

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB APRIL 2024



WINE: Borsao Garnacha Blend 2020
VARIETALS: Grenache, Tempranillo.



Viticulture Area: Aragon Region, Spain
Bottle Price: \$13.99 Case Price: \$151.09 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

From the Heartland of Garnacha

Bodegas Borsao

Brand Description

Bodegas Borsao is globally regarded as the benchmark winery for producing premium Garnacha. Located in the D.O. of Campo de Borja, Bodegas Borsao originated as a brand in 1958 when the cooperative of Borja was founded. In 2001, the cooperatives Ponzuelo and Tabuenca joined Borja, and Bodegas Borsao S.A. was established, bringing reform and a new sense of prestige to the winemaking practices of the group.

Location of Vineyard

Campo de Borja D.O. is located in the Aragon region, nestled against the Pyrenées Mountains. Bodega Borsao stretches over 2,260 hectares belonging to some 375 vine-growers. The hillsides of the Moncayo shelter the vineyards located between 350 and 800 meters of altitude, regulating cold, heat and moderating the effects of the North-west 'Cierzo', or wind. This region is historically and geographically conducive to growing Garnacha, which makes up 60% of the vineyards. Other varietals include, Syrah, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, and minimal amounts of Mazuela, Macabeo, and Chardonnay.

REGION

Camino del Tejar s/n 50540 BORJA (Zaragoza) Spain

Borja is a town and municipality in the province of Zaragoza, community of Aragon, northeastern Spain. As of 2014, its population was 4,931. The municipality borders with Ablitas (in Navarre) Agón, Ainzón, Alberite de San Juan, Albeta, Ambel, Bulbueite, El Buste, Fréscano, Magallón, Maleján, Mallén, Tabuenca, Tarazona, and Vera de Moncayo. It is the administrative seat of the comarca of Campo de Borja.



PRODUCER

Bodegas Borsao unveiled their new state-of-the-art winery in 2020 built to guarantee maximum product quality under strict sustainability policies over 132,000 square meters. Elements of the winery include a reservoir for rainwater (allowing 100% of the water that falls on the building to be retrieved and recycled) and an adjacent area with solar panels, providing most of the electricity needed for lighting and operations.

Harvested from vineyards that lay under the watchful presence of the regions highest mountain Moncayo, Borsao is a carefully crafted wine from the birthplace of Garnacha Aragon vinified to highlight the grapes, rich color and deepest flavors, Borsao can be enjoyed on its own or with a broad range of foods.

Characteristics of the vineyard: Vineyards with an age of 15 to 25 years on stony and slimy soils with clay and limestone. Elaboration: Pellicular maceration during 3-4 days and in total between 10-12 days. Separate fermentation of each variety in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature of between 22º-24º C.



Tasting Notes:

91 Points James Suckling Review August 2021

"A medium-bodied red with plum and strawberry character, as well as some cherry. Medium body, light tannins and a fruity finish. Garnacha." **Drinking temperature:** 16ºC.

Food Suggestions:

Versatile pairings: It specially works best with roasted meats, lamb, good beef or steaks and all types of stews and casseroles, game, and even flavorful fish stews.

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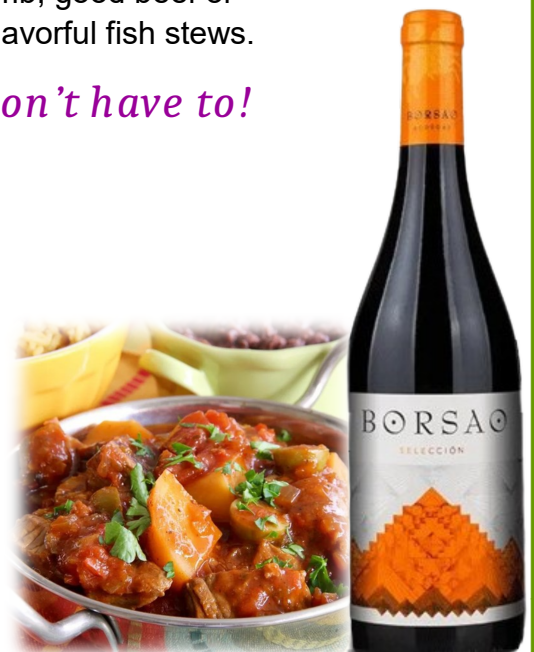
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WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB APRIL 2024

WINE: *Due Palme Tinaia Bianco DOP 2022*

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay



DUEPALME
CANTINE DEL SUD

Viticulture Area: Puglia, Italy

Bottle Price: \$14.99 Case Price: \$161.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

CANTINE DUE PALME

Due Palme is the story of a dream. The vision of a man, the third generation of a family of winemakers, who inherited the family winery and who invested passion and love in his land. Established in 1989, today Cantine Due Palme has become leader in the production of the most typical varieties in Salento, combining tradition and high technology (Negroamaro, Malvasia Nera, Primitivo and Susumaniello as main varieties). The production stages, from the cellar to the bottling line, though ageing facilities, are guaranteed by meticulous quality controls. Due Palme wines show off on their rear labels an important text: “integralmente prodotto” (estate bottled). Two words that guarantee to the consumer that wine is totally traceable and made in high quality. Thanks to our strategic vision and attentive practices in the vineyards as in the cellars, we have been able to build a strong and credible reputation, producing wines that delight the public as well as critics. A key feature is Alberello, literally “small tree”: this traditional method of bush vine cultivation produces very concentrated and complex fruits. Cantine Due Palme is a symbol of excellence in Apulia, an important testament to the territory, to the history and culture. Immersed in an atmosphere of passion, enthusiasm and pride in their products, it has established itself successfully in Italian and foreign markets, assisted by an annual production of about 17 million bottles and to play a role in the internationalization of Italian wines.

