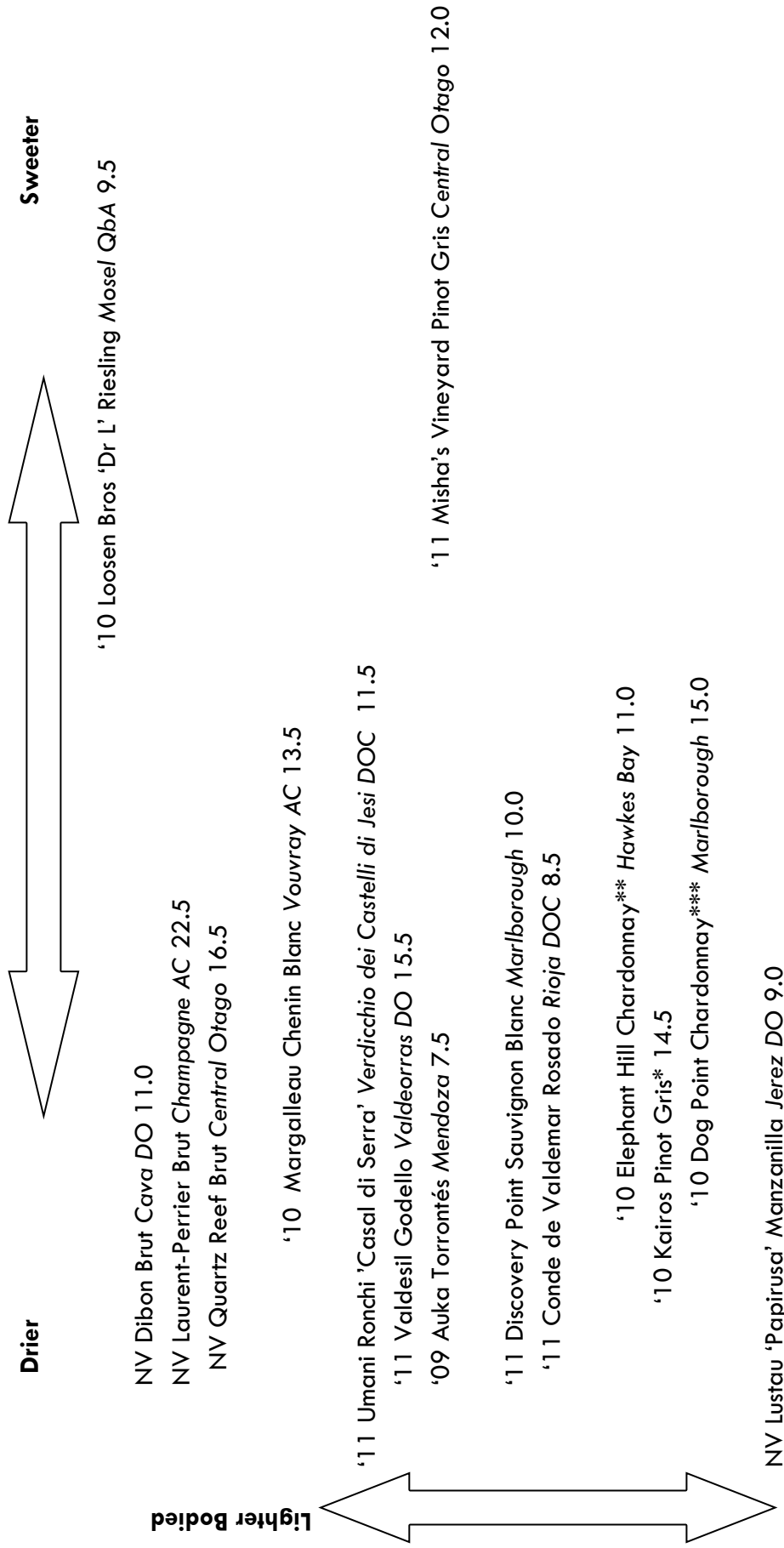


## WINES BY THE GLASS - QUICK REFERENCE

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Sparkling</b>  | <b>120ml</b> |
| NV Dibon Brut Cava <i>DO</i>  | 11.0         |
| NV Quartz Reef Brut <i>Central Otago</i>                                    | 16.5         |
| NV Laurent-Perrier Brut <i>Champagne AC</i>                                 | 22.5         |
| <b>Sherry</b>   | <b>90ml</b>  |
| Lustau 'Papirusa' Manzanilla <i>Jerez DO</i>                                | 9.0          |
| <b>White - dry</b>  | <b>150ml</b> |
| 11 Umani Ronchi 'Casal di Serra' <i>Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi DOC</i> | 11.5         |
| 11 Valdesil Godello <i>Valdeorras DO</i>                                    | 15.5         |
| 09 Auka Torrontés <i>Mendoza</i>  | 7.5          |
| 11 Discovery Point Sauvignon Blanc <i>Marlborough</i>                       | 10.0         |
| 10 Elephant Hill Chardonnay <i>Hawkes Bay</i>                               | 11.0         |
| 10 Dog Point Chardonnay <i>Marlborough</i>                                  | 15.0         |
| 10 Kairos Pinot Gris <i>Marlborough (oaked)</i>                             | 14.5         |
| 10 Margalleau Chenin Blanc <i>Vouvray AC</i>                                | 13.5         |
| <b>White - off dry &amp; sweeter</b>  | <b>150ml</b> |
| 11 Misha's Vineyard Pinot Gris <i>Central Otago</i>                         | 12.0         |
| 10 Loosen Bros 'Dr L' Riesling <i>Mosel QbA</i>                             | 9.5          |
| <b>Rosé</b>   | <b>150ml</b> |
| 11 Conde de Valdemar <i>Rioja DOC</i>                                       | 8.5          |
| <b>Red - lighter</b>  | <b>150ml</b> |
| 10 Discovery Point Pinot Noir <i>Central Otago</i>                          | 11.0         |
| 07 Monte Antico Sangiovese <i>Toscana IGT</i>                               | 9.5          |
| 10 Avaniel Tempranillo <i>Ribera del Duero DO</i>                           | 8.5          |
| 10 Parusso 'Piani Noce' <i>Dolcetto d'Alba DOC</i>                          | 12.5         |
| <b>Red - fuller</b>   | <b>150ml</b> |
| 09 Amisfield Pinot Noir <i>Central Otago</i>                                | 19.5         |
| 10 Alluviale Merlot / Cabernet Franc / Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Hawkes Bay</i> | 13.5         |
| 11 Alamos Malbec <i>Mendoza</i>   | 11.0         |
| 09 Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot <i>Stellenbosch WO</i>      | 9.0          |
| 11 Castaño Monastrell <i>Yecla DO</i>                                       | 9.0          |
| 07 Yering Station Shiraz Viognier <i>Yarra Valley / Heathcote</i>           | 12.5         |
| <b>Sweet</b>  | <b>75ml</b>  |
| 08 Pegasus Bay 'Aria' Late Picked Riesling                                  | 12.0         |
| Alvear Moscatel <i>VdlT Viñedos de España</i>                               | 9.0          |

