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Hopleaf is beer-centric but we love wine too!

From April 18, 2023



# WINES ON TAP SERVED IN CARAFES— Quarter (250ml) Half (250ml) 750 (750ml)

### WHITES

### 2020 GRÜNER VELTLINER -Pratsch Austria

100% Certified Organic. Herbal, fresh & spicy with notes of white pepper, apple & citrus on the palate. It has the "rainwater over rocks" minerality that's desirable in Austrian whites. Zippy acidity. 12%

Quarter \$15. Half \$30. 750mL \$42.

### 2021 CHARDONNAY —House of Brown California

95% Chardonnay, 5% Vermentino. The first & only Black-owned estate winery in Napa Valley. In 1980, the Brown family purchased & rehabilitated an abandoned ranch in the eastern hills there, officially establishing the Brown Estate label in 1996. Aromas of pineapple, starfruit, & guava; notes of jasmine & orange blossoms. Light, crisp, elegant, juicy with a bright yet round mouthfeel. Unoaked/stainless. 13.5%

Quarter \$15. Half \$30. 750mL \$42.

# 2020 BORDEAUX BLANC AOC —Chateau La Frenelle France

60% Sauv. Blanc, 30% Semillon, 10% Muscadelle. Family-owned since 1789. Brilliant transparent yellow w/green high-lights. Intensely aromatic: lemons, grapefruit & white peaches from the Sauvignon, honeysuckle & acacia flowers from the Muscadelle. The Semillon brings richness & roundness. Crisp & fruity on the palate with a silky long finish. 12.5%

Quarter \$16. Half \$32. 750mL \$44.

### **REDS**

### 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON —True Myth Paso Robles, Cali.

83% Cab Sauv., 11% Edna Valley Syrah, 6% Petite Syrah. This is pure Paso Robles, full of polished aromas of black cherry, cinnamon & vanilla bean, leading to flavors of dark red fruits, cocoa powder & hints of black pepper & caramelized oak. Rich yet smooth, very approachable. Aged in new French and American oak casks for 18 months. 14.5%

Quarter \$16. Half \$32. 750mL \$44.

### 2021 TEMPRANILLO VT —Lobetia Castilla La Mancha

Deep cherry color with a violet shade. Aromas of red berries and cherries persist on the palate with notes of cocoa and sweet tobacco and a smooth harmonious finish. Certified organic and biodynamic. 13.5%

Quarter \$15. Half \$30. 750mL \$42.

### 2020 MALBEC — Altos Las Hormigas Argentina

After a careful sorting process, grapes are pressed & fermented separately w/indigenous yeasts in to express the vineyard they come from. Aged for a minimum of 9 months in concrete vats—no oak aging. Great intensity, character and a silky texture, highlighted by juicy red fruit flavors with an interesting note of pepper. 100% Malbec grapes harvested by hand. 13.7%

Quarter \$16. Half \$32. 750mL \$44.

# NV CÔTES DU RHONE — Domaine de la Patience France

Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Mourvedre blend. From a family estate close to the Rhone and the Pont du Gard established in 1930 and certified organic since 2007. Elegant notes of smoky red fruit, violet, sweet herb & a note of baking chocolate. The palate is rich with ripe cherry and berry flavors, and a mineral note that is followed by supple acidity and velvety tannins. 12%

Quarter \$15. Half \$30. 750mL \$42.

# ROSÉ

# 2021 PROVENCE ROSÉ —Le Charmel Eastern Provence, France

30% Syrah, 30% Cinsault, 20% Mourvèdre, 10% Grenache, 10% Rolle. From picturesque hillside vineyards w/clay & limestone soils, the grapes are manually picked, hand-sorted, and fully de-stemmed on site. Harvested from late Aug thru mid Sept. 12.5%

Quarter \$15. Half \$30. 750mL \$42.

# **VERMOUTH**

### ATXA VINO VERMOUTH ROJO —Destlerias Acha Spain

Enjoy as an aperitif over ice or straight up w/a peel of orange or lemon. Traditional Vermouth is a fortified & aromatized wine macerated w/herbs, fruits and roots—this old family recipe includes wormwood, gentian, & cherry. Notes of licorice and wild herbs framed by bitter components and a markedly wild berry fruit.15%

4 oz. Glass \$10



# The Fascinating Strategy of Bottled Wines at Hopleaf

Our bottled wine mission statement starts with a proclamation:

# Bottles of wine in restaurants are too expensive!

At Hopleaf, we don't depend on wine sales to subsidize our kitchen. We sell a LOT of beer that does that. We want to offer an exceptionally fine selection of wines, from some of the best producers in the Old and New Worlds, to those who prefer wine or who are taking a break from beer for an evening.

We also believe that many times people shop by price instead of choosing what best suits their food or the occasion, so we have a one-price list. This means:

# All \* Reds are \$50 All Whites & Rosés are \$40.

We buy in a narrow wholesale window and accept very narrow margins so that all of our wines are terrific values, sometimes cheaper than retail. You will not find any wine on our list for less at any restaurant.

For your convenience we've listed the wines in the following format:

(#) Producer, Wine Name, Vintage, Appellation/Region (Grape Varietals) Description, with ABV%....



# REDS

# BOTTLES FROM LUCCA, ITALY

Hopleaf owners Michael and Louise have been visiting Lucca for years and have had the pleasure of forming relationships with some of the local wine producers. The wines of Lucca are a rarity on American menus; most bottles are consumed locally. We think when you try them you'll know why they don't much care to share these wonderful wines beyond their borders. We are proud to share our little secret with our customers.

