

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, Pinot Meunier, and Chardonnay. 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.

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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

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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.

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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

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Chardonnay

This green skinned European 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.

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Chile

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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.....	52
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Chenin Blanc

Chenin Blanc is a grape planted throughout the world. 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.

USA

114	Zaca Mesa, Viognier , Santa Ynez Valley, California, 2013	26
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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

410	Fontanafredda, Gavi, Piedmont, Italy, 2016.....	29
409	La Scolca, Gavi, "Black Label", Piedmont, Italy, 2013	33

Corvina Rondinella

Found in Northeast Italy, Corvina is one of the most important varieties 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.....	84
313	Cesari, Amarone della Valpolicella, "Bosan", Veneto, Italy, 1998	131
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

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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	26
733	Henry Fessy, Fleurie, "Château des Labourons", Beaujolais, France, 2011	28
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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

Spain

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718 Bodegas y Viñedos del Jalón, **Garnacha**, "Alto Las Pizarras Viñas Viejas", Calatayud, Aragón, Spain,
2009 28

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

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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

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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.

France

512 Domaine Robert Klingenfus, **Gewürztraminer**, "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”, and may be blended with Merlot and Petit Verdot, or bottled alone.

Argentina

50 Alta Vista, **Malbec**, "Estate", Mendoza, Argentina, 201926
645 Bodega Norton, **Malbec**, "Colección", Mendoza, Argentina, 201421
487 Cupcake, **Malbec**, Mendoza, Argentina, 201422
377 Pascual Toso, **Malbec**, "Alta Barrancas Vineyards", Maipú, Mendoza, Argentina, 201250
627 Santa Julia, **Malbec**, "Reserva", Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina, 2015.....20

USA

52 Writer's Block, **Malbec**, Lake County, California, 2015.....25
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, 201343

Chile

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France

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243	Château Bel-Orme-Tronquoy-de-Lalande, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France, 2010.....	38
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
429	Château de Lascaux, "Garrigue", Languedoc, France, 2016.....	23
599	Château de Lascaux, Red , "La Grange de Lascaux", <i>Made with Organic Grapes</i> , Languedoc, France, 2012	27
738	Château de Montfaucon, Côtes du Rhône, Rhône, France, 2013.....	25
511	Château de Peyguerol, Costières de Nîmes, Rhône, France, 2011	25
742	Château des Perligues, Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2013	25
307	Château des Tuquets, Bordeaux, France, 2010.....	27
647	Château Fleur-Cardinale, St.-Émilion, Bordeaux, France, 2010	90
646	Château Fleur-Cardinale, St.-Émilion, Bordeaux, France, 2009	88
594	Château Gonin, Bordeaux, France, 2011	26
743	Château Gonin, Bordeaux, France, 2010.....	25
124	Château Lamothe de Haux, Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 2013	30
498	Château Lamothe de Haux, Côtes de Bordeaux, "Première Cuvée", Bordeaux, France, 2014	35
507	Château Maine d'Arman, Côtes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France, 2010	22
190	Château Prieuré Lichine, Margaux, Bordeaux, France, 2015	63
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106	Domaine Charvin, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2014.....	60
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156	Domaine des Remizières, Hermitage, "Autrement", Rhône, France, 2007.....	101
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315	Domaine Font de Michelle, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2003.....	55
735	Famille Perrin, Côtes du Rhône, "Réserve", Rhône, France, 2013	21
737	Gérard Bertrand, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Tautavel, "Grand Terroir", Roussillon, France, 2008	26
854	Henry Fessy, Gamay Noir , Vin de France, 2016	20
515	Lavergne, Bordeaux, France, 2014.....	22
862	M. Chapoutier, Côtes du Rhône, "Belleruche", Rhône, France, 2016	24