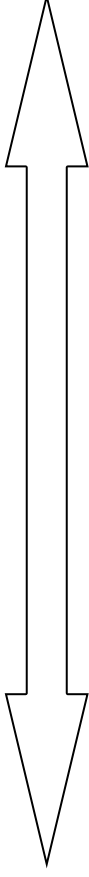
# White Wine by the Glass



\*Light oak influence, \*\*Medium oak influence, \*\*\*Pronounced oak influence

## Red Wine by the Glass

Lighter / Softer Tannins



Firmer Tannins

'07 Monte Antico Sangiovese Toscana IGT 9.5

'10 Parusso 'Piani Noce' Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 12.5

'10 Discovery Point Pinot Noir Central Otago 11.0

'10 Avaniel Tempranillo Ribera del Duero DO 8.5

'09 Amisfield Pinot Noir Central Otago 19.5

'10 Alluviale Merlot Hawkes Bay 13.5

'11 Alamos Malbec Mendoza 11.0

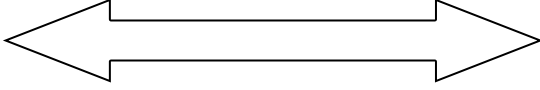
'11 Castaño Monastrell Yecla DO 9.0

'09 Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Coastal Region WO 9.0

'07 Yering Station Shiraz Yarra / Heathcote 12.5

NV Warres 'Kings Tawny' Porto DO 12.0

Lighter Bodied



Fuller Bodied

## SPRING

...as the soil warms the sap rises, coaxing new growth from the erstwhile dormant vine. Bud-break occurs in different varieties at different times and is followed by the emergence of foliage and shoots, some of which have tiny green clusters. Delicate flowers appear from each bud and, weather permitting, are pollinated and fertilised.

Weather is all-important during this critical season; new growth is highly susceptible to the dangers of frost, and temperatures of  $-1$  degree celsius are cold enough to irreparably damage the years harvest, and potentially the following one too.

Having survived the trials of youth, the vine prepares to unfurl its leaves in order to start the conversion of light into the sugars that will eventually swell the now-embryonic berries.

## SPARKLING

### New Zealand

|                     |               |    |
|---------------------|---------------|----|
| NV Quartz Reef Brut | Central Otago | 65 |
|---------------------|---------------|----|

### Spain

|               |         |    |
|---------------|---------|----|
| NV Dibon Brut | Cava DO | 45 |
|---------------|---------|----|

### USA

|                         |                     |    |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----|
| NV Roederer Estate Brut | Anderson Valley AVA | 95 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----|

### France

|                                     |          |    |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----|
| NV Charles Ranville Blanc de Blancs | Burgundy | 58 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----|

|                         |              |     |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----|
| NV Laurent-Perrier Brut | Champagne AC | 135 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----|

- One of the original grandes marques. The non-vintage brut is made in an elegant, light, fruity style.

|                                   |              |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| NV Laurent-Perrier 'Grand Siècle' | Champagne AC | 275 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|

- Made exclusively from grand cru grapes, with a minimum of seven years lees contact.

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|------------------|--------------|-----|
| NV Roederer Brut | Champagne AC | 170 |
|------------------|--------------|-----|

|                               |              |    |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----|
| NV Roederer Brut <b>375ml</b> | Champagne AC | 95 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----|

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| NV Taittinger Brut | Champagne AC | 140 |
|--------------------|--------------|-----|

|                             |              |     |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|
| NV Taittinger Prestige Rosé | Champagne AC | 180 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

### New Zealand

|                                 |               |    |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----|
| 10 Clos Marguerite              | Marlborough   | 48 |
| 08 Cloudy Bay 'Te Koko' (oaked) | Marlborough   | 99 |
| 11 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Rd'    | Martinborough | 60 |
| 10 Discovery Point              | Marlborough   | 47 |
| 10 Envoy (oaked)                | Marlborough   | 58 |
| 11 Framingham                   | Marlborough   | 54 |
| 11 Greywacke                    | Marlborough   | 55 |
| 09 Kairos (oaked)               | Marlborough   | 64 |
| 09 Mt Beautiful                 | Cheviot Hills | 43 |
| 12 Palliser                     | Martinborough | 55 |
| 10 Terravin                     | Marlborough   | 58 |
| 11 Two Rivers 'Convergence'     | Marlborough   | 49 |

### France

|                             |             |    |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----|
| 10 Bourgeois 'Les Baronnes' | Sancerre AC | 87 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----|

### Australia

|                 |                |    |
|-----------------|----------------|----|
| 11 Shaw & Smith | Adelaide Hills | 63 |
|-----------------|----------------|----|

## CHENIN BLANC

- Incredibly versatile grape, capable of producing some very long-lived wines in a range of styles, from bone dry to lusciously sweet.

### France

|               |            |    |
|---------------|------------|----|
| 10 Champalou  | Vouvray AC | 59 |
| 10 Margalleau | Vouvray AC | 65 |

### South Africa

|                              |              |    |
|------------------------------|--------------|----|
| 10 AA Badenhorst 'Secateurs' | Swartland WO | 48 |
|------------------------------|--------------|----|

- From old, dry-farmed bush vines grown in the Western Cape. Great value.

## GRÜNER VELTLINER

- Generally made bone-dry, with perfumed spicy / mineral / stonefruit notes.

### Austria

|                                   |              |    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----|
| 10 Salomon Undhof 'Weiden & Berg' | Kremstal DAC | 59 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----|

## RIESLING

- One of the most highly regarded white varieties as it can produce extremely long-lived wines that are incredibly expressive of where they are grown.

