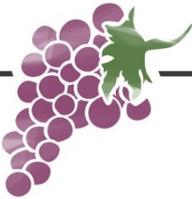

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Tasting notes

Domaine Salmon Imperial Sparkling Brut 12.5%

A lovely crisp refreshing Sparkling wine made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Like Champagne, it is made by the Traditional Method of secondary fermentation in the bottle. This gives delicate small bubbles. An ideal wine for celebrations - or making any day special.

Domaine de La Chaise, Touraine Sauvignon AOP 2015. 12.5%

A classic Loire Sauvignon from the Cher region, to the west of Sancerre. Crisp and aromatic. The 2014 won a Gold Medal at the world Sauvignon competition. In our opinion the 2015 is even better. An ideal wine to enjoy on its own.

This is what The Wine Gang said about it:

"Both typical of the Touraine style, and very high quality. Apple and blossom, a zest of lemon, and a feather-light palate that's running-water clear and fresh, just hinting at more exotic Sauvignon fruit flavours, but dry as a bone in the finish."

Domaine de La Renne Chenonceaux 2013, AOP Touraine Chenonceaux. 12.5%.

We believe that the new Appellation of Chenonceaux has a great future. The whites are 100% Sauvignon Blanc, but not standard Loire sauvignon as you know it. The wine only comes from the very best vineyard sites and is matured on the Lies to give a more full-bodied wine. This wine won a gold medal at the Concours de La Loire, judged as the best of its type by the local growers. It has citrus aromas, good weight and complexity on the palate. Great with fish and poultry dishes. Full enough to match rich sauces. Also delightful on its own.

Domaine de La Grange Patrimoine Blanc 2014, 13% AOP Touraine.

Bruno reserves his best parcels of Chenin Blanc for this very small cuvée. The wine is fermented in new oak barrels. The wood and a small amount of Chardonnay soften the natural acidity of Chenin Blanc. A complex, long wine with hints of pear, apple and citrus. The natural acidity of the wine makes it an ideal accompaniment to the richest, most creamy sauces. Also a great match for apple and pear tarts, or simply savoured on its own.

Clos Mabille 2014 Touraine Rouge AOP 13%

Made from a parcel of 3 hectares composed of old Cot (the local name for Malbec) and Cabernet Franc vines. Malbec has long been the principal red grape of the Cher region. In the mild climate of the Loire it produces elegant less full wines than in warmer regions. 2014 was an exceptional vintage for reds in this part of the Loire. Ripe fruit flavours (cherry) and soft tannins. Enjoy with pizza, pasta and salads

Domaine Trilles Initiation Rouge, Cotes de Roussillon AOP, 2015 14%.

Deep, dark wine with intense red fruit and pepper flavours. Made from hand-harvested old bush vines. 50% Grenache Noir, 30% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah, 10% Carignan. Aged in oak for 10 months. Perfect with red meats and mature cheese.

This is what The Wine Gang had to say about the 2014:

"Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah and Carignan from gnarly old bush vines bring a real depth of flavour to this luminous and lively Roussillon red blend, so keen and fresh with its ripe raspberry and mulberry juiciness seasoned with dried herbs and pepper, a touch of welcome chew and grip making this a fine match for fat, herby Toulouse sausages."

Chateau Montfin Cuvée Mathilde 2013 AOP Corbieres 14.5%. Certified organic.

Deep dark wine with intense aromas of fruit and spice. Very full and rich on the palate. Lingering flavours. Made from old vine Carignan (60%) and Grenache (40%). Half of the blend is matured in new oak. Excellent with a hearty stew or mature cheese. An exceptional wine from a region that is yet to receive the critical acclaim it deserves. This is what The Wine Gang had to say about the 2012:

"Deep, dark and rich, but supple and sinewy too, this is high-class winemaking from a blend of Carignan and Grenache, old-vines bringing that wonderful balance of ripe tannins and black-fruited concentration with Mediterranean herb and peppery spice, a touch of liquorice and black olive, too, but feeling so fresh and drinkable"

Mas Gabelle Rarissime 2012 AOP Faugeres 14.5%

A remarkably intense and smooth wine produced from very low yielding (<15 hl/ha) Syrah (65%), Grenache (25%) and Mourvedre (10%) vines. Matured in new oak barrels for 18 months. Rich ripe fruit, spice and tapenade flavours that linger. Demonstrates how a well-chosen wine from the Languedoc outshines a Bordeaux at several times the price. This is what The Wine Advocate had to say about this wine:

"A smoking blend of 65% Syrah, 25% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre that spent 16 months in 70% new French oak. It's gorgeous on all account, offering up lots of bitter herbs, smoked black fruits, chocolate and tar. Full-bodied, voluptuous and seamless, it has big core of tannin and acidity, and needs short term cellaring to round into form. Give it 2-3 years and enjoy bottles through 2024"