what we think...

wine
frivolous, intense, sexy, dirty, crisp, full-bodied, light-bodied, fruity, earthy, cherry, blackberry, grapefruit, apple, dry, oaky.
we could fill this page, but would only be scratching the surface...

from wines that pair naturally with food...
to the wines that are the show...
from around here and around the world...

food & wine
contrasts are a beautiful thing:
i.e. complex with simple, spicy with sweet, salty with fruity.
but sometimes birds of a feather:
i.e. tangy with tangy, earthy with earthy, sweet with sweeter.

have fun with this, as rules are meant to be...

corkage policy
no corkage on the first 750ml bottle—if we don't carry that special wine, bring it in...

explore
if you would like a taste of any wine we offer by the glass, just ask.
want a half glass, let us know.

if you fall in love
most all of our selections are available for retail sale at 40% off the listed price.

the point:
sniffing, sipping, tasting, quaffing...
be sure to experiment and enjoy...

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flights

flights . white
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every day is a celebration...
here are four distinct styles of bubbly from around the world to help...

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seriously...there is no shame in having a bit of a sweet tooth.

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benegas 'finca libertad' . mendoza . 05

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dirt, flower, vegetable, barn.

domaine roc de châteauvieux . touraine, france . 07
planeta . cerasuolo di vittoria, italy . 07
pacífico sur 'tutunjian estate vineyards' . curicó valley, chile . 07
porta fronha . dão, portugal . 05

pinot noir . 20
many started their love affair with pinot noir because of a movie,
but it has lasted because of the grape...here it is, four ways...

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terre di gioia . delle venezie, italy . 08
winter's hill vineyard . dundee hills, oregon . 06
sean minor '4b' . carneros, california . 08

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homegrown . 24
in 1981, there were nineteen wineries in washington state...
today there are more than six-hundred fifty...

maison bleue 'la montagnette' grenache . horse heaven hills . 08
corvidae 'lenore' syrah . columbia valley . 07
brand cabernet sauvignon . columbia valley . 08
fall line winery 'aldercreek vineyard' . horse heaven hills . 06

glass

apéritif . stimulate your appetite

kopke dry white port . douro, portugal 6.50

white port? yes, indeed- spicy with rich flavors of banana, apricots and orange zest with a slightly sweet, nutty character...give it a go on the rocks with a splash of soda... it might be your new favorite...

lillet blanc . podensac, france 6.50

since its creation in 1887, lillet is the only apéritif made in bordeaux...through it's long history, the recipe has changed a bit, and the current manifestation is a blend of wine, fruit liqueurs, fruit and fruit peels aged for up to one year in oak...
soft and appealing, floral and citrusy with just a hint of astrigency on the finish...
served on the rocks with a twist of orange...

cocchi americano . asti, italy 6.50

this apéritif is for those that appreciate lillet, but want a little more spice in their lives. the cocchi recipe has been produced faithfully since 1891—moscato is aromatized with herbs, fruit, spices and cinchona bark—which is the source of the quinine that gives this beverage it's wonderfully cleansing finish...
served on the rocks with a splash of soda and an orange twist...

domaine de joÿ . floc de gascogne, france 6.50

though it has been the traditional apéritif in armagnac since the 17th century, it wasn't until 1954 when a winemaker named hernri lamor gave it the name "floc de gascogne", or "bouquet of flowers"...(incidentally, it wasn't until 1976 that it was even legal to sell floc de gascogne)...
during harvest, fresh grape juice is blended with young armagnac brandy...the result is an apéritif brimming with the flavors of honey, oranges, bananas and almonds...served chilled...

tariquet 'l'apéritif' . éauze, france 7.00

for all intents and purposes, the tariquet l'apéritif is a floc de gascogne, however the tariquet family has a history of willingly eschewing tradition...if you open your experience with a glass of the l'apéritif, might we suggest you finish it with a snifter of their 100% folle blanche armagnac (page 74)...

dolin dry vermouth . chambéry, france 6.50

dolin was founded in 1821, and has been using the same recipe ever since...
by using quality wine from the savoy with a mixture of 54 plants and herbs found in the meadows above chambéry, they create a distinctively light, floral and elegant vermouth suitable for sipping on the rocks...really...it's not just for martinis...

vya extra dry vermouth . madera, california 7.00

the genesis of vermouth dates back to the 1700s...consider andrew quady's modern update a re-birth...It will elevate a martini, for certain-though enjoyed simply on the rocks is the best way to experience its beguiling mixture of floral, herbal and citrus flavors...

toro albalá 'fino eléctrico' . montilla-moriles, spain 8.00

if you are a fan of dirty martinis, here's something for youto try:
a dry pedro ximénez from the white albariza soils of the toro albalá estate...
there is something about the flavor profile of this apertif—olives and sea salt—that convinced us to serve this wine chilled, in a martini glass, with a couple of olives.

argüeso amontillado sherry . sanlucar de barrameda, spain 9.00

sherry is not just for old british ladies at bridge club...if you're looking for something tangy and nutty to electrify the palate and take you into your first course, this is the wine...served chilled...

dubonnet rouge . bardstown, kentucky 6.50

made to the specifications of the original french formula created in 1846,
red wine grapes harvested in the south of france are flavored with a secret blend of spices with a touch of quinine...served on the rocks with an orange twist....

bonal gentiane-quina . st. laurent-du-pont, france 6.50

known as "ouvre l'appétit"—the key to the appetite...the infusion of gentian root and quinine supply the cleansing properties, and herbs from the grand chartreuse mountains supply the myriad of flavors in this unique and complex elixer...
the quinine, by the way, contains properties that destroy the plasmodiums that cause malaria...served chilled...

carpano antica formula . torino, italy 7.00

if you'd like to step into a flavor time machine, the original formula for this beverage was developed in 1786 by antonio benedetto carpano, who was also said to be the inventor of vermouth. (can you imagine a world without the martini?)
according to lore, demand for this elixer eventually forced him to keep his shop open 24 hours a day...which is only hard to believe if you've never had it.
served on the rocks. it will change your life.

campari . milano, italy 8.00

the secret recipe for this rather bracing beverage has been made faithfully since 1860, based on the specifications created by gaspare campari—who was not only a master drink maker, but one of the first marketing geniuses. early in its history, proprietors could access his bottles only if they agreed to also display a campari sign at their bars. eventully, campari melded art and commerce by comissioning poster and calendar creations from international painters and illustrators—a development that forever changed advertising...
but it never would've lasted 150 years if it wasn't one of the world's greatest aperétifs. have it on the rocks with an orange...

glass . white
a 6oz pour

champagne & sparkling

torre oria . cava, spain . nv 8.00
alvise lancieri extra dry . prosecco del veneto, italy . nv 8.50
graham beck brut . western cape, south africa . nv 9.50
r. dumont & fils 'brut tradition' . champagne, france . nv 17.50

sauvignon blanc

jules taylor wines . marlborough, new zealand . 09 9.50

sémillon

l'ecole no. 41 . columbia valley, washington . 08 8.50

sauvignon blanc/sémillon

cadaretta 'sbs' . columbia valley, washington . 08 11.50

pinot gris

bishop creek cellars . yamhill-carlton district, oregon . 07 9.00

pinot blanc

schloss saarstein . mosel-saar-ruwer, germany . 08 9.50

chenin blanc

mckinley springs . horse heaven hills, washington . 08 8.50
domaine aux moines 'cuvée des nonnes' moelleux . savennières, france . 05 9.00

chardonnay

raimat . costers del segre, spain . 07 7.50
argyle . willamette valley, oregon . 07 8.50
thierry et pascale matrot . bourgogne, france . 08 10.00
sparkman 'lumière' . columbia valley, washington . 08 15.00

glass . white
a 6oz pour

viognier

walnut city wineworks . columbia valley, washington . 06 — 9.50

riesling

pacific rim 'wallula vineyard' . columbia valley, washington . 08 — 9.50

graff 'graacher himmelreich' spätlese . mosel-saar-ruwer, germany . 09 — 9.50

gewürztraminer

villa wolf . pfalz, germany . 08 — 8.50

white varietals

cucao pedro ximenez . elqui valley, chile . 09 — 7.50

herdade do esporão verdelho . alentejano, portugal . 07 — 8.00

domaine des cassagnoles gros manseng . côtes de gascogne, france . 09 — 8.50

tola grillo . sicilia, italy . 08 — 9.00

vinosia falanghina . beneventano falanghina, italy . 08 — 9.00

pietro nera 'la novella' chiavennasca . terrazze retiche di sondrio, italy . 08 — 9.50

castello di luzzano 'tasto di seta' malvasia . colli piacentini, italy . 08 — 10.00

white blends

skouras . peloponnese, greece . 09 — 7.00

domaine cazes 'le canon du maréchal' . vdp côtes catalanes, france . 07 — 7.00

rosé

château bas 'l'alvernègue' . coteaux d'aix en provence, france . 09 — 7.00

revenant . napa valley, california . 08 — 7.50

andrea faccio 'villa giada' . monferrato, italy . 08 — 8.50

sparkling rosé

conde de subirats . catalunya, spain . nv — 7.00

glass . red
a 6oz pour

pinot noir

domaine coste-caumartin . bourgogne, france . 05 — 9.00
terre di gioia . delle venezie, italy . 08 — 9.50
sean minor '4b' . carneros, california . 08 — 10.00
winter's hill vineyard . dundee hills, oregon . 06 — 12.50

gamay noir

paul lapandéry & fils 'réserve' . côte roannaise, france . 05 — 9.00

cabernet franc

casa zuliani . isonzo del friuli, italy . 06 — 9.00

carmenère

pacífico sur 'tutunjian estate vineyards' . curicó valley, chile . 07 — 7.50

malbec

goulart 'clasico' . lujan de cuyo, argentina . 09 — 7.50
domaine roc de châteauvieux . touraine, france . 07 — 8.50

merlot

substance . washington . 08 — 10.00

cabernet sauvignon

brand . columbia valley, washington . 08 — 9.50
amavi cellars . walla walla valley, washington . 07 — 14.00

bordeaux & bordeaux blends

château franc grace-dieu . saint-émilion grand cru, france . 06 — 9.50
benegas 'finca libertad' . mendoza, argentina . 05 — 11.50
fall line winery 'aldercreek vineyard' . horse heaven hills, washington . 06 — 12.50

other red blends

gamache 'boulder red' . columbia valley, washington . 07 — 9.50

rhône blends

ogier caves des papes 'les brunelles' . crozes-hermitage . 06 — 10.00
les moirets . côtes du rhône . 07 — 7.50

glass . red
a 6oz pour

syrah

taltarni . pyrenees victoria, australia . 04 — 8.50
heartland . south australia, australia . 08 — 9.50
corvidae 'lenore' . columbia valley, washington . 07 — 9.00

grenache

maison bleue 'la montagnette' . horse heaven hills, washington . 08 — 12.50

counoise

domaine monpertuis 'vignoble de la ramière' . vdp du gard, france . 07 — 9.50

cinsault

domaine de familongue 'mas des vignals' . vdp du mont baudile, france . 07 — 8.00

zinfandel

four vines 'old vine cuvee' . california . 07 — 7.50
il trullo . primitivo del salento, italy . 08 — 8.00

italy

tenuta sant'antonio 'scaia' . veneto . 08 — 7.50
poggio romita 'il fiorino' . chianti . 08 — 9.00
sella & mosca . cannonau de sardegna . 06 — 8.50
planeta . cerasuolo di vittoria . 07 — 13.00

spain

peique . bierzo . 08 — 8.50
palacios remondo 'la vendimia' . rioja . 08 — 9.00
atalaya . almansa . 07 — 9.50

portugal

porta fronha . dão . 05 — 7.50
dom rafael 'mouchão' . alentejo . 06 — 9.00

georgia

kindzmarauli marani wines 'kindzmarauli original' . kvareli . 07 — 8.50

argentina

durigutti bonarda . mendoza . 07 — 8.50
domingo molina tannat . salta . 07 — 9.00

glass . dessert/decadent

dessert white sparkling	**6oz gls**
tranchero 'casot' . moscato d'asti, italy . 09	10.00

dessert red sparkling	**3oz gls**
giacomo bologna 'braida' . brachetto d'acqui, italy . 07	9.00

dessert white	**3oz gls**
heinz eifel eiswein . rheinhessen, germany . 08	11.00
château les tuileries . sauternes, france . 06	10.00
château d'orignac . pineau des charentes, france . nv	10.00
domaine de barroubio . muscat de st-jean de minervois, france . 06	9.00
samos . vin doux muscato, greece . 07	7.00
bonacchi . vin santo del chianti classico, italy . 05	10.00

dessert red	**3oz gls**
trénel crème de framboise . bourgogne, france . nv	8.00
domaine des gatinauds 'pineau francois' . pineau des charentes, france . nv	12.00
domaine la tour vieille 'reserva' . banyuls, france . nv	9.00

madeira	**3oz gls**
vinhos justino henriques 'feist' full rich . portugal . nv	6.00
cossart gordon 10 year bual . portugal . nv	13.00
broadbent colheita . portugal . 96	14.00

sherry	**3oz gls**
morenita cream . jerez de la frontera, spain . nv	7.50
toro albalá 'don px' gran reserva . montilla moriles, spain . 82	12.50

port	**3oz gls**
quinta do crasto late bottled vintage . porto, portugal . 01	8.00
alves de sousa 'quinta de gaivosa' . porto, portugal . 03	14.00
kopke 10 year tawny . porto, portugal	12.50
ferreira 'duque de bragança' 20 year tawny . porto, portugal	16.00

bottles . white

sparkling, champagne & rosé

if we might make a strong recommendation: please don't wait for a 'special' occasion to justify a bottle of bubbles on the table...
if you're here, you've reason enough...

