



WINES OF THE TIMES



"This wine list is ridiculous; is the guy mad?" (actual quote from Sean Elliot, UofA, NBC, ESPN, San Antonio Spurs)

BUBBLY EDITOR'S NOTE {yeah, like this thing has ever seen an editor}

Who in their right mind (or left brain) doesn't dig bubbly? It's the perfect aperitif to kick off a meal and pick up your palate, it pairs well with practically everything from sushi to sliders, it's always celebratory but still leaves you ambulatory, and it doesn't have to be from Champagne to still have you champagne-ing at the bit (plus, you get to drink from a flute!) (I said flute, not boot) (and, no, we don't have those Marie Antoinette A-cup glasses, AKA saucers, cats drink from those)

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<i>Bründlmayer, known for great grüner, is no slouch at bubbly, either; some feel his sparklers (blends of Chardonnay and Pinots red, white & gray) are every bit the equal to many well-known Champagnes; Bründlmayer says his goal is to make Sekt with elegant character but also a certain neutrality, a discretion that allows it to not distract from the food at the table.</i>	

BUBBLY (Like my personality) continued...

EDITOR'S NOTE: (as it were) (is) (was) (will be)

Grower Champagne is an, ironically, growing category, and it's about freaking time! We spotlight a number of Champagnes that take their singular science involved in sparkling wine (IE cooking vs. baking, no such thing as a lil' pinch of baking soda) (unless you enjoy unleavened bread) (or cleaning yeast off the walls of your kitchen) and combine it with fastidious farming procedures, melding the earth and the science, creating - what exactly? - experiences that sparkle in a different fashion, taking the mental in experimental and turning it into stars that Dom Perignon never saw coming. - Grower **AND** Showers.

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- 2006 L. Aubry Brut, Rosé, Sablé, Cuvée Nicolas François Aubry,
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- NV L. Aubry Brut, Dualis, Jouy-les-Reims, Champagne, France..... 244
- There exists an arcane rule on the Champagne Charter that allows for the inclusion of varietals other than the big three (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Meunier), the "old vines of the countryside", as it were; Aubry is one of the few producers to take advantage of this opportunity, making bubblys so unique they deserve their own category, frequently utilizing the inclusion of Petit Meslier, Fromenteau and Arbanne, creating seriously powerful, exotic sparklers, short on feminine elegance and long on quirky personality.
- NV H. Billot Brut, Rosé, Grand Cru,
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- While California leads the US sparkling wine charge (pun intended), and Washington has the juggernaut known as Domaine Ste. Michelle setting the standard for terrific value in bubbles of all sorts, it is quiet, sleepy little Oregon that dispaly the most promise, thanks to winemakers like Tony Soter of Soter Vineyards and Argyle's Rollin Soles.
- 2007 R. Pouillon Extra Brut, Les Valnons, Maqreuil-sur-Ay, Champagne, France..... 128
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- 2007 Ayala Brut, Blanc de Blancs, Côte des Blancs, Champagne, France..... 207
- 2006 L. Aubry Brut, Rosé, Sablé, Cuvée Nicolas François Aubry,
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- Sablé is Aubry's term for lower than normal pressure, IE less effervescence; this vintage is one-third co-fermented Pinot Noir and Meunier with Chardonnay, Arbonne, Petit Meslier and 10% still Meunier, jubilant joie de vive.

BUBBLY continued...

**I don't care about spring in my step or
twinkle in my eye, just give me sparkle in my flute.**

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<i>True story: my first experience with Egly-Ouriet was a smuggled gift bottle that accidentally was left in the freezer ("of course I'll remember it's in there, I'm a professional"); not being one to just give up (which some see as an admirable trait and others chalk up to stupidity ... the whole wine-in-the-freezer thing lends credence to the latter), opened it anyways and semi-frozen clumps cascaded from the bottle like a clogged fountain, upon which cat-like reflexes enabled half of the bottle to be saved in a pitcher (it pays to be cat-like when you're not too bright); somehow, the remaining Egly, when thawed, was absolutley spectacular! (this is not to be confused with the time daughter #1 asked "why does the ice taste like wine?", also known as the exploding Champagne freezer incident)</i>	
NV Armand de Brignac Brut, Ace of Spades, Reims, Champagne, France.....	650
NV Jean Laurent Brut, Blanc de Noirs, Aube, Champagne, France 9000ml	1500

**So, take a deep breath - exhale - repeat -
you've read throught part one of this novella,
now you're headed into the rabid hole.**

