here at Vino Vino we love drinking it whenever we can - not just celebrations - Here's a selection of some of our Grand Marques ('big brands') too.

#### 10. Laurent-Perrier, La Cuvée Brut NV

75

#### Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Champagne, France, 12%

Delicate aromas of citrus fruits, underpinned by hints of white flowers. A perfect balance between Freshness & finesse, the palate is full-bodied, complex & creamy, displaying great length on the finish.

#### 11. Laurent-Perrier, Brut Cuvée Rosé NV

85

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

Tours-sur-Marne, France, 12%, Vegan

The briefest liaison with the grape skins. Delicate colour with soft red berry richness.

# 12. Charles Heidsieck, Brut Reserve NV

90

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

Reims, France, 12%, Vegan

Radiant pale gold colour with fine, persistent bubbles. The nose is characterised by complex pastry aromas, with an opulent combination of ripe apricot, mango and greengages, dried fruits, pistachio and almond. The palate begins with a silky-smooth sensation, developing into ripe fleshy apricot, melon and enticing plum pastry notes and delicate spice.

#### 13. Jacquesson, Cuvée 743 NV

95

Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir

Épernay, France, 12.5%

Full of orchard fruit & cinnamon, tarte tatin (fruit pastry), Chantilly cream, white blossom & savoury depths - this elegant wine has the texture of pure silk.

#### Billecart-Salmon, Rosé NV

115

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, Champagne, France, 12%

The most revered rosé Champagne in the world? Definitely. Pale yet Intensely pink in colour, fresh & intense on the nose, with lovely raspberry aromas, refreshing citrus zest flavours & amazing definition. On the palate, this is a pure, light, elegant & morishly textured rosé with delicate & subtle layers of red summer fruits followed by a fresh finish with a taste of Raspberry. Great finesse & a long, well-structured & even juicy finish!

#### 15. Billecart-Salmon, Cuvée Nicolas François 2002

215

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Montagne de Reims x Grande Vallee de la Marne, Champagne, France, 12.5%

2002 is hallowed by critics as the best vintage of the noughties, & possibly of a generation. The colour of the wine is sparkling yellow gold with a fine bubble structure. This wine is vinified partially in oak casks, underpinning richness & subtlety, enhancing the complexity & layering of the delicious fruit flavours. Fine flavours of white peach, nectarine, plum & citrus zest are balanced by a precise tension in the wine. Delicious & complex! Awarded 98 points by James Suckling.

#### 16. Dom Pérignon, Brut 2010

225

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Épernay, France, 12.5%, Vegan

The bouquet sparkles with delicate fresh violets in a setting of white peaches. Astounding complexity and stunning length.

#### 17. Louis Roederer, Cristal 2013

265

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Reims, France, 12%

Delicate white flesh fruits and toasted almond. A harmonious palate and substantial length capped off with a note of freshness. Superb!

# 18. Rare Champagne, Millésime 2008

280

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

Champagne, France, 12%, Vegan

Superb! Crystal-clear with a bright yellow colour. The first aromas to come forward are subtly floral with touches of honeysuckle, iris & jasmine. Then, notes of exotic fruits (mango & kiwi) & exotic woody scents come to the forefront. These aromas are intermingled with mild spices of white pepper, ginger, smoked tea & cumin, which add depth to the wine, which is enhanced by its complex minerality. The complex bouquet of spices leads to a delicate, long finish.

# 19. Krug, Grande Cuvée Brut NV

300

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier

Champagne, France, 12.5%

Aromas of flowers in bloom, ripe, dried & citrus fruits, as well as marzipan & gingerbread. Flavours of hazelnut, nougat, barley sugar, jellied & citrus fruits, almonds, brioche & honey.

# 20. Pol Roger, Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill 2009

350

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir

Aÿ, Champagne, France, 12.5%, Vegan

Freshly baked brioche, dried fruits & toasted almonds & hazelnuts, with a hint of orange zest. On the palate, the wine is well-balanced with flavours of citrus fruit, notably grapefruit, & creamy, pastry notes. Much celebrated vintage which shows in the long finish.

Grower Champagne or farmer fizz as it's sometimes affectionately referred to, is wine from producers who grow the grapes themselves. The farmers have tended to the grapes, right through to bottling the wine - retaining complete control in the process. Working this closely with fruit can arguably lead to better Champagne, or certainly more diverse, terroir-led flavours - and often at a fraction of the cost.

# 21. Devaux, Cuvée D "Aged 5 Years" NV

85

#### Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Côte des Bar, Champagne, France, 12%, Sustainable, Vegan

The Cuvée D is rich & intense, with lively acidity bringing balance, freshness & minerality. A plethora of spiced, dried & fresh fruits, balance & freshness provided by a surge of citrussy acidity on the finish.

# 22. Devaux, "Coeur Des Bar" Blanc de Noirs NV

86

Pinot Noir

Côte des Bar, Champagne, France, 12%, Sustainable, Vegan

Lovely richness on the nose, with aromas of baked apples, pears, brioche & vanilla. On the palate, it is full, rounded, and well-balanced, with expressive notes of white stone fruit & pear. The finish is juicy & persistent.

# 23. Geoffroy, Rosé de Saignée Brut Champagne 1er Cru 2016

88

Pinot Noir

Champagne, France, 12.5%

While many Champagne producers seem to be moving towards paler rosé styles that offer little difference to the white versions, this is dark, tannic & downright exhilarating. Strawberry, spice, raspberry, blood orange & blackberry.

# 24. Pierre Gimonnet & Fils, Cuvée Fleuron Blanc de Blancs Brut Champagne 1er Cru 2017

105

Chardonnay

Champagne, France, 12.5%

Crisp fruit aromas on the nose with baked bead & pastry notes leading to a medium-bodied palate that is both layered & textured with great acidity & minerality.

# 25. Pierre Peters, Cuvée de Reserve Blanc de Blancs NV

160

Chardonnay

Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, France, 12%, Vegan

Pale gold in colour with a fine mousse and vivacious bubbles. the nose is powerful, displaying saline and flint aromas at first, followed by white fruits. The palate has great energy and an elegant texture, with vibrant notes of hazelnuts & fresh almonds.

A selection of some of the finest sparkling from the rest of the world.

# 26. Soligo, Prosecco Treviso Extra Dry NV

37.5

Glera, Prosecco

Veneto, Italy, 11%, Vegan, Organic

Our most popular fizz! Dry and refreshing.

#### 27. Mas de Daumas Gassac, Frizant Mousseux Rosé 2018

60

Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Manseng

Languedoc-Roussillon, France, 11%, Organic

A genuine rose sparkling wine – it could almost be a fruit juice – delights the palate with lively fine bubbles, smooth fruity aromas, freshness thanks to its low alcohol content!

# 28. d'Arapri, Gran Cuvée XXI Secolo 2015

74

Bombino Bianco, Montepulciano, Pinot Nero

Puglia, Italy, 12.5%

Elegant & persistent perlage, straw yellow with golden hue. The aromatic power of the grapes is expressed with hints of hazelnut & almond, on a background of lemons, honey & pastries.

# 29. Ca' del Bosco, Franciacorta Cuvée Prestige Multi Vintage NV

75

Chardonnay, Pinot Nero, Pinot Bianco

Lombardy, Italy, 12.5%

An extremely classy example of Franciacorta, combining rich flavours of toasted brioche, butterscotch, baked apricots & almonds with subtle herbaceous notes & a clean, refreshing acidity.

# 30. Raventos I Blanc, Textures de Pedra Blanc de Negres 2015

77

Xarel-lo Vermell, Bastard Negre, Sumoll

Cataluña, Spain, 12%

The zero dosage enables the complex layers of fruit to shine, revealing intense aromas of fig, walnut & acacia honey which carry through to the palate. A creamy mouthfeel from the lees ageing, fine mousse & lifted acidity culminate in a long persistent finish.

# 31. Ca' del Bosco, Franciacorta Dosage Zéro 2017

185

Chardonnay, Pinot Nero, Pinot Bianco

Franciacorta, Lombardy, Italy, 12.5%

Straw yellow colour with very elegant, very fine & persistent perlage. The nose perceives hints of apple & citrus, harmonious notes of freshly baked bread & a delicate hint of hazelnut. In the mouth it is full complex, balanced & well structured, with a pleasant bitter note on the finish.

# 32. Ca' del Bosco, Cuvée Annamaria Clementi Rosé Extra Brut 2013

280

Pinot Nero

Franciacorta, Lombardy, Italy, 12.5%

A Distinctive deep pink hue. Creamy, robust & savoury palate showing good persistency. This pure Pinot Nero opens with a fragrance of pressed rose petal, perfumed red berry, nectarine & spice.

Many people claim they "don't like Chardonnay", but at Vino Vino we think that's a bit like saying you don't like all music because of the Spice Girls. Sure, Chardonnay is routinely violated by all manner of unscrupulous 'winemakers', but in the hands of Burgundy's leading vignerons it's transformed into wines of incomparable beauty.

# 100. Jean-Claude Boisset, Mâcon-Igé Château London 2020

45

#### Chardonnay

#### Mâcon-Igé, France, 14%

Ripe fruit perfumes characterise this golden wine, with a touch of oak & lovely mineral acidity on the finish.

# 101. Domaine Jean-Paul Paquet & Fils, Macon Fuisse 2018

47

#### Chardonnay

#### Macon-Fuisse, France, 13%

A stylish white Burgundy from one of the Pouilly satellites that lie southwest of Macon itself. Full of ripe green baked apple flavours, with a pleasant hint of spice.

# 102. George Deschamps, Petit Chablis 2020

49

#### Chardonnay

#### Burgundy, France, 12.5%

The wine is crisp with delicate notes of honeydew, lemon, honeysuckle, green gooseberries & Granny Smith, topped by white flowers, crispy pear & a touch of freshly cut grass.

# 103. Domaine la Soufrandise, Vieilles Vignes Pouilly-Fuissé 2018

56

#### Chardonnay

# Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy, France, 13%, Sustainable, Vegan

Aromas of white nectarine, peach & a subtle hint of tropical fruit on the nose. The minerality from the chalky soils shines through on the palate, alongside great concentration & fresh acidity with hints of lemon zest on the long finish.

# 104. Guillemot-Michel, Quintaine Viré-Clessé 2019

64

#### Chardonnay

#### Viré-Clessé, Burgundy, France, 13.5%

5 star wine from Burgundy specialist and Master of Wine, Jasper Morris. Crushed rocks, lemon barley water and lemon drops and hint of oats tossed in golden syrup and baked.

# 105. Louis Latour, "La Grande Roche" Montagny 1er Cru 2020

68

#### Chardonnay

#### Montagny, Burgundy, France, 13.5%

Round & ample on the palate, it displays exotic fruits & white fruit aromas with a hint of vanilla. Nice freshness on the finish.

# 106. Paul & Marie Jacqueson, "Gresigny" Rully 1er Cru 2019

75

#### Chardonnay

#### Rully, Burgundy, France, 13%

Butter & cream on the nose with notes of stone fruit, pear, honeysuckle & a hint of citrus. Medium bodied with nicely balanced use of oak.

# 107. David Moret, Saint-Romain 2019

78

#### Chardonnay

#### Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France, 13%

Aromas of lemon with buttery characteristics. On the palate, balanced acidity, hazelnut & a mineral touch round off the citrus flavours before a lingering finish.

82

# 108. Domaines de Ladoucette, "Grand Regnard" Chablis 2018

Chardonnay

Burgundy, France, 12.5%, Vegetarian

The epitome of premium Chablis. Bright, pale-straw accented with green. On the nose it is elegant & fresh with notes of green apples, lemon & apricot, it has a notable intense aroma, whereas on the palate it is rich, rounded & mellow.

# 109. Domaine Daniel-Etienne Defaix, "Les Lys" Chablis Premier Cru 2009 85 Chardonnay

Chablis, Burgundy, France, 13%

Les Lys is at the top of Vaillons & was once owned by the French Crown. It has stunning concentration laced with bright acidity & superb length. Deep gold in colour with a nicely evolved character on the nose, waxy with a hint of butter.

# 110. Phillipe Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet 2018

105

# Chardonnay

Chassagne-Montrachet, Burgundy, France, 13%

As good as white Burgundy gets from a superior, elevated, limestone soil-enriched site and an old walled vineyard with 50-year-old chardonnay vines. All that explains why this rich, creamy 2018 is such a stunning, smoky sip.

# 111. Domaine Montille, "En Remilly" Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 2019

108

#### Chardonnay

Saint-Aubin, Burgundy, France, 13%, Vegan, Certified Organic, Sustainable

Aromas of pear, waxy citrus rind, white flowers and crushed chalk. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, supple with a lively acidity & a mineral finish.

# 112. Pierre Girardin, "Les Grands Charrons" Meursault 2019

125

#### Chardonnay

Meursault, Burgundy, France, 13%

Finely tuned acidity which balances the richness of the fruit. Mouth-filling & aromatic, the palate has a lovely weight culminating in a saline finish.

# 113. Domaine Laroche, "Les Clos" Chablis Grand Cru 2019

148

#### Chardonnay

Chablis, Burgundy, France, 13%, Vegan, Practising Biodynamic

Displays notes of white blossom complemented by aromas of bright citrus & peach fruit & a hint of gun flint. The palate shows lifted acidity, powerful concentration with underlying salinity & an exceptionally long, textured finish.

