

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

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

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

TAJUT

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

WINES BY THE GLASS

Bubbles

	Glass	Tajut
Buzzinelli M.V. "Brut," Cormons, Friuli, Italy	\$12	\$6
Delamotte M.V. Brut, Les Mesnil-Sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	\$32	\$16
Krug M.V. Brut "Grand Cuvée," Montagne de Reims, France	\$40	\$20

White

Scarpetta 2016 Pinot Grigio, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Friuli, Italy	\$12	\$6
Petrussa 2016 Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	\$16	\$8
Ronco delle Betulle 2016 Ribolla Gialla, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	\$16	\$8
Alzinger 2016 Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Loibner Frauenweingarten," Wachau, Austria	\$21	\$10.5
Louis Michel & Fils 2015 Chablis, "Séchets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	\$24	\$12
Borgo del Tiglio 2015 Chardonnay, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	\$28	\$14

Red

Castelfeder 2015 Pinot Nero "Glener," Alto-Adige, Italy	\$13	\$6.5
Bruno Giacosa 2014 Barbera d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	\$17	\$8.5
Castello di Monsanto 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva, Barberino d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy	\$18	\$9
Villa Spinosa 2012 Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore "Jago," Veneto, Italy	\$19	\$9.5
Maculan 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon "Palazzotto," Breganze Veneto, Italy	\$20	\$10
Massolino 2013 Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	\$32	\$16

B U B B L E S

Champagne Pushing the Envelope

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Pierre Gerbais Extra Brut "Grains de Celles," Aube, France	M.V.	\$97
La Caravelle Brut Blanc de Blancs, Épernay, France	M.V.	\$109
Dosnon Brut Blanc de Blancs, Aube, France	M.V.	\$112
Pascal Doquet Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs "Arpège," Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$121
Cedric Bouchard Brut Nature Blanc de Noirs "Val de Vilaine," Aube, France	M.V.	\$121
Delamotte Brut Les Mesnil-Sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$139
Pierre Peters Blanc de Blancs, Brut Millésime "L'Esprit de 2010," Le Mesnil-Sur-Oger, Grand Cru, Cote des Blancs, France	2010	\$172
Benoît Lahaye Extra Brut "Rosé de Macération", Bouzy, Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$172
La Closerie Extra Brut "Les Beguines," Gueux, Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$181
Huré Frères Extra Brut "Memoire," Ludes, Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$193
Bêrèche & Fils Brut Nature "Le Cran," Ludes, Montagne de Reims France	2009	\$193
Chartogne-Taillet Extra Brut "Couarres Château," Merfy, Montagne de Reims, France	2010	\$196
Louis Roederer Brut Nature "Starck," Montagne de Reims, France	2006	\$199
Tarlant "Cuvée Louis," Extra Brut, Oeuilly, Vallée de la Marne, France	M.V.	\$219
Ulysse Collin Extra Brut Rosé de Saignée "Les Maillons," Congy, Sézannais, France	2012	\$222
Ulysse Collin Extra Brut Blanc de Noirs "Les Maillons," Congy, Sézannais, France	2012	\$222

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Bertrand Gautherot Rosé "Saignée de Sorbée," France	M.V.	\$233
Delamotte Brut Rosé, Les Mesnil-sur-Oger, Grand Cru, Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$242
Pierre Peters Brut Réserve "Oubliée," Grand Cru, Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$251
Pierre Peters Brut Blanc de Blancs "Les Chetillons," Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	2009	\$253
Pierre Peters Brut Blanc de Blancs "Les Chetillons," Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	2007	\$256
La Closerie Extra Brut Rosé "Fac-simile," Gueux, Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$283
Bollinger Brut "La Grande Année," Aÿ, Vallée de la Marne, France	2005	\$286
Krug Brut "Grand Cuvée," Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$305
Selosse Brut Blanc de Blancs "Initial," Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$339
Louis Roederer Brut "Cristal," Reims, France	2009	\$379
Pierre Peters Blanc de Blancs "Oenothèque, Les Chetillons," Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	2000	\$460
Pierre Peters Blanc de Blancs "L'étonnant Monsieur Victor Edition MK.09," Les Mesnil-sur-Oger, Grand Cru, Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$489
Louis Roederer Brut "Cristal," Reims, France	2007	\$519
Philipponnat Brut "Clos des Goisses," Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, Vallée de la Marne, France	2005	\$532
Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France	2002	\$563

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Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France	2003	\$568
Salon Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru Le Mesnil sur Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	1999	\$582
Pierre Peters Brut Blanc de Blancs "Chetillons," [1500 ml] Grand Cru Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	2008	\$586
Selosse Blanc de Blancs "Substance," Grand Cru Avize, Cote des Blancs, France	M.V.	\$589
Selosse Extra-Brut "Le Bout du Clos," Grand Cru, Ambonnay, Montagne de Reims, France	M.V.	\$599
Krug Brut, Montagne de Reims, France	2004	\$613
Selosse Extra-Brut Blanc de Blancs "Millésime," Grand Cru Avize, Cote des Blancs, France	2005	\$651
Salon Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru Le Mesnil sur Oger, Cote des Blancs, France	2002	\$851

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Sparkling Wine Alternative Zipcodes

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

Riesling and Chenin Blanc Sweet and Sour

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

A note on German Wine

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

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Sparkling Wine Alternative Zipcodes

Buzzinelli "Brut," Cormons, Friuli, Italy	M.V.	\$36
La Carafe Blanc Fines Bulles de Touraine, Touraine, Loire Valley, France	M.V.	\$52
Scarpetta Brut Rosé "Timido," Italy	M.V.	\$54
Contadi Castaldi Brut Satèn, Franciacorta, Lombardy, Italy	2009	\$76
Sandhi Brut Nature Rosé, Sta. Rita Hills, Santa Barbara, California	2012	\$100
Bellavista Brut Satèn, Franciacorta, Lombardy, Italy	2009	\$121

Riesling and Chenin Blanc Sweet and Sour

Alfred Merkelbach Riesling Spätlese "Ürziger Würzgarten," Mosel, Germany	2014	\$55
Joh.Jos Christoffel Erben Riesling Kabinett "Erdener Treppchen," Mosel, Germany	2015	\$64
Castelfeder Riesling "Reiler Sorentberg Rotschiefer," Mosel, Germany	2014	\$67
Domaine de Bellivière "Les Rosiers," Jasnières, Loire Valley, France	2015	\$81
J.B Becker Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken "Wallufer Oberberg," Rheingau, Germany	1997	\$100
Hermann Dönnhoff Riesling Spätlese "Oberhäuser Brücke," Nahe, Germany	2013	\$109
Hermann Dönnhoff Riesling Spätlese "Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle," Nahe, Germany	2013	\$121
Eric Morgat Savennières "Fidès," Loire Valley, France	2012	\$127
Nicolas Joly Savennières "Clos de la Coulee de Serrant," Loire Valley, France	2013	\$223