try charming bubbles from various regions of the world—or go with the only wine that can truly be called champagne.

brut champagne

r. dumont & fils 'tradition' . champignol-lez-mondeville . nv 68

duval leroy 'collection paris' . vertus . nv 72

julien chopin 'lys rouge' . monthelon . nv 75

jöel falmet . rouvres-les-vignes . nv 79

billecart-salmon 'réserve' . mareuil-sur-ay . nv 85

bonnaire blanc de blancs grand cru . cramant . nv 88

delbeck 'heritage' . reims . nv 95

ployez-jacquemart . ludes . nv 99

bertrand-delespierre 'tradition' premier cru . chamery . nv 108

gaston chiquet 'cuvée de réserve' premier cru . dizy . nv 117

alfred gratien . épernay. nv 129

egly-ouriet 'les vignes de vrigny' premier cru . ambonnay . nv 147

pierre peters 'les chétillons' blanc de blancs grand cru . le mesnil-sur-oger . 01 165

jacques selosse 'initiale' grand cru . avize . nv 265

moët et chandon 'dom pérignon' . épernay . 00 295

krug 'grande cuvée' . reims . nv 395

salon 'le mesnil' blanc de blancs . le mesnil-sur-oger . 96 595

extra dry champagne

piper-heidsieck . reims . nv 82

demi-sec champagne

boizel . épernay . nv 68

a. margaine premier cru . villers-marmery . nv 79

sparkling white

argyle brut . willamette valley, oregon . 06 49

gruet blanc de noirs brut . albuquerque, new mexico . nv 29

graham beck brut . western cape, south africa . nv 36

alvise lancieri extra dry . prosecco del veneto, italy . nv 32

monte rossa 'prima cuvée' brut . franciacorta, italy . nv 78

torre oria brut reserva . cava, spain . nv 30

jaillance 'cuvée de l'abbaye' brut . crémant de bordeaux, france . nv 30

rosé champagne

comte de noiron 'coeur de cuvée' brut rosé . reims . nv 70

boizel brut rosé . épernay . nv 89

veuve cliquot ponsardin brut rosé . reims . nv 135

sparkling rosé

conde de subirats . catalunya, spain . nv 26

alma negra . mendoza, argentina . 09 39

bernard rondeau . bugey cerdon, france . nv 42

sparkling red

cà de noci 'sottobosco' . reggio emilia, italy . 06 32

cantine ceci 'la luna' lambrusco . emilia, italy . 08 37

sauvignon blanc

from its original home in the loire valley, with mineral-edged lime & grapefruit flavors; to new zealand where it is often herbaceous with tropical and citrus fruit characteristics; to california and washington where the grape often displays a touch of richness... choose your style…

efeste 'feral' . columbia valley, washington . 09 36

selene 'hyde vineyards' . carneros, california . 08 55

spottswoode estate vineyard & winery . st. helena, california . 08 72

gunn estate . marlborough, new zealand . 09 29

jules taylor wines . marlborough, new zealand . 09 36

craggy range 'te muna road vineyard' . martinborough, new zealand . 09 45

domaine de villalin 'silex' . quincy, france . 07 39

domaine vacheron . sancerre, france . 08 65

marc deschamps 'les champs de cri' . pouilly-fumé, france . 06 57

didier dagueneau . blanc fumé de pouilly, france . 06 155

château la garde . pessac-léognan, france . 06 42

château couhins-lurton . pessac-léognan, france . 05 87

sauvignon blanc and sémillon blends

as is tradition in bordeaux, a blend of sauvignon blanc and sémillon creates lively wines that mix the lush fruit and floral notes of semillon with the crisp snap and herbaceousness of sauvignon blanc…

cadaretta 'sbs' . columbia valley, washington . 08 44

buty . columbia valley, washington . 08 55

blanc de lynch-bages . bordeaux, france . 06 110

château la louvière . pessac-léognan, france . 03 36

château latour-martillac grand cru . pessac-léognan, france . 03 85

sémillon

when sémillon flies solo, it's often a rich and full flavored affair...

l'ecole no. 41 . columbia valley, washington . 08 32

boekenhoutskloof . franschhoek, south africa . 06 58

pinot gris/grigio

pinot gris, pinot grigio: same grape, but often different styles. quaffable, light & friendly is the pinot grigio from italy; refined fruit & mineral from alsace; or the gorgeously fruity & complex pinot gris from around here.

christopher michael . oregon . 09 24

bethel heights vineyard . oregon . 09 31

chehalem 'three vineyard' . willamette valley, oregon . 08 33

bishop creek cellars . yamhill-carlton district, oregon . 07 36

siltstone 'guadalupe vineyard' . dundee hlls, oregon . 08 38

handley . anderson valley, california . 07 35

abbazia di novacella . alto adige-valle isarco, italy . 07 44

jermann . venezia giulia, italy . 08 51

la fiera . veneto, italy . 09 22

claude lafond 'la grande pièce' . reuilly, france . 07 40

schoenheitz . alsace, france . 06 37

pinot blanc

if you're a fan of the pinot gris, why not take pinot blanc for a spin? (they're cousins, after all)

bright citrus, apple and pear fruits in a sleek and zippy package...

the best in the world come from alsace, but in recent years great pinot blancs have emerged here in the northwest...

st. innocent 'freedom hill vineyard' . willamette valley, oregon . 08 39

robert foley vineyards . napa valley, california . 07 49

prieler . seeberg, austria . 06 35

schloss saarstein . mosel-saar-ruwer, germany . 08 36

domaine marcel deiss 'bergheim' . alsace, france . 08 40

grüner veltliner

there are over thirty sanctioned wine varietals in austria, but the grüner veltliner is far and away the most important—accounting for over one-third of austria's total wine production...citrus, spice, and perhaps one of the most versatile food wines in the world...it's also popping up in northwest vineyards as of late...

syncline 'underwood mountain vineyard' . columbia gorge, washington . 09 39

evesham wood . willamette valley, oregon . 09 30

bründlmayer 'alte reben' . kamptal, austria . 02 95

bernhard ott 'am berg' . wagram, austria . 08 35

nikolaihof 'schlossberg' jungfernlese . wachau, austria . 04 75

gobelsburger . langenlois, austria . 09 30

forstreiter . kremstal , austria . 08 46

chenin blanc

chenin blanc is one of those chameleon grapes that can be bone-dry, off-dry, or sticky sweet—all depending on how and where it is grown, and what the winemaker intends to create...

mckinley springs . horse heaven hills, washington . 08 32

mulderbosch . western cape, south africa . 09 34

domaine les grandes vignes 'varenne du poirier' . anjou, france . 05 35

domaine des baumard 'carte d'or' . coteaux du layon, france . 05 62

domaine aux moines 'cuvée des nonnes' moelleux . savennières, france . 05 34

nicolas joly 'clos de la coulée de serrant' . savennières, france . 04 84

couly-dutheil 'les chanteaux' . chinon, france . 08 48

domaine des aubuisières 'les girardières' . vouvray , france . 07 42

gewürztraminer

gewürztraminer is often misunderstood. like the riesling, it comes in many different styles. the ones below exhibit all the floral juiciness and spice this grape can offer...

dowsett family 'celilo vineyard' . columbia gorge, washington . 09 39

paul ginglinger 'cuvée wahlenbourg' . alsace, france . 05 41

villa wolf . pfalz, germany . 08 32

anselmann kabinett . pfalz, germany . 08 36

herbert meßmer 'altenforst' spätlese . pfalz, germany . 05 45

viognier

as the story goes, there was less than 20 acres of viognier left in the world some 40 years ago…now there are thousands of acres planted worldwide...(rather nice comeback)...powerful, rich and complex—viognier is a full-bodied white with a flavor spectrum of tropical fruits with the aroma of citrus flowers…

walnut city wineworks . columbia valley, washington . 06 36

àmaurice cellars . columbia valley, washington . 08 49

georges vernay . condrieu, france . 07 99

roussanne

of all the white grapes coming out of the rhône valley of france, it's been viognier that has proven to be the popular kid on the block...but keep an eye out for roussanne—it's just starting to emerge as a varietal wine...

j. scott cellars . columbia valley, washington . 08 32

yangarra estate vineyard . mclaren vale, australia . 07 46

marsanne

you may not have had the opportunity to experience a varietal marsanne before... here's your chance to try the most important white grape of the northern rhône...

maison bleue 'petite joie, boushey vineyard' . yakima valley, washington . 09 64

cave de tain. vin de pays des collines rhodaniennes, france . 07 30

ferraton père & fils 'la source' . saint-joseph, france . 06 49

yves cuilleron 'le lombard' . saint-joseph, france . 07 75

rhône-style blends

these wines contain two or more of the traditional white grapes of the rhône valley: marsanne, roussane, viognier, grenache blanc, bourboulenc, clairette, macabeo, vermentillo/rolle, ugni blanc...

darby 'le deuce' . columbia valley, washington . 08 41

rubicon estate 'blancaneaux' . rutherford, california . 05 85

turley 'the white coat' . san luis obispo county, california . 06 79

domaine des lauribert 'fine fleur' . côtes du rhône villages, france . 08 34

château beauchene . châteauneuf-du-pape, france . 06 39

riesling

a favorite amongst wine geeks (just ask one). talk about dexterity—this grape produces wines that are dry, off-dry—all the way to sweet. whichever you prefer, these rieslings from around the world are magnificent and (at present) mostly underappreciated...

australia

the rieslings from australia are known for their electricity—citrus fruits that shock the palate and turbo-charge the flavors of food...

betts & scholl . eden valley . 07 45

the following wine is a bone dry offering from vineyard established over 160 years ago—and also the first winery to commercially release a wine with a stelvin enclosure...

pewsey vale 'individual vineyard selection' . eden valley . 09 33

italy

if you are a fan of the grape, chances are you won't resist the opportunity to taste an organically grown riesling from a family owned winery established in 1909... and because we had to look it up—oltrepo pavese is in the north of italy inside the boundaries of the lombardy region...

cabanon . oltrepo pavese . 07 35

austria

riesling accounts for less than 3 percent of the grapes planted in austria, which is a surprise when you consider the status of austria's relatively small production in the world of wine...generally vinted dry, austrian rieslings are full bodied, aromatic, complex—and unlike any other rieslings produced on the planet....

hiedler 'loiserberg' . kamptal . 05 39

salomon 'undhof kögl reserve' . kremstal . 06 59

loimer 'seeberg' . langenlois . 06 79

france

the rieslings of alsace are produced in a dry style, and display a unique depth of flavor and richness...

