WINE: Cantele Primitivo IGP 2023



VARIETALS: 100% Primitivo

Viticulture Area: Puglia, Italy

**Bottle Price: \$15.99** 

Case Price: \$172.69 plus tax



### **INTRODUCTION**

These wines are a piece of history. It starts in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century against a still sepia-toned Italy. It's the story of a man named Giovanni Battista Cantele and his family's winery. He's the first character in this tale, which begins in Imola during the First World War. Giovanni Battista Cantele had left the city where he was born, Pramaggione, as he followed the woman who would one day become his wife and the mother of his children Augusto and Domenico. She would later become the inspiration for a wine that now bears her name: Teresa Manara.

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Most Puglia wine is red, full-bodied, and will pair well with a wide variety of foods. Producers in Puglia have focused on making great red wines, and local grapes like Negroamaro, Primitivo, and Bombino Nero make for delicious drinking. Some of the best values in Italian wine come from this sunny, dry region.

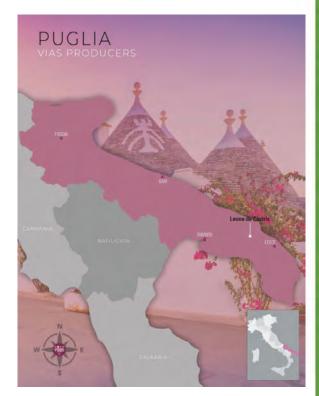
The grapes for this wine are grown in Southern Puglia, where the vineyards bask in the Mediterranean sun by day and are cooled by the gentle sea breeze by night.

### **PRODUCER PROFILE**

Estate owned by: Cantele Family

Winemaker: Gianni Cantele
Total acreage of wine: 140 Ha
Winery production: 95.000 cases

Region: Puglia





### **VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO**

Vineyard location: IGT Salento
Vineyard size: various
Green status: sustainable
Soil composition: mostly sandy
Training method: head-trained,
pruned-spur cordon

Elevation: 20-40 m asl Vines/nectare: 4700/5000 Ha

Exposure: various Vine age: 15-40 y

Harvest time: first week September

First vintage: 1993
Production: 200.000 bottles







### **WINEMAKING & AGING**

Varietal composition: 100% Primitivo
Fermentation container: stainless steel tanks
Maceration technique: must macerates for 6-8 days
Type of aging container: barriques American Oak
Length of aging: 6 months
Length of bottle aging: 2 months

"Full-bodied and chewy red with chocolate, coffee, toasted walnuts and dried berry fruit on the nose. It's broad with plenty of fruit, nut and chocolate character. Drink Now.:JS

### Tasting Notes:

This full-bodied wine has deep red color and a distinctive mineral bouquet with notes of cherries & plums.

### Food Suggestions:

Pairs well with hearty dishes featuring rich sauces, grilled meats and aged cheeses. Its bold fruit flavors and moderate tannins complement dishes like pasta with meat sauce, roasted lamb, and even pizza with tomato sauce.

Also an excellent pairing for seafood dishesas per tuna and swordfish.

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WINE: Chateau Roustan 2023

VARIETALS: 60% Roussane | 20% Grenache | 20% Viognier

Viticulture Area: Costieres de Nimes, France

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



### INTRODUCTION

### **Chateau Roustan:**

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A winery located in the Costieres de Nimes appellation, known for producing Southern Rhone style wines. The estate covers 175 acres (70ha) in the heart of the Costières de Nîmes appellation, one of the most dynamic in the area of the Rhone Valley. The owners are committed towards sustainable viticulture and their vines are all certified "Organic".

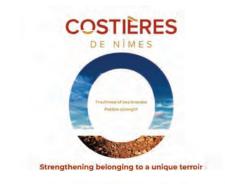
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### A unique cultural heritage

Mediterranean culture—a collection of traditions, practices, and lifestyles—has flourished over the centuries in this region. It is evident in the local cuisine, renowned for its fresh, simple, and flavorful produce, and is recognized for its health benefits. The warm summers and mild winters, characteristic of the Mediterranean climate, play a central role in daily life. The ever-present sun influences moods, colors the landscapes, and sets the pace for daily activities. Village squares, café terraces, and open-air markets become favorite meeting places, where people gather to chat and sayor the moment.