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Sauvignon Blanc The Workhorse

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

Sauvignon from unexpected places

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

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Sauvignon Blanc

La Carafe Sauvignon Blanc, Touraine, Loire Valley, France	2016	\$49
Tres Sabores Sauvignon Blanc, Rutherford, Napa, California	2015	\$58
Sattlerhof Sauvignon Blanc "Gamlitzer," Südsteiermark, Austria	2016	\$61
Vie di Romans Sauvignon "Piere," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$67
Serena Palazzolo Sauvignon, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$70
Scarpetta Sauvignon Blanc, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$79
Vie di Romans Sauvignon "Piere," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2012	\$85
Ronco del Gnemiz Sauvignon "Salici," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$88
Borgo del Tiglio Sauvignon, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$103
Ronco del Gnemiz Sauvignon "Sol", Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$127
Ronco del Gnemiz Sauvignon "Peri", Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$127
Marjan Simcic Sauvignon Blanc "Opoka," Goriška Brda, Slovenia	2009	\$132
Meroi Sauvignon "Zitelle Barchetta," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$147
La Castellada Sauvignon, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$148
François Cotat Sancerre "Les Monts Damnés," Central Loire Valley, France	2015	\$160
Borgo del Tiglio Sauvignon Selezione, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2009	\$153
Araujo Sauvignon Blanc "Eisele Vineyard," Calistoga, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$216
Miani Sauvignon "Saurint," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$229
Miani Sauvignon "Zitelle," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$229
Miani Sauvignon "Zitelle Cava," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$229
Domaine Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly "Silex," Central Loire Valley, France	2011	\$287
Domaine Didier Dagueneau Blanc Fumé de Pouilly "Silex," Central Loire Valley, France	2012	\$295

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

The grape formerly known as Tocai...

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

Collio Goriziano

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

Friuli Colli Orientali

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

Isonzo, Grave, Latisana

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

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Friulano

Petrussa Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$46
Ronco delle Betulle Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$49
Venica Friulano, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$49
Scarpetta Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$54
Scarpetta Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$79
Ronco del Gnemiz Friulano "San Zuan", Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$88
Meroi Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$91
Borgo del Tiglio Friulano, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2011	\$102
Miani Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$145
Borgo del Tiglio Friulano "Ronco della Chiesa," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$155
Borgo del Tiglio Friulano "Ronco della Chiesa," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$157
Borgo del Tiglio Friulano "Ronco della Chiesa," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$158
Borgo del Tiglio Friulano "Ronco della Chiesa," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2012	\$158
Miani Friulano, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$211
Miani Friulano "Filip," Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$211
Miani Friulano "Filip," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$229
Vignai da Duline Friulano "Gialloditocai," Venezia Giulia, Friuli, Italy{1500ml}	2015	\$268

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

Grüner Veltliner: Austria's Friulano

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

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Grüner Veltliner

Knoll Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Loibner," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$58
Alzinger Grüner Veltliner Federspiel "Loibner Frauenweingarten," Wachau, Austria	2016	\$64
Lioco Grüner Veltliner "Alfaro Vineyard," Santa Cruz Mountains, California	2014	\$67
Manni Nössing Grüner Veltliner, Valle Isarco, Alto Adige, Italy	2015	\$67
Salomon Undhof Grüner Veltliner Reserve "Lindberg," Kremstal, Austria	2015	\$88
Martin Muthenthaler Grüner Veltliner "Vergelt's Gott," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$103
Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Ried Lamm," Kamptal, Austria	2013	\$134
Knoll Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Loibner Vinothekfüllung," Wachau, Austria	2009	\$143
Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner "Vincent's Spiegel," Kamptal, Austria	2012	\$145
Martin Muthenthaler Grüner Veltliner "Vießlinger Stern," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$154
F.X. Pichler Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Dürnsteiner Liebenberg," Wachau, Austria	2010	\$164
Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Achleiten," Wachau, Austria	2013	\$169
Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner "Lamm," Kamptal, Austria	2015	\$179
Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Wachstum Bodenstein," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$190
Veyder-Malberg Grüner Veltliner "Weitenberg," Wachau, Austria	2014	\$195
Prager Grüner Veltliner Smaragd "Wachstum Bodenstein," Wachau, Austria	2013	\$196
Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner "Tradition," Kamptal, Austria (1500 ml)	2012	\$205
Nikolaihof Grüner Veltliner "Vinothek," Wachau, Austria	1993	\$339

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Macerated Wines Looking East from Oslavje

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

Malvasia Istriana and Vitovska The Carso: Living in Limestone

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

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Macerated Wines

Movia Ribolla, Brda, Slovenia	2014	\$58
Picéch "Bianco Jelka," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$74
Klinec Tocai "Jakot," Villa de Mandan, Mandan, Goriska Brda, Slovenia	2011	\$85
Le Due Terre "Sacrisassi Bianco," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$100
Podversic Damijan "Kaplja," Gorizia, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$117
Zidarich "Prulke," Carso, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$120
La Castellada Ribolla Gialla, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$148
Hiyu "Ramato," Columbia Gorge, Oregon	2015	\$155
Radikon Ribolla Gialla, Oslavje, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2009	\$163
Gravner "Bianco Breg," Oslavia, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$166
Radikon "Oslavje," Oslavje, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$173
Gravner Ribolla, Oslavia, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$174
Gravner Ribolla, Oslavia, Friuli, Italy	2007	\$192
Radikon "Fuori dal Tempo," Oslavje, Friuli, Italy	2000	\$365

Malvasia Istriana, Vitovska, Ribolla Gialla

Le Monde Ribolla Gialla, Grave, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$46
Primosic Malvasia, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$46
Ronco delle Betulle Ribolla Gialla, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$49
Venica Malvasia, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$67
Tercic Ribolla Gialla, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2011	\$72
Miani Malvasia, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$145
Meroi Malvasia "Zitelle Duri," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$147
Borgo del Tiglio Malvasia Selezione, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2009	\$152
Borgo del Tiglio Malvasia Selezione, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$170
Miani Ribolla Gialla "Pettarin," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$196
Miani Ribolla Gialla "Pettarin," Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$204

