

WINE LIST



GARÇON BLEU

SO MANY WINES, SO MANY CHOICES

When compiling the wine list for Garçon Bleu, we decided that relationships, connections with food and most importantly, a sense of place were crucial to its design and structure. After all, these values are what we hold most dear and inspire us to achieve excellence when our guests arrive and stay for a culinary experience in our restaurant.

The wine list is compiled with our hearts unashamedly influenced by French heritage, and 'Terroir,' a Sense of Place and its connection to the wines produced and inspired by this philosophy.

There are so many wines, so many choices; for the sommelier to present and the guest to enjoy.

There are chances that a listed wine or vintage may not be available. This is likely because someone really enjoyed it. Our aim is to find something that you will enjoy, with food, with company, with love. Please don't hesitate in asking our staff for help in guiding you to a rewarding wine selection.

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And now for something slightly different: Our list is broken down to the main regions of France, and then Australia's (and some of our international friends) interpretation of those regions, grape varieties and styles*.

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A Disclaimer We acknowledge there are so many grape varieties and styles, so it can be quite daunting to present a detailed list to our guests. Because of this, some wines and styles may be omitted from time to time, and we may have some unlisted wines in our cellar. As we said, so many wines, so many choices.



WINES BY THE GLASS

	125ml	BTL
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut - Reims, Fr.	27	138
Veuve Clicquot Brut Rose - Reims, Fr.	32	164
Clover Hill Tasmanian Cuvee - Piper's River, Tas.	16	89
Howard Vineyard Sparkling Rose 2019 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	14	77

	150ml	BTL
Seppeltsfield Riesling 2021 - Watervale, S.A.	15	74
Deviation Road Sauvignon Blanc 2021 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	14	70
Vinteloper Fume Blanc 'Black Label' 2020 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	15	72
The Other Wine Co. Pinot Gris 2021 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	15	55
Ministry of Clouds Picpoul 2021 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	18	89
Domaine Jean Dauvissat Pere et fils Chablis AC 2018 - Chablis, Fr.	23	105
Heggies Vineyard Chardonay 2018 - Eden Valley, S.A.	15	76
Rockford White Frontignac 2021 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	16	60
Saint Max Cote De Provence Rosé 2019 - Provence, Fr.	17	69
Seppeltsfield Grenache Rose 2021 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	15	70
Dom. Collotte 'Cuvee de Noble Souche' 2019 - Bourgogne, Fr.	22	99
Château La Nerthe Cote du Rhone Rouge 'Les Cassagnes' 2019 - Fr.	17	69
Adelina Grenache 2020 - Clare Valley, S.A.	18	88
Beklyn Shiraz 2020 - Currency Creek, S.A.	15	70
Rudderless Vineyard Malbec 2018 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	18	86

	90ml	BTL
Mt. Horrocks Riesling 'C.C.' 375 ml 2021 - Clare Valley, S.A.	16	72
Château Filhot 375 ml. 2018 - Sauternes, Fr.	26	91
Château d'Yquem, 1er G.C.C, 1855 750 ml 2009 - Sauternes, Fr.	120	1190
Seppeltsfield Para RARE Tawny - Barossa Valley, S.A.	12	-

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

Once, in a region far, far away, Champagne only produced still wines. In fact, a well-known wine merchant in the 18th century stated that sparkling wine was “an abominable beverage and that bubbles were only proper for beer, chocolate and whipped cream.” lolz!

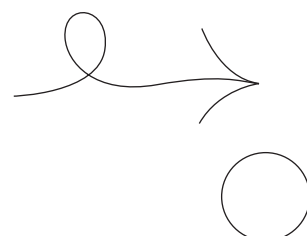
And yet these days the region is synonymous with Sparkles and Celebration.

So, Dom Perignon didn't invent Champagne. His Abbey was regarded for their still wines! But the romance of Dom Perignon and his “come quickly, I am drinking the stars” has endured, even though it is quite false.

The marketing of Champagne has been legendary, even to the point of most people believing that only three grapes are permitted to grow in the region (there are actually 7).

The Grand Marques and Grower Producers have crafted and marketed their wares to such quality, that we, the drinkers, are truly spoilt for choice. And Australia has, over the years, taken it's Sparkling Whites and Reds to internationally regarded quality too.