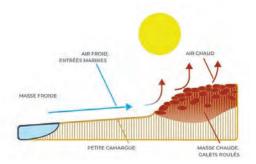
Within the large family of Rhône Valley vineyards, the Costières appellation is a leading appellation, reflecting an exceptional terroir that combines character and freshness. This new visual identity strengthens this connection, highlighting the unique personality of this terroir, combining sea breezes from the Mediterranean Sea and the rounded pebbles so characteristic of the Rhône Valley.

With this transformation, the Costières reaffirm their commitment to excellence, innovation and customer satisfaction.





The paradox of the Costières vineyard is that it is located furthest south in the Rhône Valley, but it is also the coolest. It must be said that the location of the Petite Camargue, outside the two arms of the Rhône delta, exposes the Costières directly to the influences coming from the sea.



Deeply rooted in the identity of the vineyards of the Rhône Valley by its terraces of rolled pebbles, the terroir of Costières de Nîmes is distinguished by the combination of exceptional sunshine and the presence of sea breezes which generate a large thermal amplitude between day and night and give this characteristic freshness and this singular personality to the wines of Costières.

As a result, when the cool summer sea breezes meet the warm mass of the rolled pebble terraces, a convection effect creates strong ventilation, resulting in a large thermal amplitude between day and night, conducive to preserving the freshness of the fruit. This climatology specific to the Costières de Nîmes deeply marks the wines of the appellation by developing their fruit aromas and giving them a remarkable freshness.

### Tasting Notes:

Dry and fresh with an aromatic tasty nose, this wine is best served slightly chilled with seafood or simply on its own. A vintage with notes of white flowers and peach with great freshness.

# Food Suggestions:

Seafood: Rich fish (salmon, tuna)
Pork and Poultry dishes
Mature & hard cheese
Cured Meats





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WINE: Chateau Cabrieres C-d-R VV 2022

VARIETALS: 50% Grenache, 50% Syrah

Viticulture: Rhone Valley, France

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



### INTRODUCTION

The Arnaud family has owned the Château Cabrières property for three generations. In 2009, Guy Arnaud handed over the estate to his daughter, Agnes Arnaud, married to Patrick Vernier. Today, Agnes and Patrick are run the estate together.

The name 'Cabrières' comes from the Latin name *Capraria*, designating a place where goats are raised.

Château Cabrières is located in the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, in the Vaucluse department. The property dates back many centuries, indicated by a bread oven door that was discovered and preserved - the stone cut recalls the technique used in the 14th and 15th centuries. This proves the historic nature of the Chateau and its vine stock, both of which benefit from the flinty nature of the local soil, where vines have been planted since 1344.



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### Rhone Valley Wines: A Brief Overview

In the heart of France, the Rhone Valley stretches across approximately 250 miles, producing some of the world's finest wines. This region is divided into two main sub-regions: Northern Rhone and Southern Rhone, each offering a distinct wine experience.

### The Terroir of Rhone Valley

The magic of Rhone Valley wines begins with the terroir, a unique combination of soil, climate, and geography. The diverse terroir of the region contributes to the wide range of flavors found in Rhone Valley wines.



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Château Cabrières' Côtes du Rhône vineyard is located south of Orange, on the edge of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The area of the vineyard is 1.53 hectares. The soil is comprised of clay-limestone mixed with pebbles. Aged 12 months in concrete vats with ceramic coating or/and stainless-steel tanks. Bright cherry red color with an expressive red fruit nose (strawberry and raspberry). Soft tannins in mouth, with freshness and spices. The CDP vineyard is situated on the high tablelands, which are characteristic of the northern area of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The terrain consists mainly of alpine diluvium and chalky Miocenian soil, with large flint pebbles covering the surface. These pebbles conserve the heat of the day during the night, thus avoiding too much evaporation.

### **Specifications**

Appellation Cotes du Rhone AOC

Wine Type Red

Varietals 50% Grenache & 50% Syrah

Age of Vines Average 50 years old

Soil Type Clay & Limestone

Agricultural Sustainable

Production 1,000 (9-liter cases)



# Tasting Notes:

Bright cherry red color with an expressive red fruit nose (strawberry and raspberry). Soft tannins in mouth, with freshness and spices. This CDR tastes like a baby Châteauneuf-du-Pape!

### Food Suggestions:

Pairs with charcuterie, pizza, pasta and mild cheeses.

