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Bonjour, and welcome to this chilly July-August edition of our epistle on all things wine, beer and spirits related. We have a French feast for your senses lined up! Embark with us on a vinous journey, beginning with the intriguing story of Château Clarke, a new visitor to our shores. We explore the little-known vineyards crafting delightful drops that are Bordeaux's Petits Châteaux and delve into the fascinating nuances of offerings from the Côtes du Rhône.

A trip to France wouldn't be complete without visiting the historic village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, while we also take in the origins of the Rothschild family's Mouton Cadet brand, along with a southerly sojourn to the land of Provence neighbours Languedoc-Rousillon. The Alsatian delights of Josmeyer and Gisselbrecht await, as does the lush world of French Chardonnay.

From the picturesque masters of rosé, Château Léoube, to the new owner of Provence's Château Mascaronne, we have quite the line-up. Sparkling wine that isn't champagne? We have you covered, along with a colourful journey through rosé champagne's many shades.

There's more: vermouth from France to New Zealand, decoding cognac, and a sneak peek into Italy's new DOCG appellation, Nizza. Lastly, the Glengarry Pinot Noir club is back, ready to thrill you aficionados of this mysterious and scintillating grape.

Our French adventure wouldn't be complete without tasting these magnificent pours, which is why we've arranged a series of immersive tastings throughout the period. Join us, as we swirl, sniff, and sip our way across France. As ever, remember life's too short to drink bad wine. Here's to another month of exploring the finest vineyards and distilleries the world, and our backyard, has to offer.

Au revoir until next time,

Aroha Jakicevich

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Holding court at the heart of France's vinous universe, the aristocratic Bordeaux boasts a peerless pedigree. Some of its best value wines are crafted by the petits (small) châteaux. They offer serious, estate grown and bottled wines crafted by quality conscious individuals.

These producers work hard at upping the stakes, and many are delivering earlier drinking, riper styles that allow a user-friendly route into the complex world of Bordeaux wine appreciation.

Our approach ensures that there's quality in every sip, with all the wines tasted and assessed before we import them in refrigerated containers, ensuring your wine is in the best condition when it gets to you.

The petit château wines we have available come from the 2018, 2019 and 2020 vintages. All are warm years, though with different characters; the 2018 wines are complete, bold and structured, while the 2019s have a brighter fruit structure with fresh acidity. The 2020 wines combine the best features from both years.



#### MOUTON CADEL MARON PHILIPPE DE ROTHSCHILD

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### Mouton Cadet

Originally created by Bordeaux legend Baron Philippe de Rothschild, the Mouton Cadet wines are fantastic buying

The story of Mouton Cadet is intimately entwined with that of Bordeaux itself. In 1855, Napoleon instigated the region's system of classifying its wines from first growth to fifth growth. At that time, Mouton Rothschild was classified as a second growth.

When he inherited the company in 1924, Baron Philippe de Rothschild launched a determined campaign to correct this 'gross oversight'. Mouton Rothschild was finally promoted to First Growth status in 1973, one of only three changes ever made to the original classification.

In 1930, the Baron created Mouton Cadet as a 'branded' Bordeaux. The first of its kind, it was just one of the many innovations he introduced.

In 1988, following Philippe's passing, Baroness Philippine de Rothschild carried forward her father's agenda, under the banner of Mouton Cadet, to make a great Bordeaux wine that was accessible to a wider global audience. The indefatigable Philippine turned it into the biggest selling branded Bordeaux wine in the world.

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mouton cadet bordeaux rouge 2019

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#### château CLARKE

#### BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

The fresh, aromatic, Merlot dominant Château Clarke possesses a distinctive and refined Médoc character

#### 46327 CHÂTEAU CLARKE BORDEAUX 2018 | \$64.99 CASE/6 \$59.99/BOTTLE

70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. A spicy, plummy nose. Firm, dense and full of dark plum fruits with a cassis spiced note on the end. The acidity is fresh and gives a lovely vibrancy to the wine.



The Rothschild family's story includes Château Clarke. In 1973, when Mouton Rothschild was promoted to First Growth, another arm of the Rothschild family, in the form of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, acquired Château Clarke.

Despite such established illustrious family ties, the visionary Edmond nurtured a dream to create, from scratch, his own legacy. Something remarkable. With a history dating back to 1771, Château Clarke has been completely revitalised by the Edmond de Rothschild Group.

With the late Edmond's side of the family predominantly involved in banking, the Château was for many years the private retreat of his clients. Today, Château Clarke is headed up by his daughter-in-law, Ariane de Rothschild. Ariane's vision is wrapped around hospitality and gastronomy, which has seen her further renovate the property and open it to visitors.

As the CEO of the Edmond de Rothschild Group, Ariane's global aspirations now see the company the owners of a number of properties around the world, including Akarua in Central Otago and Rimapere in Marlborough.

### How the French do

The French have certainly put a sparkle in their collective step with their mastery of the bubble One of our top-selling French méthodes

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SAINT-MEYLAND MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE NV | **\$21.99** CASE/6 \$19.99/BOTTLE

A brilliant alternative to its champagne neighbours, the Saint-Meyland employs the same method of production, the rich, yeasty toastiness declaring its irresistible credentials.

We love champagne, and, just quietly, think we might have one of the best and most extensive ranges of it anywhere. Reference point for oenophiles it might be, but the truth is there is much more to the world of French sparkling wines than 'just' champagne.

Most winemaking regions of France will have their own local fizzers, sometimes under a name defined by AOC rules, and sometimes not. Common ones you see include Crémant d'Alsace and Crémant de Bourgogne.