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CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

FRENCH NON-VINTAGE

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut	138
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut 1500 ml	320
Pol Roger Brut Réserve	150
Krug Grande Cuvée	480
Michel Gonet Blanc de Noirs '6g'	135
Veuve Cliquot Brut Rose	164
Ayala Rosé Majeur	165
Bollinger Rose	210
Taittinger 'Nocturne'	139

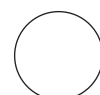
CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

VINTAGE

Louis Roederer Brut 'Cristal' 2013	598
Bollinger 'La Grande Année' 2012	476
Veuve Clicquot 'La Grande Dame' 2008	490
Pol Roger Cuvee 'Sir Winston Churchill' 2012	550
Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs 2008	580
Dom Pérignon P2 GB 2002	895
Perrier-Jouët Belle Époque Rose 2012	398
Billecart - Salmon Rose 'Cuvee Elizabeth Salmon' 2008	498

AUSTRALIAN NV, MV & V (& O.G. SPARKLING)

Clover Hill Tasmanian Cuvee – Piper's River, Tas.	89
Freycinet Vineyards 'Radenti R3' – Bicheno, Tas.	130
Howard Vineyard Sparkling Rose 2019 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	77
Hentley Farm Blanc de Noir 2021 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	59
Chandon Cuvee Riche (Doux) - Yarra Valley, Vic.	74
BK Wines Chardonnay Pétillant Naturel 2021 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	68
BK Wines Pinot Noir Pétillant Naturel 2021 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	68
Fox Creek Sparkling Blend 'Vixen' - McLaren Vale, S.A.	65



ALSACE

*RIESLING, PINOT BLANC
& GRIS, GEWÜRZTRAMINER*

Alsace is one of the great, under-appreciated treasures of the wine world. A cluster of small villages near the forested Vosges Mountains offers a wide range of varietally labelled wines, most of which are aromatic whites.

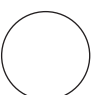
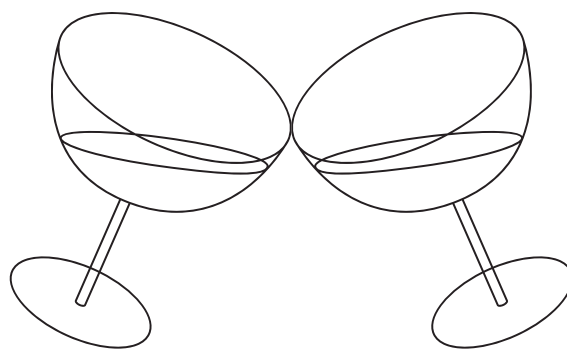
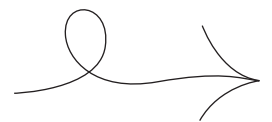
For much of its history, Alsace was Elsass and part of Germany. The local surnames and tall green bottles reflect this, along with the dominance of Riesling and the fragrant nature of many of the white wines made here.

Unlike in Germany, traditional winemaking philosophy in Alsace is to ferment all of the grape sugar into alcohol, resulting in dry, full-bodied wines (quite different in structure from Germany's lighter, sweeter counterparts).

Here, Riesling is king, but don't ignore the quality of Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Gewürztraminer.

ALSACE

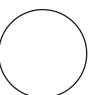
Jean – Luc Mader Riesling 2019	73
Domaine Josmeyer Riesling 'Le Kottabe' 2017	94
Famille Hugel Pinot Gris 'Grossi Laue' 2010	182
Famille Hugel Gentil 'Hugel' 2018	89
Trimbach Pinot Gris 'Reserve' 2016	88
Famille Hugel Gewürztraminer 'Classic' 2017	89



ALSACE

RELATED AUST & N.Z. GRAPES / STYLES

2021 Shaw and Smith Riesling - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	72
Adelina Polish Hill Riesling 2021 - Clare Valley, S.A.	59
Seppeltsfield Watervale Riesling 2021 - Clare Valley, S.A.	74
Kirrihill 'The Settler' Riesling 2021 - Clare Valley, S.A.	64
Vickery Reserve Watervale Riesling 2018 - Clare Valley, S.A.	68
Rieslingfreak Riesling No. 4 2021 - Eden Valley, S.A.	55
Henschke Riesling 'Julius' 2021 - Eden Valley, S.A.	89
Frogmore Creek Riesling 'F.G.R.' 2019 - Coal River Valley, TAS.	55
The Other Wine Co. Pinot Gris 2021 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	55
Henschke Innes Vineyard Pinot Gris 2021 - Eden Valley, S.A.	69
Ochota Barrels Gewürztraminer	77
'Weird Berries in the Woods' 2021 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	
Gestalt Gewürztraminer 2020 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	59
Stargazer Gris/Riesling/Gewürztraminer 'Tupelo' 2021 - East Coast, TAS.	72
Dry River Gewürztraminer 'Lovat' 2017 - Martinborough, N.Z.	148



