

Wine

An interesting tale about a small fruit that has made its way all over the world...been lost & found been adopted and renamed--sometimes investigated by scientists using DNA. It is a story that many of us have grown to love and continue to pursue understanding how it becomes what it is during a most remarkable journey and how a few (extremely insane individuals) examine this phenomenon in great detail and attempt to know as much about dirt, climate, fermentation, aging, vintage and a host of other portions of estoric information. I am one of those people. Sante.

Some information about some of the wines that may not be household names....yet.

Godello (also known in Portugal as Verdelho) is a chardonnay-like variety that hails from the northwest of Spain. It is suprisingly well structured, with balanced acidity and tends to pair better with a variety of fare than chardonnay.

Fiano is a thick-skinned variety that offers very small amounts of juice from the grape which caused vintners to plant better yielding varieties. This wine is typical of Sicily and Campania and must comprise 85% of the indigenous grape.

Tocai Friuliano, typical of the northeast region in Italy, is a "rounder" wine with great versatility. Recently, Hungary went to court to protect the name "tokaji"; now, many producers are simply calling it fruliano. Trousseau Gris is one of the new "nerd" wines in the Sommelier world. Also known as Grey Riesling, this light body, light acid white is an ideal starter wine. It is gaining notoriety all over the world which will certainly impact the number of producers to give it a shot.

Savagnin hails from the Jura region (in France)--another "nerd" wine that in some areas must age miminally for 6 years. This wine is sherry-like, with forward nuttiness and creaminess that is often mistaken with the wine being "off."

Greco is an Italian offering that originated in Greece; it can be rich and fruity and is a standard house wine in southwest Italy. Gruner Veltliner is Austria's most produced grape. It is crisp, light with pleasant spice. It is very fun to say.

Albarino (or Alvarinho in neighboring Portugal) is the queen of white wine in Galicia. Fruit forward, creamy and medium body are the prototypical characteristics. Jacquere is the Savoie's (France) primary commodity. They tend to be light, dry with good acid.

Vermintino, in some circles is thought to be related to Malvasia. It flourishes in Sardinia and Corsica but also is keen on the western Italian regions. It is often blended, but when comprised entirely of the variety, it tends to be reminiscent of the coast: light, mild, good acid, salinity. Ideal for seafood courses.

Verdejo originates in the Rueda (central Spain) but has found itself thriving in neighboring regions. Although it is fuller-bodied and rich it has a crispness and a creamy texture that in my opinion differentiates it from most any othe white variety.

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With that in mind, we do allow our guests to bring in a special bottle to enhance their experience, provided that they adhere to the following:

- a.) the wine is not on our list
- b.) the wine is limited to two (2) 750 ml bottles per party
- c.) \$25/bottle "corkage fee"
- d.) we will waive cork fee should you purchase a bottle from our list

Too much of anything is bad, but too much champagne is just right." F. Scott Fitzgerald

	100	NV	Graham Beck Rose	Sparkling	35	Robertson	Western Cape	South Africa
	105	2017	Mont Marcal <i>Rosado</i>	Cava	36	Penedes	Catalunya	Spain
	120	NV	Scarpetta <i>Timido Brut</i>	Spumante	40	Friuli Venezia-Giulia		Italy
WM	140	NV	Jo Landron <i>Atmospheres</i>	Sparkling	45	Muscadet	Loire	France
	145	NV	Pierre Moncuit (.375)	Champagne	55	A le Mesnil Sur Oger	Champagne	France
	150	NV	Trouillard <i>Brut Extra Selection</i>	Champagne	75	Epernay	Champagne	France
WM	176	NV	Robert Moncuit <i>Grand Cru</i>	Champagne	105	A le Mesnil Sur Oger	Champagne	France
	177	NV	Savart <i>L'Accomplie 1er Cru</i>	Champagne	125	Ecueil	Champagne	France
	179	2012	Sea Smoke <i>Sea Spray</i>	Sparkling	175	Santa Rita Hills	California	USA

Reminiscent: Racy, Acidity, Dry, Bright, Tart, Green Apple, Grapefruit, Minerals, (ish)