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WINE: Huber Terrassen Gruner Veltliner 2024

VARIETALS: 100% Gruner Veltliner

VESTERN RESERVE Viticulture Area: Niederosterreich, Austria

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

### INTRODUCTION

In just a few years, Markus Huber has successfully established his winery as a showcase enterprise in Austria as a wine producing country. His distinctive, top-quality wines, grown on outstanding soils of lime and conglomerate, serve as an example of the very best of the Traisental Valley – full of character, clear in style and site-related minerality. The family's highest priority is to work without compromise in the vineyards and in the cellar for premium quality. The vineyards are cultivated according to organic guidelines and the entire winery is certified according to the "Sustainable Austria" criteria.

As a young winemaker, Markus Huber has already won numerous national and international awards, including the "Falstaff Winemaker of the Year", the Oscar of the Austrian wine industry.

Markus Huber's wines are sold in over 35 countries worldwide, making the winery one of the most successful exporters of Austrian wines in the premium sector.

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### **Soil Diversity**

**Wachau**: Features primary rock soils like gneiss and granite, contributing to the minerality of its wines.

**Wagram**: Known for its deep loess soils, which retain moisture and heat, benefiting grape ripening.

**Carnuntum**: Comprises gravelly and sandy soils, suitable for red grape cultivation .

### **Grape Varieties**

White Grapes: Grüner Veltliner is the flagship variety, known for its peppery and citrus notes. Riesling thrives in the terraced vineyards of Wachau and Kamptal, producing aromatic and age-worthy wines.

### **Viticultural Practices**

Many vineyards in Niederösterreich employ sustainable, organic, or biodynamic farming practices. The emphasis on environmental stewardship and traditional methods contributes to the high quality and authenticity of the wines.





The most important grape variety in Austria, Grüner Veltliner achieved worldwide awareness and popularity at the end of the last century. It is a fertile variety and therefore requires yield regulation. It grows especially well in deep loess soils, does not like dryness, is sensitive during flowering, and is susceptible to peronospora, Roter Brenner (Pseudopezicula tracheiphila) and chlorosis.

Grüner Veltliner delivers all quality levels – from light, acidity-toned wines to the highly ripe Prädikat wines. The site and the yield are crucial to the quality. Spicy, peppery versions are preferred; so are versions yielding stone fruit notes.



### Tasting Notes:

"100% Gruner Veltliner. Medium green yellow; white pepper aromas on the nose hinting at typical Grüner spiciness; aromatic herbs and yellow fruit; dense and complex on the palate; great promise for the future." -Winery Notes

### Food Suggestions:

Pairs beautifully with trout, salmon, and other seafoods, sheep and goat cheese, spicy Asian dishes, and any kind of asparagus dish.

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WINE: Can Sumoi Garnatxa Sumoll 2023

VARIETALS: 50% Garnaxta & 50% Sumoll

Viticulture: Penedes Region, Catalonia

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

### INTRODUCTION

The wine is produced by Can Sumoi, a project focused on high-altitude, natural winemaking in the Penedes region of Catalonia. The Can Sumoi Estate is located in the Serra de l'Home mountain range in the Penedes DO. The grapes are hand-harvested and fermented in stainless steel tanks using indigenous yeasts. The wine undergoes spontaneous malolactic fermentation and is aged in stainless steel tanks for 12 months, followed by an additional 6 months in bottle before release.

The wine is known for its bright, vibrant fruit and is often described as a "natural wine" with minimal intervention in the winemaking process.

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### **REGION**



Serra de l'Home mountain range



The Penedes DO, located in Catalonia, Spain, is characterized by its diverse range of wines, including still whites, reds and roses, as well as the famous sparkling wine Cava.

It's known for its Mediterranean climate, varied topography, and unique soil composition. The region is also a leader in organic and sustainable viticulture, particularly within the Classic Penedes classification.

The region enjoys a mediterranean climate with warm summers and mild winters, but its varied topography creates distinct microclimates within its subregion. Penedes boasts a variety of soils, including clay, sand, and limestone, with a significant phosphorus content that contributes to the quality and flavor of the wines.

The Sumoll is a black grape variety, native from the Penedes region in Catalonia (EU), drought resistant and with uniform development. The grape is long and big. It is used to produce red, white, rose wines and Cava. The Sumoll, an almost disappeared variety that we are recovering, gives us freshness, roughness and aromatic complexity of wild fruit and aromas of Mediterranean plants.