THE LOIRE

*CHENIN AND SAUVIGNON BLANC,
MUSCADELLE AND CABERNET
FRANC (WITH A LITTLE PINOT
NOIR & GAMAY)*

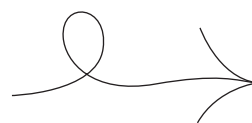
Travelling almost 1000 kilometers across France, the Loire Valley has a long and rich history of quality wines. In fact, the history of wine in the Loire really starts around the 5th Century. In the writings of Grégoire de Tours, a Gallo-Roman historian, he mentions the vineyards of Sancerre and Touraine in 582.

In the 18th century and the French Revolution, The Loire suffered many disasters. Recovering took decades, but once the crisis past, quality became a major focus. The creation of some of the most famous appellations (61 to be exact!) and their recognition was made official in 1936 as Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée.

And finally, in 2000, the Loire Valley between Sully-sur-Loire and Chalonnes-sur-Loire was classed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Here Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc rule, with Muscadelle an important member of The Loire's court. Exploring red grapes, then seductive Cabernet Franc is what you want. Of course, there are so many more varieties through this vast array of terroirs and climats worth exploring, they are listings for another day...

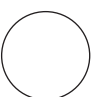
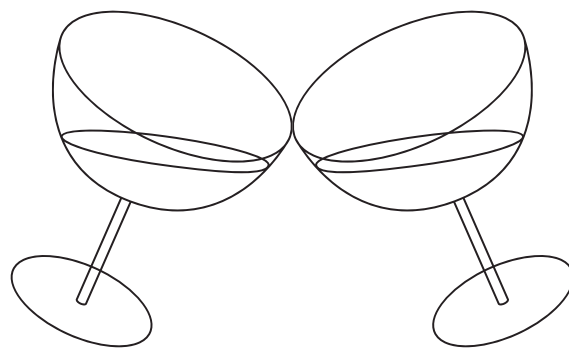
Domaine De L'ecu Chenin Blanc 'Matris' Amphora, Zero Sulphur 2019	180
Marc Bredif Vouvray Classic 2010	117
Marc Bredif Vouvray Grand Annee 1990	229
Domaine Henri Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc 'Petit Bourgeois' 2018	67
Domaine Vacheron Sancerre AOC 375 ml. 2019	72
Domaine De L'ecu Muscadet Sèvre Et Maine 'Classic' 2019	78
Pierre Luneau-Papin Muscadet Sèvre Et Maine sur Lie 'Terre de Pierre' 2017	88
Arnaud Lambert Saumur Champigny 'Montees des Roches' 2018	118



THE LOIRE

RELATED AUST & N.Z. GRAPES / STYLES

Aphelion Chenin Blanc 2020 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	55
Dicey ‘Bannockburn’ Chenin Blanc 2020 – Central Otago, N.Z.	79
Paracombe Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	56
Deviation Road Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	70
Vinteloper Fume Blanc ‘Black Label’ 2020 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	72
Poppelvej Cabernet Franc ‘Sort Sol’ 2020 – McLaren Vale, S.A.	66
The Other Wine Co. Cabernet Franc 2019 – Kangaroo Island, S.A.	68
Paracombe Cabernet Franc 2017 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	64



GREATER BURGUNDY

ALIGOTÉ, CHARDONNAY, PINOT NOIR & GAMAY

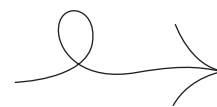
Bourgogne, or Burgundy, is home to some of the finest vineyards in the world and is considered to be the benchmark for terroir-based grape growing and wine making.

