

Darley Abbey Wines

Wine List, February 2025

FEATURED WINERY: Tenimenti Greico, Molise, Italy.

From an altitude of 150 metres, overlooking the sun-kissed coastline and across the Adriatic Sea to the Tremiti Islands - this is where we find Tenimenti Grieco's vineyards and innovative winery that takes full advantage of the terroir's outstanding potential for top-quality wine production. These are coastal wines, with their own unique brackish identity nourished by iodine-laden sea breezes, the quintessential expression of a land suspended between sky and sea.

WHITE WINE

'ANIMA OSCA' BIANCO 2023. MOLISE, ITALY 12% 29

From the heart of the Land of Osci grow and ripen the grapes capable of giving life to generous wines like those of Anima Osca. Falanghina 50%, Chardonnay 40%, Pinot Gris 10%. Pre aromatics, floral, coastal air, citrus notes. Silky in the mouth – initially soft with tropical fruit, kiwi and green papaya balanced by sapidity and freshness through to a mineral finish with a fresh crushed almond note.

RED WINES

'ANIMA OSCA' ROSSO 2023. MOLISE, ITALY 13.5% 32

Hand-harvested blend of hillside Montepulciano grapes (80%) with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah, all aged together in steel vats to retain the fruit freshness. Scents of mixed berries and morello cherries with subtle notes of lavender and hedgerow. This medium to full-bodied wine shows a nice harmony between the aromatic and fruity intensity of Montepulciano and the power and the freshness of the other two varieties.

TINTILA - '200 METRI' ROSSO 2023. MOLISE, ITALY 13.5% 37

"200 metres" refers to the minimum altitude above sea level which our strict rules of production require to produce the so-called "hilltop grape" that goes into our Tintilia Molise DOC, an exclusive Molise thoroughbred. Harvested by hand with a careful selection of grape clusters. De-stemmed and crushed with maceration for 15 days in stainless steel tanks at a temperature of 26°C. Soft-pressed and selection of the different must fractions. Aged in stainless steel for 4 months, Intense and lively ruby red; the characteristic spicy scent reveals fragrant notes of cherry, marasca cherry, plum, and aromatic herbs. In the mouth, it is soft and enveloping with delicate tannins and a pleasant freshness. The persistence is pleasing with a return of pleasant peppery notes

SPARKLING WINE

	125ml	BTL
01 MASOTTINA, COLLEZIONE 96. NV. VENETO, ITALY 11% V VG	7.5	29
PREMIUM PROSECCO – SOFT BUBBLES – PEACH – PEAR – SODA – REFRESHING We liked this beautifully crafted Prosecco for its slightly drier style than others tasted. With its joyful and persistent mousse hinting of lemons, apricots and acacia flowers and true to form floral & delicately peachy flavours, and soft, dry mouthfeel, it's sure to impress for fans of this style of sparkling wine.		
02 MASOTTINA ROSE NV. VENETO, ITALY 11% V VG		30
SALMON PINK – AROMATIC - REDCURRANT – WILD STRAWBERRY – ROSE PETAL – DRY Again, this was enjoyed for its restrained style. It is light yet the flavours of persistent with excellent balance and a refined mousse. It opens up to a pale pink hue with aromas of wild strawberry and crushed cranberry. It is light, and fresh on the palate, with a steady foam. Made with 85% Glera and 15% Pinot Nero.		
03 CAVA BRUT RESERVA +&+ NV. PENEDES, SPAIN 11.5% V VG		32
DRY – GREEN APPLE – FRESH BREAD – CRISP – LIVELY MOUSSE A classical blend of Macabeo, Xarello and Parellada that was kept in contact with the lees several months. It has frothy bubbles and offers up a crisp, lively expression of Cava with white fruit, some yeasty undertones and a soft, approachable palate. It's light and fresh, with crisp biscuity finish.		
04 CHAMPAGNE PALMER NV. CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE 12% V VG	13	59
A TOP GROWER CHAMPAGNE – CREAMY – ROUND – BAKED APPLE – PEAR – BRIOCHE – TARTE AU CITRON Dominated by the freshness and purity of its Chardonnays, the Palmer & Co style is seductive through its precision and clarity of it's Champagne. Citrus, pear and apricot aromas with discrete notes of hazelnut and buttery brioche. Succulent and substantial with an unfettered freshness. A model of balance and elegance and substantial to the palate, yet with an unfettered freshness, this wine is eminently seductive.		
05 BOLLINGER BRUT SPECIAL CUVÉE NV. Aÿ, CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE 12%		79
RICH – HONEYED – STONE FRUITS – BUTTERY PASTRY – RIPE LEMONS – WALNUTS – FULL-BODIED – PILLOWY MOUSSE Bollinger's NV Brut Special Cuvée is showing especially well, bursting from the glass with aromas of honeyed apples, crisp stone fruit, buttery pastry, ripe lemons and fresh walnuts. Medium to full-bodied, fleshy and vinous, with a deep core of beautifully ripe fruit, racy acids and a pillowy mousse, it's a charming, characterful wine that proves that Special Cuvée is firmly back where it belongs. (92/100 Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate)		

WHITE WINE

	175ml	250ml	BTL
BRISK – CRISP – REFRESHING – DRY			
06 PINOT GRIGIO. IL CASONE SUPERIORE 2023. VENEZIA, ITALY 11.5% V VG	7	9	26
SUBTLE – ZEST – LEMONY – APRICOT – FRESH MANGO – FRESH TASTING A fresh Pinot Grigio delivering fine, delicate aromas of apricot and linden flowers. Full with a beautifully balanced palate of mango fruits in an easy drinking aperitivo style!			
07 GRENACHE BLANC-VIOGNIER. CHÂTEAU DE CAMPUGET 2023. VIN DE PAYS DU GARD, FRANCE 12.5% V VG			28
FRESH & EASY-GOING WHITE FROM THE SOUTH OF FRANCE – PEACH – GRAPEFRUIT – ORANGE – WHITE PEPPER A light, aromatic white with notes of apricot and honeysuckle. Precise, crisp and balanced on the palate, with a roundness of some sun-kissed southern French fruit rounding the wine.			
10 WATERVALE RIESLING. JIM BARRY WINES 2022, CLARE VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 12.5% V VG			32
BOLT-FRESH – MOUTH-WATERING – LIME – ELDERFLOWER – GRAPEFRUIT – RIPE MELON – QUINCE The Watervale Riesling grapes come from a special part of the famed Florita vineyard in Watervale, in the Clare Valley where the relatively cooler nights lead to the preservation of crisp natural acidity and delicate flavours. Mineral, harmonious Riesling punching well above its weight in value. It shows the concentration and succulence of Clare Valley hand-in-glove with a balancing taut, citrus acidity. Long, cooling finish that is really mineral & bone dry.			