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Puglia's strategic positioning – at the heel of Italy's boot where the Ionian and Aegean seas meet – made it a prime target for invasions. The region exchanged hands numerous times since its founding in 2000 B.C. when the Mesopotamians settled in. The Greeks, Saracens, Normans, Turks, and Romans also conquered it, leaving the imprint of their cultures on the region's food.

The Swabians brought radishes; Arabs brought citrus fruits and almonds; Spaniards brought potatoes and tomatoes. The blend of influences results in a gastronomic kaleidoscope of colors and flavors in every dish.

Local winemaking dates back to the Phoenicians. The Greeks called the land “enoteca.” Puglia is now the sixth-largest winemaking region in the world and is famed for cultivating Primitivo – a clone of Zinfandel grape – and Negroamaro. Most wines are red, full-bodied, and offer good values compared to its neighbors in the north. You can sip wines in Lecce, where you can be elbow to elbow with other locals who frequent the numerous wine bars on Via Umberto I.



PRODUCER

THE PASSION OF A MAN. HIS LOVE FOR HIS LAND

Angelo Maci ~ If he had been born elsewhere? The story of a man is never external to the environment in which he grows. Angelo Maci is certainly no exception; the opposite in fact. Uprooting him from the depths of Salento – where he was born in 1943 – from its vines and that fervent, amiable community would deprive him of every trusted point of reference. That is, the topos and humus, in which his personality grew. It is the only route to understanding the role played by the man; or rather, his daring projects and legitimate ambitions. Cantine Due Palme is the story of a dream; and the vision of this man born into the third generation of a local winemaking family who having inherited the winery, then invested his own great passion and his love for this land. “To cultivate a good Vineyard, first of all you have to cultivate the man. Wine exists because there are people who till the soil and look after grapes, day in day out” President Maci says.

Tinaia Salice Salentino Bianco:

Grapes: 100% Chardonnay

Planting Density: 4,500 plants / Ha

Training System: Trellises plants in the lands of Salice Salentino Bianco DOP

Terroir: Deep, Medium-textured to clayey

Welcome to Salento, an earthly paradise synthesizing an authentic lifestyle. Salento is a place of crossing, between east and west, a game of colors creating a unique aesthetic: manor farms, town houses, country houses, old palaces, little villages, watchtowers along the coasts, olive trees and... wonderful vineyards. All around you, old stones, red earth, warm local people, narrow streets, white-washed houses, baroque balconies, cascading geraniums, simplicity and uncontaminated countryside, blue sea. Poetic, intimate, over-looking sea, this southern Italian paradise is simple and sophisticated.



Tasting Notes:

Brilliant golden color in the glass. The nose reveals first aromas of tropical fruits, then delicate hints of yellow flowers, sweet spices and a finish of honey and vanilla derived from oak. The sip is full and satisfying with the right balance of fresh savory and remarkable persistence. Serve Chilled 10/12°C

Food Suggestions:

First courses based on fish; elaborate fish recipes; stuffed squid; fresh and semi-aged cheeses; octopus with chickpea cream

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WINE: Ghostrunner Ungrafted Red

VARIETALS: Zin-Cab-Petite Sirah



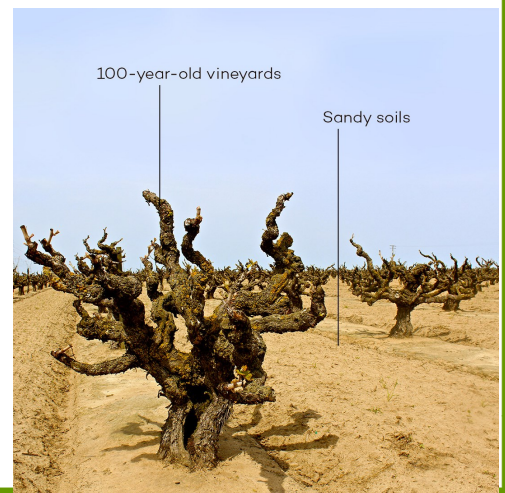
Viticulture Area: Napa Valley, California

Bottle Price: \$15.99 Case Price: \$172.69 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT GHOSTRUNNER: We started Ghostrunner as a way to bring to the market a great tasting red blend that you'll enjoy drinking anytime. Ghostrunner grapes are sourced through central valley vineyards that produce rich and elegant wines. This handcrafted wine shows complex fruit and has a gentle, well balanced finish. It can be enjoyed on its own or with a variety of foods.

At Ghostrunner, we only make a red blend so we focus 100% of our time, resources and passion around just this one wine. We hope you enjoy it and share it with your friends.

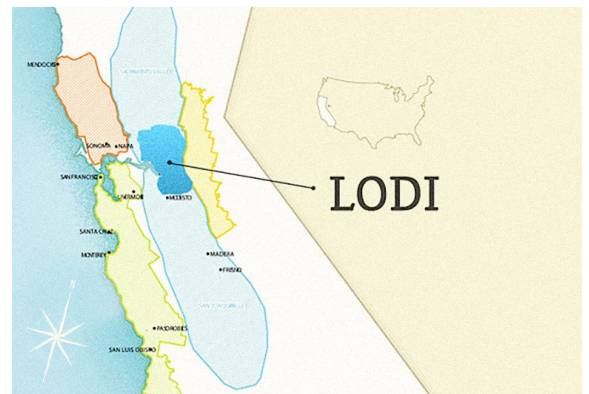


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Lodi is a treasure trove of old vines and forgotten wine varieties.