Beginning about a hundred kilometers from Paris and spreading down to Lyon, Burgundy occupies a total area of 31,582 km² that comprises the following wine regions:

CHABLIS The area of Auxerre	CÔTE CHALONNAISE (the Chalon Slope)
CÔTE DE NUITS (the Night Slope) The northern half of the Cote d'Or wine region	CÔTE DE BEAUNE (the Slope of Beaune) The southern half of the Cote d'Or wine region
MÂCONNAIS The region of Mâcon	BEAUJOLAIS AOC north of Lyon

Here's a term you may not be familiar with, 'Climat', which can be defined as the definite notion of terroir. Climats are the precisely delineated plots of grapes, which have been recognized by their names over the centuries. Each one has its unique relief, aspect (this refers to the direction that a vineyard faces), elevation and soil composition.

There are several thousand Climats in Bourgogne and some got their start over a thousand years ago. Bourgogne links its wines to their place of origin extremely thoroughly, one of the only wine regions in the world that classifies to this extent.



BLANC

Domaine Jean Dauvissat Pere Et Fils Chablis AC 2018	105
Maison Patrick Piuze Chablis 'Terroir De Chablis' 2020	128
Domaine Vocoret Et Fils Chablis 1er Cru 'Montee De Tonnerre' 2019	159
Dom. William Fevre Chablis 1er Cru 'Les Lys' 2018	199
Dom Jean Dauvissat Pere Et Fils Chablis 1er Cru 'Côte de Léchet' 2018	180
Domaine Leflaive Auxey-Duresses Blanc 2019	229
Domaine Bouchard Père et fils 'Les Clous' Meursault	224
Domaine Leflaive Puligny Montrachet 2018	379
Domaine Leflaive Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru 'Clavoillon' 2018	550
Domaine Sauzet Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Encégnières' 2018	279
Domaine Bouchard Pere Et Fils Grand Cru 'Montrachet' 2018	2400
Domaine Leflaive Macon-Verze 'Le Monte' - 2019	180
Domaine Fabian Coche Aligoté 2019	97
Marquis D'angerville Aligoté Blanc 2018	155



GREATER BURGUNDY

RELATED AUST, N.Z. & USA GRAPES / STYLES

Down the Rabbit Hole Chardonnay 2020 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	59
Murdoch Hill Chardonnay 'Tilbury' 2020 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	88
Henschke Chardonnay 'Croft' 2019 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	99
Heggies Vineyard Chardonnay 2018 - Eden Valley, S.A.	76
Heggies Vineyard Chardonnay 'Reserve' 2017 - Eden Valley, S.A.	105
Oakridge 'Willowlake' Chardonnay 2019 - Yarra Valley, VIC.	78
Leeuwin Estate Chardonnay 'Art Series' 2018 - Margaret River, W.A.	239
Tolpuddle Vineyard Chardonnay 2020 - Coal River Valley, TAS.	149
Ministry of Clouds Chardonnay 2020 - East Coast, TAS.	93
Koyama Chardonnay Mountford Vineyard 'Liason' 2020 - Waipara, N.Z.	86
Valli Vineyards Chardonnay 'Waitaki Vineyard' 2019 - Waitaiki Valley, N.Z.	160
Dog Point Chardonnay 2018 - Marlborough, N.Z.	79
La Crema Chardonnay 2019 - Sonoma Coast, USA.	108
Kendall-Jackson Vinter's Reserve Chardonnay 2018 - Sonoma County, USA.	135

GREATER BURGUNDY

ROUGE

Dom. Collotte Bourgogne Rouge 'Cuvee de Noble Souche' 2018	99
Domaine Fourrier Gevrey Chambertin 2018	360
Domaine Faiveley Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru 'Clos des Issarts' 2017	298
Domaine Faiveley Chambertin Grand Cru 'Clos De Bèze' Ouvrees Rodin 2016	2300
Domaine Faiveley 'En Orveaux' Echezeaux, Grand Cru 2019	1100
Domaine Dujac Morey St. Denis 1er cru Rouge 2018	389
Domaine Collotte 'Cuvee de Noble Souche' Chambolle Musigny 2019	238
David Duband Vosne Romanee 2013	319
Domaine Dujac Vosne Romanée 1er Cru 'Les Beaux Monts' 2018	599
Domaine Ballot-Millot Pommard 'Les Pezerolles' 2016	350
Marquis d'Angerville Volnay 1er Cru 'Frémiets' 2017	440
Abbaye de Santenay Santenay Rouge 'Champs Claude' 2016	142



BEAUJOLAIS

WAY BEYOND NOUVEAU!