### New Zealand

|                              |               |    |
|------------------------------|---------------|----|
| 08 Clayridge 'Wild'          | Marlborough   | 55 |
| 11 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Rd' | Martinborough | 56 |
| 11 Greenhough 'Apple Valley' | Nelson        | 40 |
| 09 Escarpment                | Martinborough | 50 |
| 10 Kairos                    | Waipara       | 51 |
| 10 Pegasus Bay 'Bel Canto'   | Waipara       | 69 |
| 10 The Doctors               | Marlborough   | 50 |
| 09 The Valleys 'Wairau'      | Marlborough   | 49 |

### Germany

|                            |           |    |
|----------------------------|-----------|----|
| 08 Egon Müller 'Scharzhof' | Mosel QbA | 99 |
|----------------------------|-----------|----|

- Grown on incredibly steep vineyards of stony, slatey soil. Typically low in alcohol, medium sweet, light and refreshing.

|  |                 |    |
|--|-----------------|----|
| 08 Gunderloch 'Jean-Baptiste' Kabinett | Rheinhessen QmP | 63 |
| 10 Loosen Bros 'Dr L' Riesling         | Mosel QbA       | 47 |

### France

|                        |           |     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 07 Marcel Deiss 'Burg' | Alsace AC | 162 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|

- 40% Gewürztraminer.

|                               |           |     |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 07 Marcel Deiss 'Engelgarten' | Alsace AC | 147 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|

- With additions of Muscat, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Noir.

|                             |           |     |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 07 Marcel Deiss 'Rotenberg' | Alsace AC | 158 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|

- A blend of Riesling and Pinot Gris.

|          |           |    |
|----------|-----------|----|
| 07 Hugel | Alsace AC | 73 |
|----------|-----------|----|

## WINE IS GOOD FOR YOU

The polyphenols found in wine are powerful antioxidants that partially mitigate the free radicals that are constantly causing cellular damage within your body.

Resveratrol can raise the level of good cholesterol in your system while preventing clotting. The alcohol in wine can further improve the balance between LDL and HDL cholesterol, reducing the risk of heart disease. Also, a French study has shown that moderate wine drinkers are less likely to develop dementia than tee-totalers. Reassuring.

## GEWÜRZTRAMINER

- Highly aromatic, pungent, heady wines, high in alcohol and relatively low in acidity.

### New Zealand

|                       |          |     |
|-----------------------|----------|-----|
| 06 Vinoptima 'Ormond' | Gisborne | 120 |
|-----------------------|----------|-----|

### France

|                 |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| 07 Marcel Deiss | Alsace AC | 98 |
|-----------------|-----------|----|

## SOIL

Soils for vine cultivation need to be relatively infertile - some of the greatest terroirs in the world are composed of soil so poor that not much other than wine production is sustainable (Oporto, Jerez, Mosel, & Chateauneuf-du-Pape to name but a few).

They need to contain enough mineral elements and nutrients to sustain healthy vine growth, but soils that are too fertile promote vigour leading to valuable resources being diverted from the fruit to the canopy.

## PINOT GRIS

### New Zealand

|                                    |               |    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| 10 Catalina Sounds                 | Marlborough   | 49 |
| 11 Greystone                       | Waipara       | 61 |
| 11 Greywacke                       | Marlborough   | 64 |
| 10 Kairos (oaked)                  | Marlborough   | 68 |
| 10 Kumeu River                     | Auckland      | 65 |
| 11 Misha's Vineyard 'Dress Circle' | Central Otago | 59 |
| 09 Ostler 'Audrey's'               | Waitaki       | 71 |
| 11 Pasquale                        | Waitaki       | 75 |
| 09 Seresin                         | Marlborough   | 74 |
| 10 Two Rivers 'Wairau Selection'   | Marlborough   | 54 |

### France

|                 |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| 07 Marcel Deiss | Alsace AC | 98 |
|-----------------|-----------|----|

## CHARDONNAY

### New Zealand

|                                    |             |    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----|
| 09 Auntsfield                      | Marlborough | 79 |
| 10 Craggy Range 'Gimblett Gravels' | Hawkes Bay  | 68 |
| 10 Dog Point                       | Marlborough | 70 |
| 10 Elephant Hill                   | Hawkes Bay  | 55 |
| 11 Greenhough                      | Nelson      | 48 |
| 09 Kumeu River 'Village'           | Auckland    | 45 |
| 10 Mahi                            | Marlborough | 57 |
| 11 Nautilus                        | Marlborough | 72 |
| 11 Te Mata 'Elston'                | Hawkes Bay  | 80 |

### Burgundy

|  |                         |     |
|--|-------------------------|-----|
| 10 Corsin                                  | Saint-Véran AC          | 60  |
| 09 Girardin                                | Bourgogne AC            | 69  |
| 09 Latour-Giraud 1er Cru 'Les Genevrières' | Meursault AC            | 176 |
| 08 Pillot                                  | Chassagne-Montrachet AC | 121 |

### USA

|                  |                   |    |
|------------------|-------------------|----|
| 10 Au Bon Climat | Santa Barbera AVA | 89 |
|------------------|-------------------|----|

## OAK

Oak fermentation and / or maturation bestow body, flavour, and complexity on a wine. Different types of oak impart different characters. The faster-growing, wider-grained American oak is more highly aromatic, imparting a strong coconut character, while the use of French oak generally results in a higher level of finer-grained tannins, and graphite / vanilla and sweet spice aromas.

The use of oak adds considerably to the cost of production of a wine, with new 225 litre barrels fetching \$1400 or so.



## **ARNEIS**

### **New Zealand**

11 Pasquale Hakataramea Valley 75

## **TORRONTÉS**

- *Light body, crisp acidity, highly aromatic.*

### **Argentina**

09 Auka Mendoza 38

## **ITALIAN WHITES**

*Italy boasts more land under vine than any other country except Spain, and an annual production which vies with France for the worlds most voluminous, much of which is exported. Spanning ten degrees of latitude, with topography varying from mountainous to flat valley floors, a range of soils, and over one thousand different varieties of Vitis Vinifera, the wines of Italy are incredibly diverse.*

10 Anselmi 'San Vincenzo' Veneto IGT 49

- *An unoaked blend of Garganega, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc producing a refreshing, medium-bodied, dry wine.*

- *Roberto Anselmi has famously chosen to label his wines under the Veneto IGT, rather than the Soave DOC designation as a protest at the rampant over-cropping that occurs in the region.*

11 Umani Ronchi 'Casal di Serra' Verdicchio dei Castelli de Jesi DOC 59

07 Umani Ronchi 'Plenio' Verdicchio dei Castelli de Jesi DOC 79

- *Verdicchio gives round, full bodied, dry wines with the lemony acidity and bitter almond finish that are the hallmark of Central Italian whites.*

09 Vesevo Beneventano IGT 38

- *100% Falanghina - an ancient grape variety from Campania giving reasonably weighty, very crisp, dry wines.*

10 Conti Zecca Salento IGT 45

- *Fiano is one of Southern Italy's oldest cultivated varieties. Fruity and floral.*

## SPANISH WHITES

Massive investment in Spain's wine industry over the past twenty to thirty years has resulted in a massive upswing in Spanish wine quality - especially its whites. Modern winemaking equipment and techniques, high average vine age, low-cropping due to an arid climate, centuries of winemaking tradition and a resurgence in the cultivation of indigenous grape varieties all result in the production of an array of interesting and excellent value for money wines.

