

A PROBLEM SHERRY'ED IS A PROBLEM HALVED

Sherry hails from the most south-west corner of Spain on the coast by the town of Jerez. Little known to many kiwi homes, 80% of sherry is actually made to be bone dry. Long gone are the days of Grandma's Bristol Cream. Sherry is a wonderful apéritif and is very food friendly.

Delgado Zuleta **Fino** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

Delgado Zuleta is the oldest, still active, producer of Sherry and have been doing so since 1744. Made in the same way as Manzanilla, Fino is aged inland, away from the salty breeze of the coast. Aged for approximately six years in the solera system of large 600 litre white American oak barrels.

Bodegas Hidalgo 'La Gitana en Rama' **Manzanilla** Sherry -

Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Andalusia, ES

Manzanilla sherries are very dry and clean tasting. Lightly fortified to 15% and barrel-aged for eight years where a thick coating of flor grows on top to preserve the wine from oxidation. This one is named after its popularity in a particular Spanish bar run by 'La Gitana,' the Gypsy Woman and en Rama refers to minimal filtration.

Lustau 'Los Arcos' **Amontillado** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

Things start getting a bit more serious with Amontillado where the wine starts off as a fino before being fortified to around 18%. Here the flor dies off and the sherry slowly oxidizes, gaining a darker hue and richer, nutty aromas. This one has spent four years under flor and four years exposed to oxygen.

Gonzalez Byass 'Apostoles' VORS 30yr **Palo Cortado** Sherry - Jerez, Andalusia, ES

The rarest of sherries, this Palo Cortado represents a cross between an Amontillado and a fuller Olorosso. This wine is immediately fortified to 18% and aged in barrel for 12 years before being uniquely blended with 12% Pedro Ximenez sweet sherry which has also been aged for 12 years. This blend is then put into the Apostoles solera where it ages for a further 18 years.

\$24

LET'S GET FIZZICAL

***Sparkling wines** are a natural force of nature. Centuries ago the art of capturing bubble in the bottle was mastered by French monks. Today there are many ways of harnessing the organically produced carbon dioxide, each resulting in a different style of wine to suit every occasion.*

Bird in Hand **Sparkling Pinot Noir**, 2022 - Adelaide Hills, South Australia, AUS
Pinot Noir is harvested in the cool of the night, to retain freshness and flavour. The grapes are only left on skins for a short moment, just long enough to impart a splash of pink, leaving the wine fruity and delicate.

Greystone **Pétillant Naturel**, 2021 - North Canterbury, NZ
Back to basics. Affectionately known as Pet-Nat, Pétillant Naturels are the most traditionally made sparkling wine. Full of flavour and texture from skin contact, Pet-Nats are only slightly sparkling due to the alcoholic fermentation not being completed before bottling. Made from local, organic Riesling with no additives, sulfur, fining or filtration.

Bernard Fouquet 'Aubuisieres' **Vouvray** Brut, NV - Vouvray, Loire Valley, FR
Made Méthode Traditionnelle, Vouvray differs in that it is made from 100% Chenin Blanc and is delicate and fruit focused, reflecting the grapes and terroir over the wine making style.

Nautilus Estate Marlborough **Méthode Traditionnelle** Brut, NV - Marlborough, NZ
Produced since 1989, Nautilus follows the Champagne méthode with precision and respect. 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay are blended from various vintages and aged for four years on lees for richness and toasty character.

LA PRIMAVERA

*From Vivaldi's Four Seasons, La Primavera represents Spring as do these crisp, refreshing, dry **white varietals** from across Europe. These varieties show texture and versatility which reflect the transitional nature of the Spring season as we move into the warmer months.*

Pieropan **Soave Classico**, 2021 - Veneto, IT

Historically a hugely popular wine, Soave doesn't often get the attention it deserves anymore. Made from the indigenous Garganega grape which grows on volcanic soils on the sunny Venetian hillside and blended with 15% Tebbiano di Soave.