lucien albrecht 'réserve' . alsace . 07 35

domaine schoffit 'clos saint-théobald' rangen . alsace grand cru . 02 75

washington

anybody want to take a stab:
what's the most widely planted grape variety (red or white) in washington state...?

o'shea scarborough 'cease & desist' . yakima valley . 07 32

pomum . yakima valley . 08 37

pacific rim 'wallula vineyard' . columbia valley . 08 36

poet's leap . columbia valley . 09 39

germany

the benchmark. the rieslings of germany are easy to fall in love with—
highly aromatic, with a kaleidoscope of flavors...
there is sweetness in these wines, but the high levels of palate shocking acidity
maintain balance, intensify flavor, and invigorate the soul...
(these wines may also cause hyperbole, poetry, and general euphoria...)

schlossgut diel 'dorsheimer pittermännchen' kabinett . nahe . 06 47

schloss schönborn 'hattenheimer pfaffenberg' spätlese . rheingau . 04 63

wagner stempel 'siefersheimer höllberg' spätlese . rheinhessen . 05 37

georg mosbacher 'forster' kabinett . pfalz . 07 39

koehler-ruprecht 'kallstadter saumagen' spätlese . pfalz . 04 45

dr. pauly bergweiler 'wehlener sonnenuhr' kabinett . mosel-saar-ruwer . 06 34

graff 'graacher himmelreich' spätlese . mosel-saar-ruwer . 09 30

joh. jos. christoffel 'erdener treppchen' spätlese . mosel-saar-ruwer . 06 49

knebel 'winninger röttgen' spätlese trocken . mosel-saar-ruwer . 07 55

bollig-lehnert 'piesporter goldtröpfchen' auslese* ** . mosel-saar-ruwer . 06 58

kerpen 'wehlener sonnenuhr' auslese ** . mosel-saar-ruwer . 05 . 375ml 79

chardonnay

what would the world of wine be without chardonnay? This wine comes in different styles from all over the wine world—experiment from a crisp, non-oaked style all the way to a fully-oaked butter ball...a flexible food-pairing wine—give it a try with cream sauces, heftier meats & bolder dishes.

northwest

substance . washington . 09	39
boudreaux cellars 'bishop's and celilo vineyards' . washington . 07	64
abeja . washington . 07	75
sparkman 'lumière' . columbia valley, washington . 08	58
buty 'conner lee vineyard' . columbia valley, washington . 07	69
o'shea scarborough 'desolation' . horse heaven hills, washington . 06	55
argyle . willamette valley, oregon . 07	32
bergström winery 'old stones' . willamette valley, oregon . 08	36

california

sean minor '4b' . central coast . 08	28
navarro vineyards . mendocino . 07	32
lioco . sonoma county . 08	39
hanzell . sonoma valley . 05	78
lewis cellars . sonoma valley . 07	98
peter michael winery 'belle côte' . knights valley . 06	125
groth . napa valley . 08	50
frank family vineyards . napa valley . 07	62
pahlmeyer . napa valley . 07	85
martin ray . russian river valley . 08	32
rombauer vineyards . carneros . 08	72

france

frédéric gueguen . chablis . 07 49

domaine william févre 'vaillons' . chablis 1er cru . 04 115

thierry et pascale matrot . bourgogne . 08 38

domaine charles audoin 'au champ salomon' . marsannay . 04 67

domaine bertagna 'les cras' . vougeot 1er cru . 05 122

chanson père & fils 'les caradeux' . pernand-vergelesses 1er cru . 05 72

domaine parent . corton grand cru . 01 145

domaine des comtes lafon . meursault . 05 275

françois mikulski . meursault 1er cru charmes . 06 107

jean-philippe fichet . auxey duresses . 06 62

leroy 'morgeot' . chassagne-montrachet 1er cru . 99 225

les héritiers du comte lafon 'macon-milly-lamartine' . mâcon . 05 55

domaines leflaive . mâcon-verzé . 04 45

roger lassarat 'les mures' vieilles vignes . saint-veran . 06 59

deux montille . pouilly-fuisseé . 04 85

italy

les crêtes 'cuvée frissonnière' . vallée d'aoste . 06 62

spain

raimat . costers del segre, spain . 07 26

south africa

rustenberg . stellenbosch . 07 39

chile

leyda . leyda valley . 08 25

other white varietals

with thousands of wine grapes in the world, there's always an opportunity to try something new...

botani moscatel seco . sierras de málaga, spain . 08	38
herdade do esporão verdelho . alentejano, portugal . 07	30
domaine des cassagnoles gros manseng . côtes de gascogne, france . 09	32
domaine eugène carrel jacquère . jongieux, france . 08	32
schoenheitz muscat . alsace, france . 05	36
castello di luzzano 'tasto di seta' malvasia . colli piacentini, italy . 08	38
manni nössing kerner . südtirol eisacktaler, italy . 08	50
donati camillo malvasia . emilia, italy . 06	25
pietro nera 'la novella' chiavennasca . terrazze retiche di sondrio, italy . 08	36
vinosia falanghina . beneventano falanghina, italy . 08	34
tola grillo . sicilia, italy . 08	30
pajzos antaloczy cellars furmint . tokaji, hungary . 07	26
finca domingo torrontes . cafayate-salta, argentina . 08	25
cucao pedro ximenez . elqui valley, chile . 09	28
sigalas assyrtiko . santorini, greece . 08	47

oddball white blends

two great tastes that taste great together...or three...or seven…
sometimes the sum of the parts are pretty great...

domaine cazes 'le canon du maréchal' . vdp côtes catalanes, france . 07	26
mas de daumas gassac . vin de pays de l'herault, france . 03	54
botromagno . gravina, italy . 08	26
arca nova . vinho verde, portugal . 08	22
skouras . peloponnese, greece . 09	24

vin gris

littorai . anderson valley, california . 08	34

rosé

a rosé by any other name…

patton valley vineyard 'estate grown' . willamette valley, oregon . 09	33
revenant . napa valley, california . 08	26
r. lòpez de heredia 'viña tondonia' . rioja, spain . 98	55
andrea faccio 'villa giada' . monferrato, italy . 08	32
domaine joseph roty . marsannay, france . 07	45
château bas 'l'alvernègue' . coteaux d'aix-en-provence, france . 09	26

sparkling rosé

conde de subirats . catalunya, spain . nv	26
alma negra . mendoza, argentina . 09	39
bernard rondeau . bugey cerdon, france . nv	42
comte de noiron 'coeur de cuvée' brut rosé . reims . nv	70
boizel brut rosé . épernay, france . nv	89
veuve cliquot ponsardin brut rosé . reims, france . nv	135

bottles . red

pinot noir

welcome to our pinot lover's paradise...four pages of pinot from all around the world—but first we introduce you to a bevy of pinots from our own "backyard"...

oregon

phelps creek vineyards 'becky's cuvée' . columbia gorge . 07	39
cooper mountain 'cooper hill' . willamette valley . 08	30
walnut city wineworks . willamette valley . 08	36
la bête 'croft vineyard' . willamette valley . 08	45
crowley . willamette valley . 08	49
cancilla cellars . willamette valley . 06	59
boedecker 'athena' . willamette valley . 06	64
lumos 'temperance hill vineyard' . willamette valley . 06	67
domaine serene 'yamhill cuvée' . willamette valley . 06	74
penner~ash 'seven springs vineyard' . willamette valley . 06	115
brick house 'select' . ribbon ridge. 06	61
matello 'whistling ridge north' . ribbon ridge . 06	64
patricia green cellars 'old vines estate' . ribbon ridge . 07	70
beaux frères 'the beaux frères vineyard' . ribbon ridge . 06	157
winter's hill vineyard . dundee hills . 06	48
siltstone 'guadalupe vineyard' . dundee hills . 07	53
belle pente 'murto vineyard' . dundee hills . 06	74
holloran 'le pavillon vineyard' . dundee hills . 06	82
cameron 'clos electrique' . dundee hills . 06	102
dusky goose . dundee hills . 06	125
del rio vineyards . rogue valley . 08	39

france

pascal et nicolas reverdy 'terre de maimbray' . sancerre . 07 45

domaine coste-caumartin . bourgogne . 05 34

bruno colin . bourgogne . 07 47

philippe roty 'champs saint etienne' . marsannay . 06 82

domaine denis mortet 'mes cinq terriors' . gevrey-chambertin . 04 196

claude dugat . gevrey-chambertin . 05 225

domaine dujac . morey saint-denis . 05 168

domaine bertagna 'clos de la perriére' . vougeot 1er cru . 03 137

nicolas potel . nuits-saint-georges . 05 105

domaine marius delarche 'les boutières' . pernand-vergelesses . 08 58

leroy . pommard . 00 187

bouchard père & fils 'caillerets ancienne cuvée carnot' . volnay 1er cru . 04 125

california

handley . anderson valley . 06 49

littorai 'les larmes' . anderson valley . 08 64

kosta browne . sonoma coast . 06 135

williams selyem . russian river valley . 07 158

sean minor '4b' . carneros . 08 38

angeline 'reserve' . sonoma, mendocino, and santa barbara county . 08 30

lioco 'michaud' . chalone . 06 85

talley vineyards . arroyo grande valley . 06 59

brewer-clifton . sta. rita hills . 08 78

new zealand

pinot noir likes it cool, and the wine growing regions in new zealand are well suited to produce fragrant, vivid and distinct pinot noirs...time will tell, but the case can be made that new zealand is on the verge of making the same mark on the world of pinot noir as it did with sauvignon blanc....

yealands . marlborough . 08 34

greenhough . nelson . 05 49

italy

yes, italy...though in italy, they often call it pinot nero...

terre di gioia . delle venezie . 08 36

there are some truly ancient vines contributing to the small production of the following wine...(some are pre-phyloxera vines planted more than 170 years ago)...only 350 cases are made, and only in great vintages...

marchesi alfieri 'san germano' . monferrato . 05 67

germany

yes, germany...though in germany, they often call it spätburgunder...

julius wasem & söhne 'ingelheimer sonnenhang' . rheinhessen . 05 35

washington

as a rule, most of the grape growing regions in washington are too warm to grow proper pinot noir...however, the wind-swept vineyards overlooking the columbia river gorge are the exception that proves the rule...

syncline . columbia gorge . 08 55

new mexico

at 4300 feet, this vineyard claims the highest elevation in america...

gruet 'cuvée gilbert gruet' . albuquerque . 06 49

beaujolais

the following wines are gamay noir produced in the beaujolais region of france, south of burgundy proper. while most are familiar with the beaujolais nouveau traditionally released the third thursday of november—these wines are not produced in the same fashion. light in body and tannin, the gamay noirs of beaujolais are serious wines well suited for a variety of foods...

jean-paul brun 'terres dorees' . beaujolais . 08 34

domaine gérard charvet 'la réserve d'amélie' vieilles vignes . moulin à vent . 06 36

clos de la roilette 'cuvée tardive' . fleurie . 08 52

domaine laurent gauthier 'chatenay' vieilles vignes . chiroubles . 06 34

marcel lapierre . morgon . 08 45

dominique piron 'domaine de combiaty' . brouilly . 06 42

gamay noir

the following wine is technically considered part of the upper loire valley of france... however, the location is about an hour and a half due west of beaujolais...

paul lapandéry & fils 'réserve' . côte roannaise, france . 05 32

the best place outside of france for gamay noir is arguably the willamette valley... problem is, there are still only a handful of growers and producers that are willing to gamble on the underdog...
if you love the pinot noirs of oregon, you should give the gamay noir a chance...

the evening land vineyards 'celebration' . eola-amity hills, oregon . 08 43

and coming to us from 3500' elevation in the sierra nevada foothills...

edmunds st. john 'bone-jolly' . el dorado county, california . 08 35

merlot

please don't feel the need to apologize...it was just a movie, after all, and some of the world's finest and most sought-after wines are based on merlot...

washington

substance . washington . 08 38

three rivers . columbia valley . 08 35

tamarack . columbia valley . 07 41

hestia . columbia valley . 07 45

beresan . columbia valley . 06 51

l'ecole no. 41 . columbia valley . 06 57

robert karl . horse heaven hills . 07 49

leonetti cellars . walla walla valley . 07 165

california

robert sinskey vineyards 'los carneros' . napa valley . 06 43

selene 'frediani family vineyard' . napa valley . 06 68

pahlmeyer . napa valley . 04 180

ehlers estate . saint helena . 06 55

pride mountain vineyards . napa/sonoma valley . 06 135

malbec

the most widely planted grape in argentina is grown in just about every other corner of the world as well, only it generally finds itself a player in a blend, rather than the main stage attraction…malbecs tend to be medium to full-bodied affairs with ample tannins and dark, plummy fruits...