On the surface, Lodi doesn't seem to be very special. There are several big brands (Woodbridge, Rex-Goliath, Bronco Wine Co., Sutter Home, etc.) who use Lodi fruit in their unexciting California wines, chiefly Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Grigio.

It's a land of smoky-yet-aromatic red wines that will floor you... made by unassuming, all-American farmers. Yep, true story. You just need to know what to look for.



The Lodi AVA (American Viticultural Area) has seven sub-AVAs, of which, the most important (historically) is Mokelumne River. Mokelumne is an area that surrounds the city of Lodi and is home to the oldest vineyards. The soils here are very sandy, which increases aromatic intensity in wines, but also slightly reduces body and color. Wines from Mokelumne are still quite bold, but often hauntingly more floral.

PRODUCER

WINEMAKER LARRY LEVIN: After completing his Enology degree at UC Davis, Larry spent seventeen years at Dry Creek Vineyard. He has since covered the globe by making wine in New Zealand, Chile, and Australia. He previously was head of winemaking at Franciscan, Mt. Veeder, Robert Mondavi, Estancia, Ravenswood, and Quintessa brands.

WINE SUMMARY

Appellation: Lodi

Aging: 100% French Oak

Release Date: April 2022

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.74

Acidity: .94



Tasting Notes:

The 2021 Ghostrunner red blend includes Cabernet, Petite Sirah and Merlot. It shows a dark ruby color with an aroma that's rich in mixed berries and black cherry preserves. Hints of spice including black pepper and bacon carry through on the palate. This decadent red blend finishes with soft tannins, dark fruit and elaborate oak. The 2021 growing season was generous in length and consistent temperatures. Flavors were strong at harvest and we think 2021 will prove to be a terrific vintage.

Food Suggestions:

Pairs perfectly with grilled steak, roast or braised chicken, stuffed portabella mushrooms.

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WINE: Torbreck Woodcutter's Shiraz 2021

VARIETALS: 100% Shiraz

Viticulture: Barossa Valley, Australia



TORBRECK
BAROSSA VALLEY

Bottle Price: \$24.99 Case Price: \$269.89 plus tax

The Road to Perfection

INTRODUCTION

Torbreck is on a quest to become one of the world's great wine marques. A critical part of this journey is remaining unwaveringly true to our core vision and not being diverted by trends and fashions.

Since 1994 Torbreck has been committed to creating exceptional Rhone Style Red and White Wines reflecting the best vineyards in Australia's famous Barossa. Provenance is everything to us. We believe the Barossa is the most exciting place to make wine in the world, with its gentle Mediterranean climate and 175 years of Silesian and English commitment to winemaking and grape-growing.

There is a European sense of tradition here that means vines planted in the 1840s – many of them Rhone varieties such as Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre – still thrive and bear fruit of unique concentration and flavor. Torbreck pays tribute to these vineyards with minimal intervention, creating wines of richness, structure and length that age gracefully. The multi-generational growers, whose descendants arrived here nearly two centuries ago, are the backbone of Torbreck's winemaking aspirations. Without their knowledge of the seasons and the soil, we would not have such a precious resource of fruit to work with.



REGION



Barossa Valley, Australia | Subregions: Marananga, Greenock, Seppeltsfield, Gomersal, Moppa, Lyndoch, Ebenezer

The Barossa Valley in Australia is renowned for its rich winemaking heritage, dating back to the mid-19th century. This region is celebrated for producing world-class Shiraz wines, known for their bold flavors and robust character. With its Mediterranean climate and diverse soil types, the Barossa Valley continues to be a top destination for wine enthusiasts seeking exceptional wine experiences.

The Barossa Valley in Australia has a diverse soil terroir, which contributes to the unique characteristics of its wines. The region's soil types include sandy loam, clay, and limestone, with varying levels of fertility and water retention. These soil variations, combined with the Mediterranean climate and old-vine vineyards, play a crucial role in shaping the flavors, aromas, and structure of Barossa wines, particularly its renowned Shiraz and Grenache varieties.

The Barossa Valley in Australia has a Mediterranean climate, characterized by hot summers and mild winters. During the summer months, temperatures can rise significantly, often exceeding 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) at times. The region experiences relatively low rainfall, with most precipitation occurring in the winter months. These climatic conditions, along with the region's diverse soil types, contribute to the ideal growing conditions for grapevines, particularly varieties like Shiraz, Grenache, and Riesling, which thrive in such climates.