Pazo Cilleiro **Albariño**, 2021 - Rias Baxis, ES

Fruit for this Albariño has been selected from small vineyards around the winery in the Salnés Valley, the heart of Rías Baixas denomination. These vines range between 20 and 25 years old. Harvest was done by hand and took place later than usual, but exceptional quality of grapes were achieved with outstanding yields. This classic style of Albariño has been fermented in tank and rested for a minimum of two months before release.

Bernard Fouquet 'Cuvee de Silex' **Vouvray**, 2021 - Vouvray, Loire Valley, FR

It has been suggested that Chenin Blanc was first discovered growing in the neighbouring province of Anjou in the 9th Century and made it to Touraine by the 15th where it has established itself in the region of Vouvray. Today many styles are made, this one has seen nine months on lees in stainless steel.

Dr. Loosen 'Red Slate' **Riesling**, 2020 - Mosel, DE

This Riesling has been produced with fruit that has been selectively hand-picked exclusively from estate vineyards with iron-rich Red Slate soils. These vines have been specifically farmed for producing dry wines. It is fermented with indigenous yeasts in neutral oak casks on lees for an extended period of time to allow balance in the wine as well and greater complexity.

\$17.5

BLACK SHEEP

*Crisp, refreshing and a little bit rare, a selection of lesser known **white varieties** originating from all ends of the world. Here they show a slightly different profile from their indigenous homes, due to the unique climate and soils of New Zealand.*

Fromm **Chenin Blanc**, 2020 - Marlborough, NZ

The fruit for Fromm's Chenin Blanc comes from the certified organic Wrekin Vineyard in the Brancott Valley. It has been handpicked, crushed and pressed before fermentation to bone-dry and then matured on fine lees for 12 months in a mix of stainless steel and old french oak before bottling.

Riverby Estate **Grüner Veltliner**, 2021 - Marlborough, NZ

A rather uncommon varietal outside of Austria and the Czech Republic, we are yet to see much grown here in New Zealand despite its fantastic ability to adapt to different environments. Quite savoury in flavour, this is a unique grape that has been very well cultivated.

Terrace Edge **Albarino**, 2022 - North Canterbury, NZ

Hailing from Galicia, along the northwest coast of Spain, Albarino is now settling into the New Zealand maritime climate. This local Albarino is organic, meticulously hand-picked and fermented in old French oak barrels for added texture and complexity.

Sam Harrop 'Bridge Pa' **Fiano**, 2020 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

One of Italy's finest grapes, Fiano is gaining a bit of a following in New World countries. Slowly but surely it is popping up in Australia, New Zealand and Argentina, often in small amounts by passionate producers who honour traditional styles of winemaking by resting the wine on lees.

\$16.5

A POCKET FULL OF POSIES

Aromatic white wines are almost as much fun on the nose as they are to taste. Delicate and perfumed they can leave you dreaming of holidays and summers passed. Grown in many regions of the world they are most famously appreciated in Alsace where their four main aromatic varieties are known as noble grapes.

Prophet's Rock **Pinot Gris**, 2021 - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

Heavily influenced by winemaker Paul's time in Alsace this is an example of new world grapes meeting old world wine-making to show off texture and complexity as well as bright fruit characters.

Kerpen 'Wehlener Sonnenuhr' **Riesling** Kabinett, 2019 - Mosel, DE

Sonnenuhr, meaning sun dial is named after the steep slopes of the Mosel as they often directed to the South, ideal for the setting of sundials. A classic example of a German Kabinett, the wine is of low alcohol with bright fruit characteristics and sweetness complemented by high acidity.

Pegasus Bay **Muscat**, 2018 - North Canterbury, NZ

Production of this traditional French variety, Muscat Petit Grains, is small at Pegasus Bay as there are only a few rows in the vineyard. Delicately handled to preserve soft aromatics, the grapes are gently pressed and only the free-run juice is used. The wine is then fermented in tank to retain varietal purity and left to develop for four months until the ideal balance is achieved.