Broadly speaking, there are two methods of production. The much more well-known method, supposedly invented by a certain Dom Pérignon and espoused by all the grand houses of Champagne, involves a secondary fermentation undergone in bottle. These wines can usually be identified by the words 'Méthode Traditionnelle' on the label.

The other, older, much less utilised version goes by the name Méthode Ancestrale, or Pét-Nats as they are more popularly known in this part of the world. These wines are bottled before fermentation is finished, usually under a crown seal, with the resulting pressure carbonating the drink.

Without the cachet enjoyed by the champagne name, these wines can usually be found for very approachable prices, and at a quality level that may happily surprise you.



FAMILLE MOUTARD MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE NV | \$23.99 Subtle floral and mineral notes support elegant, generous peachy flavours

### GROWER CHAMPAGNE

The diversity, complexity and individuality of these boutique styles sets them apart from the mainstream



HENRI GIRAUD | CLAUDE GIRAUD

Grower champagnes often find themselves being introduced using broad strokes; artisanal, small scale, usually family owned grape to glass operations. Those descriptions are good, of course, but can at times fail to convey the unique nature of many of these producers and the many coloured tapestry of tastes on offer. These are after all not wines made by committee, bound by expectation or potentially having their own eccentricities diluted by the blending vat.

Each village, vintage and vintner has their voice on display in every bottle of Grower champagne. As a happy consequence, if also an accurate cliche, there is a bottle for every palate. Whether it is the power and oak driven richness of Henri Giraud, the floral delicacy of Lassalle, the bone-dry balance of Tarlant or beyond, the world of Grower champagne is a kaleidoscope of interesting stories and excellent wines.



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Grower Champagne

We'll be hosting some fantastic Grower champagne tastings in our Auckland and Wellington stores.

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CHAMPAGNE

# ROSE

Rosé champagne aficionados contend they're a step up from the standard model. One thing's for sure: these elegant wines are a wonderful extension to the champagne legend

### When pink is perfect

There might not be much in a name, but ardent lovers of rosé champagne know well that few things smell so sweet. (But not in a sugary sense, rosé is typically just as dry as its blonde sibling!)

Rosé champagne goes way back, with the earliest records of its existence found at Champagne Ruinart from 1764. As with many of history's eureka moments, the invention may have been a complete accident; current Ruinart chef de cave Frédéric Panaïotis noting, "Maybe some guy didn't wake up in the morning, or they were short-staffed, so there was extra skin contact."

From these early documents it is believed that the first salmon sparklers must have been made via the saignée method. This means that the base wines were allowed contact with the skins of black grapes, with the colour bleeding into the juice. This method persists today, but is less common, due largely to the difficulties in extracting consistency in colour and flavour profile following the second ferment mandatory to champagne.

Further innovation followed in 1818. Madame Barbe-Nicole Clicquot was apparently unsatisfied by the taste produced by the saignée method, so she instead took the more direct measure of simply mixing red and white wines together to obtain a pink-coloured result.

This exercise in colour theory was a success, and survives as the dominant means of production. Curiously, Champagne is the only region in the EU allowed to make rosé wine in this fashion.



### The Prestige Champagnes

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These evocative names and their ilk represent the pinnacle of champagne production. And yes, there is magic here

It has begun to seem like a vintage of the century is declared in Champagne about as frequently as we get February 29th. Not that we are complaining, of course! Especially when the two most recent times we have heard that refrain – about 2008 and 2012 – the wines have indeed lived up to the hype.

Hot on the heels of those immediately excellent 2012s, 2013 had a lot to live up to. The vintage began unpropitiously however, with a long winter, a cold spring and hail in the Aube and parts of the Marne combining for a grim outlook at the onset of the season.

No pain, no gain though as they say, and the sun came out in force through July and August. September rains preserved freshness and then October provided near ideal harvest conditions. This is a classic vintage, with all the austerity, elegance and bright acidity that other recent, warmer vintages have been harder pressed to replicate. With very late flowering of the black skinned varieties, this is also a 'Chardonnay vintage' and a triumph for the storied slopes of the Côte de Blancs in particular.

All of this is to say that while the grand old houses of Champagne might not be crowing about 2013 from the rooftops in the same way they have about 2008 and likely will about 2022, this is nevertheless an excellent vintage. For these prestige cuvées it is also likely to be an extremely long-lived one, producing some eminently cellar worthy wines.

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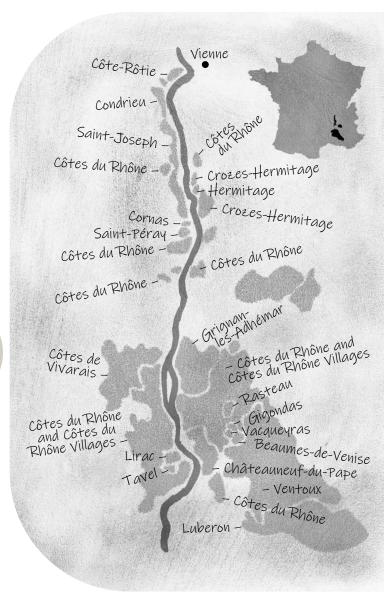
### The expansive CÔTES DU RHÔNE

Accounting for 80% of the Rhône Valley's output, this diverse appellation is France's second largest wine region

Cultivated since Roman times, vineyards straddle the Rhône River as a collossus of the viticultural world. By volume of production, the area is one of the largest winemaking regions not just in France, but in the whole world. Far from being homogeneous, the style of the Rhône valley can typically be split in twain, with north and south often producing very different wines.

