

WHITES:

Gavi di Gavi 'la Toledana' by Villa Lanata

Region: Piemonte, Italy

Grape Variety: Cortese

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Gold

Description: Gavi is Piemonte's most celebrated white wine and made from the traditional white grape grown in vineyards in the south-east of the region. The Toledana estate has been growing Cortese grapes and making a dry white from them for over 150 years, longer than any other winery in the area. Unoaked, fresh and minerally Gavi can be compared to Chablis with respect to its flavour profile which makes it very good for partnering with fish and seafood.

Quincy 'Le Rimonet' by Joseph Mellot

Region: Loire, France

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Commended

Description: The appellation of Quincy lies to the south-west of Sancerre and like its better known neighbour is planted with Sauvignon Blanc. Now enjoying something of a revival of fortune thanks to the increasing interest in Loire Sauvignons. This dry, gooseberry and lime scented wine is a fine example. The Mellot family have been making wine in the area for over 500 years and have very recently found large fossils in the vineyards - can you taste the dinosaurs?

Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaucoupin' by J. Moreau et Fils

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Awards: Decanter World Wine Awards: Silver

Description: Somewhat lesser known than some Premier Crus, the wines of Vaucoupin nonetheless are well worth discovering. The vineyards are located on the gentle slopes to the south-east of Chablis. Delicate floral aromas and the classic minerality characterise this excellent value Premier Cru wine. A young cooper Jean-Joseph Moreau settled in Chablis in 1814 where he married the daughter of a local wine grower. The house of J. Moreau & Fils was thus created. After having been a pioneer in the Chablis region, J. Moreau & Fils has become one of the biggest Chablis producers over the years.

Meursault by Louis Jadot

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Awards: Decanter World Wine Awards: Bronze

Description: Meursault wines are traditionally the most charming and approachable of the Côte de Beaune white wines. Louis Jadot vinify their wine in oak barrels to produce a rich, rounded wine with a delightful toasty-vanilla finish. The oak imparts the creamy, spicy and exotic flavours in the wine.

REDS:

Bourgogne 'Couvent des Jacobins' by Louis Jadot

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Commended

Description: Selected from different villages of the Côte d'Or and Côte Chalonnaise. This wine reflects the Louis Jadot style - full of plump fruitiness yet a lovely silky texture, this is because 25% of the blend is matured in new oak, giving the creamy, spicy edge to the wine. Louis Jadot is regarded as one of the top producers in the area with fantastic vineyards spreading from the north to south covering many different styles yet quality driven.

Don Jacobo Rioja Reserva by Bodegas Corral

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Bronze

Description: A very fine Rioja that spends about 25 months in oak barrels in cool cellars before being bottled and then aged for 2 more years. Traditional in style with the developed fruit, spice character and very smooth, silky structure, which is all to be expected of a mature, classy Rioja. Bodegas Corral wines are highly regarded and have been used for the Noble Prize dinners.

Château La Tour de Bessan, Cru Bourgeois Margaux

Region: Margaux, France

Grape Variety: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot & 13% Cabernet Franc

Awards: Decanter World Wine Awards: Silver

Description: Owned by Marie-Laure Lurton, of the famous Bordeaux dynasty, the vineyards of this fine property lie on deep gravelly soil. The wine is made from hand-harvested grapes which are fermented in modern thermo-regulated tanks before maturing for 12 months more in oak barrels, 30% of them new. A wine produced using ultra-modern techniques yet shows the traditional smooth, silky, seductive style typical of Margaux.

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico by Bolla

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: 70% Corvina, 30% Rondinella & 10% Molinara

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Bronze

Description: Bolla was the first winery in the Veronese region to bottle and market Amarone back in 1953, although the tradition of using semi-dried grapes goes back 1500 years. The grapes are harvested as normal then air dried for about 3 months - which evaporates a lot of the water inside the grapes and increases the flavour concentration in the finished wine. A blend of traditional varieties that's matured in oak barrels for 3 years and a further year in bottle.

PORT:

Quinta da Cavadinha by Warre's

Region: Douro, Portugal

Grape Variety: A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz & Tinto Cão.

Awards: International Wine Challenge: Silver

Description: Warre's, founded in 1670, was the first British Port company established in Portugal and therefore the pioneer of a great tradition; its history is synonymous with that of Port itself. Warre's Ports are distinguished for their structure, power and softly perfumed nose. They have a particularly fresh and elegant style. Its premium wines are sourced from Quinta da Cavadinha and Quinta do Retiro Antigo, two of the finest estates of the Douro valley - PLEASE DECANT.