FLORAL, AROMATIC, EXOTIC

Fantasy Field Blends

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

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

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Fantasy Field Blends

Maculan "Pino & Toi," Veneto, Italy	2015	\$31
Wieninger Gemischter Satz, Wien, Austria	2015	\$40
Cantina Terlan "Terlaner Classico," Alto Adige, Italy	2013	\$52
Massican "Annia," Napa Valley, California	2013	\$70
Ronchi di Cialla "Cialla Bianco," Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy	2007	\$76
Ronc di Vico "Titut Blanc," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2012	\$78
Massican "Annia," Napa Valley, California	2015	\$79
Vignai da Duline "Morus Alba," Venezia, Friuli, Italy	2011	\$97
Terroir al Limit Priorat, "Terra de Cuques," Priorat, Catalunya, Spain	2013	\$115
Chateau Musar Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	2007	\$121
Edi Keber "Collio," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy [1500 ml]	2015	\$136
La Castellada "Bianco della Castellada," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2008	\$148
Jermann "Vintage Tunina," Venezia Giulia, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$151
Abbazia di Rosazzo, Rosazzo Bianco, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy	2009	\$153
Livio Felluga "Terre Alte," Rosazzo, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$154
Querciabella "Batàr," Greve, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$190
Miani "Bianco," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$204
Borgo del Tiglio "Studio di Bianco," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2012	\$218

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

“Paisan”

From Other Hills and Seas

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

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“Paisan”

Ferdinand Albariño, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$43
Terradora di Paolo Coda di Volpe, Campania, Italy	2013	\$46
Malabaila Roero Arneis “Pradvaj,” Piemonte, Italy	2016	\$46
San Lorenzo Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi “di Gino,” Marche, Italy	2016	\$48
Ludwig Knoll Silvaner, Franken, Germany	2007	\$48
Merkin Vineyards “Chupacabra Blanca,” New Mexico	2012	\$48
Abbazia di Novacella Kerner, Valle Isarco, Alto Adige, Italy	2016	\$49
Mazzei Vermentino “Belguardo,” Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$52
Mastroberardino Fiano di Avellino “Radici,” Campania, Italy	2015	\$55
Scholium Project “Rhododactylos,” Philips Farm, California	2012	\$59
Clelia Romano Fiano di Avellino “Colli di Lapio,” Campania, Italy	2013	\$59
Benanti Etna Bianco, Sicily, Italy	2014	\$64
Vallin “Vin Blanc,” Santa Ynez Valley, California	2012	\$70
Kuenhof Sylvaner, Südtirol Eisacktaler, Italy	2011	\$73
Bisson Cimixa “L’Antico,” Portofino, Liguria, Italy	2014	\$76
Yves Leccia Biancu Gentile, Corsica, France	2014	\$94
Jamsheed Roussanne, Beechworth, Victoria, Australia	2012	\$100
Clos Canarelli Figari Blanc, Corsica, France	2014	\$100
Tiberio Trebbiano d’Abruzzo “Fonte Canale,” Abruzzo, Italy	2015	\$103
Antoine Arena Vermentino “Carco,” Corsica, France	2012	\$117
Nicolas Mariotti Bindi Vermentinu “Pastoreccie,” Corsica, France	2011	\$118
Benanti Etna Bianco Superiore “Pietra Marina,” Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy	2012	\$151
San Lorenzo “Il San Lorenzo,” Marche, Italy	2002	\$153
Vieux Télégraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc “La Crau,” Southern Rhone, France	2011	\$199
Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Southern Rhone, France	2013	\$213
Jean-Louis Chave L’Hermitage Blanc, Northern Rhone, France	2011	\$464
Chateau Rayas Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Southern Rhone, France	2007	\$569
Jean-Louis Chave L’Hermitage Blanc, Northern Rhone, France	2000	\$574

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The Alsatian Noble Varietals Contrary Sensations

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

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Scarpetta Pinot Grigio, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$43
Skylark Pinot Blanc "Orsi Vineyard," Mendocino County, California	2016	\$46
Maeli Fior d'Arancio, Colli Euganei, Veneto, Italy	2015	\$46
Aquila del Torre Riesling, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2011	\$58
Loimer Riesling, Kamptal, Austria	2009	\$60
Domaine Bechtold Riesling "Sussenberg," Dahlenheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France	2010	\$69
G.D. Vajra Langhe Riesling, Piemonte, Italy	2015	\$73
Lis Neris Pinot Grigio "Gris," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$76
Vie di Romans Pinot Grigio "Dessimis," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$88
Tramin Gewürztraminer "Nussbaumer," Südtirol, Italy	2011	\$90
Hirsch Riesling Erste Lage "Kammerner Gaisberg," Kamptal, Austria	2009	\$99
Leitz Riesling G.G "Berg Rottland," Rüdesheim, Rheingau, Germany	2015	\$100
Leitz Riesling G.G "Berg Kaisersteinfels," Rüdesheim, Rheingau, Germany	2014	\$103
Leitz Riesling G.G "Berg Schlossberg," Rüdesheim, Rheingau, Germany	2015	\$103
Nigl Riesling "Privat," Kremstal, Austria	2006	\$105
Martin Arndorfer Riesling "Die Leidenschaft," Kamptal, Austria	2008	\$121
Von Winning Riesling G.G "Ungeheuer," Deidesheim, Pfalz, Germany	2015	\$125
Domaine Zind Humbrecht Riesling "Clos Häuserer," Wintzenheim, Haut-Rhin, Alsace, France	2011	\$133
Rudi Pichler Riesling Smaragd "Wösendorfer Hochrain," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$174
Rudi Pichler Riesling Smaragd "Wösendorfer Hochrain," Wachau, Austria	2013	\$181
Loimer Riesling Reserve Erste Lage "Seeberg," Kamptal, Austria	2013	\$182
Hirtzberger Riesling Smaragd "Singerriedel," Wachau, Austria	2007	\$199

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Francine & Olivier Savary Chablis, Burgundy, France	2014	\$55
La Carafe Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Nuits, Burgundy, France	2015	\$58
Francine & Olivier Savary Chablis "Vielles Vignes," Burgundy, France	2015	\$76
Domaine A. et P. de Villaine Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise, Les Clous Aimé, Côte Chalonnaise, France	2014	\$79
Louis Michel & Fils Chablis "Séchets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$82
Domaine Du Pélican Chardonnay, Arbois, Jura, France	2015	\$100
Moreau-Naudet Chablis "Vaillons," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$109
Genot-Boulangier Savigny-les-Beaune "Vielles Vignes," Burgundy, France	2014	\$109
Vincent Girardin Chassagne-Montrachet "Vielles Vignes," Burgundy, France	2014	\$121
Jean-Phillipe Fichet Meursault, Burgundy, France	2014	\$127
Laurent Tribut Chablis "Cote de Lechet," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$130
Château de la Maltroie Chassagne-Montrachet, Burgundy, France	2014	\$130
Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Saint-Aubin "Le Banc," Burgundy, France	2014	\$139
Domaine Roulot Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France	2014	\$142
Michel Niellon Chassagne-Montrachet, Burgundy, France	2014	\$148
René Leguin-Colin Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Vergers," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$151
Benoit Ente Puligny-Montrachet, Burgundy, France	2014	\$155
Val de Mer Chablis "Bougros," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2012	\$156
Jacques Carillon Puligny-Montrachet, Burgundy, France	2013	\$184
Vincent Dauvissat Chablis "La Forest," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$186
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Vincent Dauvissat Chablis "Vaillons," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$186
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Philippe Colin Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Vergers," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$196
Domaine Genot-Boulangier Chassagne-Montrachet Les Vergers, Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$196
Paul Pernot Puligny-Montrachet "Clos des Folatières," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$202
Maison Leroy Bourgogne Blanc, Burgundy, France	2015	\$202