àmaurice cellars . columbia valley, washington . 07 67

domaine roc de châteauvieux . touraine, france . 07 32

caligiore . mendoza, argentina . 08 30

finca la anita 'tonada' . mendoza, argentina . 09 35

achival ferrer . mendoza, argentina . 08 45

goulart 'clasico' . lujan de cuyo, argentina . 09 26

xumek 'sol huarpe' . valle de zonda, argentina . 08 28

noemía 'a lisa' . patagonia, argentina . 08 54

cabernet franc

it is (like the malbec) usually a supporting cast member, but on its own it can bring all manner of juicy red fruits and a bit of a herbaceousness as well...(for you trivia buffs, cabernet franc got together with sauvignon blanc once, and they had a rather famous progeny...)

watermill 'estate' . walla walla, washington . 07 56

sheridan vineyard . yakima valley, washington . 06 83

bernard baudry 'les grézeaux' . chinon, france . 07 52

philippe alliet 'vieilles vignes' . chinon, france . 06 69

casa zuliani . isonzo del friuli, italy . 06 36

domaine de la seigneurie . saumur champigny, france . 06 32

carmenère

at one point in the history of the world, carmenère was widely planted throughout bordeaux...it is still an allowed grape, and it may be making a comeback in the future...speaking of today, however, the leader in carmenère cultivation and quality is chile...think dark fruit with a heap of herbaceousness...

beresan winery . walla walla valley, washington . 07 57

falernia 'reserva' . elqui valley valley, chile . 06 32

chono . maipo valley, chile . 07 26

pacífico sur 'tutunjian estate vineyards' . curicó valley, chile . 07 28

terranoble 'gran reserva' . maule valley, chile . 08 39

cabernet sauvignon

this grape provides the backbone to many great and famous wines—some might call cabernet sauvignon the king of grapes...or at least the most popular...
well-structured with silky, juicy black fruit, its classic flavor profile includes firm tannins, cassis, bing cherry, plenty of oak, spicy cedar scents with hints of mint.

california

b. r. cohn 'silver label' . north coast . 07	34
a. rafanelli . dry creek valley . 06	115
peter michael winery 'les pavots' . knights valley . 05	325
arbios . alexander valley . 04	55
revenant . napa valley . 06	42
ladera . napa valley . 06	63
signorello 'estate' . napa valley . 05	70
frank family vineyards . napa valley . 05	92
jarvis . napa valley. 99	165
la jota vineyard co. 'howell mountain selection' . howell mountain . 03	77
o'shaughnessy . howell mountain . 05	147
j. davies . diamond mountain district . 03	135
spottswoode estate vineyard & winery . st. helena . 04	240
terra valentine . spring mountain district . 06	69
groth . oakville . 07	112
marco di giulio 'progeny vineyard' . mount veeder . 04	99
cliff lede . stags leap district . 06	82
hartwell estate 'misté hill' . stags leap district . 05	105
shafer 'hillside select' . stags leap district. 04	395
beckmen vineyards 'estate' . santa ynez valley . 07	47

washington

nelms road . washington . 08 39

owen roe 'sharecropper's' . columbia valley . 08 32

st. bartholomew . columbia valley . 07 34

brand . columbia valley . 08 36

novelty hill . columbia valley . 07 45

januik . columbia valley . 07 59

syzygy . columbia valley . 06 72

abeja . columbia valley . 07 86

boudreaux cellars . columbia valley . 05 92

cor cellars 'mckinley springs vineyards' . horse heaven hills . 06 49

o'shea scarborough 'the main event' . yakima valley . 07 64

va piano . columbia valley & walla walla valley . 07 78

amavi cellars . walla walla valley . 07 56

woodward canyon winery . walla walla valley . 08 68

pepper bridge . walla walla valley . 06 112

leonetti cellars . walla walla valley . 06 195

south africa

stark-condé . stellenbosch . 06 39

australia

mollydooker 'the maitre d' . south australia . 08 49

bordeaux

the bordeaux region of france is split into two banks, right & left—sound familiar? the left bank wines are dominated by cabernet sauvignon, and offer a touch more power & robust qualities...

left bank

château begadanet . médoc . 05 33

château bibian . listrac-médoc . 05 49

château bel air . saint-estèphe . 05 70

cos d'estournel . saint-estèphe grand cru . 04 225

château gloria . saint-julien . 06 72

château du glana . saint-julien . 04 79

hortevie . saint-julien . 05 88

ducru-beaucaillou . saint-julien grand cru . 03 325

clos du jaugueyron . margaux . 04 140

château lascombes. margaux . 04 165

château de cruzeau . pessac-léognan . 03 55

château couhins-lurton . pessac-léognan . 05 97

right bank

....while on the right bank, we tend to find softer, more approachable merlot-based blends.

château la vieille cure . fronsac . 04 64

château la commanderie de mazeyres . pomerol . 05 89

château tour de segur . lussac saint-émilion . 05 38

château la révérence . saint-émilion grand cru . 04 45

château lassègue . saint-émilion grand cru . 04 75

château jean-faure . saint-émilion grand cru . 05 98

château croix de labrie . saint-émilion grand cru . 04 155

château robin . côtes de castillon . 04 40

bordeaux-style

outside of france, wines fashioned in the style of bordeaux are sometimes called 'meritage' blends, or 'clarets'...(both words, generally, mispronounced)...

it doesn't really matter what the label says, so long as they employ the traditional grapes of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot & malbec. below are wines exclusively using 2 or more of these grape varietals.

california

stonestreet 'fifth ridge' . alexander mountain . 06 — 39

chappellet 'mountain cuvée' . napa valley . 07 — 45

girard 'artistry' . napa valley . 06 — 70

pahlmeyer . napa valley . 03 — 240

justin vineyards & winery 'isosceles' . paso robles . 05 — 110

argentina

benegas 'finca libertad' . mendoza . 05 — 44

washington

o·s winery . columbia valley. 06 35

tempus cellars . columbia valley . 06 59

àmaurice cellars . columbia valley . 06 68

corliss . columbia valley . 04 125

fall line winery 'aldercreek vineyard' . horse heaven hills . 06 48

stevens winery '424' . yakima valley . 06 63

owen roe . yakima valley . 07 80

delille cellars 'harrison hill' . yakima valley . 05 145

hightower 'out of line' . red mountain . 08 50

cadence 'bel canto, cara mia vineyard' . red mountain . 06 107

andrew will 'ciel du cheval' . red mountain . 05 115

basel cellars 'claret' . walla walla valley . 07 39

l'ecole no. 41 'apogee, pepper bridge vineyard' . walla walla valley . 05 98

washington blends

they haven't (yet) coined the marketing term for our home-grown blends,
but these wines are the combination of classic bordeaux and rhône valley varietals.

gamache 'boulder red' . columbia valley . 07 36
(syrah, cabernet sauvignon, malbec, cabernet franc)

william church 'bishop's blend' . columbia valley . 08 39
(cabernet sauvignon, malbec, syrah, merlot, cabernet franc)

efeste 'final-final' . columbia valley . 08 44
(cabernet sauvignon, syrah, mourvedre)

long shadows 'nine hats' . columbia valley . 07 49
(cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc)

gorman winery 'zachary's ladder' . columbia valley . 07 55
(cabernet sauvignon, merlot, mourvedre, syrah, petit verdot)

mark ryan 'the dissident' .columbia valley . 08 63
(merlot, syrah, cabernet sauvignon)

buty 'rediviva' . columbia valley . 05 102
(cabernet sauvignon, syrah)

washington syrah

twenty years ago, the first syrah was being planted as an experiment...(for the trivia-minded, the first washington syrah debuted in 1988...)

ten years ago, you could still count washington syrahs on one hand, but there was a revolution brewing...

today, there are almost 3000 acres of syrah being harvested with more on the way...the best offer rich red and black berries, plums, smoked meats, and a dash of pepper...

corvidae 'lenore' . columbia valley . 07 34

owen roe 'ex umbris' . columbia valley . 08 49

gramercy cellars 'lagniappe' . columbia valley . 05 72

betz family winery 'la serenne' . columbia valley . 05 115

olsen estates . yakima valley . 07 39

va piano . columbia valley & walla walla valley . 07 78

trust . walla walla valley . 07 55

syzygy . walla walla valley . 07 67

waters 'forgotten hills' . walla walla valley . 07 82

cayuse vineyards 'en chamberlin' . walla walla valley . 07 137

oregon syrah

when people think oregon, they think pinot noir...however, further down in the central willamette valley one will find classic, perfumed examples of syrah...

cristom . eola-amity hills . 05 62

california syrah

if the pace of things continue, in a few years there will be as many acres of syrah in california as there is in the rhône valley...imagine that comes as a surprise to those syrah pioneers that enthusiastically/fanatically started things off back in the 80s...

radio-coteau 'las colinas' . sonoma coast . 05 98

29 songs 'suscol creek vineyard back porch block' . napa valley . 06 69

niner wine estates 'bootjack ranch vineyard' . paso robles . 05 42

three saints . santa ynez valley . 06 33

stolpman 'estate grown' . santa ynez valley . 06 55

shiraz

the australians call it shiraz, but the grape is the same—the name difference stems from a disagreement concerning origin...and maybe a little bit of a personality conflict...same grape, but often a different style—a little more jammy fruit down under...

cooralook . heathcote . 07 28

taltarni . pyrenees victoria . 04 32

heartland . south australia . 08 36

mr. riggs 'the gaffer' . mclaren vale . 08 40

kaesler 'stonehorse' . barossa valley . 06 49

amon-ra . barossa valley . 06 164

northern rhône valley, france

in the northern rhône, syrah stands alone (though sometimes a small percentage of viognier finds itself in the mix)...and there is no argument that in the northern rhône you will discover the purest, most complex expression of the syrah grape...

stéphane otheguy 'les massales' . côte rôtie . 04 68

patrick jasmin . côte rôtie . 04 99

rene rostaing . côte rôtie . 04 145

cave de tain . hermitage . 03 78

ogier caves des papes 'les brunelles' . crozes-hermitage . 06 38

yann chave 'le rouvre' . crozes hermitage . 06 70

domaine durand 'empreintes' . cornas . 05 83

sarl alain vogé 'les vieilles vignes' . cornas . 03 121

jean luc columbo 'louvee' . cornas . 05 142

domaine clape . cornas . 04 180

domaine courbis . saint-joseph . 05 46

earl pierre gaillard 'côte belley' . saint-joseph . 05 92

southern rhône valley, france

in the southern rhône, grenache is blended with numerous other grapes such as syrah, mourvedre, & cinsault. in fact, as many as thirteen varietals allowed for blending in châteauneuf-du-pape…(for the trivia minded, here they are: grenache, syrah, mourvedre, picpoul, terret, cunoise, muscardin, vaccarese, picardin, cinsault, clairette, rousanne and bourboulenc…)

les moirets . côtes du rhône . 07 26

j. l. chave 'mon coeur' . côtes du rhône . 06 40

domaine de la guicharde 'cuvée genest' . massif d'uchaux . 06 34

domaine le colombier 'tradition' . vacqueyras . 07 32

sélection laurence féraud . gigondas . 04 45

éric texier 'vieilles vignes' . châteauneuf-du-pape . 06 78

domaine de la charbonnière 'mourre des perdrix' . châteauneuf-du-pape . 05 89

le vieux donjon . châteauneuf-du-pape . 04 115

domaine du vieux télégraphe . châteauneuf-du-pape . 05 145

château beaucastel . châteauneuf-du-pape . 05 199

domaine grand veneur 'clos de sixte' . lirac . 07 62

grenache

trivia question: name the second most planted red varietal on the planet...?