WHITE WINE

175ml 250ml BTL

BRISK – CRISP – REFRESHING – DRY

08 **PICPOUL DE PINET. CHÂTEAU DE PINET, 'NOTES SALINES' 2023. LANGUEDOC, FRANCE** 13.5% V VE 30
CRISP – CLEAN – EXOTIC FRUIT – WHITE FLOWERS – MELON

'Picpoul' wines come from limestone-rich soils which deliver a distinct vibrancy in the glass, along with citrusy and saline notes that reflect the coastal essence. Whilst being crisp & refreshing, there is also some weight to the palate, no more than medium-bodied. The flavours lean more towards the green-skinned fruit end of the spectrum, and there is a subtle floral bloom note throughout. The finish is clean, dry and saline.

09 **CHARDONNAY. CHÂTEAU OUMSIYAT 2023. BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON** 12.5% V VG 30
TROPICAL FRUITS – RIPE PEACH – PINEAPPLE – MOUNTAIN FRESHNESS – CLEAN – CRISP

Mountain freshness indeed! Chateau Oumisiyat is situated at over 1,000 metres elevation in the beautiful Bekaa Valley, between Mount Lebanon to the west and the Anti-Lebanon Mountains to the east. Fresh & un-oaked; this wine is rested on its fine lees for three months adding texture and subtle complexity. Aromas of luscious tropical fruit notes of ripe peach and pineapple are refreshingly balanced on the palate through to a clean and zesty finish.

SAUVIGNON BLANC + WINES TO TRY IF YOU LIKE SAUVIGNON BLANC...

11 **DOMAINE DE JOÿ, 'L'ÉCLAT' 2023. CÔTES DE GASCOGNE, FRANCE** 11% V VG 26
FOUR LOCAL GRAPE VARIETIES – TROPICAL FRUITS – PEACH – PINEAPPLE – BALANCED – ZESTY FINISH

A blend of the local Colombard, Ugni Blanc & Gros Manseng varieties with a touch of Sauvignon Blanc; L'Eclat offers a pale yellow colour with green tints. The nose, fresh and fruity, reveals notes of citrus (grapefruit, lemon). On the palate, it's light, fresh, round, delicate and the fruity aftertaste is very pleasant.

12 **GRÜNER VELTLINER. FUNKSTILLE WINES 2023. NIEDERÖSTERREICH, AUSTRIA** 12.5% V VG 29
JUICY – BOLT-FRESH – PEAR – GRAPEFRUIT – REFRESHING – ZIPPY FINISH

Everybody needs a bit of 'funkstille' or 'radio silence' in their life from time to time, and what better way to switch off to the outside world than with a cheeky glass of Grüner. This Grüner Veltliner is grown sustainably in Weinviertel in the Niederösterreich region, using their own fertiliser made from grape skins, manure and straw from their fields. This is clean-as-a-whistle Gruner. You might like this if you prefer drier Sauvignon blanc, or fresh Riesling wines.

13 **SAUVIGNON BLANC. SNAPPER ROCK 2023. MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND** 13% 8.5 10.5 30
TROPICAL – GREEN MELON – GOOSEBERRY – CRISP CITRUS – MOUTH-WATERING

"Fresh and gorgeously aromatic with rockmelon, kiwifruit and lemon zest aromas, it's powerfully expressed on the palate delivering juicy fruit intensity backed by vibrant acidity." 5 Stars, Wine Orbit Magazine, NZ.

14 **EARTHSONG, DILLON'S POINT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023. MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND** 13% V VG 36
AWARD-WINNING – FULL-BODIED – MOREISH - FLINT – HERB – GOOSEBERRY – LIME – PASSIONFRUIT

Dillon's Point is renowned for producing Sauvignon Blanc with tropical fruit notes and passion fruit to the fore. There are hints of blackcurrant and grapefruit too. The palate is rich, bright and zesty with a slight briny tang. This wine has real intensity of fruit, with a lovely crisp, mineral finish.

15 **ERIC LOUIS, SANCERRE 2023. LOIRE, FRANCE** 12.5% V VG 39
LIVELY – AROMATIC – PASSIONFRUIT – ZESTY LEMON – STONY MINERAL CHARACTER

This organic estate-grown Sancerre appears pale golden in colour with upfront citrus and tropical fruits aromas combined with minerality and hints on the nose. The palate is full, fresh and delicate with passionfruit and zesty lemon, somewhat chalky with a lively acidity, the finish is long with hints of stony minerality.

WHITE WINE

175ml 250ml BTL

CRISP. AROMATIC WHITES WITH MORE INTENSITY

16 **CHENIN BLANC. DOMAINE DES FORGES, CHENIN DU VAL DE LOIRE 2023. LOIRE, FRANCE** 12% V VE 30

TROPICAL AROMAS – MEDIUM-BODIED – APPLES & ORANGES - SO FRESH & SALINE

Situated in the commune of St Aubin de Luigné in the southern part of the Loire Valley, this vineyard is positioned on schist and carboniferous soils, distinguishing itself among the finest parcels in the region. The wine itself reveals a delicate, pure bouquet of lemon, grapefruit, white fruits and sea air. Medium bodied, round and sappy with a fleshy core of orchard fruit, it's perfectly balanced with gastronomic bitterness & good salinity to the finish. This is really nice quality pure, elegant Chenin Blanc at the right price.