	208	2018	Scarpetta	Pinot Grigio	36	Friuli Venezia-Giulia	Friuli	Italy
	210	2017	Makara	Sauvignon Blanc	38		Marlborough	New Zealand
	212	2017	Martinsancho	Verdejo	40	Rueda	Castilla y Leon	Spain
	217	2018	Dom. Gerard Fiou	Sauvignon Blanc	48	Sancerre	Loire	France
WM	220	2018	Weingut Jager <i>Ried Klaus</i>	Gruner Veltliner	50		Wachau	Austria
WM	222	2017	Bellus <i>Caldera</i>	Falanghina	50		Campania	Italy
	235	2016	Yetti & the Kokonut <i>B'rose</i>	Rose	60		Barossa Valley	Australia
	240	2017	Minimus <i>Powdery...</i>	Gruner Veltliner	60	Willamette	Oregon	USA
WM	252	2017	Ronco Gnemiz	Sauvignon Blanc	80	Salice	Friuli	Italy

If there were ever a "food wine" specific white category this would be it. The ideal progression when moving into richer & fatter flavors on the menu that generally attract a safer selection. Interested in something new? Plenty here to chew on.

	260	2017	Morgadio	Albarino	42	Rias Baixas	Galicia	Spain
	262	2017	Empire State	Riesling	42	Finger Lakes	New York	USA
WM	264	2016	Rafael Palacios <i>Louro</i>	Godello	45	Valdeorras	Castilla y Leon	Spain
	266	2016	Dandelion <i>Enchanted Garden</i>	Riesling	48	Eden Valley	McLaren Vale	Australia
WM	268	2015	Lieu Dit	Chenin Blanc	50	Santa Ynez	California	USA
	269	2017	Sandlands	Chenin Blanc	52	Amador County	California	USA
	270	2016	Terroir al Limit <i>Historic</i>	Gren Blanc/Macabeo	58		Priorat	Spain
	272	2016	Massican <i>Annia</i>	Ribolla Gialla Blend	65	Napa	California	USA
WM	280	2016	Weingut Keller <i>Limestone</i>	Riesling	70		Rheinhessen	Germany
	282	2016	...Approach Relaxation <i>Nichon</i>	Semillon	82	S. Australia	Barossa	Australia
	284	2010	Scholium Project <i>Midan</i>	Funky White Blend	85		California	USA
WM	286	2015	Pierre Gaillard	Viognier	88	Condrieu	Rhone	France
	288	2013	Booker White	Roussanne/Viognier	90	Paso Robles	California	USA
	290	2014	Matthiasson	Ribolla Gialla	90	Oak Knoll	California	USA

	320	2017	L'Ecole	Chardonnay	50	Columbia Valley	Washington	USA
	325	2017	Paul Hobbs' <i>Crossbarn</i>	Chardonnay	60	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	335	2014	Byron Kosuge	Chardonnay	75	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
WM	336	2017	Cruse Wines Rorick Vineyard	Chardonnay	80	Sierra Foothills	California	USA
	337	2015	Sandhi	Chardonnay	85	Santa Rita	California	USA
WM	338	2015	Peay Vineyards	Chardonnay	85	Sonoma County	California	USA
	340	2016	Evening Land	Chardonnay	90	Eola-Amity Hills	Oregon	USA
	342	2016	Lingua Franca <i>Bunker Hill</i>	Chardonnay	94	Willamette Valley	Oregon	USA
	345	2015	Lioco <i>La Marisma Vineyards</i>	Chardonnay	95	Santa Cruz Mtns	North Coast	USA
WM	346	2017	Bodegas Chacra <i>Mainque</i>	Chardonnay	120	Rio Negro	Patagonia	Argentina
	348	2015	Dom Genot-Boulangier <i>1er Cru</i>	Chardonnay	150	Chassagne-Montrachet	Burgundy	France