well, here you go...grenache hasn't garnered the attention it deserves...yet.

if you like a wine with a big personality, get to know grenache...

maison bleue 'la montagnette' . horse heaven hills, washington . 08 48

comerç 'old vines' . cariñena, spain . 07 28

sella & mosca . cannonau de sardegna, italy . 06 32

rhône-style

borrowing from the rhône playbook, winemakers in australia and america are experimenting with the grapes of the southern rhône with great success...

dowsett family 'devotion' . columbia valley, washington . 07 55

betz family winery 'bésoleil' . columbia valley, washington . 06 95

tablas creek vineyard 'esprit de beaucastel' . paso robles, california . 07 83

ben glaetzer 'wallace' . barossa valley, australia . 08 44

other french wines

jura

in the jura region of france (just north of geneva), they're allowed to grow and bottle two white grapes (savignan, chardonnay) and three red grapes (poulsard or ploussard, trousseau and pinot noir)...

château d'arlay 'corail' . côtes du jura . 00 45
(savignan, chardonnay, ploussard, trousseau, pinot noir)

domaine andré et mirelle tissot 'singulier' . arbois . 07 65
(trousseau)

provence

the ancient greeks planted vines in provence 2,500 years ago...(but that might have only been because it was so convenient to their favorite beaches)...grenache, carignan and cinsaut are the major players, but there's plenty of mourvèdre (especially in bandol), syrah and cabernet sauvignon as well...

mas de gourgonnier . les baux de provence . 07 49

la bastide blanche . bandol . 07 51

domaine du gros' noré . bandol . 04 67

languedoc-roussillon

last time we counted, the languedoc-roussillon was the largest wine-growing region in the world, accounting for about two billion (yes, billion) bottles a year... generalizing such a vast area would be foolhardy, however what can be said is that a lot of creative people producing some really wonderful, original wines here...

carignan, cinsault, grenache, syrah and mourvèdre are the major grapes, but cabernet sauvignon and merlot are proven here as well...

hecht & bannier . faugères . 06 46

domaine monpertuis 'vignoble de la ramière' . vin de pays du gard . 06 36

expression de massamier la mignarde . vin de pays de coteaux de peyriac . 06 39

domaine de familongue 'mas des vignals' . vin de pays du mont baudile . 07 30

calvet-thunevin 'cuvée constance' . vin de pays des côtes catalanes . 05 33

château de vaugelas 'le prieuré' . corbières . 07 28

domaine la tour vieille 'la pinède' . collioure . 07 43

cahors

historically adored by popes and russian czars, they are known as "the black wines of cahors" because of their inky dark appearance and their tannic disposition...

château la coustarelle . cahors . 05 30

italy

italy is responsible for about one-fifth of the world's wine production. (which comes to about 8 billion bottles a year, give or take...) no other country on earth has the variety of indigenous grape varietals as found in italy, either. (several hundred have been "officially" cataloged...) and take into consideration over 4,000 years of winemaking history, it's a wonder...a sometimes confusing wonder...so we've split things up a bit, according to region...

and for the curious, the varietal is listed below each selection in parenthesis...

northeast

the veneto traditionally gets all the press in the northeast, and for good reason...with the famous whites as well as the most famous of reds—amarone—there is a lot to enjoy...however, the quality wines emerging from its neighbors is worth a look for certain...

la crotta di vegneron 'esprit follet' . vallée d'aoste . 06 — 62
(fumin)

casa zuliani . isonzo del friuli, italy . 06 — 34
(cabernet franc)

albino armani . vallagarina . 03 — 36
(foja tonda)

tenuta sant'antonio 'scaia' . veneto . 08 — 28
(corvina)

giuseppe quintarelli 'primofiore' . veneto . 04 — 95
(corvina veronese, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc)

allegrini 'palazzo della torre' . veronese . 06 — 40
(corvina veronese, rondinella, sangiovese)

musella 'ripasso' . valpolicella . 05 — 44
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara)

corte giara 'mio' . amarone della valpolicella . 06 — 78
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara)

farina . amarone della valpolicella . 05 — 98
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara, croatina)

nicolis classico . amarone della valpolicella . 03 — 119
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara, croatina)

brigaldara . amarone della valpolicella . 05 — 139
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara)

l'arco classico . amarone della valpolicella . 01 — 155
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara, croatina)

northwest

big names dominate the northwest...superstar region peidmont home to the superstar wines of barolo and barbaresco...though sometimes it's the bench player that wins the big game, no?

anzivino . gattinara . 03 64
(nebbiolo)

cantine sant'agata 'na vota' . ruchè di castagnole monferrato . 07 42
(ruchè)

cascina 'tavijn . grignolino d'asti . 06 25
(grignolino)

vietti 'tre vigne' . barbera d'asti . 07 35
(barbera)

piero busso 'majano' . barbera d'alba . 06 35
(barbera)

marcarini 'fontanazza' . dolcetto d'alba . 07 38
(dolcetto)

chionetti 'briccolero' . dolcetto di dogliani . 06 47
(dolcetto)

enzo boglietti . langhe . 06 45
(nebbiolo)

icardi 'surìsjvan' . langhe . 04 55
(nebbiolo)

monchiero carbone 'printi' . roero . 04 69
(nebbiolo)

giribaldi . barbaresco . 05 59
(nebbiolo)

cascina bruciata . barbaresco . 05 79
(nebbiolo)

dante rivetti 'bricco' riserva . barbaresco . 00 115
(nebbiolo)

elivio cogno . barolo . 04 92
(nebbiolo)

fratelli alessandria . barolo . 04 111
(nebbiolo)

oddero . barolo . 01 125
(nebbiolo)

prunotto 'bussia' . barolo . 01 145
(nebbiolo)

la spinetta . barolo . 01 196
(nebbiolo)

central

ah, tuscany...often when images of italy float through our heads, we picture the tuscan villa backdrop and a bottle of chianti...and for many of us, our first introduction to italian wine was a bottle of chianti, wrapped in wicker with a candle stuck in its neck...

but the days of cheap chianti are long gone...tuscany is the undisputed home of sangiovese, where it is the backbone of chianti and the engine of brunello...

campodelsole 'durano' . sangiovese di romagna . 07 — 26
(sangiovese)

silvio messana 'montesecondo' . toscana . 08 — 39
(sangiovese, canaiolo)

monteti . toscana . 05 — 63
(cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot)

tenuta di arceno 'arcanum I' . toscana . 04 — 74
(cabernet franc, merlot)

tua rita 'perlato del bosco' . toscana . 06 — 95
(sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon, syrah)

poggio romita 'il fiorino' . chianti . 08 — 34
(sangiovese, canaiolo)

castello di bossi . chianti classico . 06 — 39
(sangiovese)

castello di selvole . chianti classico . 06 — 47
(sangiovese)

caprili . rosso di montalcino . 07 — 45
(sangiovese)

canalicchio di sopra . rosso di montalcino . 06 — 56
(sangiovese)

la velona . brunello di montalcino . 03 — 78
(sangiovese)

capanna . brunello di montalcino . 04 — 113
(sangiovese)

fornacina . brunello di montalcino . 04 — 127
(sangiovese)

valdicava . brunello di montalcino . 03 — 250
(sangiovese)

scarafone . montecucco rosso . 06 — 41
(sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon)

calistri . umbria . 05 — 52
(sangiovese)

villa malacari . rosso conero . 06 — 28
(montepulciano)

talamonti 'tre saggi' . montepulciano d'abruzzo . 06 — 48
(montepulciano)

south and islands

piedirosso from the slopes of mount vesuvius...grenache from the island of sardegna...aglianico...primitivo...nero d'avola...the wines of southern italy and the islands off its coast provide a departure from the familiar into the exotic...

sella & mosca . cannonau di sardegna . 06 32
(cannonau)

quintale . terre del volturno . 08 45
(casavecchia)

casa d'ambra . campania . 07 33
(aglianico)

feudi di san gregorio 'rubrato' . campania aglianico . 06 38
(aglianico)

masseria felicia . falerno del massico . 07 65
(aglianico, piedirosso)

terredora dipaolo 'lacryma christi' . vesuvio rosso . 07 49
(piedirosso)

cantine sasso . aglianico del vulture . 06 35
(aglianico)

menhir 'cinquepassi' . salento . 07 28
(negroamaro)

il trullo . primitivo del salento . 08 30
(primitivo)

colosi . sicilia . 07 26
(nero d'avola)

ipsus . sicilia . 07 30
(nero d'avola)

occhipinti 'sp68' . sicilia . 08 52
(nero d'avola, frappato)

planeta . cerasuolo di vittoria . 07 49
(nero d'avola, frappato)

spain

spain, spain, spain...there is such a wide range of varietals here that are unknown to most of the world—but tempranillo is the backbone to many of its reds, with garnacha a close second. these wines are generally well-structured with red & black berries, earth, spice & vanilla.

peique . bierzo. 08 — 32
(mencía)

bodega teso la monia 'almirez' . toro . 07 — 57
(tempranillo)

palacios remondo 'la vendimia' . rioja . 08 — 34
(tempranillo, garnacha/grenache)

r. lopez de 'viña cubillo crianza' . rioja . 04 — 43
(tempranillo, garnacho/grenache, mazuelo/carignan, graciano)

zuazo gaston 'reserva' . rioja . 04 — 55
(tempranillo)

lan 'edición limitada' . rioja . 04 — 98
(tempranillo, mazuelo/carignan, graciano)

el puntido . rioja . 03 — 114
(tempranillo)

comerç 'old vines' . cariñena . 07 — 28
(garnacha/grenache)

viñas del cénit . zamora . 05 — 55
(tempranillo)

pago florentino . tierra de castilla . 07 — 39
(tempranillo)

arzuaga 'la planta' . ribera del duero . 07 — 42
(tempranillo)

lopez cristobal 'crianza' . ribera del duero . 05 — 59
(tempranillo, merlot, cabernet sauvignon)

capafons-ossó 'sirsell'. priorat . 05 — 58
(garnacha/grenache, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, mazuelo/carignan, syrah)

ferrer bobet . priorat . 05 — 72
(mazuelo/carignan, garnacha/grenache)

alvaro palacios 'les terrasses' . priorat . 06 — 85
(mazuelo/carignan, garnacha/grenache, cabernet sauvignon, syrah)

clos mogador . priorat . 03 — 156
(garnacha/grenache, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, mazuelo/carignan)

bodegas piqueras 'valcanto' . almansa. 06 — 28
(syrah)

atalaya . almansa . 07 — 36
(monastrell/mourvèdre, grenache...)

san isidro cepas del zorro 'dos año' . bullas . 06 — 24
(monastrell/mourvèdre)

ànima negra 'àn/2' . mallorca . 06 — 47
(callet, mantonegre-fogoneu, syrah)

portugal

in the past decade and half, there has been a renaissance of sorts in portugal.

no longer tethered by outdated and constrictive wine laws of the past, growers and producers have started to diversify from traditional fortified wines into dynamic and unique still wines. in these wines, you will find traditional port varietals (touriga nacional, touriga franca, tinta barroca, trincadeira) being showcased as still wines, and often blended with more "mainstream" grapes (cabernet sauvignon, syrah).

needless to say, these are wines that are as exciting as they are original.

and yes, they are hard to pronounce...but rather easy to enjoy...

porta fronha . dão, portugal . 05 28
(touriga nacional, tinta roriz/tempranillo)

quinta da vegia . dão . 05 38
(touriga nacional, tinta roriz/tempranillo)

quinta das bágeiras 'garrafeira' . bairrada . 03 45
(baga)

alves de sousa 'grande escolha' . douro . 03 49
(tinta roriz/tempranillo , touriga nacional , tinta cão...)

