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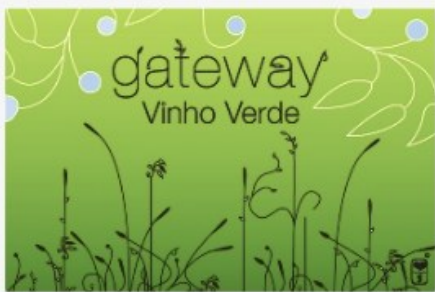
Thibaud Boudignon Rosé de Loire 2022 France



"Thibaud Boudignon is one of the most important wine farmers in France today. Originally from Bordeaux, it was in 2009 that he began to make wine under his own name from a scant 3.5 ha in the heart of Anjou and Savennières. He committed himself to farming biodynamically, spending the majority of his time in the vineyards, and used historic massal selections from top domaines across the Loire to plant his vineyards. His singular devotion to quality and perfection paid off quickly, and today he is now, without doubt, considered one of the greatest growers in France."

Tasting Notes: Bright pink in the glass, the Cabernet Franc crafted here is a serious style of rosé that will have a place at the table and age short term. The crunchy red fruits are explosive with a mid-palate of tension that cascades to a dry finish. - Winemaker Notes

Gateway Vinho Verde 2021



Portuguese "green wine" aka Vinho Verde is the ultimate morning, noon, and night vinous partner. Its gentle fizz, modest alcohol, and citrus twist make for glass after glass of mouthwatering deliciousness. We like to think of it as Adult Sprite! Although Vinho Verde is technically a still wine, it has a slight effervescence that makes it fun and dangerously easy to drink. Its translation of "green wine" isn't in reference to the color but to its youth. Vinho Verde wines are very young and intended to be drunk shortly after they're produced. In fact, back in the day, because these wines were consumed so quickly after they were made, many producers didn't even bother putting the wine's vintage on the label.

Tasting Notes: This wine is as easy as they come. Low in alcohol, this wine is made for the summer heat. Vinho Verde has earned the nickname "porch pounder" for a reason. Put a chill on this wine, walk out on your porch and you will find out why. Light fruit and floral notes with high acidity, this is a summertime dream.

BOZZOVICH: This captivating label is a modern restyling of an original art-nouveau poster commissioned by the Ocone family to market their wines in the 1940's. The wines are named to honor the artist, Bozzovich.

Bozzovich Bianco White Wine Beneventano I.G.T. Campania Italy

Tasting Notes: This wine is straw yellow in color and boasts floral, orange blossom aromas with fruity hints of apple, grapefruit and passion fruit. It is full-bodied, fresh and clean with a round, pleasantly soft finish. A smooth, generous blend of native grape varieties from Campania in Southern Italy; 50% Falanghina, 30% Fiano, 20% Greco.

Bozzovich Nero Red Wine Beneventano I.G.T.

Tasting Notes: Ruby color. Aromatic with red fruit, violet overtones and hints of spices and tobacco. Full-bodied with succulent, soft ripe fruit, framed by moderate structure and refreshing acidity. This is a smooth, rich and fruity blend of native grape varieties from Campania in Southern Italy; 50% Aglianico, 50% Piediroso.



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Alain Jaume Domaine Grand Veneur Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge Le Miocène 2021 France 94 Pts



Grand Veneur Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge Le Miocene | Alain Jaume (Grand Veneur) | France - Rhone Valley - Chateauneuf du Pape AOC

The wine is produced from vineyards located in the northern part of Châteauneuf du Pape and the vines are grown using organic methods. This cuvee will express year after year great power and aromatic complexity.

Varietals: 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre

Organic | Certifications: Ecocert | Soil type: Miocene-era marine molasse covered by alpine alluvium | Vinification: Harvest is sorted by hand, destemmed and crushed. Fermentation temperature is controlled at 30°C.

Tasting Notes: An intense dark-ruby color. The nose develops aromas of ripe black fruits (such as blackberry), cherry and spice box. The palate reveals strong yet elegant tannins. The finish is long and luxurious. This is the Chateauneuf du Pape expression, displaying all the characteristics of the terroir.

Bodegas Ego Goru Monastrell 2016 Jumilla, Spain

Tasting Notes: Intense cherry-red color with violet shades. Delicate black fruit aroma with high roast and smoky features. Structured, subtle and smart palate, ripe appetizing and sweet tannins marked by elegance. Pair with: Beefsteak with mushrooms, hare, partridge, leg of Lamb suckling, lamb, smoked meats, stews and rice with meat, hake stewed, salmon, codfish and red tuna, aubergine with parmesan, blue cheese and cured cheese.

- Winery Notes



Jim Jim The Down-Underdog 2019 Shiraz McLaren Vale South Australia

Winemaker Hugh Hamilton is the direct descendant of Richard Hamilton, the first person to plant and grow wine in Australia over 180 years ago! Jim Jim is named for Hugh's dog that roamed the vines and loved to eat the Shiraz when ripe.

Jim Jim (The Down-Underdog) was Hugh's faithful Labrador/Kelpie, a highly intelligent sheepdog that had some of the native wild dog, the dingo in its genes. Every vintage Jim Jim would eat Shiraz grapes only when they were ripe for the picking, so with viticultural skills like that Hugh decided he should get his own brand. Jim Jim went to the big kennel in the sky in November 2010 but his talent is remembered in his wines.

Tasting Notes: A great nose with distinct varietal spice, hints of earthy complexity and a blend of dark red fruits like blackberries, cherries and raspberries Palate: A fleshy rich mouth filling palate with hints of vanilla, bright red berries and liquorice. With a spicy finish, lively mid-palate and gentle tannins the focus of this wine is on generosity and approachability which makes it your best friend on the dining room table.

Food Pairing: The easy option is a classic - Steak. Feel free to experiment a little, go beyond the norm - try this with a rich-ish pasta.