# 114. Etienne Sauzet, Puligny-Montrachet 2019

155

#### Chardonnay

Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France, 13%

Arguably one of Puligny's finest domaines, this immaculate wine is all about minerality, precision & exceptional length. Elegant aromas of sweet pastries & stone fruits on the nose. Richly textured with concentrated fruit flavours, the palate is extremely well-balanced with fresh, lifted acidity.

# 115. Vincent Girardin, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2016

275

#### Chardonnay

Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy, France, 13.5%

Rich wine with body and perfection. A balance between strength and mineral character, flint, vegetal notes, lime and pineapple. Incredible length and precision.

Most wine lovers agree, Chardonnay, is the noblest white grape variety (we'll allow Riesling enthusiasts a dissenting voice), and today it's widely planted throughout the world. It's still fair to say that the best Chardonnay in the world is made from the premier and grand cru vineyards of Burgundy, but with mature vineyards and experienced winemakers working with the variety, the best examples from elsewhere are catching up with the best of Burgundy.

# 116. Kendall-Jackson, Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay 2019

42.5

#### Chardonnay

California, USA, 13.5%

This medium-bodied, barrel-fermented wine offers light, toasted oak aromas, attractive baked apple flavours & accents of butter & vanilla. Good balance keeps it going sip after sip, revealing spice & almond nuances.

#### 117. San Marzano, EDDA 2020

45

#### Chardonnay, Fiano, Moscatello Selvatico

Puglia, Italy, 13.5%,

Sun-ripened peach & mellow floral aromatics, which are interwoven with delicate hints of vanilla. Fresh & beautifully balanced, the rounded palate is elegantly styled & has a touch of minerality on the finish.

# 118. Ktima Gerovassiliou, Chardonnay 2019

49

#### Chardonnay

Epanomi, Greece, 14%

Perfumed aromas of melon, ripe pineapple & lemon combine with toasty butterscotch notes. Opulent, with a richly oaked texture, beautiful balance & spicy minerality on the finish.

# 119. Familia Torres, Sons De Prades 2015

57

#### Chardonnay

Conca de Barberà, Spain, 13.5%

Straw-coloured wine with golden highlights. Fresh floral (broom) & fruit (ripe pineapple) aromas. Luscious, with delicate extract & a clean dry finish.

# 120. Crystallum, Clay Shales 2020

66

#### Chardonnay

Walker Bay, Hemel-en Aarde, Cape South Coast, South Africa, 13%, Vegan

Classic flint on the nose with candied lemon, ripe peach & honeysuckle flavours on the palate with hints of honey. A saline mineralogy & succulent, juicy texture add to the complexity of this intense & long lasting wine.

# 121. Vie di Romans, Chardonnay 2020

75

#### Chardonnay

Isonzo, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, 14.5%, Sustainable, Vegan

Elegant nose of summer flowers, acacia blossom & hints of honeysuckle. The wine is lightly spiced, with the judicious oak ageing bringing notes of vanilla & cinnamon. It shows lovely buttery, honeyed & floral characters, all lifted on the finish by a lively freshness that is characteristic of this area of Italy.

# 122. Isole e Olena, "Collezione Privata" Chardonnay Toscana 2019

94

#### Chardonnay

Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, 14%, Vegan

Light greenish gold in colour, the nose has spicy, buttery aromas. On the palate, it balances ripe, buttery fruit, fresh bread crust from the oven, with a hint of spice from the oak ageing & a long, slightly citrus finish.

#### 123. Antinori, Cervaro della Sala 2017

108

#### Chardonnay, Grechetto

Umbria, Italy, 13%

The 2017 vintage, characterised by a generally warm climate, nonetheless maintains the freshness & the typical Mediterranean style of Cervaro della Sala. The nose offers notes of chamomile & flint. The palate is savoury with the characteristic & delicate sensations of vanilla & butter which meld gracefully into hints of tropical fruit to compose a well-defined bouquet.

# 124. Far Niente, Chardonnay 2019

125

#### Chardonnay

Napa Valley, California, USA, 14.5%

Aromas of citrus, melon & honeysuckle complement hints of white fig, gardenia & toasted hazelnuts on a background of mild toasted oak that adds supportive warmth & richness. A silky palate with a rich texture surrounds a sweet core of melon & citrus, with notes of white floral & toasted vanilla & spice, through to a long bright finish.

# 125. Cullen, 'Kevin John' Wilyabrup Chardonnay 2018

135

#### Chardonnay

Margaret River, Australia, 13.5%, Vegan, Organic, Biodynamic, Carbon Neutral & Sustainable This incredibly perfumed wine has enticing floral aromas of gardenia & orange blossom alongside white fig & subtle pear. It leads to a poised, expansive palate defined by a fine, invigorating acidity. Beautifully balanced, it shows many years of promise ahead.

Aromatic & zesty, the Sauvignon Blancs of the Loire Valley have set a high benchmark. Dependably delicious white wines, typically featuring mouth-watering acidity & lively, fresh aromas, these highly quaffable whites are a match for a diverse array of dishes.

# 126. Sébastien Vaillant, Valençay 2020

42

#### Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay

Valençay, Loire, France, 13.5%, Vegan

An interesting blend of Sauvignon & Chardonnay this is a beautifully bright & refreshing wine from Valençay - one of Loire's best kept secrets. Intense aromas of lychees, peach & apricot. The palate offers flavours of white peach & ripe pear with a natural acidity.

# 127. Domaines de Ladoucette, "Comte Lafond Grande Cuvée Blanc" Sancerre 2019

74

# Sauvignon Blanc

Sancerre, Upper Loire Valley, France, 13.5%, Vegetarian

Herbaceous & grassy with plenty of minerality & a little gooseberry. Soft & refined on the palate with citrus fruits lifting the acidity. Harmoniously balanced with rich, complex flavours.

# 128. Domaines de Ladoucette, "Baron de L" Pouilly-Fume 2017

115

#### Sauvignon Blanc

Pouilly-Fume, France, 12.5%, Vegetarian

The largest & most famous Pouilly-Fume vineyards have been in the hands of the Comte Lafond & Ladoucette families since 1787. This Grande Cuvee of Pouilly-Fume is produced exclusively in the best years & is made from only the free-run juice, whereby only the juice released by the weight of the grapes themselves is used. Matured on lees for up to 6 months. A world-class white wine, & served at Elton John's wedding no less!

# 129. Didier Dagueneau (Louis-Benjamin Dagueneau), Silex 2018

195

#### Sauvignon Blanc

Pouilly-Fume, France, 13.5%

One of the most vibrant & profound expressions ever conceived on Pouilly-Fume's rich terroir, Dagueneau's "Silex" is named for the flinty clay soils that give the wine its intense mineral character. As far as cult Sauvignon Blanc goes, this has no competition. Racy, laser-focused acidity & wild, savoury notes of lemon, nettles, mint, lemongrass, & kaffir lime zest. Fleshy but tart passionfruit, green peach, kiwi, & green apple round out the supple palate. Even the minerality is multi-dimesional here, with a saline gleam of crushed oyster shell layered atop a steely flash of gunflint. gooseberries & green peppers. Dry & full-bodied with a long, lingering finish.

Sauvignon Blanc is one of the world's most popular wines. Yet despite the continued popularity of Sancerre and Pouilly-fumé, it was New Zealand that really put the style on the international map. Styles are more varied than you may think. Yes, there are still those championing that pungent passion fruit hit that continues to make New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc so popular, but wines using wild yeasts, skincontact, oak ageing & lees work mean there are more complex examples worth exploring.

#### 130. Seifried Estate, Old Coach Road

46

#### Sauvignon Blanc

Nelson, New Zealand, 12.5%

Punchy & flavoursome. The nose is packed with tropical notes & grapefruit. The palate entry is clean & crisp with layers of fruit and well-balanced freshness from the natural acidity. A long generous finish lingers.

# 131. Kim Crawford, "Spitfire" Small Parcels 2020

58

#### Sauvignon Blanc

Marlborough, New Zealand, 13.5%

Aromas of summer fruit & pasty - peaches, nectarines, lime meringue pie & apple custard, all with a hint of dill & wood smoke. The palate is full with flavours of citrus & stone fruit, crisp acidity & notes of flint on the long, dry finish.

# 132. Greywacke, Wild Sauvignon 2020

62

# Sauvignon Blanc

Marlborough, New Zealand, 13.5%

Aromas of summer fruit & pasty - peaches, nectarines, lime meringue pie & apple custard, all with a hint of dill & wood smoke. The palate is full with flavours of citrus & stone fruit, crisp acidity & notes of flint on the long, dry finish.

The best of the rest.

# 133. Montes, Outer Limits 2021

39

Sauvignon Blanc

Zapallar, Aconcagua Costa, Chile, 13.5%, Vegan, Sustainable

A very intense nose, with attractive tropical fruit notes of passion fruit & pink grapefruit mingled with tomato leaf & green chilli. A subtle saline touch on the finish hints at the coastal origin.

# 134. Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, AVETA Sauvignon Blanc 2017

58

Sauvignon Blanc

Napa Valley, USA, 14%

Expressive nose of tangerine, papaya, guava, orange blossom, pineapple & lemon grass. The wine has bright acidity & a flavourful mid-palate that leads to a long finish filled with orange zest & kiwi.

# 135. St. Michael-Eppan, "Sanct Valentin" Sauvignon Blanc 2020

62

Sauvignon Blanc

Alto Adige, Italy, 14%

One of Italy's most awarded white wines. Dense, nose of yellow fruit, gooseberry, elderflower & ripe redcurrant. Crisp acidity, smooth body & an elegant fullness.

# 136. Vie di Romans, 'Piere' Sauvignon Blanc 2018

65

Sauvignon Blanc

Isonzo, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, 14.5%, Vegan

On the nose, there are intense aromas of fresh pear, gooseberry with sweet pastry & spicy notes. The wine has excellent balance in the mouth & showcases a rounded, fuller style of Sauvignon Blanc.

Pinot Grigio is also known as Pinot Gris, but its Italian name is the most-widely used. It's a white grape but its bunches have a grey or pinkish hue, and can make wines in myriad styles from simple, light and fresh to rich and smoky or tropical and mineral tinged. You can even find rosé and skin-contact 'orange' Pinot Grigios. If you know where to look, there are some top wines to be found. Our team has done the hard work for you.

# 137. St. Michael-Eppan 2020

36

Pinot Grigio

Südtirol - Alto Adige, Italy, 13.5%

Bright yellow in colour with glints of green. Fruity aromas of ripe apple, melon & banana. Fresh, juicy & persistent.

# 138. Elena Walch, Vigna "Castel Ringberg"

49

Pinot Grigio

Alto Adige, Italy, 13.5%

A complex variety of fruits, especially ripe pears & lime blossom, as well as spicy sage notes inform the bouquet. Structure & elegance, power & harmony dominate the palate, combined with creamy fullness & density.

# 139. Ata Rangi, Lismore 2018

54

Pinot Gris (Pinot Grigio)

Martinborough, New Zealand, 13.5%, Vegan

The aromas of this Pinot Gris are reminiscent of peach, grapefruit, Granny Smith apples & notes of hazelnuts. The palate is creamy, with flavours of fresh apricot & savoury notes. On the long finish, the wine shows complexity & will develop with bottle age.

# 140. Livio Felluga

56

Pinot Grigio

Colli Orientali, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, 13%

Intense yet elegant aromas of melon & candied fruit are complemented by stone fruit & floral notes, with a delicate mixture of brioche, honey & flint. Fresh & smooth on the palate, this persistent Pinot Grigio has great balance & a refreshing, mineral finish.

# 141. St. Michael-Eppan, "Sanct Valentin"

64

Pinot Grigio

Alto Adige, Italy, 14%

Fruity aromas of apple, pear & fine vanilla. Strong in character, pleasant acidity & smoky notes.

# 142. Vie di Romans, 'Dessimis' 2020

67

Pinot Grigio

Isonzo, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, 14.5%, Vegan, Sustainable, Ramato Style

A very special treat for lovers of fine Italian whites. This is a Pinot Grigio like you've never tasted before. Gorgeous intensity, pure fruit, mineral elegance, layered & textured. Only released after two years.

100 years ago top German Rieslings were the world's most expensive wines. Thankfully they aren't quite as costly today, and in many cases represent some of the best 'quality to price' ratios around. We have also dropped in a smattering of Grüner Veltliner, Gewürtztraminer and Sylvaner.

#### 143. Arthur Metz, Michel Léon 2020

39

#### Gewürtztraminer

Alsace, France, 14.5%

Apples, pears, honey & Turkish delight aromas follow onto a clean & just off-dry palate.

# 144. Domaine Rolly Gassmann, Sylvaner Réserve Millésime 2019

43

#### Sylvaner

Alsace, France, 12%, Carbon Neutral, Sustainable, Vegan

Vibrant pale yellow, with delicate white flower & nutty aromas

#### 145. Pfaffl, "Vom Haus" Grüner Veltliner 2021

45

#### Grüner Veltliner

Niederösterreich, Austria, 12.5%

Crisp, apple-filled Austrian white, herbaceous & sharpened by white pepper, with a fresh wash of citrus in the mouth.