North of AOC Beaujolais in terms of geography and quality sits the appellation Beaujolais-Villages. This region is comprised of thirty-nine villages that produce wines with more complexity and presence than generic Beaujolais or Beaujolais Nouveau.

Typically, Beaujolais-Villages are a blend from several villages, but it is possible to have wine labeled AOC Beaujolais-Villages that is produced in a single village.

There are ten villages that have been identified for their ability to produce superior wines and they've been elevated to cru status. These villages are allowed to label their wines with the individual village or commune name.

Gamay is as in-demand as quality Pinot Noir, and the wines are brilliant. Complex, captivating and pure pleasure to drink.

BEAUJOLAIS

RELATED AUST & N.Z. GRAPES / STYLES

Murdoch Hills Pinot Noir 'Phaeton' 2020 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	88
Sidewood Estate Pinot Noir 'Oberlin' 2018 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	92
Vinteloper Pinot Noir 'Odeon' 2017 – Adelaide Hills, S.A.	190
Warramate Pinot Noir 2020 – Yarra Valley, VIC.	75
Yarra Yering Light Dry Red (Pinot/Shiraz) 2019 – Yarra Valley, VIC.	109
Tolpuddle Vineyards Pinot Noir 2020 – Coal River Valley, TAS.	180
Felton Road Pinot Noir 'Bannockburn' 2020 – Central Otago, N.Z.	139
Novum Pinot Noir 2019 – Marlborough, N.Z.	118
Ata Rangi Pinot Noir 'Crimson' 2018 – Martinborough, N.Z.	79
Koyama Pinot Noir 'Pearson's Vineyard' 2018 – Waipara Valley, N.Z.	129
Ochota Barrels 'The Price of Silence' Gamay 2021 - Adelaide Hills, S.A.	88



JURA / SAVOIE

If Burgundy was the Aristocrat, then Jura and Savoie would be the beatnik poets.

Both regions have so much in common, but there are also many differences. Besides indigenous grape varieties like Savagnin, Poulsard and Trousseau, Jura also produces excellent Chardonnay and Pinot, features similar climates and soils and it's only an hour apart in distance.

Arguably an inspiration for the recent wave of lo-fi wines, Jura and Savoie are the classic example of the new embracing the old.

BLANC

Domaine Maire et Fils Savagnin Grand Minéral Côtes du Jura 2018	78
Domaine du Pelican Arbois Savagnin Ouille 2018	136
Domaine des Carlines Chardonnay/Savagnin 'La Louivre' Côtes du Jura 2017	129
Domaine des Carlines Chardonnay 'Trémoulettes' Côtes du Jura 2016	138

ROUGE

Domaine de Chatillon Gamay 2018	55
Domaine du Pélican 'Arbois' Poulsard 2018	136

RELATED AUSTRALIAN GRAPES & STYLES

Smallfry Orange 'Tangerine Dream' 2021 – Barossa Valley, S.A.	62
L.A.S. Vino Albino PNO 2020 – Margaret River, W.A.	82



THE RHONE

IN THE NORTH

*SYRAH (SHIRAZ), VIOGNIER,
MARSANNE, ROUSSANNE.*

IN THE SOUTH

*GRENACHE, MOURVEDRE
(MATARO) FRANC (WITH A
LITTLE PINOT NOIR & GAMAY)*

This isn't about which region or state or country that makes better Shiraz (Syrah), or Grenache or Mataro.

We know who does.

Wink, ha-ha.

This is about differences and similarities. It's about Place. It's about drinking what you know and love or drinking something you fall in love with. Discovery is as important as familiarity.

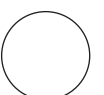
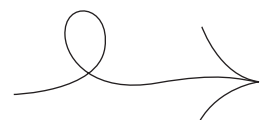
THE RHONE

NORTH

Vincent Paris Granit Blanc (Viognier/Roussanne) 2019	86
Dom. Rene Rostaing Côte-Rôtie 'Ampodium' 2018	286
Delas Freres Saint Joseph 'Les Challeys' Rouge 2018	116
Vincent Paris Cornas 'Granit 30' 2019	139

SOUTH

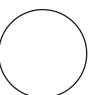
Château La Nerthe Cote du Rhone Rouge 'Les Cassagnes' 2019	69
Famille Brunier, Vignerons Piedlong Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015	239
Dom. Les Pallieres Gigondas 'Terrasse du Diable' 2017	188