Ataahua **Gewürtztraminer**, 2019 - North Canterbury, NZ

Grown in the clay loam soils of the Waipara Valley floor, which hold onto nutrients but still drain freely, ideal for this powerful but delicate aromatic variety. The grapes were hand-harvested and then foot-stomped in the traditional manner, soaking on skins for two days before pressing to maximise texture. Weighty and perfumed with an oily texture and gentle spice.

NOT TOO CHABLIS

*Many consider the greatest white wines in the world to be the clean, dry Chardonnays of the **Chablis** subregion of Burgundy, where combination of continental climate (very cold in winter and hot in the summer with frosts in spring) and the marly limestone soils provide the steely, mineral characters of great Chablis wines. Recent years have been a series of poor vintages with temperamental and unpredictable weather.*

Then 2021 surprised everyone with prime rain, little frost, cool nights and hot days. This flight is a clear example of the different styles of Chablis that can be produced within a brilliant year.

Cyril Testut **Petit Chablis**, 2021 - Chablis, Burgundy, FR

Domaine Testut is situated right next to Chablis township in the heart of the region, wine-maker Ceril Testu's aim is to respect the terrior and pay homage to the centureis of monks who tended the vineyard before his father. Petit Chablis' is the classification of vineyards located higher on the slopes on both sides of the Serein valley, and the wines are typically citrus and floral, with the famous flintlock influence.

Seguinot **Chablis**, 2021- Chablis, Burgundy, FR

The Seguinot family's roots in the village of the Meligny date back to 1590, now managed by Daniel Seguinot and his daughters Emilie and Laurence, together they make wines underfour different appellations, this 2021 being their staple Chablis. Grown on the Kimmeridgian clay that Chablis is so famous for and classically unoaked, the 2021 is fresh and clean with persistance and driving acid.

Louis Jadot **Chablis**, 2021, Burgundy, FR

Founded in 1859, Maison Louis Jadot is one of the largest and most respected 'negociants,' who buy fruit and make wine from lots of different vineyads in the region. Winemaker Jacques Lardière balances tradition and new technology to make the most of the subtle differences between terroirs. Their 2021 Chablis is from a range of vineyards in 8 appellations, and is aged in 30% new French oak barrels, unusual for the region.

Domaine Jean Paul & Benoit Droin **Chablis**, 2021, Burgundy, FR

Jean Paul Droin started working in vineyards at the age of 14 in 1967, in 1981 he established his first winery in the heart of Chablis. Son Benoit joined the Domain in 1999 and started a second winery at the base of the Grand Cru's hillside. JP retired in 2014 and since 2016 Benoit has experienced some unprecedented weather. 2021 was a much better vintage, he used natural yeasts and ferments in stainless steel. with an addition of MLF to smooth out any unwanted acidity.

\$25

CHARDONNAY TO NZ

*The versatility of the **Chardonnay** grape makes it a perfect canvas for viticulturists and winemakers choose from a wide-range of Chardonnay styles from fruit-driven and unoaked, to luscious examples with complexity, elegance, and a touch of oak. During the 1990s, plantings of this internationally fashionable variety exceeded those of every other grape, today top-quality Chardonnay can be found in every New Zealand wine region.*

Te Mata 'Elston' **Chardonnay** 2021 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

Produced since 1984, Elston is consistently one of the best examples of Hawke's Bay Chardonnay. Grapes from the Te Mata Estate's oldest vineyards overlooking the winery are whole-bunch pressed and left to settle, before the clear juice is racked to old French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. About 1/3 is then further aged in barrels. The wine is tight and focused but powerful and balanced.

Palliser Estate **Chardonnay**, 2021 - Martinborough, NZ

From some of the oldest vines in Martinborough, a light hand with new oak presents an excellent example of an elegant yet full-bodied Chardonnay. 100% barrel fermented, aged on lees, that creaminess transfers through to the palate, but removing the wine from barrel after 8 months has preserved the pure, fresh fruit.