# REDS

# (4,2) Tenuta di Valgiano, Palistorti, 2016 Colline Lucchesi (Merlot, Sangiovese, Syrah)

A nice balance of acidity to plump ripe red & black berries along with slight hints of cedar wood & minerals. 100% organic and biodynamic from oenologist Severio Petrilli, an evangelist for biodynamic agricultural practices. 14%

- (2,1) **Tenuta di Valgiano 2015** *\$60 (The exception to our rule)* (*60% Sangiovese, 20% Syrah, 20% Merlot)* A nose that expresses elegance and aromatic refinement. Fragrant aromas of ripe fruit w/hints of spices & minerals; an intense, enduring bouquet. Volume on the palate is delightful with the pleasant sweetness of the fruit; structure develops with a dense texture of mature, soft tannins that ensure length & delicious aftertaste. A balanced, high-class wine that will develop over the next 20 yrs. 14.5%
- (4,4) **Tenuta Lenzini, Merlot, 2014 Colline Lucchesi**The Colline Lucchesi DOC, established in 1968, is named for the hills to the north & east of Lucca. This vintage of Lenzini's Merlot won first prize in its category at the 2012 Slow Food Terra Madre Festival in Torino. Biodynamic & organically produced. 14%
- (4,7) Buonamico, Cercatoja, 2015 Montecarlo (near Lucca) (Sangiovese, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)
  Intense & complex nose, with jammy black fruit, tobacco, cedar.
  Aged for 18 months in French Oak. Organically produced. 14.5%

# WHITE

# (C30) Tenuta di Valgiano, Palistorti Bianco 2021 Colline Lucchesi

(Vermentino 50%, Trebbiano 16%, Malvasia 16%, Grechetto 16%) 10% of the Vermentino is fermented in barriques and the remainder in stainless steel at 10°C to preserve the intense and fruity aroma, with its hints of pink grapefruit and lychees. Pleasantly fresh on the palate; the acidity is balanced by considerable body. A warm but harmonious wine with ample aftertaste. A structured white in Mediterranean style, but with aromatic dignity and exceptional quality. 13%

# ROSÉ

# (C26) Fattoria Sardi IGT Toscana Rosato 2021 IGT Toscana Rosato 2017, Colline Lucchesi

(Organic Sangiovese & Gliegiolo) Soft salmon pink. Crisp & refreshing on the nose, notes of wild roses, raspberries and melon with a fading aroma of cream. Luscious, refreshing, enjoyable with well-balanced minerality and acidity. Bright, fresh fruit on the finish. Certified Organic. 13%

# **OLD WORLD**

# (6,4) Marco & Vittorio Adriano 2013 Barbaresco DOCG

Enticing scents of fragrant blue flower, ripe red berry, baking spice, menthol and new leather lead the way. Fresh and elegant, the palate delivers juicy red cherry, raspberry, cinnamon, white pepper and licorice while firm, polished tannins lend structure and a smooth mouthfeel. 14.5%

(2,3) Alto Moncayo 2014 Campo de Borja (Garnacha) SPAII
Rich, full-bodied & muscular, this wine of riveting intensity pours inkypurple. Smoky, charred & minerally on the nose, w/balsamic berry
aroma & lots of dark spice. A region of newfound interest among wine
lovers. 16%

# (4,5) Pietro Beconcini, Vigna Le Nicchie 2012 Tempranillo, San Miniato (100% Tempranillo)

This is the product of a totally unexpected discovery in San Miniato, of centuries-old tempranillo grapevines in an ancient vineyard. Cuttings were sent to a laboratory in Piemonte for DNA analysis that revealed their ancient origin; that the 8th Century pilgrimage path Via Francigena passes through this property may offer an explanation as to how this decidedly Spanish grape was planted, intentionally or not, here and nowhere else in Italy. The clusters from these ancient vines are picked in the first week in September into small 5kg boxes, brought to the drying loft and allowed to dry naturally until mid-October, reducing 25% of their weight. They are fermented with much more than normal skins and seeds, giving the wine a finer quality of acids and tannins, as well as a distinctive array of aromas. It requires lengthy maturation and aging in 70% French and 30% American oak. After 12 mos., the final wine is blended from the various barrels, racked, and then given an additional 12 mos.' aging in the same barrels. After 2 years in oak, the wine goes to bottle, where it remains until the end of the 4th year. Intensely ruby red, it offers equally intense aromas of blackberries, dried plums and hints of dark chocolate, earth, tobacco and sweet spices. Full-bodied with nice complexity, strong tannins but not drying. Full and round mouthfeel with a long and great finish. 15.5%

# (3,4) Chateau Blaignan Medoc 2016

(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot) From an ancient 247-acre estate in northern Medoc that earned its "Cru Bourgeous" in 1932 and has been in the same family since the 1700s, this vineyard has a fine pedigree. The wine is of an intense color. The nose is fruity with pronounced notes of blackcurrant, black cherries, and a hint of spice. Full-bodied; shows structure and velvet tannins on the palate that make it a wine to drink young or to keep a few years in cellar. 14.5%

# (5,3) Ferrer Bobet, Priorat 2018

(65% Carinena, 35% Garnacha) Glorious, floral bouquet with very pure scents of cassis, blueberry & violets, all with pixelated delineation, almost Margaux-like in style. Medium-bodied palate with very fine tannins. Taut on the entry, quite linear, then fanning out with sappy dark berry, cassis & allspice. Very well-balanced; long & persistent towards the finish. Aged in new oak from French Burgundy coopers with a fine grain and a light-medium toast. 14,5%