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If you want to skip the learning curve and jump right to the finish line on Austrian wine, take these two directives: for the sweet stuff, proceed directly to Alois Kracher and do not pass go (or pass out from the sugar coma); however, for the dry versions of the sommelier fave "gru-vee" (as in groovy ... those somms are a laugh a decade), you are definitely in the right place, as nobody but nobody is gru-vee-er than Willi Bründlmayer.	
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**If it's true that blonds have more fun, consider this
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Why Kung Fu Girl, Charles? "Because Riesling and girls kick ass!" (Charles, like most of his wines, is unfiltered)	
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Shebang! Is the value arm of Morgan Twain-Peterson's Bedrock Wine Company, where he mixed it up - vintages, site, and most of all, varietals, this is Pinot Gris, Albariño, Muscadelle, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and who knows what else.	
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**"This wine list is better than pornography" ...
actual guest quote "That explains the sticky pages."**

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2014 Eric Texier Clairette, Adèle, Côte du Rhône, France.....	34
2005 Colle dei Bardellini Pigato, Riviera Ligure di Ponente, Liguria, Italy.....	35
<i>Yes, you may have some of this wine, just don't make a pigato yourself</i>	
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Consider this list our version of Homer's Odyssey - if Homer was Homer Simpson.

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<i>"Nigl's wines at best have an eerie clarity that's something between monastic and psychedelic" says importer Terry Thiese.</i>	
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2009 F. Béla Juhfark, Biodynamic, Somló, Hungary.....	39
<i>Juhfark is a virtually extinct varietal indigenous to Hungary redolent of dried stone fruits, mesquite honey and lanolin.</i>	
2011 Inama Gargenega, Foscarino, Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy.....	39
2013 Garnier & Fils Chardonnay, Chablis, France.....	39
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<i>The Askos program at Li Veli focuses on ancient Apulia varietals on the verge of extinction, like the delicious, creamy 90% Verdeca, which was long ago a prominent varietal in vermouth production, bolstered with a equally rare Fiano clone.</i>	
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2007 Yangarra Roussanne, Beach Vineyard, McLaren Vale, Australia.....	40
2012 Chanson Chardonnay, Viré-Clessé, Mâconnais, France.....	40
2009 Torbreck Semillon, Woodcutter's, Barossa Valley, Australia.....	40
2001 VDV Viognier, Les Bialères, Saint Peray, Rhône Valley, France.....	40
2011 Et Fille Viognier, Deux Bert Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton District, Oregon.....	40
2009 The Paring Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County, California.....	40
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2012 Gini Garganega, Organic, Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy.....	40
<i>This is definitely one of those times you want to Gini OUT of the bottle, folks.</i>	
2008 D'Alfonso-Curran Chardonnay, White Hills, Santa Barbara County, California.....	40
2014 Lunae Vermentino Nero, Mea Rosa, Liguria di Levante, Italy Rosé Wine	41
2005 Tablas Creek Picpoul Blanc, Paso Robles, California.....	41

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**Hey, I'm from Chicago, of course I'm long-winded
(Windy City, long winded; the pun...er, fun
never stops around here.)**

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2010 Melville Viognier, Verna's Vineyard, Los Alamos, California.....	42
2011 Selbach-Oster Riesling, Mosel, Germany.....	42
2003 Palmina Malvasia, Lerner Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley, California.....	42
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2011 Domaine Roblet-Monnet Chardonnay, Le Grenouille, Rully, France.....	43
2010 Joseph Swan Pinot Gris, Trenton Vineyard, Russian River Valley, Sonoma, California.....	43
2015 Harper Voit Pinot Blanc, Surlie, Willamette Valley, Oregon.....	43
2011 Kaltern Caldero Chardonnay, Wadleith, Södtirol, Alto Adige, Italy.....	43
<i>This is a somewhat confusing wine - it comes from Northern Italy, but tends to have more German influence than not, and the mouthfeel is umami-esque, almost to the point of a dried fruit shôchû; my ex-partner Nobu-san would pair it with Shiromi Carpaccio (raw Japanese whitefish "cooked" by a dose of hot sesame oil laced with ginger, garlic & yuzu) (and if you haven't been to Nobuo at Teeter House in Phoenix, you are missing the best modern Asian food experience in the Southwest) (and possibly the best seafood dining as well) (ask to sit at the counter and just let Nobu feed you)</i>	
2014 K Vitners Viognier, Art Den Hoed Vineyard, Wallula Ranch, Yakima Valley, Washington.....	44
2013 Pierre Andre Chardonnay, Pouilly Fuisse, France.....	44
2016 Cass Viognier, Paso Robles, California.....	45
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<i>Arneis has been called "Barolo Bianco", but should really have the legend "pair me with fish" stamped on each grape.</i>	
2005 Falesco Roschetto, Ferentano, Iazio, Italy.....	45
2008 Dierberg Chardonnay, Santa Maria Valley, California.....	45
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2012 Alexana Pinot Gris, Willamette, Oregon.....	46
2013 Patrick Piuze Chardonnay, Bourgogne, France.....	46
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This list mirrors my philosophy of everything in moderation - except moderation.

