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Wine Tasting at In2art



Tonight's Wines

tasting notes, adhoc reviews and information

Lacroix-Triaulaire Et Fils Champagne



Made In: "Côte des Bars"
Grape: 55% Pinot Noir and 45% Chardonnay

Our vineyard, established on clayey limestone, covers about 7 hectares in the village of Merrey-sur-Arce. It is divided between Pinot Noir, 50%, Pinot Meunier, 40%, and Chardonnay, 10%.

From manual harvests, the grape varieties are turned into wine separately (grapes and vine plots). The combinations give us a range of 6 wines of different styles.

The exploitation, of family origins, manages the whole process, from the production of the grapes to vinification. After several years, we have developed new vintages by changing the grape varieties, combining them or offering them to you as a single grape vintage.

The search for quality enables us to offer you quality vintages which allow you to discover the

uniqueness of the harvest year, land and complex expression of the wine. It is also one of the rare exploitations which, in big viticultural tradition, produces Marc de Champagne, Fine de la Marne and Ratafia de Champagne.

Winemaking Notes:

- Vats** stainless steel
- Vinification** maceration, Rosé winemaking (16%), Red winemaking (4%), White winemaking (80%), temperature control
- Maturing** in vats (100%)
- Packaging** bottled by a mobile line, on the spot

Sauvignon Blanc:



Vignoble Gibault

An estate owning 29 hectares of vines in the Touraine area of the Loire. Their 2010 Sauvignon Blanc was commended in the 2011 International Wine Challenge. The soils are mainly composed of clay flinty minerality that brings to our wines.

Our region has a continental climate with oceanic influences, the vines benefit from mild spring, sunshine was generous and reasonable rainfall throughout the year.

The vineyards of Touraine, in turn, extend the Loir et Cher on flint clay which was mined in the flint in the Napoleonic era.



Tasting Notes:

Good aromatic intensity dominated by aromas of boxwood. A sharp attack, this wine is very refreshing in the mouth and has a good long finish.

Jean-Marc Villemaine Touraine Sauvignon Blanc:



Classic Sauvignon Blanc, with an intense bouquet highlighted by herbs and flowers. Possessing a remarkable complexity, the acidity and fruit tones play on your palate, leading to a crisp, refreshing finish.

Jean-Marc Villemaine operates his family winery with his wife and two teenage sons who hand pick all the grapes. Their estate consists of 18 hectares of flint and clay soils. Practicing the "Terra Vitis" approach to agriculture, a holistic style in which great care and concern is given to maintaining a natural balance between flora and fauna, Jean Marc produces wines of intensity and purity.

The Touraine appellation sits in the heart of the east-west Loire Valley, mid-way between Orleans and Brittany's coastal city of Nantes. Within the boundaries, to the east lie the great Cabernet Franc vineyards of Chinon, Bourgueil and St Nicolas de Bourgueil. To the west, the Chenin plantings in Vouvray and Montlouis draw international attention. The greater appellation of Touraine has a diverse wine portfolio, allowing many varietals (notably Gamay, Sauvignon Blanc, and the Pineau D'Aunis that goes into Villemaine's rose) in its bottlings. The soil is primarily sand, clay and limestone. While wine styles change as you follow the river, they are made to display freshness and relatively high acidity with oak rarely being used.

Color: White
 Body/Type: Light Bodied
 Style: Traditional
 Size: Bottle, 750 ml
 Winery: Jean-Marc Villemaine
 Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc
 Serve At: 46°-54° F
 Region: [France](#) > [Loire](#) > [Touraine](#)

Jean Paul Mollet L'antique Pouilly Fumé 2010, Ac:



Florian Mollet and Jean Paul in 2000 resumed the family estate of 10 hectares of vineyards on the slopes of best Boisgibault, overlooking the Loire. Combining technology with respect for tradition, wines of Pouilly Fumé met with success both for export and the best restaurants in Paris. From Winealign:

Just across the river Loire from the village of Sancerre, Pouilly Fumé makes a rival sauvignon blanc that can taste every bit as good. As you would expect considering the price, this is a superior example and it carries itself with majesty and great presence, like a broad river with eddies and undercurrents.

(Victoria Moore, telegraph.co.uk, The Daily Telegraph U.K., July 11, 2011)

Weingut Erwin Sabathi Sauvignon Blanc Klassik, Sudsteiermark, Austria:



Erwin Sabathi is counted among a small group of young vintners who are already ranked among the best in Austria. He works alongside his two brothers; Gert shares the duties in the vineyards and in the cellar and Christoph handles the business of the business. Barely out of their twenties, they are already busily transforming the family winery, which boasts cellars dating back to the 17th century, into a modern monolith of winemaking.



The new vast premises are fully equipped with the latest technologies and the building reaches deep into the side of one of the rolling hills that this region is famed for. It's a design that keeps the beauty of the "Tuscany of Austria" intact while serving the growing demand for their top quality wines. This fast-track forward mentality is perhaps due to the fact that, by Austrian standards, the Sabathi's are newcomers to winemaking: Erwin and his brothers are (just) the third generation, the family having arrived in Styria in 1938.

95% of the 30 acres of vineyards are planted with white grape varietals, making them white wine specialists. From the Pössnitzberg and Poharnig vineyards come beautifully clear and ripe Sauvignon Blancs and Chardonnays. Those named for the single vineyard they come from are exceptional and are rivaled only by those in the "Merveilleux" line, all of them getting scores in the mid-90's from the Austrian wine guide Falstaff.