Beginning in the north in Vienne, a half-hour drive from Lyon, the land under vine is generally a narrow strip along the riverbanks. The valley here is very steep, with some of the vineyards seeming almost vertically perched on the slopes. This is hallowed ground in wine, the spiritual home of Syrah, whose AOCs are discussed in hushed whispers at tastings around the world; Hermitage, Côte-Rôtie, Cornas.

On the flatter, more easily arable lands of the south, vineyards spread out rather than just following the contours of the river. Soils change from the granite further north, and there is maritime influence from the nearby Mediterranean. This part of the region is responsible for almost all of the wine bottled under the Côtes du Rhône AOC.



As in many parts of France, there is a hierarchy to the system of labelling in the Rhone. At the top end there are seventeen crus – individual villages or areas which have been identified for the specificity of their terroir and a history of producing fine wine. These crus include such names as Côte-Rôtie, Cairanne, Gigondas and Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

The largest and most common AOC is simply named Côtes du Rhône. Grenache must be at least 40% of the blend for reds, with Syrah and Mourvèdre also key components. Far from being basic wines, however, these are often delicious and very popular crowd pleasers. As an entry point into what can sometimes be the daunting realm of Old World wine there is no better place to start.

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"Delicious, warm and generous ... remarkable complexity for this price level." 93/100 James Suckling

> 41371 RÉSERVE MON-REDON CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2021 | **\$22.99**

A juicy, exuberantly fragrant blend of Syrah and Grenache that delivers its generous helping of complexity and sinewy succulence via bright fruit and a spicy character. Vivid, robust, refined.



#### ORATOIRE ST MARTIN

Oratoire Saint-Martin is considered the best site in the Cairanne, appellation, which has recently been elevated to Cru status. Long farmed organically and biodynamically by the Alary brothers, the new owner, Mont-Redon's Pierre Fabre, is keen to continue their low intervention, natural approach.



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CÔTES DU RHÔN

LES VINS DE VIENNE

#### Les Vins de Vienne is the project of a quartet of superstar winemakers, Yves Cuilleron, Francois Villard, Pierre Gaillard and Pierre-Jean Villa. They have access to some of the Rhône's finest fruit, their portfolio consisting of a superb line-up of wines from some of the Rhône's best appellations.



Lush Grenache, Syrah & Mourvèdre fruit delivers a sexy spiciness dusted with ancient earth

#### E.GUIGAL

When he founded the estate bearing his name in 1946, Etienne Guigal likely had little idea of the legendary status his wines would attain. From their old château in Ampuis, Guigal have become synonymous with Côte-Rotie and the Rhône, and have played a huge role in the region reaching its lofty standing.

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44977 E. GUIGAL CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2019 | **\$27.99** 

Outstanding red blend from one of the Rhône's finest. Superbly ripe, with elegant tannins and excellent balance



more great Côtes du Rhône wines

#### The stony heart of CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

A favourite of past Avignon popes, in this lauded appellation Grenache is king



At the southern end of the Rhône valley, there are a number of factors beyond just the eye-catching Papal Keys embossed on most bottles that make the wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape world renowned. (The bottles do look very cool though, don't they?!)

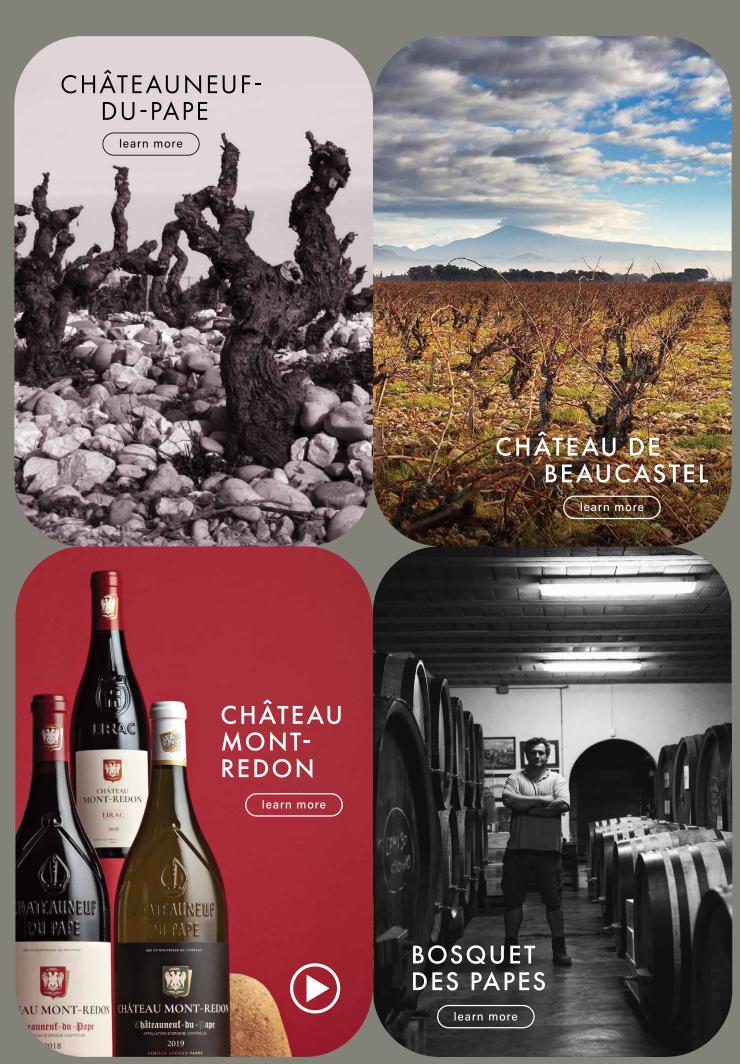
Thirteen varieties contribute to the appellation, but here, Grenache is king. The late ripening variety glories in the sunshine of the South of France, with the Mistral wind roaring through the valley to help alleviate any pressure from disease or mildew.