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With all the wild (and wildly wonderful) wines in his portfolio, Kermit Lynch doesn't wax poetic all that much, but the new-ish batch of Corsican wines in general, and Leccia's in particular, have him waxing like a Brazilian in bikini season.
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- 2012 Bodegas Avancia Godello, Cuvée de O, Valdeorras, Galicia, Spain..... 48
- 2010 Lynch/Barroul Roussanne/Marsanne/Viognier/Picpoul, Sunflower Cuvée,
Côtes du Rhône, France..... 48
- 2007 Berger Gelber Muskateller, Kremstal, Austria..... 48
- 2003 Mantlerhof Roter Veltliner, Reienthal Selection, Kremstal, Austria..... 48
Roter Veltliner is Grüner Veltliner's earthier, thin-skinned neighbor; if Grüner is a bit too effete for you, join the roter-y club.
- 2013 Huber-Verdereau Chardonnay, Biodynamic, Bourgogne, France..... 48
Essentially declassified Meursault, certified biodynamic, aged and fermented in stainless, compelling in it's purity.
- 2007 Jim Barry Riesling, Lodge Hill, Clare Valley, Australia..... 48
- 2012 Kaltern Caldero Gewürztraminer, Campaner, Södtirol, Alto Adige, Italy..... 49
- 2013 Latta Roussanne, Lawrence Vineyard, Columbia Valley, Washington..... 49
- 2001 Edi Simčič Chardonnay, Goriška Brda, Slovenia..... 49
- 2001 Mas Amiel Maccabeu, Late-Picked, Plenitude,
Côtes du Roussillon, France **Dessert Wine - 375ml**..... 49
What kind of word is Plenitude? Short for "plenty of attitude"? Meet my daughters, women of fortitude and plenitude.
- 2013 Wind Gap Trousseau Gris, Fanucchi Vineyard, Russian River Valley, California..... 49
- 2007 Hiedi Schröck Field Blend, Vogelsang Vineyard, Rust, Neusiedlersee, Austria..... 49
- 2012 Robert Foley Semillon, Napa, California..... 49

(Men are from Marsanne, Women are from Viognier)

- 2006 Marilyn Remark Marsanne, Loma Pacific Vineyard, Monterey, California..... 49
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John Alban is co-founder of Hospice du Rhône, the annual Paso Robles three-day celebration of Rhône varietals, wacky winemakers, conviviality and general wine enlightenment ... appropriately, there is now a Tipping Point brewing, a moment in time where something goes from underground to cult status to popularity and then well beyond, sometimes on creating a new benchmark, and this time on all that, and more; the Rhône varietal explosion in California's Central Coast appellations is a bullet train slicing through all pretension and assumption, destination: stardom, and John Alban is the conductor ... all aboard!
- 2013 Droin Chardonnay, Vaillons, Chablis, France..... 50
- 2012 Dr. Deinhard Riesling, Deidesheimer Herrgottsacker, Pfalz, Germany..... 50
- 2007 Ecker-Eckhof Grüner Veltliner, Premium, Wagram-Niederösterreich, Austria..... 50

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Don't fire 'til you see the whites of their wines

- 2005 Heidi Schröck Furmint, Rust, Neusiedlersee, Austria.....50
Furmint is renowned for it's role in the production of the famous Hungarian dessert wine Tokaji but is also used to make a dry wine some call "Chardonnay with muscles"; we believe Heidi Schröck makes the Furmint of the moment.
- 2010 Chateau Marjosse Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc/Muscadelle,
Entre-Deux-Mers,France.....50
Lost in all the brassy buzz about red Bordeaux from vintages 2009 and 2010 is the little known fact that the 2010 white Bordeaux may be the best since 1982 - dense and intense, nuanced and nervy, exciting, enticing, all in balance.
- 2009 Batic Pinot Gris, Organic, Ramato, Brajda, Viparska Dolina, Slovenia.....50
- 2013 Sans Liege Sauvignon Gris, RBZ Vineyard, Groundwork
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- 2011 le Clos du Caillou Clairette rose blend, Bouquet des Garriques,
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Junior Pape blanc, from recent CdP vineyard morphs Clairette rose & Grenache Blanc, bold and beautiful.
- 2011 Batic Pinela/Zelen/Rebula/Vitoska/Klarnicka/Yellow Muscat, Organic,
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Hey, kids, look, orange wine? Slovenia leads the way in reviving this technique that dates back thousands of years, leaving white grape skins intact for extended maceration, resulting in white wines that evoke qualities of dry sherry, Mezcal smoke, Aglianico mouthfeel, and depending on the grape (or perhaps cavalcade of grapes) intense minerality.
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- 2001 Domaine Mas Amiel Grenache Gris, Vin Doux Naturel, Maury, France.....55
- 2002 Les Crêtes Petite Arvine, Vigne Champorette, Valle d'Aosta, Italy.....55
- 2004 Edi Simčič Rebula, Goriška Brda, Slovenia.....55
- 2000 R. Lopez de Heredia Garacho/Tempranillo/Viura, Rosé, Grand Reserva,
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Pay attention, class, there's going to be a quiz later ... today's lesson is about **TEXTURE**, specifically the various approaches to developing wines of opulent, unctuous body; the handful of wines above stem from different varietals and regions yet all share a common denominator of glycerin-laden "legs" due to their richness and weight, which leads us to your homework assignment, three pages on "does a great body start with legs?", in my desk first thing tomorrow.
- 2011 Scholium Project Cinsault, Rosé, 140 year vines, Rhododactylus,
Phillips Farm, Lodi, California **Rosé Wine**.....55