Italy

631	Casetto, Bardolino Classico, Veneto, Italy, 2015.....	20
470	Castello Banfi, Sant'Antimo, "Excelsus", Tuscany, Italy, 2001	97
539	Castello Banfi, Sant'Antimo, "Summus", Tuscany, Italy, 2004.....	82
664	Castello Banfi, Toscana, "Summus", Tuscany, Italy, 2011	80
439	Le Ragoise, Ripasso , Valpolicella Classico, <i>Superiore</i> , Veneto, Italy, 2002	40
155	Luiano, Toscana, "Sangiò", Tuscany, Italy, 2004.....	32
138	Planeta, Rosso , "La Segreta", Sicilia, Sicily, Italy, 2009	26
169	Santa Cristina, Toscana, "Le Maestrelle", Tuscany, Italy, 2012.....	33
712	Tenute Poggio Bonelli, Toscana, "Tramonto d'Oca", Tuscany, Italy, 2007.....	51
298	Tormaresca, Negroamaro , "Masseria Maïme", Salento, Puglia, Italy, 2002	40

USA

177	50 Harvests, Meritage , Napa Valley, California, 2013.....	67
66	Apothic, Red , "Winemaker's Blend", California, 2013.....	33
	<i>Made from three distinct grape types Syrah, Zinfandel & Merlot. This blend reveals intense fruit aromas and flavors of rhubarb and black cherry that are complemented by hints of mocha, chocolate, brown spice and vanilla.</i>	
727	Bernardus, Cabernet Blend , "Marinus", Carmel Valley, California, 1996.....	51
191	Charles Krug, Cabernet Blend , "Generations Family Reserve", Napa Valley, California, 2003.....	60
333	Chimney Rock Winery, "Elevage", Stags Leap District, California, 2004.....	95
585	Dry Creek Vineyard, Meritage , Sonoma County, California, 2012.....	35
648	Dry Creek Vineyard, Meritage , Sonoma County, California, 2010.....	40
668	Dry Creek Vineyard, Meritage , Sonoma County, California, 2008.....	37
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
579	Geyser Peak, Meritage , "Reserve Alexandre", Alexander Valley, California, 2006.....	54
671	Geyser Peak, Meritage , "Reserve Alexandre", Alexander Valley, California, 2003.....	55
573	Geyser Peak, Red Blend , "Tectonic", Alexander Valley, California, 2012.....	33
670	Geyser Peak, Red Blend , "Tectonic", Alexander Valley, California, 2011.....	33
216	Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 2004.....	68
500	Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 1998.....	117
473	Napanook by Dominus Estate, Napa Valley, California, 1996.....	135
576	Niebaum-Coppola, Cabernet Blend , "Rubicon", Rutherford, California, 1992.....	126
526	Opus One, Napa Valley, California, 1998.....	331
557	PreVail, "West Face", Alexander Valley, California, 2007.....	63
669	PreVail, "West Face", Alexander Valley, California, 2004, 375ml.....	61
109	Ridge, Zinfandel , "Lytton Springs", Dry Creek Valley, California, 2005.....	59
303	Robert Mondavi Winery, Red , "BDX", Oakville, California, 2012.....	70
261	Sparkplug, Red Blend , <i>Aged in Bourbon Barrels</i> , "Sparkplug", California, NV.....	30
580	Spring Valley Vineyard, "Frederick", Walla Walla Valley, Washington, 2013.....	59
623	St. Clement Vineyards, Red , "Oroppas", Napa Valley, California, 1994.....	70
119	Stonehedge, Red , "Terroir Select The Nobel", Napa Valley, California, 2013.....	61

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.

France

204	Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Rosé , "Mouton Cadet", Bordeaux, France, 2010.....	22
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

Meritage - White

White Meritage wines, while rare, are some of the most elegant and exquisite white wines crafted. They are the perfect accompaniment to seafood and poultry, but also is superb just on its own.