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| 09 Telmo Rodriguez 'El Transistor'  | Rueda DO           | 66 |
| <i>- 100% Verdejo (oaked). Historically this has been a troublesome variety, extremely prone to oxidation. These days, refrigeration and the use of inert gases have enabled wine makers to capture the pristine, crisp, fruity nature of the grape resulting in a dry wine similar to Sauvignon Blanc.</i> |                    |    |
| 10 Martín Cõdax   | Rías Baixas DO     | 51 |
| <i>-The Albariño grape renders perfumed, peachy fruit which often leads to comparisons with Viognier.</i><br><i>- Rías Baixas ("low estuaries"), is located on Spain's North-West coast, just above Portugal. The region is relatively cool and wet, requiring skillful viticulture.</i>                    |                    |    |
| 10 Valdesil   | Valdeorras DO      | 74 |
| <i>- 100% Godello. One of Spains emerging great grape varieties.</i><br><i>- This example, aged on lees, is steely and dry in the style of Chablis.</i>   |                    |    |
| 08 Bernabeleva 'Navaherros'   | Vinos de Madrid DO | 71 |
| <i>- Made from Albillo and Macabeo, vinified in large French oak casks and aged on lees.</i><br><i>- Full bodied, herby, spicy.</i>   |                    |    |
| 09 La Huella de Adaras  | Almansa DO         | 49 |

## PINK

### Spain

|                          |            |    |
|--------------------------|------------|----|
| 10 Castillo de Monjardin | Navarra DO | 38 |
| 11 Conde de Valdemar     | Rioja DOC  | 43 |

### France

|                           |          |    |
|---------------------------|----------|----|
| 09 Domaine de la Mordorée | Tavel AC | 69 |
|---------------------------|----------|----|

### New Zealand

|              |               |    |
|--------------|---------------|----|
| 11 Domain Rd | Central Otago | 48 |
|--------------|---------------|----|

## **SYRAH**

### **Australia**

|                                   |                          |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 06 Jasper Hill 'Georgias Paddock' | Heathcote                | 149 |
| 09 Langmeil 'Hangin Snakes'       | Barossa                  | 67  |
| 06 Peter Lehmann 'Eight Songs'    | Barossa                  | 95  |
| 09 Shaw & Smith                   | Adelaide Hills           | 100 |
| 10 Yalumba 'Patchwork'            | Barossa                  | 53  |
| 07 Yering Station (+ Viognier)    | Yarra Valley / Heathcote | 61  |

### **New Zealand**

|                          |            |     |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|
| 10 Bilancia              | Hawkes Bay | 65  |
| 09 Craggy Range 'Le Sol' | Hawkes Bay | 205 |
| 09 Hopesgrove            | Hawkes Bay | 78  |

### **Italy**

|             |             |     |
|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 07 Insoglio | Toscana IGT | 106 |
|-------------|-------------|-----|

### **South Africa**

|                                |               |    |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----|
| 10 AA Badenhorst 'Secateurs'   | Swartland WO  | 48 |
| 07 Newton Johnson (+Mourvedre) | Walker bay WO | 75 |

## **NORTHERN RHONE**

|  |                     |     |
|--|---------------------|-----|
| 07 Ferraton 'La Matiniere'                   | Crozes-Hermitage AC | 66  |
| 98 François Villard                          | Côte-Rôtie AC       | 318 |
| 04 Jamet                                     | Côte-Rôtie AC       | 195 |
| 98 Paul Jaboulet Aîné 'La Chapelle'          | Hermitage AC        | 352 |
| 99 Paul Jaboulet Aîné 'Les Jumelles'(1500ml) | Côte-Rôtie AC       | 520 |
| 05 Remizières                                | Crozes-Hermitage AC | 89  |
| 10 Yann Chave                                | Crozes-Hermitage AC | 108 |

### **VINE AGE AND WINE QUALITY**

In general, older vines produce lower yields of better quality fruit with higher levels of concentration. A vine will not produce fruit suitable for commercial purposes until it reaches between three and five years of age, with its best years between twenty and fifty, after which yields for most varieties drop so low as to make them economically unviable .

## **PINOT NOIR**

### **New Zealand**

|                              |                |     |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| 09 Amisfield                 | Central Otago  | 95  |
| 09 Churton                   | Marlborough    | 82  |
| 09 Clos Marguerite           | Marlborough    | 84  |
| 10 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Rd' | Martinborough  | 89  |
| 09 Discovery Point 'Lowburn' | Central Otago  | 49  |
| 09 Domain Rd                 | Central Otago  | 75  |
| 10 Felton Rd 'Block 3'       | Central Otago  | 177 |
| 09 Felton Rd 'Block 5'       | Central Otago  | 169 |
| 09 Kairos 'Fait Main'        | Martinborough  | 75  |
| 09 Mahi                      | Marlborough    | 66  |
| 09 Mt Beautiful              | Cheviot Hills  | 61  |
| 09 Neudorf 'Moutere'         | Nelson         | 120 |
| 08 Ostler 'Caroline's'       | Waitaki        | 80  |
| 09 Palliser Estate           | Martinborough  | 89  |
| 10 Pasquale                  | Waitaki Valley | 105 |
| 08 Tatty Bogler              | Central Otago  | 56  |
| 10 Terravin                  | Marlborough    | 85  |
| 10 Two Rivers 'Altitude'     | Marlborough    | 105 |
| 08 Voss                      | Martinborough  | 115 |

### **Australia**

|             |            |     |
|-------------|------------|-----|
| 04 Giaconda | Beechworth | 210 |
|-------------|------------|-----|

- One of Australia's most well-regarded producers of Pinot Noir, available only in tiny quantities.