SPAIN

# (6,1) Bodegas Del Paramo El Medico, 2011 Prieto Picudo

100% Prieto Picudo exclusively from vines over 80 years old in Castilla y León. Maltolactic fermentation and aging for 9 months takes place in new French oak. The grapes' aggressive acidity and fruit easily match the complex oak character now, while promising an excellent future. Among Spain's most interesting and unique fine red wines. 13.5%

# (3,3) Château Boutisse FRANC Grand Cru 2018 Saint-Émilion (right bank Bordeaux)

(90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Carmenenere)

While the left bank of Bordeaux is characterized by Cabernet Sauvignon the right bank is characterized by Merlots like this one with savory, almost rustic aromas of cherry, tobacco and licorice. 13%

# (2,5) Buglioni, il Bugiardo 2019 Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso

(60% Corvina, 25% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 5% Molinara)

This wine is a *Ripasso*—"repassed". A portion of the grapes were de-stemmed, crushed and pressed immediately; the remainder are left to dry until November when they are vinified and then macerated for 20 days. In January, the *must* from the freshly vinified grapes are re-passed, following a traditional technique, and undergo 2nd fermentation. The two wines—the ripasso & the wine from the dried grapes—are then blended together, aged for 12 mos. in oak casks and 6 mos. in bottle. Dark rubyred. Intense & elegant aromas of ripe fruit & spices with a hint of vanilla & tobacco. Warm, persistent flavors, velvety, harmonious. 14.5%

### (5,2) Caiarossa Pergolaia 2011 IGT Toscana

ITALY

(80% Sangiovese, 8% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot)
Following the Tuscan tradition, Sangiovese dominates in this blend, shaping Pergolaia into a wine of intense bouquet, seductive body with soft tannins and superb depth. 13.5%

# (4,3) Paul Cherrier Sancerre Rouge 2018 FRANCE

(100% Pinot Noir) Stéphane Cherrier has taken the helm of this 6th generation family vineyard and has become the face of the new generation of Sancerre producers who are rejecting the use of chemicals and synthetic treatments. On the nose, it has a beautiful elegance with aromas of red fruits. In the mouth, the tannins are supple and the voluminous substance offers a beautiful aromatic persistence of cherry, raspberry and spices which gives a juicy and ripe dimension. 12.5%

# (1,7) Duemani, Cifra, 2019 IGT Costa Toscana ITALY

(Cabernet Franc) Made with organically-grown biodynamic Cabernet Franc, this opens with aromas of black plum, cedar and Mediterranean scrub. The bright, savory palate offers black currant, rhubarb, ground clove and star anise alongside polished tannins. No wood, minimal intervention make this a true expression of the varietal character. 14%

# (3,5) Domaine Faury, FRANCE St. Joseph Rouge, 2017 Northern Rhône (Syrah)

NYTimes wine editor Eric Asimov calls the Saint Joseph appellation the next best wine in the Northern Rhone, and Domaine Faury the best value among the producers. It's from the town of Chavanay at the north end of the appellation, far from the original six comunes, yet because the grapes are also from granite hillsides, it displays the signature peppery, spicy, olive & herb flavors. 13%

# (6,5) Ettore Germano ITALY Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2019 (100% Barbera)

The Germano family has owned 6 hectares of land near Serralunga d'Alba, in the heart of the Barolo area, since 1856. Sergio Germano took over operations in 1985, following his schooling at the prestigious Scuola Enologica di Alba and he's made his mark in the famed hills of Barolo, Alba, and Langhe. His deep humility expresses a deference to the vineyard that shows itself in the finished wines—unique and thoughtful expressions of their varietals and soil. This Barbera is a classic example: ruby red with a fruit-forward bouquet. Bright red fruits jump out of the glass with a touch of spice and earth. Medium-bodied with soft tannins and distinct acidity, it glides effortlessly over the palate into a subtle, complex finish. 14%

# (6,6) Gigante Schioppettino DOC 2012

ITAL

Made from 100% Schioppettino grapes, harvested in a vineyard located at Corno di Rosazzo, Friuli Colli Orientali. The most credible explanation of the term schioppettino is ripe grapes that crackle when chewed due to the thick and taut skin. It also called Ribolla Nera. Traditionally the Schioppettino was drunk young, appreciating its marked acidity, the unobtrusive tannic component, and full body. But many producers have shown the vine to be capable of evolving elegantly with moderate aging, releasing its most significant trait—a beautiful fruitiness accompanied by an intriguing, elegant spicy vein reminiscent of black pepper, a characteristic associated also with some expressions of syrah.

