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WHITE WINES

CHABLIS 2014 DOMAINE PHILIPPE TESTUT BURGUNDY (FRANCE)

This small 13 hectare domaine is one of the hidden jewels of the Chablis region! In the many years of traveling to Chablis, Testut's wines are the purest we have tasted. His Chablis vineyards are nestled between the Grand Cru of Blanchots and the Premier Cru Montee de Tonnerre – a fantastic terroir which puts it in the top echelons of Chablis AC. The famous 9 hectare Grand Cru Grenouilles parcel returned to the Testut family three years ago. Back in the 1970's the vineyards were leased, due to internal family squabbles, and were held by William Fevre for 30 years. It is now back in the hands of one of the Chablis' finest domaines. This is a beautiful full flavoured wine, elegant and classy with a lingering finish on the palate.

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014 KUKI (NEW ZEALAND)

A wonderful wine from Marlborough, the home of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. These wines are finely crafted using a combination of technology and traditional winemaking methods. The label presentation represents the Maori landmark Aoraki, lifted from a tribal New Zealander's face marking. This sauvignon is packed with Guava and passion fruit with a stunning razor sharp crispness.

MACON CHARDONNAY 2014 DOMAINE TALMARD (FRANCE)

Talmard wines come from a long history of wine growers. In the XVIIth century the name of Talmard can be found in registers pertaining to wine culture. One after the other, generations of vineyard owners have brought their knowhow and pugnacity. By word of mouth, from wine fairs to exhibitions, Talmard's vintages have gained a strong reputation. Paul, who has been running the business since 1973, transmitted his love and care of vineyards together with his knowhow to his daughter Mallory and her husband Benjamin in 1997. A fine, well-balanced white Burgundy with a delicious buttery roundness and tangy flavours of oranges and lemons. It has not been aged in oak so has a particularly fresh, fruity character.

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RED WINES

CHATEAU GASQUERIE 2010 COTES DE CASTILLON (FRANCE)

This château is a little gem. The 17 hectares property lies on the high altitude, chalk soil plateau close to the Puisseguin Appellation. A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the must is macerated for between three and five weeks. The finished wine then undergoes 12 months ageing in 20% new oak barrels with the remainder aged in 2nd year barrels. This is a great example of what Bordeaux has to offer at this level when they get it right. Dark purple in colour, a bouquet of black fruits with notes of toasted coffee and a palate of rich earthy fruit and warm, succulent tannins.

SPRINGHILL MERLOT 2012 IRVINE WINES (AUSTRALIA)

From the very beginning, the Irvine family has been distinguished as the Merlot Masters, a title rewarded with international awards vintage after vintage. Jim Irvine, Merlot Master and his daughter Joanne (winner of international red wine maker of the year 2006 at the international wine challenge) have created this outstanding range of wines. An amazing depth of flavour in the mid-palate, and excellent soft texture and mouthfeel, it is a great example of the variety Merlot. Using Irvines own Springhill Merlot they have blended in Merlots from Eden Valley, Barossa Valley and Riverland, to give a wine with the distinct Merlot characters of richness, pluminess and velvety softness.

RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA 2012 RIOJA (SPAIN)

Initially started as the dream of one man, Don Felipe Ugalde in 1882, this winery has seen ongoing growth and development over the years. Don's aim was simple, to be one of the countries most prestigious Bodega's. Although his winery passed down the family line, it was through marriage that it became united with Bodegas Muerza, hence losing its identity. Today it is owned by the group Principe de Viana (who acquired it in 1983). This saw investment in new equipment, staff and in 2001 a new winery, 10km outside Logrono, complete with an underground ageing cellar. Made from Tempranillo, Mazuelo and Garnacha grapes picked at their optimal ripeness. Careful ageing for twelve months in oak casks, followed by at least a further six months in the bottle. The result is a complex wine, rich in aromas and flavours. Clean, bright ruby red with aromas of vanilla, toast and spices. Well-structured, meaty and balanced in the mouth.