	400	2016	Pali Wine Co. <i>Bluffs</i>	Pinot Noir	50	Russian River	California	USA
	405	2016	Dom. S. Magnien	Pinot Noir	50	Cotes de Beaune	Burgundy	France
	406	2017	Salem Wine Co.	Pinot Noir	60	Eola-Amity Hills	Oregon	USA
WM	408	2012	Maison L'Envoye	Pinot Noir	60	Côte d'Or	Burgundy	France
WM	410	2014	Byron Kosuge <i>The Shop</i>	Pinot Noir	70	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	412	2015	Ant Hill Farms	Pinot Noir	75	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
WM	414	2017	Lingua Franca <i>Avni</i>	Pinot Noir	75	Willamette Valley	Oregon	USA
	418	2017	Peay Vineyards	Pinot Noir	82	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	428	2015	Evening Land <i>Seven Springs</i>	Pinot Noir	90	Eola-Amity Hills	Oregon	USA
	430	2015	Ant Hill Farms <i>Campbell</i>	Pinot Noir	100	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	445	2016	Joseph Voillot <i>Volnay VV</i>	Pinot Noir	105	Cotes de Beaune	Burgundy	France
WM	448	2013	Big Table Farms <i>Catrall Bros.</i>	Pinot Noir	120	Eola-Amity Hills	Oregon	USA
	450	2014	Big Table Farms	Pinot Noir	120	Yamhill	Oregon	USA
	460	2014	Hirsch <i>San Andreas Fault</i>	Pinot Noir	120	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
WM	466	2013	Ochota Barrels <i>Forest</i>	Pinot Noir	125	Adelaide Hills	South Australia	Australia
	470	2013	Rivers Marie <i>Occidental Ridge</i>	Pinot Noir	125	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	480	2013	Rivers Marie <i>Silver Eagle</i>	Pinot Noir	125	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
WM	482	2016	Rivers Marie Summa <i>Old Vines</i>	Pinot Noir	125	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	483	2016	Hirsch <i>East Ridge *</i>	Pinot Noir	140	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
WM	485	2016	By Farr <i>Cote Vineyard</i>	Pinot Noir	150	Geelong	Victoria	Australia
	487	2014	Sea Smoke Cellars <i>Southing</i>	Pinot Noir	150	Santa Rita Hills	California	USA
	489	2015	Sea Smoke Cellars <i>Ten</i>	Pinot Noir	200	Santa Rita Hills	California	USA
	490	2013	Cirq <i>Bootlegger Hill</i>	Pinot Noir	275	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	492	2014	Cirq <i>Bootlegger Hill</i>	Pinot Noir	275	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	494	2014	Boar's View	Pinot Noir	400	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	496	2012	Peter Michael <i>Ma Danseuse</i>	Pinot Noir	500	Sonoma Coast	California	USA

This area is reserved for those grapes that truly know their roots. Wine has long since been a hot commodity that conquering generals stole among other things; replanted in their local vineyards and often renamed. You'll also find some fun combinations of varietals in here. Some that are difficult to pronounce. But they are fun to try and enjoy with food and conversation...maybe you might find a new variety that becomes your favorite. Experience from the vines perspective...you won't need a passport for this journey either.

	500	2017	G.D. Vajra	Dolcetto	48		Piemonte	Italy
WM	510	2016	Benevolent Neglect	Counoise	54			USA
	512	2016	Benje Tinto <i>Envinat</i>	Listan Negro	60	Tenerife	Canary Islands	Spain
	514	2015	Evening Land	Gamay	62	Sierra Foothills	California	USA
	516	2015	Cruse Wine <i>Monkey Jacket</i>	Valdigue/Tannat/Syrah	65	North Coast	California	USA
	517	2017	Cruse Wine Alder Springs	Tannat	65	Mendocino	California	USA
	518	2014	Tofanelli	Charbono	66	Calistoga	California	USA
	520	2016	Benevolent Neglect <i>Fore Family</i>	Mourvedre	70	Lake County	California	USA
	524	2015	Fedellos do Cuoto <i>Lomba Ares</i>	Spanish Blend	70	Ribeira Sacra	Galicia	Spain
	526	2015	Day	Zinfandel	70	Sonoma County	California	USA
WM	528	2018	Dom. Chapel <i>Chiroubles</i>	Gamay	75	Régnié	Beaujolais	France
	530	2012	Tofanelli	Zinfandel	75	Calistoga	California	USA
WM	532	2012	Vigna Traverso	Schioppettino	75	Prepotto	Friuli-Venzia Giulia	Italy
WM	534	2012	Veronica Ortega <i>ROC</i>	Mencia	82	Valtuille	Bierzo	Spain
	536	2013	El Nido <i>Clio</i>	Monastrel	90	Jumilla	Murcia	Spain
	538	2014	Outpost	Zinfandel	90	Howell Mountain	California	USA
	540	2014	Foradori <i>Sgarzon</i>	Teroldego	95	Dolomito	Trentino Alto Adige	Italy
	550	2015	Gaja Ca'Marcanda <i>Promis</i>	Merlot/Syrah/Sangio	110		Tuscany	Italy
	560	2013	El Nido <i>El Nido</i>	Cabernet/Monastrel	200	Jumilla	Murcia	Spain
	570	2013	Kata	Cabernet/Petit Syrah	325	Napa	California	USA