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Hey, it's after Labor Day, it's safe to drink white.

- 2010 Red hook Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, Jamesport Vineyard,
North Fork, Long Island, New York **500ml**..... 55
Yeah, texture doesn't even begin to cover the wacky winemaking of Abe Schoener, owner of Scholium Project and wine consultant for Red Hook; not sure if he's more Picasso or Warhol, but he's taken the art of experimentation to new highs.
- 2011 Ken Wright Chardonnay, Celilo Vineyard,
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- 2000 Labouré-Roi Chardonnay, Meursault, France.....55
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- 2010 Demuth Kemos Chardonnay, Demuth Vineyard, Anderson Valley, California..... 60
- 2006 La Sirena Muscat Canelli, Moscato Azul, Solari Vineyard, Calistoga, California..... 60
La Sirena is Heidi Peterson Barrett's perosnal label; she is a winemaker consultant extraordinaire and hubby Bo Barret, winemaker at Montelena, is no slouch, either ... traded war stories with the two of them after the 2006 Taste of Oakville, where Bo informed us that the standard in Calistoga is to play "Lunatic Bingo" with the many wackos of their street scene (and whatever do you mean, did i take it personally?)
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Volcano wine! Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, is, ironically, erupting as I write this (October 25, 2013); the wine is mostly local old vine carricante, with smatterings of Grecanico, Minnella, Catarratto, and Inzolia; you'll lava it	
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- 2009 Mas d'en Compte Grenache Blanc/Picpoul/Pansal, Priorat, Spain..... 67
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- 2001 Vittorio Puiatti Bianca da Pinot Nero, Oltre, Venezia Giulia, Italy..... 68
The Puiattis honor their founder, the late Vittorio, with a trio of wood-free Pinot Nero; a regular red, a sparkling, and this, a white wine from Pinot Noir that is either a product of severe manipulation or one of those funny reverse mutation in the vineyard deals, I can never get a straight answer from Giovanni Piuatti (hey, the guy wears red pants, who can trust that?)
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- 2012 Jones Family Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Organic, Napa Valley, California..... 69
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I lost a Somm Showdown this summer to the sikly-haired, silver-tongued salesman extraordinaire Sam Holder of Giuliana Imports because of this fantastic find, the first Piedmont Riesling I've ever tried. (mostly from Barolo vines!)

(Chenin Blanc for triple digits, go figure ... next thing you know, Eminem will win an Oscar!)

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Baumard's Chenins are so mind-bogglingly complex that when rocket scientists are explaining conceptual theories to each other, instead of them saying "hey, it ain't rocket science", they say "hey, it ain't Baumard Chenin."

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For all of you under the mistaken impression that producing a wine list such as this is all fun and games, let me assure you , when it comes to drinking games, there are no moral victories.