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Bernard Moreau Chassagne-Montrachet "Champgains," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$241
Marquis d'Angerville Meursault "Santenots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$257
François Carillon Puligny-Montrachet "Les Perrières," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$250
Domaine Genot-Boujanger Meursault Bouchères, Burgundy Premier Cru, France	2014	\$262
Jacques Carillon Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Macherelles," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$274
Paul Pernot Puligny-Montrachet "Les Pucelles," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2015	\$295
Jacques Carillon Puligny-Montrachet "Les Champs Canet," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$298
Domaine Roulot Meursault, Burgundy, France	2012	\$312
François Raveneau Chablis "Montée de Tonnerre," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2011	\$350
Domaine du Martray Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2012	\$472
Vincent Dauvissat Chablis "Preuses," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2009	\$484
Domaine du Martray Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2004	\$486
Domaine Roulot Meursault "Porusot," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$517
Vincent Dauvissat Chablis "Preuses," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2002	\$576
Domaine Roulot Meursault "Clos de Bouchères," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$589
Vincent Dauvissat Chablis "Clos," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2007	\$637
Domaine de Montille Puligny Montrachet "Caillerets," Burgundy Grand Cru, France (1500 ml)	2001	\$643
Domaine des Comtes Lafon Meursault "Porusots," Burgundy Premier Cru, France	2011	\$658
Domaine de Montille Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France (1500 ml)	2006	\$679
François Raveneau Chablis "Valmur," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2001	\$875
Domaine Leflaive Bienvenues Bâtard-Montrachet Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2004	\$879
Domaine Leflaive Chevalier-Montrachet, Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2009	\$889
Coche-Dury Corton-Charlemagne, Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2009	\$1925

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Italian Chardonnay Between Worlds

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

Chardonnay First Love

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

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Italian Chardonnay Between Worlds

Vie di Romans Chardonnay "Ciampagnis," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$64
Castello di Ama "Al Poggio," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$70
Lis Neris Chardonnay "Jurosa," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$76
Passopisciaro Chardonnay "Passobianco," Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy	2015	\$82
Ronco del Gnemiz Chardonnay "Ronco Basso," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2016	\$88
Borgo del Tiglio Chardonnay, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$91
Ronco del Gnemiz Chardonnay "Sol," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$127
Miani Chardonnay Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$196
Miani Chardonnay Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$196
Miani Chardonnay Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$203
Miani Chardonnay "Zitelle," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$205

Chardonnay First Love

Alma Fria Chardonnay "Plural," Sonoma Coast, California	2013	\$82
Jordan Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma, California	2014	\$70
Walter Scott Chardonnay "Cuvée Anne," Willamette Valley, Oregon	2014	\$85
Wilde Farm Chardonnay "Brouseau Vineyard," Chalone, Monterrey County, California	2014	\$85
Red Car Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, California	2013	\$87
Lingua Franca Chardonnay "Avni," Willamette Valley, Oregon	2015	\$94
Stony Hill Chardonnay, St. Helena, Napa Valley, California	2010	\$94
Joseph Swan Chardonnay "Hawks Hill," Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California	2013	\$97
Joseph Swan Vineyards Chardonnay "Ritchie Vineyard," Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California	2013	\$109
Ceritas Chardonnay "Peter Martin Ray Vineyard," Santa Cruz Mountains, California	2015	\$121
Rhys Chardonnay "Horseshoe Vineyard," Santa Cruz Mountains, California	2013	\$150
Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay "3-D," Sta. Rita Hills, California	2012	\$151
Hyde de Villaine Chardonnay "Hyde Vineyard," Carneros, California	2014	\$151
Littorai Chardonnay "B.A Thierot," Sonoma Coast, California	2013	\$163
Hirsch Chardonnay "Estate," Sonoma Coast, California	2013	\$169

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Pinot Noir The Holy Grail

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

Pinot Noir Crafted by the Ocean

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

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Pinot Noir Crafted by the Ocean

Castelfeder Pinot Nero "Glener," Alto-Adige, Italy	2015	\$48
Failla Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California	2015	\$82
Domaine du Pélican "Trois Cépages," Arbois, Jura, France	2015	\$91
Brewer-Clifton Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, California	2014	\$100
Le Due Terre Pinot Nero, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2014	\$106
Walter Scott Pinot Noir "Seven Springs," Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon	2015	\$136
Copain Pinot Noir Kiser "En Bas," Anderson Valley, Mendocino, California	2011	\$150
Brewer-Clifton Pinot Noir "3D," Sta. Rita Hills, California	2014	\$151
Joseph Swan Vineyards Pinot Noir "Trenton Estate," Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California	2012	\$151
Brewer-Clifton Pinot Noir "Machado," Sta. Rita Hills, California	2013	\$175
Hiyu Pinot Noir "Arco Iris," Columbia Gorge, Oregon	2015	\$184
Rhys Pinot Noir "Alpine Vineyard," Santa Cruz Mountains, California	2013	\$248

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The Côte d'Or Masculine and Feminine

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Domaine Pierre Gelin Gevrey-Chambertin "Clos de Meixvelle," Burgundy, France	2014	\$94
Simon Bize Savigny-les-Beaune "Les Marconnets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2008	\$169
Jérôme Chezeaux Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2011	\$175
Domaine Chevillon Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Perrières," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$217
Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier Nuits-Saint-Georges "Clos de la Marechale," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2010	\$228
Lucie et Auguste Lignier Morey Saint Denis "Cuvée Roman Lignier," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2005	\$236
Bernard Dugat-Py Gevrey-Chambertin "Vielles Vignes" Burgundy, France	2008	\$280
Domaine Chevillon Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$286
Domaine de Montille Pommard "Les-Rugiens-bas," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2011	\$303
Domaine de Courcel Pommard "Grand Clos des Épenots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2007	\$337
Hubert Lignier Morey St. Denis "Les Chaffots," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2004	\$349
Domaine Henri Gouges Nuits-Saint-Georges "Les Vaucrains," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	1999	\$361
Bernard Dugat-Py Gevrey-Chambertin Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2008	\$376
Domaine de Montille Pommard "Rugiens," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	1999	\$402
Joseph Roty Griottes-Chambertin, Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2006	\$571
Domaine Dujac Morey Saint-Denis "Clos de la Roche," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2006	\$695
Jacques-Frédéric Mugnier Chambolle-Musigny "Bonnes-Mares," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2009	\$784
Domaine G.Roumier Chambolle-Musigny "Bonnes-Mares," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2009	\$889