# 146. Maximin Grünhaus, Abtsberg Kabinett 2019

51

#### Riesling

Mosel, Germany, 8.5%, Sustainable

On the nose, this wine has aromas of fresh lemon zest & hints of tropical fruits. The palate is fresh with an elegant minerality. The sweetness is perfectly balanced with a crisp finish.

# 147. Hugel, Estate Riesling 2016

54

#### Riesling

Alsace, France, 12%

Complex with an attractive purity in its expression, well-stated & full-flavoured with a nice harmony between the fruity aroma &ban excellent minerality which is quite unusual considering its youth. Spring flowers, Granny Smith apples, white peaches, lilies & acacia blossom.

# 148. Tramin, Nussbaumer Gewürztraminer 2019

58

#### Gewürztraminer

Südtirol - Alto Adige, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy, 14.5%

An elegant wine showing a kaleidoscope of aromas. Rose petal & lily blossom combine with ripe exotic yellow fruits such as cantaloupe, mango, passion fruit & lychee, all enveloped by spicy notes of ginger, cinnamon & nutmeg.

# 149. Schloss Johannisberg, Silberlack Riesling Trocken GG 2019 Riesling

67

# Rheingau, Germany, 13%

This deep lemon yellow wine shows complex aromas of lime peel, Mirabelle plum & candied pineapple, complemented by dried meadow herbs & an underlining note of flinty minerality. Full bodied & concentrated on the palate, with well-integrated acidity & a long, mineral finish.

# 150. Domaine Rolly Gassmann, Kappelweg de Rorschwihr Riesling 2014 69Riesling

#### Alsace, France, 13%, Practising Biodynamic, Practising Organic, Vegan

This Riesling displays a powerful character with layers of ripe stone fruit & underlying citrus notes, balanced by a racy acidity culminating in a long finish.

# 151. F.X. Pichler, Ried Liebenberg Wachau Grüner Veltliner Smaragd 2018 78 Grüner Veltliner

#### Wachau, Austria, 14.5%

Dried moss, warm stone, ripe russet pear & citrus on the nose. The palate then homes in on the zesty, concentrated core of savouriness: that salty, yeasty, zesty, peppery heart from which pulsating energy emanates. This is bold, vivid, energetic & warm. The finish rounds these notes out with its generous fruit ripeness, but there is no denying that this is bold, full & daring.

# 152. Trimbach, Cuvée des Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre 2013

95

#### Gewurtztraminer

#### Alsace, France, 13.5%

Restrained & precise nose of rose petals, cantaloupe & fresh honeycomb. Beautiful purity. Amazing freshness for age, with good acidity. On the palate there is rose petal & melon, with hints of pear, red apple, ripe muscat grapes & almond oil. Lingering finish.

# 153. Egon Müller, QBA Riesling 2018

98

#### Riesling

#### Mosel, Germany, 10.5%

Egon Müller, whose Rieslings are unanimously considered some of the best in the world today, sits rightly in our category of "wine legends". Clear, ripe & quite intense on the nose, displaying delicate flintiness, apple & lime, with a gentle top note of classic German petrol. On the palate, rich fruit is balanced by vibrant acidity & intense minerality. The wine is mouth-filling, pure & vibrant with lovely complexity. Bright, zesty acidity lends a superbly mouth-watering feel to the long finish.

# 154. Hugel, Schoelhammer Riesling 2010

142

#### Riesling

#### Scheenenbourg, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France, 13%, Vegan

One of the world's unique dry whites! This is so deep & spicy with a ton of candied citrus. Stunning concentration, power & structure on the palate, but also the characteristic vibrancy of the vintage. Keeps expanding in the glass & revealing more of its dark, earthy magic!

#### A couple of classics

# 155. Boutinot, Primordial Soup 2021

30

#### Chenin Blanc, Viognier

#### West Cape, South Africa, 13%

A cultured blend of the Western Cape's brightest cultivars is alive with firm, fleshy fruit. On the nose, it has notes of jasmine and white stone fruit. It has a nuanced citrusy palate and tangy finish.

### 156. **Pine Ridge** 2020

45

#### Chenin Blanc, Viognier

#### Napa Valley, California, USA 12.5%

Crisp, bright & lively, this wine boasts a bouquet of pink grapefruit, orange blossom, honeysuckle & jasmine. On the palate, there are ripe fruit flavours of tangerine, green apple, white peach & lime curd alongside more herbal notes of lemongrass & ginger. It is medium-bodied, with refreshing acidity & a hint of minerality on the long, round finish.

# 157. Ktima Gerovassiliou, Viognier 2019

48

#### Viognier

#### Epanomi, Greece, 13.5%

Intense gold in colour, it exhibits an aromas of exotic fruits, apricot, peach & pear combined with delicate hints of jasmine. Rich creaminess in the mouth & smoky accents in its long finish.

# 158. Ken Forrester, The FMC 2019

69

#### Chenin Blanc

#### West Cape, South Africa, 13%, Vegan

The pinnacle of what we consider to be the finest expression of the grapes of this varietal an icon Chenin, a challenge to the world! Rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla & honey.

# 159. Clau de Nell, Chenin Blanc IGP Val de Loire 2018

72

#### Chenin Blanc

#### Anjou-Saumur, Loire, France, 14%, Organic, Biodynamic, Vegan

This wine has expressive aromas of stone fruits & pear underpinned by intense mineral notes. Its creamy texture is beautifully balanced by a bright acidity which drives the palate & lingers on the finish.

# 160. Patrick Baudouin, Savennières Bellevue 2018

75

#### Chenin Blanc

#### Loire, France, 14%, Vegan, Organic

Intense citrus, tropical touches, apricot & quince, all weaved by an elegant mineral tension. Violet & wild flowers add a fragrant touch. The long saline finish lines this superb example, with bags of character, one of Loire's top terroirs & winemakers.

# 161. Domaine Georges Vernay, "Les Chaillées de L'Enfer" Condrieu 2019138Viognier

#### Condrieu, Northern Rhône, France, 14.5%

This Condrieu displays all the hallmarks of a very fine Viognier. Complex stone fruit characters of fresh peach & apricot combine with nuances of exotic fruit, mineral notes & a delicate saline note. Exquisite & very elegant.

Having visited virtually every region of Italy, tasting the typical wines of each area, it became clear to us over the past ten years that the finest Italian whites are highly distinctive and can be ranked favourably with top whites from around the world. Below are some examples!

# 162. Cà dei Frati, I Frati Lugana 2020

41

#### Turbiana

Lugana, Lombardy, Italy, 13%

Pale yellow in colour with a concentrated but fresh perfume of white flowers, peaches, spice & candied fruits. Excellent depth & balance, & a crisp, saline finish.

# 163. Argiolas, Is Argiolas Vermentino di Sardegna 2020

44

#### Vermentino

Sardinia, Italy, 14%

Ripe, almost tropical fruit profile that reflects longer ripening on the vine. Aromas & flavours of fully ripe apricots & peaches are accented by notes of melon, almond & honey. Bright acidity provides succulence on the palate to an otherwise richer expression of Vermentino.

# 164. Antonio Caggiano, Devon Greco di Tufo 2019

47

#### Greco

Campania, Italy, 13.5%

Delicious, rounded white from southern Italy, bursting with tropical fruit & almond flowers & with a lick of stone - the porous limestone known as tufo - on the finish.

# 165. Sono Montenidoli, "Fiore" Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2018

48

#### Vernaccia

San Gimignano, Tuscany, Italy, 13%

From the free-run juice, the Fiore displays considerable depth, is full, with rich, elegant white berry fruit supported by greenish accents & spice from grapes, and by clean, rich, white berry fruit acidity.

# 166. Pieropan, La Rocca 2019

57

#### Garganega

Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy, 13%, Organic, Vegan, Sustainable

Golden yellow in the glass, with intense, concentrated perfumes that follow through to the palate. Classic La Rocca aromas of almond essence & honey lead to an elegant & beautifully balanced palate, with notes of vanilla & almond kernel, ripe apricots & exotic fruit. The long finish has a light mineral edge.

# 167. Planeta, Cometa 2019

58

#### Fiano

Menfi, Italy, 13%

Intense & fruity aromas, its great structure & minerals today make it one of southern Italy's points of reference for exceptional white wine.

# 168. La Scolca, Gavi dei Gavi "Black Label" 2021

59

#### Cortese

#### Gavi, Piedmont, Italy, 12%

From perhaps the most famous Gavi producer. Forget what you may have tasted before, known throughout the world, Black Label Gavi is pale straw yellow in colour with delicate greenish highlights. Intense lemon citrus fruit with floral & flinty notes on the nose. Medium bodied, with apple & more citrus fruit on the palate with notes of almond & hazelnuts. Crisp, refreshing & long finish.

# 169. Bucci, Villa Bucci Verdicchio Classico Riserva 2017

64

#### Verdicchio

#### Castelli di Jesi, Marche, Italy, 13.5%, Organic, Vegan

An intense, complex & persistent bouquet of apricot compôte & spice with aromas of honey, beeswax, minerals & flint stone. Full bodied & with great depth, the wine finishes with hints of honey & nuts.

# 170. Zenato, Lugana Riserva 'Sergio Zenato' 2017

65

# Trebbiano di Lugana

#### Veneto, Italy, 13.5%

Brilliant gold in colour, Sergio Zenato Riserva Lugana offers an intense yet elegant floral bouquet. Beautifully layered on the palate, this wine tantalizes the senses with notes of stone fruit, vanilla & white flowers.

# 171. Fattoria Mancini, Impero Blanc de Pinot Noir 2019

68

#### Pinot Noir

#### Marche, Italy, 14%

Beautiful straw colour with a golden hue. The palate has a broad structure in the mouth, balanced & positive, with a herbal freshness. Impressive & distinctive wine, showing spice from the wood and bright red apple/peach aromas.

# 172. Valentini, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2017

220

#### Trebbiano

#### Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, Italy, 12.5%

A simple grape variety, usually used for simple wines, from which however Francesco Valentini creates this legendary Trebbiano d'Abruzzo white wine capable of competing with the great white wines of the world. Intense golden yellow colour, the nose is complex & fascinating with elegant floral notes of white flowers including broom, officinal herbs that blend with white pulp fruit ripe, spicy hints of vanilla, coffee & mineral notes. The sip is dazzling & combines pulp, freshness & flavour in a harmonious & enveloping combination & an incredible length. A rare wine that remains carved in the heart.

A Mish-mash of everything else we like.

# 173. E. Guigal, Côtes du Rhône Blanc 2019

37

Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette, Bourboulenc, White Grenache

Rhône, France, 14.5%

Dry, full-bodied, fruity, Viognier-dominant white, fragrant with complex flavours of peach, pear & a touch of honey.

# 174. Karádi-Berger, Palandor 2018

39

**Furmint** 

Szekszárd, Hungary, 13.5%

A single site dry Furmint from the south-facing Palandor vineyard - it was classified as a first growth back in the 18th century! Figs leaves, a hint of musk, quince and pear compote, dried apricots, with a lightly nutty palate and waxy element. Exotic cardamon, lime zest and white pepper - wet river stones and hint of smoke. Something slightly Riesling like about it (after all, they are related) and perhaps even Chenin too.

# 175. Simpsons, Derringstone Pinot Meunier 2020

40

Pinot Meunier

Kent, England, 12.5%

Displays chalk purity & sweet & savoury aromas of poached winter fruit. Complex balsamic nuances & red fruit flavours finish with a deliciously creamy mouth-feel.

#### 176. Mar de Frades, Rias Baixas 2021

42

Albariño

Galicia, Spain, 12.5%

Mango, lychee & pineapple, balanced by a sprinkling of salt & a fresh, pleasing aroma of eucalyptus. Delicious!

# 177. Ktima Gerovassiliou, Malagousia Single Vineyard 2021

42

Malagousia

Epanomi, Greece, 13.5%

It has a brilliant straw colour with greenish shades & an aroma of matured fruit such as pear, mango & citrus. On the palate the rich flavours of lemon peel enhance the appealing mouthfeel, adding a well-balanced finish.

# 178. Bodega Garzón, Reserva Albariño 2021

42

Albariño

Garzón, Maldonado, Uruguay, 12.5%, Vegan, Sustainable

Pale yellow with a green hue, this Albariño is intense with peach & citrus aromas. The freshness & minerality on the mid-palate is superb, ably supported by a remarkable acidity which frames the juicy fruit on the crisp finish.

#### 179 **Fl Garbi** 2017

46

Garnacha Blanca

Terra Alta, Catalonia, Spain, 14%, Vegan

Displays a beautiful straw colour with aromas of apricot, golden delicious apple, & subtle baking spices. On the palate, these elements are joined by flavours of toasted brioche with fennel & aniseed notes.

# 180. BLANKbottle, Smaug The Magnificent 2020

49

Marsanne, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris, Viognier, Chenin Blanc

Swartland, South Africa, 15.5%

Baked apple, hazelnut & fresh brioche. Rich & round with notes of fig & quince accompanied by a silky creaminess.

#### 181. Adega do Vulcao, Ameixâmbar Colheita Selecionada NV

60

Arinto, Terrantez do Pico

Açores, Portugal, 13%

Made in the Azores Islands, in the heart of the Atlantic. This wine is made from vines planted on the bed of lava ash left behind by an eruption of the Capelinhos volcano in 1957. Bone-dry, textural, mouth-filling & complex. It has flavours of lemon, pear & a touch of nuttiness, but its real character is the trademark minerality. Super long finish, leaving you wanting more. Only a few thousand bottles are made of the unique wine from a rare wine making region, with a pure oceanic soul.

