

Laherte-Frères | Les 7 | Chavot | Champagne, FRA 2019 [K&L Gates](#)

Laherte Frères “Les 7” is one of the most distinctive and soulful expressions of Champagne terroir today. Crafted from seven historic grape varieties—Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Arbanne, and Petit Meslier—this cuvée pays homage to the ancient field blends once common in the region. The fruit is sourced from a single biodynamically farmed parcel in Chavot, planted in 2003 by Thierry Laherte. The 2019 vintage blends 50% wine from the harvest year with 50% reserve wines aged in barrel, resulting in a Champagne of remarkable complexity and depth. Fermented and aged in neutral barrels with no dosage, “Les 7” is electric in its energy, combining orchard fruit, lemon zest, and white flowers with fresh acidity. 96 pts James Suckling

Paul Prieur et Fils | Sancerre | La Pieuchaud-Silex | Loire Valley, FRA 2022 [Propeller Talent](#)

This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is renowned for its crisp, mineral, and light nature, which the wines of Sancerre are famous for. Located in the famous wine region of the Loire Valley, the chalky, limestone soil (Kimmeridgian) along with aging in neutral oak/or stainless steel allows the wines to keep their very crisp, distinct profile. The Prieur family has been making wines in the commune of Verdigny, in Sancerre for eleven generations, now being run by Luc Prieur- the utmost of care is given to each wine, with the grapes being harvested by hand. The name of this vineyard comes from the slightly flinty aroma from the specific Silex soils, loosely translating to “small, hot flint” that imparts onto the wine a slight essence of gunpowder/flint and a distinctive bright energy within the wine.

Remoissenet | Chablis 1er | Fourchaume | Burgundy, FRA 2022 [BVA Group](#)

The 2022 Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume from Remoissenet Père et Fils is a brilliant example of the estate’s revitalization under the leadership of Pierre-Antoine Rovani. Once a sleeping giant of Burgundy, Remoissenet has been reimagined since its 2005 acquisition. Winemaker Claudie Jobard has provided the estate with a renewed focus on precision farming, minimal intervention winemaking, and top-tier vineyard sourcing across the Côte d’Or. The Fourchaume site, nestled on the right bank of the Serein where the river splits (thus the name Fourchaume, meaning “forked”), offers west-facing exposure and classic Kimmeridgian limestone soils that deliver a premier cru of depth and definition. In 2022, ideal growing conditions brought excellent ripeness without sacrificing freshness, resulting in a wine that is both generous and finely structured. As with all of Remoissenet’s whites, élevage is carefully managed to emphasize purity and minerality over oak. The estate’s modern era continues to impress, offering collectors a fresh and compelling vision of classic Burgundy.

Haynes | Chardonnay | Vigneron | Napa Valley, CA 2020 [S+H Consulting](#)

2020 Vigneron from Haynes Vineyards feels like a heartfelt declaration of identity—winemaking rooted in place, lineage, and integrity. This Chardonnay marks the inaugural release under the estate’s own label—a significant milestone in the evolution of a site that was farmed by the Whitford/Haynes family for over a century and is now guided by the thoughtful stewardship of the Lawrence family. Planted in the 1960s with input from legends André Tchelistcheff and Louis Martini, Haynes Vineyard is defined by its volcanic-ash and diatomaceous earth soils. These soils, along with the vineyard’s cool, fog-tempered microclimate, create ideal conditions for

producing wines that are refined, age-worthy, and unmistakably site-driven. While 2020 brought extreme heat and wildfire risk across much of California, Haynes was uniquely positioned to weather the season. Its early-ripening fruit, coastal proximity, and clean air allowed the team to harvest without compromise. The result is a wine that reflects the clarity of the site and the care behind it—an expression of Napa that leans into energy and transparency rather than weight or excess. Even the packaging tells the story: printed along the edge of the shipping tape is a quiet reminder of the estate's ethos—"land this special can only be loved." With Vigneron, Haynes is reasserting itself not as an outlier, but as a modern standard-bearer for site-driven, vineyard-first winemaking in the Valley.

Chandon de Briailles | Savigny-Les-Beaune 1er | Les Lavières | Burgundy, FRA 2022

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A family-operated winery since 1834, Domaine Chandon de Briailles is now run by brother-sister duo Claude and Francois de Nicolay. This team has begun to lead the winery into complete organic and biodynamic practices, even trying to move away from tractors and entirely back to horses and hand harvesting. This wine is 100% Pinot Noir, known for its notes of bright red berries and subtle spicy notes. The Lavieres vineyard gets its name from the large limestone slabs that were used to cover houses in Old Burgundy, denoting the limestone underneath the layers of clay soil found in this vineyard.

