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Champagne

Champagne is a region in France – the country's northernmost winemaking region, to be exact. In the Champagne region, the growing season is shorter; thus, the grapes are picked with higher acidity than in most other regions, which is one of the reasons for Champagne's distinct taste. Three grapes can be used to produce Champagne: Pinot Noir (red), Pinot Meunier (red), and Chardonnay (white). In France, only sparkling wines that come from the region of Champagne may be called "Champagne." Some American producers have borrowed the name "Champagne" to put on the label of their sparkling wines. These cannot and should not be compared with Champagne from France. Champagnes are classified according to sweetness/dryness: Brut – driest; Extra dry – less dry; Sec – more sweet; and Demi-sec – sweetest.

France

27 Moët & Chandon, ***Rosé***, "Nectar Impérial", Champagne, France, NV 68
14 Pannier, ***Brut Rosé***, Champagne, France, NV 48
21 Perrier-Jouët, ***Brut***, "Grand Brut", Champagne, France, NV 54

Italy

920 Alasia, **Brachetto** d'Acqui, Piedmont, Italy, 2014 23
26 Banfi, **Brachetto** d'Acqui, "Rosa Regale", Piedmont, Italy, 2015 32
10 Elmo Pio, **Pink Moscato**, Piemonte, Piedmont, Italy, NV 22
29 La Fornarina, **Prosecco**, Veneto, Italy, NV 21
18 La Marca, **Prosecco**, Italy, NV, 375ml 7
25 Ruffino, **Prosecco**, Veneto, Italy 23
15 Elmo Pio, **Moscato**, Provincia di Pavia, Lombardy, Italy 22

USA

19 Barefoot Bubbly, ***Brut***, "Cuvée Champagne", California, NV 21
17 Cook's, ***Extra Dry***, California, NV 21
12 Domaine Ste. Michelle, ***Brut***, Columbia Valley, Washington, NV 24
36 Domaine Ste. Michelle, ***Brut***, Columbia Valley, Washington, NV 23
28 Mumm Napa, **Blanc de Blancs**, Napa County, California, NV 33
22 Roederer Estate, ***Brut***, Anderson Valley, California, NV 34
13 Treveri, ***Brut***, "Blanc de Blanc", Columbia Valley, Washington, NV 25

Alvarinho / Albariño

White wine producing variety, used to create a serious varietal wine with pleasant citrus fruit aroma, widely grown in regions of Northwest Spain and in northern Portugal. Thought by some to be a Riesling clone originating from the Alsace region of France.

Spain

214 Burgáns, **Albariño**, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain, 2013 25
641 Torres, **Albariño**, "Pazo das Bruxas", Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain, 2015 28

Aglianico

Aglianico is a red wine grape variety native to southern Italy. It is known to produce full-bodied red wines that show musky berry flavors with firm tannins and good aging potential. Even when grown in hot climates, Aglianico is capable of reaching high levels of acidity, which makes it a particularly useful vine in the Mediterranean.

Italy

185 Mastroberardino, **Aglianico**, "Mastro", Campania, Italy, 2014 25

Arneis

Arneis is a white Italian wine grape variety originating from Piedmont, Italy. It is most commonly found in the hills of the Roero, northwest of Alba, where it is part of the white Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita (DOCG) wines of Roero. Arneis (literally: little rascal, in Piemontese) is so called because it is regarded as a somewhat difficult variety to grow. It is a crisp and floral varietal, and has been grown for centuries in the region. The white wines made from the Arneis grape tend to be dry and full body with notes of pears and apricots.

Italy

914 Terre da Vino, **Arneis**, "Villata", Roero Arneis, Piedmont, Italy, 2014 22
128 Valdinera, Roero Arneis, Piedmont, Italy, 2009 36

Barbera

Barbera is a red Italian wine grape variety that is the third most-planted red grape variety in Italy. It is known for deep color, low tannins and high levels of acidity. The wines offer a very intense aroma of fresh red berries and blackberries.

Italy

162 La Spinetta, **Brachetto**, "Fontana VI", Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy, 2011 25
139 Vietti, **Barbera** d'Asti, "Tre Vigne", Piedmont, Italy, 2013 26

Cabernet Franc

Cabernet Franc is a cedar and herbaceous-scented wine that is much lighter in color and body than either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot. Often used in blended wines, it gives complexity to a wine's bouquet and softness. When it stands by itself, it is generally considered an exceptional wine.

France

625 Catherine & Pierre Bréton, Bourgueil, "La Dilettante", Loire, France, 2013 36
699 Domaine de la Chanteleuserie, Bourgueil, "Cuvée Alouettes", Loire, France, 2014 23

USA

225 Grovedale Winery, **Cabernet Franc**, Pennsylvania, 2012 30
133 Grovedale Winery, **Cabernet Franc**, Pennsylvania, 2008 37

Cabernet Sauvignon

Considered the most successful red vinifera grape in California, this grape yields some of the greatest red wines in the world. It is the predominant variety used in the finest red Bordeaux wines. These wines have long been recognized for their quality and are the standard to which the red wines of other regions-new and established-are compared. Almost all California Cabernets are dry, and depending upon the producer, they range in style from light- to extremely full-bodied. They are rich, complex, highly tannic wines that need barrel and bottle aging and are normally blended with Merlot and Cabernet Franc to quicken the aging process. Cabernet Sauvignon is often described as having berry, black currant, cassis, herbaceous or vegetative (bell pepper, green bean, olives), mint, black pepper aromas and flavors. It can age 10-20 years.

Argentina

609 Cautivo de Orfila, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Mendoza, Argentina, 2003.....44
658 Cautivo de Orfila, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Mendoza, Argentina, 2001.....44

Australia

596 Leeuwin Estate, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Art Series", Margaret River, Western Australia, 2003 37
644 Wirra Wirra, **Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz/Merlot**, "Church Block", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2013 32

Chile

663 Concha y Toro, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Don Melchor", Puente Alto, Central Valley, Chile, 2012 110
252 Concha y Toro, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Don Melchor", Puente Alto, Central Valley, Chile, 2004..55
637 Miguel Torres, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Las Mulas Reserva", Central Valley, Chile, 2013.....20
910 Tacora, **Cabernet Sauvignon/Carménère**, Colchagua Valley, *Reserva*, Central Valley, Chile, 201137
151 Tacora, **Cabernet Sauvignon/Carménère**, Colchagua Valley, *Reserva*, Central Valley, Chile, 201033

Spain

661 Torres, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Gran Coronas", Penedès, *Reserva*, Catalonia, Spain, 2012.....25

USA

173 10 Span Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Central Coast, California, 2011 24
240 Anderson's Conn Valley Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Estate Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2009 95
241 Anderson's Conn Valley Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Estate Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2007 78
228 Anderson's Conn Valley Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Prologue", Central Coast, California, 2010 37
722 Arns, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 1999 75
445 Arrowood, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Réserve Spéciale", Sonoma County, California, 1996 93
235 B.R. Cohn, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Olive Hill Estate Vineyards", Sonoma Valley, California, 200571
164 B.R. Cohn, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Silver Label", North Coast, California, 2012 36
323 Bighorn Cellars, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Grand Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2000 32
200 Caymus, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2015 95
720 Caymus, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Special Selection", Napa Valley, California, 2014 180
379 Charles Krug, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Family Reserve", Howell Mountain, California, 2012 150
606 Charles Woodson Wines, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Twenty Four", Napa Valley, California, 2009 ... 95
184 Cuttings, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, California, 2014 64
253 Cuttings, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, California, 2013 60
541 Decoy by Duckhorn, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Sonoma County, California, 2014 31
355 Decoy by Duckhorn, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Sonoma County, California, 2013 35
399 Dominus, Napa Valley, California, 2012 190
398 Dominus, Napa Valley, California, 2011 144
101 Far Niente, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Oakville, California, 2013 150
168 Faust, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2010 70
111 Faust, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2007 63
147 Faust, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2005 68
127 Ghost Block, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Oakville, California, 2014 100
107 Ghost Block, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Single Vineyard", Yountville, California, 2009 144
800 Groth, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Oakville, California, 2002 73
244 Grovedale Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Long Island, New York, 2012 30
260 Heitz Cellar, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Martha's Vineyard", Napa Valley, California, 2004 110
266 Heitz Cellar, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Martha's Vineyard", Napa Valley, California, 2002 151
255 Heitz Cellar, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Trailside Vineyard", Napa Valley, California, 2006 60
301 Housley's Century Oak Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Judy's Vineyard", Lodi, California, 201426
186 Inglenook, "Rubicon", Rutherford, California, 2012 200
126 Jordan, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Alexander Valley, California, 2012 65
380 Joseph Phelps, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2014 75
461 Kenwood Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Artist Series", Sonoma County, California, 2002 58
96 Louis M. Martini, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2015 23
55 Louis M. Martini, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2014 23
146 Mount Veeder Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2008 56
560 Mount Veeder Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2006 55