# 182. Gaia, Wild Ferment 2020

63

Assyrtiko

Santorini, Greece, 13.5%

A highly complex, aromatic nose & funky nose, with citrus notes combining with floral hints from the acacia wood, vanilla, toasty oak & a touch of smoke. The layers of wild ferment envelop this precise & dry wine which has a mineral & salty complexity to the tangy finish. This is a truly unique wine.

# 183. **Quinta dos Carvalhais, Dão Branco Especial** *NV*

65

Encruzado, Gouveio, Semillon & other rare grape varieties

Dão, Portugal, 14%, Vegan, Sustainable

A hugely complex white made from a blend of wines from seven different vintages aged in barrel for many years in the medieval cellar at the Quinta dos Carvalhais estate. Bright golden in colour, the Branco Especial has huge intensity & complexity of aroma on the nose with well-defined aromas of apple, dried fruits & honey married with brioche & warm spicy notes. The wine is rich with extraordinary body on the palate balanced by a lively acidity. An elegant, complex & very Sophisticated white wine.

# 184. Mas de Daumas Gassac, Gassac Blanc 2019

68

Viognier, Chardonnay, Petit Manseng, Chenin Blanc, Courbu, Petite Arvine, Rhole, Marsanne & other rare grape varieties

Languedoc, France, 14%

Very rich wine with notes of honey, warm butter, pear, pollen & dried fruits. A masterpiece from the Languedoc which is exceptional value for money.

# 185. E. Guigal, Château-Neuf-du-Pape Blanc 2017

72

Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Piquepoul, Picardan

Château-Neuf-du-Pape, France, 13.5%, Vegan

E. Guigal Chateau-neuf-du-Pape Blanc is a bit of a rarity, a white wine from the illustrious Château-neuf-du-Pape wine growing appellation, an AOC which is very famous for its red wines. Pale youthful gold colour, expressive nose of white flower & peach. Rich, round & elegant wine.

# 186. Rafael Palacios, 'As Sortes Val do Bibei' 2019

84

#### Godello

Valdeorras, Galicia, Spain, 14%, Vegan

Good aromatic intensity, full of grapefruit, red apple, boxwood, wild flowers & an attractive mineral note. The palate is tight & youthful with a lovely richness on the palate. Fresh acidity gives the wine vibrancy & a persistent finish.

# 187. E.Guigal, Hermitage Blanc 2018

88

Marsanne, Roussanne

Rhône, France, 14%

Complex nose with dominant floral vegetal notes & acacia honey. Elegant & delicate oak. On the palate slightly spicy with good structure.

Though divisive, orange wine is a style that's finally gaining real popularity among winemakers and drinkers alike. Here are some of our favourites.

# 188. Cantine Rallo, Terre Siciliane "Baglio Antico Bianco" 2020

38

#### Catarratto

Sicilia, Italy, 12.5%, Natural

The Baglio Bianco has all the tannic structure & body that distinguishes an orange wine from white, with predominant flavours of russet apples & red plums - utterly quaffable! Amber in colour & aromatically redolent of peach, pear & roasted apricot, this is, as Randall Grahm might say, "like Gewurtztraminer on acid". The aromatics are wild, the spiciness intense.

# 189. Unico Zelo, Esoterico 2019

46

Fiano, Zibbibo, Moscato Giallo, Gewurtztraminer, Greco

Riverland & Clare Valley, Australia, 12.5%, Natural

This is one of the most enjoyable wines to craft, as there is no preconceived idea of what it must taste like - the chief driver is pure drinkability - a "Scrumptious' quality-mouthwatering acidity and 'say hello!' tannins. It's a Bohemian at heart.

# 190. **La Stoppa, Ageno** *2015*

54

Malvasia di Candia Aromatica, Ortrugo, Trebbiano

Emilia-Romagna, Italy, 13%, Natural

Amber in colour & aromatically redolent of peach, pear & roasted apricot, this is like Gewurtztraminer on acid. The aromatics are wild, the spiciness intense.

# 191. Marco De Bartoli, Integer 2018

76

Zibibbo

Sicilia, Italy, 11%, Natural

Aromatically explosive, drinkable & profound. Grapefruit, wild herbs, balsamic smoky aromas & flavours.

# 192. Weingut Maria & Sepp Muster, Erde 2017

88

Sauvignon Blanc, Morillon (Chardonnay)

Styria, Austria, 13%, Natural

Much like a red wine with tannin & tension, this orange wine has notes of cider, dried lemon & savoury herbs. Aptly named "Erde" meaning earth this wine is eccentric but ideally suited for those fans of orange wines & extremely tannic white wines. This wine comes in a clay bottle!

# 193. Gravner, Ribolla Gialla 2013

175

Ribolla Gialla

Venezia Giulia, Italy, 14%

Graver is the ultimate "orange wine" producer - hallowed, emulated, copied but never equalled. Fermented in amphora in contact with its skins and then aged in large oak barrels for a whopping 6 years! The wine shows how and why Gravner's reputation was built; a masterpiece that uses the best grapes and best techniques to elevate every element in the wine you pour into your glass. Amber hue with natural cloudiness. Expect aromas of apricot, peach, herbs, beeswax, dried fruits and dried flowers. Full-bodied, intense with an extraordinary richness and complexity. Beautifully fresh, supported by gentle mineralogy with undertones of tobacco smoke and wet stone. An amazingly complex wine with a huge breadth of fruits (Orange marmalade, apricots, lemon, apples and pears), as well as floral and herbal notes. The finish is incredibly long with pleasant firm tannins and a delicious gripping texture.

A collection of pink perfection.

# 200. Sentito, Pinot Grigio Blush Delle Venezie 2021

30

#### Pinot Grigio

#### Venezie, Italy, 12%

Aromas and flavours of raspberries and strawberries. A light fluffy pink glass of summer anytime.

#### 201. Château du Rouet, Esterelle 2021

38

# Grenache, Tibouren, Cinsault, Syrah

# Côtes de Provence, France, 12.5%, Vegan

The taste of summer. Pale salmon in colour with aromas of ripe citrus & white blossom. On the palate, there is a good balance of fruit & acidity with flavours of berries & citrus.

# 202. San Marzano, 'Tramari' Salento Primitivo Rosé 2020

42

#### Primitivo

#### Apulia, Italy, 12.5%

A softly coloured rosé with intense aromas of wild cherries & raspberries, combined with an attractive hint of Mediterranean maquis - the local aromatic shrubland. Elegantly styled & slightly off-dry, with a refreshing finish.

# 203. Cà Dei Frati, Rosa Dei Frati Riviera Del Garda Classico Rosé 2021

47

# Groppello, Marzemino, Sangiovese, Barbera

Lombardia, Italy, 12.5%

Light pink in colour with a touch of orange. Zesty & vibrant with aromas of summer pudding & strawberries, it is perfectly balanced with a lovely refreshing finish.

# 204. Channing Daughters, Cabernet Franc Rosato 2020

49

#### Cabernet Franc

#### Long Island, USA, 12.5%

Very delicate light pink colour (for the Provence rosé fans out there). Light & ethereal, it has beautiful floral notes, raspberries, watermelon, salinity, light red fruits & a long, zippy citrus finish. Unlike many Provence rosés out there, it has body & texture!

# 205. Château d'Esclans, Rock Angel 2020

64

#### Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Rolle

#### Côtes de Provence, France, 13.5%

Sacha Lachine is the man that revolutionised fine rosé. You might know his Whispering Angel. The Rock Angel is a huge step up! Pale pink but with enough structure to accompany food, this superior Provence rosé offers apple, pink grapefruit & rosehip notes, with some minerality & a nice bit of grip on the palate.

# 206. Domaine Tempier, Bandol Rosé 2020

85

#### Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault

#### Bandol, Côtes de Provence, France, 13.5%

The best still rosé in the world? Many will argue fiercely that no one comes close to Tempier's pale pink, zingy Provençal wine. Fragrant, delicate, elegant with just enough richness. Notes of grapefruit, strawberry, rhubarb, watermelon, peach, pomegranate, raspberry, jasmine & thyme. Very special!

Bordeaux, with its many châteaux and the renowned 1855 Classification, is a leading destination for wine lovers, as well as the bedrock of the fine wine market and a benchmark for winemakers around the world. In recent years it's price increases and corporate affectations have seen it fall out of favour with many drinkers, but that doesn't change the fact that the French make a bloody good bottle of wine.

#### 300. Domaine du Pech, "Abuse" Buzet 2017

49

Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Bordeuax, France, 14%

A garnet-hued wine mellowed in old oak foudres, developing striking leathery `7 rich prune aromas to add to the plump fruity flavours.

# 301. Château Capet-Guillier, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2015

83

Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Saint-Émilion, France, 14.5%, Vegetarian

Concentrated dark fruit aromas, spice, tobacco & cedar. On the palate it is full-bodied, with layered complex flavours of cherries, bramble fruit, sweet spice & cedar wood. The tannins are smooth & supple, notes of sweet liquorice linger on the finish.

# 302. Château Le Crock, Saint-Estèphe 2016

87

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux, France, 14%

Intense purple in colour. Aromas of blackberries & plums are complemented by tobacco & hints of dark chocolate. The palate is richly textured with well integrated, silky tannins lifted by racy acidity on a long finish.

#### 303. Château Petit-Village, Le Jardin de Petit-Village 2017 Merlot

98

Pomerol, France, 13.5%

Powerful, yet elegant, with great fitness. Deep red in colour, distinct floral nose with violets, blackcurrants, & blueberries, followed by velvety tannins on the palate. It has immense length, balance & freshness.

# 304. Château Batailley, Pauillac Grand Cru Classe 2011

118

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

Pauillac, France, 13%

An attractive nose of creme de cassis, earth & oak jumps from the glass of this dense ruby/purple-coloured wine. Dark plum, black currant & fig notes are melded together at the core, with ample tobacco & roasted wood spice hints starting to fill in along the edges. There's lots of singed wood on the finish, but also plenty of flesh & drive. Offering incredible value for such a top-flight Margaux, it's a kaleidoscope of cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, roasted coffee beans, pink peppercorns, vanilla pod & summer wildflowers.

# 305. Château Kirwan, Margaux Grand Cru Classe 2012

125

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

Margaux, France, 13%

Offering incredible value for such a top-flight Margaux, it's a kaleidoscope of cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, roasted coffee beans, pink peppercorns, vanilla pod & summer wildflowers. Silky, smooth & seductive; each sip is like a kiss.

# 306. Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux Grand Cru Classé 2017

178

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot

Margaux, France, 13%

Among the most beautiful wines of Margaux. Delicate notes of summer fruit evoke the fresh & sweet strawberry, supple figs & dried fruits deliciously spiced with cinnamon sticks, then evolving scents of dried rose petals & tobacco. Complex, Sophisticated, the aromatic bouquet reveals an absolute grace. Tender & noble, the palate deliver a caressing & velvety texture, guided by an accurate & straightforward structure. The pace of the wine continues into a persistent & seemingly endless finish. Truly a great Margaux! Owned by a truly great fashion label (Chanel).

# 307. Château Lafleur, Pensées de Lafleur 2006

215

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

Pomerol, France, 13.5%

Château Lafleur is the next-door neighbour to the famous Château Pétrus. There motto is Qualité pass quantité ("quality surpasses quantity") which shows in the production, only 1,750 cases a year of Château Lafleur & Pensées de Lafleur combined are produced! With an exceptionally personal & hands-on approach. Lovely red fruits on the nose with delicate perfume of lavender & dog rose. Restrained style, lovely balance & finely grained tannins. A melée of English summer pudding. Lovely poise, ripeness & purity with length, elegance & vinosity & an excellent mineral backbone.

# 308. Château Léoville Barton, Saint-Julien Grand Cru Classé 2010

285

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Saint-Julien, France, 13%

With a classic 'left bank' nose of smoky blackberry fruit & pencil lead, the palate is rich & rounded with assertive tannins, ample fruit & well integrated oak.

You may have seen the term "Super Tuscan" before, and that's because it's used to describe some of Tuscany's top red wines, such as Tignanello, Sassicaia and Ornellaia. The term is to describe the collection of outstanding wines made in Tuscany that fell outside the established appellations owing to the presence of international grape varieties & the usual absence of Sangiovese (However this is not always the case). You can get a lot of bang for one's buck!

#### 309. Antinori, Il Bruciato 2020

54

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah

Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Fragrant fruity aromas, particularly plum, followed by delicate mint & green tea notes. On the palate it is full-bodied & smooth with a long finish.

# 310. Tenuta Argentiera, Villa Donoratico Bolgheri 2018

57

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Crushed violets, lavender & deeper elements of blackcurrants, liquorice & elderberries on the nose. Tea leaves & charcoal, too. Full body, really refined & structured tannins & a long finish.

#### 311. Tenuta San Guido, Guidalberto 2019

68

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Delicious rich fruit on the nose with notes of blackcurrant, red fruits & spice. Lovely & so drinkable on the palate, mouth-filling ripe Cabernet fruit softened by red-fruited Merlot, cut by crisp acidity & delightfully fine-grained tannins. An amazing wine for the price.