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2001 Josmeyer Pinot Auxerrois, Vieilles Vignes, Alsace, France.....	77
2009 Suavia Garganega, Le Rive Vineyard, Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy.....	77
2005 Rafael Palacios Godello, As Sortes, Valdeorras, Spain.....	77
2006 Dettori Vermentino, Sardinia, Italy.....	78
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<i>Word on the street is the Black Keys and the White Stripes are feuding - ebony, ivory, whatever if they'd just sit their rock 'n roll derrieres down and talk it out over a bottle of White Keys, I'm positive they could strike a chord.</i>	
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2010 Ulises Valdez Chardonnay, El Diablo Vineyard, Russian River Valley, California.....	86
2010 Bonny Doon Roussanne/Grenache Blanc, Le Cigare Volant, Reserve, Biodynamic, Beeswax Vineyard, Arroyo Seco, California.....	87
<i>A true reserve, aged 18 months en bonbonne (large glass demijohns) behind a black curtain, resulting in a wine full of sensual energy - vibrantly fresh yet savory, cloudy to the eye, bright on the palate, brimming with umami & mystery.</i>	
2002 Giocanda Chardonnay/Roussanne, Nantua Les Deux, Victoria, Australia.....	87
2012 Tablas Creek Picpoul Blanc, Organic, estate, Paso Robles, California.....	88
<i>Supposedly, Picpoul means lip stinger in French, and don't ask why, it's none of your beeswax (segue much?)</i>	
2006 Hirtzberger Grüner Veltliner, Smaragd, Rotes Tor, Wachau, Austria.....	88
2012 Peter Michael Sauvignon Blanc, L'Apres Midi, Knights Valley, California.....	88
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<i>Who the hell knows where to put this on a list, it's from a white grape, so I put it here, but it sure isn't white; truly eerie stuff, made like sherry but not fortified and finished totally dry; for card-carrying wine geeks only; imagine the essence of sherry with no sugar, honed down weightwise, with an ancient madeira-like finish, or imagine falling down a rabbit hole and having a tea party for all I care; it's wild, it's jabberwocky, no refunds!</i>	
2004 Brewer-Clifoton Chardonnay, Rancho Santa Rosa, Santa Rita Hills, California.....	93
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<i>Don't let the swans on the label fool you, they're the only graceful thing going on with this quite rare Aussie white - it's not just huge, it's supersized! How much so? Coming soon to a theatre near you, Godzilla versus Giaconda!</i>	
1990 Kalin Chardonnay, Cuvée CH, Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California.....	96
2006 Littorai Chardonnay, Charles Heintz Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, California.....	96
2008 Domaine de Marcoux Roussanne/Bourboulenc, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France.....	97
2010 Sandhi Chardonnay, Ritas Crown, Santa Rita Hills, California.....	98
2003 Clos Mimi Blanc de Noirs, Etiquette Rosé, Late Harvest, Paso Robles, California Rosé Wine	99
<i>AKA Freak of Nature, as an extended discussion with winemaker Tim Spear about this one-of-a-kind blush Syrah proved only that he is as confused by it as I am (for his notes on it's genesis, log onto closmimi.com); somehow, even though it was picked at ultra-high sugars, it fermented out dry and achieved 19% alcohol! Yowza!</i>	
2003 Klinec Verduzzo, Organic, Verduc, Goriška Brda, Slovenia Orange Wine	99
2008 Booker Roussanne/Viognier, Paso Robles, California.....	99
2012 Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner, Reserve, Alte Reben, Langenlois Kamptal, Austria.....	99
2002 Domaine des Baumard Chenin Blanc, Clos de Sainte Catherine, Coteaux du Layon, Loire, France.....	100
2005 Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay, Sweeney Canyon, Santa Rita Hills, California.....	100
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2012 Sanguis Chardonnay/Roussanne, Floral Study NO. 2, Watch Hills/Bien Nacido Vineyards, Los Alamos/Santa Maria, California.....	100
2013 Domaine Bernard-Bonin Charodnnay, Limozin, Meursault, France.....	101
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Eric Glomski, the wunderkind winemaker of Page Springs Cellars, dried these Riesling grapes on straw mats
a la passito and then proceeded to use this wine to beat me at our first Somm Showdown with an AZ
winemaker - we also teamed up with Eric that week to throw our first Barrel Tasting at Kazbar, and both
events were such a gas, they may become an annual tradition here at the Stetson compound (next time,
trying to get Jeff Smedstad from Elote Café to join in) (which we actually did in 2014 on Cinco de Mayo!
Jeff was brilliant ... if ever in Sedona, do not miss Elote, it's an icon).
- 2010 Sanguis Roussanne/Viognier/Marsanne/Chardonnay,
Postcard from Morocco, Witch Hill Vineyard, Los Alamos, California..... 108
I actually received a postcard from Morocco once; it said "this place is dreadful, hot, stinky, smelly, overall
just gross - wish you where here"
- 2003 Brewer-Clifton Chardonnay, Ashley's Vineyard, Santa Rita Hills, California..... 110
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correspondingly)
- 1977 Loiben Grüner Veltliner, Loibner Schütt, Wachau, Austria (**Damaged Label**)..... 111
Don't let the phrase "damaged label" scare you off, we only buy from highly reliable sources; trusting the
quality of this wine should be an open and Loibner Schütt case for you.
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Alzinger is all singer when it comes to Grüner Veltliner, especially this racy single vineyard superstar.
- 2003 Alban Roussanne, Alban Estate Vineyard, Edna Valley, California..... 118
We were able to sit down for a long, lavish lunch with John and Lorraine Alban at Cowboy Ciao this spring,
and to say it was a highlight is to say Kelly Osborne's hair has those, IE it was extravagantly memorable; a
dozen wines and countless anecdotes later, I asked John "why all the innovation, the dice-rolling on Rhône
varietals, the focus on farming? To which he sagely replied; "to rely on a safety net is to lock in
mediocrity; the magic of wine is just that, it's in the magic; science just gets in the way" yeah, I don't
imagine much ever gets in the way of John Alban.
- 2011 Henri Brunier Clairette Blend, Vieux Télégraphe,
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France..... 118
- 2004 Zind-Humbrecht Riesling, Clos Windsbuhl, Alsace, France **375ml**.....119
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**Give a mam a fish, you feed him for a day;
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2000 Williams Selyem Chardonnay, Ferrington/Flax Vineyards, North Coast, California.....	125
<i>One of the las Chardonnays from W-S produced by Burt Williams.</i>	
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- 2001 Giaconda Chardonnay, Victoria, Australia.....149
- 2003 Brick House Chardonnay, Organic,
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I never met legendary Chicago Cub broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, but I did work for larger-than-life Cub Fan/Bud Man Harry Caray, and with Harry, every day was an adventure and every night was a party; one weekend, he sat at the bar on Friday and argued pro-DH, then on Saturday, he sat next to a different guy and argued against it, and who knows what he believed in, Harry just liked to stir things up; he never really learned my name, he always just called me "Coach", but if a pretty girl walked in, he knew her name, address, measurements and life's ambition before she even sat down; though this wine's real "brick house", you'll say "Holy Cow" when you drink it; cheers, Harry, let's drink...er, play two.
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It's DuMOL, why not have DuMORE? A Du-DOUBLE bottle sounds about Dudley Du-RIGHT
(please Du stop me!)