Greystone **Chardonnay**, 2020 - North Canterbury, NZ

A cult local favourite from one of the region's outstanding emerging producers. Chardonnay from two vineyards, the original 'Muddy Water' Mendoza vineyard on clay soils and the younger Greystone home vineyards on limestone are foot-stomped and whole bunch pressed respectively, and wild-fermented separately in large French oak barriques before 10 months maturation in barrel.

Dog Point **Chardonnay** 2020 - Marlborough, NZ

Dog Point is the long-standing personal project of Ivan Sutherland and James Healy - both of whom were key players in the development of Marlborough and New Zealand wine. 2/3 Mendoza clone is fruit is hand-picked from the Dog Point home vineyard, whole bunch pressed straight to barrel for 18 months. Low intervention winemaking, plenty of solids in the ferment, and indigenous wild primary and secondary fermentation contribute to a funky, seriously powerful Chardonnay.

\$24

TE ARAROA - THE LONG PATHWAY

*An epic trail of quintessential **New Zealand wines** spanning the length of our two main islands. Undeniably Kiwi, these wines are classic examples of how excellent grape growing and winemaking can be accomplished while extending kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the land) to the beautiful vineyards of Aotearoa.*

Greywacke **Sauvignon Blanc**, 2022 - Marlborough, NZ

Classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from top-tier producer, Kevin Judd. A portion of the grapes are fermented in stainless steel to retain bright acid and youthful fruit while the other is left to spontaneously ferment in barrel, softening the wine before blending.

Te Mata 'Elston' **Chardonnay**, 2021 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

Established in 1896, Te Mata estate remains family owned to this day and has been producing the Elston Chardonnay since 1984. The wine is placed into seasoned and new French oak barrels where it rests on lees for ten months.

Quartz Reef **Pinot Noir**, 2021 - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

One of only six fully certified biodynamic vineyards in NZ, Quartz Reef let their wines truly reflect the land they come from. Such care is put into the growth of the grapes that very little work is required in the winery. The wine is rested in oak, some old, less new and left to gently age over 15 months before being bottled without fining or filtration.

Boneline 'Iridium' **Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2018

North Canterbury, NZ

Grown in a natural amphitheatre that was created over hundreds of years by river terraces where the fruit bakes in the sun ripening to fullness. Made with minimal intervention the wine undergoes a slow, warm maceration period post-ferment releasing the last bit of colour, flavour and texture of the vintage.

\$19

HOW MANY DUDES YOU KNOW GROW LIKE THIS?

*A selection of **North Canterbury wines** that celebrate our exceptional local wine region. These wines not only express the story of the land but also that of the people who crafted it*

Terrace Edge **Albarino**, 2022 - North Canterbury, NZ

Hailing from Galacia, along the northwest coast of Spain, Albarino is now settling into the New Zealand maritime climate. This local Albarino is organic, meticulously hand-picked and fermented in old French oak barrels for added texture and complexity.

Greystone **Chardonnay**, 2020 - North Canterbury, NZ

Greystone's vineyards are managed organically and regeneratively, to best look after the farm they call home. The aim is for their wines to capture the heart and soul of North Canterbury in every glass. This Chardonnay is a blend of two main vineyard blocks. One block is limestone dominant, while the other is clay. Grapes from each block were fermented separately in French oak barriques then barrel aged for 10 months in oak before bottling without fining.

Pyramid Valley **Pinot Noir**, 2019 - North Canterbury, NZ

Produced with grapes sourced from four different vineyards across the Waipara region, all worked biodynamically. 30% whole bunch gives a deep, spicy profile, while each parcel of fruit contributes a signature quality to the blend balancing the other out.

Boneline 'Iridium' **Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2018

North Canterbury, NZ

Grown in a natural amphitheatre that was created over hundreds of years by river terraces where the fruit bakes in the sun ripening to fullness. Made with minimal intervention the wine undergoes a slow, warm maceration period post-ferment releasing the last bit of colour, flavour and texture of the vintage.