# 312. Le Mortelle, Poggio Alle Nane 2019

110

Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère

Maremma, Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

the price.On the nose spicy & balsamic scents of cloves, coffee, & liquorice merge with notes of ripe dark fruit such as plums & blackcurrants. Its bouquet is completed by delicate minty notes. Its palate is rich, elegant & mouth-filling with vibrant tannins. Its lingering finish is characterised by notes of roasted coffee, dark chocolate & currants.

#### 313. Fèlsina, Fontalloro 2017

114

Sangiovese

Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, 13.5%, Vegan

Deep ruby in colour & on the nose intense aromas of blackberries & sour cherries marry with savoury notes of spice & tobacco. The palate is powerful & concentrated with ripe tannins, great structure & tremendous length on the finish.

# 314. Fontodi, Flaccianello Della Pieve 2017

148

Sangiovese

Panzano, Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, 15%

An amazing wine with wonderful structure, on the nose aromas of ripe dark cherries, violets & plums, complemented by a hint of spice. The palate is typically rich & full complemented by racy acidity & fine, supple tannins. The finish is flavourful & persistent.

# 315. Isola e Olena, Cepparello 2018

168

#### Sangiovese

#### Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, 15%, Vegan

Intense & bright ruby in colour. On the nose, it has aromas of red fruits, cherries & wild berries with a touch of spice. On the palate, flavours of red cherries. The wine is earthy with a depth of complex savoury acidity & soft tannins.

#### 316. Petrolo, Galatrona 2017

170

#### Merlot

#### Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Aromas of blackcurrant & dark cherries are supported by more herbal notes of rosemary, thyme & tea leaves on the nose. Galatrona is dense & full-bodied with robust & chewy tannins. Refreshing acidity keeps the finish long & complex. Some call this the Petrus of Italy.

# 317. Antinori, Tignanello 2017

175

# Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

#### Tuscany, Italy, 13.5%

The 2015 Tignanello is beautifully ripe with fresh blackberry, cherry fruit, spice, leather, tobacco & smoke. Concentrated & solidly built, yet also harmonious, vibrant & pure.

# 318. **Tua Rita, Redigaffi Toscana** 2018

285

#### Merlot

#### Suvereto, Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Compelling aromas of chilli pepper, nuts, beeswax & dark fruits with dried strawberries. Hints of black olives & meat. Full body with extremely thick, silky tannins & a long, flavourful finish. This is layered & so structured, with fabulous length & density.

# 319. Ornellaia, Bolgheri Superiore 2015

315

# Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

#### Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

2015 is certainly one of the great Ornellaia vintages. The usual intense colour indicates a wine of great texture & intensity, followed by a fruity scent that is ripe & fresh at the same time, emphasised by classic balsamic & spicy hints. On the palate it is rich, dense, & full-bodied, with an exceptional tannic texture, dense & velvety, of great refinement, that extends throughout the mouth. The long finish concludes with a feeling of firmness & finely spiced hints.

# 320. Antinori, Solaia 2017

450

#### Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc

#### Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Intense, deep ruby red colour. Extremely aromatic with sage, lavender, blackberries & currants. Its bouquet is completed by refined spicy aromas of white pepper, toasted cinnamon & cocoa powder. Its palate is rich & mouth-filling; soft, velvety, vibrant tannins impart a lengthy & persistent finish.

#### 321. Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia 2006

665

#### Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

#### Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

What incredible aromas here with blueberries, spices, liquorice, plums. Subtle & complex. Full & silky with a beautiful texture of fine tannins & an ultra-fine finish. One of the best vintages of all-time!

The best of the rest.

### 322. Les Oliviers 2020

30

Merlot, Mourvèdre

Languedoc-Roussillon, France, 14%, Vegan

Brightly perfumed fruit, a hint of lavender, then classic merlot flavours: ripe red summer berries, plums and damsons.

### 323. Château Musar, Hochar (Pere et Fils) 2018

42

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Grenache

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, 14%, Vegan, Organic

Ripe cherries and blackberries, finishing with subtle spice and a hint of liquorice.

# 324. Fog Mountain 2019

46

Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot

California, USA, 13.5%, Vegetarian

A deep garnet colour with alluring aromas of dark red fruits on the nose. It has rich flavours of dried plums, Medjool dates, red currants and bright berries flavours on the palate. The wine has soft, round tannins and a lingering finish.

# 325. Vergelegen Estate, Reserve Merlot 2015 Merlot

48

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Stellenbosch, South Africa, 14.5%

Ripe plum colour with a ruby rim. The nose shows ripe fruit flavours, black cherries, plum, spice & a touch of chocolate. The ripeness of the fruit is balanced by fresh fruit acidity & soft wood/fruit tannins. The aftertaste is long & lasting.

# 326. BLANKbottle, Confessions Of A White Glove Chaser 2020

57

Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

Western Cape, South Africa, 14.5%

It's a remarkable wine - graceful yet with terrific concentration, velvety with a savoury, earthy touch making it very complex. For me this is reminiscent of a New World St Estephe. This certainly punches above it's weight.

# 327. Mas de Daumas Gassac Rouge 2017

66

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Languedoc-Roussillon, France, 13.5%

Fantastic bouquet of crushed blackberries & mulberries along with an array of smoky-leathery notes & a silky finish you can taste for several minutes. It is no exaggeration to suggest that this wine outperforms many first & second-growth clarets!

### 328. Château Musar 2007

67

Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Cinsault

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, 14%, Vegan, Organic

2007's lower yields and a summer heat wave resulted in a wine which rests its quality on power, muscle and concentrated dark fruit and spice flavours.

## 329. Vilafonté, Series M 2018

72

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot

Paarl, South Africa, 14%

Elevated aromas of cranberry, ripe raspberry & sour cherry fruit. The aroma palette is further nuanced by vanilla, pencil shavings, cedar & toasty baking spice.

The best of the rest.

# 330. Pulenta Estate, Gran Cabernet Franc "XI" 2018

76

Cabernet Franc

Mendoza, Argentina, 14.5%

Deep ruby in colour, with an intense aroma of roasted pepper, eucalyptus & spice. Its entrance on the palate is sweet & smooth due to the presence of round & ripe tannins.

# 331. Azienda Santa Barbara - Stefano Antonucci, Mossone 2015 Merlot

85

Marche, Italy, 14.5%

Lively & consistent ruby red, sensations of morello cherry & blackberry. Balsamic nuances of liquorice & well-mixed tertiary hints. Notes of ripe red fruit, vanilla, coffee & chocolate. Soft, full-bodied, rightly warm & enveloping. Soft & balanced Tannins, one of the finest wines from Marche!

### 332. Familia Torres, Mas La Plana 2004

95

Cabernet Sauvignon

Penedès, Spain, 14%, Vegan

Notes of truffle, toast & wild red berry conserve. Great body & breadth on the palate, with juicy tannins that become balanced & elegant.

### 333. Château Musar 1999

98

Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Cinsault

Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, 14%, Vegan, Organic

The 1999 vintage is an exceptional vintage of this fine Lebanese wine. Dark red in colour, with scents of violets, game, & incense. The wine has a concentrated, powerful palate of dense sweet black fruit, vanilla oak & earthy garrigue spice, with round tannins & good acidity.

# 334. Tenuta San Leonardo, San Leonardo 2015

118

Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Merlot

Trentino, Italy, 13%

San Leonardo's outstanding Bordeaux blend has received "Tre Bicchiere" from Gambrel Rosso for an extraordinary fourteen consecutive vintages & was also named among the Guide's "Fifty Wines which changed Italy" There are 71,182 bottles of this vintage, the wine shows a lot of life & dark fruit purity with black plum, blackberry, cassis & tarry prune. The fruit shows softer & richer concentration compared to past vintages.

# 335. Ridge Estate, "Monte Bello Vinyard" Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

125

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc

Santa Cruz Mountains, California, USA, 14%

Opaque, saturated ruby in colour. Aromas of cassis, fennel, cola, clove-nutmeg spice, toasted oak, wet crushed stone, black tea, & sweet dry chaparral. Palate of ripe cassis, blackberry, & mountain bramble. Lively acid & polished velvety tannins with a smooth, full body & long finish showing limestone mineral & forest floor.

# 336. Familia Torres, Reserva Real 2015

148

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

Penedès, Spain, 14%

The Reserva Real was created after his majesty King Don Juan Carlos visited the winery in 1995 & is treated as one of the most exclusive & limited production wines in Spain. The bouquet is quite intense, which is wrapped in notes of black fruits & truffles. On the palate it is round & complex with notes of chocolate & spices. The tannins are well structured & the finish is persistent, a 'Real' treat.

There is seldom a 'wrong' time to drink red Burgundy. Unlike some other grapes, Pinot Noir is fairly accessible in its youth. The voluptuous aromatics, silky tannins, and rich, velvety texture make these wines easy to approach young, while the extract and fresh acidity make it one that can age for decades as well.

# 337. Domaine Du Chateau Philippe le Hardi, "Les Cheneaults" Mercurey Rouge 2019

55

Pinot Noir

Côte Chalonnaise, Burgundy, France, 14%, Sustainable, Vegan

Dark ruby in colour, it is bright & lifted with excellent concentration. The nose is elegant with aromas of ripe red fruit including cherries, & a touch of oak. The palate is full with great structure & an attractive chewy & grainy character. The finish is long & fresh.

# 338. Joblot, Givry 1er Cru L'Empreinte 2017

72

Pinot Noir

Southern Burgundy, France, 13.5%

A very expressive nose with pure, ripe red & black fruit aromas which lead to a silky, smooth palate with velvety tannins, great length & aromatic persistence.

# 339. Domaine Glantenay, Volnay 2019

78

Pinot Noir

Meursault, Burgundy, France, 13%

Brilliant ruby in colour, Volnay 2019 has vibrant notes of bright red cherry & raspberry fruit with hints of violet & blackcurrant bud. The palate is elegant with beautifully integrated toasty oak & structured tannins, resulting in a long, fresh finish.

# 340. Bouchard Père & Fils, Nuits-Saint-Georges 2019

79

Pinot Noir

Nuits-Saint-Georges, Burgundy, France,

Intense aromas of berry fruit & spices on the nose. Rich, tannic & well structured.

# 341. Joseph Drouhin, Gevrey-Chambertin 2018

106

Pinot Noir

Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 13.5%

Fragrant assemblage of black cherry, wild blackberry, mushroom & damp earth & heady with truffle, nutmeg & a fresh breath of liquorice.

# 342. Domaine Claude Dugat, Bourgogne Rouge 2019

110

Pinot Noir

Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 13%

The nose offers delicate & complex aromas of bright cherry, raspberry & violet with hints of fennel & clove. This wine has tremendous depth & intensity for a Bourgogne rouge, with fresh acidity & velvety tannins on the palate. Elegant & balanced, it will develop more flavour intensity & complexity with age.

# 343. Domaine Rebourgeon-Mure, Volnay 1er Cru 'Les Mitans' 2016 Pinot Noir

111

### Burgundy, France, 13%

Unfurling in the glass with suggestions of sweet red berries, dark chocolate, liquorice & rich soil tones. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, with a deep, concentrated core that's framed by a taut chassis of tannin & bright balancing acids.

# 344. Domaine de Montille, Pommard "Les Cras" 2019

116

### Pinot Noir

Burgundy, France, 12.5%

The Wine Features crunchy red berry fruit, the one-third whole cluster lending a little pepperiness. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannins & good acidity, & lively in the mouth, leading to a slightly brittle but focused finish. Well crafted & quite intellectual for a village cru.

# 345. Hubert Lignier, Chambolle-Musigny "Vielles Vignes" 2016 Pinot Noir

135

### Chambolle-Musigny, Burgundy, France, 13%

Bursting with aromas of raspberries, berries, woodsmoke & sweet soil tones. It's medium to full-bodied, succulent & fine-boned, with a delicate core of fruit framed by powdery tannins.

# 346. Domiane Tollot-Beaut, Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru 2019

185

### Pinot Noir

Corton-Bressandes, Burgundy, France, 14.5%, Vegan

Aromas of rich red berries & violet. On the palate, the tannins are fine grained, giving the wine great structure. The flavours are layered & complex with toasty notes from the oak lingering on the finish.

The best of the rest.

# 347. Plantagenet, "Three Lions" Pinot Noir 2021

38

Pinot Noir

Great Southern, Australia, 14%, Vegan

Red cherry, with fresh rose & a savoury complexity that leads into a vibrant palate bursting with bramble fruits & toasty oak.

# 348. Montes Alpha, Pinot Noir 2019

44

Pinot Noir

Aconcagua Valley, Chile, 14.5%, Vegan

A soft, silky Chilean Pinot Noir with perfumes of ripe cherries & raspberries offset by white pepper, savoury peppers & a touch of violets on the finish.

# 349. Wild Earth, "Special Edition" Central Otago Pinot Noir 2014

66

Pinot Noir

Bannockburn, Central Otago, New Zealand, 13.5%, Vegan

Delicate perfumes of red & black cherry fruit, violets, spice & dried herbs. On the palate it is lush & supple, with flavours of rich red fruits, leather & tobacco. The tannins are silky & fine grained, balanced with a fresh, vibrant acidity & lifted finish.