Giacomo Fenocchio | Barolo | Castellerio | Piedmont, ITA 2021 [Holland & Knight](#)

Known as the "King of Italian Wines", Barolo is a village located in NW Italy in the area of Piedmont. Always made from 100% Nebbiolo fruit, Barolo is known for its bright red fruit, strong tannins, and savory notes. Piedmont gets its name from being located at the foot of the Alps mountains, with Nebbiolo being named for the 'nebbia' fog that rolls off the foothills of the mountains into the vineyards in the morning. The winery was founded in 1864 and is currently still family-owned and run by 5th-generation winemaker, Claudio Fenocchio. The Castellerio vineyard is renowned for its sandier soil, giving its wines a fruitier and lighter essence.

Domaine de la Janasse | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | Chaupin | Rhône Valley, FRA 2022

[Simmons Bank](#)

The 2022 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Chaupin from Domaine de la Janasse is a testament to the domaine's mastery of Grenache and its deep understanding of Châteauneuf's diverse terroirs. Founded in 1973 by Aimé Sabon, Janasse is now run by his children Isabelle and Christophe, and ranks among the Rhône's most respected estates for its meticulous farming and expressive, focused winemaking. Cuvée Chaupin is drawn entirely from old-vine Grenache—some parcels over 100 years old—planted on sandy soils that lend finesse and lift to the wine. 2022 growing season was marked by warmth and drought, yet the estate's careful vineyard management ensured balance and concentration. Chaupin remains a benchmark for varietal Grenache in the Southern Rhône, combining power and elegance with each passing vintage.

95 pts James Suckling

San Polino | Brunello di Montalcino | Helichrysum | Tuscany, ITA 2019 [Winston & Strawn](#)

2019 Brunello di Montalcino Helichrysum from San Polino reflects the estate's commitment to biodynamic farming, deep-rooted sustainability, and site-driven expression. Founded in the 1990s by Luigi and Katia Fabbro, San Polino was Montalcino's first certified organic estate and remains at the forefront of thoughtful, regenerative viticulture in the region. The property itself has centuries-old origins, once belonging to the Hospital of Santa Maria della Croce, with the first written record of vineyards on the site dating back to 1581. Helichrysum is the estate's flagship bottling, named for the fragrant wild herb that grows abundantly around the vineyard. The wine is sourced from high-elevation plots near the forested edges of Montalcino, where constant winds and sandy loam as well as volcanic soils lend natural tension and energy. The 2019 vintage offered near-ideal conditions, and the resulting wine possesses the structure, purity, and balance to age gracefully for decades. With a track record for both elegance and longevity, Helichrysum continues to stand among the most distinctive and age-worthy interpretations of Brunello.

97 pts Karen O'Keefe

GAJA | Cabernet Sauvignon Blend | Ca'Marcanda Magari | Tuscany, ITA 2022 [Dykema](#)

Gaja is a renowned wine house across the world, predominantly known for their Barbaresco wines- The Queen of Italian Wine, if Barolo is The King. After gaining fame for their Barbaresco, Alejandro Gaja founded the Bolgheri Estate in 1996 to create Super Tuscans worthy of competing with top Bordeaux wines. This wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Ca'Marcanda derives from a Piedmontese dialect expression, which can be translated as "The House of Endless Negotiations". This land was uncultivated and used for breeding and fruit growing; this was a unique opportunity to entirely design a winery on an untouched land, which started with the selection of the soil, the different varieties, and ultimately the cellar structure. The name Magari essentially translates to "if only," adding personality and the mission of this wine at first glance.

La Rioja Alta | Tempranillo | 904 | Gran Reserva | Rioja, ESP 2015 [Baker Tilly](#)

La Rioja Alta was founded in 1890 by 5 winemakers; to this day, it is considered one of the most prolific Rioja houses. In 1904, winemaker Alfredo Ardanza merged the group with his own winery, cementing La Rioja Alta's place in history. These two dates are extremely important to the house, and their flagship gran reserva wines are named for these important years (890 and 904). The winery chooses to omit the '1' from both bottlings to avoid confusion on the dates of the wine. This wine is made up of 90% Tempranillo, a native Spanish grape known for its red fruit flavors and usage in Rioja and Ribera del Duero Spanish wines, and 10% Graciano, a native Spanish grape utilized for blending purposes.