Australia

- 132 Berton Vineyards, **Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc**, "Outback Jack", South Eastern Australia, 2014 29

Austria

- 578 Wieninger, **Gemischter Satz**, *Qualitätswein*, Wien, Austria, 2017 27
202 Wieninger, **Gemischter Satz**, *Qualitätswein*, Wien, Austria, 2008..... 36

France

- 490 Château de Fontenille, Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux, France, 2016..... 22
690 Château Ducasse, **Blanc**, Bordeaux, France, 2015 26
705 Château Gravelle-Lacoste, **Blanc**, Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2014..... 27
618 Château Les Arromans, Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux, France, 2014..... 31
619 Château Pavillon de Boyrein, **Blanc**, Graves, Bordeaux, France, 2013..... 28
143 Domaine de la Verrière, **Blanc**, Ventoux, Rhône, France, 2013 28
495 Domaine des Saumades, **Blanc**, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2003 45
852 Famille Perrin, **Blanc**, Côtes du Rhône, "Réserve", Rhône, France, 2016 22
428 Gueissard, **Blanc**, Côtes de Provence, "G", Provence, France, 2017 23
696 Gueissard, **White**, Côtes de Provence, Provence, France, 2013 23
736 Hecht & Bannier, **Blanc**, Languedoc, France, 2014 25
861 M. Chapoutier, **Blanc**, Côtes du Rhône, "Belleruche", Rhône, France, 2016..... 24
723 Sacha Lichine, **Blanc**, Pays d'Oc, "La Poule Blanche", Languedoc, France, 2014 20

Italy

- 998 Ruffino, Orvieto Classico, Umbria, Italy, 2017..... 20

Portugal

- 711 Duorum, **White**, "Tons", Douro, Portugal, 2012 37

USA

- 479 Conundrum, California, 2001..... 38
197 Grovedale Winery, "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 varieties 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, <i>Reserva</i> , Chile, 2014	21
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France

621	Château Bonalgue, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France, 2010	75
620	Château Bonalgue, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France, 2009	72
239	Raoul Clerget, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 2012	46

Italy

117	Antinori, Toscana, "Tignanello", Tuscany, Italy, 2013	118
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USA

489	Beringer, Merlot , "Bancroft Ranch", Howell Mountain, California, 1997	112
296	Bogle, Merlot , California, 2015	32
213	Charles Krug, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 2005	36
482	Chateau Ste. Michelle, Merlot , Columbia Valley, Washington, 2013	26
193	Columbia Crest, Merlot , "Grand Estates", Columbia Valley, Washington, 2013	24
393	Cosentino, Merlot , "Legends", Napa County, California, 2004	35
702	DeLoach, Merlot , "Estate", Russian River Valley, California, 2000	36
564	Dr. Konstantin Frank, Merlot , New York, 2001	37
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 , California, 2014	22
982	Robert Mondavi Private Selection, Merlot , <i>Rum Barrel Aged</i> , California, 2018	21
112	Rombauer, Merlot , Carneros, California, 2010	43
353	St. Clement Vineyards, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 2005	40
963	St. Francis, Merlot , "Wild Oak", Sonoma County, California, 2012	38
194	Toasted Head, Merlot , "Barrel Aged", California, 2013	23
514	White Oak, Merlot , "Monarch Vineyard", Napa Valley, California, 1999	32
476	Whitehall Lane, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 2013	38
401	Whitehall Lane, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 2005	43
654	Whitehall Lane, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 2000	38
464	Whitehall Lane, Merlot , Napa Valley, California, 1999	38
247	Wild Horse, Merlot , Paso Robles, California, 2005	49
949	Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi, Merlot , California, 2016	20

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, "muskieness" or Muscat-like flavors or aromas. The sole variety used to produce Muscadet, Melon de Bourgogne, was initially planted in the region sometime in or before the 17th century.

France

174	Auguste Bonhomme, Muscadet, "La Forcine", Loire, France, 2013	30
480	Domaine Salmon, <i>Sur Lie</i> , Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, "Vieilles Vignes", Loire, France, 2014	21
698	Magaly et Sylvain Gobin, <i>Sur Lie</i> , 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.