Beneath the vines, soil types are varied between clay, limestone and sand. It is the rocky pebbles known as galets that are most well known though, forming the distinctive backdrop to vineyard photos that make it seem like each vine is growing from a sea of stone.

The wines are robust, but, thanks to the low tannin nature of Grenache, still quite approachable even in their youth. Red and dark fruits abound, giving way to gamey, herbal and leathery notes as the wines age. White wines are also made, though in very small quantities. These can vary from opulent and open through to precise, linear and structured, but are always a hit.

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#### CHÂTEAU MONT-REDON CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2018 **BOSQUET DES PAPES** CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2020 **BOSOUET DES PAPES CHANTE LE MERLE 2019** BU BUY CHANTE LE MERLE chateau de Beaucast CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL BOSQUET BOSQUET DES PAPES HOMMAGE À JACQUES PERRIN 2015 HATEAU MONT-REDON Châteauneuf - du - Pape Châteauneaf-da-Pape Châteauneaf-da-Pape



### ALSACE101

Spiritual home of the aromatic expression, this battle-scarred region of overwhelming beauty is home to some of France's most profound wines



Nestled between the Vosges mountains and the river Rhine, Alsace is in many ways one of the most unique and picturesque jewels in the crown of French wine. The history here is complicated to say the least. Between France, the Holy Roman Empire and Germany, the region has been carved up, reunited, and annexed by sword, gun and paperwork several times before finally returning to the French fold in the Treaty of Versailles.

This Franco-Germanic combination works especially well in the world of wine, which is itself a key part of the region's history and economy. Here, you will find some of the finest examples of aromatics that are made anywhere, and happily for our New World sensibilities the varietals are even right there on the front label. Take that Burgundy!

The Vosges range shields from both wind and rain, providing the long, narrow winegrowing region a sunny continental climate and protection from the worst ravages of weather. Soils in Alsace are also extremely varied as a result of tectonic shift and the movement of glaciers, ranging from sandstone and granite to limestone and clay, sometimes in the space of just a few hundred metres.

Pinot Noir is grown, and vinified in its own right as a still red, as well as often being blended into the local sparkling, Crémant d'Alsace. But it is white wine that is king in this cool climate region, making up over 90% of total production. Riesling and Gewürztraminer are grown here – in fact the only region in France where that is the case in any significant quantity.

Some lesser known varieties including Pinot Blanc, Muscat and Sylvaner also have a home in Alsace, but it is Pinot Gris that is probably the most recognisable to Kiwi wine aficionados. In contrast to Alsatian Riesling, that is typically steely and dry, the Pinot Gris is usually rich, unctuous and mouth-fillingly moreish.

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#### ALSACE

#### Five generations of dazzling aromatic wines



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Founded in 1854 by Aloyse Meyer, the organic and biodynamic Josmeyer is the jewel in our Alsatian range. The Meyer family operate at the highest level, producing dazzling aromatic wines with an artistry and purity others can only aspire to.

Their superb starting point is a Pinot Gris that sets the benchmark, the wine you hope anyone who intends to make Pinot Gris tastes at some stage. Deliciously textured peach and honey characters travel in a seamless arc across your taste buds.

The Grand Cru wines are simply sublime, a lesson in precision and balance. Shaping the fifth generation of the family business, Isabelle Meyer is the current head of winemaking, responsible for the vinification and blending of the cuvées.

#### josmeyer alsace pinot gris

josmeyer alsace riesling

Josmeyer's pure, deliciously textured entry-level wines are a must-try



### LA MASCARONNE

#### CHÂTEAU MASCARONNE | MICHEL REYBIER

Michel Reybier, of Château Cos d'Estournel, is since 2020 also the proud owner of Château La Mascaronne in Côtes de Provence. Said to have been looking for a property in Provence for some time, he was drawn to the terroir of La Mascaronne, which sits on an elevation just above the village of Luc-en-Provence. Lovingly restored by Tom Bove, La Mascaronne was in good shape when he took it over.

Tom Bove was responsible for restoring and selling Château Miraval to Brad and Angelina. After that sale, Tom set about renovating La Mascaronne, before adding the property now known as Château Bellini to his collection, which is where you'll find Tom Bove today. Tom Bove has farmed all the properties organically, hand harvested the fruit and made estate wines. It is this impressive pedigree that Michel Reybier has embraced and applies his considerable skill to.

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LA MASCARONNE CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2021 **| \$32.99**  La Mascaronne's renowned terroir and high quality fruit pay dividends via this excellent rose. Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah & Vermentino grapes combine to produce a luminous wine. Refreshing and vibrant when young, this can also be aged for several years, an unusual characteristic for a rosé.

more from La Mascaronne



CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE | WINEMAKER ROMAIN OTT

### CHÂTEAU LÉOUBE

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Léoube

Château Léoube is a 360 hectare property nestled on the edge of the Mediterranean. The last two years have seen mergers and acquisitions change the face of Provence, with the gargantuan LMVH group now owning as much of that region as they do in Champagne. For Léoube owners Lord and Lady Bamford, the change and innovation started over twenty-five years ago when they purchased a house in need of repair and its surrounding areas.

They were fortunate at the time to acquire the services of a young Romain Ott (the Ott family are rosé-producing royalty there), who 20 years on is still in charge of winemaking. Certified organic, the extent of future planning and pursuit of quality is impressive, from planting at different angles to introduce differing maturation times, to rejuvenating, replacing and resting soil under cover crops prior to replanting, a process that can take 10 years.