The Garnaxta variety is a red wine grape with origins in Spain. Known for its versatility and ability to produce a range of wine styles, from light and fruity to rich and concentrated. While its exact birthplace is debated, it's believed to have originated in the Iberian Peninsula, possibly in the Aragon region of Spain. The variety often exhibits flavors of red berries (cherries, raspberries), spices (cinnamon), and sometimes earthy or mineral notes.



# Tasting Notes:

Intense aromas of wild fruits and Mediterranean forest herbs lead to a fine, light and elegant palate full of fruity flavors that linger on the finish.

Sources: Wikipedia.org wsetglobal.com

### Food Suggestions:

Pair with roasted meats, lamb, stews, dishes with herbs and spices, Spanish cheese.

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WINE: Can Sumoi Garnatxa Blanca 2024







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We are what inspires us ~ Wine becomes much more than just wine when it is capable of authentically expressing a territory.

The Garnaxta Blanca variety, also known as White Grenache, is a white grape variety known for producing full-bodies, aromatic wines with high alcohol content. It's characterized by its rich texture, floral and fruity aromas, and flavors of green apple, honeydew melon and stone fruits, like peach and apricot. Often with subtle spice and minerality.

The variety is believed to have originated in Aragon, Spain. It is adaptable to various climates, but can struggle with excessive moisture. Vigorous wine with a strong upright growth habit. Medium budding and ripening period. Adaptable to different pruning systems, but prefers those of average expansion.

Getting to know Can Sumoi is discovering a unique and fascinating universe with more than three centuries of history. After walking the narrow path that climbs up the mountain, the farm dominates everything and exudes a magnetism that is not only aesthetic, but also telluric.

It's the row of olive trees marking the entrance to the farm, it's the abandoned but standing farmhouses, it's the old cellar, it's the forest surrounding everything—like a mother embracing her children — and it's the blue of the sea in the background, like an unchanging curtain. It's above all, the feeling of being in a unique place.



### Tasting Notes:

On the nose, it delivers a fresh and elegant bouquet, with aromas of fresh grape, complemented by subtle floral and herbaceous notes. Its freshness is remarkable, with a good acidity that enhances its volume on the palate.

### Food Suggestions:

Pair with a variety of dishes, particularly seafood, poultry, and cheese. Shellfish, grilled fish and smoked foods and excellent matches. Also enjoy with salads, rice dishes, pasta, risottos & snacks.

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Wine: Sequum Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

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VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon

Viticulture Area: Napa Valley, California

Bottle: \$62.99 | Case: \$680.29 plus tax

### INTRODUCTION

Our Four Soil Mélange is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon selected from vineyards located on four of the Napa Valley's best suited soils for this variety. We have been able to source fruit from highly regarded appellations containing mountain-top, hillside and valley floor growing conditions.

The Aiken, Bale, Bress and Cortina soils have a diverse range of internal structure, drainage and clay mineral characteristics that produce a unique and defining expression of flavors, aromas, and structure in this Cabernet Sauvignon.

Dr. Paul Skinner, Proprietor | D'Avino Vineyard, Saint Helena

### **REGION**

The Saint Helena AVA within Napa Valley is known for its warm, Mediterranean climate, diverse soils (particularly volcanic origins), and renowned Cabernet Sauvignon production. These factors contribute to the area's reputation for producing high-quality, age-worthy wines.

### **Warm Mediterranen Climate:**

Saint Helena experiences warm, dry summers and mild winters, typical of a Mediterranean climate. This extended growing season allows grapes to fully ripen, developing intense flavors and balanced acidity.

### **Diverse Soils:**

The region's soils are a mix of volcanic and sedimentary origins, with variations across the AVA. Volcanic soils, particularly those of basaltic red color, are prevalent in the northern and eastern parts, while sedimentary soils, like gravelly clay, are found in the south and west.



"The mélange for this Cabernet is specifically sourced from 4 different soil types throughout Napa, each soil creating subtle differences in the wines' character, for a wine that provides the perfect amount of fruit, earth and tannin. All dark fruits of plums and blackberries with cappuccino, dark toffee, roasted chestnuts, and Medjool dates. Nuanced characteristics of oak and earth suggest great Rioja and Right-bank Bordeaux, but with an incredible amount of polish." Winemaker notes.