quinta de la rosa . douro . 06 39
(touriga nacional, touriga franca, tinta barroca, tinta roriz/tempranillo)

kolheita de ideias 'k' . douro . 02 54
(tinta roriz/tempranillo, touriga franca, touriga nacional)

quinta do vesuvio 'pombal do vesuvio' . douro . 07 59
(touriga nacional, touriga franca, tinta amarela)

conde de vimioso . ribatejano . 05 25
(trincadeira, aragonêz/tempranillo, touriga nacional, cabernet sauvignon)

dom rafael 'mouchão' . alentejo . 06 34
(alicante bouschet, trincadeira)

esporão 'reserva' . alentejo . 05 34
(aragonês/tempranillo, trincadeira, cabernet sauvignon, alicante bouschet)

cortes de cima 'chaminé' . alentejano . 07 32
(aragonês/tempranillo, syrah, touriga nacional, trincadeira, cabernet sauvignon)

herdade dos grous . alentejano . 06 37
(aragonês/tempranillo, alicante bouschet, touriga nacional)

zinfandel

well known for its brambly fruit & boozy personality, zinfandel can be a solid food wine when paired with spice, roasted meats, cheeses & even dessert...

california is zin country, but you can find a fair amount of it in southern italy... only they call it primitivo...

sineann 'old vine' . columbia gorge, washington . 07 74

the pines 1852 'old vine' . columbia valley, washington . 07 62

four vines 'old vine cuvee' . california . 07 28

bucklin 'old hill ranch, bambino' . sonoma valley, california . 07 43

nalle . dry creek valley, california . 07 56

ridge 'lytton springs' . dry creek valley, california . 06 62

a. rafanelli . dry creek valley, california . 06 89

acorn 'alegría vineyards' . russian river valley, california . 05 54

green & red vineyard 'chiles mill vineyard' . napa valley, california . 06 49

frank family vineyards . napa valley, california . 06 69

robert biale vineyards 'black chicken' . napa valley, california . 07 86

klinker brick 'old vine' . lodi, california . 07 37

il trullo . primitivo del salento, italy . 08 30

petite sirah

or you can spell it "petit sirah", "petite syrah" or "petit syrah"...which is funny, since it turns out that it should be spelled "durif"...(it was developed by one dr. françois durif back in the 1870s...) generally, you'll find something dark and inky in the bottle...

fallöbst 'zephyr ridge vineyard' . columbia valley, washington . 08 42

laurelhurst cellars . columbia valley, washington . 05 55

c. g. di arie . lodi, california . 04 46

turley 'hayne vineyard' . paso robles , california . 07 165

oddball red blends

take some time and explore this page...just because they're odd, doesn't mean they're not excellent...be it a creative blend of grapes or an obscure varietal—there's something here to thrill...

torpedo cellars 'grenoir' . willamette valley, oregon . 07 34
(grenache, pinot noir)

lioco 'indica' . mendocino county, california . 08 39
(carignan, mourvedre, petite sirah)

sean h. thackrey 'pleiades' old vines . california . XVII 59
(syrah, barbera, carignan, petite sirah, viognier, sangiovese...)

orin swift 'the prisoner' . napa valley, california . 08 73
(zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, petite sirah, charbono, grenache)

kozlkovic 'othello' . istria, croatia . 03 49
(teran, merlot, cabernet sauvignon)

chateau musar . bekka valley, lebanon . 98 85
(cabernet sauvignon, carignan, cinsault)

other red varietals

there are thousands of grape varietals in the world...try something new...

kindzmarauli marani 'kindzmarauli original' saperavi . kvareli, georgia . 07 32

vinoterra saperavi . kakheti, georgia . 03 39

karl fritsch 'windspiel' zweigelt . wagram, austria . 07 25

sattler st. laurent . burgenland, austria . 07 35

anselmann acolon . pfalz, germany . 06 43

skouras aghiorghitiko . nemea, greece . 07 28

durigutti bonarda . mendoza, argentina . 07 32

domingo molina tannat . salta, argentina . 07 34

southern right pinotage . walker bay, south africa . 07 43

nashwauk tempranillo . mclaren vale, australia . 06 39

mccrea mourvèdre . yakima valley, washington . 07 55

gramercy cellars 'inigo montoya' tempranillo . walla walla valley, washington . 07 87

willakenzie estate pinot meunier . willamette valley, oregon . 06 50

heitz wine cellars grignolino . napa valley, california . 06 39

northwest wines

northwest . white

sparkling

argyle brut . willamette valley, oregon . 06 49

sauvignon blanc

efeste 'feral' . columbia valley . 09 36

sémillon

l'ecole no. 41 . columbia valley . 08 32

sauvignon blanc and sémillon blends

cadaretta 'sbs' . columbia valley . 08 44

buty . columbia valley . 08 55

pinot gris

christopher michael . oregon . 09 24

bethel heights vineyard . oregon . 09 31

chehalem 'three vineyard' . willamette valley, oregon . 08 33

bishop creek cellars . yamhill-carlton district, oregon . 07 36

siltstone 'guadalupe vineyard' . dundee hlls, oregon . 08 38

pinot blanc

st. innocent 'freedom hill vineyard' . willamette valley, oregon . 08 39

chenin blanc

mckinley springs . horse heaven hills . 08 32

grüner veltliner

syncline 'underwood mountain vineyard' . columbia gorge, washington . 09 39

evesham wood . willamette valley, oregon . 09 30

gewürztraminer

dowsett family 'celilo vineyard' . columbia gorge, washington . 09 39

riesling

o'shea scarborough 'cease & desist' . yakima valley . 07 32

pomum . yakima valley . 08 37

pacific rim 'wallula vineyard' . columbia valley . 08 36

poet's leap . columbia valley . 09 39

chardonnay

substance . washington . 09 39

boudreaux cellars 'bishop's and celilo vineyards' . washington . 07 64

abeja . washington . 07 75

sparkman 'lumière' . columbia valley, washington . 08 58

buty 'conner lee vineyard' . columbia valley, washington . 07 69

o'shea scarborough 'desolation' . horse heaven hills, washington . 06 55

argyle . willamette valley, oregon . 07 32

bergström winery 'old stones' . willamette valley, oregon . 08 36

viognier

walnut city wineworks . columbia valley . 06 36

àmaurice cellars . columbia valley . 08 49

roussanne

j. scott cellars roussane . columbia valley . 08 32

rhône style blend

darby 'le deuce' . columbia valley . 08 41

vin gris

domaine serene 'coeur blanc' . willamette valley, oregon . 06 135

rosé

patton valley vineyard 'estate grown' . willamette valley, oregon . 09 33

dessert wine

l'ecole no. 41 'seven hills vineyard' icewine . walla walla valley . 08 49

pinot noir

washington

syncline 'celilo vineyard' . columbia gorge . 08 55

oregon

cooper mountain 'cooper hill' . willamette valley . 08 30
walnut city wineworks . willamette valley . 08 36
la bête 'croft vineyard' . willamette valley . 08 45
crowley . willamette valley . 08 49
cancilla cellars . willamette valley . 06 59
boedecker 'athena' . willamette valley . 06 64
lumos 'temperance hill vineyard' . willamette valley . 06 67
domaine serene 'yamhill cuvée' . willamette valley . 06 74
penner~ash 'seven springs vineyard' . willamette valley . 06 115
brick house 'select' . ribbon ridge. 06 61
matello 'whistling ridge north' . ribbon ridge . 06 64
patricia green cellars 'old vines estate' . ribbon ridge . 07 70
beaux frères 'the beaux frères vineyard' . ribbon ridge . 06 157
winter's hill vineyard . dundee hills . 06 48
siltstone 'guadalupe vineyard' . dundee hills . 07 53
belle pente 'murto vineyard' . dundee hills . 06 74
holloran 'le pavillon vineyard' . dundee hills . 06 82
cameron 'clos electrique' . dundee hills . 06 102
dusky goose . dundee hills . 06 125
del rio vineyards . rogue valley . 08 39

gamay noir

the evening land vineyards 'celebration' . eola-amity hills, oregon . 08 43

merlot

substance . washington . 08 38
tamarack . columbia valley . 07 41
hestia . columbia valley . 07 45
beresan . columbia valley . 06 51
l'ecole no. 41 . columbia valley . 06 57
robert karl . horse heaven hills . 07 49
leonetti cellars . walla walla valley . 07 165

carmenere

beresan winery . walla walla valley . 07 57

malbec

àmaurice cellars . columbia valley . 07 67

cabernet franc

watermill 'estate' . walla walla, washington . 07 56
sheridan vineyard . yakima valley . 06 83

cabernet sauvignon

nelms road . washington . 08 39
owen roe 'sharecropper's' . columbia valley . 08 32
st. bartholomew . columbia valley . 07 34
brand . columbia valley . 08 36
novelty hill . columbia valley . 07 45
januik . columbia valley . 07 59
syzygy . columbia valley . 06 72
abeja . columbia valley . 07 86
boudreaux cellars . columbia valley . 05 92
cor cellars 'mckinley springs vineyards' . horse heaven hills . 06 49
o'shea scarborough 'the main event' . yakima valley . 07 64
va piano . columbia valley & walla walla valley . 07 78
amavi cellars . walla walla valley . 07 56
woodward canyon winery . walla walla valley . 08 68
pepper bridge . walla walla valley . 06 112
leonetti cellars . walla walla valley . 06 195

bordeaux-style

o·s winery . columbia valley. 06 35
tempus cellars . columbia valley . 06 59
àmaurice cellars . columbia valley . 06 68
corliss . columbia valley . 04 125
fall line winery 'aldercreek vineyard' . horse heaven hills . 06 48
stevens winery '424' . yakima valley . 06 63
owen roe . yakima valley . 07 80
delille cellars 'harrison hill' . yakima valley . 05 145
hightower 'out of line' . red mountain . 08 49
cadence 'bel canto, cara mia vineyard' . red mountain . 06 107
andrew will 'champoux vineyard' . columbia valley . 04 135
basel cellars 'claret' . walla walla valley . 07 38
l'ecole no. 41 'apogee, pepper bridge vineyard' . walla walla valley . 05 98

washington blends

gamache 'boulder red' . columbia valley . 07 36
william church 'bishop's blend' . columbia valley . 08 39
efeste 'final-final' . columbia valley . 07 45
long shadows 'nine hats' . columbia valley . 07 49
gorman winery 'zachary's ladder' . columbia valley . 07 55
mark ryan 'the dissident' .columbia valley . 08 63
buty 'rediviva' . columbia valley . 05 102

washington syrah

corvidae 'lenore' . columbia valley . 07 34
owen roe 'ex umbris' . columbia valley . 08 49
gramercy cellars 'lagniappe' . columbia valley . 05 72
betz family winery 'la serenne' . columbia valley . 05 115
olsen estates . yakima valley . 07 39
va piano . columbia valley & walla walla valley . 07 78
trust . walla walla valley . 07 55
syzygy . walla walla valley . 07 67
waters 'forgotten hills' . walla walla valley . 07 82
cayuse vineyards 'en chamberlin' . walla walla valley . 07 137

rhône-style

dowsett family 'devotion' . columbia valley . 07 55
betz family winery 'bésoleil' . columbia valley . 06 95

grenache

maison bleue 'la montagnette' . horse heaven hills, washington . 08 48

petite sirah

fallöbst 'zephyr ridge vineyard' . columbia valley . 08 42
laurelhurst cellars . columbia valley . 05 55

zinfandel

sineann 'old vine' . columbia gorge . 07 74
the pines 1852 'old vine' . columbia valley . 07 62

oddball reds

torpedo cellars 'grenoir' . willamette valley, oregon . 07 34
mccrea mourvèdre . yakima valley . 07 55
gramercy cellars 'inigo montoya' tempranillo . walla walla valley . 07 87
willakenzie estate pinot meunier . willamette valley, oregon . 06 50

bottles . beer

sure, we're a wine bar—but we're enthusiastic about the brewed liquids as well... a frothy, bubbly, refreshing, sometimes burpy beverage. tasty as an apéritif or a unique and fun change to pair with our food. (we do have pizzas on the menu, after all...)

usa

deschutes brewery 'mirror pond' pale ale . bend, oregon	4.50
scuttlebutt brewing company 'homeport' blonde ale . everett, washington	4.50
anderson valley brewing company'boont' amber ale . boonville, california	4.50
rogue 'dead guy' ale . newport, oregon	4.50
bear republic 'racer 5' ipa . healdsburg, california	5.00
ninkasi 'total domination' ipa . eugene, oregon . 650ml	10.00
ommegang 'hennepin' saison farmhouse ale . cooperstown, new york	7.00
dogfish head indian brown ale . milton, delaware	5.50
new belgium '1554' enlightened black ale . fort collins, colorado . 650ml	9.00
old rasputin russian imperial stout . fort bragg, california	5.00

canada

unibroue 'maudite' . chambly, canada	8.00

belgium

stella artois . leuven	4.50
brasserie lefebvre blanche de bruxelles white beer . quenast	7.00
duvel belgian golden ale . puurs. 750ml	21.00
maredsous dubbel '8°' abbey ale . puurs . 750ml	19.00
orval trappist ale . orval	12.00
westmalle trappist ale tripel . malle	14.00

holland

heineken light . amsterdam	4.50

germany

franziskaner hefe-weissbier . munich	4.50

england

samuel smith old brewery 'taddy porter' . tadcaster . 550ml	9.00

dessert and ports

digestifs

grappa

brandy

decadent/dessert

here's a big secret:

you don't actually have to wait for dessert to enjoy these wines...

because sometimes I have an apple for breakfast, and sometimes I have an apple fritter...