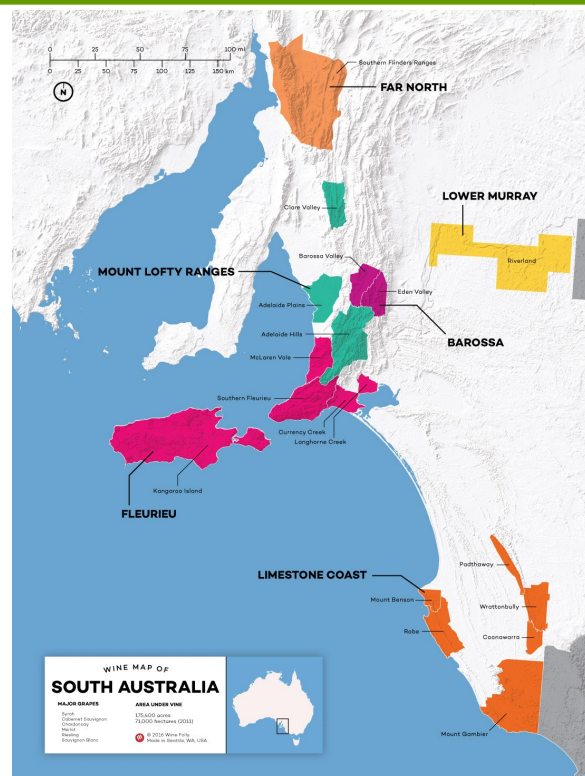
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Torbreck Vintners was created with the aim of building one of the finest wine estates in the world. Our vision is to pay homage to the vineyards of the Barossa Valley, home to some of the oldest vines on the planet.

Torbreck has also been fortunate to have the opportunity to invest in the protection of some of the Barossa's most precious vineyards, after accepting fruit from them over many years. The historic Hillside Vineyard at Lyndoch, The Laird Vineyard in the sub-region of Marananga and the Greenock Keller Vineyard owned by the Schultz family, are all now under the custodianship of Torbreck.

The Drinks Business March 2024; Richard Woodward

"It's 30 years since cult winery Torbreck was established in the Barossa – and plenty has changed in that time, from ownership to viticulture and winemaking. Through it all, however, the central ethos of expressing the quality of some of the oldest vines on the planet remains".



Tasting Notes:

Crimson with red plum hues. Lifted red, black and blue fruits of red cherry, raspberry coulis, blueberry conserve and wild blackberry and blackcurrant. There is a spicy edge showing cardamom, star anise and Chinese five spice. Soft caressing tannins and voluptuous mouthfeel from plump Shiraz berries gives this wine a posture that belies its pedigree. The poise and piquancy of the fruit sitting on top of the structured mouthfeel provides confidence to cellar for 5-10 years. Serve at 16C and match with most cuisines. Drink now or cellar for up to ten years.

Food Suggestions:

Sausages, kebabs and hearty vegetables that have a nice char from the grill, as well as smoky barbecued meats.

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BAROSSA VALLEY

Woodcutter's
Shiraz

750ML made & bottled by Torbreck Vintners, Roenfeldt Road, Marananga, S.A.



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WINE: *Trenel Macon Villages 2021*

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

Viticulture Area: Burgundy, France



Bottle Price: \$25.99 Case Price: \$280.69 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

WE SUCCEED AT WHAT WE KNOW WELL AND LOVE

Founded in 1928 by Henri Claudius Trénel, Maison Trénel is one of the most ancient and well-known houses of the Beaujolais and the Macon wine regions of France. For nearly a century, the house has had the great fortune of working with vineyards are superbly situated and judiciously farmed. These vines consistently yield very high-quality fruit. For example, some of the vines for Trénel's Beaujolais-Villages upwards of 60 years of age.

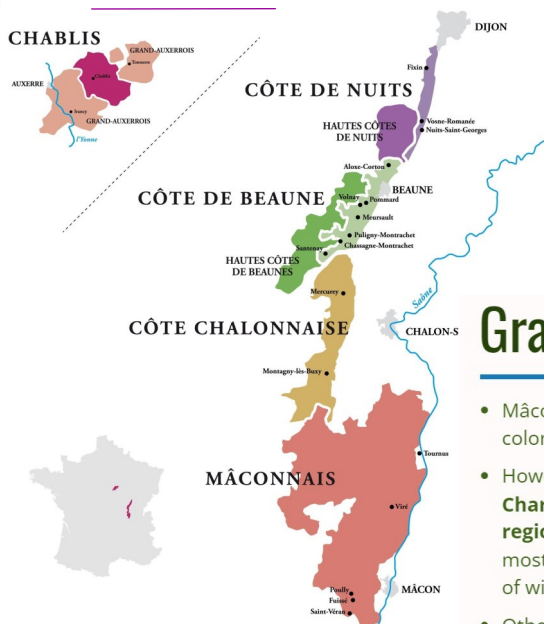
Getting There

The **Mâcon wine region** is located in central France, and the southernmost vineyards of the Burgundy wine region. The area is dotted with green rolling hills, and the Saône river to the east of the region. The Mâcon enjoys a long tradition of viticulture and winemaking.

Today, **Mâcon wines** are exported across the world, championed by sommeliers and enjoyed in many restaurant settings.

Let's explore the Mâcon!

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Grapes & Vines

- Mâcon wines are produced in three colors: **Red, White and Rosé**.
- However white wines made from **Chardonnay** account for **80+% of the region's total production**, making it the most significant grape variety and style of wine in the Mâconnais.
- Other varieties grown in the region include:
 - Aligoté (light crisp white wine)
 - Pinot Noir (for red and rosé wines)
 - Gamay (for red and rosé wines)

The Mâconnais is famous not just for its limestone, but for its melting pot of different rock and soil profiles. Limestone | Marl | Sandstone

PRODUCER

"Bene facit id quod bene amat"

In the Cellar

- **Mâcon whites are produced from Chardonnay**, a green-skinned grape variety that originated in Burgundy. In fact, the grape is named after the Mâconnais commune of Chardonnay!
- **Qualities often found in Mâcon whites:**
 - Medium to medium+ bodied
 - Moderate in alcohol
 - Medium to medium+ acidity
 - Little to no discernable oak influence
- **Flavors often found in Mâcon whites:**
 - Yellow apple (Golden Delicious, Jonagold)
 - Citrus fruits (meyer lemon, grapefruit)
 - Quince
 - Honeysuckle
 - Fennel + Verbena

Maison Trénel is one of the most ancient and well-known houses of the Beaujolais and the Mâcon. The house has always strived to produce wines that exemplify the purest expression of their origins. This sentiment is born from a profound respect for the land, as well as Burgundian winemaking traditions.