The 2021 Sequum Four Soils Mélange Cabernet Sauvignon is a vivid expression of place and purpose—a wine rooted in deep knowledge and an abiding connection to the land. Crafter by Dr. Paul Skinner, one of Napa Valley's most distinguished viticulturalists and a celebrated soil scientist, this wine emerges from intention and insight, shaped by a mind that interprets the vineyard like a story etched in soil.

At its core is the organically farmed Kidd Ranch Vineyard in St. Helena, where four distinct soil types intertwine to form a singular viticultural mosaic. Skinner walks these rows daily, tending the vines with a knowing hand—each vine reflects his profound bond with the land. Yielding fruit of remarkable clarity and a vivid sense of origin.

Minimal intervention in the cellar lets the vineyard's voice resonate clearly. The Four Soils Mélange unfolds with layered richness, powerful yet poised, with a finish that lingers long after the final sip. This wine remains in memory — complex, grounded, and quietly unforgettable.

### 93 Points James Suckling

### Tasting Notes:

"Sweet-seeming red fruit and powerful black fruit compete for attention in this well-balanced, juicy and approachable wine. Achieves elegance and finesse with its fine layers of fruit, tannin and acidity". Winemaker Notes

# Food Suggestions:

Pairs well with a variety of foods, especially those with similar intensity. Red meat, such as grilled steak, lamb, or beef stew, are classic choices. Hearty dishes like mushroom risotto, lasagna, or even a cheeseburger can also be excellent pairings. For a more adventurous option, consider roasted duck or even dark chocolate.

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Wine: Reynolds Family Winery Chardonnay 2023

VARIETALS: Chardonnay

Viticulture Area: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Bottle Price: \$49.99 | 6-pack Case Price: \$269.94 + tax

Hand-crafted 850 Cases | Limited Availability

### INTRODUCTION

Stylistically, this wine is an Old New World vision. The aromatics are subtle, yet undeniable, with notes of crisp apples, juicy pear and light citrus with refreshing acidity and a mineral texture. The fruit is sourced from highly acclaimed Corotto Vineyard. Fermenting in concrete eggs, stainless steel tanks, and wood fermenters, creates a near full-bodied, but beautifully elegant and balanced wine. It's drinking superbly right now, but don't be afraid to try it after a year or two in the cellar, which will show added complexity and richness!

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Los Carneros in Napa Valley is primarily known for its cool climate, diverse soils, and focus on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay production. Its proximity to the San Pablo Bay results in fog and cool breezes that moderate temperature, making it suitable for these cool-climate varietals. The region also features a mix of clay and volcanic soils, which contribute to good drainage while retaining some moisture.

The long, cool growing season is ideal for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. This results in wines with bright acidity and elegant fruit characteristics.

The soils in Los Carneros are a mix of clay and volcanic materials. This combination provides good drainage for the vines, preventing waterlogging, while also retaining enough moisture to support the vines during the growing season, particularly in the clay-rich areas. The shallow, clay-rich soils also contribute to small berries with concentrated flavors. The cool climate and suitable soils create an environment where these grapes can thrive, producing wines with vibrant fruit flavors and balanced acidity.



The Reynolds Family Winery, established in 1999, is located in Los Carneros AVA of Napa Valley. The family lives and works here and, over the years, have managed to fashion their shared dream into a wondrous life in Napa Valley. Their wines are driven by superior vineyard location, fanatical vineyard management, minimalist winemaking, and a bias for learning from experience.

The Reynolds family believes in harvesting at the peak of ripeness to create wines that are intensely flavored, luscious and approachable on release.

The 2023 Chardonnay is a beautifully layered expression of the Carneros region. Delicate yet compelling aromatics reveal crisp apple, juicy Asian pear, and light citrus, framed by subtle hints of toasted meringue, custard, and fresh coconut. One the palate, a balanced interplay between brightness and depth. The stainless steel component highlights the wine's lively freshness, while the concrete egg adds a touch of minerality, and the barrel fermentation provides a creamy complexity.











Pork

Shellfish

Vegetarian

Poultry

### Tasting Notes:

"A non-malolactic (not buttery) style Chardonnay that really gives Burgundy a run for its money. Butterscotch aromatics. The wine picks up its brilliant lines of acidity from spending time in stainless steel. The 500 gallon Concrete Eggs add minerality characteristics as well as help to microoxygenate the wine which gives it its rich, lush palate".

### Food Suggestions:

Pair with pork, shellfish, vegetarian dishes and poultry

Sources: Wikipedia.org & Reynoldsfamilywinery.com



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