Those varieties that are arguably the MOST important to the growth of the wine industry as a whole. It is in this category where many of the wineries who have made their way "in" the industry cut their teeth. For many of them, they made a noteworthy wine and maintained their focus on the continued excellence of the wine instead of branching out into unknown spaces and losing the intensity that put them "at the table" in the first place. Getting back to the basics but nothing "basic" in their quality.

	600	2015	Frescobaldi Nipponzano	Sangiovese	52	Chianti	Tuscany	Italy
	608	2016	Sleight of Hand <i>Spellbinder</i>	Cab/Merl/Cab Fr	54	Columbia Valley	Washington	USA
WM	610	2015	Dom. Petit Lyzieres	Cabernet Franc	56	Saumur	Loire	France
	614	2016	Maal Wines <i>biolento</i>	Malbec	58		Mendoza	Argentina
	618	2014	Powers <i>Sheridan Vineyard</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	70	Yakima Valley	Washington	USA
WM	619	2016	Ch. Laplagnotte Gr.Cru	Merlot Blend	72	St. Emilion	Bordeaux	France
	620	2017	Habit Wine Co.	Cabernet Franc	75	Santa Barbara	California	USA
	634	2016	Tamber Bey <i>Rabicano</i>	Bordeaux Blend	80	Yountville	Napa	USA
	640	2016	Priest Ranch <i>Somerston Vyd</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	85	St Helena	Napa	USA
	641	2016	Aalto	Tempranillo	88	Ribera del Duero	Castillo y Leon	Spain
	642	2013	Keever <i>Inspirado</i>	Bordeaux Blend	90	Napa	California	USA
	643	2014	Grammercy Cellars	Cabernet Sauvignon	95	Columbia Valley	Washington	USA
	644	2014	Fratelli Alessandria <i>Gramolere</i>	Nebbiolo	100	Barolo	Piemonte	Italy
	646	2012	Chateau Segla	Cab/Merlot/Pet Ver	100	Margaux	Bordeaux	France
WM	648	2013	Convexity	Cabernet Sauvignon	100	Napa	California	USA
	649	2015	Gaja Ca'Marcanda <i>Promis</i>	Merlot /Sangiovese	105		Tuscany	Italy
	650	2013	Bodegas Vetus <i>Celsus</i>	Tempranillo	105	Toro	Castillo y Leon	Spain
WM	652	2014	Blackbird <i>Arise</i>	Bordeaux Blend	115	Oakville	Napa	USA
	655	2013	Larkin	Cabernet Franc	120	Napa	California	USA
	660	2013	Hidden Ridge 55% Slope	Cabernet Sauvignon	120	Sonoma County	California	USA
	662	2012	Il Poggione Brunello	Sangiovese	125	Montalcino	Tuscany	Italy
	665	2010	La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva	Tempranillo	130	Rioja	La Rioja	Spain
WM	669	2016	Lieu Dit (1,5 liter)	Cabernet Franc	130	Santa Ynez Valley	California	USA
	670	2015	Enfield	Cabernet Sauvignon	130	Napa	California	USA
WM	672	2014	Gaja Ca'Marcanda <i>Magari</i>	Super Tuscan	150	Bolgheri	Tuscany	Italy
	675	2017	G.D. Vajra <i>Bricco delle Viole</i>	Nebbiolo	150	Barolo	Piemonte	Italy
	676	2011	Bodegas Roda I <i>Riserva</i>	Tempranillo	155		Rioja	Spain
	677	2015	Paul Hobbs	Cabernet Sauvignon	160	Napa	California	USA
	678	2005	Bodegas Roda <i>Riserva</i>	Tempranillo	175		Rioja	Spain
	679	2014	Matthiasson	Cabernet Sauvignon	180	Napa	California	USA
	680	2014	Dunn	Cabernet Sauvignon	200	Napa	California	USA
	681	2013	Rivers Marie Corona	Cabernet Sauvignon	210	Oakville	Napa	USA
	683	2016	Collina Dalla Valle	Bordeaux Blend	210	Napa	California	USA
	685	2013	Phillipe Melka <i>Metisse</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	225	St Helena	Napa	USA
	686	2013	Rivers Marie <i>Panek Vineyard</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	250	St Helena	Napa	USA
	687	2014	Rivers Marie Calistoga	Cabernet Sauvignon	250	Calistoga	Napa	USA
	688	2015	Antinori <i>Tignanello</i>	Super Tuscan	250	Chianti Classico	Tuscany	Italy
	689	2014	Dunn	Cabernet Sauvignon	270	Howell Mountain	Napa	USA
	690	2012	Pulido Walker <i>Melanson Vnyd</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	275	St Helena	California	USA
	691	2012	Pulido Walker <i>Panek Vnyd</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	275	St Helena	California	USA
	692	2014	Rivers Marie <i>Lore Vineyard</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon	300	Oakville	Napa	USA
	693	2013	Roagna <i>Pira</i>	Nebbiolo	300	Barolo	Piemonte	Italy
	694	2009	Roagna <i>Paje</i>	Nebbiolo	300	Barbaresco	Piemonte	Italy
	695	2013	Ovid Vineyards	Bordeaux Blend	450	Pritchard Hill	Napa	USA
	696	2013	Ovid Vineyards <i>R83</i>	Bordeaux Blend	450	Pritchard Hill	Napa	USA
	697	2013	Ovid Vineyards <i>Hexameter</i>	Bordeaux Blend	450	Pritchard Hill	Napa	USA
	698	2013	Corra	Cabernet Sauvignon	450	Napa	California	USA
	699	2014	Scarecrow	Cabernet Sauvignon	1200	Napa	California	USA