This ethos also informs the house's motto, written in Latin and evidenced on Maison Trénel's emblem: Bene Facit Id Quod Bene Amat, "...we can only succeed at that which we know well, and love."

The alcoholic fermentation takes place in cement and stainless steel tanks. The temperature is controlled and lays at 16°C to preserve the fruity character of the wine. The malolactic fermentation is completed on this vintage. The wine is bottled after a light filtering.

Tasting Notes:

This wine possesses a brilliant golden color. Its nose is fresh and floral with citrus notes. In the mouth, the wine is soft and round with a great length. The final is crisp and very pleasant with a citrusy touch.

Food Suggestions:

As an aperitif, it should be served chilled, at 8°to 11°C, alone or with a Trénel fruit-liqueur (blackcurrant, blackberry, wild peach, Morello cherry and raspberry). Moreover, it goes very well with seafood, grilled fish or goat cheese.

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WINE: florez wines Knoll Top 2022 Zinfandel

VARIETALS: Zinfandel



Viticulture Area: Hunter Hill Vineyard, Santa Cruz CA

Bottle Price: \$24.99 Case Price: \$269.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

we are a specialty wine producer

Est: 2017 in Santa Cruz California

By utilizing traditional, artisanal, and elemental practices we create one of a kind wines for those who take interest. Our production is small and our practices meticulous. We go out our way to do things exactly how we feel will best allow the



wines to express distinct personality. The fruit is the most important part of the process and it is foundational that we work with good vineyards grown in harmony with their terroir. Fortunate to be in good company, floréz wines is partnered with people who are as passionate as we are. Everyone we work with is committed to getting soulful product to those who care. If you are a wine buyer checkout our partners below.

REGION

Santa Cruz, California, is a dynamic wine-growing region known for its cool climate and maritime influence, thanks to its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. This coastal terroir creates ideal conditions for growing varieties such as Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon, known for their elegance and complexity. The Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, within this region, is recognized for producing high-quality, terroir-driven wines that reflect the unique characteristics of its rugged terrain and microclimates.



PRODUCER

florèz wines was founded by James Jelks in 2017. Born in Santa Cruz and raised in Davis California Jelks is a west coast kid. After a decade of wine fascination, attending the UC Davis E&V program, and working worldwide Jelks set his sights on producing wines in Santa Cruz county.

Here at florèz wines we embrace old world technique and sensibility. Everything begins with the vineyards and the best quality starting ingredients.

Some of the vineyards we are farming ourselves using organic practices, and dry farming management. To supplement we source fruit from organically and sustainably farmed vineyards. We work to stay as local as possible to the Santa Cruz area.

We follow through with astute craftsmanship utilizing native yeasts, eschewing additives, racking well but never filtering, a carefully monitored élevage without sulfur and sur lie, and bottling with minimal effective sulfur or less.

Always in pursuit of improvement we hope to deliver wines of pleasure and ease on the body.



Tasting Notes:

Deep garnet color with expressive notes of vibrant fruit flavors, nuanced aromatics and a lively acidity that reflects the terroir. Florez provides the perfect gateway for the wine consumer's first introduction to these special selections.

Food Suggestions:

This Zinfandel's ripe fruitiness can balance the heat in spicy foods like Mexican mole, Cajun jambalaya, or Indian curry dishes. The robust flavors of grilled steaks, lamb chops, or barbecue ribs complement the rich and fruity notes of Florez Wines Knoll Top Zinfandel.

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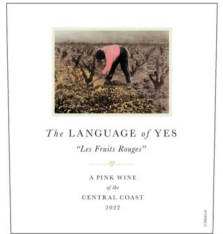
WINE: Language of Yes Rose

VARIETALS: Rosé Blend

72% Grenache | 26% Cinsault | 2% Tibouren

VITICULTURE AREA: Central Coast, California

Bottle Price: \$23.99 Case Price: \$259.09 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

From Cigars (Flying) to the Rhône Ranger to Popelouchum, Randall Graham has a long history of reimagining the traditions of France in a distinctly personal way. The Language of Yes (a distinctly odd name) is Randall's next chapter. A continued exploration of the central California Coast through small-batch vinous experiments, light touches and a deep love of the land. If the grapes and soil have anything at all to say, we cannot imagine a more faithful interpreter.



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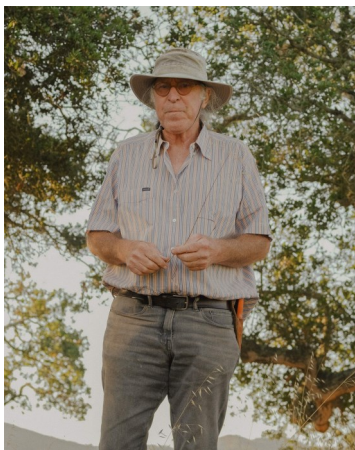


Central Coast is a vast American Viticultural Area (AVA) that spans along the Central California Pacific coastline from the San Francisco Bay Area south through Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. It was established on November 25, 1985 by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Treasury after reviewing the petition submitted by Taylor California Cellars, a winery in Gonzales, California, to establish the "Central Coast" viticultural area. The boundaries of the Central Coast, which have been expanded twice, includes portions of six counties where approximately 100,000 acres (40,469 ha) cultivated with Chardonnay being more than half of the varietal. Within the multi-county AVA are numerous established appellations that share the same maritime climate produced by the Pacific Ocean.