116 Mount Veeder Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2003, 375ml 24
676 Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 2012 67
675 Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 2011 60
314 Nickel & Nickel, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Branding Iron Vineyard", Oakville, California, 2014 108
406 Nickel & Nickel, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "State Ranch", Yountville, California, 2014 108
556 PreVail, "Back Forty", Alexander Valley, California, 2007 66
554 PreVail, "Back Forty", Alexander Valley, California, 2003 59
581 Pride Mountain Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 1999 75
157 Provenance Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Rutherford, California, 2012 45
123 Provenance Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Rutherford, California, 2005 52
210 Ramsay, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, North Coast, California, 2013 32
900 Robert Hall, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Paso Robles, California, 2011 36
300 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2013 41
363 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Oakville, California, 2009 138
329 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Reserve To Kalon Vineyard", Oakville, California, 2013 139
368 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Reserve To Kalon Vineyard", Oakville, California, 2012 155
250 Rubissow, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Mount Veeder, California, 2007 81
721 Shannon Ridge, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Home Ranch Single Vineyard", High Valley, California, 2012 29
577 Silverado Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Limited Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 1997 109
170 Simi, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Reserve", Alexander Valley, California, 2006 80
242 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Artemis", Napa Valley, California, 2013 66
142 Sterling Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2013 35
172 Tom Gore Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, California, 2014 20
159 Tom Gore Vineyards, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, California, 2013 23
448 Trefethen, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Reserve", Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, California, 1999 96
617 Twenty Four, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2011 95
608 Twenty Four, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2010 97
604 Twenty Four, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2008 95
602 Twenty Four, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2007 95
601 Twenty Four, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2006 95
961 Vineyards Found, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2012 40
322 VitaLuce Cellars, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Paso Robles, California, 2013 37
118 White Rock, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, "Laureate", Napa Valley, California, 2004 64
275 Whitehall Lane, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2013 50
209 Whitehall Lane, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, Napa Valley, California, 2004 90

Carménère

Carmenére was allowed to fade out due to its succumbing to oidium and phylloxera. Previously it was a very important wine in the Medoc and Graves. It is known for low yields. Currently, the wine is being cultivated in Chile, and several French vintners have also reported growing the grape.

Chile

558 Reina Ana, **Carménère**, *Reserva*, Central Valley, Chile, 2011.....30

Chardonnay

This green-skinned European (V. vinifera) grape is considered the finest white grape variety in the world. Chardonnay originated in France, where it was blended to make Champagnes and used to produce excellent oak-aged, rich, dry white wines in the Burgundy district, which includes the Chablis region whose wines are often more tart and lighter-bodied. Chardonnay is very popular internationally and is vinified successfully in Italy's northern districts, as well as in Spain and Eastern Europe. Outside of Europe, it has performed well on the east and west coastlines of the U.S., South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia. In California, it has been the most successful white grape, yielding a wine of tremendous character and magnificent flavor. The wines are often aged in small oak barrels, increasing the complexity. Chardonnay is always dry, and benefits from aging more than any other American white wine. Superior examples can keep and develop well in the bottle for five years or longer. Because it is often aged in oak, it is difficult to pinpoint the varietal aroma characteristics of Chardonnay. Descriptions heard around the tasting table are fruity (apple, peach, citrus, pineapple), ripe grape, and fig, along with the bouquet terms vanilla (from oak aging) and buttery (from the malolactic fermentation). Outstanding Chardonnays can age five years and more.

Argentina

935 Trapiche, **Chardonnay**, "Oak Cask", Mendoza, Argentina, 2014.....23
718 Trapiche, **Chardonnay**, "Oak Cask", Mendoza, Argentina, 2013.....23
286 Viña Cobos, **Chardonnay**, "Bramare Marchiori Vineyard", Mendoza, Argentina, 2005.....42
327 Zolo, **Chardonnay**, ***Unoaked***, Mendoza, Argentina, 2014.....24

Australia

284 Philip Shaw, **Chardonnay**, "No 11", Orange, New South Wales, Australia, 2005.....40

Chile

729 Indomita, **Chardonnay**, Casablanca Valley, *Gran Reserva*, Aconcagua, Chile, 2015.....20
543 Natura by Emiliana, **Chardonnay**, ***Unoaked***, Casablanca Valley, *Organically Grown*, Aconcagua, Chile, 2015.....22
99 Veramonte, **Chardonnay**, "Reserva", Casablanca Valley, Aconcagua, Chile, 2009.....20
566 Vino del Paso, **Chardonnay**, Central Valley, Chile, 2014.....23

France

504 Paul Bouchard & Cie, **Chablis**, "Paul Bouchard & Cie", Beaune, Burgundy, France, 2013 38
624 Domaine Bernard Defaix, Chablis, Burgundy, France, 2014 28
269 Domaine Paul Pernot, Puligny-Montrachet, Burgundy, France, 2014 64
367 Domaine Roux Père & Fils, **Chardonnay**, Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2014 29
236 Drouhin Vaudon, Chablis, Burgundy, France, 2010 39
732 Gérard Bertrand, **Chardonnay**, "Réserve Spéciale", Vin de Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France, 2014 23
553 Henry Fessy, Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy, France, 2014 28
182 Les Cadoles, **Chardonnay**, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France, 2013 24
533 Louis Jadot, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France, 2014 25
115 Louis Jadot, Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy, France, 2015 36
731 Louis Latour, Beaune, "Le Bourgogne de Louis Latour", Burgundy, France, 2002 20
229 Louis Latour, **Chardonnay**, "Grande Ardèche", Vin de Pays de l'Ardèche, Rhône, France, 2011 28
148 Louis Latour, Pouilly-Fuissé, Burgundy, France, 2013 37
503 Paul Bouchard & Cie, **Chardonnay**, Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2014 26
741 Paul Bouchard & Cie, **Chardonnay**, Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2013 25
750 Paul Bouchard & Cie, **Chardonnay**, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France, 2012 26
544 Tussock Jumper, **Chardonnay**, France, 2012 24