France

431	Famille Perrin, Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Rhône, France, 2013.....	62
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USA

865	Robert Mondavi Winery, Moscato , "Moscato d'Oro", Napa Valley, California, 2015, 375ml	20
38	Sutter Home, Moscato , California.....	20

Muscat Ottonel

Muscat Ottonel is a younger and less-distinguished member of the broader Muscat family. It was created in 1852 in France by a private breeder who crossed Chasselas and Muscat Ingram. The variety makes a range of wine styles, from light, dry table wines to richer styles with more residual sugar.

Austria

468	Weinlaubenhof Kracher, Muskat Ottonel , <i>Trockenbeerenauslese</i> , "Zwischen den Seen No. 9", Burgenland, Austria, 2011, 375ml.....	114
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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, Falerio, "Cantine della Marca", The Marches, Italy, 2012	53
593	Dragani, Pecorino , "Selva de' Canonici", Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2016	23
517	Dragani, Pecorino , "Selva de' Canonici", Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2014	22

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

706	Rosenblum Cellars, Petite Sirah , "Heritage Clones", California, 2012	29
167	Shannon Ridge, Petite Sirah , "High Elevation Collection", Lake County, California, 2013.....	22
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

450	Domaine Weinbach, Pinot Blanc , "Réserve", Alsace, France, 2006.....	43
749	Kuentz-Bas, Pinot Blanc , Alsace, France, 2014.....	26

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	Domaine Robert Klingenfus, Pinot Gris , "Signature", Alsace, France, 2016	24
90	Hugel, Pinot Gris , "Classic", Alsace, France, 2012	30
719	Trimbach, Pinot Gris , "Reserve", Alsace, France, 2011.....	78

Italy

592	Dragani, Pinot Grigio , Terre di Chieti, Abruzzi, Italy, 2017	20
68	Ecco Domani, Pinot Grigio , Delle Venezie, Italy, 2021	27
	<i>Light citrus and delicate floral aromas with tropical fruit flavors and a crisp and refreshing finish.</i>	
740	Gaierhof, Pinot Grigio , Trentino, Italy, 2014.....	27
760	Santa Margherita, Pinot Grigio , Valdadige, Veneto, Italy, 2021.....	42
	<i>Fresh, harmonious fruit set off by slight sweetness with a long finish full of delicate, tangy flavor</i>	

USA

162	Acrobat, Pinot Gris , Oregon, 2015	23
984	Robert Mondavi Private Selection, Pinot Grigio , California, 2019.....	21
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

306 Veramonte, **Pinot Noir**, "Ritual", Casablanca Valley, Aconcagua, Chile, 2008 35

France

206 Domaine Dominique Guyon, Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, "Les Dames de Vergy", Burgundy, France, 2009 34
584 Jean Chartron, **Pinot Noir**, "Clos de la Combe", Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2013 43
136 Joseph Drouhin, **Pinot Noir**, Bourgogne, Burgundy, France, 2011 41
667 Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 2012 75
373 Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Burgundy, France, 2012 75
254 Labouré-Roi, **Pinot Noir**, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France, 2010 25
273 Louis Latour, Aloxe-Corton, "Domaine Latour", Burgundy, France, 2009 71
665 Roger Peguet, Charmes-Chambertin, "Chb", Burgundy, France, 2014 94