# 350. Tolpuddle, Coal River Valley Pinot Noir 2018

88

Pinot Noir

Tasmania, Australia, Vegetarian, 13.5%

Intensely aromatic, balanced with savoury spice notes from whole-bunch fermentation, along with purity of varietal expression, fresh acidity & firm tannins. It is very perfumed, medium bodied & approachable.

# 351. Littorai, 'Les Larmes' Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 2018 Pinot Noir

95

Pinot Ivoir

Sonoma County, California, USA, 13%

Bright aromas of fresh cherry, wild strawberries, rhubarb, huckleberry & violets on the nose. The palate is supple with delicate, fine grained tennis followed by linear acidity, with seductive dark fruit on the long finish.

# 352. Williams Selyem, Russian River Valley Foss Vineyard 2017

145

Pinot Noir

Sonoma County, California, USA, 13.8%

Chock full of black cherry & berry notes. Brooding & dense, the black fruit aromas prevail but never go too far, as hints of citrus keep the nose lively & add complexity. Generous across the palate, the wine offers a slightly lower acid impression, but the tannins are full-bodied. Both earthy & berry inflected, the wine offers great texture & broad appeal.

Fantastic Malbecs can be found across all price ranges, from value choices to fine wines. Here are a selection of some of our favourites.

### 353. Viña Perez Cruz, "Limited Edition" Cot 2019

44

# Cot (Malbec), Cabernet Franc

Maipo Valley, Chile, 14%

This Malbec from Maipo is more elegant in style having more in common with France. Rich black fruits backed up with fine grained tannins.

### 354. Antinori, Vie Cave 2019

46

### Malbec

Tuscany, Italy, 15%

Intense ruby red colour, characterised with a complex nose of ripe black fruit, liquorice & spices. On the palate, the texture is silky & full with excellent density & persistence. Notes of ripe black fruit liquorice, coffee & dark chocolate emerge on the finish.

# 355. Causse du Théron, Terrasse 2020

47

#### Malbec

Cahors, France, 13.5%, Vegan

Ripe mulberry, blackberry and spice on the nose with fresh acidity and restrained tannins on the palate. The finish is long and perfumed.

# 356. Escorihuela Gascón, Gran Reserva Malbec 2018

48

### Malbec

Agrelo, Argentina, 14%

Expressive & fruity nose that delivers notes of fresh red fruits such as plums & berries, red fruit marmalade, violets & smoky aromas provided by oak ageing. A juicy red in the palate with sharp fruit flavours. Dry, rich & fresh approach. Round & sweet tannins with nice long finish.

# 357. BLANKbottle, Jaa Bro Malbec 2020

52

#### Malbec

Helderberg Mountain, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 14%

The wine is bombastic yet brooding, blackcurrant jam, cherry, black olive tapenade, leather & liquorice.

# 358. Escorihuela Gascón, The President's Blend 2018

58

Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah

Uco Valley & Tupungato, Argentina, 14%

Pretty blue fruit notes with intriguing herbs, lavender & thyme over crunchy peppery raspberry undertones. Open & expressive with plenty of character, with a beautiful velvety texture & well-judged oak use.

Bottle

The Rhône & Barossa Valleys two main grapes, Syrah & Grenache, have very different personalities but can marry beautifully, below are a few examples of them working in harmony! They also make amazing wines individually.

### 359. E. Guigal, Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2018

37

Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre

Cotes-du-Rhone, France, 14.5%, Vegan

Full with a long finish & plenty of elegance & finesse due to the well balanced tannins & fruit.

# 360. Fontaine du Clos, Reflets de l'âme Vacqueyras 2018

44

Grenache, Syrah

Vacqueyras, France, 14%

A fantastic explosion of fruit on the nose, this wine is aromatic & packed full of fruit. Ripe flavours of blackberries, blueberries, bramble & redcurrant, the Syrah in this wine gives hints of white pepper & spices through the long finish this wine has. A fantastic everyday drinker.

# 361. Bargylus, Grand vin de Syrie Rouge 2014

64

Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

Latakia, Syria, 14.6%

From Syria's only private wine estate, this is a blend of 60% Syrah and 20% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Packed with fruit and spice, it's a dinner party wine to impress, and what a talking point! Black pepper sprinkled summer fruits - bowls of plums and intense blackcurrant coulis, a dusting of cocoa and cinnamon. Rich yet with great lift and precision to the finish, and fine tannins.

# 362. Black Sheep Finds, Holus Bolus Syrah 2018

65

Syrah

California, USA, 13.5%

A pure thirst-quenching Syrah, throwing its trademark black pepper into the mix, dark purple with violet, blackberry & black pepper aromas. Mouth-filling & layered with tons of black plum, damson & black cherry lined by a spicy elegant edge.

# 363. E. Guigal, Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit 2018

69

Syrah

Saint-Joseph, Northern Rhône, France, 13.5%

Deep red colour, complex with dominant black fruit & delicate oak aromas. A pure & intense nose, with round & elegant tannins. Fresh & powerful.

# 364. Henschke, Keyneton Euphonium 2015

74

Shiraz (Syrah), Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Barossa Valley, Australia, 14.5%, Vegan, Sustainable

Deep Crimson with garnet hues, this wine is enticing on the nose, with aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry & cassis, enveloped by herbal notes of sage & bay leaf that lead to subtle nuances of red fruits, black pepper, vanilla & cedar. The palate displays purity, balance & texture & offers rich flavours or red & blackcurrant, dried herbs & black pepper. Velvety tannins provide great length & complexity.

# SYRAH, GRENACHE & FRIENDS /

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Côte du Rhône, Barossa Valley & More - Continued

Bottle

# 365. Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2009

88

Grenache, Mourvèdre, Roussanne, Syrah, Counoise, Cinsault

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhône, France, 14.5%, Organic, Sustainable

This wine is vibrant ruby in colour with stewed aromas of blackberry, plum & raspberry. On the palate, it has a lively acidity with delicate notes of liquorice, violets & pepper. Well structured ripe tannins support this rich wine through to a smooth lingering finish.

# 366. E. Guigal, Côte-Rôtie Brune & Blonde de Guigal 2017

95

Syrah, Viognier

Côte-Rôtie, France, 13.5%

Beautifully balanced with scarcely perceptible acidity & tannins. Softened by long ageing in oak. Guigal put a touch of Viognier in the blend to add femininity allowing for round, soft tannins, Aromas of raspberry, blackberry & vanilla.

# 367. Mullineux, Granite 2017

118

Syrah

Swartland, South Africa, 14.5%

Perfumed & elegant single terroir Syrah. Floral, spicy, cranberry nose & a tight, fresh structure with a silky texture. The palate has notes of succulent berries & delicate herbs & spices.

# 368. Guigal, Hermitage Rouge 2017

125

Syrah

Rhône, France, 14%, Vegan

Powerful & tannic with aromas of blackcurrant buds & vanilla, liquorice & spicy finish.

## 369. Torbreck, Descendant 2006

162

Shiraz, Viognier

Barossa Valley, Australia, 13%

Opaque purple-coloured, it emits an expressive, sexy perfume of violets, wood smoke, black pepper, espresso, blueberry & chocolate. Full-bodied on the palate, this voluptuous effort has great concentration with a noticeable uplift from the Viognier, tons of spicy black fruits.

Sangiovese produces two of our favourite wines here. Chianti is one of the world's oldest and most famous wines. It is one of those signature wines everyone seems not just to have heard of, but to have enjoyed. The Chiantis recommended below are all exceptional wines varying in style.

# 370. Castello Di Albola, Chianti Classico 2019

38

### Sangiovese

Tuscany, Italy, 13.5%

Ruby red with shades of garnet, nose has delicate hints of violet. Harmonious, dry, full-bodied & velvety.

### 371. Isole e Olena, Chianti Classico 2017

49

### Sangiovese

Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Crimson in colour with typical sour cherry & bramble notes. The palate has a supple, Lithe character full of perfumed fruit & is given depth by a mineral vein. Structure comes from the taut acidity & tannin structure.

# 372. Antinori, Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva "Tenuta Tignanello" 2018

66

75

### Sangiovese

Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Intense ruby red colour. Notes of ripe red fruit with hints of vanilla & spices. The palate is ample enveloping & balanced, but also deep & savoury with supple & silky tannins.

# 373. Fontodi, 'Vigna del Sorbo' Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2015 Sangiovese

Panzano, Tuscany, Italy, 15%, Organic, Practising Biodynamic

Dark ruby red, with aromas of dark black fruits, blackberry & Victoria plum. The powerful structure defines the palate & is given complexity by the smoky, savoury fruit, robust tannins & fine acidity.

The best Montalcino wines sit in the pantheon of the all-time greats. This is a selection of our favourites

# 374. Il Marroneto, "Ignaccio" Rosso di Montalcino 2019

74

### Sangiovese

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Delicate yet deep & perfumed, with a hauntingly beautiful bouquet of rose hips, lavender & raspberries laced with nuances of sweet spice. There's remarkable purity within, lifted & wonderfully refined, as juicy acidity further enlivens its vivid notes of ripe strawberry & plum. Just a hint of fine tannin lingers, allowing nuances of clove & liquorice to echo on. This lively & fresh Rosso will win a lot of hearts. Frankly, it's hard to put the glass down.

# 375. Casanova di Neri, Brunello di Montalcino 2015

85

### Sangiovese

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Wild red fruit & orange zest with cedar & wild herbs. The cherries here are fresh & lively & the tannins cut a sturdy, even frame around the impressively long, fresh flavours.

# 376. Biondi-Santi, Rosso di Montalcino 2017

95

### Sangiovese

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 13.5%

Ruby red colour, intense bouquet of violets & wisteria flower, fresh cherries & delicate hints of citron which are intertwined with spicy notes of pink & white pepper corns & a subtle, sweet scent of vanilla pod. It is smooth & medium bodied with a fruity core. This exceptional vintage reveals an impressive tannic structure & a well-balanced, fragrant acidity. The finish is long & savoury.

## 377. Il Marroneto, "Jacopo" Rosso di Montalcino 2019 Sangiovese

110

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 13.5%

In 2019 Alessandro Mori produced a special version of his Rosso di Montalcino, dedicated to his son Jacopo. Rosso di Montalcino "Jacopo" il Marroneto is a baby Brunello. Delicate notes of cherry & red currant emerge on the nose, followed by hints of tobacco & cocoa; on the palate it is warm & persuasive, with a long finish.

# 378. Conti Costanti, Brunello di Montalcino 2016

135

### Sangiovese

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

Bright ruby red in colour, this wine has typical perfumes of morello cherry, cinnamon & spice. On the palate, it has wonderful elegance & balance together with excellent concentration & silky tannins softened by cask & bottle ageing. Spiced red berry fruit characters are supported by an attractive savoury character, with a hint of liquorice on the long finish.

# 379. Sesti, Brunello di Montalcino 2017

144

### Sangiovese

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Palish mid ruby. Notes of preserved strawberries, cherries, orange, gingerbread & exotic helichrysum flowers. Subtly textured tannins guide the wine effortlessly across the palate.

# 380. Casanova di Neri, "Tenuta Nuova" Brunello di Montalcino 2015 Sangiovese

155

Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

The purity of fruit in this wine really strikes you with black cherries, combined with sage, lavender & rosemary. Extremely aromatic. Full-bodied, yet so tight & polished with incredible tannin structure that gives the wine an endless mouth feel of caressing tannins, acidity & fruit. There's a fabulous saltiness & oyster-shell undertone to the fruit. Unique. Quite possibly one of the best Italian wines available!

# 381. Sesti, "Phenomena" Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2016 Sangiovese

178

Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 14%

A stand-out Brunello from father & daughter team Giuseppe & Elisa Sesti. Lively, persistent and, quite simply, stunning. Scents of bergamot blossoms, orange peel & cardamom emerge slowly. Smooth, round & plummy on the entry, this gains tension as it clutches the palate with an irony grip. Depth & substance are articulated by persimmon, prickly pear & tamarind nuances. Still youthful but already captivating.

# 382. Cupano, Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2016 Sangiovese

285

Tuscany, Italy, 14.5%

Caramel, coffee & nuances of oak on the nose, veiling gorgeous fruit underneath. Musk, wild rose, black cherries & plum. The mouthfeel is extraordinary - there are few wines with as much poise & grace as this. Incredible length!

Piedmont produces some of the most outstanding wines this world has to offer, one of these is Barolo, it is also one of the most distinctive. Barolo is one of the few wines which can be mentioned in a serious discussion of terroir, as with Grand Cru Burgundy. Barolo is far and away the most famous wine of the region, but there is another wine from this region that should be equally celebrated, Barbaresco! Please see the following page.

### 383. Cordero di Montezemolo, Barolo Monfalletto 2015

78

#### Nebbiolo

Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%

A little lift with woody & floral aromas here. The base line red cherries run from nose to palate seamlessly. There's also an attractive, compressed density to the tannins here. An exceptional Barolo for this price!

### 384. Renato Ratti, Barolo Marcenasco 2015

92

### Nebbiolo

Piedmont, Italy, 14%

Macerated cherry, plum, freshly cut grass, white pepper & tar flavour highlights this dense, muscular red.

# 385. Cordero di Montezemolo, Barolo Gattera 2015

110

### Nebbiolo

Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%

A brash & modern style with attractive & newer oak notes, which are all cedar & spicy across wild red cherries. The palate has real depth & power. It delivers a long spice wrapped train of red & dark cherries. One of the best & most complete wines of the vintage.

