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Hopleaf is beer-centric but we love wine too!

From Aug. 14, 2024



# WINES ON TAP 🕮

#### WHITES

#### 2022 GRÜNER VELTLINER —Pratsch

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.

#### 2023 MUSCADET—Chereau Carré

100% Melon de Bourgogne. Tastes clean with crisp acidity and bright, fresh minerality. Nice nose of apple and citrus with long lasting aftertaste. Simple but brilliant. A fantastic pairing with our mussels! 12%

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

#### 2022 BORDEAUX BLANC AOC —Chateau La Freynelle France

60% Sauv. Blanc, 30% Semillon, 10% Muscadelle. Family-owned since 1789. Brilliant transparent yellow with green highlights. Intensely aromatic with lemon, grapefruit and white peach from the Sauvignon, with honeysuckle and acacia flowers from the Muscadelle. Crispy and fruity on the palate with a nice long finish. 13.5% Quarter \$16. Half \$32. 750mL \$44.

#### **REDS**

#### 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON —True Myth

83% Cab Sauv., 11% Edna Valley Syrah, 6% Petite Syrah. 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. Very approachable; rich yet smooth. Aged 18 mos. in new French & American oak casks. 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.

#### 2022 RESERVA MALBEC —Santa Julia Mendoza, Argentina

An alluring bouquet of dark fruits, such as ripe blackberries and plums, elegantly intertwined with hints of mocha, tobacco, and a subtle touch of vanilla from its aging in French oak barrels. A full-bodied wineå that delivers a complex and layered tasting experience, with a velvety texture and robust tannins that are beautifully balanced by a vibrant acidity. 13.9%

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

#### NV CÔTES DU RHONE — Domaine de la Patience

Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Mourvedre. 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.

#### ROSE

#### 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 late Aug thru mid Sept. 12.5%

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

#### 2023 TRIENNES ROSÉ —Vin de Pays de Méditérranée France

Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah, Merlot. On the palate the wine is bright with notes of red berry fruits, lemon zest, refreshing acidity and a touch of minerality. 13%

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

#### **VERMOUTH**

#### ATXA VINO VERMOUTH ROJO —Destlerias Acha

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 & wild herbs framed by bitter components and a markedly wild berry fruit 15% 4 oz. Glass \$12. 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 instead we have a one-price list :

All Reds are \$60 All Whites & Rosés are \$50.

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%....



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.

#### Red

(4,2) Tenuta di Valgiano, Palistorti 2021
Colline Lucchesi (60% Sangiovese; 40% a mix of Cigliegiolo,
Canaiolo, Colorino, Barbera, Tazzelenghe, Syrah, and Merlot.)
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%

#### (4,7) Buonamico, Cercatoja, 2018 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

(50% Trebbiano, 25% Vermentino, 25% Malvasia & Grechetto)
Hand-harvested estate-grown grapes. Aromatically rich:
white flowers, citrus rind, fresh almonds, cut grass. Mediumbodied. Fermented in French oak barrels and aged on lees for six
months. Only 5,000 bottles produced! 13%

#### Rosé

#### (C26) Fattoria Sardi 2023 IGT Toscana Rosato Colline Lucchesi (Organic Sangiovese & Ciliegiolo)

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%

# ROSÉS

#### (C25) Hippolyte Reverdy 2023 Sancerre Rose Fra

(100% Pinot Noir) It's hard to imagine a wine as refreshing and enlivening as Reverdy's Sancerre, but the domaine's Sancerre Rosé gives their classic white a serious run for its money. Vigneronne Julie Guiard uses direct-press Pinot Noir vinified in stainless steel to create this snappy, saline expression of Sancerre's stony soils. Delicate aromas of tart cranberry and white cherry set it apart; it's an all-star apéritif just as much as their iconic blanc. 13.5%

(C26) Fattoria Sardi In the Lucca Wines section above! Lucca, Italy

#### (C31) Bodegas Pinuaga Rose de la Tierra de Castilla 2022 (85% Tempranillo/Cencibel 15% Grenache) Spa

Organic; from a small vineyard planted with 70-year-old vines. The result of the hard work of Pilar Garcia Granero and Esther Pinuaga, two female winemakers who believe that Spain is one of the best places to make authentic Saigné Rosé. "We made this rosé like ourgrandmothers used to cook: slowly with much care and love." Fresh berries and lively acidity combine for a joyous wine to drink. 12.5%