Rumplestiltskin would have won that bet had he changed his name to Trockenbeerenauslese.

- 2003 Wittman Albalonga, Trockenbeerenauslese,
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Albalonga, a masterful crossing of Rieslaner and Silvaner, is so rare there are less than 75 acres planted worldwide; importer Terry Thiese recognizes Grünter Wittman as the first and last name in Albalonga (apologies to Oscar Meyer) and states in his 2004 catalog that "Wittman stickies over the years have been celestial, and this 2003 takes its place among the very best" (German and Austrian wines are never more fun than in Thiese's esoteric catalog rants)
- 1981 Dr. Loosen Riesling, Auslese, Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Mosel, Germany..... 209
The Doctor is in! When it comes to Dr. Loosen, there is no losin', Ernst Loosen and his wines are legendary (while his walls may be lacking in actual medical degrees, they're papered with other valuable decrees, decrees, such as Decanter magazine's Man of the Year, Gault-Millau's Winemaker of the Year, and many more)
- 2000 Les Vin de Vienne Viognier, Botrytis,
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- 2004 Pax Viognier, Aphrodite, Las Escaleras Hillside,
Spring Mountain, Napa Valley, California.....333
- 2004 Pax Roussanne, Venus, Bennett Valley, Sonoma, California.....349
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1998 Chateau Ste. Michelle/Dr. Loosen Riesling, Single-Berry-Selection, Columbia Valley, Washington Dessert Wine - 350ml	350
If memory serves (and, at this point in the game, it does so with great reluctance), this was the first Washington wine to ever receive a perfect 100 point score from the Wine Spectator	

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Just play along, it's only a wine list.

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Here we go again, mixing white wines with red wines (not to mention metaphors with similes), but Sanguis' owner/winemaker Mattias Pippig does the same thing with many of these, so I feel justified (and while we're at it, 'Justified' is the best show on the scary hypnotic box and Timothy Olyphant the best performer on a show embarrassingly rich with great acting); these wines stand on their own as paragons of anything and everything that makes wine special, and the public's need to label and compare will always fall short when faced with the mercurial mix of genius, courage, experimentation and madness evidenced by Pippig & visionaries of his ilk (few that they are); there is precious little Sanguis produced (typically less than 150 cases of any given release), and we feel fortunate to be in on the ground floor of what promises to be a high-powered thrill ride into the future (with more than a nod to the distant past) of winemaking (and wine drinking) as we know it...cheers!

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2012 Anna Maria Abbona Dolcetto, Sori dij But Vineyard, Dogliani, Piedmont, Italy.....	30
Aleatico, Grignolino, Brachetto, Corvina, Refosco, Frappatto, Dolcetto - it's like Will Rogers said, I've yet to meet an indigenous Italian varietal I didn't like (or maybe it was Will Ferrell?); now, if you all would be so kind as to excuse me, i have to go kiss some hands and shake some babies.	

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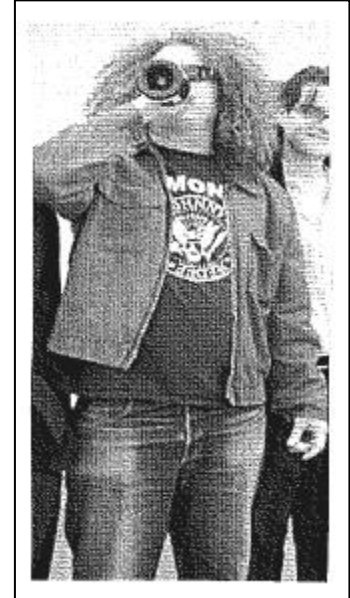
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Direct quote from the Scottsdale Tribune:

"Someone with a sense of humor has added witty descriptors" to the wine list ... so much for journalistic integrity"

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Eccentric is far too gentle of a word to describe K Vitners Charles Smith (pictured at the right); lunatic is a bit closer to the truth! Charles used to be the road manager for a punk band, and he still hasn't given up the rock'n roll lifestyle, what with a hairdo-n't that makes mine look like a crewcut, a wardrobe consisting entirely of vintage tour t-shirts, and a penchant for turning up the volume on every single conversation multiple decibels ("I mean, an overripe wine is like a beautiful girl with a penis, who needs it?" ... actual Charles Smith quote, and a milder one, at that); yet all that travel honed his palate to the point where his appreciation for fine food spilled into his winemaking, and his creations are ingenious compositions of fruit, acid and earth in balance & contrast, an entrancing old world/new world kaleidoscope; ... shine on, you K-razy diamond {Charles also says "the caption under that picture should read "and never come back to Chicago' cuz I was kicked out directly"} {ok, the other day, I get a series of texts from some barfly friend in Chi-town, and they're blowing up with tales of Charles after spending the past few days with him at various wine tastings, dinner functions, and bowling alleys, so I called him and relayed the message that "word is you're out of control and about to get 86'd from Chicago again - they say you drank from a spit bucket last night", to which his response was "absolutely not, they lie, I did not drink from a the spit bucket last night; it was the night before"... yeah, i love that guy.}



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<i>Hey, it's summer in Scottsdale - who isn't?</i>	
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<i>The Ripasso style refers to the process of fermenting fresh wine over Amarone pomace - not exactly baked, more steamed.</i>	
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In 2002 I Wrote:

Pax Mahle was one of our first regulars at Cowboy Ciao back in the days when he was a hot shot Scottsdale bartender; now, he's a hot shot winemaker teetering on the verge of stardom; nice to see one of the good guys realize his dream (my dream involves a red room, a trapeze, and pie ... no, wait, that's every movie David Lynch has ever made)

Fast foward to summer 2005:

Hospices du Rhône 2005 was Pax's official coming out bash, he completely owned the event; indeed, when it comes to Pax, he's a buddy and I'm biased, but I'm friends with several winemakers (thank goodness they have strong palates, 'cuz when it comes to taste in choosing pals, clearly they'll pony up to anybody), and I don't know anymore else who's made this type of cannonball splash as quickly and confidently as him, and whatever I'm dreaming these days, it always involves a bottle of Pax.

And as the clock ticks to 2009:

The world economy is in complete and utter disarray, the Cardinals are in the Super Bowl, and Pax is no longer with Pax! Not sure who's taking over as winemaker at Pax (the winery), but my suggestion is to drink these Pax wines (made by Pax, the winemaker) now (before they become collectors items) & start looking for Pax (the Mahle) new winery project, Wind Gap.

Don't look now, it's almost 2014:

Pax has his (legal business) name back! We had a chance to catch up in Healdsburg this year, he's got a bunch of cool stuff in the hopper (Trousseau Gris, Orange Wine), and we're hoping to see (and drink) a bit of it at Cowboy Ciao in the next year.

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Windgap/Pax spotlight ... Continued

Ok, look now, it is 2014:

Its Wind Gap, Wheeeee!!! In addition to the reds listed here, we scored a bit of rosé, Chardonnay, and a rare Trousseau Gris; as to when to expect us picking up new stuff from the Pax lineup, I had to turn cartwheels to get the Wind Gap and it took 5 years, so don't get your socks in a bunch (which is what happens when you turn cartwheels) (like I could turn a cartwheel).

Two wrongs may not make a right. But six Wrights sure eat up some space.

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2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coastal Range, Oregon 3000ml	555

Wright is the former winemaker of Panther Creek and had a lot to do with the driving the whole "wake up and smell Oregon" movement with his stunning Pinots of the early 1990s ... Now that he is representing his own eponymous label, he is continually making greater strides toward discovering how far Oregon Pinot can go, as evidenced by the results of the last dozen vintages; these wines can match most grand cru Burgundy toe-to-toe for stately elegance and exquisite balance, yet possess a plethora of flavors and aromas so exotic, they should come with subtitles; typical for Wright, these wines are intensely tight, bordering on uncomfortable, for the first few years of their lives, and will benefit tremendously from extended aeration; it's possible you may see these wines for less elsewhere, but not probable, as Wright's production is minuscule, our allocation is laughable, and prices are consequently climbing like a Phoenix thermometer; still, for all of you searching for Mr. Right, this Wright seems to do no wrong (with the exception of designating his own labels since vintage 2000, which are as scary as this guy's winemaking talent ... I looked up "gothic hell" in the dictionary yesterday I swear one of these labels was pictured! - but, then again, so was my childhood, so if you were still trying to decipher the "why" behind the list, there's a clue.)