Italy

144 Ruffino, **Chardonnay**, ***Unoaked***, Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, 2011 28

Spain

704 Bodegas Castillo de Monjardín, **Chardonnay**, "El Cerezo", Navarra, Spain, 2015 20

USA

276 B.R. Cohn, **Chardonnay**, Carneros, California, 2011 45
103 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Chardonnay**, "Canoe Ridge Estate", Horse Heaven Hills, Washington, 2008 26
98 Ferrari-Carano, **Chardonnay**, "Tré Terre", Russian River Valley, California, 2013 35
962 Gloria Ferrer, **Chardonnay**, Carneros, California, 2014 25
590 Iron Horse, **Chardonnay**, Sonoma County Green Valley, California, 2005 40
600 Jones of Washington, **Chardonnay**, "Estate", Wahluke Slope, Washington, 2013 29
108 Jordan, **Chardonnay**, Russian River Valley, California, 2013 37
381 Joseph Phelps, **Chardonnay**, "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2014 41
395 Joseph Phelps, **Chardonnay**, "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2012 38
402 Joseph Phelps, **Chardonnay**, "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2010 33
551 Kite Hawk, **Chardonnay**, Napa Valley, California, 2014 30
293 Migration by Duckhorn, **Chardonnay**, Russian River Valley, California, 2013 42
150 O Wines, **Chardonnay**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2011 22
356 Patz & Hall, **Chardonnay**, Sonoma Coast, California, 2015 42
357 Patz & Hall, **Chardonnay**, Sonoma Coast, California, 2014 42
334 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Chardonnay**, "Reserve", Napa Valley Carneros, California, 2014 55
370 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Chardonnay**, "Reserve", Napa Valley Carneros, California, 2011 66
110 Rodney Strong, **Chardonnay**, "Estate Vineyards", Chalk Hill, California, 2014 34
486 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, **Chardonnay**, "Karia", Napa Valley, California, 2014 43
622 Steele Canyon Cellars, **Chardonnay**, Napa Valley, California, 2012 30
372 Stonehedge, **Chardonnay**, California, 2013 25
902 Talbott, **Chardonnay**, "Kali Hart", Monterey County, California, 2012 32
230 Villa Mt. Eden, **Chardonnay**, "Bien Nacido Vineyard Grand Reserve", Santa Maria Valley, California, 2006 32
47 William Hill Estate Winery, **Chardonnay**, Central Coast, California, 2016 20
46 William Hill Estate Winery, **Chardonnay**, Central Coast, California, 2015 20
49 William Hill Estate Winery, **Chardonnay**, Central Coast, California, 2014 20
43 William Hill Estate Winery, **Chardonnay**, Central Coast, California, 2013 20

Chenin Blanc

Chenin Blanc, or Pineau de la Loire, is a grape planted throughout the world, but it only produces great wine in the Loire Valley. Properly ripened, the Chenin Blanc grape shows aromas of honeysuckle, apricot, honey and flowers, always with a firm acidity, which allows for lengthy aging in the bottle. Vouvray is the most important white wine appellation in the Touraine District of the Loire. Its wines can be dry, medium or intensely sweet.

France

189 Barton & Guestier, **Chenin Blanc**, "Passeport", Vouvray, Loire, France, 2014 23
536 La Forcine, Vouvray, Loire, France, 2013 26

USA

114 Zaca Mesa, **Viognier**, Santa Ynez Valley, California, 2013 25

Cortese

Cortese has the dubious distinction of producing Italy's most expensive dry white wine, Gavi di Gavi. To many this accolade is a little difficult to understand, although Cortese wine certainly conforms to the Italian ideal for a bianco: low in aroma, high in acid and fairly neutral in character.

Italy

688 Tenuta La Marchesa, Gavi, Piedmont, Italy, 2014 22

Corvina Rondinella

Found in Northeast Italy, Corvina is one of the most important varietals when producing Valpolicella and neighboring reds, making up 70 percent of the blend. The light crimson color, light to medium body, and tart, soft, bitter almonds gives this wine its character.

Italy

290 Aldegheri, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy, 2004 76
313 Cesari, Amarone della Valpolicella, "Bosan", Veneto, Italy, 1998 82
773 Masi, **Rosso** del Veronese, "Brolo di Campofiorin", Veneto, Italy, 1998 40
227 Secoli, Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy, 2014 38

Furmint

Furmint is the white variety that most international wine drinkers associate most readily with Hungary, chiefly because it is the predominant variety in the official Tokay blend, one of the few wines that could justifiably be described as legendary.

Hungary

837 Disznókö, ***Aszú 6 Puttonyos***, Tokaji, Hungary, 1999, 500ml 102
121 Puklus Pincészet, ***Aszú 3 Puttonyos***, Tokaji, Hungary, 2008, 500ml 31
122 Puklus Pincészet, ***Aszú 6 Puttonyos***, Tokaji, Hungary, 2008, 500ml 48

Gamay

Beaujolais is France's most popular wine. The Gamay grape produces refreshing fruity wines for early consumption. There are some who believe Beaujolais is one of the very few red wines that can be drunk as a white. Cru Beaujolais may be served slightly chilled to bring out the fruit and liveliness (acidity) of the wines. Beaujolais is a red wine that can also be enjoyed during the warmer months.

France

423 Louis Jadot, ***Rosé***, Coteaux Bourguignons, Burgundy, France, 2016 23
689 Complices de Loire, **Gamay**, "Jus de Gamay", Touraine, Loire, France, 2015 20
746 Georges Dubœuf, ***Nouveau***, Beaujolais, France, 2017 22
178 Georges Dubœuf, ***Nouveau***, Beaujolais, France, 2016 21
268 Georges Dubœuf, ***Nouveau***, Beaujolais, France, 2015 22
137 Georges Dubœuf, ***Nouveau***, Beaujolais, France, 2014 22
733 Henry Fessy, Fleurie, "Château des Labourons", Beaujolais, France, 2011 28
205 Jean Loron, "Beau!", Beaujolais, France, 2014 23

Grenaché

Grenache is the most widely planted red wine grape in Spain, from where it originates. It is the main grape in Navarra and is a constituent of Rioja. It is widely planted in the Southern Rhone Valley, California and Australia. When mature, it can produce excitingly dense reds that demand several decades of cellaring.

Australia

510 Yangarra Estate, **Grenache**, "Old Vine", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2004 44

France

616 Domaine Catherine Le Goeuil, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne, Rhône, France, 2013.....29

Spain

234 Bodegas Aragonesas, **Garnacha**, "Coto de Hayas Centenaria", Campo de Borja, Zaragoza, Spain, 2012 30

701 Bodegas Castillo de Monjardín, **Garnacha**, "Old Vines", Navarra, Spain, 2013 20

912 Bodegas y Viñedos del Jalón, **Garnacha**, "Alto Las Pizarras Viñas Viejas", Calatayud, Aragón, Spain, 2009 27

638 Torres, **Garnacha**, "5G Cinco Garnachas", Campo de Borja, Zaragoza, Spain, 2015 20

Grenache Blanc

Grenache blanc is a variety of white wine grape that is related to the red grape Grenache. It is mostly found in Rhône wine blends and in northeast Spain. Its wines are characterized by high alcohol and low acidity, with citrus and or herbaceous notes. Its vigor can lead to overproduction and flabbiness. However, if yields are controlled, it can contribute flavor and length to blends, particularly with Roussanne.

USA

219 Curran, **Grenache Blanc**, Santa Ynez Valley, California, 2007 39

Grüner Veltliner

Grüner Veltliner is THE grape of Austria, and has come into favor in recent years. Typical Grüner Veltliner is pale green, fruity and dry, fairly high in acid, medium in body, often has a slight prickle of gas, and always a spicy, almost musky aroma that is faintly reminiscent of the pungency that is common to a Alsace wines. Grüner Veltliner is usually a full-bodied dry wine with a firm mineral backbone, giving it the strength of character to work well with many cuisines.

Austria

612 Stadt Krems, **Grüner Veltliner**, Kremstal, Niederösterreich, Austria, 2014.....28

583 Winzer Krems, **Grüner Veltliner**, "Kremser Sandgrube", Niederösterreich, Austria, 2013.....25

Gewürztraminer

The word Gewurtz means “spicy.” Terms used to describe this wine include: spicy, floral (rose petals), fruity (citrus, grapefruit, peach), lychee, honey, and jasmine tea. When well-made, it is intense and distinctive. These wines generally seem soft and rich even when dry. Often treasured as an aperitif.

France

745 Cleebourg, **Gewürztraminer**, "Prestige", Alsace, France, 2014 24
734 Dopff & Irion, **Gewürztraminer**, "Cuvée René Dopff", Alsace, France, 2012 27
512 Robert Klingenfus, **Gewürztraminer**, "Robert Klingenfus Signature", Alsace, France, 2016 24

USA

278 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Gewürztraminer**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2014 22

Malbec

In France, Malbec is considered a weaker version of Merlot, matures earlier, and is used in blends. In Chile and Argentina, the grapes have much greater “staying power”, may be blended with Merlot and Petit Verdot, or bottled alone.