# REDS

#### **Old World**

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

Italy

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, & licorice while firm, polished tannins lend structure & smooth mouthfeel. 14.5%

#### (2,1) Alpha Estate Ecosystem Xinomavro Reserve Vieilles Vignes Single Block 2020 "Barba Yannis"

Greece

(100% Xinomavro) Xinomavro is an indigenous grape variety of Northern Greece; these vines were planted in 1919. The wine is *sur lies* for 24 mos. with regular stirring, then 24 mos. in new Allie-Jupilles French oak casks, and 12 mos. in bottle before release. No treatment or filtration before bottling. Complex nose with bouquet of sundried tomatoes, smoky black fruits, strawberries, dark cherries, licorice, spices. Full-bodied, with rich fruit depth of blackberries, plums, herbaceous hints and oak on the back. Solid, velvety tannins and long aftertaste with persistent aromas. 14%

(2,3) Alto Moncayo 2020 Campo de Borja (Garnacha) Spain Rich, full-bodied & muscular, this wine of riveting intensity pours inky-purple. Smoky, charred & minerally on the nose, w/balsamic berry aroma & lots of dark spice. A region of relatively new interest among wine lovers. 16%

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

The product of a totally unexpected discovery in northern Tuscany's San Miniato, of centuries-old tempranillo grapevines in an ancient vineyard. Cuttings were sent to a lab in Piemonte for DNA analysis that revealed their ancient origin. That the 8th Century pilgrimage path, the Via Francigena, passes through this property may explain 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, brought to the drying loft and allowed to dry naturally until mid-October, reducing 25% of their weight. 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 aged another 12 mos. 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 & sweet spices. Full-bodied with nice complexity, strong tannins but not drying. Full, round mouthfeel with a long, great finish. 15.5%

#### (3,4) Chateau Blaignan 2018 Medoc

France

(55% Cobernet 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%

#### 4,4) Ferrer Bobet, 2018 Priorat

Spain

(65% Carinena, 35% Garnacha) Glorious, floral bouquet with purest 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%

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Italy

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France

Italy

#### (1,5) Boscarelli Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

2020 (85% Sangiovese Prugnolo Gentile, 15% blend of Colorino, Canaiolo, Mammolo) Deep ruby with garnet hues. Structured and complex, with a lovely nose of dried herbs, leather, earth, vanilla and strawberry, jam and plenty of plummy, flavorful fruit on the palate. 14%

#### (6,3) Château Boutisse France Grand Cru 2020 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, 20% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 5% Croatina, 5% Oseleta) This is a *Ripasso*—"repassed". A portion of the grapes are de-stemmed, crushed and pressed immediately; the remainder are left to dry until November when they are vinified, then macerated for 20 days. In Ianuary, 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 w/a hint of vanilla & tobacco. Warm, persistent flavors, velvety, harmonious. 13.9%

#### (5,2) Caiarossa Pergolaia 2019 IGT Toscana

(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%

#### (3,6) Maison Chanzy "Les Bussieres" 2019 Mercurey (100% Pinot Noir)

Black cherry and cassis penetrate from nose to finish in this fullbodied yet sharply angled wine. Matured 10 months in seasoned oak, its nuances of toast and spice allow strident, crunchy black-fruit flavors to stay clearly at the forefront. Fine, tufted tannins make this a wine that's welcoming now through 2026 at least. 13.5%

#### (5,1) Contessa 2021 DOC Montelpulciano d'Abruzzo

(100% Montepulciano) Aged in oak barrels for a period of over 12 months, after which it rests in bottle for at least 4 months. This wine immerses the nose with an extraordinary breadth of mature and concentrated aromas – plums and figs integrated with notes of spice. On the palate, this wine reveals its Montepulcian origins with well-bodied and persistently powerful tannins. 13.5%

#### (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%

#### (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 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 classic example starts 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 2012 Schioppettino DOC

Made from 100% Schioppettino grapes, harvested in a vineyard 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. 13.5%

#### (4,3) Domaine Guillot-Broux 2020 Bourgogne Rouge Les Genevrieres

(100% Pinot Noir) Manu Guillot and his family have lead the charge to restore historical sites Bourgogne, and have insisted on organic farming since he took over in 1978. Bursting with aromas of raspberries, plums, violets, sweet soil tones and licorice, the beautiful 2020 Bourgogne Pinot Noir is medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, with supple tannins, lively acids and an unusually charming, sensual profile for a cuvée. 12.5%