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The Côte d'Or Feminine

René Lequin-Colin Santenay "La Comme," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$79
Domaine Tollot-Beaut Chorey-Les-Beaune, Burgundy, France	2014	\$79
Jean-Marc Bouley Volnay "Vielles Vignes," Burgundy, France	2014	\$161
Domaine Pierre Labet Beaune "Clos du Dessus des Marconnets," Burgundy, France	2013	\$175
Domaine de Montille Volnay "En Champans," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$180
Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Volnay Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$196
Jean-Marc Bouley Volnay "Caillerets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2014	\$260
Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Volnay "Caillerets," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$331
Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Volnay "Champans," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$331
Domaine Marquis D'Angerville Volnay "Taillepieds," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2012	\$331
Ghislaine Barthod Chambolle-Musigny "Aux Beaux Bruns," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2011	\$337
Domaine Michel Lafarge Volnay "Clos des Chênes," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2013	\$379
Ghislaine Barthod Chambolle-Musigny "Les Cras," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2011	\$394
Domaine Dujac Vosne-Romanée "Aux Malconsorts," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2008	\$451
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Maison Leroy Volnay "Les Angles," Burgundy 1er Cru, France	2000	\$1345
Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "Richebourg," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2008	\$2286
Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "Romanée-St-Vivant," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2010	\$2838
Domaine De La Romanee-Conti "La Tâche," Burgundy Grand Cru, France	2004	\$3123

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Rosé Wine for Tonight

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

Barbera True North

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

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

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

LOW GRIP, HIGH PLEASURE

Rosé

Wine for Tonight

Thibaud Boudignon Rosé, Loire, France	2016	\$45
Château Pradeaux Rosé, Bandol, France	2016	\$76
Bellus Pétillant-Naturel Rosé "La Vie en Bulles," Mendocino, California	2015	\$78
Domaine Ott Rosé "Château de Selle," Côtes de Provence, Provence, France	2016	\$118
Château Simone Rosé, Palette, France	2014	\$139

Barbera and Blends

True North

Scarpetta Barbera del Monferrato, Piemonte, Italy	2015	\$48
Luigi Ferrando Canavese Rosso, Piemonte, Italy	2014	\$52
Bruno Giacosa Barbera d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2014	\$64
Giacomo Conterno Barbera d'Alba "Vigna Francia," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2014	\$193
Iuli Barbera del Monferrato Superiore "Barabba," Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2006	\$228
Giacomo Conterno Barbera d'Alba "Vigna Francia," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2014	\$371
Roberto Voerzio Barbera d'Alba "Riserva Vigneto," Pozzo dell' Annunziata, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2005	\$598

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Cantina Bolzano Santa Maddalena Classico "Huck Am Bach," Alto-Adige, Italy	2014	\$40
La Carafe Corbières "Vielles Vignes," Corbières, France	2016	\$50
Cruse Wine Co., Valdiguié "Rancho Chimiles," Napa Valley, California	2015	\$58
Domaine Saint-Damien "La Louisiane," Gigondas Southern Rhone, France	2014	\$61
Château Thivin Côte de Brouilly, Beaujolais, France	2015	\$64
Skylark "Las Aves," North Coast, California	2013	\$67
Señorío de P. Peciña Rioja Reserva, Rioja, Spain	2011	\$67
I Vigneri, Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy	2016	\$84
Ridge "Geyserville," Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California	2015	\$88
Occhipinti Frappato di Vittoria "Il Frappato," Vittoria, Sicily, Italy	2014	\$91
Copain Trousseau Russian River Valley, California	2013	\$94
Domaine Brun Avril Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France	2012	\$97
Nicolas Mariotti Bindi Patrimonio Vieilles Vignes, Corsica, France	2012	\$100
Chapelle St. Theodoric "Les Sablons," Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France	2014	\$100
Terroir al Limit Priorat, "Torroja," Priorat, Catalunya, Spain	2013	\$112
Parador Reserva, St. Helena, Napa Valley, California	2003	\$117
Château Simone Rouge, Palette, France	2012	\$121
Terroir al Limit Priorat, "Dits del Terra," Catalunya, Spain	2013	\$122
Chapelle St. Theodoric "Le Grand Pin," Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France	2014	\$131
Passopisciaro Contrada "Porcaria," Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy	2014	\$163
Palari Faro, Sicily, Italy	2008	\$166

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Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudo di Mezzo," Sicily, Italy	2008	\$166
Argiolas "Turriga," Isola Dei Nuraghi, Sardegna, Italy	2013	\$181
Le Clos Du Caillou Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Quartz," Southern Rhone, France	2015	\$184
Lopez de Heredia Rioja Gran Reserva "Viña Tondonia," Rioja, Spain	1994	\$190
Passopisciaro "Passorosso," Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy [1500 ml]	2014	\$217
Chateau de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhone, France	2013	\$219
Le Clos Du Caillou Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Réserve," Southern Rhone, France	2012	\$307
Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudo di Mezzo," Sicily, Italy [1500 ml]	2007	\$329
Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Calderara Sottana," Sicily, Italy [1500 ml]	2007	\$329
Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Guardiola," Sicily, Italy Sicily, Italy {1500 ml}	2008	\$329
Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Feudo di Mezzo," Sicily, Italy [1500 ml]	2008	\$329
Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso "Calderara Sottana," Sicily, Italy [1500 ml]	2008	\$329
Daphne Glorian "Clos Erasmus," Gratallops, Priorat, Spain	2012	\$393
Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape "La Crau," Southern Rhone, France	2001	\$404
Vega Sicilia "Valbuena 5," Ribera del Duero, Valladolid, Spain	2010	\$421
Terroir al Limit Priorat, "Les Manyes," Priorat, Catalunya, Spain	2013	\$489

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Cabernet, Merlot, Etc. Blue Chip Bordeaux Varietals

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Maculan Cabernet Sauvignon "Palazzotto," Breganze, Veneto, Italy	2013	\$64
Tenuta Sant'Elena "Tato," Isonzo, Friuli, Italy	1999	\$73
Selvapiana "Fornace," Rufina, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$77
Tenuta di Trinoro "Le Cupole," Tuscany, Italy	2015	\$79
Viña Alicia Malbec "Brote Negro," Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina	2012	\$99
Gundlach Bundschu Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley, California	2014	\$106
Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, California	2013	\$130
Le Serre Nuove Dell'Ornellaia, Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$148
Geurrieri Gonzaga "San Leonardo," Trentino, Italy	2008	\$154
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	1999	\$161
Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	1998	\$174
Geurrieri Gonzaga "San Leonardo," Trentino, Italy	2001	\$184
Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$196
Lewis Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California	2015	\$211
Skipstone Cabernet Sauvignon "Oliver's Blend," Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California	2013	\$268
Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$277
O'Shaughnessy Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$280
Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley, California	2013	\$284
Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, California [1500 ml]	2010	\$310
Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga, Napa Valley, California [1500 ml]	2012	\$365