\$22

WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY

*A fascinating selection of **Biodynamic wines** showing four different varietals from four different producers who follow planting schedules based on astrological configurations and the moon cycle.*

Quartz Reef **Méthode Traditionnelle Rosé**, NV - Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

A biodynamic beauty produced from Pinot Noir vines that were first planted in 1998. A true Méthode Traditionnelle the wine goes through two fermentations, the first in tank and the second in bottle. The wine is then rested on lees for a minimum of 18 months for a toasty, biscuity richness.

Millton 'Te Arai' **Chenin Blanc**, 2021 - Gisborne, NZ

The inimitable James Millton was New Zealand's first certified biodynamic wine producer, and this wine has become a New Zealand and world benchmark for Chenin Blanc. Hand picking, very gentle pressing retaining fine sediments to provide nutrients for natural wild fermentation. A weighty, spicy expression of Chenin, with lively, spikey freshness.

Burn Cottage **Pinot Noir**, 2019 - Cromwell, Central Otago, NZ

Burn Cottage were the first Biodynamic Vineyard of Central Otago when they started in 2002. So much attention goes into the land that the wine making its self tells its own tale with as little human intervention as possible. The vineyard is also home to many native New Zealand plants, Highland cattle, beehives and olive trees as part of an enclosed farm system.

Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vine **Pinot Noir**, 2019 - Wanaka, Central Otago, NZ

Rippon's mature vine Pinot Noir is an expression of their older vines grown deep into schist beside the stunning lake Wanaka. Rippon have always followed organic practices and have been biodynamic since the early 2000's. Showing great appreciation for the land, they allow the wine to show the true terrior of their place.

ROSÉS AREN'T RED

Rosé is made from red grape varietals using one of three methods. The most common is the skin contact method where the grapes are removed from their skins after a very short time frame, usually between 12-24 hours, just long enough to impart a small amount of colour, phenolics and tannin.

Maison Saint Aix **Rosé**, 2021 - AOP Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, FR

With mineral rich soils, 300 days of sun a year and cooling "Mistral" winds in the high hills, Aix-en-Provence offers the ideal growing conditions for 60 year old Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault. The grapes are picked before sunrise to protect freshness and prevent any oxidation, and vinted together in stainless steel tanks to support the length and gentle acidity.

Muga Rioja **Rosado**, 2021 - Rioja, ES

Bodegas Muga is a family winery founded in 1932 in the historic town of Haro, La Rioja. Garnacha and Viura vines are grown in ferrous and calcerous clay soils, which give texture and complexity. The grapes soak for half a day in the press before a long, controlled cool fermentation to preserve freshness and aromatics, then 4 months on fine lees to add smoothness and length on the palate.

Peregrine Pinot Noir **Rosé**, 2022 - Pisa/Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ

100% hand-picked, Certified Organic Pinot Noir from two vineyards across Lake Dunstan from each other, with fruit from Bendigo giving weight and structure, and Pisa providing freshness and pure, delicate red fruit characters. Whole bunches are gently pressed and left to soak for a matter of hours to extract colour and gentle tannins, before a long, cold fermentation to protect the fruit and acidity.

The Boneline 'Pink Noise' **Rosé**, 2022 - North Canterbury, NZ

The Boneline pride themselves in practicing progressive wine making techniques partnered with history and experience. Their lime-rich soils and specific climate allows these experienced producers to take influence from the restrained French styles as well as the more brightly fruited styles of New Zealand to showcase their unique Terroir. This

\$17

TERROIR - TŪRANGAWAEWAE

*The French term Terroir, which in wine broadly represents the concept that a great wine 'tastes like where it came from,' has been embraced by many New Zealand winemakers as an anologism for Turangawaewae - 'representing their place'. The unique set of conditions that make the wine unique to the specific place it was grown and made. This selection focuses on **Pinot Noir** from different regions around Aotearoa and how the soils under which these vines grow impact the grapes used to produce these wines.*

Maude Pinot Noir, 2021 - Wanaka, Central Otago NZ

Much of the Central Otago wine region, including Maude's Vineyards, is comprised of schist based soils. These soils have been produced at high pressures in the earth's crust, they are comprised of flaky layers of rocks and minerals. With its high content of Silica, Quartz and Mica, schist based soils produce luminous, layered and complex wines that show lift, precision and finesse.

