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WHITE WINES

SANCERRE 2014 DOMAINE SYLVAIN BAILLY (FRANCE)

Domaine Sylvain Bailly is a family run business based in a village called Bué. Marie Héléne and Jacques, along with daughter Sonia have been tending to the winery for over twenty years. Over 70% of the vineyards are covered with grass to keep the limestone and Kimmeridgian marl soils from eroding. Protection of the environment at the winery is a continual focus. Jacques Bailly produces delicious, mineral and flinty wines that combine the soils of the appellation with the classical characteristics of the Sauvignon grape. This wine is elegant, delicate and racy. Pure and fruity attack echoing the expressions perceived on the nose. The palate is rich, well-structured, very aromatic and mouth filling. It is very fresh and unctuous in the mouth. With great aromatic richness. Perfect with goats cheese or grilled fish with sauce, shellfish or crustaceans. Also ideal as an aperitif!

CHABLIS 2013 DANIEL DAMPT (FRANCE)

The Damp family have been producing wines in Chablis, for over 150 years. The estate currently has 26 hectares of vines in production, divided about half into villages and half into 1er Cru, including Vaillons, Fourchaume, Côte de Lêchet, Les Lys and Beauroy. The recently constructed cellar is equipped with stainless steel tanks. The purchase of modern, powerful cellar equipment has enabled the domaine to increase its production of bottles, which now stands at 150,000 bottles per year. All Daniel Damp's wines are bottled at the Domaine, which means all his wines are made from grapes grown in his own vineyards, a crucial factor in personality and quality of the wines. A very elegant steely dry white wine which is great with seafood and shellfish as well as with some white meats.

GAVI I RISI 2013 MARIO GIRIBALDI (ITALY)

Carrying on the family tradition, Mario Giribaldi is the third generation to farm these vineyards. Located in the heart of Langhe, Piedmont, the vineyards reap the benefits from the areas climate and soil characteristics. Giribaldi aims to capture some of the areas culture and tradition, through the colour, smell and flavours of each wine. In achieving this, they have recognised new advances in technology and given careful consideration to the land. Having seen the increase in demand for organic wines continue to increase over the last few years, Giribaldi has chosen to focus its attentions towards producing biodynamic wine. Full and round in the mouth, with a discrete structure with clean sensations of exotic fruit and golden apple. A light acidic note, typical of this wine, which makes it a pleasure to drink with all varieties of food.

RED WINES

CHATEAU LA TOUR DE BY 2009, CRU BOURGEOIS (FRANCE)

This cracking château has been punching above its weight for many years. A charming château building in a slightly wooded setting and with 50 hectares of pristine vineyards. The blend comprises 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. The wine is fermented in traditional wooden vats in a temperature-controlled chai, with a 4-week cuvaison before ageing for 16 months in new to 3-year-old barriques. Fragrant, forward and typical of the estate, this wine shows remarkable presence and breeding in the glass, with layers of complex smoky black fruits, herbs, graphite and cassis - a long, quite succulent style edged with a firmness that tells of its ageing potential. A very good claret at a bargain price - with the likes of Robert Parker, Decanter and Jancis Robinson all being firm followers.

CHIANTI CLASSICO 2012 VILLA DEL CIGLIANO (ITALY)

Purchased in the late 1400's by Alessandro di Niccolo Antinori, Villa del Cigliano still remains in the hands of family descendants today. The vineyards are located in the Tuscan countryside, only 20km from the centre of Florence in the Chianti Classico area. Although the Villa dates back to the second half of 1400, the original cellars, under the Villa, are still used for ageing the IGT and DOCG wines. The winery continues to grow and in 1996 a separate fermenting cellar was built, including in it steel tanks. Aged in barrels, the wines are carefully analysed and tasted at regular intervals to ensure their quality. The standards for ageing here are 12 months for Chianti Classico. Grape aromas together with the sweet smell of French oak give birth to a fragrant and delicate bouquet. Goes well with red meat dishes and mature cheeses

DOMAINE ROAD PINOT NOIR (NEW ZEALAND)

A sheltered valley in one of New Zealand's best wine-growing regions is where Domain Road Vineyard calls home. Bannockburn, in Central Otago, enjoys hot summers and cool dry autumns – ideal for producing premium wines. A vibrant purple hue, with notes of dark fruit, leather, chocolate, and spice on the nose. The palate displays rich dark cherry and plums. This is a medium bodied wine with mouth filling fine-grained tannins showing concentration and a long lingering finish. Lovely with a garlic and herb roasted pork tenderloin.