Germany

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

New Zealand

547 Kim Crawford, **Pinot Noir**, "SP Rise and Shine Creek", Central Otago, New Zealand, 2006 49

USA

304	Argyle, Pinot Noir , "Spirithouse", Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2012	82
316	Elk Cove Vineyards, Pinot Noir , Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2014	60
67	Folie à Deux, Pinot Noir , Sonoma Coast, California, 2018	26
187	Hinman Vineyards, Pinot Noir , Oregon, 2011	35
574	J Vineyards & Winery, Pinot Noir , Russian River Valley, California, 2013	45
571	Joseph Phelps, Pinot Noir , "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2014	55
369	Joseph Phelps, Pinot Noir , "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2013	55
864	Joseph Phelps, Pinot Noir , "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2012	43
863	Joseph Phelps, Pinot Noir , "Freestone Vineyards", Sonoma Coast, California, 2009	36
366	Robert Mondavi Winery, Pinot Noir , "Reserve", Napa Valley Carneros, California, 2010	73
980	Soléna, Pinot Noir , "Grande Cuvée", Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2018	32
986	The Dreaming Tree, Pinot Noir , California, 2019	27
540	Wente Vineyards, Pinot Noir , "Reliz Creek", Arroyo Seco, California, 2005	36
282	Willamette Valley Vineyards, Pinot Noir , "Estate", Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2015	42

Riesling

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
497	Wieninger, Riesling , "Riedencuvée", <i>Qualitätswein</i> , Wien, Austria, 2008	36

Chile

728	Viña Cono Sur, Riesling , "Bicicleta", Bío Bío Valley, Chile, 2015	20
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France

509	Cleebourg, Riesling , Alsace, France, 2014	25
591	Domaine Robert Klingenfus, Riesling , "Signature", Alsace, France, 2016	27
850	Hugel, White , "Gentil", Alsace, France, 2015	24
308	Hugel, White , "Gentil", Alsace, France, 2013	25
575	Kuentz-Bas, Riesling , Alsace, France, 2015	24
748	Kuentz-Bas, Riesling , Alsace, France, 2014	27
687	Kuentz-Bas, Riesling , Alsace, France, 2013	27
105	Michel Fonné, Riesling , "Tradition", Alsace, France, 2013	29
364	Trimbach, Riesling , "Réserve", Alsace, France, 2013	35
223	Zind-Humbrecht, Riesling , Alsace, France, 2006	77

Germany

297	Dr. Loosen, Riesling, Kabinett , "Blue Slate", Mosel, Germany, 2014.....	29
277	Leitz, Riesling, Spätlese , "Rüdesheimer Magdalenenkreuz", Rheingau, Germany, 2010.....	45
309	Nik Weis St. Urbans-Hof, Riesling, Kabinett , "Goldtröpfchen", Mosel, Germany, 2017	38
134	Prinz Salm, Riesling, Trocken , "Prinzsalm", Rheinhessen, Germany, 2012	37
196	St.-Urbans-Hof, Riesling, Spätlese , "Piesport Goldtröpfchen", Mosel, Germany, 2012	56

USA

46	Charles Smith Wines, Riesling , "Kung Fu Girl", Washington State, Washington, 2019.....	24
983	Charles Smith Wines, Riesling , "Kung Fu Girl", Washington State, Washington, 2019.....	24
325	Chateau Ste. Michelle, Riesling , "Cold Creek Vineyard", Columbia Valley, Washington, 2015.....	27

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

747	Borgo Pretale, Chianti Classico, "Le Crete", Tuscany, Italy, 2014.....	28
354	Lunadoro, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Tuscany, Italy, 2011	36
158	Querceto, Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, 2012	39
673	Ruffino, Brunello di Montalcino, "Tenuta Greppone Mazzi", Tuscany, Italy, 2003.....	90
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
405	Villa Calcinaia, Chianti Classico, <i>Riserva</i> , Tuscany, Italy, 2004	86
856	Villa Puccini, Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, 2012.....	21
183	Vino dei Fratelli, Primitivo , Puglia, Italy, 2012	26
572	Zingara, Sangiovese , Toscana, Tuscany, Italy, 2011.....	28
555	Antinori, Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, "Tenute Marchese Antinori", Tuscany, Italy, 2009, 500ml.	52

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

- 714 Tacora, **Sauvignon Blanc**, "Reserva", Curicó Valley, Chile, 201232

New Zealand

- 344 Cloudy Bay, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Marlborough, New Zealand, 201639

USA

- 212 Chateau Ste. Michelle, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Columbia Valley, Washington, 201423
960 Jack Henry, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Potter Valley, California, 201522
478 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Fumé Blanc**, Napa Valley, California, 2014.....27
302 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Fumé Blanc**, "To Kalon Vineyard", Napa Valley, *Reserve*, California, 2013
.....61
981 Rombauer, **Sauvignon Blanc**, Napa-Sonoma Counties, California, 2020.....35
175 Robert Mondavi Winery, **Sauvignon Blanc**, *Late Harvest*, "Botrytis", Napa Valley, California, 2001,
375ml91

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.