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Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon, Mount Veeder, Napa Valley, California	1999	\$416
Castello dei Rampolla "d'Alceo," Panzano, Tuscany, Italy	2007	\$426
Geurrieri Gonzaga "San Leonardo," Trentino, Italy	1994	\$450
Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$454
Tenuta di Trinoro Rosso Toscana, Sarteano, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$457
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Ridge "Monte Bello," Santa Cruz Mountains, California	1995	\$548
Dalla Valle "Maya," Napa Valley, California	2011	\$626
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$631
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$644
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$659
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2009	\$694
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Ornellaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2008	\$699
Bond "Quella," Oakville, Napa Valley, California	2009	\$843
Bond "Vecina," Oakville, Napa Valley, California	2009	\$843
Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion, Graves, Bordeaux, France	1998	\$946
Bond "Melbury," Oakville, Napa Valley, California	2012	\$1099
Chateau Haut-Brion, Graves, Bordeaux, France	1998	\$1176
Tenuta San Guido "Sassicaia," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	1990	\$1179
Chateaux Margaux, Margaux, Bordeaux, France	1995	\$1351
Chateau Latour, Pauillac, Bordeaux Premier Cru, France	1990	\$1930
Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac, Bordeaux Premier Cru, France	1982	\$5150
Chateau Latour, Pauillac, Bordeaux Premier Cru, France	1961	\$5890

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Merlot & Cabernet Franc The Right Bank

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

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

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

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Merlot & Cabernet Franc The Right Bank

Meroi "Rosso Nèstri," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$56
Borgo del Tiglio Rosso, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$70
Chateau Haut-Segottes, Saint-Émillion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France	2014	\$94
Meroi Merlot "Vigna Dominin," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2012	\$145
La Castellada "Rosso della Castellada," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	2000	\$207
Tenuta di Trinoro "Campo di Magnacosta," Sarteano, Tuscany	2013	\$216
Miani Rosso, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$217
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Olga Raffault Chinon "Les Picasses," Loire Valley, France	1979	\$232
Livio Felluga Rosazzo Riserva "Sossó," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	1993	\$240
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Livio Felluga Rosazzo Riserva "Sossó," Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	1997	\$240
Livio Felluga Rosazzo Riserva "Sossó," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	1998	\$240
Radikon Merlot, Collio Goriziano, Friuli, Italy	1998	\$242
Roberto Voerzio Merlot "Pissota," Langhe, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$249
Vignai da Duline Merlot, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Friuli, Italy (1500 ml)	2009	\$250
Gravner "Rosso Rujno," Oslavia, Friuli, Italy	2001	\$379
Tenuta dell'Ornellaia "Masseto," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$1174

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Malabaila Langhe Nebbiolo, Piemonte, Italy	2016	\$43
Nervi Gattinara, Piemonte, Italy	2012	\$76
Castello di Neive Barbaresco, Neive, Piemonte, Italy	2013	\$79
Antoniolo Gattinara, Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$97
Massolino Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2013	\$106
Fratelli Alessandria Barolo, Verduno, Piemonte, Italy	2012	\$112
Giacomo Fenocchio Barolo "Bussia," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2013	\$121
Antoniolo Gattinara "San Francesco," Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$139
Ferrando Carema "Etichetta Bianca," Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$143
Produttori del Barbaresco, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2010	\$151
Proprietà Sperino "Uvaggio," Lessona, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2012	\$153
Paolo Scavino Barolo "Carobric," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$154
Luigi Baudana Barolo "Cerretta", Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2007	\$157
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Luigi Baudana Barolo "Cerretta", Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$161
Sottimano Barbaresco "Pajore," Treiso, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$161
Sottimano Barbaresco "Cottá," Neive, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$161
Le Piane Boca, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$163
Elio Grasso Barolo "Gavarini Chiniera," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$166
G.D. Vajra Barolo "Ravera", Barolo, Italy	2010	\$168
Sottimano Barbaresco "Currá," Neive, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$169
Cigliuti Barbaresco "Serraboella" Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$171
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Nino Negri Sforzato di Valtellina "Sfursat 5 Stelle," Lombardia, Italy	2009	\$172
Giovanni Canonica Barolo "Paigallo," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$175
Sottimano Barbaresco "Cottá," Neive, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$176
Sottimano Barbaresco "Currá," Neive, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$176
G.D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco delle Viole", Barolo, Italy	2007	\$184
Cascina Fontana Barolo "Vecchia Vigne," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2013	\$184
Massolino Barolo "Parafada," Serralunga d' Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$190
E.Pira Barolo "Via Nuova", Barolo, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$192
Brovia Barolo "Rocche," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$193
Ferrando Carema "Etichetta Nera," Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$195
Paolo Scavino Barolo "Bric del Fiasc" Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$196
Dominico Clerico Barolo "Pajana," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2007	\$196
G.D. Vajra Barolo "Bricco delle Viole", Barolo, Italy	2010	\$198
Giovanni Rosso Barolo "Cerretta, Serralunga d'Alba, Italy	2011	\$198
Giovanni Rosso Barolo "La Serra," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$198
Pecchenino Barolo "Le Coste," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2005	\$199
Cappellano Barolo "Piè Rupestris," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$201
Brovia Barolo "Rocche," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2007	\$204
Elio Altare Langhe "Arborina," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2007	\$204
Giovanni Rosso Barolo "La Serra," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$205
Sottimano Barbaresco Riserva, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$229
Marchese di Gresy Barbaresco Riserva "Camp Gros," Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2010	\$233
Elio Grasso Barolo Riserva "Runcot," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2006	\$235

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E. Pira Barolo "Cannubi," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy	2006	\$241
Giovanni Rosso/Tommaso Canale Barolo "Vigna Rionda," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$262
Cavallotto Barolo Riserva "Vigna San Giuseppe," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2006	\$264
Cavallotto Barolo Riserva "Vigna San Giuseppe," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$264
Luciano Sandrone Barolo "Le Vigne," Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$277
Bartolo Mascarello Barolo, Barolo/La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$279
Giacomo Conterno Langhe Nebbiolo "Cerretta," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2009	\$295
Vietti Barolo "Rocche di Castiglione," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$316
Dominico Clerico Barolo "Percristina," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2005	\$330
Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco "Albesani-Vigna Santo Stefano," Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$335
Dominico Clerico Barolo "Percristina," Monforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2004	\$361
Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Tre-Tine," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy	2011	\$370
AR.PE.PE Valtellina Superiore Riserva "Rocce Rosse," Sassella, Lombardia, Italy [1500ml]	1999	\$376
Brovia Barolo "Villero," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy [1500ml]	2006	\$394
Giacomo Conterno Barolo "Cascina Francia," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2005	\$426
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Gaja Barbaresco, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2005	\$434
Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Brunate-Le Coste," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy	2005	\$437
Teobaldo Cappellano Barolo "Pie Rupestris," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2007	\$478