### **South Africa**

|                                     |               |     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----|
| 09 Bouchard Finlayson 'Galpin Peak' | Walker Bay WO | 105 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----|

### **USA**

|                  |                   |     |
|------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 09 Au Bon Climat | Santa Barbera AVA | 105 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----|

## **BURGUNDY**

|                   |                   |    |
|-------------------|-------------------|----|
| 09 Ambroise       | Bourgogne AC      | 62 |
| 09 Joseph Drouhin | Côte de Beaune AC | 90 |

## **BURGUNDY - VILLAGE**

|                        |                   |     |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 02 Comte Armand        | Auxey-Duresses AC | 162 |
| 09 Confuron-Contetidot | Vosne-Romanée AC  | 156 |
| 03 René Engel          | Vosne-Romanée AC  | 198 |

## **BURGUNDY - 1ER CRU**

|                                       |                        |     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 02 A & P de Villaine 'Les Montots'    | Mercurey AC            | 165 |
| 03 Armand Rousseau                    | Gevrey-Chambertin AC   | 294 |
| 01 Comte Georges de Vogüé             | Chambolle-Musigny AC   | 280 |
| 10 Joblot 'Clos des Bois Chevaux'     | Givry AC               | 119 |
| 02 Marquis d'Angerville 'Taillepieds' | Volnay AC              | 235 |
| 03 René Engel 'Les Brulees'           | Vosne-Romanée AC       | 228 |
| 07 Rollin 'Les Fichots'               | Pernand-Vergelesses AC | 117 |

## **BURGUNDY - GRAND CRU**

|                                  |                      |     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 01 AF Gros                       | Echézeaux AC         | 380 |
| 02 Armand Rousseau               | Clos de la Roche AC  | 410 |
| 02 Domaine des Lambrays (1500ml) | Clos des Lambrays AC | 730 |
| 02 Mommessin                     | Clos de Tart AC      | 660 |
| 01 René Engel                    | Echézeaux AC         | 408 |
| 01 Robert Arnoux                 | Echézeaux AC         | 408 |

## **BEAUJOLAIS CRU**

|                            |                  |    |
|----------------------------|------------------|----|
| 09 Cheysson 'La Précieuse' | Chiroubles AC    | 68 |
| 10 Chignard 'Les Moriers'  | Fleurie AC       | 74 |
| 10 Terres Dorées           | Moulin-a-Vent AC | 79 |
| 10 Thivin                  | Brouilly AC      | 63 |

## NÉGRETE

### France

|               |            |    |
|---------------|------------|----|
| 09 Montauriol | Fronton AC | 53 |
|---------------|------------|----|

- Fronton produces medium-full bodied wines, dark in colour, full of dark fruit, and violets.

## TANNAT

- High-quality, dark, thick-skinned variety, high in tannin as the name suggests.

### France

|  |            |    |
|--|------------|----|
| 04 Berthoumieu 'Cuvée Charles de Batz' | Madiran AC | 84 |
|--|------------|----|

|           |            |     |
|-----------|------------|-----|
| 02 Montus | Madiran AC | 101 |
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## GRENACHE

### Spain

|   |                   |    |
|---|-------------------|----|
| 09 Coto de Hayas Crianza (+Tempranillo) | Campo de Borja DO | 44 |
|---|-------------------|----|

|                               |                   |    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| 10 Coto de Hayas 'Centenaria' | Campo de Borja DO | 69 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----|

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| 09 Aragonia Seleccion Especial | Campo de Borja DO | 85 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----|

## SOUTHERN RHONE

|               |                        |     |
|---------------|------------------------|-----|
| 09 Beaucastel | Châteauneuf-du-Pape AC | 235 |
|---------------|------------------------|-----|

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|-------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 05 Clos des Papes | Châteauneuf-du-Pape AC | 352 |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----|

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| 99 Clos des Papes (1500ml) | Châteauneuf-du-Pape AC | 590 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----|

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----|
| 09 Ferraton 'Plan de Dieu' | Côtes du Rhône Villages AC | 51 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----|

## MERLOT

### New Zealand

|              |            |    |
|--------------|------------|----|
| 10 Alluviale | Hawkes Bay | 65 |
|--------------|------------|----|

|                                    |            |    |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|
| 10 Craggy Range 'Gimblett Gravels' | Hawkes Bay | 68 |
|------------------------------------|------------|----|

|                          |            |     |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|
| 10 Craggy Range 'Sophia' | Hawkes Bay | 143 |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|

### Australia

|                              |                 |     |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 04 Henschke 'Abbotts Prayer' | South Australia | 190 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|

### Italy

|                                 |             |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----|
| 09 Tenuta Degli Dei 'Le Redini' | Toscana IGT | 78 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----|

## **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

### **Australia**

|                       |                 |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 09 Bird in Hand       | Adelaide Hills  | 66  |
| 99 Penfolds 'Bin 707' | South Australia | 235 |

### **South Africa**

|                     |                 |    |
|---------------------|-----------------|----|
| 09 Klein Constantia | Stellenbosch WO | 45 |
| 04 Vergelegen       | Stellenbosch WO | 96 |

- One of South Africa's oldest wineries, with vines planted on the estate from 1692.

### **France**

|                         |                    |     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 10 Mas de Daumas Gassac | IGP Pays d'Herault | 149 |
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## **BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK CRU BOURGEOIS SUPÉRIEUR**

|                      |          |     |
|----------------------|----------|-----|
| 00 Loudenne (1500ml) | Médoc AC | 276 |
|----------------------|----------|-----|

## **BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK 5EME CRU CLASSÉ**

|                       |             |     |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|
| 01 Haut Bages-Libéral | Pauillac AC | 135 |
| 89 Lynch-Bages        | Pauillac AC | 366 |

## **BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK 3EME CRU CLASSÉ**

|                |                  |     |
|----------------|------------------|-----|
| 04 Calon-Ségur | Saint-Estèphe AC | 286 |
|----------------|------------------|-----|

## **BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK 2EME CRU CLASSÉ**

|                             |                  |     |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----|
| 95 Cos d'Estournel          | Saint-Estèphe AC | 380 |
| 02 Cos d'Estournel (1500ml) | Saint-Estèphe AC | 730 |
| 06 Gruaud-Larose            | Saint-Julien AC  | 180 |
| 06 Léoville-Poyferré        | Saint-Julien AC  | 190 |