Argentina

645 Bodega Norton, **Malbec**, "Colección", Mendoza, Argentina, 2014 21
487 Cupcake, **Malbec**, Mendoza, Argentina, 2014 22
907 Orfila (Argentina), **Malbec**, Mendoza, Argentina, 2008 26
337 Pascual Toso, **Malbec**, "Alta Barrancas Vineyards", Maipú, Mendoza, Argentina, 2012 45
628 Trapiche, **Malbec**, "Broquel", Mendoza, Argentina, 2014 25

USA

51 Writer's Block, **Malbec**, Lake County, California, 2014 26

Meritage - Red

Red Meritage wines historically have been among the world's most highly rated wines. They are prized for their smooth, silky texture and complex, robust structure. While they age beautifully - often for decades - most are also very drinkable in their younger years.

Argentina

548 Finca Flichman, "Dedicado", Mendoza, Argentina, 2013 29

Chile

135 Veramonte, **Red**, "Primus", Casablanca Valley, Aconcagua, Chile, 2005 37
149 Viñedos Emiliana, "Coyam", Colchagua Valley, *Organically Grown*, Central Valley, Chile, 2005 ... 41

France

165 Château Blanchereau, Côtes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France, 2009 23
695 Château de Lancyre, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic St.-Loup, "Grande Cuvée", Languedoc, France, 2013 40
599 Château de Lascaux, "La Grange", Languedoc, France, 2012 27
203 Château de Marsan, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux, France, 2010 26
738 Château de Montfaucon, Côtes du Rhône, Rhône, France, 2013 20
511 Château de Peyguerol, Costières de Nîmes, Rhône, France, 2011 25
307 Château des Tuquets, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 2010 27
647 Château Fleur-Cardinale, St.-Émilion, Bordeaux, France, 2010 90
646 Château Fleur-Cardinale, St.-Émilion, Bordeaux, France, 2009 88
177 Château Gigognan, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, "Clos du Roi", Rhône, France, 2010 42
743 Châteâu Gonin, Bordeaux, France, 2010 25
124 Château Lamothe de Haux, Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 2013 30
505 Château Lamothe de Haux, Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 2012 28
507 Chateau Maine d'Arman, **Meritage**, "Chateau Maine d'Arman", Côtes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France, 2010 22
220 Château Ramage La Bâtisse, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France, 2005 40
106 Domaine Charvin, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2014 60
371 Domaine de Beaurenard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2012 50
320 Domaine de la Charbonnière, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, "Les Hautes Brusquières Cuvée Spéciale", Rhône, France, 2003 58
143 Domaine de la Verrière, Ventoux, Rhône, France, 2013 28
206 Domaine Dominique Guyon, Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, "Les Dames de Vergy", Burgundy, France, 2009 27
315 Domaine Font de Michelle, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2004 53
735 Famille Perrin, Côtes du Rhône, "Réserve", Rhône, France, 2013 20
737 Gérard Bertrand, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Tautavel, "Grand Terroir", Roussillon, France, 2008 20
373 Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 2012 70
515 Lavergne, **Meritage**, "Lavergne", Bordeaux, France, 2014 20
166 Raoul Clerget, Côtes du Rhône, "Pont du Rhône Terroirs", Rhône, France, 2014 23

Italy

774 Castello Banfi, Sant'Antimo, "Cum Laude", Tuscany, Italy, 2004 48
470 Castello Banfi, Sant'Antimo, "Excelsus", Tuscany, Italy, 2001 97
539 Castello Banfi, Sant'Antimo, "Summus", Tuscany, Italy, 2004 82
374 Castello Banfi, Toscana, "Excelsus", Tuscany, Italy, 2010 85
664 Castello Banfi, Toscana, "Summus", Tuscany, Italy, 2011 80
155 Luiano, Toscana, "Sangiò", Tuscany, Italy, 2004 32
138 Planeta, **Rosso**, "La Segreta", Sicilia, Sicily, Italy, 2009 23
906 Poggio Bonelli, Toscana, "Tramonto d'Oca", Tuscany, Italy, 2007 51
375 Riondo, Rosso Veneto, "MMIX", Veneto, Italy, 2009 30
169 Santa Cristina, Toscana, "Le Maestrelle", Tuscany, Italy, 2012 33
298 Tormaresca, **Negroamaro**, "Masseria Maìme", Salento, Puglia, Italy, 2002 40

USA

727 Bernardus, **Cabernet Blend**, "Marinus", Carmel Valley, California, 1996 51
191 Charles Krug, **Cabernet Blend**, "Generations Family Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2003 59
333 Chimney Rock Winery, **Cabernet Blend**, "Elevage", Stags Leap District, California, 2004 92
585 Dry Creek Vineyard, **Meritage**, Sonoma County, California, 2012 34
648 Dry Creek Vineyard, **Meritage**, Sonoma County, California, 2010 31
668 Dry Creek Vineyard, **Meritage**, Sonoma County, California, 2008 27
530 Dry Creek Vineyard, **Meritage**, "The Mariner", Dry Creek Valley, California, 2004 57
232 Ferrari-Carano, **Red**, "Siena", Sonoma County, California, 2014 30
153 Ferrari-Carano, "Siena", Sonoma County, California, 2011 39
474 Franciscan Estate, **Meritage**, "Magnificat", Napa Valley, California, 2013 61
119 Franciscan Estate, **Meritage**, "Magnificat", Napa Valley, California, 2006 66
579 Geyser Peak, **Meritage**, "Reserve Alexandre", Alexander Valley, California, 2006 37
671 Geyser Peak, **Meritage**, "Reserve Alexandre", Alexander Valley, California, 2003 42
573 Geyser Peak, **Red Blend**, "Tectonic", Alexander Valley, California, 2012 27
670 Geyser Peak, **Red Blend**, "Tectonic", Alexander Valley, California, 2011 22
216 Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 2004 60
500 Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 1998 117
473 Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 1996 112
576 Niebaum-Coppola, **Cabernet Blend**, "Rubicon", Rutherford, California, 1992 72
526 Opus One, Napa Valley, California, 1988 157
557 PreVail, "West Face", Alexander Valley, California, 2007 46
669 PreVail, "West Face", Alexander Valley, California, 2004, 375ml 30
109 Ridge, **Zinfandel**, "Lytton Springs", Dry Creek Valley, California, 2005 48
303 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Red**, "BDX", Oakville, California, 2012 70
261 Sparkplug, **Red Blend**, ***Aged in Bourbon Barrels***, "Sparkplug", California, NV 27
580 Spring Valley Vineyard, "Frederick", Walla Walla Valley, Washington, 2013 53
559 Spring Valley Vineyard, "Frederick", Walla Walla Valley, Washington, 2009 46
623 St. Clement Vineyards, **Red**, "Oroppas", Napa Valley, California, 1994 57

Meritage - Rosé

Meritage is its own category for red and white wines made in America from a blend of the classic Bordeaux wine grape varieties. One of the main reasons this category was created was because many winemakers felt stifled by the minimum amount of a grape that must go into a bottle (75%) for it to be named for that variety.

Australia

407 Yangarra Estate, ***Rosé***, McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2006 28

France

204 Baron Philippe de Rothschild, ***Rosé***, "Mouton Cadet", Bordeaux, France, 2010 22
691 Domaine de Triennes, ***Rosé***, Méditerranée, Provence, France, 2015 23
145 Gilardi, ***Rosé***, Côtes de Provence, "Bailli de Provence", Provence, France, NV 26
208 Jolie-Pitt & Perrin, ***Rosé***, Côtes de Provence, "Miraval", Provence, France, 2014 36

Italy

442 Banfi, ***Rosé***, Toscana, "Centine", Tuscany, Italy, 2005 24

Meritage - White

White Meritage wines, while rare, are some of the most elegant and exquisite white wines crafted. The perfect accompaniment to seafood and poultry, White Meritage is a very food-friendly wine, but also is superb just on its own. Unlike many white wines, White Meritage is perfect for cellaring - growing more complex with age.