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CHECK OUT LEOUBE'S SUPERB MEDITERRANEAN GIN HERE

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### How the French do CHARDONNAY



From Chablis to Champagne, the Loire to Languedoc, the legendary wines of Burgundy, Chardonnay's influence looms large across France's vinous landscape

> We think that there are basically two kinds of wine drinkers in the world: people who love Chardonnay, and people who love Chardonnay and just don't know it yet. You can disagree of course, but that just means we'd like to help you begin your journey to enjoying some great Chardy. There are many to choose from, and some excellent bottles made right here in Aotearoa. But the French did it first and arguably still do it best.

Unfortunately, identifying a French Chardonnay can be easier said than done. Southward in Languedoc-Roussillon they make it easy, putting the name right there on the label where logic suggests it ought to be. The Chardonnay here, being warm climate, can be very aromatic with with tropical fruit flavours, generous and usually great value - look no further than perennial customer favourite Paul Mas for proof.

The heart and home of Chardonnay is found in Burgundy, but things get more complicated. At the northern end of the region is Chablis, a small town that is nevertheless a titan of Chardonnay, and to some extent synonymous with it. The cool climate and ancient Kimmeridgian soils combine to produce a lighter style renowned for its purity and unique nature. Chablis is seldom oaked, preserving the citrus fruit and chalky, flinty character that is typical of the area. Any wine labelled as Chablis must be Chardonnay.

In Burgundy proper, the soil can be quite different, as is the winemaking. Oak is more common, and the wine is usually fuller and richer. There are many different sub-regions, tiers and labels for Chardonnay in the area. Though not the only white wine made here, it is by far the most dominant.



French Chardonnay TASTING CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

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Sunny South of France flavours pair nicely with seafood & chicken dishes

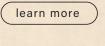
43989 **PAUL MAS** RÉSERVE CHARDONNAY 2022 **\$20.99 CASE 6/ \$19.99/BOTTLE** 

A lean and elegant wine delivering an inviting touch of richness from the warm southern French sun, this is a popular Chardonnay style, laced with delicate notes of lemon and tropical fruit.



#### DOMAINE ROMANIN

Domaine Romanin is located in Burgundy at the heart of the famous vineyards of Pouilly-Fuissé, where fifth generation Denis Vervier creates his exemplary wines using sustainable viticulture, manual harvesting, time-tested cellar techniques and scrupulous attention to detail.



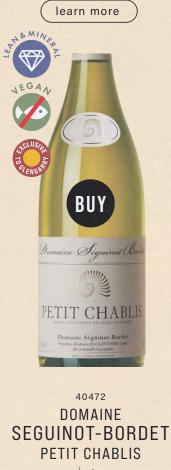
43745 DOMAINE ROMANIN MACON-VILLAGES 2021 **\$29.99** 

A warmer environment bestows nectarine-peach flavours rather than the crisp styles of Chablis



#### DOMAINE SÉGUINOT-BORDET

Séguinot-Bordet have been producing wine in the commune of Maligny since the 18th Century. Jean-François Bordet steps between the old and the new and taken his family house to another level. Fresh, clean flavours are underscored by the minerality that characterises the classic Chablis style.



#### 2021 **\$29.99** Richly vibrant, with refined palate of cris

a refined palate of crisp flavours and fresh, tingling mineral notes

#### DOMAINE LAROCHE

From the AC Chablis through to the heady heights of the Grand Cru wines, Laroche produce something stunning at every level, establishing a worldwide reputation for their steely, mineral-edged Chablis wines. Laroche is now a huge brand owning around 100 ha in Chablis alone.

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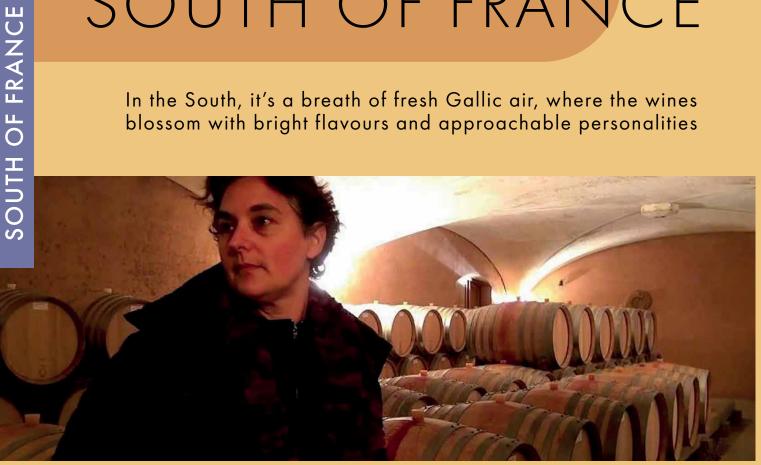
#### 48759 DOMAINE LAROCHE SAINT MARTIN CHABLIS 2021 **\$44.99**

Impeccable quality. Refined, with a chalky minerality, zesty acidity and long, fruity finish



#### THE GOLDEN GLOW SOUTH OF FRANCE

#### In the South, it's a breath of fresh Gallic air, where the wines blossom with bright flavours and approachable personalities



Down along France's southern coast, the restrictions of the Appellation Contrôlée system in general give way to a freedom around vine cultivation. The benign climate delivers long, sunny days for ripening, while a moderating coastal influence keeps much disease at bay.

The Rothschild-owned Domaine de Baronarques is located in the Languedoc-Rousillon region, an area that starts just north of the border with Spain and runs along the coast. Towards Provence is Minervois, where Anne Gros and her Burgundian winemaking husband Paul Tollot craft their excellent expressions from Carignan and Syrah under their Gros-Tollot label.