## **BORDEAUX - RIGHT BANK**

|             |                                   |     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 04 Faugères | Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé AC | 134 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----|

## MALBEC

### Argentina

|           |         |    |
|-----------|---------|----|
| 11 Alamos | Mendoza | 53 |
| 08 Auka   | Mendoza | 45 |

### Trapiche Single Vineyards

- Each vintage, Trapiche's head winemaker selects the three best Malbecs to be released under their vineyard label. The wines are named after the respective growers.

|  |         |    |
|--|---------|----|
| 07 Trapiche 'Domingo F. Sarmiento'       | Mendoza | 98 |
| 07 Trapiche 'Adolfo Ahumada'             | Mendoza | 98 |
| 08 Trapiche 'Jorge Miralles'             | Mendoza | 98 |
| 08 Trapiche 'Federico Villafañe'         | Mendoza | 98 |
| 08 Trapiche 'Cristina y Bibiana Coletto' | Mendoza | 98 |

## GRAPES

Different vine varieties produce grapes of differing sizes, skin thickness, and hue, all of which impact greatly on the taste and quality of the resulting wine. Most of the classic grape varieties tend to have smaller berries, resulting in greater skin-to-pulp ratio and a more concentrated flavour. Grape skins contain tannins, colouring agents, and a significant amount of flavour compounds. Varieties that boast small berries with thick skins, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, generally produce deeper-coloured, more powerfully aromatic and tannic wines, than larger-berried, thinner-skinned varieties such as Merlot.

## CABERNET FRANC

### Italy

|                       |             |     |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|
| 06 Il Pino di Biserno | Toscana IGT | 199 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|

- Bordeaux-style wine from the stable of the brothers Antinori, responsible also for Ornellaia and Sassicaia.

### New Zealand

|                  |          |    |
|------------------|----------|----|
| 04 Gillman 375ml | Matakana | 65 |
|------------------|----------|----|



## TEMPRANILLO

- Typically features strawberries and spice, developing into tobacco and leather.

### Spain

|                                    |                     |     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| 10 Avaniel                         | Ribera del Duero DO | 47  |
| 01 Chivite 'Colección 125' Reserva | Navarra DO          | 186 |
| 05 Lar de Paula Reserva            | Rioja DOC           | 74  |
| 07 Pintia                          | Toro DO             | 210 |

- A 'second wine' of Vega Sicilia. Big and robust, from the hotter Toro region.

|                            |                     |     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| 04 Roda 1 Reserva          | Rioja DOC           | 164 |
| 09 Sierra Cantabria        | Rioja DOC           | 58  |
| 04 Vega Sicilia 'Valbuena' | Ribera del Duero DO | 369 |

- Vega Sicilia is Ribera del Duero's oldest winery and is one of Spain's most venerable estates. With its five years of maturation in barrel and bottle, it qualifies for the 'Gran Reserva' designation, though it is labeled Reserva.

## MONASTRELL

### Spain

|  |          |    |
|--|----------|----|
| 11 Castaño                               | Yecla DO | 47 |
| 09 Castaño 'Colección' (+ Cabernet Sauv) | Yecla DO | 71 |

## PRIMITIVO

- Full-bodied, rich, with dark fruits.

### Italy

|                |             |    |
|----------------|-------------|----|
| 09 Conti Zecca | Salento IGT | 59 |
|----------------|-------------|----|

## BARBERA

- Typically low in tannin, relying more on acidity for structure, this wine falls into the more serious, intense category on the spectrum of Barbera styles.

### Italy

|                     |                    |    |
|---------------------|--------------------|----|
| 08 Parusso 'Ornati' | Barbera d'Alba DOC | 79 |
|---------------------|--------------------|----|

## MONTEPULCIANO

### Italy

|  |             |    |
|--|-------------|----|
| 08 Umani Ronchi 'Cúmaro' Riserva           | Conero DOCG | 95 |
| <i>- Three glasses from Gambero Rosso.</i> |             |    |

## DOLCETTO

*- Translates to "little sweet one", Dolcetto tends to be intensely fruity.*

### Italy

|                         |                     |    |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----|
| 10 Parusso 'Piani Noce' | Dolcetto d'Alba DOC | 59 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----|

## SANGIOVESE

*- Late-ripening variety, that, when yields are low gives high quality wine with high acidity and tannin.*

### Italy

|                                       |                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| 06 Antinori 'Tenuta Marchesi' Riserva | Chianti Classico DOCG | 90 |
| 07 Monte Antico                       | Toscana IGT           | 49 |
| 09 Querciabella                       | Chianti Classico DOCG | 87 |

## NEBBIOLO

*- Deeply coloured, high acid, high tannin grape that produces scented wines with the potential to evolve into some of the worlds most highly distinctive and distinguished.*

### Italy

|         |                 |     |
|---------|-----------------|-----|
| 04 Gaja | Barbaresco DOCG | 342 |
|---------|-----------------|-----|

## SWEET

### New Zealand

|  |         |    |
|--|---------|----|
| 08 Pegasus Bay 'Aria' Riesling (750ml) | Waipara | 73 |
|--|---------|----|

### France

|                                    |                          |    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| 05 Brumaire (500ml)                | Pacherenc du Vic Bilh AC | 98 |
| 10 Pithon Paillé '4 Vents' (375ml) | Coteaux du Layon AC      | 68 |

### Australia

|                              |                |    |
|------------------------------|----------------|----|
| 11 Two Hands Moscato (500ml) | Barossa Valley | 47 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----|

## **SPARKLING WINES UNDER \$50**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| NV Dibon Brut, Cava DO | 45 |
|------------------------|----|

## **WHITE WINES UNDER \$50**

|  |    |
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| 10 Clos Marguerite Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough            | 48 |
| 10 Discovery Point Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough            | 47 |
| 09 Mt Beautiful Sauvignon Blanc, Cheviot Hills             | 43 |
| 11 Two Rivers 'Convergence' Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough   | 49 |
| 09 Kumeu River 'Village' Chardonnay, Auckland              | 45 |
| 10 Greenhough Chardonnay, Nelson                           | 48 |
| 10 AA Badenhorst 'Secateurs' Chenin Blanc, Swartland WO    | 48 |
| 10 Catalina Sounds Pinot Gris, Marlborough                 | 49 |
| 07 Schlumberger 'Les Princes Abbés' Pinot Blanc, Alsace AC | 39 |
| 09 The Valleys 'Wairau' Riesling, Marlborough              | 49 |
| 10 Greenhough 'Apple Valley' Riesling, Nelson              | 40 |
| 09 Vesevo Falanghina, Beneventano IGT                      | 38 |
| 09 Auka Torrontés, Mendoza                                 | 38 |
| 10 Anselmi 'San Vincenzo' Garganega, Veneto IGT            | 49 |