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Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Cerequio," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$524
Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Rocche dell'Annunziata Torriglione," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$524
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Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Cerequio," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2012	\$566
Paolo Scavino Barolo Riserva "Bric d'el Fiasc," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2008	\$589
Vietti Barolo Riserva "Villero", Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2006	\$678
Gaja Barbaresco, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	1999	\$679
Vietti Barolo "Rocche," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	1988	\$721
Gaja Barbaresco, Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy	2001	\$701
Roberto Voerzio Barolo Riserva 10 Anni "Fossati Case Nere," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	2006	\$739
Vietti Barolo Riserva "Villero", Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	2007	\$751
Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo "Tre-Tine," Barolo, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2011	\$755
Bruno Giacosa Barolo "Villero," Castiglione Falletto, Piemonte, Italy	1990	\$876
Roberto Voerzio Barolo "La Serra," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy	1996	\$939
Gaja Barbaresco "Sori San Lorenzo," Piemonte, Italy	1990	\$995
Roberto Voerzio Barolo "Riserva Vecchie Viti dei Capalot e Delle Brunate," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	2008	\$1044
Giacomo Conterno Barolo Riserva "Monfortino," Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy	2000	\$1503
Gaja Barbaresco "Sori San Lorenzo," Piemonte, Italy Piemonte, Italy [1500 ml]	1990	\$1990
Paolo Scavino Barolo Riserva "Rocche Dell'Annunziata," La Morra, Piemonte, Italy [3000 ml]	1996	\$2007

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Indigenous Ancient Varietals

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

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

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

Corvina, Rondinella, and Molinara Wines of Meditation

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

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

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

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Indigenous Ancient Varietals

Le Monde Refosco, Grave, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$40
Ronco Delle Bettule Refosco Dal Peduncolo Rosso, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$51
Villa Spinosa Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore "Jago," Veneto, Italy	2012	\$69
G.D. Vajra Freisa "Kyè," Langhe, Piemonte, Italy	2013	\$88
Matthiasson Schioppettino, Napa Valley, California	M.V	\$93
Vignai da Duline Schioppettino, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2015	\$97
La Viarte Tazzelenghe, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$100
Ronc di Vico Refosco, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2011	\$100
Ronchi di Cialla Schioppettino di Cialla, Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$106
Allegrini Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy	2013	\$142
Meroi Refosco "Vigna Dominin," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2010	\$145
Vignai da Duline "Morus Nigra," Friuli Colli Orientali, Friuli, Italy	2013	\$146
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Petrussa Schioppettino di Prepotto, Friuli Colli Orientali Friuli, Italy [1500 ml]	2014	\$150
Villa Spinosa Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy	2008	\$151
Terradora di Paolo Taurasi "Pago dei Fusi," Campania, Italy	2008	\$177
Mastroberardino Taurasi Riserva "Antonio," Campania, Italy	2008	\$181
Galardi "Terra di Lavoro," Campania, Italy	2009	\$190
Giuseppe Quintarelli Rosso "Ca' del Merlo," Veneto, Italy	2008	\$192
Emidio Pepe Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Abruzzo, Italy	2007	\$231
Villa Spinosa Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico, Guglielmi di Jago, Veneto, Italy	2001	\$268
Oasi Degli Angeli "Kurni," Marche, Italy	2008	\$285
Gravner "Rosso Breg," Oslavia, Friuli, Italy	2004	\$326
Giuseppe Quintarelli "Rosso del Bepi," Veneto, Italy	2005	\$379
Giuseppe Quintarelli "Rosso del Bepi," Veneto, Italy	2008	\$390
Giuseppe Quintarelli Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy	2007	\$646

DRY, AROMATIC, STRUCTURED

Sangiovese Chianti

Chianti was one of the first named wine regions in Italy. As far back as the 14th Century the rolling hills between Florence and Siena were called Chianti. Although the summers here are warm, there is significantly more cloud cover than further South in Montalcino or out on the coast, and the Sangiovese can struggle to ripen fully. As a result, even the most concentrated, coveted wines like “Flaccianello,” “Cepparello,” and “Le Pergole Torte,” have an elegance and coolness of fruit rarely encountered elsewhere in Tuscany.

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Sangiovese

Blood of Jupiter

Selvapiana Chianti Rufina, Rufina, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$45
Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva, Barberino d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$55
Fontodi Chianti Classico, Panzano, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$100
Bibi Graetz "Soffocone di Vinicigliata," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$120
Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Tuscany, Italy	1994	\$139
Bibi Graetz "Soffocone di Vincigliata," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$162
Fontodi Chianti Classico, Panzano, Tuscany, Italy [1500 ml]	2013	\$171
Fontodi Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, "Vigna del Sorbo," Panzano, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$174
San Giusto A Rentennano "Percarlo," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy	2008	\$228
San Giusto A Rentennano "Percarlo," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$256
Antinori "Tignanello," Firenze in San Casciano, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$261
Bibi Graetz "Testamatta," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$291
Bibi Graetz "Testamatta," Fiesole, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$293
Isole e Olena "Cepparello," Barberino Val d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy [1500 ml]	2011	\$326
Montevertine "Le Pergole Torte," Radda, Tuscany, Italy	2007	\$375
Fontodi "Flaccianello della Pieve," Panzano, Tuscany, Italy	1999	\$393
Isole E Olena Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Barberino Val d'Elsa, Tuscany, Italy	2006	\$435
Castello di Ama Chianti Classico "Vigneto Bellavista," Gaiole, Tuscany, Italy	2004	\$458
Montevertine "Le Pergole Torte," Radda, Tuscany, Italy [1500 ml]	2007	\$749

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Sangiovese Wines of Montalcino and Montepulciano