Australia

132 Berton Vineyards, **Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc**, "Outback Jack", South Eastern Australia, 2014 ... 20

Austria

497 Wieninger, **Gemischter Satz**, *Qualitätswein*, Wien, Austria, 2008 33

France

690 Château Ducasse, **Blanc**, Bordeaux, France, 2015 23
618 Château Les Arromans, Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux, France, 2014 24
696 Gueissard, **White**, Côtes de Provence, Provence, France, 2013 20
723 Sacha Lichine, **Blanc**, Pays d'Oc, "La Poule Blanche", Languedoc, France, 2014 20
742 Château des Perligues, Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2013 22
619 Château Pavillon de Boyrein, Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2013 28
495 Domaine des Saumades, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2003 45
736 Hecht & Bannier, Languedoc, France, 2014 20

Portugal

905 Duorum, **White**, "Tons", Douro, Portugal, 2012 37

USA

479 Conundrum, California, 2001 38
197 Grovedale Winery, **Meritage**, "8th Generation", Pennsylvania, 2012 21

Merlot

For many years Merlot was thought of as a grape to be blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, because Merlot's tannins are softer and its texture is suppler.France is the largest grower of the Merlot grape, Italy second. Of red grape varietals in California, Merlot has seen the fastest rate of new plantings in the last five years. Typical aroma and flavor descriptors: fruit and floral, red cherry and plums.

Chile

730 Caliterra, **Merlot**, Colchagua Valley, *Reserva*, Central Valley, Chile, 2014 20

France

621 Château Bonalgue, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France, 2010 75
620 Château Bonalgue, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France, 2009 72
703 Château Haut Colombier, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 2014 24
239 Raoul Clerget, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2012 46

Italy

117 Antinori, Toscana, "Tignanello", Tuscany, Italy, 2013 116

USA

489 Beringer, **Merlot**, "Bancroft Ranch", Howell Mountain, California, 1997 112
296 Bogle, **Merlot**, California, 2013 20
213 Charles Krug, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 2005 36
482 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Merlot**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2013 25
193 Columbia Crest, **Merlot**, "Grand Estates", Columbia Valley, Washington, 2013 24
393 Cosentino, **Merlot**, "Legends", Napa Valley, California, 2004 35
702 De Loach, **Merlot**, "Estate", Russian River Valley, California, 2000 36
564 Dr. Konstantin Frank, **Merlot**, New York, 2001 37
660 Ferrari-Carano, **Merlot**, Sonoma County, California, 1999 34
188 Grgich Hills, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 2003 56
171 Grovedale Winery, **Merlot**, Pennsylvania, 2008 25
458 Kenwood Vineyards, **Merlot**, "Jack London Vineyard", Sonoma Valley, California, 2002 45
180 Robert Mondavi Private Selection, **Merlot**, Central Coast, California, 2014 22
112 Rombauer, **Merlot**, Carneros, California, 2010 43
353 St. Clement Vineyards, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 2005 40
963 St. Francis Vineyards, **Merlot**, "Wild Oak", Sonoma County, California, 2012 23
194 Toasted Head, **Merlot**, "Barrel Aged", California, 2013 23
514 White Oak, **Merlot**, "Monarch Vineyard", Napa Valley, California, 1999 32
401 Whitehall Lane, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 2005 43
654 Whitehall Lane, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 2000 37
464 Whitehall Lane, **Merlot**, Napa Valley, California, 1999 38
247 Wild Horse, **Merlot**, Paso Robles, California, 2005 49

Montepulciano d' Abruzzo

After Sangiovese, Montepulciano is Italy's most widely dispersed native red grape variety. Most common in Central Italy, it is grown along the eastern coast where it is planted from the Marche down to Apulia. Montepulciano produces wines that deserve attention for their smooth drinkability but not for any complex nuances of flavor. With its dependable high yield of late-ripened grapes, Montepulciano could well become internationally appreciated as a source of individualistic yet supple reds from Central Italy.

Italy

700 Cantina Zaccagnini, **Montepulciano** d'Abruzzo, "dal Tralcetto", Abruzzi, Italy, 2015.....25

Muscadet

Muscadet is a white French wine. It is made at the western end of the Loire Valley, near the city of Nantes in the Pays de la Loire region neighboring the Brittany Region. More Muscadet is produced than any other Loire wine. It is made from the Melon de Bourgogne grape, often referred to simply as melon. As a rule in France, Appellation d'origine contrôlée wines are named either after their growing region or after their variety (the latter in Alsace only). The name Muscadet is therefore an exception. The name seems to refer to a characteristic of the wine produced by the melon grape variety: vin qui a un goût musqué - 'wine with a musk-like taste,' though wine expert Tom Stevenson notes that Muscadet wines do not have much, if any, "muskiness" or Muscat-like flavors or aromas.[1] The sole variety used to produce Muscadet, Melon de Bourgogne, was initially planted in the region sometime in or before the 17th century. It became dominant after a hard freeze in 1709 killed most of the region's vines. Dutch traders who were major actors in the local wine trade encouraged the planting of this variety and distilled much of the wine produced into eau de vie for sale in Northern Europe.

France

174 Auguste Bonhomme, Muscadet, "La Forcine", Loire, France, 2013 20
480 Domaine Salmon, ***Sur Lie***, Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine, "Vieilles Vignes", Loire, France, 2014 20
698 Magaly et Sylvain Gobin, ***Sur Lie***, Muscadet, "La Berrière", Loire, France, 2014 20

Muscat

The Muscat family of grapes include over 200 grape varieties belonging to the *Vitis vinifera* species that have been used in wine production and as raisin and table grapes around the globe for many centuries. Their colors range from white to yellow, to pink, to near black. Muscat grapes and wines almost always have a pronounced sweet floral aroma. The breadth and number of varieties of Muscat suggest that it is perhaps the oldest domesticated grape variety, and there are theories that most families within the *Vitis vinifera* grape variety are descended from the Muscat variety.

France

431 Famille Perrin, **Muscat** de Beaumes de Venise, Rhône, France, 2013 30

Italy

310 Elmo Pio, **Moscato**, Provincia di Pavia, Lombardy, Italy, 2016 20
309 Elmo Pio, **Moscato**, Provincia di Pavia, Lombardy, Italy, 2014 20

Spain

640 Torres, **Blanco**, "Viña Esmeralda", Catalunya, Catalonia, Spain, 2014 22

Nebbiolo

Nebbiolo produces some of the greatest wines of the world, and yet is hardly planted outside one very specific corner of northwest Italy. It has a concentration of non-fruity but complex, sometimes bitter flavor and a unique combination of extract, tannin and acid that can be fashioned into a glorious liquid of outstanding longevity. Two of the finest red wine grapes in Piedmont are from Barolo and Barbaresco. These two heavyweight wines are made from the Nebbiolo grape.

Italy

613 Antico Monastero, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy, 2010 32
161 Pio Cesare, Langhe, "Il Nebbio", Piedmont, Italy, 2011 32

Pecorino

Pecorino is a light-skinned wine grape used in Italy's eastern coastal regions, particularly in Marche and Abruzzo. A classic Pecorino-based wine is dry and minerally, straw-yellow in color and has an elegantly floral bouquet of acacia and jasmine, sometimes spiced with a faint hint of licorice.

Italy

217 Collevite, **Pecorino**, "Cantine della Marca", Falerio, The Marches, Italy, 2012 53
517 Dragani, **Pecorino**, "Selva de' Canonici", Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2014 22
400 Dragani, **Pecorino**, "Selva de' Canonici", Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2012 26

Petite Sirah

A black skinned vinifera grape developed and named after Dr. Durif, who propagated it in the 1880's in the Isère and Ardèche regions of the Rhone Valley in southeastern France. While it is believed by some to be a natural cross between Syrah and Peloursin (simple Durif relative-grape from the Rhone Valley), it is a mystery how this grape came to be known as Petite Syrah in California. It has no relationship to either the Syrah of France, or Shiraz of Australia. Petite Sirah is not grown much in Europe anymore because it is too susceptible to rot and mold caused by higher humidity and moisture in the vineyards. Petite Sirah does produce deeply colored, tart and tannic wine in the California vineyards that makes a statement when bottled as a varietal, though it is often blended with Zinfandel.