Butler Crest Premium Sauvignon Blanc



Greenpiper Wines is a distribution partnership between two small Margaret River wine producers, Night Harvest and Butler Crest. This unique venture represents the bringing together of the best fruit from over a dozen specially selected vineyards, encompassing all of the 6 sub regions of Margaret River.

Quinta do Pinto Sauvignon Blanc



Type	White
Producer	Quinta do Pinto
Variety	White Blend
Designation	Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyard	n/a
Country	Portugal
Region	Estremadura
SubRegion	n/a
Appellation	Vinho Regional Lisboa

Pinot Noir:

Burgundy - Machard de Gramont Bourgogne Rouge "Le Chapître"

This Domain is 20 hectares of family led by Arnaud de Gramont Machard and his two son Alban and Alexis.

The caves are located in Prissey, a neighboring hamlet of Nuits-Saint-Georges.

Twenty hectares of vineyards extend over 50 kilometers, Chenôve south of Dijon, Puligny-Montrachet, south of Beaune. Located at the northern end of the Cote de Nuits, Bourgogne Le Chapitre is one of the most-northerly named appellations of the Cote d'Or.



South of Nuits-Saint-Georges, at the very top of the slope, you'll find the result of 20 years work. It is the lieu-dit of Les Vallerots, not used for vines for a long, long time, then cleared and replanted by Bertrand Machard de Gramont at the domaine of the same name.

– There were vines planted here before the phylloxera, explains his daughter Axelle Machard de Gramont. Between the two wars people tried to replant, but then it was completely abandoned. It took my father a very long time to buy all these different small parcels in order to get one single parcel.

Languedoc - La Combe Blanche

Purchased in 1981 by Guy Vanlancker, 17 hectares of the property included 6.5 hectares of vines and 10.5 hectares of scrubland. After snatching and replanted part of the domain, Combe became a field of white vanguard through the implementation between 1983 and 1986 Pinot Noir, Tempranillo, Viognier and Roussanne. Today the production area is 12 ha of which 6 ha AOC Minervois, 2 ha of AOC Minervois La Livinière and 4 ha Vin de Pays Cotes du Brian.

Guy Vanlancker is one of the most innovative and quality-minded producers in the Languedoc. He produces a range of Vins de Pays, Minervois and Minervois La Liviniere wines that represent excellent value for money and show how the best wines from this region have the ability to mature gracefully.



Guy is a Belgian former schoolteacher, who moved to the south of France in the late 1980's, in search of a complete change in lifestyle. He bought some old vines and, at vintage time, took the grapes to the local co-operative. Eventually, he bought some equipment and began to make a little wine himself. He now makes all the wine, in his own "cellar" (actually an old stone building, on three levels, crammed with barrels, vats and other winemaking equipment). The cellar is situated in the centre of the village of La Liviniere, in the heart of the "appellation" to which the village lends it's name - Minervois La Liviniere

Tasting Notes - Leon Stalarki Fine Wines:

A medium-deep red colour with aromas of summer pudding, apple pie and soft citrus. Hints of new leather, eau de vie, herbs and spices, too, but essentially fruit-driven and remarkably fresh and high-toned. This isn't trying to be Burgundy (Languedoc is too hot!), but it is a wine that deserves to be loved for what it is - namely, identifiably Pinot-esque, but fruity, spicy, gently tannic and full of southern charm and warmth. Despite the 14.5% alcohol, it is nicely balanced, with decent acidity which contributes to a deliciously sweet and sour finish.

Spain - Schatz

Friedrich Schatz came to Ronda from Germany in 1982. This German who comes from a family of wine makers dating back to the year 1641

and when he turned 18 he began his winery in the Serrania de Ronda around 10 Km from Ronda in the Finca La Sanguijuela.



Friedrich had done his research and knew that the Romans had used this great land to produce wine, however all wineries in the area had disappeared. He began to fight against all odds and planted 3 Ha after an exhaustive research of the climate and soil. Certified organic by CAAE (Comite Andaluz de Agricultura Ecologica)

AGING

12 months aging "sur lie" with "batonnage" * in new barrels French oak "Troncais and there." * Frequent Agitation fine with baston Solicitation for a period of 2 to 6 months.

TASTING NOTES, ETC.:

Color: Cherry red. Nose: Ripe red fruit. Mouth: Very large, fleshy, dry, and a lively acidity. Good sensation of notes of coffee, fruit pits, gingerbread and chocolate cocoa. Ends creamy and long on the palate with an elegant terruño.

Oregon - MAYSARA 3°

In 1997, Moe and Flora Momtazi purchased 532 acres of abandoned wheat farm just south of their home in McMinnville, Oregon. Though most saw it as wild and uncared for, Moe saw a vital, thriving piece of land that had been free from chemicals for seven years.

Entire farm is Demeter Certified Biodynamic®. 2009

91 pts.-Wine & Spirits Magazine Wine
"This earthy wine has the scent of new potatoes and freshly turned earth. Its flavors are lean and fresh—earthy black cherry and warm brown spices—with a



gentle foresty texture that gains generosity with air. Give it a few months to come together before serving with a mushroom fricassee."

Alsace - Kuehn

Domain was founded in the 17th century (in 1675) by a very ancient and noble family of winemakers Ammerschwihir, family Kuehn. René Kuehn, who was the owner, was deputy mayor of the village and lawyer.

Alsace Pinot Noir 2011 - 75cl

Nice, fruity and easy to drink. Light red color with shades curled nose of berries skipped (cherry, blackberry, raspberry) in fresh butter, nice and fine. On the palate this wine is round, slightly built and essentially marked by the fruit.