Forager Pinot Noir, 2020 - Waiau, North Canterbury, NZ

Isolated Hill in North Canterbury is the site that winemaker Dom Maxwell uses to not only produce the grapes that result in Forager Pinot Noir, but also the vineyard where this wine is fermented. This 0.7ha vineyard is planted over the limestone hills of Waiau. These soils allow natural drawing of water for the roots of the vine and aids in allowing the uptake of natural nutrients and minerals into the grapevine.

Nautilus 'Southern Valleys' Pinot Noir, 2019 - Marlborough, NZ

The fruit for the Nautilus 'Southern Valleys' Pinot Noir is sourced from three Nautilus owned vineyards in the Marlborough region that are grown over a combination of clay and stony alluvium soils. The grapes grown on clay provide body, texture and structure, where as the grapes grown on the stony alluvial soils provide fruit lift and fragrance.

Escarpment Pinot Noir, 2020 - Martinborough, NZ

Escarpement vineyards are planted on alluvial loam soils which have been formed over very deep gravels. This soil composition allows exceptional drainage which is one prerequisite for producing premium quality grapes. The aim for this Pinot Noir is to highlight the Martinborough terroir well as the winemaking philosophy of translating the natural balance that is seen in Martinborough.

\$22.5

CONQUEST OF PARADISE

*This selection focuses on **local Pinot Noir** that represents our region at its finest.
The wines reflect the story of the land and the people who crafted it.*

Black Estate 'Home' Pinot Noir, 2020 - North Canterbury, NZ

*Grown on the 'Home' block, north-facing and predominantly clay.
The vines date back to 1994 when the vineyard was initially established and
added to in 2011 with other clones planted on rootstock above the existing vines.
Biodynamic, hand-harvested, matured in neutral oak and unfiltered, unfiltered for
an organic representation of North Canterbury Pinot Noir.*

Pyramid Valley Pinot Noir, 2019 - North Canterbury, NZ

*Produced with grapes sourced from four different vineyards across the Waipara
region, all worked biodynamically. 30% whole bunch gives a deep, spicy profile,
while each parcel of fruit contributes a signature quality to the blend balancing
the other out.*

Forager Pinot Noir, 2020 - Waiau, North Canterbury, NZ

*Isolated Hill in North Canterbury is the site that winemaker Dom Maxwell uses to not
only produce the grapes that result in Forager Pinot Noir, but also the vineyard where
this wine is fermented. This 0.7ha vineyard is planted over the limestone hills of Waiau.
These soils allow natural drawing of water for the roots of the vine and aids in allowing
the uptake of natural nutrients and minerals into the grapevine.*

Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir, 2020 - North Canterbury, NZ

*One of the OG vineyards in North Canterbury, founder Ivan Donaldson
planted the first Canterbury vineyard in 1976 and established Pegasus Bay in
1986. Made from 30+-year-old vines grown on Glasnevin gravels where greywacke
stones, silt and loam have formed over millions of years. 40% whole bunch, twice
daily plunging and maturation in 40% new French oak give a bigger, bolder
example of Pinot Noir.*

\$25

BETTER THAN DRINKING A RHONE

***Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre** grapes originate from the Rhone Valley where they are famously blended with up to 16 other native varieties in Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Here they are shown individually from new world countries alongside the quintessential blend.*

Yalumba 'Barossa Bush Vine **Grenache**', 2020 - Barossa Valley, South Australia, AUS

Rich in history, the Barossa Valley has never been affected by Phyloxera and so now have some very gnarly, very old, bush vines. The fruit was sourced from various growers in the area with vines dating back as far as 1929 and matured for seven months in older French and Hungarian hogsheads.