# (2,2) R. Lopez de Heredia Viña Bosconia, 2011 Rioja

SPAIN

(80% Tempranillo, 15% Garnacha, 5% Mozuelo and Graciano)

From an iconic producer, this great wine is spontaneously fermented in very old, large oak barrels, then aged 5 years in oak and 3 years in bottle before release. Very complex with savory plums, mushrooms, bark, red earth orange peel and cedar. Quite juicy, fresh and bright, with a tangy, zesty palate full of berries and orange. Firm, long and mouthwatering finish. So very Spanish. 13.5%

# (5,1) Illuminati "Zanna" Montelpulciano d'Abruzzo (100% Montepulciano) Colline Teramane DOCG Riserva 2015

ITALY

Produced only in the best vintage years from the Colline Teramaine, the only DOCG vineyard in Abruzzo. Zanna is intense ruby red in color. Hints of blackberry and dried flower in the nose. On the palate the wine has great texture and soft tannins with a long and elegant finish. 14.5%

# (1,6) Monte Zovo 2013 Amarone della Valpolicella

ITALY

(Corvia, Corvinone, Rondinella) Hits all the right button in terms of fruity softness and richness. Grapes remained in their drying facility for 120 days; wine aged 18 months in oak casks, 12 months in bottles. A densely extracted red wine offering a full court of aromas with plump cherry, dried blackberry, bitter chocolate, and exotic spice front and center. Immensely rich and succulent mouthfeel with superbly round and soft fruit flavors. 16%

# (4,6) Elia Palazzi Brunello di Montalcino 2016 (100 Sangiovese)

ITALY

Elia is the first of his family to produce commercial wine from their 100-year-old, 17-acre vineyard. Aged in French oak for 24 mos., this wine has intense aromas of lavender and tobacco, typical of prime Sangiovese. From a great vintage, it has good structure and notes of blackberry jam, star anise and tobacco alongside polished tannins. Organic, 14.5%

# (5,4) Pietradolce SICILY, ITALY Etna Rosso Archeneri 2016 (100% Nerello Mascalese)

From a single vineyard reaching to 2952 feet above sea level and 90-year-old vines. Ripe and fruity on the nose, with distinct spicy and balsamic nucsances. On the palate: bright acidity, notes of dried orange peel and dark berries. Excellent volume, depth and structure, great mouthfeel and finesse; clear and vivid finish. 13.5%

# (1,5) E. Pira & Figli, 2014 Dolcetto d'Alba (Dolcetto) ITALY

Ruby red with purple reflections and aromas of flower and fruit with hints of violet and small red fruit. Dolcetto means 'littls sweet one' in Italian but don't be fooled, this is a dry wine. This property has been producing wine for over 1000 years. They produce only 300 cases of Dolcetto a year, making this a rare find. 12.5%

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# (1,4) Quinta da Costa do Pinhão

### PORTUGAL

2015 Douro DOC (Touriga Franca, Touriga National, Tinta Roriz )

This wine has a terroir-sluiced character with earth, graphite, violets, juicy blackberry and sour cherry/plum. Gently soft, spicy, cedar-flecked tannins have presence and texture without inhibiting the flow. Persistent, fresh, mineral, salty, subtly sour acidity. It brings lovely energy to the palate 13%

# (4,1) Giuseppe e Francesco Principiano DOCG Barolo 2015 (100% Nebbiolo)

ITALY

Elegant, with an intense red color and garnet highlights. A warm, balanced and persistent Barolo. Aromas of rose pedals, violets, black and blue berries. It is fresh linear and balanced. This was a great vintage. The fourth generation owners have the 8 hectares of vineyards in Monforte and Sarralunga d' Alba. 14.5%

### (2,7) Castello dei Rampolla 2016 Chianti Classico (Sangiovese, Canaiolo)

ITALY

Family owned since 1739 and using biodynamic methods, this is one the great Chianti properties. Poised & balanced, with enticing floral aromas and pure red fruit flavors, this offers chewy black cherry and red plum sensations and vibrant acidity, with undertones of leafy herbs and baking spices. Aged for 12 mos. in large Slavonian oak casks, with small percentages of Cab.t Sauvignon & Merlot, this is pleasurable now and will improve for several more years in bottle. 13.5%

# (5,5) Domaine Raspail-Ay, 2018 Gigondas

FRANCE

(80% Granache, 15% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre)

Dominique Ay, the proprietor of this 40-acre domaine in the Southern Rhone produces only 8000 cases of this superb Gigondas annually. Perfume of black raspberry, cherry compote, tobacco, lavender and spices. Ripe, generous and rich on the palate with notes of dark fruits and licorice and black pepper. Silky tannins, ripe and supple, are mellowed by 20 months minimum in huge ancient oak foudres followed by additional aging in demi-muids. Impressive. Will pair with the heartiest of fare. 15%

# (2,6) Michele Satta, Bolgheri Rosso 2020

ITALY

(30% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 10% Syrah, 10% Teroldego) This boasts aromas of red berry, Mediterranean herb and green peppercorn. The juicy bright palate offers raspberry, cinnamon and white pepper alongside lithe tannins and fresh acidity. The Maremma vineyards benefit from being close to the sea and its cool breezes. 13.5%

### (3,2) Julien Sunier 2019 Morgon (100% Gamay)

FRANCE

This wine hails from two different parcels, both of which are 50+ years of age. Like all of his wines, the Morgon is fermented in cement and raised in older Burgundy casks that Julien buys from his old mentor, Christophe Roumier in Chambolle. The 2016 is beautifully expressive already on both the nose and palate, with the bouquet wafting from the glass in a fine blend of cranberries, red plums, lovely soil tones, violets, bonfires and a touch of mustard seed in the upper register. On the palate the wine is fullish, tangy and still young, with fine intensity of flavor, moderate tannins, good acids and a long, tangy and youthful finish. 13.5%

# (3,7) Domaine Pierre Usseglio et Fils Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2016

**FRANCE** 

(80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, 5% Mourvedre)

Attractive freshness and power, this typifies what is great about the great new benchmark 2016 vintage. It carries the ripeness well. Dark berries and flowers leaf to ripe plums and succulent, long tannins carrying abundant, ripe, dark fruit. Big flavor in the finish. 15%