73 **GODELLO. FINCA OS COBATOS 2023. MONTERREI, GALICIA, SPAIN** 13% V 31

AROMATIC – ZESTY CITRUS – RIPE STONE FRUIT – REFRESHINGLY CRISP – TROPICAL FRUITS

Monterrei is a small DOC in the very south of Galicia bordering Portugal. The Mendez family's modern winery produces very pretty, floral & peachy Godello wines from their 25 year old vines.

17 **LOUREIRO ALVARINHO. LEME 2022. VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL** 12% V VG 32

AROMATIC – FRESH – VIBRANT CITRUS NOTES – ORANGE BLOSSOM – LIVELY ACIDITY

This aromatic and fresh Vinho Verde bursts with vibrant citrus notes and delicate orange blossom. The blend of 70% Loureiro grapes from the Cávado region and 30% Alvarinho from the Minho valley works superbly, creating a classic example of this Portuguese speciality. The fruit is underpinned by lively acidity and a mineral edge, leading to a long and elegant finish.

18 **ALBARIÑO. EL CAMARÓN 2023. RIAS BAIXAS, GALICIA, SPAIN** 12.5% V VG 9 11 32

YELLOW CITRUS – SALINE NOTES – MINERALITY – NECTARINE – LIGHT – FRESH

Coming from the windswept vineyards of Val do Salnés, right by the wild Atlantic, this shows off that classic Albariño salinity and zingy acidity. Expect the more mineral side of Albariño, it is lovely & dry with bright citrus notes.

19 **ALBARIÑO. PAZO SEÑORANS 2023. RIAS BAIXAS, GALICIA, SPAIN** 13% V VG 37

THE MOST AWARDED ALBARIÑO – PEACH – HONEYSUCKLE – WHITE FLOWER NOTES – TAUT MINERAL DRIVEN FINISH

"Albariño is from granite soils in the Salnés Valley. It shows varietal character, freshly cut grass, white flowers and fruit and the roundness of the year, with 13.5% alcohol and balancing acidity. This is bottled after four to five months with lees. It has the Señorans signature." 91/100, Robert Parker – The Wine Advocate.

WE ♥ ITALY

25 **ZIBIBBO – 'VITESSE' COLOMBA BIANCA 2023. SICILY, ITALY** 12.5% V VG O 29

ZIBIBBO IS PART OF THE MUSCAT GRAPE FAMILY, ORIGINALLY FROM EGYPT. WHITE PEACH – ORANGE ZEST – LIME

A great wine to showcase the typical aroma and flavor profile of Zibbibo! Sweet white peaches and flowers with tropical notes throughout, this is essentially a dry white wine but has an alluring grape-y sweetness interwoven with the crisp flavours.

20 **'ANIMA OSCA' BIANCO 2023. MOLISE, ITALY** 12% 29

A FRUITY, ELEGANT BLEND OF FALANGHINA & CHARDONNAY – ELEGANT – FRUITY – FLORAL – CRISP – ALMOND

From the heart of the Land of Osci grow and ripen the grapes capable of giving life to generous wines like those of Anima Osca. Falanghina 50%, Chardonnay 40%, Pinot Gris 10%. Pre aromatics, floral, coastal air, citrus notes. Silky in the mouth – initially soft with tropical fruit, kiwi and green papaya balanced by sapidity and freshness through to a mineral finish with a fresh crushed almond note.

21 **GRILLO. COLOMBA BIANCA, KORE 2023. SICILY, ITALY** 12.5% V VG 35

GRILLO GRAPE – FRAGRANT – CITRUS – BLANCHED ALMOND - TROPICAL FRUITS – REFRESHING – DRY

From coastal vineyards (where the Grillo grape is happiest!) This is a very pretty wine with fruit from clay limestone soils. The wine shows a tart citrusy side contrasted against peach, Golden Delicious apple and a fresh oyster shell-like minerality. This medium-bodied wine has pulp and softness to pair with food but it just lovely for a glass or two on its own.

ALL WINES BY THE GLASS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN 125ML

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- 22 **GAVI DI GAVI. TENUTA OLIM BAUDA 2023. PIEDMONT, ITALY** 12.5% V VG O 35
ELEGANT – FLORAL – SOFT – HARMONIOUS – MEDIUM-BODIED
Since 1956, Michele Chiarlo has been vinifying the essence of Piedmont, loving and developing vineyards in this most incredible wine region. This fine gavi shows a straw yellow with brilliant green hues. It is floral and fruity, very fine with notes of exotic fruits and white peach. It is harmonious, elegant with great fragrance and a pleasing roundness.
- 23 **PECORELLO. IPPOLITO 1845 2023. CALABRIA, ITALY** 13% V VG 38
ELEGANT – TEXTURED – HARMONIOUS – YELLOW PLUM - CITRUS OIL – MINERAL – BALANCED – SALINE FRESHNESS
Here's a wine that is guaranteed to bring joy as well as an opportunity to taste a grape that is well off the radar of mainstream varieties. The Pecorello grape is native to Calabria (although it is not related to the similarly sounding Pecorino grape found in Marche and Abruzzo). The Calabrian Pecorello has thick, waxy skins that make light gold coloured wines. Crisp and fresh with a light, luminous appearance. The bouquet opens to tonic tones of lime, kiwi and tropical fruit. In the mouth, the wine offers much more crisp acidity than you might expect from the south of Italy.
- 24 **LUGANA, LE CIVAIE 'TERRALBE', 2023. LOMBARDY, ITALY** 13% V VG **GREAT CHEESEBOARD WHITE!** 39
TREBBIANO GRAPE – FRESH – MINERAL – TROPICAL – CITRUS – BERGAMOT – FLINT – BALANCED
This wonderful Lugana is all white flowers, citrus, pears and peaches. Made entirely in steel vats and does not undergo malolactic fermentation, both of which serve to maintain considerable freshness and 'cut'. This opens up nicely in the glass, the fruit feeling rounder and revealing more texture as it goes. This is a refined wine from the shores of Lake Garda.

EXCITING GRAPE VARIETIES!