USA

58 Ravenswood, **Petite Sirah**, "Vintner's Blend", California, 2013 20
706 Rosenblum Cellars, **Petite Sirah**, "Heritage Clones", California, 2012 24
707 Rosenblum Cellars, **Petite Sirah**, "Heritage Clones", California, 2010 24
167 Shannon Ridge, **Petite Sirah**, "High Elevation Collection", Lake County, California, 2013 20
237 Sobon Estate, **Petite Sirah**, "Vicious", California, 2009 28

Pinot Blanc

The great majority of the world's Pinot Blanc wines come from Alsace and (as Pinot Bianco) from Northern Italy. The base for many Italian sparkling wines, Pinot Blanc is a softer cousin of Chardonnay in both its flavor and structure. Flavor descriptions are butterscotch, minerals, apples, and citrus.

France

692 Kuentz-Bas, **Pinot Blanc**, Alsace, France, 2016 21
749 Kuentz-Bas, **Pinot Blanc**, Alsace, France, 2014 24

Pinot Grigio / Pinot Gris

Pinot Gris is considered by some to be the world's most underrated great white wine grape. Known as Pinot Grigio in Italy where it is crisp and fruit forward, it can contain a whiff of smoke, the creamy taste of baked apples and nuts, and gobs of fruit when produced in Oregon. A mutation of the Pinot Noir, this variety generally shows a pale straw color in the wine. Its nose depicts delicate fruit and shows beautiful floral notes. It is a light, crisp and fresh wine.

France

508 Robert Klingenfus, **Pinot Gris**, "Robert Klingenfus Signature", Alsace, France, 2016 24
913 Trimbach, **Pinot Gris**, "Réserve", Alsace, France, 2011 78

Italy

518 Dragani, **Pinot Grigio**, Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2016 20
257 Folonari, **Pinot Grigio**, delle Venezie, Italy, 2016 20
740 Gaierhof, **Pinot Grigio**, Trentino, Italy, 2014 27

USA

61 Acrobat by King Estate, **Pinot Gris**, Oregon, 2015 23
285 Chehalem, **Pinot Gris**, "3 Vineyard", Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2014 35
477 Robert Mondavi Private Selection, **Pinot Grigio**, Central Coast, California, 2015 20
484 Sterling Vineyards, **Pinot Grigio**, "Vintner's Collection", Central Coast, California, 2015 23

Pinot Noir

Known as the "headache" grape because of its fragile quality, Pinot Noir is difficult to grow and work with. The great grape of the Burgundy region of France is also one of the principal grapes in French Champagne. In California, many years of experimentation in finding the right location to plant the Pinot Noir and perfect the fermentation techniques have elevated some of the Pinot Noirs to the status of great wines. It produces only ordinary wines in Germany and northern Italy, but the cooler districts of Australia, California, and Oregon have produced some fine Pinot Noirs. Pinot Noir is usually less tannic than Cabernet and matures more quickly, generally in two to five years. Because of all the extra expense involved in growing this grape, the best examples of Pinot Noirs from California may cost more than other varietals. Pinot Noir has no single recognizable flavor. Aroma descriptors includes intense fresh berry (strawberry, raspberry, black currant), berry jam (strawberry, raspberry, blackberry), cherry, spicy (black pepper, cloves), with vegetable (green tea), leather, smoke/tar, peppermint, and cherry also found; bottle bouquet suggests violets, game or truffles.

Austria

475 Loimer, **Pinot Noir**, "Langenlois", Niederösterreich, Austria, 2006 50

Chile

256 Tacora, **Pinot Noir**, "Tacora Reserva", Limarí Valley, Coquimbo, Chile, 2011 27
306 Veramonte, **Pinot Noir**, "Ritual", Casablanca Valley, Aconcagua, Chile, 2008 33

France

152 Domaine de Valmoissine, **Pinot Noir**, Vin de Pays du Coteaux du Verdon, Provence, France, 2011 29
206 Domaine Dominique Guyon, Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, "Les Dames de Vergy", Burgundy, France, 2009 27
584 Jean Chartron, Bourgogne, "Clos de la Combe", Burgundy, France, 2013 32
226 Joseph Drouhin, Côte de Nuits Villages, Burgundy, France, 2011 37
136 Joseph Drouhin, **Pinot Noir**, Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2011 41
667 Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 2012 70
373 Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 2012 70
254 Labouré-Roi, **Pinot Noir**, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France, 2010 20
273 Louis Latour, Aloxe-Corton, "Domaine Latour", Burgundy, France, 2009 51
272 Maison Nicolas Potel, Côte de Nuits Villages, Burgundy, France, 2007 49
665 Roger Peguet, Charmes-Chambertin, "Chb", Burgundy, France, 2014 94
104 Tussock Jumper, **Pinot Noir**, Vin de France, 2013 24

Germany

120 Weingut Spiess, **Spätburgunder**, ***Halbtrocken***, "Spiess", Rheinhessen, Germany, 2013 24

New Zealand

531 Brancott Estate, **Pinot Noir**, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2012 27
547 Kim Crawford, **Pinot Noir**, "SP Rise and Shine Creek", Central Otago, New Zealand, 2006 49
403 Tohu, **Pinot Noir**, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2005 36
904 Wairau River, **Pinot Noir**, "Home Block", Marlborough, New Zealand, 2006 21

USA

304 Argyle, **Pinot Noir**, "Spirithouse", Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2012 70
201 Castle Rock, **Pinot Noir**, Central Coast, California, 2009 20
215 Charles Krug, **Pinot Noir**, Napa Valley Carneros, California, 2005 41
328 Cloudline Cellars, **Pinot Noir**, Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2014 30
291 Cloudline Cellars, **Pinot Noir**, Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2013 33
312 David Bruce, **Pinot Noir**, Russian River Valley, California, 2014 44
311 David Bruce, **Pinot Noir**, Russian River Valley, California, 2013 44
830 Davis Bynum, **Pinot Noir**, Russian River Valley, California, 2005 45
280 Dr. Konstantin Frank, **Pinot Noir**, "Old Vines", Finger Lakes, New York, 2009 34
100 Erath Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, "Prince Hill", Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2012 49
187 Hinman Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, Oregon, 2011 35
59 Howling Moon, **Merlot**, California, 2012 25
574 J Vineyards & Winery, **Pinot Noir**, Russian River Valley, California, 2013 42
571 Joseph Phelps, **Pinot Noir**, "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2014 44
369 Joseph Phelps, **Pinot Noir**, "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2013 47
299 MacMurray Estate Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, Central Coast, California, 2014 29
141 Mark West, **Pinot Noir**, Santa Lucia Highlands, California, 2010 35
366 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Pinot Noir**, "Reserve", Napa Valley Carneros, California, 2010 73
422 Robert Stemmler, **Pinot Noir**, "Estate Vineyard", Carneros, California, 2005 53
340 Steele, **Pinot Noir**, "Sangiacomo Vineyard", Carneros, California, 2005 43
481 Sterling Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, "Vintner's Collection", Central Coast, California, 2014 23
540 Wente Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, "Reliz Creek", Arroyo Seco, California, 2005 36
282 Willamette Valley Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, "Estate", Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2015 42
529 Willamette Valley Vineyards, **Pinot Noir**, "Estate", Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2013 38
57 Writer's Block, **Pinot Noir**, Lake County, California, 2014 26
53 Writer's Block, **Pinot Noir**, Lake County, California, 2013 26
54 Writer's Block, **Pinot Noir**, Lake County, California, 2012 26

Rkatsiteli

According to Willy Frank, Rkatsiteli is one of the world's oldest and most esteemed grape varieties, and was found originally on the slopes of Mt. Ararat in Turkey, where winemaking began thousands of years ago. This is a fruity wine with herbed notes. We prefer it with smoked salmon, roasted salmon, shellfish, and other dishes that would be too strong for other white wines. This also is an excellent aperitif wine.