# (3,1) Domaine de la Vieille Julienne Live-dit-Clavin, Côtes du Rhône 2016

FRANCE

(75% Grenache, 10% Gnsault, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre and 5% other miscellaneous varieties) Midnight black core with a deep dark red black tinge. Pronounced aromas of ripe black raspberries, black cherries and licorice ascend from the glass with an undercard of herbs du Provence, subtle earth and spice. Boasting fantastic purity of fruit, the tremendously rich, concentrated, full-bodied palate is saturated with the same flavours revealed in the nose. Opulent chewy mouthfeel with sturdy, muscular underbelly finishing slightly firm. Adding nuance and complexity are elements of dried meats, scorched earth, subtle herbs du Provence and spicy pepper. Ripe structural tannins. A brilliant Chateauneuf-du-Pape lookalike. 14.5%

# (3,6) Domaine A. et P. de Villaine Les Montots, 2016 Mercurey (Pinot Noir)

FRANCE

In the Mercurey region in the Côte Chalonnaise of Burgundy, these Pinot Noir vines are 40-50 years old, making for concentrated juice and a beautiful Old World expression of the varietal. 13%

# **NEW WORLD**

# (6,2) Band of Vintners 2017 Consortium Napa Cabernet Sauvignon

CALIFORNIA

(85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc)

Made by a group of Napa Valley winemakers and industry folk who gather monthly to talk wine, including Dan Petroski and Stephane Vivier, this is impressive at any price, overdelivering in every way. The 2017 vintage is one of great complexity and finesse. Intense cassis and blackberry aromas make for an intriguing and elegant nose. This wine is fresh and balanced on the palate, with a very fine and spicy texture. it is layered with black pepper and blue fruit. Aged 15 months in French Oak. 14.5%

# (1,2) Mauritson 2019 Dry Creek Zinfandel CA

(85% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Syrah) This wine opens to an engaging bouquet of fresh blackberry, lilac blossom, powdered sugar and a pulse of dried herb. Black cherry, shavings of vanilla pod with ground coffee marry perfectly with the refined tannins and beautiful staying power of this wine! Enjoy for the next 7-10 years. 14.75%

# (6,3) Martin Woods, Havlin Vineyard 2017 Pinot Noir

OREGON

Unfined and unfiltered. Aged 22 months, including 12 months on lees in both Oregon and French oak. Dusty earth and spice, bright cranberry and cherry, with vibrant freshness and length; resolved and integrated tannin structure. Classic cool climate pinot noir. 13.6%

# (2,4) Sean Thackrey Pleiades XXVIII NV CALIFORNIA

Non Vintage blend  $\bar{k}$  nown only to the late Sean Thackrey, a self-taught master, fully reliant on his intuition and senses

With his passing on May 30, 2022, other than what may be cellaring, there will be no more wines coming from Sean Thackrey's iconoclastic company. The 28th iteration of Pleiades, like those before it, is a wine whose varieties, their blend, the vineyards, and vintages, were known only to him. His non-vintage blends combine red and wine grapes from various regions of California. 14.4%

This one was described by Sean this way:

"The object of Pleiades is to be delicious, delight the jaded, irritate the Wine Police and go well with anything red wine goes with. Fragrant when first opened, the 28th edition, bottled in November 2020, is deep and voluptuous, becoming far more subtle and complex as time goes by. A wine truly greater than the sum of its parts."

Sean was the antithesis of a corporate winemaker and will be missed.

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# MORE REDS

# (1,1) Walt 2018 La Brisa Sonoma (Pinot Noir) CALIF

Articulating the signature characters of Sonoma: vibrant and opulent with underlying brightness and length to the palate. Teeming with ripe red berries & spicy toasted aromas, the wine is lush and persistent on the mid-palate, long-lasting and delicate on the finish. The vineyards in the La Brisa blend, each blessed with cool maritime conditions and limiting soil profiles, are farmed meticulously for low yields and balance in order to capitalize on their distinctive sites. The wines are never racked and during the long malolactic fermentation, they top and stir each barrel weekly. Prior to bottling, they blend the wines without fining or filtering. 14%

# (1,3) Zuccardi Zeta 2014

MENDOZA. ARGENT

(Malber 85%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15%) This blend presents intense red-violet color, a complex nose that highlights ripe black fruit aromas such as blueberries and blackberries; and subtle herbal notes. Round in mouth with firm and mature tannins that give structure to the wine. Fresh and elegant due to great acidity. Long finish. 15.1%

# WHITES

# **OLD WORLD**

# (C1) Abbazia di Novacella Praepositus 2019 (Kerner) ITALY

Abbazia was founded in 1142 by the Augustinian Order of Canons Regular. The Augustinians are not monks in the most familiar sense: although they have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to their superiors, they also work to support themselves as a part of their community—the Abbey not only grows grapes for winemaking, but also apples & vegetables; there is also a small school devoted primarily to studies of viticulture. The abbey's reputation as a winery is stellar & international. In 2009, Italy's influential *Gambero Rosso* named Celestino Lucin, the abbey's enologist "Winemaker of the Year". This Kerner is stunningly clean and interesting, showing electric acidity, a creamy minerality and brilliant citrus & tropical flavors and aromas. Big structure, un-oaked, and very food-friendly. 14%

# (C2) Avanthia, Avanthia Godello 2015 Galicia (Valdeorras) (Godello)

SPAIN

The lesser-known Godello grape of Spain brings lemon & chamomile forward to the nose and on through the palate. Nuanced new oak delivers delicately creamy, perfect texture w/an ethereal finish. 13.5%