# 386. Poderi Aldo Conterno, Barolo Bussia "Romirasco" 2015

350

#### Nebbiolo

Barolo, Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%, Practising Organic

Intense, vibrant wine with a bouquet of violets, roses & herbs, complemented by balsamic notes, liquorice & leather. Elegant structure, beautifully balanced with pristine fruit on the palate & excellent length.

Barbaresco produces some of our favourite Nebbiolo, these are our favourite producers at the moment.

### 387. Musso, Barbaresco "Rio Sordo" 2017 Nebbiolo

66

Rio Sordo, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%

Expressive & beautifully intense. Delicate ruby hues, ample & intense scents of apricot, ripe cherries, dried flowers & red fruit. Velvety in the mouth, with a persistent finish.

### 388. Bruno Rocca, Barbaresco "Rabajà" 2018 Nebbiolo

138

Rabajà Cru, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%, Vegan

Garnet in colour, this intensely perfumed wine has floral aromas of violets & rosehips, a hint of butter & red fruit notes of raspberry & cherry. These aromas follow onto the palate which is warm & mouth-filling, framed by broad Nebbiolo tannins. Elegant & long finish.

# 389. **Gaja, Barbaresco** 2016

198

Nebbiolo

Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy, 14%, Vegan

Woodland berry, blue flower, sun-baked soil & a whiff of dark spice shape the nose. Structured & extremely elegant, the focused, impeccable palate doles out juicy red cherry, strawberry, baking spice & star anise set against taut polished tannins that provide seamless support.

Don't miss out on Barbera which is a more affordable option, yet delicious & extremely drinkable. We have popped in a few for you to try.

# 390. G.D. Vajra, Dolcetto d'Alba 2020

41

### Barbera

Piedmont, Italy, 12.5%, Vegan

Lively deep purple colour. The nose opens with tones of wild berries, mulberry, hints of white pepper & sweet spices & fresh thyme. The palate is bursting with blueberries & fresh plums, with a refreshing acidity that makes it a great accompaniment to food. The finish is elegant with a lovely almond note.

# 391. G.D. Vajra, Barbera d'Alba 2019

44

#### Barbera

Piedmont, Italy, 14%, Vegan

This wine is bright violet in colour which alludes to the sweet dark fruits, giving this wine a refined elegance. Powerful & rich on the nose, it is concentrated & smooth: rich & fruity while leaving room for hay, tobacco & spices. On the palate, black fruits are layered with mineral graphite notes.

# 392. Proprieta Sperino, Uvaggio 2016

52

Nebbiolo, Vespolina, Croatina

Coste della Sesia, Piedmont, Italy, 14% Practising Organic, Vegan

Ruby red, with a very floral nose. The lifted palate is packed with attractive red fruit & has great texture thanks to the supple, approachable tannins & good acidity. More savoury & mineral notes come through on the long finish.

Amarone is widely recognized as one of Italy's most powerful and iconic red wines since it was first produced in the 1950s. The Process used to make Amarone is known as appassimento, in which the harvested grapes are air-dried. Below we have listed our favourite Amarones, with a few Baby Amarones (Valpolicella Superiore)!

# 393. Zenato, Ripassa Valpolicella Ripasso DOC Superiore 2015

48

### Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta

Veneto, Italy, 14%

Medium dark red, violet colour. Aromatic with dried cherry, ripe currant & a mocha nose. A good balanced acidity with an excellent finish.

# 394. Campagnola, Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico 2015

55

### Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara

Veneto, Italy, 15.5%, Vegan

Cherry fruit, liquorice & sandalwood bouquet, strong tannins.

# 395. Zenato, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2017

68

### Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta e Croatina

Veneto, Italy, 16.5%, Vegan

Big & bold with fig & cinnamon, smooth & delicious.

## 396. Tedeschi, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010

88

### Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, Rossignola, Oselata

Veneto, Italy, 16%, Vegan, Sustainable

This wine represents what the region can offer. Notes of vanilla & sweet fruits alongside A velvety, raisiny character; an enduring & persistent finish.

# 397. Valentina Cubi, Morar Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2003

98

### Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara Veneto, Italy, 15.5%, Organic, Bio-Dynamic

The aromas here recall ripe fruit, red apple, spice, mesquite wood & dried herbs. This wine speaks the language of Valpolicella & imparts sweet, velvety tannins.

# 398. Dal Forno Romano, Valpolicella Superiore Monte Lodoletta 2007

115

## Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta, Croatina

Veneto, Italy,14%

Intensely aromatic, dark red wine, reminiscent of a very dry mulled wine - fresh, jammy, acidic & spiced in just the right harmony. Hints of blueberry, blackberry, cherry & chocolate emerge gradually & envelop the palate, held together by potent tannins which give it such great ageing potential.

# 399. Zenato, "Sergio Zenato" Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

# Riserva 2015

118

### Corvina, Croatina, Oseleta, Rondinella

Veneto, Italy, 16.5%

Deep ruby red in colour. Extremely intense on the nose with a spicy, dried-fruit bouquet. Full, flavoursome & well structured on the palate with strong yet supple tannins & amazing length. A truly magnificent wine.

# 400. Dal Forno Romano, Amarone Della Valpolicella 2006

395

### Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta, Croatina

Veneto, Italy, 17%

Full of mature dark fruits, black cherry, truffle & dark chocolate, with gentleman's club notes of tobacco & leather armchairs.

Primitivo is practically synonymous with Puglia and the south of Italy. We have gathered a few of the best that will blow your mind figuratively & literally.

# 401. Varvaglione, "Papale Oro " Primitivo di Manduria 2017 Primitivo

49

# Puglia, Italy, 14.5%

Deep, dark and tempting, and seriously seductive! Kirsch, plum and spicy oak on the nose complemented by the palate of rich dark chocolate, ripe cherries, blueberries and spice. Ultraplush, velvety texture, extremely well balanced and a beautiful freshness through to the finish.

# 402. San Marzano, Primitivo di Manduria "62 Anniversario Riserva" 2017 56

Puglia, Italy, 14.5%

A deep complex nose with hints of prunes, cherry jam, spice and tobacco. Full bodied with fine tannins and notes of cocoa, coffee and vanilla on the long and savoury finish.

# 403. Polvanera, 17 Primitivo Gioia del Colle 2013

58

#### Primitivo

Gioia del Colle, Puglia, Italy, 16.5%, Organic

Ruby with garnet nuances, the nose releases a bouquet of extraordinary elegance & amplitude, with fascinating notes of black pepper, tobacco, ginger, confectioned forest fruits, dried fruits, liquorice, aromatic herbs. It is round, enveloping, with an integrated but monumental tannin, & an infinite persistence, at the same time fruity & toasted.

# 404. Attanasio, Primitivo di Manduria 2016

66

### Primitivo

Puglia, Italy, 16.5%

A powerful, full-bodied red which offers all the rich dark fruit character you would expect from the deep Italian south. Magnificent dark red hue & intense aromas of black cherry, bitter chocolate, vanilla & cigar box.

A bunch of our other favourite Italian reds.

### 405. Palladino, Biferno Riserva Rosso 2017

31

### Montepulciano, Aglianico

### Molise, Italy, 13%, Vegan

It's easy too see why this is our best selling red. Deep still vibrant colour – hard to believe it's over five years old. Blueberries, cherries & a little oak on the nose, leading to a very soft, mediumbodied texture in the mouth.

# 406. Vigneti del Vulture, Piano del Cerro 2018

47

### Aglianico

### Basilicata, Italy, 13.5%, Vegan

Deep red in colour, this wine displays hints of blackberry & blackcurrants mixed with spicy, balsamic notes on the nose. It has great structure on the palate & good length on the finish.

### 407. Cantina Diomede, Nero di Troia "Canace" 2018

49

### Nero di Troia

### Puglia, Italy, 13.5%, Vegan

The wine is deep red in colour with hints of violet. The complex bouquet offers warm spices, cocoa, coffee, liquorice and ripe berry fruit. Soft and velvety on the palate, the full-bodied "Canace" has fresh acidity, which is balanced with elegant tannins and lingering spice.

# 408. Occhipinti, Il Frappato 2018

54

### Frappato

#### Sicilia, Italy, 12.5%, Natural, Bio-Dynamic, Vegan

Light in colour yet remarkable in complexity, with notes of cherry, raspberry, fresh-cooked strawberries, blood orange & white pepper, this wine shows cool-climate characteristics in Sicily. The fluidity, the ever-changing character of this wine is truly remarkable.

# 409. Masciarelli, "Marina Cvetic" Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva 2017 Montepulciano

# 66

### Abruzzo, Italy, 14.5%

The style here is big wine with a sense of balance, deep, dark, brooding black fruits, earth, truffle & mineral, all surrounded by copious yet ripe tannins & perfect acidity.

# 410. Donnafugata, Mille e Una Notte 2016

88

### Nero D'Avola, Petit Verdot, Syrah, & Other Grapes

### Sicily, Italy, 14%, Sustainable

Intense ruby red coloured. Characterised by an ample bouquet, with fruity notes (blackberry & black mulberry) & balsamic (liquorice) & spicy scents followed by hints of cacao.

# 411. Paolo Bea, "Pagliaro" Sagrantino di Montefalco 2012 Sagrantino

175

# Marche, Italy, 15%, Natural, Organic, Biodynamic, No Added Sulphur, Hand Harvested

Full bodied & profound. This is not a wine for everyday, it is wine to save up for & make a ceremony of its consumption. It has a core of lush sweet fruit with layers of earthy, savoury chewiness & a length that lasts forever. A must try for every wine enthusiast, heavenly!

# 412. Emidio Pepe, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2015

240

### Montepulciano

Marche, Italy, 13.5%, Natural, Organic, Biodynamic, No Added Sulphur, Hand Harvested Iconic natural wine, rich, layered, full & delicious. One of the greats of Italian wine making. Complex, earthy, yet elegant & fresh. Really outstanding, on the nose Thai basil, anise seed & purple flowers meld within a dense wild berry core. The palate is broad & gripping in youthful tannins, yet plush with a thick-skinned dark berry tone, & speckled notes of herbs & game that linger on the extended finish.

Tempranillo reigns supreme in Spain. It produces full-bodied and age worthy wines, we think we have some of the all-time greats below for you to try. We have also included a few other wines that Spain has to offer!

### 413. La Rioja Alta, Viña Alberdi Riserva 2017

43

### Tempranillo

Rioja, Spain, 14.5%

Intense ruby-red; clean & bright. High aromatic intensity, with aromas of red fruit (raspberries, blueberries, redcurrants & red plums), giving way to a wide variety of balsamic notes (vanilla, hot milk cake, nutmeg, caramel & hazelnut). Pleasant tannins and a smooth, rounded finish that invites you to enjoy this magnificent wine.

# 414. Bodegas Valsardo, Ribera del Duero Reserva Superiore 2002

45

Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

Ribera del Duero, Spain, 12.5%

A classy, mature red of extremely high quality with soft notes of bracken, orange peel & cocoa. An amazing savoury, elegant, hugely complex find!

# 415. Marqués de Caceres, Rioja Gran Reserva Excellens 2010

47

### Tempranillo

Rioja, Spain, 14%

Intense colour with ruby-red on the edge, the bouquet combines stewed fruit, purple plums, balsamic notes & refined oak with a depth of clove. Nice body in the mouth where mature tannins delight with fresh, lively notes to give a silky fullness.

# 416. Familia Torres, Purgatori 2014

48

Carignan, Grenache, Syrah

Costers del Segre, Catalonia, Spain, 14.5%, Vegan

Dark cherry red with impressively intense fruit pigment. Delicious ripe forest fruit aroma (blueberries) with fine smoky & dried fruit notes. Exquisitely elegant with very fine fragrant tannins.

### 417. Bien de Altura 'Carmelo Santana', Ikewen 2019

52

Listan Negro, Listen Prieto, Other Indigenous White Grapes

Gran Canaria, Spain, 12.5%

The wine possesses taut acidity & palate-cleansing, volcanic mineral freshness. Pale ruby in the glass with flavours of juicy cherry, crunchy berries, raspberry, salt water, cured meats, Leather, pepper, graphite, smoke & violet. Medium body with high acidity & subtle tannins.

# 418. Mas La Mola, 'Vi d'Altura' Priorat 2017

58

Garnacha Negra, Garnacha Peluda (Grenache Varieties)

Priorat, Cataluña, Spain, 15.5%, Vegan, Carbon Neutral, Sustainable

Intense aromas of black cherries, blueberries, spicy oak notes & a smoky minerality. This Priorat is full bodied & powerful, with ripe tannins, mouth-watering acidity & a long, fruit-driven finish.

# 419. La Rioja Alta, Viña Ardanza Reserva 2012

66

Tempranillo, Garnacha

Rioja & Navarra, Spain, 14.5%

Exquisitely elegant with very fine fragrant tannins. Indulgently rich Reserva with plenty of ripe fruit flavour & silk-smooth tannins. It has notes of red fruits, vanilla, liquorice & cinnamon.