Castaño **Monastrell** Ecológico Barrica, 2020 - Yecla, ES

A family-owned producer in the Yecla municipality, inland from Alicante in the south-east of Spain. In the barren, stony soils and continental desert climate, Castaño pioneered Monastrell grown as bushes (instead of vines along a trellis). 100% organic Monastrell, fermented and aged in French oak barrels.

Elephant Hill **Syrah**, 2019 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

Something few producers in New Zealand can do well, Syrah is the key varietal at Elephant Hill. Sourced from Gimblett Gravels, Bridge Pa and Te Awanga the grapes see many sunshine hours before maturing in French oak barriques, a quarter of which are new.

Domaine du Vieux Lazaret **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**, 2020 - Rhône, FR

Produced by the Quiot family this wine is made in the heart of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and is made up of 60% Grenache, 23% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 7% Cinsault. The grapes were completely de-stemmed and fermented for two weeks before being put into cement vats and foudres for 18 months of aging.

\$21.5

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

*Camino de Santiago, known in English as the Way of St. James is a famous pilgrimage that encompasses several routes across Europe ending in Spain. These **premium red wines** echo not only the land from which they are produced, but the history, culture, and tradition of their own unique terrior telling stories much older than us.*

Domaine Goisot 'Corps de Garde' **Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre Rouge**, 2020 - Burgundy, FR

Located in the hills just outside of the Chablis AOC lies Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre or 'Burgundy from the hills of Auxerre.' This vineyard is farmed biodynamically and at high density which allows the yield to be low and fruit quality to be excellent. The philosophy in the winery is minimalistic with natyural yeasts, long and slow aging, and minimal fining and filtering if any at all.

Maison Sichel 'Château Piochet' **Bordeaux**, 2016 - Bordeaux, FR

A tiny vineyard in the silty clay hills above the village of Langon on Bordeaux's Left Bank, managed by Maison Sichel's winemaker of 30 years. Bernadette Faugères fastidious management of her grandfather's own vineyard shows through in a beautifully aged Bordeaux blend. 55% Cabernet, 45% Merlot.

Muga Rioja **Reserva**, 2018 - Rioja Alta, La Rioja, ES

Founded in 1932 and still under family ownership, Muga farm 250 hectares in La Rioja Alta alone and have contracts with growers all over the Rioja DOC. Traditional in style, the wine comprises of all four varieties permitted for Rioja: Tempranillo, Garnacha tinta, Graciano and Mazuelo. The wine is aged for 22 months in oak casks before bottling, where it spends a further nine months before being released.

Massolino **Barolo**, 2018 - Piedmonte, IT

Founded in 1896 by the enterprising Giovanni Massolino in and around the town of Serralunga d'Alba, today one of the most prestigious communes of Barolo. 2018 was a 'growers season,' one of the wettest years on record in Piedmonte, but Massolino has 'pulled one out of a hat' by declassifying thier cru vineyards to produce a Barolo Classico level wine of outstanding concentration. 100% Nebbiolo.

\$26

THE BORDEAUX-ZER

*The first thing classically put in the cellar are the wines based on the blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Often called a **Bordeaux blend**, after the famous French region. The higher levels of tannin and acid allow these wines to age beautifully.*

Maison Sichel 'Château Piochet' **Bordeaux**, 2016 - Bordeaux, FR

A tiny vineyard in the silty clay hills above the village of Langon on Bordeaux's Left Bank, managed by Maison Sichel's winemaker of 30 years. Bernadette Faugères fastidious management of her grandfather's own vineyard shows through in a beautifully aged Bordeaux blend. 55% Cabernet, 45% Merlot.

Unison Vineyards 'Excalibur' **Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah**, 2014 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

As if drawn from the stones of the Gimblett Gravels vineyard, this is a classic Kiwi blend - the use of Syrah is common in Hawke's Bay but not many other parts of the world. 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah. Merlot dominates the blend, Cabernet Sauvignon drives through and the little bit of Syrah gives spices and lifts the whole wine.