# (C3) Domaine Des Baumard 2018 Savennières (Chenin Blanc)

FRANCE

Domaine des Baumard produces some of the finest examples of Savennières. Jean Baumard, and now his son, Florent, are universally regarded as the finest winemakers in the appellation. Their wines are among the most unique and rewarding in the world: honeyed, dry whites of unmatched concentration, perfume, and longevity. 13%

### (C4) Emile Beyer, Tradition, 2018 Alsace FRANCE

(Gewürztraminer) Family winemaking estate since 1580–14 generations! With a touch of residual sugar, this "Gewürtz" is off-dry & wonderfully balanced with firm crisp acids. Aromas & flavors of flowers, citrus, & honey. Nice minerality. 13%

# (C18) Cantine Bosoni Lunae, "Etichetta Nero" ITALY 2020 Vermentino (Colle di Luni)

The prestigious Gambero Rosso named this benchmark producer's wine Italy's White Wine of the Year. The "Black Label" is a selection from older vines on hillsides with lean clay soils. The traditional characteristics of vermentino are enhanced by the cold maceration on

the skins which translates into richer and more complex sensations on the nose and in the mouth. All stainless steel, no oak. 3 months on lees. Aromas range from spring flowers to acacia blossom honey and golden apple. Crisp with a touch of saltiness on the finish. 13.5%

# (C9) Jean-Marc Brocard, FRAN 2019 Vau de Vay, Premier Cru Chablis (Chardonnay)

Vanilla and crisp minerality play together in this ripe wine with a steely core. Intense acidity, a lively, bright texture plus a flinty edge that will allow it to age well. Brocard is a pioneer in Burgundy in embracing biodynamic farming practices. 13%

# (C5) Broglia, Bruno, 2017 Gavi (Piedmont) (Cortese)

If Barolo and Barbaresco are Italy's answers to claret, then Gavi di Gavi is its reply to Chablis. Cortese is an indigenous variety that produces delicate, herbaceous and apple-scented whites. Medium-bodied, dry, medium acidity, moderate-high intensity, medium-long finish, peach, almond, wet stones. 12.5%

# (C16) Caiarossa Bianco IGT 2015 (Viognier & Chardonnay)

ITALY

Rhône meets Tuscany: an elegant blend of Viognier and Chardonnay from this Tuscan estate's chalkiest terroir. Vinified and matured in old French oak to enhance its complexity. The nose is redolent of stone fruits, with a honeyed, waxy quality and hints of white pepper. The palate shows surprising restraint, with a lean, crisp and utterly refreshing finish. This release will continue to evolve, but it is showing so much aromatic complexity and beautiful structure right now it's hard to resist. Fully organic and biodynamic. 13.5%

# (C17) Chateau de la Cree "Les Tourelles" 2018 FRANC

(100% Chardonnay) Fresh and youthful with expressive notes of melon, white flowers, and linen. The palate is electric with layers of stone fruit and white peach. The mouthwatering mineral-driven finish is long and persistent. A beautiful Premier Cru Chardonnay from the Côte Chalonnaise region of Burgundy! 13%

### (C21) Paul Cherrier Sancerre 2019 (100% Sauvignon Blanc) FRANCE

This estate is located in the tiny, picturesque village of Verdigny, just northwest of the town of Sancerre. The hilltop parcels are planted on rocky Kimmeridgian limestone, that ancient ocean bed underpinning the Grand Cru vineyards of Chablis. This terroir produces wines of incredible length, purity, and minerality. The amount of clay in the soils varies by parcel and elevation, providing them with richer, fruitier Sauvignon Blanc and fruit that is more linear and mineral. 13%

# (C6) Joh. Jos. Christoffel, Erben Urziger Wurzgarten Spatlese, 2017 Mosel (Riesling)

GERMANY

From the region's steep slopes and of old ungrafted rootstock, this wine has attractive floral, apple and hazelnut aromas. The delicate texture of peach fruit is paired with vibrant acidity. Crisp, well-balanced, and eminently drinkable. 7.5%

# (C8) Conreria d'Scala Dei Black Slate La Morera, 2015 Priorat Blanca

(93% Garnatxa Blanca, 7% Pedro Ximénez) While chalky soils are not common in the Priorat, you can find them at higher elevations in the villages of Escaladei & La Morera as they border the limestone-rich Montsant range. A short period on the skins before pressing gives La Morera a textural quality to its apricot & herbal flavors, reminiscent of the Les Brugueres in miniature, while the soils make themselves known in the elegant & mineral backbone of the wine. 4000 bottles produced. 13%

# (C10) Dopff au Moulin Reserve 2019 Alsace (Pinot Gris) FRANCE

Med.-dry Pinot Gris from some of Alsace's finest vineyards. Subtle spiced apple aromas; intense, slightly exotic flavours; long, full finish. An excellent food wine. The current winemaker represents the 11th generation producing w/the Dopff family vineyards dating back to 1574. 13%

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## (C11) Adega Eidos, Eidos de Padriñán 2018 Rías Baixas (Galicia) (Albariño)

Super-crisp wine is light-bodied with flavors of mineral, green apples, hints of white pepper and a dry finish. 13%

# (C12) Marco Felluga 2018 Collio Russiz Superiore (Pinot Grigio)

ITALY

Golden yellow in color with glimmers of copper. Pronounced aromas of ripe apples and pears with a whiff of broom. In the mouth, a citrusapple fruitiness plays off a crisp acidity that lingers on the palate. Aged on lees for 8 months. The world is awash in undistinguished Pinot Grigio wines. This is not one of them. 13.5%