- 26 **ASSYRTIKO – 'MONOGRAPH' GAIA WINES 2024. PELOPONNESE, GREECE** 12.5% V VG 35
THE ASSYRTIKO GRAPE IS INDEGINOUS TO THE ISLAND OF SANTORINI, THE WINES TEND TO HAVE A MARKED MINERALITY
CITRUS PEEL – VIBRANT MEDIUM-BODIED PALATE - HONEYSUCKLE – PRECISE – MINERAL – FINESSE – OLIVE
The grapes for this wine from an impressive 800 to 1,000 meters in elevation from the Nemea area of the Peloponnese. easy-drinking profile with freesia blooms and honeysuckle. It is mineral but not as pronounced as an Assyrtiko from Santorini but you do get unexpected floral notes with pretty freshness and saltiness by way of a green olive note tot eh finish.
- 27 **KOSHU – 'KAYAGATAKE', GRACE WINES 2023. YAMANASHI, JAPAN** 12% V VG 36
GREEN APPLE – HONEYSUCKLE – CHAMOMILE - WHITE - PEPPER – BONE DRY – SMOOTH - DRY
A wine not relying on 'sur lie' or oak barrel influence, instead drawing out the Kosu grapes true potential. The result is a delicate wine, refreshing with a fresh yet dignified intensity. Aromas of fresh green apple, grapefruit, pear, honeysuckle, chamomile and white pepper. Smooth and dry on the palate. A delicate yet tense white wine with a lively acidity that gives structure to the wine.
- 28 **ALTESSE – ROUSSETTE DE SAVOIE, DOMAINE VENDANGE 2022. SAVOIE, FRANCE** 12.5% V VG 38
THE ALTESSE GRAPE VARIETY MAKES FOR ROUNDED ELEGANT DRY WHITES WITH AN ALPINE FRESHNESS.
10-hectares of vines flourish on south facing slopes in Combe de Savoie, on the foothills of the Massif des Bauges. A textural white that sees 1 year lees ageing. Fairly rich & aromatic with floral blossom, spice and flint layered wit elegant notes of quince and ripe pineapple culminating in a mineral and saline finish.
- 29 **POŠIP – JAKO VINO 'STINA' 2023. BRAČ, DALMATIA, CROATIA** 13.5% V VG 45
Gavi-eque in style but with more intense fruit flavours which include citrus, passionfruit and peach that are lifted by a refreshing minerality, creating an exotic, elegant style with a textured palate and a persistent finish.
The beautiful Croatian island of Brač is famous for its white stone, which is known locally as Stina and was the inspiration behind the name of this stunning collection of Jako Vino wines. The Stina project was founded in 2009 when Jako Andabak invested in a cellar along the waterfront in Bol. Grape vines have been cultivated on the island for centuries - the vineyards here date back to the 15th century, most needed either replanting or restoring to return them to their former glory. Winemaker Rikard Petric showcases glorious indigenous varieties – these are fruit focused wines, full of Croatian charm.

WHITE WINE

175ml 250ml BTL

TEXTURED WHITES – ROUNDER – FULLER – LOTS OF FRUIT CONCENTRATION

30 **CÔTES DU RHONE BLANC. GUILLAUME GONNET 2023. SOUTHERN RHÔNE, FRANCE** 14.5% V VG O BIO 35

VIOGNIER / ROUSSANNE / GENACHE BLANC – GRAPEFRUIT – APRICOT – PEACH - CITRUS AROMAS – WAXY FINISH
Before joining his family as 3rd generation winemaker, Guillaume travelled the world working in some of the most famous wineries in Bordeaux, Burgundy, The Napa Valley, New Zealand and finally in Australia where he met his future wife; Kelly. Together they now run the domaine with a 'hands off' approach to wine making allowing the terroir to shine throughout their expanding range of wines. This aromatic, mid-weighted and well-balanced white comes with fresh with a pure, seamless tropical fruited mid-palate that segues nicely into a dry, floral finish.

31 **VIOGNIER. LISMORE ESTATE 'AGE OF GRACE' 2022. WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA** 13.5% V VG 42

"Starting with a classic nose of florals and citrus, the 2022 The Age of Grace Viognier displays wax melon, orange oil and citrus rind before aromas of peach blossoms and cereal grains pop out of the glass. Medium-bodied and with 13.5% alcohol, the palate is succulent with delightful, food-friendly acidity that displays a balanced notion of phenolic bitterness that's both food friendly and cerebral. The wine rested on the lees for 11 months" 92/100 The Wine Advocate.

32 **BROOKDALE ESTATE, 'SIXTEEN' FIELD BLEND 2023. PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA** 13% V VG 50

FLORAL – RICH – GREEN APPLE – WHITE PEAR – WET STONE – ZESTY FRESHNESS – QUININE
A celebration of the lost art of field-blend winemaking; 16 white varieties were inter-planted as bush vines on decomposed shale and granite soil. The grapes were picked at three different stages due to the variability of the grapes. The fruit was pre-cooled and whole-bunch pressed before spontaneous fermentation and 100% malolactic fermentation. The wine was fermented and aged in concrete eggs and clay amphorae for one year on the lees prior to bottling and then spent a further four months in bottle before release. Kaleidoscopic burst of lifted florals; jasmine, orange blossom, sun-drenched hay. Complex yet so fresh; green apples flow in, white pear. There's wet stone, a granite dusting, leading to a palate sculpted by an electric current of acidity. Stone fruit coalesces in this energetic structure, peaches and cream, winter melon and lime drops. Tangy and long, quinine and pink grapefruit follow the salt trail to the finish.

FULLER-BODIED – CREAMY – BARREL-INFLUENCED

33 **RIOJA BLANCO. LUIS CAÑAS 'VIÑAS VIEJAS' 2022. RIOJA ALAVESA, SPAIN** 14% V VG O **GREAT CHEESEBOARD WHITE!** 35

RIPE PEAR – LIME PITH – YELLOW APPLE – CINNAMON SPICE – SUBTLE OAK – LUSCIOUS
Straw yellow, it is subtle on the nose – waxy lemons, aniseed notes, chamomile. In the mouth it is rounded, and complex lemon verbena, boxwood, freshness from a salinity found throughout the flavours. Lees ageing adds to the volume and silky texture. A gentle spice throughout, probably from a few months in oak, albeit only part of the wine sees A barrel so it is a very gentle influence in a wine clearly made to let those old vines shine.