USA

271 Dr. Konstantin Frank, **Rkatsiteli**, Finger Lakes, New York, 2014 27

Riesling

May also be called "Johannisberg Riesling" in California and New York. Riesling wines are often described as floral, fruity (citrus, peach, apricot, pineapple), and honey-like. These wines range from dry to very, very sweet, and elegant dessert wines may be made from Botrytis-affected fruit; lower alcohol levels are typical. Behind the entire flavor (in top Rieslings) is a steely, zesty, vibrant natural fruit acidity that gives these wines exceptional degree of clarity and focus. German Rieslings are generally sweeter with less alcohol as opposed to Alsace Rieslings which are totally dry and higher in alcohol content.

Austria

466 Loimer, **Riesling**, Kamptal, Niederösterreich, Austria, 2008 33

Chile

728 Viña Cono Sur, **Riesling**, "Bicicleta", Central Valley, Chile, 2015 20

France

509 Cleebourg, **Riesling**, "Prestige", Alsace, France, 2014 24
744 Cleebourg, **Riesling**, "Prestige", Alsace, France, 2012 24
586 Hugel, **White**, "Gentil", Alsace, France, 2013 27
308 Hugel, **White**, "Gentil", Alsace, France, 2012 24
748 Kuentz-Bas, **Riesling**, Alsace, France, 2014 24
687 Kuentz-Bas, **Riesling**, Alsace, France, 2013 23
105 Michel Fonné, **Riesling**, "Tradition", Alsace, France, 2013 29
223 Zind-Humbrecht, **Riesling**, Alsace, France, 2006 68

Germany

192 Affentaler, **Riesling**, "Valley of the Monkey", Baden, Germany, 2014 26
263 August Kesseler, **Riesling**, ***Kabinett***, "R", Rheingau, Germany, 2009 21
48 Carl Reh, **Riesling**, ***Spätlese***, "Piesporter Michelsberg", Mosel, Germany, 2015 23
41 Carl Reh, **Riesling**, ***Spätlese***, "Piesporter Michelsberg", Mosel, Germany, 2014 23
131 Dr. Loosen, **Riesling**, ***Dry***, "Red Slate", Mosel, Germany, 2013 24
297 Dr. Loosen, **Riesling**, ***Kabinett***, "Blue Slate", Mosel, Germany, 2014 29
277 Josef Leitz, **Riesling**, ***Spätlese***, "Rüdesheimer Magdalenenkreuz", Rheingau, Germany, 2010 36
134 Prinz zu Salm-Dalberg, **Riesling**, ***Trocken***, "Prinzsalm", Rheinhessen, Germany, 2012 37
196 St.-Urbans-Hof, **Riesling**, ***Spätlese***, "Piesport Goldtröpfchen", Mosel, Germany, 2012 27
614 Vertikal, **Riesling**, Mosel, Germany, 2014 25

USA

44 Charles Smith Wines, **Riesling**, "Kung Fu Girl, Evergreen", Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley, Washington, 2015 22
337 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Riesling**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2014 22
325 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Riesling**, "Cold Creek Vineyard", Columbia Valley, Washington, 2015 27
279 Fess Parker, **Riesling**, ***Dry***, "Rodney's Vineyard", Santa Barbara County, California, 2013 30

Sangiovese

In America, the most famous Italian red wine is Chianti, made with the Sangiovese grape in Tuscany. Chianti must contain at least 80% Sangiovese grapes. There are three quality levels: Chianti and Chianti Classico, both from the best region; and Chianti Classico Riserva aged at the winery.

Italy

555 Antinori, Chianti Classico, "Tenute Marchese Antinori", *Riserva*, Tuscany, Italy, 2009 52
249 Antinori, Chianti Classico, "Villa Antinori", *Riserva*, Tuscany, Italy, 2010 48
747 Borgo Pretale, Chianti Classico, "Le Crete", Tuscany, Italy, 2014 28
324 Caparzo, **Brunello** di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 2007 54
158 Castello di Querceto, Chianti, "Querceto", Tuscany, Italy, 2012 24
693 Castelluccio, **Sangiovese** di Romagna, "Le More", Emilia-Romagna, Italy, 2014 22
207 Col d'Orcia, **Brunello** di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy, 2011 56
354 Lunadoro, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Tuscany, Italy, 2011 35
394 Tenuta di Arceno, Toscana, "Ataison", Tuscany, Italy, 2002 63
326 Terre Di Nano, **Sangiovese**, Chianti Colli Senesi, Tuscany, Italy, 2007 24
335 Terre Di Nano, **Sangiovese**, "Maclura", Rosso di Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, 2007 47
568 Trambusti, Chianti, "Badiolo", *Riserva*, Tuscany, Italy, 2008 29
405 Villa Calcinaia, Chianti Classico, *Riserva*, Tuscany, Italy, 2004 42
183 Vino dei Fratelli, **Primitivo**, Puglia, Italy, 2012 26
572 Zingara, **Sangiovese**, Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, 2011 28

USA

267 Di Bruno, **Sangiovese**, "Stolpman Vineyards", Santa Barbara County, California, 2004 32
179 Eberle, **Sangiovese**, Paso Robles, California, 2007 35
264 Luna, **Sangiovese**, Napa Valley, California, 2012 24

Sauvignon Blanc

Sometimes labeled Fumé Blanc, this is one of the grapes used in making the dry white wines of the Graves region of Bordeaux, and the white wines of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé in the Loire Valley of France. This grape is capable of producing as good a wine in California as it does in France. It is sometimes aged in small oak barrels. Sauvignon Blanc is described as floral, fruity (citrus, peach, apricot) to vegetative (bell pepper, asparagus), green olive/herbaceous, and smoky. The name Fumé Blanc is used for dry California Sauvignon Blanc. Current styles emphasize fruity rather than herbaceous character. The leaf removal in the vineyard reduces herbaceous aromas. Sauvignon Blanc seems less fruity and tart as it ages.

Chile

156 Viña Haras de Pirque, **Sauvignon Blanc**, "Albaclara Gran Reserva", Maipo Valley, Central Valley, Chile, 2013 22

New Zealand

626 Brancott Estate, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2016 20
344 Cloudy Bay, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2016 38

USA

921 Chateau St. Jean, **Fumé Blanc**, "La Petite Etoile Vineyard", Russian River Valley, California, 2012 26
212 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2014 23
218 Duckhorn, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Napa Valley, California, 2014 36
478 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Fumé Blanc**, Napa Valley, California, 2012 26
302 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Fumé Blanc**, "To Kalon Vineyard Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2013 51
154 Rombauer, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Napa Valley, California, 2015 32
488 Sterling Vineyards, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Napa County, California, 2014 25
960 Vineyards Found, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Napa Valley, California, 2015 22
175 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Sauvignon Blanc**, ***Late Harvest***, "Botrytis", Napa Valley, California, 2001, 375ml 32

Sémillon

The Semillon grape makes a somewhat softer, fuller bodied white wine and is frequently married with Sauvignon Blanc to produce a less assertive and more complex white wine. Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon blends are sometimes labeled Meritage. Semillon can be bottled as a dry varietal wine and some winemakers craft a sweet botrytis-infected Semillon in the style of Sauternes. Chateau d' Yquem, a Sauterne, is among the most expensive wines produced in the world today.

France

287 Château Bastor-Lamontagne, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France, 2005 42

USA

607 Dolce, **Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc**, ***Late Harvest***, Napa Valley, California, 1994, 375ml 64

St. Laurent

St. Laurent (sometimes written in French as Saint Laurent or in German as Sankt Laurent) is a highly aromatic dark-skinned wine grape variety. It is the most widely planted red grape variety in the Czech Republic, growing in all wine subregions in both Moravia and Bohemia. It comprises approximately 9% of total vineyards. In Austria, St. Laurent is the third most popular red grape variety and is primarily grown in Lower Austria and Burgenland.