# (C-23) Chateau Fortia 2020 Châteauneuf-di-Pape Blanc

**FRANCE** 

(60% Roussanne , 30% Clairette, 10% Grenache Blanc )

Only two hectares of their estate are devoted to making white CNdP and this estate's blend is very unique. Instead of being more typically dominated by Grenache Blanc with Roussanne second and with Clairette in particular playing a supporting role, this "upside down" blending gives Roussanne the starring role and Grenache Blanc in the spot Clairette is normally found. Pronounced mineral notes. Dried apricots and hints of spice weaving across the palate. 13.5%

# (C7) Domaine Gassier "Nostre Païs" Blanc 2019 Costières de Nimes

FRANCE

(65% Grenache Blanc, 20% Clairette, 7.5% Viognier, 7.5% Roussanne)

Pale yellow wine tinted green with complex aromas of floral and mineral notes with accents of fresh citrus and lively, fresh flavors of peaches and plums. Refreshing and thirst-quenching with a soft dry finish and a great deal of minerality. Organic. 13.5%

# (C13) Inama, Vigneti di Foscarino 2020 Soave Classico (Veneto) (Garganega)

ITALY

Intense yellow Soave with mineral, earth, and subtle citrus notes, from the smaller, historic portion (hence "Classico") of the greater Soaveproducing region. 12.5%

### (C19) Gustav Lorentz Alsace 2021 Riesling

This Riesling Reserve has a pale-yellow color, with an expressive nose filled with citrus and white flower aromas. It has a lively attack, a refreshing acidity with a lot of lime and notes of granny smith apple, with a great structure. Fruity with a clean and dry finish. 12.3%

# (C27) Marchese Incisa Della Rochetta 2017 Roero DOCG Arneis (100% Arneis)

ITALY

A terroir-driven wine, grown in the sandy soils of the Roero hills in Piemonte. Straw yellow, it expresses an unrivaled fruitiness, a delicate freshness and minerality. Immediate notes of caramel, tangerine and honeysuckle; middle notes of acacia, green apple and cedar. Palate: Full-bodied, smooth, crisp. Though aromas are sweet, the taste is far from it. Stone fruits & canteloupe; grapefruit & fresh almonds. Fresh, with great persistence. 12%

### (C29) Pojer & Sandri (Veneto) ITALY "Palai" 2020 (100% Muller Thurgau)

Intense yellow Soave with mineral, earth, and subtle citrus notes, from the smaller, historic portion (hence "Classico") of the greater Soaveproducing region. 12.5%

### (C20) Shaya Habis, 2017 Verdelho (Rueda)

A 100% old vine Verdejo w/pungent aromas of fresh herbs, pear skin, lime, lees and spicy oak. Juicy and brisk, with tangy acids giving shape and lift to the oak-accented grapefruit, pear and smoke flavors. Finishes sweet, toasty and long, with a hint of anise. Fermented and aged in 500- and 600-liter French oak casks, all of them new. 13.5%

### (C24) Tasca d'Almerita Mozia Grillo 2020 (100% Grillo)

From the tiny Sicilian Island of Mozia where the vineyard makes up 40 of the 98 total acres; this is the only wine produced there. The grapes are harvested slightly before they reach full maturation, so as to preserve some degree of acidity and maintain the freshness of the palate and the longevity that the white wine of Mozia has demonstrated over the years. Hawthorn, citrus, white stone fruit and an inviting whiff of pastry dough form the nose. Savory and boasting a polished texture, the vibrant palate features Meyer lemon, white peach and yellow apple alongside a briny mineral note. Crisp acidity keeps it energized and balanced. 14%

### (C14) Tiberio Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2020

From old vines, inland from the seaside town Pescara, Clear, brilliant, light yellow with green tinges. Fresh aromas of apricot, grapefruit, jasmine and orange blossom, anise. Crisp and clean w/zippy aromas and flavors of green apple, anise & almond. Finishes w/noteworthy balance, length & sneaky concentration. Excellent with seafood. 13%

# (C15) Stadlmann Thermenregion 2021 Gruner Veltliner

**AUSTRIA** 

This traditional Austrian varietal finds in the Thermenregion the perfect environment of soil and climate in order to develop its distinctive flavours and spice. The brisk acidity and hearty fruitiness make this wine easy to pair with a wide range of food. In the nose, blossom scent, green apple and white pepper are evident. Flavours of pine apple and delicate herbal spice present on the palate. An elegant and lively texture with a well integrated yet refreshing acidity. 13%

# **NEW WORLD**

# (C28) Chasing Harvest 2019 South Island Riesling

**NEW ZEALAND** 

Chasing Harvest was created by husband and wife Michael Kush and Jennifer Kingen Kush from Chicago. "Chasing harvest" is a wine industry term that describes travel between the northern and southern hemispheres for extra vintage seasons in one year. Sourced from a single vineyard located in the heart of the Bannockburn subregion of Central Otago, this wine was crafted using experiences gained in the Mosel, Germany as well as in the New World. Hand-harvested and ripe clusters with minimal botrytis were sorted in the winery; the fruit destemmed and crushed was left to macerate on the skins overnight. Gently pressed the next day; after cold-settling, the wine was racked to very old neutral french oak barrels. Fermented long and cool, the wine was left with a very minimal amount of residual sugar to balance with the acidity. The wine remained on its lees over the course of the winter before being bottled in the spring. Only 45 cases produced! 12.5%