#### (5,3) Herdade de São Miguel 2021 Escolha dos Enólogos

(50% Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional))

During the growing season, cold and dry nights preserved the acidity, allowing the grapes to reach very balanced levels of phenolic maturation. Aged in French oak barrels for 9 mos. prior to bottling. Deep ruby hue with violet hints, along with complex aromas of ripe red fruits, wildflowers, spices, vanilla and toasted notes. On the palate, it is well-balanced with nice structure, smooth tannins, and a rich taste of fruits and spices. Balanced acidity and fine tannins. 14.5%

#### (2,2) R. Lopez de Heredia Viña Bosconia, 2012 Rioja

(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%

#### (1,6) Monte Zovo 2016 Amarone della Valpolicella

(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%

#### (3,5) Domaine Jean Claude Marsanne "Syrah Mauve" 2020 (Syrah)

You may not hear the words "crushable" and "Syrah" used together that often, but here they are. Young vines, sulfur-free vinification, short élevage in stainless-steel tank, alcohol level kept in check-all the elements seem to have aligned to make the perfect juicy, black-fruited, violet-packed, fun, and crisp Syrah. 13%

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

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% Reds continue on next page

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Spain

**Portugal** 

Italy

France

Italy



#### (4,1) Giuseppe e Francesco Principiano 2018 DOCG Barolo (100% Nebbiolo)

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Elegant, with an intense red color and garnet highlights. A warm, balanced and persistent Barolo. Aromas of rose petals, 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, 2020 Bolgheri Rosso

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 2021 Morgon (100% Gamay) France

Made from Gamay grapes cultivated on the elevated slopes of single vineyards, including Aux Perrets, Croix de Chèvre, Oeillat, Bellevue, en Janin, en Ruyère, and en l'Evêque, all within the Morgon appellation. The vines are, on average, 60 years old and thrive in a mix of granite, quartz, and sand. After 8–11 months of maturation in used barrique casks, it reveals its elegant and full-bodied character, characterized by notes of black cherries and a subtle hint of spices and violet on the nose. Silky tannins, complemented by a harmonious balance of acidity and a long vibrant finish. 12%

#### (1,4) Terra Costantino de Aetna 2017

Sicily, Italy

(80% Nerello Mascalese, 10% Nerello Cappuccio)

Beautifully balanced, rustic and elegant—the versatility of this wine encapsulates the fervor that surrounds Etna's boutique producers. Introduce yourself to Sicilian wine, and believe the hype. Fruit comes from the estate's carefully tended Certified Organic vineyard on the southeast slope of Mount Etna. Grapes are harvested by hand; wine aged in stainless steel and large oak casks prior to bottling. 13.5%

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

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%

#### (6,1) Valles di Lavia 2020 Valle Del Aceniche (100% Monastrell)

Spain

Winemaker Laura Ramos is a rising star winemaker whose intrepid vision of dry-farmed, organic vineyards ranging from 50 to over 100 years of age has completely transformed the identity of both Monastrell and the Bullas region as a whole. A crunchy and drinkable monastrell with an engaging white pepper note to the wild strawberries, red dates and raspberries. Textured and juicy with elegant red berry flavors in the center palate with a fresh, medium-length finish. 15%

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

France

(75% Grenache, 10% Cinsoult, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre and 5% other miscellaneous varieties) Midnight black core tinged with a deep dark red 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 flavors revealed in the nose. Opulent chewy mouthfeel with sturdy, muscular underbelly finishing slighxzZtly firm. Adding nuance and complexity are elements of dried meats, scorched earth, subtle herbes du Provence and spicy pepper. Ripe structural tannins. A brilliant Chateauneuf-du-Pape lookalike. 14.5%

#### **New World**

#### (6,2) Band of Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon

California

(76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 5% 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 wine is impressive at any price, over-delivering in every way. Intense cassis and blackberry aromas make for an intriguing and elegant nose. 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

(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%

#### (3,3) Minimus Origin Johan 2015 (100% Pinot Noir)

This single vineyard Pinot Noir is truly something special. The Johan Vineyard is one of the coldest growing sites in the valley, with morning fog and cooling ocean air snaking through the Van Duzer corridor directly from the coast. These sea breezes impart a saline character to the fruit, and help to maintain acidity levels. The result is a bright wine, richly layered with vibrant acidity and silky tannins. 14%

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

California

Non-Vintage blend known 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 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."