THE RHONE

RELATED AUSTRALIAN GRAPES AND STYLES

Beklyn Shiraz 2020 - Currency Creek, S.A.	70
Bekkers Syrah 2017 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	189
Seppetsfield Shiraz 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	108
Henschke 'Five Shillings' Shiraz Mataro 2020 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	82
Seppeltsfield 'The Westing' Shiraz 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	105
Turkey Flat Shiraz 2018 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	88
Rockford 'Basket Press' Shiraz 2017 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	180
Rockford SVS 'Hoffman' Shiraz 2002 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	446
Hentley Farm 'The Beauty' Shiraz 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	114
Henschke 'The Wheelwright' Shiraz 2016 - Eden Valley, S.A.	212
Kirrihill 'The Squire' Shiraz 2018 - Clare Valley, S.A.	82
Mt. Horrocks Shiraz 2018 - Clare Valley, S.A.	97
Castagna 'Genesis' Syrah 2017 - Beechworth, VIC.	149
John Duval Wines 'Concilio' Grenache Mataro 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	85
Barossa Boy Young Wisdom Mataro 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	91
Rockford 'Moppa Springs' GSM 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	149
Ministry of Clouds 'Kintsugi' 2018 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	159
Poppelvej 'The Rookie' Grenache 2021 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	66
Ministry of Clouds Grenache 2020 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	79
Adelina Grenache 2020 - Clare Valley, S.A.	88
Rockford 'Dry Country' Grenache 2016 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	129



PROVENCE / LANGUEDOC

*ROUSSILLON/CAHORS
(JUST TO FEATURE A FEW)*

How exciting is the South of France?

Côtes de Provence is the biggest wine region and thanks to its excellent reputation of producing rosé that are known for their clear-salmon colour and light bodies. Production of rosé makes up 80% of the wine produced here, but full-bodied reds and some whites are also produced. The rosés are wonderfully light, fresh, and fruity, leaning to the drier style.

Languedoc-Roussillon has become known as a great value wine region. So, what do you need to know about this area to find great wines? Well, much of it's about blends. In the Languedoc, vineyards could be considered to be 'patchworks' because so many different grape varieties grow together. Most producers make blends instead of single varietal wines. Red blends from Languedoc Roussillon tend to be more full-bodied wines. Syrah, Carignan, Grenache and Mourvedre are the major red grapes and Picpoul and Grenache Blanc are the major whites.

Cahors is a wine region where the principal grape is Malbec, with small percentages of Tannat and Merlot. Although Malbec is now primarily associated with Argentinian Mendoza region, the grape originated in France, but in the 1950s, it was almost entirely wiped out by frost.

Cahors now remains as the only French region that produces Malbec-based wines. Young wines from Cahors are powerful and rich in tannins, and they typically display aromas of dark fruit and spices.

PROVENCE / LANGUEDOC

Ministry of Clouds Picpoul 2021 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	89
Saint Max Cotes de Provence Rose 2019 - Provence, FR.	69
Seppeltsfield Grenache Rose 2021 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	70
Alkina 'Kin' Grenache 2020 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	68
Ministry of Clouds Grenache Carignan 2020 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	67
Fabien Jouves 'You F#\$k My Wine' Rouge VDF 2020 - Cahors, FR.	80
Rudderless Vineyard Malbec 2018 - McLaren Vale, S.A.	86
Cullen Malbec (Pres. Free) 2018 - Margaret River, W.A.	79



BORDEAUX

Way, way back: The Bordeaux region was originally loved for its sweet white wines from the sub-region of Sauternes. The wine had prestigious clientele including Thomas Jefferson during an era when sweet white wines were more popular than dry red wines.

There was also a rosé popular in the 1700's, particularly with the English, who called it 'claret'* due to the wines' translucent red colour. It wasn't until the mid-1800's that Bordeaux red wines became highly regarded from the region. The dramatic moment of this transformation was an official decree that classified the top producers of the day.

The classification, now deemed '1855 Classification' identified the best producers in the region and ranked them as 'Cru's', or 'Growths' - 1 through 5. The classification hasn't changed (except for one adjustment) even though there are many more producers in the region making outstanding wines.

*Claret is a name primarily used in British English for red Bordeaux wine.

Claret derives from the French claret, a now uncommon dark rosé, which was the most common wine exported from Bordeaux until the 18th century. It is a protected name within the European Union, describing a red Bordeaux wine, accepted after the British wine trade demonstrated over 300 years' usage of the term.