34 **CHABLIS. DOMAINE MICHAUT FRÉRES 2023. CHABLIS, BURGUNDY, FRANCE** 12.5% V VG 38

CHARDONNAY GRAPE – WHITE FLOWERS – ACACIA – ROUND PALATE – EXPRESSIVE – UNCTUOUS – FINE – RICH
Domaine Michaut Frères has 60 hectares of vineyards built on the classic soil of the region, kimmeridgian, These wines show great typicity, steely acidity, plenty of fruit with a flinty "terroir" character as seen with this wine. Wafting from the glass are aromas of peach, Meyer lemon and white flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied ample and satiny palate animated by bright acids and concluding with a saline finish.

35 **MÂCON-BUSSIÈRES, DOMAINE THIERRY DROUIN 2023. BURGUNDY, FRANCE** 13% V VG 45

CHARDONNAY GRAPE – RICH YET ELEGANT – PINEAPPLE – MANDARIN – WHITE FLOWERS – VANILLA – CITRUS OIL
Domaine Thierry Drouin, whose modest winery overlooks the village of Vergisson. Like many growers, he practices a simple winemaking with the wines matured in 250- and 300-liter used oak barrels resulting in a medium to full-bodied, fleshy and enveloping wine redolent of ripe pear, waxy citrus rind, bread dough and toasted nuts.

36 **CHARDONNAY. SANFORD WINERY 2022. SANTA RITA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, USA** 13% V VG 55

LEMON CURD – BUTTER – PEACH – WET STONES – ACACIA – HAZELNUT – MINERAL – MELLOW FINISH
Sanford is an undeniable centrepiece of Santa Barbara County's wine landscape and a strong contender for the region's most improved producer in recent memory. So this wine then is snapshot of Sanford's new look: pure, precise and balanced. The nose is driven by pretty orchard fruit and breakfast cereal aromas, leading to a full-bodied, balanced, clean palate and a refreshing finish with accents of creamy richness.

ROSÉ WINE

- 37 **SYRAH GRENACHE ROSÉ. CHÂTEAU DE CAMPUGET 2024. VIN DE PAYS DU GARD, FRANCE** 12% V VG 7 9 26
 A SOFT, FRESH FRENCH ROSE – WILD STRAWBERRY – NECTARINE – PINK GRAPEFRUIT FINISH
 For the intrepid travellers amongst you; this is definitely a place that should be on your radar should you find yourselves in this part of France, a beautiful property & a pool to relax and enjoy the Costieres de Nimes air – and it's almost like this rose was designed for exactly that purpose with its aromas of red berries and notes of pink grapefruit & crisp, citrusy finish.
- 38 **PROVENCE ROSÉ. CHÂTEAU L'AUMERADE 2024. PROVENCE, FRANCE** 12.5% 9 11 32
 SALMON COLOURED – DELICATE – RASPBERRY – PEACH – MINERAL FLAVOURS – LONG & SMOOTH FINISH
 Evoking aromas of red berries, lime, flowers and crushed stones intertwined with maritime notes. Pure and precise, medium-bodied and perfectly balanced, it's delineated with bright acids, a juicy core of fruit and a long, mineral and mouth-watering finish.
- 39 **FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO, 'SAN GREG', ROSATO 2024. CAMPANIA, ITALY** 12.5% V VG 39
 'THE' ROSE OF MANY TOP ITALIAN HOTELS & RESTAURANTS – PALE – ELEGANT – FLORAL – WILD BERRIES – DRY FINISH
 Here's a very pretty and fresh rosé made with Campania's versatile Aglianico grape. Opening up to a pretty salmon-pink colour and offers immediate aromas of rose powder, iris root, gardenia and crushed chalk. The bouquet is very floral, and you could throw in some violet and lilac as well.

ORANGE / NATURAL WINE

- 40 **FUNKSTILLE, SKIN CONTACT 2023. NIEDERÖSTERREICH, AUSTRIA** 12.5% V VG 8.5 10.5 30
 DRIED TROPICAL FRUIT – VELTLINER SPICE – WELL-BALANCED – LIGHT TANNINS
 The grapes are pressed and left in contact with the skins to extract the orange colour and additional flavour. Yellow with light orange reflexes. Fully ripe dried tropical fruit, charming Veltliner spice and well balanced and a light tannic structure.
- 41 **VILLA NORIA, 'AMFÒRA', ORANGE 2024. COTEAUX DE BESSILLES, FRANCE** 13% V VG **GREAT FOR CHEESEBOARD** 40
 AROMATIC – ROSE – QUINCE – APPLE – ROUNDED PALATE – ORANGE – ORANGE RIND – FLORAL – WILD HERBS
 A wine produced without the addition of sulphites. The grapes were macerated with the skins and seeds for three months; the pigment and tannins were released into the wine and imparted the coppery hue. The grapes were gently pressed to release the juice which fermented with natural yeast. Matured in terracotta amphora, whose natural porosity provides oxygenation thereby reducing the acidity and refining the tannins. An aromatic orange wine with delicate floral notes of rose, quince and apple. The palate is fresh yet rich and harmonious finishing with on a salty note.

SHERRY

- 42 **EQUIPO NAVAZOS, 'I THINK' AMONTILLADO, MONTILLA-MORILES, SPAIN** 16.5% V VG (HALF BOTTLE) BOTTLE 20
 ELEGANT – COMPLEX – FULLER BODY – CARAMEL – PRALINE – SALT – MOREISH – HINT OF TOBACCO – LONG
 This is an extremely limited and exclusive amontillado, barely 1,000 375ml units taken from a single cask of extraordinary finesse and elegance that averages 15 years old. Unfortified, the alcohol strength is natural.