	700	2016	Can Blau	Mazuelo/Garn/Syrah	36	Montsant	Cataluna	Spain
WM	702	2015	Dm. Galevan <i>Paroles de Femme</i>	Rhone Blend	40	Cotes du Rhone	Rhone	France
	720	2015	Pesquie <i>Terrasses</i>	Grenache/Syrah	45	Cotes du Ventoux	Rhone	France
	722	2015	3 Rings	Shiraz	45		Barossa Valley	Australia
	724	2011	Xabregas <i>Mount Barker</i>	Shiraz	48	Great Southern	W. Australia	Australia
	726	2016	Donkey & Goat <i>Twinkle</i>	Mourv/Gren/Syrah	58	El Dorado	California	USA
WM	728	2016	BK Wines <i>Nouveau</i>	Syrah	60	Lobethal	Adelaide	Australia
	740	2016	Minimus <i>Soloro Vineyard</i>	Grenache	75	Applegate Valley	Oregon	USA
	750	2015	Benevolent <i>Neglect</i>	Grenache	80	Mendocino	California	USA
	760	2016	Geyer <i>Wild Bunch</i>	Gren/Syr/Mour	80		Barossa	Australia
	761	2015	Nin Ortiz <i>Planetes</i>	Garnacha/Carinyena	88	Priorat	Catalonia	Spain
	762	2013	Jolie-Laide <i>Rossi Ranch</i>	Rhone Blend	88	Sonoma Co.	California	USA
	766	2014	Commando G <i>Rozas 1er Cru</i>	Grenache	90		DO Madrid	Spain
WM	770	2014	Jolie Laide <i>Song of the Sunset</i>	Gren/Syr/Vio/Musc	94	Sonoma Coast	California	USA
	784	2015	Sucette	Grenache	99		Barossa Valley	Australia
WM	786	2013	Ochota Barrels <i>The Fugazi</i>	Grenache	100	Blewitt Springs District	McLaren Vale	Australia
	788	2015	Domaine Galevan	Rhone Blend	100	Ch. Neuf du Pape	Rhone	France
	789	2017	Saint Cosme	Syrah	120	Cote Rotie	Rhone	France
	790	2014	Ochota Barrels <i>Shellac Vnyd</i>	Syrah	125	Marananga District	Barossa Valley	Australia
WM	791	NV	Sami-Odi <i>Little Wine #4</i>	Syrah	150		Barossa Valley	Australia
WM	792	2010	La Creu Alta	Carinena/Gren/Syrah	175	La Vilella Alta	Priorat	Spain
	793	2012	Cayuse <i>Cailloux Vineyard</i>	Syrah	175	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	794	2012	Cayuse <i>En Chamberlin Vnyd</i>	Syrah	175	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	795	2011	Cayuse <i>En Chamberlin Vnyd</i>	Syrah	195	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	796	2014	Cayuse <i>Armada Vineyard</i>	Syrah	275	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	797	2014	Cayuse <i>Bionic Frog</i>	Syrah	300	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	798	2003	Cayuse <i>En Chamberlin Vnyd</i>	Syrah	350	Walla Walla	Washington	USA
	799	2004	Cayuse <i>En Chamberlin Vnyd</i>	Syrah	350	Walla Walla	Washington	USA