# 420. **R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia, Viña Tondonia Reserva** 2006

78

### Tempranillo

#### Rioja, Spain, 13.5%

I have said it before & I will say it again: the first sniff of Tondonia Tinto Reserva always makes me smile - and the 2006 is no exception. Reassuringly "Tondonia", the nose exhibits the classic characteristics of sweet strawberries & leather, yet it is bright, perfumed & vibrant at the same time. The palate is where there is a slight, subtle gear change; it is lip-smackingly fresh with fine acidity & tart raspberry fruit. To complete a near-perfect picture is the serious, yet wonderfully long finish - a finish that is subtly complex yet which goes on & on towards nuanced depths, with even a hint of marmite.

# 421. La Rioja Alta, Gran Reserva 904 2010

90

### Tempranillo, Graciano

### Rioja, Spain, 13.5%

It has to be among the greatest modern time vintages of this mythical bottling. Complex, with notes of plums & ripe grapes, jam of blackberries & red raspberries that give way to spicy & balsamic notes of tobacco leaves, cedar, liquorice, vanilla, chocolate & ground coffee. Outstanding! Awarded 98 Points by James Suckling!

# 422. Pago de Los Capellanes, Parcela El Nogal Tinto 2016

98

### Tempranillo

### Ribera del Duero, Spain, 15.5%, Vegan

Single-Vineyard Tempranillo, lustrous with black fruit, leather, roasted coffee & seductively scented with spice, sandalwood, cacao & a lick of liquorice.

# 423. Pintia "Vega Sicilia", Toro 2017

105

### Tempranillo

Toro, Spain, 15%

Full-bodied & intense wine, with hints of black fruit, spice & cedar. Extremely elegant wine that you'll rarely find in this region.

# 424. Benjamin de Rothschild x Vega Sicilia, Macán 2016

115

#### Tempranillo

#### Rioja, Spain, 14.5%

Silky & elegant with great raging potential. Ripe red & black fruits with nuances of leather & spices. On the palate it is flavoursome, fresh & elegant. The fruit strengthens & is complemented by chocolate notes & velvety & elegant tannins. Only 87,792 of this vintage produced!

# 425. Alión (Vega Sicilia), Ribera del Duero 2017

130

### Tempranillo

### Ribera del Duero, Spain, 15%

Inviting nose full of mocha & blackberry with a lovely vanillin note. The medium plus palate follows on theme & supplied plenty of fruit backbone with a lovely smoky finish.

# 426. Vega Sicilia, Valbuena 5° 2016

235

### Tempranillo, Merlot

#### Ribera del Duero, Spain, 14.5%

Huge depth & incredible intensity of flavour, with wave after wave of chocolate, coffee, hazelnut & plummy fruit, pure class & a bonified classic.

# 427. **Marqués de Murrieta, Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva Especial Tinto** 2005 285 *Tempranillo, Mazuelo*

Rioja, Spain, 14%

The supreme quality of the raw materials has resulted in a wine of great character & depth. The nose is a jamboree of cherries, spice-box & forest floor. The palate is silky & charming. An exceptional wine which is just as exceptionally rare.

It's an open secret that Douro Valley is very capable of producing high-quality reds from its characterful indigenous grapes that can hang with some of the top wines this planet has to offer.

### 428. Casa Ferreirinha, Callabriga 2018

39

Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz

Douro, Portugal, 13.5%, Vegan

Deep ruby in colour with intense aromas of prunes & cherries, along with attractive & well- integrated oak characteristics of cocoa & chocolate. On the palate, it has good structure & acidity with smooth tannins. There are black fruits & floral notes on the long finish.

### 429. Quinta Do Crasto, Vinhas Velhas Reserva 2018 Field Blend

56

Douro, Portugal, 14.5%

Intense and lifted aromas of cigar box, tobacco leaf, spices, cedar and vanilla, combined with fresh dark berries and ripe plums. A rich, full and round palate of great balance, displaying rich Douro berry fruit characters and a delicious savoury edge, with integrated tannins and a great length of finish.

### 430. Casa Ferreirinha, Quinta Da Leda 2018

78

Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinto Cão, Tinta Roriz

Douro, Portugal, 14%

A wine with great intensity, complexity and elegance. On the nose, aromas of ripe red and black fruits combine with spicy notes of cocoa and tobacco box. Full-bodied on the palate, with ripe and velvety tannins and a refreshing acidity which carries the complex flavours onto the lingering finish.

# 431. Prats & Symington, Chryseia 2012

155

Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional

Douro, Portugal, 14%

Lovely, ripe dark berries with black pepper, bacon, violets and powerful tannins. Quite savoury and forceful in style with a rustic, complex finish. Poised and very classy with spicy, bright, very persistent red and black fruits, mineral acidity and perfumed oak.

A Mish-mash of everything else we like.

# 432. Thymiopoulos 2019

37

#### Xinomavro

Naoussa, Macedonia, Greece, 13%, Bio-Dynamic, Organic

Belying the pale colour, this wine packs in plenty of character, offering dark fruit, tobacco & black olive flavours alongside a bracing acidity & a bold tannic structure.

### 433. Brendan Tracey, Gorge Sèche 2019

38

Pineau d'Aunis, Cot, Gamay

Touraine, Loire, France, 12%, Natural, (Served Chilled Option)

A red to slay the thirst. Gentle & translucent fruity red, an all round pleasure to drink on its own. Light, alive, easy & fun, this wine would sit well at any outdoor gathering. Oodles of cranberry fruit, some fresh fig & juicy blackberries. For the fridge.

# 434. Weingut Judith Beck, Ink 2019

41

Zweigelt, St Laurent Burgenland, Austria, 12%

A super introduction to the red wines of Burgenland. It is all about the fruit, dark inky red in colour, with juicy berry fruit, herbs, a little spice & some refreshing acidity.

### 435. Spice Route, Chakalaka 2017

47

Mourvedre, Shiraz, Carignan, Grenache, Petite Sirah, Tannat

Swartland, South Africa, 14%, Vegan, Sustainable

Deep ruby red in colour, there are aromas of clove & subtle white pepper followed by plum with elegant hints of spice. Medium bodied with red fruit & integrated oak.

# 436. **T-Oinos, Mavro** *2016*

55

Mavrotragano

Aegean Islands, Greece, 14%

Spectacular nose of violet, realises & pepper. Melting tannins on the mouth, well balanced with a long lasting salty finish.

### 437. Tikveš, Barovo 2018

59

Kratosija, Vranec

Tikveš, North Macedonia, 15%

Complex & elegant aromas of blackberries, plums & cherries combine with subtle hints of vanilla & toasty notes. It is beautifully textured with a mouth-filling palate of ripe berry fruits against a mineral backdrop & a long lasting finish.

### 438. Zorah, Karasì 2016

69

Areni Noir

Yeghegnadzor, Vayots Dzor, Armenia, 14%, Vegan, Practising Organic

Ruby red in colour, this wine has aromas of lightly spiced red fruits. The palate reflects the nose with hints of soft red fruits interwoven with an earthy savouriness and dried mountain herbs. The palate is full bodied and generous with vibrant chalky tannins.

78

# 439. Ridge Estate, Geyserville 2019

Zinfandel, Carignan, Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet

Sonoma County, California, USA, 14.5%

Saturated ruby colour. The wine is generous with plum & lack cherry fruit aromas alongside eucalyptus & a subtle earthiness. Intense blackberry fruit with hints of cedar wood & tar on the palate. Balanced acidity & elegant tannins.

# 440. Montes, Purple Angel 2017

90

Carménère

Colchagua Valley, Chile, 14.5%, Vegan

One of Chile's most lauded wines, Purple Angel is highly sought-after, with intense aromas of blackberries & figs, combined with notes of nutmeg, dark chocolate & pastry. On the palate, it is well-structured with rich tannins, a balanced acidity & a long, lingering finish.

There is something magical about the wine world's sweetest creations. From grapes left out on mats to dry in the sun through to the "noble rot" of botrytis, explore the versatility of these unctuous treats.

### 500. Château Laville, Sauternes 2016

7 10.5

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Sauternes, France, 13%

A bright, golden wine that opens with intense aromas of fresh citrus notes and candied fruits. Rich and layered on the palate, it is expressive with orange blossom, dried figs and sweet spices.

# 501. Donnafugata, 'Ben Rye' Passito di Pantelleria 2019

10 13.5

Zibibbo

Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy, 14.5%, Vegan, Sustainable

Brilliant amber in colour, wonderfully fresh and complex. Aromas of apricots and candied citrus zest combine with notes of Mediterranean thyme and rosemary.

# 502. Inniskillin, 'Gold' Niagara Vidal Icewine Vidal 2018

12 15.5

Vidal

Niagara, Ontario, Canada, 9.5%

Aromas of peach, apricot, cinnamon and clove with a touch of toast on the nose. Intense marmalade and orange flavours balance the crisp acidity of this complex Ice Wine.

\*Taste all 3 for £25 (75ml per serving)

125ml 75ml Bottle

# 503. Valdespino, Manzanilla 'Deliiciosa' NV

6 N/A N/A

N/A

Palomino

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 15%, Vegan

Pale straw yellow coloured, with a delicate yeasty, bready note on the nose, as well as a hint of flower blossom. On the palate it is very dry, crisp & fresh with a slightly saline finish.

# 504. González Byass, Pedro Ximénez "Nectar" NV

9.5

Pedro Ximénez

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 15%, Vegan, Sweet

A very dark & intense mahogany colour. Rich, sweet & velvety smooth on the palate. Complex flavours of caramel, dried fruits, figs, raisin, dates, mocha, nuts & spices. Very sweet & a perfect match with sweet desserts.

### 505. W. & J. Graham's, Six Grapes Reserve Port

9.5

N/A

Porto, Portugal, 20%

Fruity, robust & of superb quality which means it can be thought of as the everyday Port for the Vintage Port drinker. It has a seductive rich perfume of ripe plums & cherries & on the palate is complex, with a good structure & a long lingering finish.

### 506. Valdespino, Fino "Inocente Single Vineyard" Palomino

8.5 N/A N/A

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 18%, Vegan

Straw yellow in colour. Savoury aromas bread dough, almonds, olives & dried apples dominate on the nose. Bone dry & bracingly refreshing on the palate, with a saline minerality & a long & complex finish.

#### 507. Valdespino, Amontillado "Tio Diego Single Vineyard" NV N/A N/A Palomino

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 18%, Vegan, Dry

An intense amber colour. The nose shows notes of both the biological & oxidative ageing, yeast, bread, but also dried fruits & a hint of toffee, caramel & leather. Very dry, very complex, with generous body & well balanced acidity.

#### 508. Valdespino, Palo Cortado 'Viejo C.P.' Single Vineyard NV 10.5 N/A Palomino

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 20%, Vegan, Dry

A medium intensity mahogany colour. Delicate on the nose, with intense dried fruits, hazelnuts & walnuts. Notes of spices, vanilla & more dried fruit on the palate. Full bodied & with a long sophisticated finish.

# 509. Valdespino, Olorosso 'Solera 1842' VOS NV

10.5 N/A N/A

Palomino, Pedro Ximénez

Jerez, Andalucia, Spain, 21%, Vegan, medium-sweet

An intense mahogany colour. Notes of rich dried fruits, nuts & caramel. Smooth & full bodied on the palate with excellent length.

# 510. Howard's Folly x Casa Manoel Boullosa,

"Quinta Dos Pesos" Carcavelos 1991

N/A 22 78

Arinto, Galego Dourada, Ratinho, Trincadeira, Negra Mole, Castelão

Caparide, Carcavelos, Lisbon, Portugal, 20%, Sweet

Dark amber & highly aromatic with aromas of marmalade, raisins, treacle & spicy dried fruits. The palate is rich, dense, spicy, sweet, luscious & zingy, Expect flavours of candied orange zest, cardamom, star anise, marmalade, coffee, mocha supported by a lively mouth-cleansing acidity. Concentration, purity & intensity are not often seen in such balance. A world-class fortified sweet wine that really is a rare gem & a must try for enthusiasts!

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600.	Marqués de Riscal, Rioja Reserva 2010/11 Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo Rioja, Spain, 14%, Vegan Full bodied and muscular but smoothly polished. Embellished with complex aromas of vanilla and toasted oak, combined with blackberries and summer fruit flavours.	78
601.	Zenato, Ripassa Valpolicella Ripasso DOC Superiore 2014 Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta Nebbiolo Veneto, Italy, 14% Medium dark red, violet colour. Aromatic with dried cherry, ripe currant & a mocha nose. A good balanced acidity with an excellent finish.	98
602.	Polvanera, Primitivo Gioia del Colle 2010 Primitivo Gioia del Colle, Italy, 16.5% Ruby red colour, aromas of wild berries & balsamic notes.	110
603.	Giuseppe Campagnola, Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico 2008 Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara Veneto, Italy, 15%, Vegan Cherry fruit, liquorice & sandalwood bouquet, strong tannins.	3 116
604.	Valentina Cubi, Morar Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2005 Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara  Veneto, Italy, 16%, Organic, Bio-Dynamic  Beautiful, bright ruby colour, with a hint of garnet. Intense herby & earthy nose. Bone which is quite exceptional for an Amarone, fairly mature but still powerful, with juicy p & dried grape tannins. Great aging potential with all the right elements in balance.	, , ,

# 605. Dom Pérignon, Brut 2009

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Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Épernay, France, 12.5%, Vegan

The bouquet sparkles with delicate fresh violets in a setting of white peaches.

Astounding complexity and stunning length.