Château Pavie-Macquin | Saint-Émilion | Bordeaux, FRA 2019 [SouthState Bank](#)

Located in Saint Émilion, Bordeaux, this Chateau was founded in the 19th century by Andrew Maquin, one of the pioneers credited with saving Bordeaux grapes from phylloxera (a grape disease brought from the United States that nearly destroyed the European wine world in the 1800s). Maquin was the first winemaker in St. Émilion to introduce grafting French grapes onto American rootstock, which was naturally resistant to phylloxera. The Château is still owned by

the descendants of Andrew Maquin; however, it is run by different winemakers. The region of Bordeaux is split into the “Left and Right Bank”, with the Left Bank being a Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated blend, and the Right Bank making wines with Merlot as the dominant grape. This wine, from the Right Bank of Bordeaux, is a blend of primarily Merlot along with Cabernet Franc and a minuscule (2%) amount of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Château Grand Puy Lacoste | Pauillac | 5th Grand Cru Classé | Bordeaux, FRA 2019

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The 2019 Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste is an outstanding release from one of Pauillac’s most respected yet understated Fifth Growth estates. Owned and managed by the Borie family since 1978, Grand-Puy-Lacoste has earned a loyal following for its unwavering dedication to classical Bordeaux winemaking—prioritizing meticulous vineyard care, precise blending, and a transparent expression of its gravelly terroir. The 2019 vintage, a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Merlot, reflects an exceptional growing season that delivered both concentration and balance. Aged in 60% new French oak, it is a wine of depth, structure, and remarkable aging potential. Year after year, Grand-Puy-Lacoste proves that true greatness lies not in flash or trend, but in quiet consistency and authenticity.

97 pts Vinous

Vina Cobos | Cabernet Franc | Chanares Estate | Uco Valley | Mendoza, ARG 2019

Forvis Mazars

Founded by internationally recognized winemaker Paul Hobbs in 1988, Vina Cobos was Hobbs' effort to create sublime wines from South America and establish Mendoza as a forefront of New World wine. The Chanares Estate is situated at a higher elevation than many other vineyards in the Uco Valley, with sandy soil that is ideal for Cabernet Franc. Though Mendoza and Vina Cobos are primarily known for their Malbec production, this Cabernet Franc demonstrates the versatility of both the land and Argentina's ability to produce fantastic wines of various varieties. 2019 is hailed as one of the best vintages of recent years from Mendoza, and this wine proves that with its idealistic qualities. Tasting notes include dark fruits, Andean herbs, pink peppercorn, and firm tannins.

96 Points James Suckling

Hestan | Cabernet Blend | Stephanie | Napa Valley, CA 2014 [Katten](#)

Hestan Vineyards is located along the Eastern slopes of Napa Valley, it is named for the husband/wife owners Stanley and Helen Cheng. Stephanie is named for their daughter, and inspired by her musical prowess, hence the large golden harp on the label. It is a proprietary blend, alluding to the fact that it is a ‘Bordeaux Style’ blend, so made up of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. The Stephanie in 2014 was made of nearly equal parts of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Malbec, though the specific blend of each wine changes every year. **Glaetzer | Shiraz | Amon Ra’ | Barossa Valley, AUS 2017**

Amon Ra is the Glaetzer family’s flagship and premium Shiraz. Hailing from the Barossa Valley in Southern Australia (just NE of Adelaide), the Glaetzer family has been making red wines, notably Shiraz, since 1888; however, it was not until the mid-1990s that the Glaetzer family produced wines under their own name, led by Colin Glaetzer. Colin’s son, Ben, now serves as the head winemaker and has helped take these wines to further levels of notoriety. Australian

Pride Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley CA 2022 [McGuire Sponsel](#)

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon from Pride Mountain Vineyards continues the legacy of one of Napa and Sonoma's most distinctive mountain estates. Situated at 2,100 feet above sea level on the crest of the Mayacamas Mountains, the estate straddles the county line and benefits from dramatic diurnal swings, volcanic soils, and long hang times. Since its founding in the early 1990s, Pride has earned a reputation for powerful yet polished wines that reflect both elevation and place. The 2021 growing season was cooler than average, allowing for slow, even ripening and excellent phenolic development. The result is a Cabernet of intensity and structure, with balance and ageability. Pride Mountain remains a benchmark for mountain-grown Cabernet defined by freshness, energy, and depth.

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2023 Composition | Pinot Noir | Chehalem Mtns. | Willamette Valley, OR [Weaver](#)

Composition is a partnership between Bertrand de Villaine of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Katrina Rank. Together they produce a single vineyard and sustainably farmed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Oregon's Willamette Valley. Pinot Noir is a synonym for Burgundy for many, but it also beautifully expresses Oregon's specific climate and terroir. This sustainably and dry-farmed single-vineyard Pinot Noir captures the essence of terroir-driven winemaking. Grown with meticulous care and minimal intervention, the grapes thrive in the unique microclimate and soil composition of their specific plot. The resulting wine features a harmonious balance of crisp acidity and rich fruit flavors, complemented by subtle notes of oak and minerality that reflect its distinct origin.