(all bottles on this page are 375ml unless otherwise noted...)

late harvest & botrytised

far niente 'dolce' . napa valley, california . 04 145

disznókó '4 puttonyos' . tokaji aszú, hungary . 04 69

alvear pedro ximenéz . montilla-moriles, spain . solera 1927 47

toro albalá 'don px' gran reserva . montilla-moriles, spain . 82 . 750ml 98

château les tuileries . sauternes, france . 06 38

pierre gaillard 'jeanne-elise' . condrieu, france . 07 125

domaine pouderoux . maury, france . 01 . 500ml 42

chateau pierre-bise 'les rayelles' . coteaux du layon, france . 00 . 500ml 50

le sponde 'coffele' . recioto di soave classico, italy . 04 71

bonacchi. vin santo del chianti classico, italy . 05 . 500ml 62

nobil casa contini bonacossi 'capezzana' . vin santo di carmignano, italy . 99 95

anselmann spätburgunder beerenauslese . pfalz, germany . 03 73

kracher trockenbeerenauslese . burgenland, austria . nv . 187ml 35

ice wine

l'ecole no. 41 'seven hills vineyard' . walla walla valley, washington . 08 49

heinz eifel eiswein . rheinhessen, germany . 08 40

friedrich baumann 'oppenheimer kreuz' eiswein . rheinhessen, germany . 89 78

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fortified

château d'arlay . macvin du jura, france . nv . 375ml 39

samos . vin doux muscato, greece . 07 48

château d'orignac . pineau des charentes, france . nv 67

domaine des gatinauds 'francois' . pineau des charentes, france . nv 96

domaine de barroubio . muscat de st-jean de minervois, france . 06 . 500ml 45

domaine la tour vieille 'reserva' . banyuls, france . nv 63

vinhos justino henriques 'feist' full rich . madeira, portugal . nv 35

cossart gordon 10 year bual . madeira, portugal . nv 92

broadbent colheita . madeira, portugal . 96 98

quinta do crasto late bottled vintage . porto, portugal . 01 55

alves de sousa 'quinta de gaivosa' . porto, portugal . 03 85

kopke 10 year tawny . porto, portugal 63

ferreira 'duque de bragança' 20 year tawny . porto, portugal 90

sparkling white

tranchero 'casot' . moscato d'asti, italy . 09 38

sparkling red

giacomo bologna 'braida' . brachetto d'acqui, italy . 07. 375ml 35

fruit

trénel créme de framboise . bourgogne, france . nv 65

digestif . a little digestive aid

averna amaro . 8

"people are searching for something different. If you put averna at the center of the world, you drink slowly—you talk to each other." —francesco averna.
in 1854, the friars of st. spiritos abbey presented to their justice and benefactor, salvatore averna, a gift—a unique elixir infused with herbs, roots, flowers, bark, orange peel, and alcohol. four generations later, the averna amaro remains a family business...il gusto pieno della vita!!

fernet-branca . 8

twenty-seven herbs picked in four continents and aged in oak for a year, this grape-based digestif is a little hard to pin down...it is as much a revitalizing medicine as it is a beverage—but be warned: it's not so subtle...

green chartreuse . 10

the recipe for this distinct liquid is known by only three chartreuse monks who oversee its production and maturation. it's said that over 130 different plants are used...some like it neat, but we find it most pleasing on the rocks

pastis . 8

when absinthe was banned in france 1915, pastis was created...add a little sugar... add a little water...

kübler absinthe . 12.50

but if you'd like to do real thing, the 95 year ban on absinthe has been partially lifted...please keep in mind, however, that it is still listed by the DEA under the nomenclature of "drugs and chemicals of concern"...

it's safe to say that grappa has garnered a rather negative reputation over the years...(it was not uncommon to hear it referred to as "kerosene" or "italian moonshine" back in the day...) but times change, and at this point in history we are enjoying a new wave of craft grappa from both italy and america...
for the uninitiated, grappa is the result of distilling all the leftover material produced from winemaking—aka "the pomace"—grape skins, seeds, and stems. perhaps the world's finest recycling gesture, grappa is a potent pleasure best left until the end...

soft tail spirits 'blanco' . yakima valley, washington . 12
(merlot, syrah, cabernet sauvignon)

it was illegal to distill booze in the state of washington until the summer of 2008, and soft tail spirits was the first legal operatoin in western washington...
their 'blanco' grappa has an uncanny tequila-like profile...

clear creek distillery . portland, oregon . 9
(muscat)

clear creek distillery has been producing grappa and other spirits for a quarter century...their muscat grappa is full of flowers and spice, and might be the best choice for those new to the grappa game...

germain-robin . north coast, california . 18
(syrah)

this grappa is made by hand in an old cognac still by a man whose familyhas been in the distillation business since 1782...only produced in small batches using premium grapes, the process takes almost a year, and the resulting liquid is what we sneak into the glasses of those that claim to not like grappa...

alexander 'platinum' . amarone, italy . 10
(corvina veronese, rondinella, molinara)

the alexander comes from the veneto region of italy—the birthplace of grappa... using the pomace from both amarone and its dessert wine sibling, recioto di amarone, the alexander is a suprisingly soft with all sorts of spice and perfume...

g. bertagnoli . piana rotaliana, italy . 9
(teroldego)

four generations of the bertagnoli family have produced grappa from the pomace of teroldego grapes in the trentino alto adige region of italy...and while one might expect an old-fashioned style of from a 140 year old distillery, the bertagnoli is a suprsingly delicate, complex, and modern grappa...

jacopo poli . schiavon, italy . 25
(moscato)

so this glorious liquid is hard to define...technically speaking, it's an immature brandy... or it's grappa on steroids... while most grappa involves the skins, seeds and stems left from the winemaking process, this crystal clear and heady sipper is produced using whole muscat grapes from a single vineyard and vintage...

brandy

the word “brandy” is derived from the dutch word “brandywijn”, translated literally as “burnt wine”. it’s a rather broad category of booze, and it encompasses not only spirits distilled from wine, but fruits as well. that said, the majority of the following selections are made with wine—in fact it takes approximately ten bottles of wine to make one bottle of brandy...

cognac
surrounding the town of cognac, france, are vineyards planted to ugni blanc, folle blanche and colombard...and it is from these humble grapes that the world’s benchmark of brandy is produced...

hennessy . vs . 9
chalfonte . vsop . 8
courvoisier . vsop . 12
paul giraud . xo . 17
kelt . xo . 35

armagnac
always in the shadow of cognac, armagnacs are for those seeking a little more zing in their snifter. in other words, the kid has a bit more bombast. think quiet after-dinner discussion of shakespearean sonnets (cognac) versus rowdy but well-phrased arguments concerning the origin of man (armagnac).

leriche . vsop . 9
tariquet ‘folle blanche’ . 12

brandy
while hitch-hiking through northern california in the summer of 1981, hubert germain-robin was picked up by ansley coale. long story short, the result of this meeting was an antique still making its way from cognac to coale’s ranch in mendocino county...
the revolution was making brandy out of world-class grape varietals rather than the traditional grapes of cognac. the result is one of the finest brandies you’ll find...

germain-robin ‘fine alembic’ . lot 24 . 10

spain also has a long history of brandy production...established in 1730, the following brandy was what hemingway was drinking in *the sun also rises*...

fundador ‘solera reserva’ . brandy de jerez . 8

calvados
it's made from apples, and it's known as “the norman holemaker”, since it is an excellent digestif, and is made in normandy, france. in the event that you indulged in a bit too much consumption of solids, here is the solution:

boulard ‘grande solage’ . 9

single malt scotch
auchentoshan lowland . 8
macallan 12 year . 12
oban 14 year . 15
dalwhinnie 15 year . 12
glenmorangie 'the quinta ruban' 12 year . 12
balvenie 'doublewood' 12 year . 12
laphroaig 10 year . 12

blended scotch
dewar's white label . 8
johnnie walker black . 9

canadian
crown royal . 7
pendleton . 8

irish
jameson . 8
redbreast 12 year . 9

bourbon
basil hayden's 8 year . 9
knob creek 9 year . 9
woodford reserve . 9
maker's mark . 8

rye
old overholt . 8

rum
ron pampero 'anniversario' . 9
zaya gran reserva 12 year . 10

tequila
aha toro blanco . 9
patrón silver . 9
sauza 'conmemorativo' añejo . 8
don julio añejo . 9
herradura reposado . 9

cocktails

champagne cocktails

cocktails

$9 each

cocktail #1: the old fashioned

really—it's one of america's oldest cocktails...your great-grandfather used to drink them at the pendennis club in louisville...and yet, when's the last time you tried one? we'll make you one with maker's mark.

cocktail #2: the martini

be forewarned: your martini will have a dose of vermouth, as was intended by those that created it...and, well, vermouth is fortified wine...and this is a wine bar...

cocktail #3: the manhattan

ok...so rumor has it that the manhattan was invented at a party hosted by winston churchhill's mother...it really must have been quite a party...bourbon, bitters and sweet vermouth shaken and strained...

cocktail #4: the rob roy

if you take your manhattan and trade bourbon for scotch, you've got a rob roy. historically, rob roy is known both as folk hero and an outlaw...we prefer you sip on one of these and aspire to the former.

cocktail #5: the sidecar

the history of this drink involves an american army captain in paris during world war one who was astute enough to always arrive and depart the bar via motorcycle sidecar...we like to make ours with metaxa.

cocktail #6: the negroni

feeling a little bitter? well, bitterness loves company, and there is no better bitter way to cleanse one's palate than a helping of camillo negroni's favorite florentine beverage...seriously...it's not for the faint of heart, and it is better than brushing your teeth.

cocktail #7: the sazerac

invented in new orleans just about 150 years ago...in fact, some trace the name "cocktail" to the very glass used to serve the original sazerac...which means that if you want to get back to your roots, order a sazerac immediately. We prepare our sazeracs with rittenhouse straight rye, by the way, and if you've never had one: it's like a costume party in a glass.

cocktails
$9 each

cocktail # 8: the gimlet

jack nicholson...ernest hemingway...raymond chandler...how about you?

cocktail #9: the margarita

please note that your margarita will be served with a choice of: don julio añejo, herradura reposado, patrón silver or sauza conmemorativo.

cocktail #10: the daiquirí

we don't have a blender, so you'll have to have your daiquirí the way we had them back when...it's a quieter cocktail, for certain...and the flavor will leave you wondering what possessed them to throw it in a food processor in the first place.

cocktail #11: the brandy alexander

google 'brandy alexander' and you get a hard rock band from greensboro, a professional female wrestler and a whole lot of homepages belonging to girls named brandy…drinking a brandy alexander, however, beats the internet any day.