Austria

430 Gernot Heinrich, **Saint Laurent**, *Qualitätswein*, Burgenland, Austria, 2006 51

739 Paul Achs, "St. Laurent", Burgenland, Austria, 2013 34

Syrah / Shiraz

In Hermitage and Cote Rotie in the northern Rhone Valley of France, Syrah is made into wines that rival the best Bordeaux clarets and red Burgundies. Shiraz is the most important red-grape variety in Australia and is blended with Cabernet Sauvignon. The aroma and flavor derived from wine made from Syrah grapes are described as being intense blackberry, cassis, black pepper, violets, smoke, and tar. The wines are dark, dense, tannic, and capable of maturing for many years.

Australia

527 Domaine Terlato & Chapoutier, **Shiraz/Viognier**, Victoria, Australia, 2006 35
248 Penfolds, **Shiraz**, "Kalimna Bin 28", South Australia, 2012 40
289 Tait, **Shiraz**, "The Border Crossing", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2014 29
259 Two Hands, **Shiraz**, "Lily's Garden", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2014 73
258 Two Hands, **Shiraz**, "Lily's Garden", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2013 70
561 Two Hands, **Shiraz**, "Max's Garden", Heathcote, Victoria, Australia, 2005 83

France

292 Château de Beaucastel, Côtes du Rhône, "Coudoulet de Beaucastel", Rhône, France, 2011 42

USA

140 Eberle, **Syrah**, ***Rosé***, "Steinbeck Vineyard", Paso Robles, California, 2010 30
361 Cougar Crest, **Syrah**, "Reserve", Walla Walla Valley, Washington, 2006 37
813 Gloria Ferrer, **Syrah**, Carneros, California, 2000 35
262 Protest, **Red Blend**, Sonoma County, California, 2015 27

Tempranillo

This red grape varietal produces a straightforward, aromatic wine with long-lasting ruby color. The bouquet often exhibits an intense black raspberry character. These wines are fresh and fruity when young and are considered excellent aging wines, developing into smooth, complex, refined wines when mature.

Spain

125 Bodega Torre San Millán, **Tempranillo**, "Gorrebusto", Rioja, Spain, 2007 35
130 Bodegas Briego, Ribera del Duero, "Tiempo", *Crianza*, Castilla Y León, Spain, 2009 29
694 Bodegas Martinez Bujanda, Rioja, "Viña Bujanda", Spain, 2014 20
549 Bodegas Montecillo, Rioja, *Gran Reserva*, Spain, 2008 30
911 Casa Gualda, **Tempranillo**, La Mancha, Castile-La Mancha, Spain, 2009 26
163 Viñedos Alonso del Yerro, Ribera del Duero, Castilla Y León, Spain, 2010 38

Torrontés

In Torrontés, a native varietal of Argentina, one can find the ultimate expression of an intensely aromatic and fruity wine. Not unlike a combination of the Muscat family including Gerwurztraminer, Torrontés is even more full-flavor and flowery. It tastes like wine, a bowl of fresh fruit and a bunch of flowers. One thing is certain about this normally dry, but seemingly sweet wine, many believe that Torrontés is best consumed in its youth.

Argentina

610 Recuerdo, **Torrontés**, La Rioja, Argentina, 2013 21
542 Trivento, **Torrontés**, "Reserve", Mendoza, Argentina, 2015 22

Verdejo

Verdejo is an uncommon, light-bodied white wine that grows almost exclusively in Spain. The wine is an outstanding alternative to wines like Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio, with surprising changes in flavors coming with age.

Spain

321 Torres, **Verdejo**, "Verdeo", Rueda, Castilla Y León, Spain, 2015, 500ml 20
662 Torres, **Verdejo**, "Verdeo", Rueda, Castilla Y León, Spain, 2014, 500ml 25

Vernaccia

Minor white grape of ancient origin grown in the Tuscany region of Italy. Traditionally produces dry, lean white wines that soften after two or more years of bottle aging. This varietal can also be used to create sweet golden white wines.

Italy

456 Teruzzi & Puthod, **Vernaccia** di San Gimignano, "Rondolino", Tuscany, Italy, 1997 32

Vidal / Vignoles

Intensely sweet and luscious, these American hybrid grapes, developed by Cornell University, are typically vinified in the manner of late-harvest and ice wine. More affordable than its German counterpart, Vidal wine is certain to delight the palate of the most sophisticated wine connoisseur.

USA

455 Hunt Country, **Vignoles**, ***Late Harvest***, Finger Lakes, New York, 375ml 33

Zinfandel

Zinfandel is the surprise grape of California. Over the past 15 years, it has developed into one of the best red varietal grapes. It is unique among grapes grown in the United States in that its European origin is unknown. Depending on the producer, the wines can range from big, rich, intensely-flavored types with substantial tannin, to very light, fruity wines. Aroma and flavor descriptors associated with Zinfandel include raspberries, berries, black pepper and raisins. Unlike Cabernet Sauvignon, flavor researchers have not been able to associate Zinfandel aromas and tastes with specific aromatic compounds.

USA

42 Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi, **White Zinfandel**, California, 2016 20
50 Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi, **White Zinfandel**, California, 2015 20
424 1000 Stories, **Zinfandel**, "Small Batch Bourbon Barrel Aged", Mendocino County, California, 2015 27
635 Carol Shelton, **Zinfandel**, "Karma Zin Rue Vineyard Wood Rd. Old Vines", Russian River Valley, California, 2005 47
636 Carol Shelton, **Zinfandel**, "Rocky Reserve Florence Vineyard", Rockpile, California, 2005 49
102 Castle Rock, **Zinfandel**, Lodi, California, 2011 25
294 De Loach, **Zinfandel**, Russian River Valley, California, 2003 32
129 Decoy by Duckhorn, **Zinfandel**, Sonoma County, California, 2013 30
528 Francis Ford Coppola, **Zinfandel**, "Red Label Diamond Collection", California, 2013 23
288 Frog's Leap, **Zinfandel**, Napa Valley, California, 2013 43
295 Heitz Cellar, **Zinfandel**, Napa Valley, California, 2004 36
270 Kunde, **Zinfandel**, "Estate", Sonoma Valley, California, 2004 33
222 Lake Sonoma Winery, **Zinfandel**, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2009 23
330 Quivira Vineyards, **Zinfandel**, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2004 37
674 Renwood, **Zinfandel**, Fiddletown, California, 2002 41
611 Renwood, **Zinfandel**, "Grandmère", Amador County, California, 1997 45
686 Renwood, **Zinfandel**, "Grandpère", Amador County, California, 1998 40
351 Ridge, **Zinfandel**, "Dusi Ranch", Paso Robles, California, 2005 40
605 Ridge, **Zinfandel**, "Pagani Ranch", Sonoma Valley, California, 2002 45
211 Ridge, **Zinfandel**, "Ponzo Vineyard", Russian River Valley, California, 2007 43
176 Ridge, **Zinfandel Blend**, "Geyserville", Sonoma County, California, 2007 51
717 Robert Biale Vineyards, **Zinfandel**, "Napa Ranches", Napa Valley, California, 2001 42
814 Robert Biale Vineyards, **Zinfandel**, "Spenker Vineyard", Lodi, California, 2000 45
425 Shannon Ridge, **Zinfandel**, "High Elevation Collection", Lake County, California, 2013 21

Zweigelt

Dr. Zweigelt's great claim to fame is the crossing of St. Laurent and Blaufrankisch grapes. Zweigelt was head of the wine school in Klosterneuburg until 1945 when he was removed as part of the general purge of those who had held office under the Third Reich. With 7.9%, it is the most widely planted of Austria's black grapes. It is a good crop, providing growers trim off bunches and keep the yields low. It can yield excellent cherry-scented wines.

Austria

502 Loimer, ***Rosé***, Niederösterreich, Austria, 2009 28
281 Ecker, **Zweigelt**, Austria, *Landwein*, 2013, 1L 26
447 Gernot Heinrich, **Zweigelt**, *Qualitätswein*, Burgenland, Austria, 2007 36
629 Paul Achs, **Zweigelt**, Burgenland, Austria, 2013 35
843 Pöckl, **Zweigelt**, Burgenland, Austria, 2003 35