Here, too, Domaine Paul Mas, savvy producers of the dynamic Arrogant Frog label, produce a great range of Vin de Pays wines that includes their singular old vine Carignan, and just prior to entering Provence itself, the intriguing and original Puech-Haut produce a striking rosé.

DOMAINE ANNE GROS + JEAN-PAUL TOLLOT | ANNE GROS



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#### South of France TASTING

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### COGNAC

#### The Bugatti of brandy, this subtle and complex, somewhat magical elixir is produced under very strict regulation



LHÉRAUD | LA FAMILLE LHÉRAUD

As a spirit, cognac must be misunderstood about as often as it is brandished by a rapper in a music video. Which is to say, a lot. So let's start by clearing some things up.

First of all, what is it? In basic terms, it is a spirit distilled from wine made from grapes grown in the Cognac region. All cognacs are brandy, but not all brandy is cognac. Very special brandy indeed, though, with Victor Hugo once referring to cognac as 'the liquor of the gods.'

As in Champagne, much of the control of production and dominance of sales has come to rest in the hands of a small number of very large brands. The 'Big Four' of Hennessey, Rémy Martin, Martell and Courvoisier have a production that dwarfs the combined efforts of the region's hundreds of other distillers by a significant margin. Their size and scale have helped to propel cognac onto the global stage, with excellent bottles available at a number of price points.

Similarly to champagne, smaller houses exist and thrive. Lhéraud and Tesseron are fantastic examples of family-owned producers offering interesting and unique cognacs.

The drink itself is versatile and lends equally well to classic cocktails, mixers and straight. Younger examples, such as those labelled VS and VSOP, may have a sharper, brown sugary taste that pairs deliciously with soda, ginger ale or lemonade, while the XOs and rare vintage bottles often have the distinctive rancio aspect (think tropical fruits, cigar box and earth) that is best enjoyed neat.



### versatile VERMOUTH

It's giving bitter, it's giving sweet. A spirit that's been with us for centuries, vermouth is experiencing a fantastic resurgence

Think of vermouth as the fun cousin in the family of aromatised wines. In essence, it is a wine fortified with distilled alcohol and laced with the flavours of various botanicals. Among these, the Artemisia family, particularly wormwood, takes centre stage. This is where the name 'vermouth' originates, coming from the German word 'wermut', which means wormwood.

Vermouth, with its broad spectrum of red, white, amber and rosé styles, is a chameleon in the glass. Even the term 'extra-dry' vermouth can be misleading, as these offerings still contain some sweetness to counterbalance the bitterness.

After enjoying success as an aperitif, vermouth is finally coming into its own as a standalone beverage, with the new millennium ushering in a revival. Ancient recipes have been given new



life by legacy companies, while innovators have introduced pioneering brands, leading to a surge of new vermouth options on the market.

The style of a vermouth is determined by a range of factors: the base wine, the botanicals used for flavouring, the sweetness and method of sweetening, the addition of distilled alcohol, and the optional use of caramel colouring. You'll find most vermouths can be classified into three main types: sweet vermouth (usually red), dry vermouth (typically white), and Vermouth Bianco, which looks like a dry vermouth but is notably sweeter.

Flavour-wise, vermouth dances a delicate balance between bitter and sweet, evoking the satisfying sensation of indulging in dark chocolate. But vermouth's flavour profile isn't restricted to that; it swings from herbaceous to fruity, from earthy to floral, depending on the base wine and the botanicals used.

Vermouth is versatile: it makes an elegant sipping drink, served neat or over ice with a slice of citrus or an olive. For a lighter take, pair it with tonic for a refreshing low-alcohol alternative. And remember, although the elevated alcohol and sugar content help to preserve vermouth, once opened it starts to oxidise. Keep your open vermouth bottles fresh by storing them in the fridge, ideally sealed with a vacuum stopper.

But don't limit vermouth to solo performances. It's also a fantastic co-star in some of the world's most beloved cocktails, such as the martini, negroni, the Manhattan and the Martinez.

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### BENRIACH

Discover BenRiach's fascinating history and its saga of revival



BENRIACH | MASTER BLENDER RACHEL BARRIE

Whisky is more than just a combination of grains, yeast, and water. While these ingredients form its foundation, whisky's allure lies in the captivating stories woven into each drop. As avid enthusiasts, we've come to appreciate the enjoyment that comes from knowing its tales.

Born from the ashes of the Victorian whisky boom in 1898, BenRiach's narrative is a fascinating saga of revival, renewed vision, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

As the distillery's Master Blender, Rachel Barrie continues BenRiach's legacy of crafting extraordinary whiskies. Her approach is both scientific and artistic, evoking a deep understanding of whisky-making, while applying creative flair to each expression she crafts.

Barrie's influence at BenRiach has been transformational. Today, BenRiach produces three styles, unpeated, peated, and triple distilled, while continuing to experiment with an eclectic selection of casks from around the world.

We celebrate the return of a beloved favourite from BenRiach's past lineup, The Sixteen. We also delve into the distillery's distinctive production methods that shape the iconic BenRiach style. Mark your calendars for an exclusive sneak preview of a forthcoming BenRiach tasting event in September. Read more for a comprehensive understanding of this intriguing distillery.

### NEW Edition

BENRIACH THE SIXTEEN SPEYSIDE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY 700ML | \$179.99





Three cask maturation in bourbon, sherry and virgin oak for balanced richness layered with stonefruit, smooth creamy malt, wild honey and nutty oak spice

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Always adaptable, always in vogue

THE MARTINI

From James Bond to Winston Churchill, Mae West to Dean Martin, the martini has long attracted a devoted following

As the 20th century dawned, the martini started shedding its complex ancestry, morphing into a simpler, bolder drink, typically a two-to-one blend. It was during the Roaring Twenties that it really strutted its stuff and became synonymous with suave drinking.