## **ROSÉ WINES UNDER \$50**

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| 10 Castillo de Monjardin, Navarra DO | 38 |
|--------------------------------------|----|

## **RED WINES UNDER \$50**

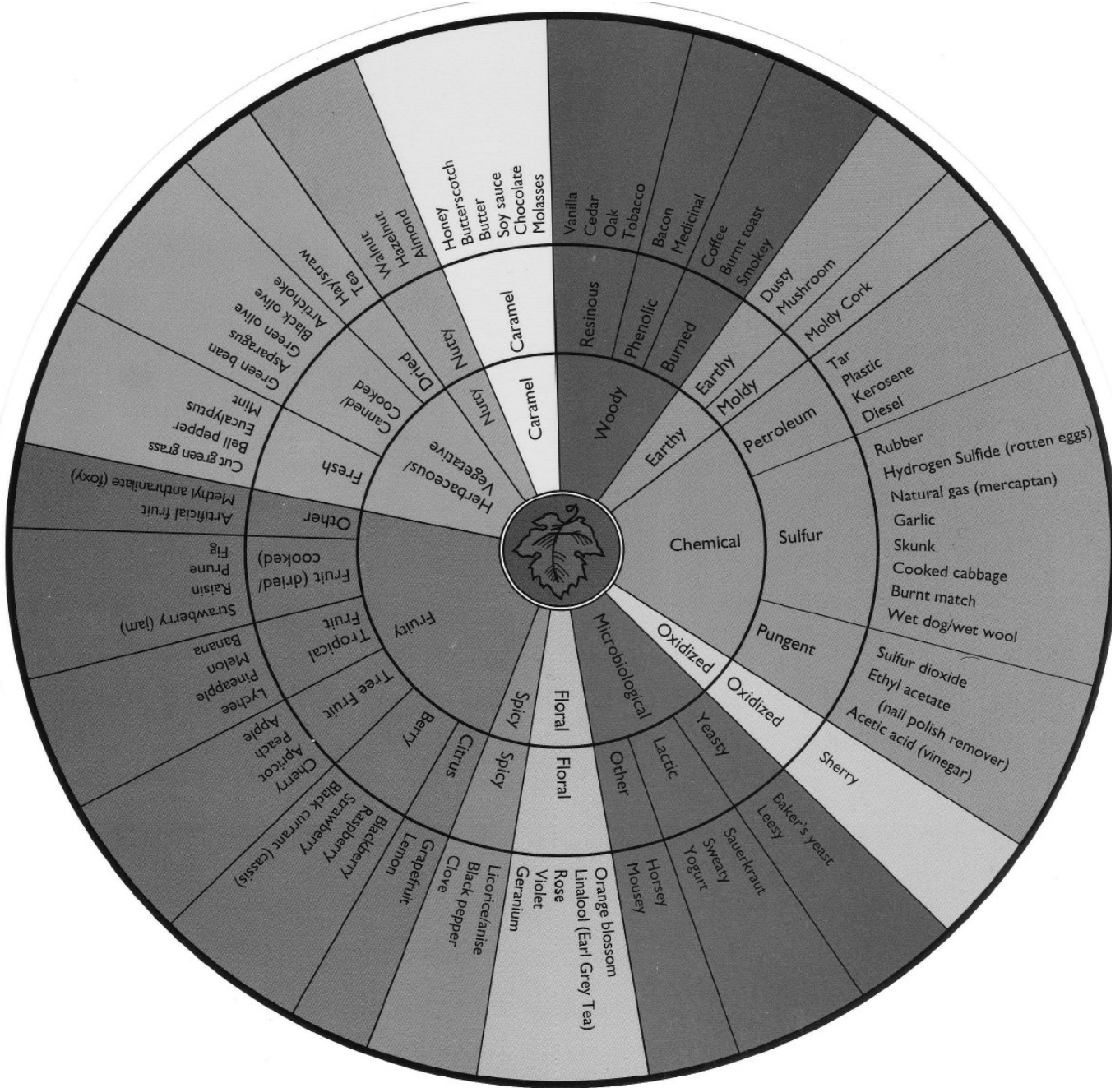
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| 10 Discovery Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago                        | 49 |
| 09 AA Badenhorst 'Secateurs' Shiraz, Mourvèdre, etc. , Swartland WO | 48 |
| 10 Avaniel Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero DO                         | 47 |
| 07 Monte Antico Sangiovese, Toscana IGT                             | 49 |
| 09 Montauriol Négrette, Fronton AC                                  | 49 |
| 08 Auka Malbec, Mendoza   | 45 |
| 09 Klein Constantia Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Stellenbosch WO     | 45 |
| 11 Castaño Monastrell, Yecla DO                                     | 47 |
| 09 Coto de Hayas Crianza Garnacha, Tempranillo, Campo de Borja DO   | 44 |

## Cocktails

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Dibon 75</b>  | <b>16</b> |
| Dorville Brandy and lemon juice over a sugar cube and topped w Dibon Cava. |           |
| <b>Black Bison</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| Fresh lime, blackberries, Zubrówka vodka and Chambord.                     |           |
| <b>Manuka Mule</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| Manuka honey, Absolut and fresh lime finished w ginger beer.               |           |
| <b>Cucumber Collins</b>  | <b>16</b> |
| Tanqueray, muddled cucumber & lemon served long.                           |           |
| <b>Espresso Martini</b>  | <b>15</b> |
| Absolut w Kahlua and a shot of coffee.                                     |           |
| <b>Raspberry &amp; Passionfruit Margarita</b>                              | <b>16</b> |
| Raspberries, passionfruit & lime shaken w Tequila.                         |           |
| <b>Moscow Mule</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| Fresh ginger, lime & sugar, served long w vodka, bitters & ginger beer.    |           |
| <b>Negroni</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| Campari, Martini Rosso, and Tanqueray gin over ice w zest of orange.       |           |
| <b>Amaretto Sour</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| Amaretto, lemon & sugar shaken w maraschino cherries.                      |           |
| <b>Lychee Martini</b>  | <b>15</b> |
| Lychees, Absolut vodka & Lychee liqueur served martini-style.              |           |
| <b>Mojito</b>  | <b>16</b> |
| Fresh lime, mint & sugar, served long w Havana Especial                    |           |
| <b>Fruity mocktail</b>   | <b>10</b> |
| Seasonal fruits.   |           |

# THE AROMA WHEEL

Following is a copy of the aroma wheel, devised by Ann Noble at the Davis Campus of the University of California. Broad categories in the inner circles lead to more specific individual smells in the outer circles.



