

VOLTA *do* MAR

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE WINES FROM ELSEWHERE:

The wines below are a special selection of some of our personal favourites, and are amongst the finest we have been fortunate enough to taste over the years.

Whilst we will always champion the exceptional and exciting wines of Portugal, we also wanted to share some of the most compelling wines we've enjoyed on our journey in wine so far.

These are rare bottles and quantities are limited. Please read on, indulge and enjoy!!

WHITES:

'IL GIARDINO DEI VESCONI', COLLI DI LUNI DOC, GIACOMELLI, LIGURIA, ITALY 2021	95
100% Vermentino from a tiny (0.5ha) walled Cru: 'The Bishop's Garden' first planted in 1711. Wild herbs, white flowers and yellow fleshed fruit dance on the palate & in the aromatics. Rare.	
RIESLING, LANGE BIANCO DOC, CASTELLO DI NIEVE, PIEDMONT, ITALY 2023	80
100% Rhine Riesling. Stainless steel, no oak. Clean, pure and precise. Excellent fruit Green apple, peach & mineral aromas, mirrored on the palate, which is balanced & fresh.	
VIÑA TONDONIA BLANCO RESERVA, BODEGAS LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA, RIOJA, SPAIN 2013	110
Viura & Malvasia Riojana. This is one of Spain's most distinctive and extraordinary white wines. White current, beeswax, saddle leather and spice. The palate is multi layered, fresh and complex.	
BELONDRADÉ Y LURTON, BELONDRADÉ, CASTILLA Y LEÓN, SPAIN 2023	70
The winery's flagship wine and one of Spain's finest whites - akin to good Premiere Cru Burgundy. Slightly honeyed white fruit, with delicate floral and citrus notes. The palate is silky, fresh and intense	
SAVENNIÈRES, CHATEAU DE PLAISANCE, LOIRE, FRANCE 2023	85
Vanessa Cherruau, the young dynamic female wine maker heading up this biodynamic winery, is a rising star. Her 2022 Savennières is quite special. A heady combo of lemons, limes, salinity & spice. Very clean, Precise and concentrated. Multifaceted and intriguing.	
MERSAULT, GENEVRIERES 1er CRU, DOMAINE MICHELOT, BURGUNDY, FRANCE 2022	195
Long established, with over 6 generations in the same family ownership, this domaine has some exceptional terroir. Slightly honeyed white fruit, with delicate floral and citrus notes. The palate is silky, fresh and intense.	
CHARDONNAY, MONTE BELLO, RIDGE VINEYARDS, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, USA 2021	215
Ridge Vineyards, is one of California's greatest producers, of The Judgement of Paris (1975) fame. The Monte Bello wines are the most exalted. The Chardonnay has aromas of Pear, Honeysuckle, Dried Apricot and Lemongrass. Full bodied palate with baked apples and brioche held together with a vibrant and juicy acidity.	

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REDS:

- SAN LEONARDO, TENUTA SAN LEONARDO, ALTO ADIGE, ITALY 2019** 150
An estate with a 1000 year history, the Marchese Guerrieri Gonzaga family have been the owners for the past 3 centuries, and make a truly world class Bordeaux blend wine, previously referred to as the Sassicaia of the North. Whilst there are some similarities, we think San Leonardo stands proudly alone and unique, with its own distinct, elegant and sophisticated personality. Rather like the Marcheses Carlo & Anselmo.
- BARBARESCO, SANTO STEFANO RISERVA DOCG, CASTELLO DI NEIVE, PIEDMONT, ITALY 2015** 210
An estate with an intriguing history stretching back to the late 1760s. The Santo Stefano vineyard is a Cru and hailed as one of the Langhe's finest. The Barbaresco from Santo Stefano has poise, power and elegance, and ages magnificently. The 2015 is still youthful and bright with a long life ahead.
- BAROLO, 'ROMIRASCO', PODERI ALDO CONTERNO, PIEDMONT, ITALY 2018** 300
Poderi Aldo Conterno is one of the most respected names in Italian wine and the Conterno family has made wine in Monforte d'Alba since at least the 1700s. The 'Romirasco' is perfumed, intense, ripe and mineral with great length and superb tannins.
- BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, MADONNA DEL PIANO, VALDICAVA, TUSCANY, ITALY 2015** 395
Vincenzo Abbruzzese's estate can be included in the top 3 or 4 of Montalcino. James Suckling on the 2015 vintage: 'Powerful, with great depth of gorgeous fruit and ultra-fine tannins. It fills your mouth with fruit and ripe tannins. Complex and long. A breathtaking wine.'
- I SODI DI S. NICCOLÓ, IGT, CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA, TUSCANY, ITALY 2015** 210
This is Castellare's top wine, ranked in the Wine Spectator Top 100 on multiple occasions. It's an intense red. Deeply sophisticated and showing the Cru's pedigree, both in the bouquet and on the palate. The quality of fruit is exceptional, and the cherry and spice aromas utterly beguiling.
- CONTINO, VIÑA DEL OLIVO, VINEDOS DEL CONTINO, RIOJA, SPAIN 2015** 155
Contino Viña del Olivo is produced from the best fruit, hand-harvested, from the Olivo single vineyard in which stands a 700-year-old Olive tree. Any fine wine lover will appreciate this wonderful expression from Rioja. Classic notes of coffee, spice, leather and dark fruit enveloped in spices and herbs.
- RODA 1 RESERVA, BODEGAS RODA, RIOJA, SPAIN 2011** 225
Roda is a trailblazing modernist winery at the forefront of Rioja's fine wine making. Roda 1 is a blend of single vineyards, vinified separately then assembled to best represent the vintage & house style. A powerful wine carried with elegance and sophistication. Dark fruit, spice & graphite aromas mirrored on the palate.
- VIÑA TONDONIA GRAN RESERVA, LOPEZ DE HEREDIA, RIOJA, SPAIN 2001** 250
Founded in 1877 this is one of the first wine producers in Rioja. It remains in the same family today. The cellars at the Bodega are something to behold. Up to 200 metres long and covered in a living mold and spiders webs, maintaining perfect aging conditions and protecting corks. The Gran Reserva is their rarest bottling, only produced in the finest vintages.
- CLOS DES LAMBRAYS, GRAND CRU, DOMAINES DES LAMBRAYS, BURGUNDY, FRANCE 2015** 700
The Clos des Lambrays' first historic mention was around 1345. It survived centuries of changing ownership, war and a long battle to gain deserved status as a Grand Cru, finally, in 1981. The Domaine's wines are all very fine but the Clos des Lambrays stands head and shoulders above the rest for its refined elegance and seductive brilliance.
- CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS, PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ 'A', ST EMILION, FRANCE 2009** 800
Ancient monastic origins mark the Chateau's history stretching back almost 1000 years. Located between the three churches of St Emilion, the bells of which can be heard at the estate and are represented on the Grand Vin's label. The 2009 vintage is considered one of the finest ever produced
- MONTE BELLO, RIDGE VINEYARDS, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, USA 2011** 300
Ridge's journey began in 1885, founded by Italian immigrant, Doctor Osea Perrone. Later replanted in 1949 with Cabernet & Chardonnay, the first 'Monte Bello' vintage under the current ownership came in 1962. This wine has long been considered one of California's finest. It was one that shocked the wine world at the infamous Judgement of Paris, a blind tasting, held in Paris 1975. This wine is an utterly brilliant Bordeaux blend.