A timeless classic, the martini has undergone a fascinating evolution, mirroring the changing preferences of society. In the 1970s-80s, the proportions of gin or vodka to vermouth underwent a significant expansion, culminating in the contemporary rendition of the 'extra dry' martini. This beast of a cocktail is basically a goblet of ice-cold gin, with a whisper of vermouth if you're fortunate. Talk about packing a punch! The martini underwent yet another evolution at the turn of the century, taking on new hues, textures, and garnishes. From the cosmopolitan to the apple and chocolate martinis, these tasty versions are decidedly different in style to the original. The components (gin or vodka?), ratio (wet or dry?), and garnish (olive or citrus twist?) have been hotly debated. Over a century of fine-tuning has resulted in a massive library of the traditional and the modern, spanning a wide range of tastes and flavours.

With its intricate roots, countless variations, and uncertain destiny, one undeniable truth endures: the martini, in every manifestation, is a libation of unparalleled refinement.

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Fords Gin & Dolin Dry Vermouth, the perfect combo for a great Martini

Here's our recommendation. First, Fords Gin. Crafted from a concept sketched on a humble cocktail napkin, this exquisite gin was fated to grace the most timeless of gin cocktails. It's made in the London Dry style, showcasing a fusion of nine botanicals. Floral tones, vibrant citrus zest, and earthy spice create a delightful blend.

Then let's go French with Dolin Dry Vermouth, a distinguished Vermouth de Chambéry originating in 1821 from the French Alps. A refined balance of botanicals that blend harmoniously with a subtle hint of sweetness. Brings a sophisticated finesse to your martini that'll make you feel like you've outclassed Bond himself.

#### Check out our hot martini recipes here

# CALVADOS

### DROUIN FROM APPLE TO ELIXIR



Calvados is a distinguished apple brandy from the region of Calvados, where the art of distillation is passed down through generations. Christian Drouin's Calvados represents the epitome of this craft, combining tradition, expertise and the finest apple orchards.

Apples are handpicked at their peak ripeness, crushed and left to ferment, following which the cider is distilled using copper stills. The distilled spirit is then aged in oak barrels, allowing it, over time, to develop its characteristic complexity and depth.

The maturation process imparts notes of vanilla, spices and oak, intertwining with the apple flavours to create a symphony of taste. Inviting aromas of baked apples, caramel and cinnamon introduce layers of fruit and spice with a rich, velvety mouthfeel and a warm, lingering finish.

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## SANDYMOUNT TIKOUKA forest gin

Discovering the beautiful Sandymount Estate, with its abundance of spring water and native flora, Richard Wilson knew he'd found the perfect home for Otago Peninsula's one and only distillery. As New Zealand's first carbon-neutral certified distillery, Sandymount's commitment to the environment is evident in every handcrafted spirit. The surrounding native bush provides the distinctive botanicals for their spirits, and the natural spring above the distillery ensures access to ultra-pure water.

One of the exceptional spirits crafted by Sandymount is the Ti Kouka Forest gin, showcasing vibrant and versatile botanicals collected onsite. Inspired by Sandymount's symbol, the ti kouka tree, it features kawakawa, horopito, tarata, ti kouka bark, harakeke seed and manuka. Crafted using solar-powered stills, each bottle contributes to planting at least two native plants on the Sandymount grounds, as part of a 3,000-plant reforestation project.

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### MARLBOROUGH



# The organically certified and biodynamically inclined TWR boast a fan base that spans the globe

The oldest boutique winery and vineyard in Marlborough, Renwick's Te Whare Ra, aka TWR, was first established in 1979. Both winery and vineyard are certified organic.

Te Whare Ra has been owned and operated since 2003 by two winemakers, Anna and Jason Flowerday. She's an Aussie from McLaren Vale and he's a Kiwi from Marlborough. 2023 sees them celebrate 20 years of looking after the property.

Both come from multi-generational wine backgrounds, and after years of working for other people, they made the leap to doing their own thing. The TWR wines are truly handmade; everything is handpicked and hand-sorted, intervention is minimal and the attention to detail is meticulous.

The last few years have been incredibly tough for many winemaking operations, including Anna's and Jason's. Imagine life as a winery of this size, with the majority of your sales through restaurants that are suddenly closed indefinitely.

We're delighted that TWR have made it through, and a recent peek at the wines shows that they're making their best yet.

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# PREMIUNATION CLICK HERE FOR NOT NOIR

Kiwi Pinot Noir has carved out its own significant niche as increasing numbers of us are lured by its fragrant intensity and expressive ways

At its finest Pinot Noir can be ethereal, a spectral ballerina dancing along the tip of tastebuds, defying description and comparison alike. It can also, from Burgundy especially, command prices that seem extravagant to say the least, where they are available for purchase at all.

Thankfully there are some local alternatives that are scaling the heights of greatness, without the stratospheric pricing.

For Pinot Noir, terroir, that unique influence of place in all its facets, is king. A great glass of Pinot will sing of its place. From fledgling beginnings in the Hawke's Bay vineyards of Mission Estate, this famously capricious variety has found a home across New Zealand. From the shores of Lake Wanaka to the southern valleys of Marlborough and the windswept plains of Wairarapa and many other places besides, our Pinot Noir is no longer just finding its voice, but is beautifully belting out Tutira Mai Nga Iwi.

Aotearoa's best bottlings have long helped to establish inter-regional diversity, with a bottle from Central Otago likely to be distinct from one made in Martinborough. Increasingly, the top producers are also developing understanding of sub-regions, and in some instances even individual vineyards are making a name for themselves in the Burgundian tradition.