Central Californian Coastline, Big Sur

An obsession with terroir-driven wines, uncommon varietals, and the Central Coast of California is what brought legendary winemaker Randall Graham and Joe C. Gallo, founder of Maze Row Wine Merchant, together in a collaboration aimed to be a vehicle for Randall's pioneering work. The pink wine is inspired by the very obscure variety, Tibouren, found rather sparsely in Provence' but also showing up in Liguria, where it travels under the name of Rossese, producing haunting, lighter-bodied reds reminiscent of Burgundy transposed to a slightly rustic octave. Tibouren is a grape perfectly suited to pink wine; fruity and juicy but also expressive of a slightly herbal note, sometimes evoking the garrigue or underbrush of the limestone soils of southern France; Tibouren wines (even the pink!) are known for their great longevity and capacity for evolution. Along with Tibouren, we've blended Cinsaut, a brilliant if tragically misunderstood variety. Both the Tibouren and Cinsaut are sourced from the Creston Ridge Vineyard Pomar district of Paso Robles. Yields of both varieties are carefully controlled and aggressively thinned for uniformity in ripening.

PRODUCER



Randall Grahm

Overall, 2022 was an excellent vintage in the Central Coast, and the vineyards from which these grapes derive did not suffer the debilitating effects of unseasonably warm weather. The Cinsaut and Grenache received substantial skin contact to enhance the fruit expression of the wine. The 2% addition of Tibouren may seem like a homeopathic addition but adds additional complexity.

The Language of Yes Les Fruits Rouge Central Coast Pink Wine is a medium salmon-colored rose in which both Grenache and Cinsaut show their varietal typicity and inspire the moniker, 'Les Fruits Rouges.' The 2% addition of Tibouren may seem like a homeopathic addition but adds additional complexity and elegance to the blend. On the nose, one instantly finds the tell-tale strawberry rhubarb/white peppery notes of Grenache with suggestions of apricot, lavender and tarragon. On top sits the elegant essence of Cherry, almost certainly emanating from the Cinsaut. Grahm recommends resisting the urge to serve this wine cold, "as one might miss a bit of the aromatic pyrotechnics."

Odd name for a wine, what? "The Language of Yes" or *La Langue d'Oc* is the term that medieval folk of southern France and adjacent environs used to describe who they were by how they spoke (differentiating themselves from "*La langue d'oïl*" spoken by their northern neighbors – a *oui* bit of parochialism, *non*?) "The Language of Yes," a precursor of modern Provençal, is a window to a particular sensibility – the language of the love poetry of the troubadours – one that esteemed passion and romance above cerebration and most significantly, expressed a deep, almost mystical love of the land. All of the above is just fancy way of saying that The Language of Yes owes a cultural and aesthetic, even moral debt to the wines and vignerons of southern France. However, bear in mind that what we are trying to achieve here is not to blindly emulate the Frenchies, but rather, to try and find our own original style and voice, informed by the uniqueness of the vineyards, climates, and by the (mostly) sunny disposition of the Central Coast of California. The Language of Yes is certainly a journey of discovery, continuously working rather more to find, than to create complexity and soulfulness in the vines and wines.

Tasting Notes:

"Lovely aromas of watermelon and peach pick up a floral tone on the nose of this rosé blend of 72% Grenache, 26% Cinsaut and 2% Tibouren. Similar fruit flavors are encased in firm tannins on the broad and likable sip, cut by bright acidity". 91 points from Wine Enthusiast, November 2023

Food Suggestions:

Bucket of cooked prawns and Marie Rose sauce. Also a 10/10 pairing with exotic Moroccan cuisine.

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2022 LES FRUITS ROUGES

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WINE: S&B Borgogno Barolo Cannubi Truffle Hunters



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VARIETALS: 100% Nebbiolo

Viticulture Area: Piedmont, Italy

Bottle Price: \$53.99 | 6 Pack Case Price: 291.54 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

"Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno is one of the most historic estates in Piedmont, with a number of core holdings in and around Cannubi. It's been a number of years since I last tasted the wines, but I was quite taken with the two 2016 Barolos... Borgogno is an estate to watch."

—Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

For 5 generations we have been cultivating our vineyards with love, protecting an ancient profession, that of making wine, based on deep roots handed down from generation to generation.

The rolling hillside vineyard of Cannubi, in which the Serio and Battista Borgogno winery is based, encompasses just under 15 hectares, about the same size as the prestigious Burgundy plot of Clos de la Roche (which will easily set you back \$300 per bottle). Among the cognoscenti, Cannubi is held in the same esteem as any Grand Cru Pinot Noir vineyard in Burgundy. Its history as a place where great wine has always been produced is evident: the oldest surviving bottle of Barolo is labeled, "Cannubi -1752."

While the history is important, it is the terroir, and resulting style that separates Cannubi from Barolo's other vineyards. The crus of Serralunga and Monforte are known for their power, and to a certain extent, the Barolo DOCG as a whole enjoys the same reputation.



Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno



REGION

Piedmont is one of the 20 regions of Italy. It borders the Liguria region to the south, the Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna regions to the east, and the Aosta Valley region to the northwest.

Piedmont also borders Switzerland to the north and France to the west.

Piedmont has an area of 9,808 sq mi, making it the second-largest region of Italy after Sicily. As of 31 January 2021, the population was 4,269,714. The capital of Piedmont is Turin, which was also the capital of the Kingdom of Italy from 1861 to 1865. Piedmont is surrounded on three sides by the Alps, including Monviso, where the river Po rises, and Monte Rosa. The geography of Piedmont is 43.3% mountainous, along with extensive areas of hills (30.3%) and plains (26.4%).



PRODUCER

The majesty of Cannubi lies in its lifted, floral aromatics with a palate characterized by elegance and approachable structure. As with all great wine, its requisite age-worthiness is undeniable, but unlike many Baroli, Cannubi brings uncommon pleasure in youth.

Francesco Borgogno established Fratelli Serio and Battista Borgogno in 1897. At the time his was the only winery on the Cannubi hill. He served as the mayor of the town of Barolo for more than 30 years, leading an informal association of growers and helping to solve problems in the vineyards and beyond. The estate has been in the family since its beginning, with fourth-generation sisters Anna and Paola Borgogno now handing the reins over to their daughters Emanuela and Federica.

- 100% Nebbiolo from sand and limestone soils in the heart of the Cannubi vineyard in Barolo
- Maceration takes place for 30-40 days in large oak casks, with frequent use of remontage
- Aged for 30 months in oak casks, plus a further 6 months aging in horizontal racks
- Only 125 cases produced of this inaugural vintage



Tasting Notes:

Ruby red in color with a fragrant nose of raspberries. Round, elegant tannins on the palate are balanced by flavors of red fruit, plum, blackberries, tobacco and spices.

Food Suggestions:

Beautiful pairing with beef, lamb, pasta and game (deer, venison).



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WINE: Domaine Grand Roche Chablis 2022

VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

Viticulture Area: Burgundy France



Bottle Price: \$45.99 12-Pack Case Price: \$496.69 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

- Artisanal wine. Sustainable farming practices. Aged 100% in stainless steel tanks. No oak barrels used. It is the perfect match between Chardonnay grape vines and Kimmeridgien soil. Our Chablis is exclusively aged in stainless steel tanks to let it fully express all its terroir. You can taste it young or let it develop more complex aromas after a few years. It will seduce you with its greeny-gold color, its subtle and elegant palate and its vivacity.
- More affordable than the typical White wine from Chablis. The price has been stable over the past year.
- Award tasting note: (2014 vintage) "Preserved minerally nose, fresh fruit character on the palate with a zesty, lingering, food friendly finish." - *Silver, International Wine Challenge*

REGION



Where Exactly is Burgundy?

Located in the east-central part of France, Burgundy has 5 primary wine growing areas (not including Beaujolais and Châtillonnais): Chablis – “*shab-lee*”



In the hills and valleys around the Serein river in northern Burgundy's Yonne department, Chablis is arguably the home of unadorned, cool-climate Chardonnay, producing white wines of great freshness, longevity and beguiling minerality.

Chardonnay is one of the most widely planted varieties. Although best known as the white grape of Burgundy and the cornerstone of Champagne, it is produced to a huge spectrum of wine styles. From a creamy, buttery, oak-aged to a lean and crisp sparkling wine, Chardonnay is versatile, approachable, and greatly revered.



Domaine Grand Roche

Rooted in the rich wine-growing tradition of **Saint Bris**, Domaine Grand Roche is the fruit of the Lavallée family's passion and vision. In 1987, Erick created his estate, which he named Grand Roche after the locality where he planted his first vines.

In 1987 Erick Lavallée founded Domaine Grand Roche after a lieu-dit around Saint Bris where he planted 10 hectares of wine. In 2021, the second generation takes over. Today, they grow 14 hectares of vineyards spread between the areas of Chablis and Auxerre.



Rooted in Saint Bris le Vineux is a small village in the Burgundy region, located 8km from Auxerre and 16km from Chablis. It is the most respected municipality of the Auxerre wine area but also the most historically as there are traces of wine production since the 12th century.

Tasting Notes:

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Food Suggestions:

With shellfish, you can think of the wine as a squeeze of lemon – tangy, crisp, minerally wines tend to be particularly successful with salty, metallic, raw shellfish.

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Pork



Shellfish



Rich fish (salmon, tuna etc)



Mild and soft cheese

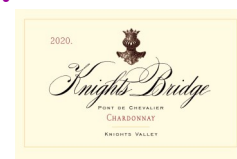
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WINE: Knight's Bridge Pont de Chevalier Chardonnay 2020



VARIETALS: 100% Chardonnay

Viticulture Area: Knights Valley California



Bottle Price: \$54.99 12-Pack Case Price: \$593.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Our Story: In 2006, several close-knit family members discovered 50 acres of hillside vineyards in Knights Valley, the perfect spot to produce exceptional Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Knights Bridge vineyard is nestled on the pristine west side of Knights Valley, the warmest appellation in Sonoma County. It was here that the family decided to create Knights Bridge Winery with the singular goal of producing world-class wines. Joining on their quest is a group of talented professionals, all striving together in the pursuit of excellence from sustainable farming methods and small lot wine production to unique tasting experiences. Knights Bridge Winery is guided by a deep respect for nature, a passion for fine wines, and a dedication to family and friends.