# (C22) Mount Eden Old Vines Wolff Vineyard 2019 Chardonnay

Captivating aromas of yeasty baking bread, lime zest, wild sage. Full concentration on the palate without heaviness; the finish echoes the complexity of the aromas with a touch of oak and minerality. 13.8%

ROSES

# (C25) Pasquale Pellisero Crosè 2017 (100% Nebbiolo)

LUCCA, ITALY

A hearty rosato made from the grape behind Barolo and Barbaresco. It has a bright character with ripe cherry-berry fruit balanced by crisp acidity. While structured, it's also very drinkable. 13.5%

# (C26) Fattoria Sardi IGT Toscana Rosato 2021, Colline Lucchesi

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# **SPARKLING**

# (C35) Charles Ellner "Carte Blanche" NV Champagne

EPERNAY, FRANCE

(30% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonay, 40% Pinot Meunier)

At first austere in structure, with rapier acidity. Flavors of black currant, slivered almond, white peach & candied lemon peel, intense and tightly knit, expand on the palate and linger in the vibrant, spiced finish. Fermented in stainless-steel tanks to preserve fresh fruit flavors , then left on their lees for a minimum of 4 yrs. to allow the wines to soften a bit, and fill out, and become beautifully drinkable upon release. 12%

# (C34) Cleto Chiarli Brut di Noir

ITALY

Rose Spumante VSQ (Grasparossa 85%, Pinot Noir 15%)

From the oldest producer in all of the Emilia-Romagna DOC this lovely effervescent rosé is made from Pinot Noir and the native Grasparossa variety –a sparkling rosé bearing a purity of red fruit ranging from bright red currants and strawberries to bright and brambly fruits of the forest. It has a lovely creamy texture and bears remarkably fine and persistent bubbles for a sparkling wine that spends its Prise de Mousse in Cuve Close. Its charm and elegance is proof of quality fruit from old vines, long fermentations in cool cellars, and a diligent attention to each detail at every turn. 11%

# SBE L Mawby, Blanc de Blanc, NV

SUTTONS BAY, MICH.

(Chardonnay) Larry Mawby is one of the most ambitious wine makers in northern Michigan's Leclenau County. His bottles have silenced naysayers who thought that sparkling wines of such quality could not come from the sandy hills overlooking Lake Michigan. We are impressed. Pale silvery golden with medium bubbles. Fruity baked peach, floral honey, & lemon tart aromas in a soft intro to a tart, but somewhat flat light-to-medium body. Racy kumquat and grapefruit notes and a wetstone- tinged finish. Nicely structured and seafood-friendly. 11%

# SBE Saint-Hilaire Brut 2019, Limoux

FRANCE

(Mauzac —locally known as Blanquette,— Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc)

Thought to be France's oldest sparking wine—made since at least 1531 by the Benedictine Monks at the Abbey of Saint-Hilaire at Limoux. This predates Champagne by over 100 years. Aromas of soft green apple, tangerine oil & faint yellow floral notes accented with hints of lavender. Medium carbonation and flavors of pear & apple. A hidden gem. 12%

# (C33) Adami Bosco di Gica, Valdobbiadene DOCG Prosecco Superiore NV

ITALY

Nose: Rich, with excellent fruit, releasing scents of yellow apple & peach, and notes of wisteria & acacia blossom. Wonderful balance and elegance complement a pleasurable crisp spiciness. Palate: Delicious vein of acidity, displaying crisp, savoury mouthfeel. Generous, lingering flavours nicely mirror the nose and achieve perfect balance. 11%

# SMALL FORMAT SPARKLING

### La Luca Rose Prosecco DOC NV

ITALY

(88% Glera, 12% Pinot Noir) Aromas of strawberries, cranberries and hibiscus. Bright acidity with strawberry notes on the palate. 11% SPLIT 187 ML — \$11

### **Scarpetta Frico Frizzante**

ITALY

This sparkling wine inspired by Prosecco is a blend of Trebbiano, Glera and Chardonnay. With light refreshing bubbles and flavors of crisp green apples and pear. Crisp and clean 10% 250 ML CAN — \$6.50

# Segura Viudas NV Brut Cava

SPAIN

(50% Macabeo, 30% Xarel-lo, 20% Parellada) A toasty, earthy, dry & refreshing sparkling wine long known as one of the great values in the category. Lovely yeasty notes on the nose with some toasted apple and almond on the finish. 11.5% SPLIT 187 ML—\$10

Reds - \$50 Whites - \$40 Rosé - \$40 Sparkling - \$40

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# **BOURBON**

Four Roses Single Barrel	13 14 14
RYE High West Double Rye Rittenhouse Straight Rye Whiskey Whistle Pig 10yr	. 9
WHISKEY  Jameson, Triple Distilled	
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH  Balvenie, 12yr Double Wood (Speyside)  Auchentoshan, Three Wood (Lowlands)  Laphroaig, 10yr (Islay)  GlenDronach 12 yr (Highland)  Longrow (Campbelltown)  Dewars, White Label	17 15 16 15
RUM Zaya, 16yr (Trinidad and Tobago)	10
VODKA North Shore Vodka	. 9
GIN/GENEVER  Maplewood Spruce Gin	. 9
TEQUILA El Mayor Reposado	
BRANDY/COGNAC/ARMAGNAC/CALVADOS  Laird's Applejack	1 <i>4</i> 15 18
PORT Warre's Warrior Port Warre's Otima 10-Yr Tawny Port	15
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