It's truly an exciting time both for local producers and enthusiasts, and so in recognition and by popular demand, the Glengarry Pinot Noir Club returns; keep an eye out!

### The Glengarry Pinot Noir Club is back!



FINE WINE



BARBERA D'ASTI



# tenuta garetto

Part of the new Nizza DOCG and known as 'the village of Barbera', Agliano Terme produces strong, attractive wines with singular longevity

In 2017, Stefano Gagliardo, whose family famously craft Barolo in Piemonte's commune of La Morra, recognised the potential of the Barbera d'Asti wines, and in particular those produced by the Tenuta Garetto winery, which the Gagliardo family set about acquiring.

Known for its excellent Barbera, Tenuta Garetto is located in Agliano Terme, in the heart of the new Nizza DOCG appellation. The estate has access to old vines planted between 1935 and 1950, as well as to more recent vineyards.

Stefano has embraced the area and added his skill and know-how. The new-look range includes the Rosina, a lush, juicy, fruit forward style and a Barbera d'Asti Superiore that is intensely flavoured, with a fuller structure.

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# BARBERA D'ASTI

### Italy's red Barbera grape delivers fabulous food-friendly wines

In the region of Piemonte in northern Italy, the red variety that dominates the conversation is Nebbiolo, the long-lived variety responsible for Barolo and Barbaresco. It is the Barbera grape, though, that is the most planted.

Barbera grown around the province of Asti is referred to as Barbera d'Asti. In 2008, it became permissable to label wines with subzones such as Nizza, with that area promoted to DOCG status in 2014. Before then it had been a Superiore subzone of the Barbera d'Asti DOCG.

Barbera as a variety produces vibrantly coloured wines that come in a range of styles, from light bodied to fuller bodied styles. The tannins are chalky and distinctly Italian. Acidity is high and vibrant, with a fresh, crunchy nature. Barbera's level of acidity is similar to Nebbiolo's. It is the tannin presence that sets Barbera apart from its Piemonte rival, with the tannins high in Nebbiolo and low in Barbera.

Barbera from Nizza is a ruby red wine that is intensely aromatic, distinctive and very exciting. The wines from this region are ones to watch, worthy of exploration before the hype moves the prices. There is a mandatory 18 months of aging, with a minimum of six months in barrel and a minimum of 13% ABV (alcohol by volume).

Barbera-based wines are particularly food friendly, coming as they do from a region full of delicious winter culinary treats. Chestnut flour pancakes stuffed with Porcini mushrooms are an amazing match, as is the Italian classic Vitello Tonnato, wafer-thin sliced veal with a rich tuna mayonnaise and crunchy fried capers.









# VILLA M

Established in 1978 by Piemonte Barolo superstars Gagliardo, Villa M was originally a singular white wine. It is now joined by a red, along with a rosé that has not yet graced our shores. They are popular, fruity, semi-sweet and at 5% ABV, low in alcohol.

A bright wine with loads of strawberry, florals and rose petal characters, Villa M's red is made from handpicked Brachetto grapes, with fermentation cool at 16-18C° to retain the wine's fruity nature. The Villa M white is crafted from Moscato, a soft and creamy wine with light bubbles and intense flavours of pear, peach and mandarin. Well worth checking out.



A soft and creamy, lightly effervescent, lower alcohol wine with peach, pear & mandarin notes



<sup>62761</sup> VILLA M SWEET RED NV | **\$24.99** 

Off dry and vividly red, with generous strawberry flavours and floral notes

### NEW ZEALAND

# CURIOUS AF

All natural, low in sugar, low in calories, non-alcoholic, with its own secret weapon, known only as Afterglow™



Uber-multitasker Lisa King is something of a one-woman self-improvement tornado. Co-founder of the world changing Eat My Lunch programme that puts food into hungry student mouths, she embarked on a mission in 2020 to up the game of the non-alcoholic drinks industry.

Lisa wanted to dial her alcohol consumption setting back to 'occasional', but not ready to totally abandon her affection for the ubiquitous G&T, she set about creating a drink to satisfy both her taste for a well-made G&T and her taste for an alcohol-free option.

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WELLINGTON

# YEASTIE BOYS THE BLACK IS BACK

The beer that launched the Yeastie Boys bus on the road to hoppy stardom makes a welcome return





YEASTIE BOYS POT KETTLE BLACK SOUTH PACIFIC PORTER 440ML | \$8.99

Fresh and hoppy, richly malty and black-hued, this is a tasty original with foodie inclinations

more from Yeastie Boys

### CIDER

# DROUIN MASTERS OF THE APPLE

Handcrafted with meticulous care, Drouin's cider showcases the essence of Normandy's renowned apple orchards. Handpicked from the region's finest orchards, a careful selection of apples comprises a harmonious blend of bitter, sweet, and acidic varieties.

The apples are crushed and naturally fermented using wild yeasts, the slow fermentation capturing their essence, resulting in a cider that is both complex and elegant. Further aging in oak casks adds depth and refinement.

Alluring aromas of ripe apples are accompanied by delicate floral notes and hints of earthiness. Fine bubbles create a creamy mouthfeel in a harmonious blend of sweet and tart profiles. Surging home on crisp acidity, it culminates in a refreshing, invigorating finish. 

92093 CHRISTIAN DROUIN CIDRE BOUCHÉ BRUT DE NORMANDIE 750ML | \$14.99

A blend of about 30 apple types, some providing body, the sweeter, softer varieties providing flavour and balance. Whether enjoyed as an aperitif or paired with a range of dishes, this delicious cider promises to elevate your drinking experience.

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