USA

- 595 Dolce, *Late Harvest*, Napa Valley, California, 2012, 375ml90
607 Dolce, **Sémillon/Sauvignon Blanc**, *Late Harvest*, Napa Valley, California, 1994, 375ml.....186

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 , 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	41
289	Tait, Shiraz , "The Border Crossing", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2014	30
259	Two Hands, Shiraz , "Lily's Garden", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2014	74
258	Two Hands, Shiraz , "Lily's Garden", McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2013	73
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	45
471	E. Guigal, Ermitage, "Ex Voto", Rhône, France, 2007	366

South Africa

973	Babylon's Peak, Shiraz/Carignan , Swartland, South Africa, 2015	24
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USA

140	Eberle, Syrah, Rosé , "Steinbeck Vineyard", Paso Robles, California, 2010	32
361	Cougar Crest, Syrah , "Reserve", Walla Walla Valley, Washington, 2006	48
813	Gloria Ferrer, Syrah , Carneros, California, 2000	35
262	Protest, Red Blend , Sonoma County, California, 2015	29

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", <i>Crianza</i> , Castilla Y León, Spain, 2009	30
716	Casa Gualda, Tempranillo , La Mancha, Castile-La Mancha, Spain, 2009	26
694	Viña Bujanda, Rioja, Spain, 2014.....	53
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.....	30
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	21
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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	44
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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

280	Beringer Main & Vine, White Zinfandel , California	20
993	Settler's Creek, White Zinfandel , "Barrel Select", California, NV	20
974	Sutter Home, White Zinfandel , California	20
975	Bogle, Zinfandel , "Old Vine", California, 2018	23
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
528	Francis Ford Coppola, Zinfandel , "Red Label Diamond Collection", California, 2013	43
288	Frog's Leap, Zinfandel , Napa Valley, California, 2013	43
64	Gnarly Head, Zinfandel , "Old Vine Zin", Lodi, California, 2012	23
	<i>Robust berry flavors, exotic spice notes finish with heady layers of vanilla and chocolate.</i>	
222	Lake Sonoma Winery, Zinfandel , Dry Creek Valley, California, 2009	26
330	Quivira Vineyards, Zinfandel , Dry Creek Valley, California, 2004	37
674	Renwood, Zinfandel , Fiddletown, California, 2002	41
351	Ridge, Zinfandel , "Benito Dusi Ranch", Paso Robles, California, 2015	37
605	Ridge, Zinfandel , "Pagani Ranch", Sonoma Valley, California, 2002	100
176	Ridge, Zinfandel Blend , "Geyserville", Sonoma County, California, 2007	75
717	Robert Biale Vineyards, Zinfandel , "Napa Ranches", Napa Valley, California, 2001	47
814	Robert Biale Vineyards, Zinfandel , "Spencer Vineyard", Lodi, California, 2000	46

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, <i>Rosé</i> , Niederösterreich, Austria, 2009	28
281	Ecker, Zweigelt , Austria, <i>Landwein</i> , 2013	26
463	Paul Achs, Zweigelt , Burgenland, Austria, 2017	26
113	Paul Achs, Zweigelt , Burgenland, Austria, 2015	26
181	Paul Achs, Zweigelt , Burgenland, Austria, 2014	26
629	Paul Achs, Zweigelt , Burgenland, Austria, 2013	34
843	Pöckl, Zweigelt , Burgenland, Austria, 2003.....	35
467	Weinlaubenhof Kracher, "L11A Nouvelle Vague No. 2", Burgenland, Austria, 375ml	98