RED WINE

175ml 250ml BTL

GRAPE ESCAPES

- 42 **BLAUFRÄNKISH - FUNKSTILLE WINES 2022. BURGENLAND, AUSTRIA** 13.5% V VG 29
FRESH – FRUIT DRIVEN – BLACKBERRIES – SWEET SPICE – MEDIUM-BODIED – SOFT – JUICKY – BLUEBERRY
The Blaufränkisch grape thrives in the clay rich soils of Burgunland in Austria. Producing floral reds with darker fruit flavours and a slight spice to them, provides an interesting alternative to fans of Syrah and such like.
- 44 **ÇAL KARASI. KUZUBAĞ 2023. DENIZLI, TURKEY** 13.7% V VG **GREAT CHEESEBOARD RED!** 35
CHERRY – BEETROOT - RASPBERRY – EXOTIC SPICES – MEDIUM-BODIED – SUPPLE – PEPPERY
The Cal Karasi grape (pronounded chal-car-as-si) The grape comes from Çal, a village in the Denizli province in the Aegean region. Its name means “the black of Çal”. It produces beguiling, aromatic reds with body & structure that surprise given it’s light colour. With a marked acidity & a rustic, savoury charm, it reminds me of something between a Central Otago Pinot Noir and Chateau Musar from the Lebanon, so on those terms – has plenty of value about it.
- 45 **TINTILIA - '200 METRI' ROSSO 2023. MOLISE, ITALY** 13.5% **GREAT CHEESEBOARD RED!** 37
FRAGRANT – FLORAL – HARMONIOUS – CREAMY TEXTURED - MEDIUM-BODIED – SPICES – CHERRY – RED PLUM
It is thought that Tintilia grape was introduced to the region when Spanish Bourbons ruled Molise as DNA linking it to Aragon’s Parraleta grape variety. There’s plenty of aromatics, with sour cherry and garrigue-like scents. There’s an attractive creamy texture to the bright, cherry-led flavours. Notes of ‘sweet & sour’ cranberry, wild flowers & mountain herbs
- 46 **CABERNET FRANC - SAUMUR-CHAMPIGNY, DOMAINE LAVIGNY 2022. LOIRE, FRANCE** 13% V VG 35
SILKY – ELEGANT – MEDIUM-BODIED – RASPBERRY – BLACKBERRY - BRIARY – BELL PEPPER
Whilst originally from Bordeaux; The Cabernet Franc grape thrives in the Loire Valley, where the cooler growing conditions serve to accentuate the grape’s herbaceous, grassy, bell pepper aromas. Notes for its bold fruit & a marked acidity that gives its small berry fruit flavours an alluring tangy charm. This wine can also be served slightly cooler.

FULL-FLAVOURED SPANISH REDS

- 47 **PASO PRIMERO TINTO 2023. SOMONTANO, SPAIN** 14% V VG 7 9 26
MERLOT / CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLEND – FULL-BODIED – PLUM – CHERRY COMPOTE – SOFT – JUICY
Wine maker; Tom Holt pours heart & soul into his collaboration with a family owned winery in Somonano in Aragon. This is his ‘entry’ wine made of international varieties that blossom in the famously sunny Somontano region. Tom is also working to bring long-lost local grape varieties back into a bottle. Watch this space!
- 48 **MONASTRELL - FINCA BACARA ‘TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE’ 2023. MURCIA, SPAIN** 14% V VG O 35
SUPPLE – OPULENT – RIPE FRUIT – CHOCOLATE – FLORAL NOTES – BALANCED FRESHNESS – SMOOTH
A superb example of Monastrell, with its powerful and intense nose of ripe black fruits, black chocolate, spice and black pepper & rich, savoury flavours – this is a warm & inviting full-bodied charmer!
- 49 **RIOJA RESERVA - BODEGA ONDARRE 2019. RIOJA, SPAIN** 13.5% V VG 10 12 35
WOOD SMOKE – LEATHER – SPICE BOX – INCENSE – LAVENDER – BLACK FRUITS – STRUCTURED – ELEGANT – SAVOURY
Sometimes it’s good to go back to the classics & I believe this to be one of the best value Rioja Reserva’s all things considered. Aromas of bright red fruits, vanilla, and a subtle smoky spice. The flavours of broad, harmonious & smooth – black raspberry, blackberry & ripe cherry, classic extended barrel nots of cedar and tobacco carry through in the long, satisfying finish.
- 50 **RIOJA RESERVA ‘ARDANZA’ LA RIOJA ALTA 2017. RIOJA ALTA, SPAIN** 14.5% 58
AROMATIC – WILD STRAWBERRY – BLACK RASPBERRY – LEATHER SADDLE – WOODSMOKE – BAKING SPICED – COMPLEX
94/100 points from Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate... “2017 was not an easy harvest, but it produced some beautiful and classical wines, like the 2017 Viña Ardanza Reserva, which shows a little more advancement and polish and is ready to drink. It was produced with 80% Tempranillo and 20% Garnacha from their vineyard La Pedriza in Tudelilla. It fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in American oak barrels, 36 months for the Tempranillo and 30 for the Garnacha (that was harvested 15 days later), with six rackings. It’s ripe and aromatic, tertiary, with 14.5% alcohol and mellow acidity, a medium-bodied palate and sleek tannins. It has a pungent note of clove and pepper, some licorice and ink and the cherries in liqueur from the Garnacha.”

THE ITALIAN JOB ...