## VINTAGE GUIDE

Notes from Decanter (D), Berry Bros & Rudd (BBR) and Wine Spectator (WS)

### Bordeaux - Medoc and Graves

1989 ★★★★★

An enormous (and exceptionally early) vintage produced a good number of rich and fleshy wines. Some lack sufficient acidity for longer term keeping. Margaux performed relatively poorly. The best wines are from St Estephe, Pauillac and St. Julien. (D)

1995 ★★★★★

A good vintage across Bordeaux, with a number of well-structured wines. (D)

2000 ★★★★★★

Possibly the finest vintage since 1990.....bear in mind that many less well known properties, including crus bourgeois, enjoyed the same excellent conditions at harvest and made superb wines. (D)

2001 ★★★★★

The overall quality of the reds was better than 1999 but not so great as 2000. Quantity was down. For dry whites conditions were ideal. Wines are powerfully aromatic with remarkably fresh, fruity flavours sustained by excellent acidity. (D)

2002 ★★★★★

Crisp fruity whites and well-structured, stylish reds with aging potential. (D)

2004 ★★★★★

Whites of good fruit concentration and refreshing acidity; classic reds with some aging potential (D)

2006 ★★★★★

Potentially hard and tough but good for people who like their wines tannic. Doesn't have the flesh or ripeness of 2005 or 2003 but is better than 1999. May turn out to be a more classic vintage like 1996 but with less ripeness. (D)

### Rioja

2004 ★★★★★★

Wines with high alcohol and concentrated colour and aromas ideal for ageing. (D)

2005 ★★★★★★

The grapes arrived in excellent health with analytical parameters which correspond to an extraordinary vintage. (D)

2009 ★★★★★

Quality is generally high, but high yields meant some green harvesting. A 'useful' vintage, probably for drinking relatively early. (D)

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### Burgundy - Red

2001 ★★★★★

Intensely fruity wine with clear terroir distinction. (D)

2002 ★★★★★

Fine tannins, ripe fruit and excellent balance. (D)

2003 ★★★★★

Superb, expressive wine from the best producers and best appellations certainly worthy of cellaring. (D)

2007 ★★★

Fragrant wines with light tannins and fresh, accessible fruit, though styles vary hugely as a result of the erratic, labour-intensive vintage. (D)

2009 **9/10**

One is tempted to want to play down the hype surrounding the 2009 Burgundy wine vintage but it is hard to do so. While this is not 2005, a vintage of unparalleled density and a firm tannic structure for exceptionally long ageing, 2009 ranks among the very best Burgundy wine vintages of recent times. (BBR)

2010 **9/10**

The red Burgundy wines are built around a triangle of fruit, tannins and acidity this year, whereas some Burgundian vintages lean more towards the tannic or the acidic. These are beautifully balanced wines in 2010, very classical, with much more red fruit than black, notably cherries and raspberries, and very few green notes. (BBR)

### Burgundy - White

2007 ★★★★★

A classic vintage with searingly fresh acidity, terroir-driven fruit and good potential to age. (D)

2008 ★★★

Difficult, low-yielding vintage of varied quality. Intriguing combination of richness and fresh acidity due to late sunshine and cold breezes. (D)

2009 **9/10**

Contrary to initial expectations, many of the white Burgundy wines in 2009 are absolutely stunning. They began to show their true qualities only after the summer, when a mineral backbone appeared in support of the graceful, ripe fruit. (BBR)

2010 **8/10**

It is mostly a very fine vintage for white burgundy wines, though the storm on 12th September has affected some but not all of the southern Côte de Beaune wines. (BBR)

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### Northern Rhone

1998 ★★★★★

Northern Rhône are full, punchy and well developed. Reds were very good, with fine concentration and structure. (D)

1999 ★★★★★

Quality overall is very good, though not as exceptional as 1998. The wines seem well balanced and structured, and could be exceptional in Condrieu and Côte Rotie. (D)

2004 ★★★

Well-balanced wines with good purity of fruit in Southern Rhône. Less consistency from Northern Rhône, ranging from fresh and rounded to crisp and green. For early drinking. (D)

2005 ★★★★★★

A benchmark vintage for Syrah in the Northern Rhône. The best wines have a firm clear fruit core overlaid with smooth black fruit and peppery tannins. Hermitage and Cornas will be long-lived thanks to their balance and sound acidity. (D)

2007 ★★★★★★

Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie are highlights of the Northern Rhône - fresh, forward Syrah with good colour and well-structured, even silky, tannins. (D)

### Southern Rhone

1999 ★★★★★

Quality overall is very good, though not as exceptional as 1998. (D)

2005 ★★★★★★

In the Southern Rhône, prestige Châteauneuf-du-Pape are very good to excellent, with focused fruit and perfect acidity. Tannins are rounded and there is enough matter to handle elevated alcohol levels (often 15%+). (D)

2009 **8/10**

In short, a very fine year, somewhere stylistically between 2007 and 2005 and certainly providing some superb wines to keep in the long-term. (BBR)



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### **Alsace**

2007 **Grade A**

Wine lovers seeking the elegance and balance that typifies classic Alsatian wines should be pleased with 2007. The vintage, said, Etienne Hugel of Hugel & Fils, "ended up with one of the longest harvesting times in recent years [and] with overall longest hang time from blossoming to picking. Just what the doctor ordered. [It] should turn out to be a great classic vintage for us in Alsace." (WS)

### **Chianti**

2006 **Grade A**

The weather in Tuscany tracked that of most of Italy: very hot in June and July, mild and damp in August, then hot again through September and October, with intermittent periods of rain. Yet despite the capricious weather conditions, winemakers throughout Tuscany are lauding the quality of the 2006 vintage. (WS)

### **Barbaresco**

2004 4

Well balanced wines with ripe fruit. (D)