More geeky facts about some of the wines that may be off the beaten path...

Bobal is another indigenous wine of Spain. It tends to be rich in color and flavor as well as high in acidity which makes this wine an excellent food companion. Corvina is one of the principles in valpolicella wines. This medium-bodied type tends to be tart, cherry and almond flavored. Dolcetto "little sweet one" grows primarily in Italy's Piedmont region. The fruit is very forward but not overwhelming: the wines are rich and easy to enjoy. Pinot Meunier is one of the three grapes allowable in Champagne; however, it is exceptional on its own as a still wine. I like to describe it as a creamier pinot with various layers of signature flavors. Counoise is another "nerd" variety. Typically a rhone variety used to blend the Chateau neuf du Pape wine. Alone it is peppery, soft fruit, earthy with great acid. Gamay is the grape that put Beaujolais on the map. However, don't hold that against it. The branding of the "Nouveau" has bastardized this variety. This wine is zippy, with great rustic fruit and low tannin. This is an amazing shift for those who are tired of Pinot noir. Mencia is the red variety originated from Bierzo, Spain. It has remained relatively obscure until only recently. It is floral, earthy with plum and cherry flavors, rustic and delicious. Thought to be a distant cousin to Cabernet Franc but the jury is still out... Carignan, (aka Mazuelo, Samsó, Carinena) is argued to derive somewhere on the France/Spain border. Big and bold with aggressive tannin and high alcohol that produces spicy and robust black fruit wines. It is often blended with softer varieties that are found in Priorat. Zinfandel is probably the most recognizable grape on this list. Often the "spicy" style that intrigues the palate. Many debate that it is Primitivo or a derivative of the variety but without question is a "go to" grape: typically higher in alcohol, with loads of ripe fruit and extra peppery spice. Monastrell (also Mourvedre & Mataro) is a common field variety not notable in the Rhone--it is also an essential blending grape in Spain, the lead in Tempier Bandol and of late, one of the "new" players in New World activity. In the Canary Islands, look to its indigenous variety, Listan Negro, a volcanic derived varietal that is as complex as it is versatile--producing medium-acid, medium bodied, smoky, easy going wines that are great with seafood and rich meats. Schioppettino is the nearly extinct red wine hailing from Friuli that is making its way back on the scene. Full bodied without being heavy, earthy, with balance and finesse...one of my new favorite wines. Another new (yet old) Italian varietal on the scene is Frappato--of Sicilian decent thought to be a cousin of Sangiovese--charming & polished reminiscent of a more earthy & full-figured Pinot Noir.