The French themselves do not use the term, except for export purposes.

In South Australia, there have been rumors of The Gentleperson's Claret Luncheon, frequented by local wine industry ruffians, geeks and people of questionable character.

The aim of this Luncheon is, purportedly, to drink anything you want, as long as it's Claret.

THE LEFT BANK – MEDOC AND GRAVES:

This area is known for its gravelly soils and graphite-driven red wines with a dominance of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. The most prestigious sub-regions in the Médoc include Pauillac, Saint-Julien, Saint-Estephe, Margaux and Pessac-Léognan (the areas first classified in 1855). The wines from Médoc are some of the boldest and most tannic of Bordeaux, capable of aging for decades. Dry white wines here are uncommon but astoundingly good.

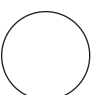
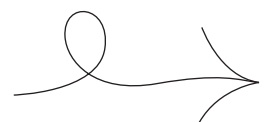
THE RIGHT BANK – LIBOURNAIS:

This area in Bordeaux is known for its red clay soils that produce bold plummy red wines with a dominance of Merlot. The most well-known and sought-after sub-regions here are Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. The wines from around Libourne are still quite bold, but generally have softer, more refined tannins. For this reason, right bank wines are a great way to get introduced to the region.

ENTRE-DEUX-MERS

The area between the two major rivers of Bordeaux (the Garonne and Dordogne rivers) is called Entre-Deux-Mers. This area produces both red (predominantly Merlot) and white wines but is perhaps more well-known for its white wines (a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle). Wines have grapefruit and citrus notes with great acidity.

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BORDEAUX

BLANC

Domaine de Chevalier G.C.C. Graves 2006 - Bordeaux	400
Cullen 'Grace Madeline' Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2018 Margaret River, W.A.	75
Rockford 'Local Growers' Semillon 2020 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	70
Mt. Horrocks Semillon 2020 - Clare Valley, S.A.	79

ROUGE

IT'S JUST A JUMP TO THE LEFT...

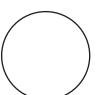
Château Haut-Bailly, G.C.C 2006 - Pessac-Léognan	612
Château Haut Bailey, La Parde de Haut Bailly, 2nd Vin 2010 - Pessac-Léognan	248
Château Cos d'Estournel 2eme G.C.C. 1855 2006 - Saint-Estèphe	919
Château Dauzac 5eme G.C.C. 1855 1990 - Margaux	540

& THEN A STEP TO THE RIGHT...

Château Teyssier G.C. 2018, 375 ml. - St. Emilion	69
Château Pavie Decesse G.C.C. 2008 - St. Emilion	570
Château L'Eglise Clinet 2007 - Pomerol	445

AUSTRALIA & U.S.A.

Bowen Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 - Coonawarra, S.A.	95
Yalumba 'The Caley' Cabernet / Shiraz 2016 - Coonawarra/Barossa, S.A.	599
Kaesler Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 - Barossa Valley, S.A.	74
Yalumba 'The Menzies' Cabernet Sauvignon - Coonawarra, S.A.	115
Bleasdale 'Frank Potts' Cabernet Blend 2018 - Langhorne Creek, S.A.	59
Clarendon Hills 'Domaine Clarendon BDX' - Clarendon, S.A.	79
Yarra Yering Dry Red No. 1 Cabernet Blend 2016 - Yarra Valley, VIC.	225
Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 - Margaret River, W.A.	97
Silver Palm Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 - Sonoma, U.S.A.	95



BORDEAUX SWEET

SAUTERNES – SWEET AS...

Sauternes and its surrounding regions of Barsac, Cadillac, etc. are along a lower part of the Garonne River. Morning fog causes the white grapes growing in the area to develop a certain type of mold called Botrytis. This causes the grapes to shrivel and sweeten making one of the sweetest white wines in the world.

BORDEAUX SWEET

Château Filhot 2018 375 ml - Sauternes	91
Château d'Yquem, 2007, 1er G.C.C, 1855 750 ml - Sauternes	1190

AUSTRALIAN SWEET

2021 Rockford White Frontignac - Barossa Valley, S.A.	60
2021 Mt. Horrocks Riesling 'C.C.' 375 ml - Clare Valley, S.A.	72
2019 Cullen Chenin Blanc 'L. H.' 375 ml - Margaret River, W.A.	65



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