The antithesis of a corporate winemaker, Sean is and will be missed.



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

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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 2020 Poligonos San Pablo (Malbec)

Mendoza, Argentina

Aged in concrete vessels, without passage through barrels, this has all the austerity that one usually associates with wines from calcareous soils of the Uco Valley. Notes of blackberry and blueberry, with hints of black pepper, oyster sauce and violets. Full-bodied and flavorful on the palate with ample, tight but caressing tannins. 13%

# WHITES

#### **Old World**

(C1) Abbazia di Novacella 2020 Praepositus (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, Avancia Godello 2020 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 2019 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, Les Traditions, 2022 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 Lunae Bosoni, "Etichetta Grigia" 2022 Vermentino (Colle di Luni) (100% Vermentino)

Italy

This "Grey Label" Vermentino is all about freshness and considered by many to be the best expression of true Ligurian Vermentino. Straw yellow with golden highlights, it opens with fresh and bright fruit, citrus, wild flowers and notes of acacia blossom honey. Crisp and elegant on the palate w/a touch of minerality on the finish. 13%

#### (C9) Jean-Marc Brocard, Fran 2022 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 "La Meirana" 2022 Gavi Piemonte, Italy

(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. Mediumbodied, dry, medium acidity, moderate-high intensity, medium-long finish, peach, almond, wet stones. 12.5%

#### (C16) Caiarossa 2021 Bianco IGT (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 2022 "Les Tourelles" France

(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 2022 Sancerre (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, 2019 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. 9%

#### (C10) Dopff au Moulin Reserve 2020 Alsace

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

#### (C12) Alois Lageder 2022 Tenutae Lageder 'Porer' (Pinot Grigio)

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The Alois Lageder family winery produces lively and crisp wines from Alto Adige, in Nothern Italy. Founded in 1823, today the winery is in the hands of the family's sixth generation. The winery is committed to biodynamic agriculture and has been farming the 135 acres family-owned vineyards biodynamically since 2004. An effusive nose of floral honey and summer meadows with a hint of vanilla. Ripe and open, yet bright and crisp with some positive tannins at the tantalizing finish. 12.5%



#### (C7) Domaine Douloufakis Apros Lagos Vidiano 2021

Crete, Greece

Single vineyard 100% Vidiano, an indigenous Cretan grape variety. Fermented and matured for at least 5 mos. (40% acacia wooden barrels /60% French Oak barrels.) Palate of lemon and juicy melon flavors are balanced by notes of petrol. Lovely, long-lasting finish. 14%

#### (C23) E. Guigal, Chateau de Nalys 2017 Châteauneuf-di-Papes Blanc

France

(3% Roussanne, 33% Grenache Blanc, 15% Clairette, 6% Bourboulenc, 3% Piquepoul) Guigal's mastery of growing and producing white wine varieties in the Rhône Valley is exemplified in this wine of immense breadth and power, elegance and expression. Intensely aromatic nose of white flowers, citrus and a touch of vanilla. On the palate its presence is undeniably penetrating, with a deep minerality. 14%

#### (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 Soave-producing region. 12.5%

#### (C19) Gustav Lorentz Alsace 2022 Riesling

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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%

#### (C11) Pazo Señorans 2022 Rias Baixas

Galicia, Spain

(100% Albariño) Pale yellow with greenish reflections. Medium-high intensity on the nose. Predominant primary aromas and Golden Delicious apple highlights are backed up with plenty of citric notes. Immaculate palate from start to finish: firm, well-tooled, flamboyant and well-structured, with a full and clean finish. Aged on lies for six months 12.5%

#### (C8) Domaine de la Pepiere 2022 Muscadet Sur Lie Clos de Briords Cuvée Vieilles Vignes (100% Melon de Bourgogne)

France

The 2022 Briords is beautifully defined on the nose with aromas of menthol, iodine, white orchard fruits and verbena. Perfectly balanced, medium-bodied, satiny and mineral, it's tense with bright acids and concludes with a mineral finish of crushed stones. A stunning, energetic, delicately tangy wine made from vines planted on granodioritegranite from Château-Thébaud. Certified biodynamic. 13%