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Sangiovese

Blood of Jupiter

Le Ragnaie Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2013	\$70
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Valdicava Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2014	\$114
Canalicchio di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy [1500ml]	2014	\$130
Livio Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$136
Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$160
Salicutti Brunello di Montalcino "Piaggione," Tuscany, Italy	2012	\$178
Pian Dell' Orino Brunello di Montalcino "Vigneti del Versante," Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$190
La Fiorita Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany, Italy	2006	\$205
Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino "V.V," Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$213
Gianni Brunelli Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$223
Stella di Campalto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2009	\$230
Stella di Campalto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$245
Talenti Brunello di Montalcino Riserva "Pian di Conte," Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$259
Le Chiuse Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany, Italy	2006	\$277
Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Brunello di Montalcino Riserva "Vigna di Pianrosso," Tuscany, Italy	2010	\$322
Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2008	\$339
Salvioni Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$343
Poggio di Sotto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2007	\$355
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$356
Poggio di Sotto Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2008	\$357

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Salvioni Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2007	\$399
Pian Dell' Orino Brunello di Montalcino "Vigneti del Versante," Tuscany, Italy (1500 ml)	2011	\$407
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2006	\$436
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2007	\$442
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2008	\$454
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	2004	\$495
Il Paradiso di Manfredi Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy (1500 ml)	2004	\$584
Pian Dell' Orino Brunello di Montalcino "Bassolino di Sopra," Tuscany, Italy (1500 ml)	2010	\$619
Cerbaiona Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy	1990	\$721

B L A C K & B L U E

Kind of Blue

Marzemino, Teroldego, and Lagrein

The indigenous red grapes of Trentino and Alto Adige offer a unique combination of color, texture and flavor. Often, purple color in wines is obtained by applying highly extractive wine making techniques to thick skinned grapes. This results in full bodied, highly textured wines with significant tannin. Reds wines from Trentino-Alto Adige are violet hued but they have weight and structure similar to a lighter colored red like Pinot Noir or Sangiovese. Much like Northern Rhone Valley Syrah the wines purple color is obtained in a way that retains delicacy.

B L A C K & B L U E

Marzemino, Teroldego, and Lagrein Kind of Blue

Weninger Blaufränkisch "Hochäcker," Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2011	\$67
Moric Blaufränkisch, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2014	\$72
Weninger Blaufränkisch "Kalkofen," Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2013	\$88
Heinrich Blaufränkisch "Leithaberg," Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2013	\$100
Moric Blaufränkisch "Lutzmannsburg," Alte Reben, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2013	\$261
Moric Blaufränkisch "Neckenmarkt," Alte Reben, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland, Austria	2013	\$261

B L A C K & B L U E

Syrah Lavender Wake

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

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

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

BLACK & BLUE

Syrah Lavender Wake

Jamet Syrah Collines Rhodaniennes, Northern Rhone, France	2014	\$64
Domaine du Montellet, Saint-Joseph, Northern Rhone, France	2015	\$79
Casas del Bosque Syrah, Casablanca Valley, Chile	2014	\$85
Jauma Syrah "Alessa," McLaren Vale, South Australia	2013	\$97
Demuth Syrah "Bei Ranch," Sonoma Coast, California	2012	\$97
Arnot-Roberts Syrah "Alder Springs Vineyard," Mendocino, California	2010	\$106
Domaine Monier Saint-Joseph "Terre Blanche," Northern Rhone, France	2014	\$127
Xavier Gérard Côte Rôtie, Northern Rhone, France	2013	\$136
Domaine Monier Saint-Joseph "Les Serves," Northern Rhone, France	2014	\$151
San Lorenzo "Il San Lorenzo," Marche, Italy	2001	\$157
Hyde de Villaine Syrah "Californio," Carneros, California	2013	\$170
Clusel-Roch Côte Rôtie "Vialliere," Northern Rhone, France	2012	\$184
Auguste Clape Cornas, Northern Rhone, France	2012	\$289
Thierry Allemand Cornas "Chaillot," Northern Rhone, France	2012	\$293
Jamet Côte-Rôtie, Northern Rhone, France	2012	\$305
Le Macchiole Syrah "Scryo," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	2011	\$315
Jamet Côte-Rôtie "Côte-Brune," Northern Rhone, France	2011	\$503
Le Macchiole Syrah "Scryo," Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy	1999	\$513
Jean Louis Chave Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France	2000	\$850
Jean Louis Chave Hermitage, Northern Rhone, France	1996	\$882
Guigal Côte-Rôtie "La Mouline," Northern Rhone, France	1999	\$1192

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

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

Royal Tokaji Wine Company 2008 Essencia

This wine probably lasts longer than any other non fortified wine in the world. It can take years to attain even 2 or 3 degrees of alcohol and contains staggering levels of residual sugar and acidity, in some cases more than 800 grams per liter of residual sugar and upwards of 20 grams per liter of acidity. These factors create an unimaginably unctuous wine that can't even leave the sides of a glass. It must be enjoyed with a spoon.

\$54 per spoon

STICKY & SWEET

Vietti Moscato d'Asti, Piemonte, Italy	2016	\$13 glass
Domaine La Tour Vielle Banyuls "Rimage," Roussillon, France	2013	\$14 glass
Badia a Coltibuono Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy	2009	\$14 glass
Marco de Bartoli Marsala Superiore Oro "Vigna la Miccia," Sicily, Italy	MV	\$18 glass
Teobaldo Cappellano Barolo Chinato, Piemonte, Italy	MV	\$19 glass
Quinta do Noval 20 Year Old Tawny Port, Douro, Portugal	MV	\$20 glass
Royal Tokaji Wine Company Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Tokaji-Hegyalia, Hungary	2009	\$20 glass
Villa Spinosa Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, "Francesca Finato Spinosa," Veneto, Italy	2011	\$20 glass
Barberani Orvieto Classico Superiore Dolce "Calcaia," Umbria, Italy	2014	\$24 glass
Vietti Moscato d'Asti, Piemonte, Italy	2016	\$46
Badia a Coltibuono Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy[375ml]	2009	\$88
Marco de Bartoli Marsala Superiore Oro "Vigna la Miccia," Sicily, Italy [500 ml]	MV	\$100
The Rare Wine Co. Madeira "Charleston Sercial," Madeira, Portugal	MV	\$103
Royal Tokaji Wine Company Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Tokaji-Hegyalia, Hungary[500 ml]	2009	\$106
Villa Spinosa Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, "Francesca Finato Spinosa," Veneto, Italy[500 ml]	2011	\$114
Isole E Olena Vin Santo, Tuscany, Italy	2005	\$121
Barberani Orvieto Classico Superiore Dolce "Calcaia," Umbria, Italy	2014	\$138
Knoll Riesling Beerenauslese "Loibner," Wachau, Austria	2015	\$151
Royal Tokaji Wine Company Tokaji Aszú 6 Puttonyos, "Mezes Mály," Tokaji-Hegyalia, Hungary[500 ml]	2007	\$331
Château d'Yquem Sauternes, Bordeaux, France[375 ml]	1994	\$349
Château d'Yquem Sauternes, Bordeaux, France[375 ml]	1999	\$425
Giuseppe Quintarelli Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy [750 ml]	1990	\$695