- 53 **PRIMITIVO. SAN MARZANO 'IL PUMO'** 2022. **SALENTO, ITALY** 13.5% V VG 28
 SOFT – ROUND – EASY-DRINKING – RIPE CHERRY – ROSEMARY – VANILLA
 The fun and fruity side of the charming Primitivo (aka Zinfandel) with aromas of plum, cherry and spice, with hints of rosemary and vanilla. A full-bodied wine, but very soft and balanced, full of ripe fruit flavours in an easy drinking style.
- 51 **NERO D'AVOLA. COLOMBA BIANCA 'VITESSE'** 2023. **SICILY, ITALY** 14% V VG O 29
 FLESHY PLUM – SWEET BLACK CHERRY – BAKING SPICES – FRESH – SOFT TANNINS – CRISP BLACK FRUITS
 Rich brambly fruits with a seductive note of black pepper spice. Concentrated on the palate with juicy blackberry and ripe plum flavours, which are beautifully balanced by velvety tannins.
- 52 **MONTEPUCIANO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'ANIMA OSCA'** 2022. **MOLISE, ITALY** 13.5% V VG 9 11 32
 MEDIUM-BODIED - SUCCULENT - STRAWBERRY - RED CHERRY - ROSE PETALS - GENTLE SPICE **GREAT CHEESEBOARD RED!**
 Whilst plush & flavoursome from the 80% Montepulciano in this blend, there is more complexity that meets the eye here as these beguiling Anima Osca wines are definitely coastal wines with their own unique brackish identity from grapevines that are nourished by iodine-laden sea breezes,
- 54 **VALPOLICELLA. CA'RUGATE 'RIO ALBO'** 2023. **VALPOLICELLA, ITALY** 13% V VG 35
 FLORAL – AROMATIC – WILDFLOWERS – CHERRIES – GENTLE SPICE – JUICY ACIDITY – ELEGANT
 A lovely, caressing blend of Corvina 45%, Corvinone 40%, Rondinella 15%. Aromas of red fruits, blackberry and cherries are layered with violet notes and a hint of mellowed spice. Supple on the palate, with a velvety texture and a nice bite of freshness on the finish.
- 55 **BAROLO RISERVA. COSTA DI BUSSIA** 2017. **PIEDMONT, ITALY** 14.5% V VG 49
 FINESSE – SEAMLESS – BLACK FRUITS – MELLOW SPICE – SAVOURY – GAME – GRIPPY TEXTURE – LONG
 'Riserva' here means a tighter selection, longer aging (here 36 months in oak) and generally a greater quality. One of the reasons I list this particular Barolo is it can be enjoyed on opening (albeit via a decanter) thanks to it's Seductive charm and only gentle oak influence – that charm and elegance no doubt hails from the elevated vineyards of Bricco. So we have a bouquet of spices, dry flowers and underbrush. On the palate, this is a such a charmer with flavours combining notions of dried cherries, cassis, grilled rosemary, iron & lavender. The wine shows a pretty mineral side and tannins are nicely integrated and so is the acidity.
- 56 **AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA. LA COLLINA DEI CILIEGI** 2020. **VENETO, ITALY** 15% V VG 60
 AN ELEGANT AMARONE FROM IT'S HIGHEST VINEYARDS
 A concentrated expression of dark fruit that remains firm and fresh and offers good tension along the way. The wine definitely reveals that characteristic Amarone intensity that comes from air-dried fruit. However, this is a very welcoming elegant style here remains especially fine throughout. It imparts a smooth and silky texture, capped by pretty freshness.
- 57 **BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO. CARPINETO** 2019. **TUSCANY, ITALY** 14.5% V VG 68
 POLISHED- SMOOTH – FINE TANNINS – RED FRUITS – SAVOURY NOTES – BRIARY – LONG, MELLOW FINISH
 A 'Mountain Brunello' from the highest (and last to be picked) vineyards. Medium-full-bodied red that is concentrated yet elegant, with wild berries, lavender, rose petals and a warming spice to the nose. Flavours of leather, dried figs and a savoury cured meat note through to a satisfyingly elegant finish marked by wildflowers, spice & plenty of finesse.

FULL-ON FLAVOURS FROM THE NEW WORLD

- 58 **MALBEC. '1300' ANDELUNA WINERY** 2023. **VALLE DE UCO, ARGENTINA** 13.5% V VG 9 11 32
 FLORAL – CONCENTRATED – ROUNDED – RIPE DARK FRUITS – SOFT TANNINS – VELVETY
 ANDELUNA is a family-owned winery located in the rocky region of Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza in the foothills of the Andes mountains of Argentina. They produce a generous and silky Malbec here, delivering floral violet notes layered with ripe blackberry, red plum and strawberry through to a fresh, smooth and beautifully balanced palate, with lovely mineral texture.

FULL-ON FLAVOURS FROM THE NEW WORLD

59 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVA. PEREZ CRUZ 2021. MAIPO, CHILE** 13.5% V VG 32
ROUNDED – RIPE REDCURRANT – BLACKBERRY – BLACKCURRANT – MINT – FIG – VERY SMOOTH – VIBRANT
This wine hails from the renowned Maipo Valley in Chile, an area celebrated for producing outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. With a rich and full-bodied flavor profile, with notes of black fruits, cassis, and subtle minty coolness. Suave tannins, and a persistent freshness throughout.

60 **SHIRAZ. BERTON VINEYARDS 2021. BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA** 14.5% V 35
PLUM – BLACK CHERRIES – FULL-BODIED – WHITE PEPPER – MINT – SILKY TANNINS
Known for their modern elegant wines, showing up front fruit and real character; Berton winery comes very highly rated by 'James Halliday's' prestigious Australian Wine Companion. So here then is a classic Barossa Shiraz with the wineries signature finesse & suppleness making that second pour an almost certainty!

61 **CABERNET SAUVIGNON. 'KIRRIBILLI' JIM BARRY 2020. COONAWARRA, CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA** 13.5% V 39
CONCENTRATED & RICH – CASSIS – BLACKBERRY – MINT – HINTS OF TOBACCO LEAF – JUICY – DEEP – SMOOTH
Cool Coonawarra 'Cab Sauv' that comes with an almost Amarone style richness. Aromas of dark, juicy plum with highlights of red fruits, raspberry sweets, spice and musk. The flavours follow through to the palate which has a silky lightness and a seamless flow with tobacco leaf and dark chocolate nuances and an exquisite finish.

PINOT NOIR + PINOT NOIR-A-LIKES

62 **PINOT NOIR 'CALUSARI', CRAMELE RECAS WINERY 2022. TIMISULUI, ROMANIA** 12.5% V VG 27
JUICY – PURE – UNOAKED – CRUNCHY RED FRUITS – BLACK CHERRY – SPICY AROMATICS
Englishman Philip Cox and his Romanian wife Elvira have grown the former state-owned winery into a the most modern & most successful winery in Romania. If you're after a lighter-bodied red, this Pinot Noir ticks all the boxes. Packed with soft black cherry and raspberry aromas & flavours in an appealing style.