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

Ital

From the Palai vineyard site above Faedo in Trentino-Alto Adige. At an elevation of 550-750 meters, the vineyard is well-ventilated from the winds that blow north off Lake Garda. The contrast between the temperatures during the day and at night are ideal for growing the Müller-Thurgau grape as the warm days provide perfect ripeness while the cool nights help the grapes retain their natural acidity. The wine is yellow with green tinges and the nose shows notes of peach and citrus with delicate mineral tones. Especially good with seafood. 12%

#### (C20) Hermanos del Villar Oro de Castilla 2022 Verdejo (Rueda) (100% Verdejo)

Spain

A family-owned winery with a strong focus on crafting exceptionally high-quality wines. Its origins trace back to 1955 when Pablo del Villar Escudero arrived in Rueda. Located at a high elevation, the vineyard is planted in a bed of river stones covering a limestone subsoil. Aromas of Meyer lemon and green apple are accented by suggestions of chalky minerals and sea salt. Dry and racy on the palate, offering lively citrus fruit and fresh fig flavors and a subtle touch of tarragon. 12.5%

#### (C24) Tasca d'Almerita, 2021 Mozia Grillo (100% Grillo) Sicily

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 2020 Trebbiano d'Abruzzo

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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 with zippy aromas and flavors of green apple, anise & almond. Finishes with noteworthy balance, length & sneaky concentration. Excellent with seafood. 13%

#### (C15) Stadlmann Thermenregion 2022 Gruner Veltliner

**Austria** 

This traditional Austrian varietal finds in the Thermenregion the perfect environment of soil and climate to develop its distinctive flavours and spice, brisk acidity and hearty fruitiness. The nose features blossoms, green apple and white pepper. Pineapple and delicate herbal spice flavours are revealed within an elegant and lively texture and well-integrated, refreshing acidity. 13%

#### **New World**

#### (C28) Chasing Harvest 2019 South Island Riesling

New Zealand

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 California 2020 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%



# **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 Rosé Spumante VSQ Italy

(Grasparossa 85%, Pinot Nero 15%) In the old days around Modena, the workers found refreshment in a light, pink, effervescent wine made from the runoff of grapes that were piled into carts for delivery to the winery. The Chiarli family pays homage to this old tradition with this Brut de Noir Rosé. Based on the Lambrusco Grasparossa grape variety, this wine gets its delightful pink hue from just a short period of skin contact, with 15% Pinot Nero. It's a fully sparkling wine, produced in a single fermentation in an autoclave— a piece of technology unavailable to those thirsty farmers of the past. 12%

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

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**

#### Bariano Prosecco DOC. (100% Glera)

Italy

Aromas of white flowers, pear, apple with a clear hint of sage. Light and refreshing with soft fruit notes of lemon and peach. 11% Split 187 ml - \$12

#### LaLuca Prosecco Rosé DOC (88% Glera, 11% Pinot Noir) Italy

Aromas of strawberry, cranberry, and hibiscus. Refreshing and well-balanced with bright acidity and a clean, off-dry finish. 11% Split 187 ml – \$12

#### **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 - \$10



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#### SPIRITS AT HOPLEAF

\* Not an exhaustive list-please ask your server or have a look at the bar \*

#### Bourbon

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Rittenhouse Straight Rye Whiskey	
Whistle Pig 10yr	5

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Uncle Nearest 1884
Single Malt Scotch
Balvenie, 12yr Double Wood (Speyside)
Auchentoshan, Three Wood (Lowlands)
Laphroaig, 10yr (Islay)

#### Rum

Vodka

Zaya, 16yr (Trinidad and Tobago)	10
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#### Gin/Genever

Maplewood Spruce Gin	10
North Shore Gin #11	9
Peket dè Houyeu	11

#### Teguila

El Mayor Reposado	. 10
El Mayor Añejo	. 10

#### Brandy/Cognac/Armagnac/Calvados

Pierre Ferrand, 1er Cru Ambre
Cerbois VSOP Bas Armagnac
Roger Groult Calvados Pays d'Auge
6-year Cantillon Kriek Cask-Aged
Claque-Pepin Fine Calvados

#### Port

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Warre's Warrior Port	. 15
Warre's Otima 10-Yr Tawny Port	12

#### Cordials, Liquors, Digestifs, Amari

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Amaro Lucano 10	Tuve Bitter 9	
Cappelletti Aperitivo9	Drambuie9	
Lazzaroni Amaretto10	Herbsaint 10	
Meletti Fernet9	Jepson's Malört 6	
Cocchi Storico Vermouth di Torino\$12		
Poli Gran Bassano Vermouth		