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Knights Valley

Situated at the foot of Mount St. Helena, just north of Calistoga, beautiful Knights Valley holds a special fascination. Located in a narrow valley bordering the Mayacamas mountain range that divides Sonoma and Napa Counties, this easternmost Sonoma County appellation, known for its warm days and cool nights, is the warmest viticultural region in the county. The valley's beauty and mineral-rich volcanic rhyolitic (volcanic) soils help produce world class Chardonnay and Bordeaux varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc; wines that consistently earn acclaim from critics and wine lovers alike. This special place continues to enshrine the rough beauty and ambition of the West, but contains within it a classic finesse and style that makes this one of the most unique wine-growing regions in the world.



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The vineyard is such a unique piece of land in such a special location. We have 5 different soil types, a climb of about 1,200 feet in elevation, six different directional sun exposures, and numerous microclimates throughout the vineyard. All of these factors combined produce distinctive characteristics from the different blocks, clones, and varieties in our vineyard and make for personality-driven wines. The winemaking and viticultural work we do to bring the best out of each of the distinguished, individualistic blocks throughout the property is enthralling.

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Knights Bridge Winery Proprietors from left to right:

Essel Bailey, Menakka Bailey, Tom Costin, Cindy Costin, Jim Bailey, Kelley Bailey



DEREK BALJEU, WINEMAKER

Derek was promoted to Winemaker in August 2021. While he has a variety of specific duties, he sees them all as pieces of one larger job: to maintain wine quality. "I think it's the idea of working for something that is greater than yourself and never truly having control that keeps me enthralled by winemaking. We navigate what the growing season and vineyard give us every vintage. I love the fact that we, as winemakers, are just here to bring out the truest expression of the vineyard."

Tasting Notes:

A seamless, vivacious, and mineral-driven expression of Chardonnay, delivering beautifully intertwined aromas and flavors of lemon blossom, stone fruits, flint, and crystalized ginger.

Food Suggestions:

The luscious mouthfeel and seaside mineral characters of this wine make a wide range of seafood dishes shine. Try pairing with Oysters Rockefeller, lobster bisque, seared scallops or fresh sautéed abalone. Alternative options include a roasted pork loin with mustard glaze or a brown butter sage agnolotti.

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The 2020 winegrowing season opened with warmer temperatures and a very dry January and February, marking an early start to the growing cycle, with bud break beginning in late February. Spring rains gave the vines access to nutrients in the soil and cool, mild conditions prevailed into summer until an August heat wave accelerated ripening that led to an early harvest. The one- to two-week early start resulted in slightly earlier harvest dates, and while the crop yield was smaller than average, the quality of fruit was excellent.

JEB DUNNUCK—91 POINTS
WINE ENTHUSIAST—90 POINTS

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WINE: Mancinelli Terre Dei Goti 2018 Rosso I.G.T.



*VARIETALS: 100%. Lacrima,
indigenous clone of Morro d'Alba*

Viticulture Area: Marche Italy



Bottle Price: \$53.99 | 6-Pack Case Price: \$291.54 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Stefano Mancinelli's vineyards and olive groves are cultivated on the sweet hills of **Morro d'Alba**, about 10 km from the sea, in the province of Ancona, in a particularly suited area of the inland of **Marche region**.

Our winery's surface, of about 60 hectares of land as well as 25 hectares of vineyards specialized in the production of DOC wines from which **Lacrima di Morro d'Alba D.O.C.** and **Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi D.O.C. Classico** are produced, typical of the area.

A **particular excellence** of the winery is represented by the distillation plant, the first one in our region, from which we obtain **Grappa di Lacrima** and **Grappa di Verdicchio** in various forms and types by distilling fresh pomace from our cellar.



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Morro d'Alba, small center of the Marche Region dates back to 1862. Until then, Morro (from mar or mur, that is rock, wall) was a village whose territory had a great strategic and economic importance as an agricultural center. It is mentioned for the first time in an act of 1197 and then again in 1213, when the town of Senigallia gave it to that of Jesi to which it belonged until the end of Napoleon's reign. The term alba (high ground) would refer to a small castle of the High Middle Ages, located near the old town. In Morro d'Alba, situated at the intersection of two natural communication



routes, that of the Misa river and that of the Esino river, important remains of two Roman villas and other ruins from the Gothic period have been found. In contrada Sant'Amico, near the spring called Fonte Re, a golden medallion was found depicting Teodorico, King of the Goths, now kept in the Museum of Terme di Roma.



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Museo Mancinelli

Our company is quite young, but there has always been an interest related to viticulture, winemaking and construction of cellar equipment in the family.

We wanted to collect what objects and memories have come down to us here.

Not only work tools but also tools of common use that give us an idea of what life was like in the past.

Some can make us smile, whereas others make us appreciate the comforts of today even more compared to the certainly heavier and more tiring life of our grandparents.

WINEMAKING

Drying of the grapes for 4 months in a special ventilated room, winemaking in stainless steel tanks, followed by maturation for 2 years in barriques and for other 2 years in tonneaux, aged for 3 months in bottle.



Tasting Notes:

Color: Very intense ruby red. Scent: Very intense with hints of rose, violet and ripe berries and jam.

Taste: Very intense and persistent body, soft and balanced.

Food Suggestions:

Very elegant dishes, usually spicy and aromatic. Wine also “for meditation”.

SERVING TEMPERATURE 18°C

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