63 **PINOTAGE. GROOT CONSTANTIA 2022. WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA** 14% V VG 40
FRESH – AROMATIC – FULL-BODIED – STRAWBERRY – RIPE PLUM – DELICATE VANILLA – REFINED – SILKY – RICH
Aromas of strawberry and ripe plum dominate the nose of the 2017 Pinotage, while careful use of French oak adds layers of delicate vanilla complexity. The ripe red fruit and sweet vanilla continue on the silky palate, which is elegant with fine tannin structure and a long finish.

64 **PINOT NOIR. 'KLOOF' IONA WINERY 2020. ELGIN, SOUTH AFRICA** 13.5% V VG O 49
COMPLEX – SLOE BERRIES – HERBS – SUBTLE OAK – DRIED RED CHERRIES – WET SLATE – POMEGRANATE – TEXTURAL
First class Pinot Noir from the exciting Kloof Estate. Starting with an inviting pretty, floral, perfumed nose with an abundance of pure red fruits that include cherries, raspberries and strawberries. The palate is soft, gentle and alluring, intricate yet layered, with fine powdery chalky tannins and lively acidity – perfectly balanced. The wine is exciting with good intensity and texture

RHONE VALLEY + SOUTHERN FRANCE

65 **SYRAH-VIOGNIER. CHÂTEAU DE CAMPUGET 2023. VIN DE PAYS DU GARD, FRANCE** 12.5% V VG 28
MEDIUM-BODIED, EASY DRINKING – VIOLETS – BLACKCURRANT – PLUM – FRESH HERBS – BLACK PEPPER
This southern French Syrah-Viognier has aromas of vanilla and blueberry, balanced with savoury garrigue flavours of the South of France. On the palate, delicate violets and ripe black fruit deliver a smooth, refreshing finish.

66 **CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON VILLAGES, TERRES FIDÈLES 2021. LANGUEDOC ROUSSILLON, FRANCE** 14.5% V VG O 32
GRENACHE / CARIIGNAN – NO OAK – BLACKCURRANT – RIPE RASPBERRY – SWEET SPICES – CREAMY TEXTURE
This, is a blend of Grenache and Carignan, a wine of power but not at the cost of elegance and finesse. A beautiful balance of dark and light. Grenache brings with it huge dark brooding fruit, great concentration and rich texture, whilst Carignan adds freshness, acidity, and bright fruit which marks out this very singular wine.

67 **CROZES HERMITAGE, DOMAINE DE THALABERT 2015. RHÔNE, FRANCE** 13.5% V VG 48
A COMPLEX SYRAH – RED FRUITS – DELICATE SPICE – FLORAL NOTES – SUPPLE TANNINS – BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED
Domaine de Thalabert is the oldest vineyard in the region. Classic Northern Rhone Syrah here, with Cassis and blueberry perfume mixing with black pepper and violets on the nose. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with sweet, wild berry fruit balanced by fine, velvety tannins

RHONE VALLEY + SOUTHERN FRANCE

- 68 **DOMAINE SANTA DUC, AUX LIEUX-DITS, GIGONDAS, RHÔNE, FRANCE** 2020. 14.5% V VG BIO 50
GRENACHE / MOURVEDRE / SYRAH / CINSULT BLEND – FRUIT-DRIVEN – HERBACEOUS – SPICE NOTES
Crafted from vines planted on sandy and clay soils, the 2022 Gigondas Aux Lieux-Dits reveals a lively, gourmand bouquet of flowers, violet, dark cherries and menthol. Medium to full-bodied, enrobing and energetic, it has a lively, incisive mid-palate with perfectly ripe tannins and good depth at the core. It concludes with a vertical, elegant and ethereal finish enhanced by aromas of dark berries.
- 69 **CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE, ERIC TEXIER** 2021. **SOUTHERN RHÔNE, FRANCE** 14% V VG O 58
GRENACHE GRAPE – SILKY – POWERFUL – RASPBERRY – PLUM – DUSTY TANNINS – LEATHER – ROAST GAME – HERBS
from old-vine Grenache in the sandy soils of Pignan, Charbonnière and Mourre de Gaud. A plush, full-bodied, polished effort here. Oodles of black cherries, plus complex notes of garrigue and pine needles. Ripe, full-bodied and supple, with an almost creamy texture and ample freshness on the long finish, this is a very impressive effort.

BORDEAUX / BORDEAUX STYLE

- 71 **FAITHFUL HOUND, MULDERBOSCH VINEYARDS** 2022. **STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA** 13.5% V VG 35
CABERNET SAUVIGNON / MERLOT / MALBEC – BORDEAUX-ESQUE – SWEET BERRIES – BRAMBLE – CASSIS – GRAPHITE
The multi-award winning Mulderbosch Vineyards is one of South Africa's foremost wine producers. Classically styled, pronounced cassis is followed by dried figs, dates, hints of clove and notes of forest floor on this complex bouquet. Underpinned by serious structure, the fleshy ripe fruit finds balance with an earthy, savoury character.
- 70 **CABERNET FRANC. 'RED JASPER' BREWER RAATS** 2022. **STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA** 13.5% V VG O 39
CONCENTRATED – SMOOTH – FINE – BLACK CHERRY – BRAMBLE – DARK CHOCOLATE – WILD MINT – FOREST FLOOR
"Red Jasper is a blend of 53% Cabernet Franc, 20% Malbec, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. The nose is tight, with red fruit essences swaying with notions of dusty florals, brown baking spices and spiced plum. Medium to full-bodied, the wine will have no problem filling its shoes over the next year, as it possesses gobs of complexity that uncoil on the palate before ending with a long lingering, spicy finish." **94/100 Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate.**
- 72 **SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU, 'AUX PLANTES'** 2019. **ST EMILION, BORDEAUX, FRANCE** 13% V VG O 55
FULL-BODIED – BLACKCURRANT – RIPE PLUM – DAMSON COMPOTE – INTENSE – FINESSE – SILKY – LONG
Dense ruby/purple, with beautiful black currant and black cherry notes as well as hints of raspberry and spring flowers, despite the fact that 100% new French oak is used, it is completely buried beneath a cascade of glorious fruit. The wine is extremely aromatic, with great intensity and beautiful balance.