cocktail #12: the pastis

before you order this, ask christene to talk you into it...if she's not around to do the job, just close your eyes and imagine yourself at a paris sidewalk café with a fascinating companion and a copy of *a moveable feast* in your back pocket…

cocktail #13: the long island iced tea . 10

so you've had a long island iced tea before...well, this is much the same—only we use nothing but premium liquors to put ours together...

scotch . flight . 23

a sampling of four .75oz pours of delicious scotch

dewar's 'white label'
(the blend)
macallan 12
(the classic)
balvenie doublewood 12
(the woody gentleman)
laphroaig 10
(the peat monster)

cocktails with bubbles

$10 each

the classic champagne cocktail

people will argue about the true recipe...fact is, the bartenders that started calling their creations "champagne cocktails" aren't around to testify, so we're going with the old stand-by—bitters, sugar, and bubbles with a twist of lemon.

the alfonso

so there's a whole gaggle of variations on the classic champagne cocktail, but this is one that we all rather liked...the addition of dubonnet (a red wine apéritif from france) adds an aromatic burst and a little spicy edge...

kir royale

you've maybe ordered and consumed a "kir royale", but if it wasn't produced with real crème de cassis—you got ripped off...ours consists of bubbles with a splash of trénel crème de cassis de bourgogne...

purple royale

clear creek distillery in portland makes a lovely, intense liqueur using loganberries (a hybrid of raspberries and blackberries)...we use it to make a distinctly northwest version of the kir royale...

the french 75

as in 75mm guns used by the french during world war one...seriously...sipped by officers just before battle...gin, fresh squeezed lemon juice (lightly sweetened) with the addition of bubbles...bang...

cold duck

the deal with this champagne cocktail is that if you order it, you have to drink it...it is a strange and beguiling concoction for the adventurous...two parts red wine (we use a classic bordeaux rouge) and three parts sparkling with just a touch of added sweetness...

black velvet rasputin

back in 1861, the nation of england was mourning the death of prince albert, and a rather empathetic barman decided that even the champagne should wear black... our drink is not so dour—old rasputin russian imperial stout married with an equal part bubbles...incidentally, a top-notch hangover cure...

the sally bowles

it's not a pre-requesite to have seen Cabaret, though it does give some insight into the drink...german ice wine is mixed with st. germain elderflower liqueur, a splash of sweetness and topped off with sparkling wine...divine decadence, indeed...

cocktails with bubbles

$10 each

mimosa

though most everybody knows that a mimosa is orange juice and bubbles, we thought it prudent to mention that we get to use fresh orange juice in ours...

d'artagnan

if you can come up with the names of the musketeers (without the aid of your internet ready cellular device), we just may buy you one...though if you can also come up with the author, then we might really have to buy you one...
by the way, if one were to spruce up a mimosa with some armagnac and grand marnier, one would ostensibly have themselves a d'artagnan...

the griffin

the tuscarora mill in leesburg virginia has been around since 1899, and this is one of their concoctions—though jim probably didn't know that when he suggested mixing red pineau des charentes with sparkling wine...

champagne antoine

antoine's (new orleans) is america's oldest family run restaurant (1840), and it's said that they invented oysters rockefeller...seems they also came up with this vexing mixture of gin, dry vermouth, pernod and champagne...

the american flyer

while nobody can tell us why it's called an american flyer, we can assure you that it's unsafe to operate any manner of aviation related machinery after drinking one of these...fresh lime juice and white rum placed in a flute rimmed with sugar, then finished off with some bubbles...

the moulin rouge

if you're a fan of early 90s british comedies, then you might know this as the "bolli-stoli" that patsy and edina used to drink in excess...ours is a more humble mixture of stolichnaya and sparkling wine...not the most elegant idea, for certain—but a fast track to feeling absolutely fabulous...

the horn of plenty

we rather like the idea of a horn filled with inexhaustible gifts and celebratory fruits...but since that isn't available, perhaps a blend of campari and grand marnier in a flute of sparkling wine will suffice...?

sea captain's special

it seems a shame to sacrifice a bottle of champagne on the bow of newly minted seafaring vessels...
better to save the bottle, throw in some rye, a bit of pastis and enjoy...
oh, and because the water is sometimes rough, this one's served on the rocks in a very stable glass...

glossary of terms

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acid: acids are important in wine, they make the wine more refreshing and rids the wine of harmful bacteria. it is truly a mouth-watering experience.

adelaide hills: south australian wine region, cool climate, known for sauvignon blanc

a.o.c.: an abbreviation for appellation d'origine contrôlée; the french government agency that controls wine production

aligoté: the 'other' white grape of burgundy, important ingredient for a kir, just add blackberry liqueur

anthocyanins: natural phenolics responsible for the color of black and red grapes

auslese: a german quality wine category, made from selected bunches of late-picked grapes. a riesling auslese can last for decades!

a.v.a.: an abbreviation for american viticultural area

barolo: a beautiful town and a very powerful, yet supple red wine, made from the nebbiolo grape in northwest italy

beaujolais: a light, fruity red wine from the region of beaujolais, france; made from the gamay grape

blanc de blancs: a white wine made from white grapes

blanc de noir: a white wine made from red grapes

botrytis cinerea: a beautifully ugly mold that forms on the grapes, in humid climates, known also as "noble rot" makes sublime dessert wines

boxes, wine: check the expiration date

brix: a scale that measures the sugar level of the unfermented grape juice (must)

brunello di montalcino: a high quality, heavenly red wine made with the tuscan sun and sangiovese grosso

brut: one of the driest styles of champagne, about 16 grams of sugar per liter

cabernet franc: the daddy of cabernet sauvignon, at home in the loire valley and one of the five grapes in a left bank bordeaux

cabernet sauvignon: the most sought after red grape in the world, known for its structure, power and ageworthiness. expresses itself best in bordeaux and california

d.o.c.: an abbreviation for denominazione de origine controllata; the italian government agency that controls wine production

d.o.c.g.: an abbreviation for denominazione de origine controllata e garantita; the italian government allows this marking to appear only on the finest wines. the "g" stands for "guaranteed"

dolcetto: a soft, fleshy red grape from piedmont, italy, that is lighter in style than a barolo or barbaresco

estate-bottled: a wine that's made, produced & bottled by the winery's owner

extra dry: actually, a somewhat sweeter sparkling wine, than the brut style

fermentation: the process by which the sugars in the grape must are being devoured by wine yeasts, which in turn creates alcohol and carbon dioxide

fino: the driest, most delicate of sherries; serve chilled with almonds and shellfish

fortified wine: a wine such as port, that has an arrested fermentation by the addition of grape spirit/brandy to leave a little sugar and raise the alcohol

gamay: a fruity, thin-skinned red grape used in the beaujolais region of burgundy

gewürztraminer: "flowers, bitter oranges, lychee nuts" words used to describe this special white grape. grown mainly in eastern france, germany and western usa

glycerol: a product of alcoholic fermentation, gives wine a smoothness and weight. a minor contribution to the "tears/legs" on the glass

grand cru: the highest classification for a cru, or vineyard, in burgundy

graves: a region in bordeaux, france. home to the first-growth, château haut brion

grenache: the most widely planted red grape of the rhône valley, france. white pepper, strawberries and earth add backbone to the blends

halbtrocken: the german term meaning "semi-dry"

hermitage: perhaps the greatest syrah in the world, from the rhône valley, france

kabinett: the lightest of german whites, semi-sweet. picked earlier than other quality levels, the next ripest being spätlese

margaux: a village & district in bordeaux, france. home to first-growth château margaux, the most feminine of the top bordeaux

médoc: a district in bordeaux, france, encompassing all the greatest châteaux

merlot: the soft, cherry red grape grown primarily in the bordeaux region of france, california & washington state

méthod champenoise: a term no longer used to describe the traditional method of making sparkling wine from the champagne region of france

meursault: a village in the côte de beaune in burgundy, france

microclimate: a term that refers to an area that has a climate within a climate. while one area may be generally warm, it may have a cooler "microclimate" or region

mosel-saar-ruwer: a famous wine-producing region in germany that grows the most breath-taking rieslings in the world

muscadet: a cool climate region and a light, dry wine from the melon de bourgogne grape, in loire valley, france

must: the thick juice of wine grapes just before alcoholic fermentation

nebbiolo: a red grape grown in piedmont, italy, which produces some of the finest italian wine, such as barolo & barbaresco

nose: the term used to describe the bouquet & aroma of wine

nuits-st-georges: a village in the côte de nuits in burgundy, france. known for some very happy, ethereal pinot noir

pauillac: a village & district in the bordeaux, france, boasting three of the five first-growths

petite sirah: a small, yet thick-skinned red grape grown primarily in california, originally known as durif in the rhône valley, france—the original teethstainer

pfalz: a quality wine region in germany

piedmont: a region in northwest italy, one of the most important, holds the towns of barolo and barbaresco

pinot blanc: a medium-bodied white grape grown primarily in the alsace region of france

pinot grigio: the most popular white wine from italy made from the grape variety called pinot grigio, a.k.a. pinot gris in france

pinot meunier: a red grape grown primarily in the champagne region of france

pinot noir: a fragile red grape that is difficult to grow, but is now the most requested red grape in the world. the red grape of burgundy and northern oregon

pomerol: a district in the bordeaux region of france, known for the world's greatest merlots

pommard: a village in the côte de beaune, france, creates powerful pinot noirs

pouilly-fuissé: a region in mâconnais, france, creates delicious chardonnay

pouilly-fumé: a region known for sauvignon blanc in the loire valley, france

parellada: a spanish white grape, used in the blend for making sparkling cavas

puligny-montrachet: a village in the côte de beaune, france, amazing chardonnays

qualitätswein: a german term meaning "quality wine"

residual sugar: sugars remaining in the finished wine

rheingau: a grape growing region in southern germany, producing rieslings that will bring tears to your eyes

riesling: the white grape. incredible dry, and completely luscious sweet, capable of ageing for decades. grown primarily in alsace, germany & australia

rioja: wine region in spain, famous for reds from the tempranillo and garnacha grape

rosé: a wine with a slight pinkish hue, made from red grapes, where the juice merely passes over the skins. most are very dry, with a delicious raspberry, rhubarb taste

ruby port: a ruby-hued & sweet fortified wine, blended from non-vintage wines in portugal

sancerre: a town known for incredible sauvignon blancs from the loire valley, france

sangiovese: a red grape grown primarily in tuscany, italy

sauternes: the most expensive sweet white wine from the bordeaux region of france

sauvignon blanc: a white grape, very versatile, depending on where it is grown. classically, it is known for grapefruit, lime and mineral notes. in riper vintages, it is lovingly referred to as, "cat pee on a gooseberry bush"

sémillon: a white grape found primarily in the graves & sauternes regions of bordeaux, france

shiraz: a red grape grown primarily in australia, a.k.a. syrah

spätlese: a german wine quality term, a wine made from grapes picked later than the normal harvest

st-émilion: a charming town in the bordeaux region of france, also producing some of the most famous bordeaux that are based on merlot

st-estèphe: a village & northern most district in the médoc region of bordeaux, france

st-julien: a village & district in the médoc region of bordeaux, france

syrah: a smoky, spicy red grape grown primarily in the rhône valley region of france, washington & california. known as shiraz in australia and south africa

tannin: a natural compound & preservative that comes from the skins, stems & pips of the grapes & also from the wood in which wine is aged

tawny port: a port that is lighter, nuttier & aged longer in cask than a ruby port

tempranillo: a red grape grown primarily in spain, the backbone to a great rioja

trebbiano: a white grape grown in italy, also known as ugni blanc in france. the main ingredient in cognac and armagnac

tuscany: a great wine region in italy, holds the great towns and wines of chianti classico and brunello di montalcino

varietal wine: a wine that is labeled with the predominant grape used to produce the wine, i.e., a wine made from chardonnay grapes would be labeled "chardonnay"

vintage: the year the grapes are harvested

viognier: a white grape from the rhône valley region of france. bursting with white lilies, peaches and perfume

vouvray: a region in the loire valley, france; it can be dry, semi-sweet or sweet from the chenin blanc grape

zinfandel: a juicy red grape that is grown all over california; primitivo in italy