Decibel 'Testify' **Malbec**, 2018 - Hawke's Bay, NZ

A little bit special, the Testify wines are only made in the very best of vintages. Some of the Malbec is co-fermented with a little bit of Merlot and the wine is aged in oak, 20% new, for two years before blending and resting in tank for a further four months.

Vasse Felix **Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2019 - Margaret River, AU

A blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec offering the classic aromas that Western Australia is known for. Matured in oak for eighteen months, 46% new, and resting a further two months in tank before bottling.

\$19

SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THESE

Late-harvest wines have been produced for many years from grapes left to dehydrate on the vine, concentrating the sugars and flavours in each berry. In humid conditions these are often affected by *Botrytis Cinerea*, also known as noble rot, a Latin term meaning 'grapes like ashes' which refers to the grey development of mould on a bunch of grapes, producing sweetness and flavours of honeysuckle.

Pigeade Muscat **Beaumes-de-Venice**, 2019 - Cotes du Rhone, FR

The Vaute family, purchased Domaine de la Pigeade in 1960. The domaine covers 18 ha of vineyards in Beaumes de Venise. Thierry and Marina Vaute have been the driving forces behind Domaine de la Pigeade since 1996 when Thierry came home to take over the estate from his father.

Riverby Estate 'Noble **Riesling**', 2019 - Marlborough, NZ

Riverby leave a few rows of Riesling to soak in the sunshine until the very end of summer. At this point noble rot starts to take over, grapes shrivel, water evaporates and the juice becomes a deeply concentrated liquid gold. The grapes retain high levels of acid, perfectly balancing the decadence of the wine.

Chateau Villefranche **Sauternes**, 2019 - Sauternes, Bordeaux, FR

Recognised as one of the oldest wine estates in the Sauternes region, Château Villefranche have been producing wine since the late 1700's. A classic Sauternes blend of Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc for acidity with a touch of muscadelle adding perfume.

Pegasus Bay 'Finalé' **Noble Semillion, Sauvignon Blanc**, 2019 - North Canterbury, NZ

Delicately hand picked, only the most perfectly raisined grapes are selected. The juice is then delicately pressed and put into French barriques where it naturally ferments and matures over two years. Even then, only the six best barriques are chosen to be blended.

\$23

served as 4 x 30mls

PORT THE LOTION IN THE BASKET

*Hugely popular since the 1700's **Port** gained its name from the seaport city of Porto at the mouth of the Douro River, where much of the product was brought to market or for export to other countries in Europe. It is made in many different styles and in the very best years can be made as a single vintage.*

Galway Pipe 12yr **Grand Tawny**, NV - South Australia, AUS

Galway Pipe was named after the governor of South Australia from 1914-1920, Sir Henry Galway. He would visit the winery and select the finest 'pipes' (500l barrels) of Grand Tawny. Made in the style of the Tawny ports of Portugal it is aged in barrel to gradually expose the wine to oxygen, resulting in a nutty flavour.

Graham's Six Grapes **Port**, NV - Douro Valley, PT

The six-grapes symbol is Graham's age-old mark of quality, used to identify the very finest wines from the best vineyards. This oak aged port is a multi-vintage blend of equal parts Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz that has been selected from the same parcels of fruit used to make vintage port.

Taylors 10yr **Tawny Port**, NV - Douro Valley, PT

One of the oldest of the founding Port houses, Taylors was established in 1692. The port is aged in large old oak casks before being blended with some of the vast amounts of reserve wine that mature in the cellars to maintain a consistent house style.

Fonseca 'Guimarens' **Vintage Port**, 2004 - Douro Valley, PT

The decision to bottle a Quinta do Panascal vintage is taken when the fruit from this single vineyard is judged to be of exceptional quality. Like a Fonseca vintage port, which is a blend of all the top vineyards, the wine spends two years ageing in wooden casks before being bottled and then a further 10 years minimum in the bottle.

\$25

served as 4 x 30mls