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**It's a good thing red wine is healthy for you,
since I'd be hard-pressed to get a match on a transfusion
(not a lot of zinfandel-negative on hand at the blood bank.)**

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2013 Ladera Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California.....	65
2011 Enzo Boglietti Nebbiolo/Barbera, Buio, Langhe, Piedmont, Italy.....	66
2012 Stuhlmuller Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, California.....	66
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2013 Garage Wine Co. Cabernet Sauvignon, Lot #51, San Juan de Pirque Vineyard, Maipo Alto, Chile.....	66
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2009 Michel Sarrazin Pinot Noir, Sous la Roche, Givry, France.....	67
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2008 Firriato Perricone, Ribeca, Pianoro Cuddia, Sicily, Italy.....	75
2012 Latta Grenache, Upland Vineyard, Snipes Mountain, Washington.....	76
2009 Miura Pinot Noir, Williams Ranch, Anderson Valley, California.....	76
Recipe for success: one part Master Sommelier/Owner/Winemaker Emmanuel Kemiji, one part-semi-famous vineyard site (formerly Williams-Selyem, back when Burt Williams was still make the wine), a dash of the wild & wacky terroir of which Anderson Valley is know for, and a healthy dose of extra aging (this is a new release!); take that, Rachel Ray.	
2009 Château Haut Lariveau Merlot, Fronsac, Bordeaux, France.....	77
2009 Michel Sarrazin Pinot Noir, La Perrière, Mercurey, France.....	77
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When the going gets tough, I'll be in the wine room.

2011 San Felice Sangiovese, Gran Selezione, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy.....	78
<i>Apparently, the Italian government feels their wine world and it's laws isn't complicated enough. With hundreds of indigenous varietals and a myriad of various designations of DOC and DOCG and now, Chianti Classico surpasses Riserva with Gran Selezione; only produced in top vintages, ideally a wine that should exhibit the elegance of Chianti Classico along with the structure of a fine Super Tuscan, the San Felice version is 80% Sangiovese with the remaining consisting of a quintet of those pesky (and rarely seen) indigenous varietals (Abrusco, Pugnitello, Malvasia Nera, Ciliagiolo, Mazzese)</i>	
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<i>Newest project from Peter Sissick (of Pingus fame), a hybrid-neo-cooperative scenario in which he and his winemaking team visit local farmers and convince them they'll pay more for less fruit (IE. Quality of quantity) and advise them on techniques such as crop thinning and organic farming; named for the 23rd letter in the Greek alphabet (Ψ) (coincidentally, I was named for the obscure 29th letter in the Polish alphabet, but I since shortened it to Kaz)</i>	
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2010 Carpineto Sangiovese, Riserva, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Tuscany, Italy.....	79
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2007 Prophet's Rock Pinot Noir, Bendigo Vineyard, Central Otago, New Zealand.....	85
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2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, McCrone Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton District, Oregon 375ml	85
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As pete Rose would say, you can bet it's worth the gamble to try one of these.

{First off, Pete Rose was the captain/sparkplug of the original Big Red Machine, the multiple world champion Cincinnati Reds, but the main purpose of the comment was so I can rail on the leaders of baseball who have seen fit to ban Rose from the Hall of Fame, even though he was the greatest hitter to play the game ...

c'mon, guys, it's called the Hall of Fame, not the Hall of Good Behavior!}

- 2014 Samsara Syrah, Santa Barbara County, California..... 90
- 2011 Zorah Arena Noir, Karasi, Rind, Vayotz Dzor, Armenia.....90
Just down the road from the apparent birthplace of wine (in 2011, a cave was discovered with vats, a wine press, and stems & seeds dating back to 4000BC) in the village of Rind lies Zorah, a project focused on indigenous Armenian varietals, with Arena Noir the first release; vats and Slovenian oak barrels; Bloomberg Karasi refers to clay amphorae, which is used to age some of the wine, along with concrete
Businessweek rate this one of the top ten wines of the year, up there with Quinta do Noval Nacional Port, Château Haut Brion and Domaine de la Romanee-Conti - nice company!
- 2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Canary Hill Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon **375ml**.....90
- 2013 Eric Texier Greanche/Mourvèdre, Biodynamic,
Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France..... 90
The vast majority of this fantastic, layered, almost hedonistic CdP is Greanche from the famous La Crau site.
- 2013 Matthiasson Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California.....91
- 2013 Page Springs Cellars Sangiovese, Fort Bowie Vineyard, Cochise County, Arizona.....93
- 2013 Page Springs Cellars Sangiovese, Paso Robles, California..... 94
- 2013 Tor Rock Grenache/Syrah, Cuvée Cooper, Terra Bella Vineyard,
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- 2012 K Vitners Tempranillo, El Jefe, Stoneridge Vineyard,
Wahluke Slope, Washington..... 94
- 2008 Poliziano Cabernet Sauvignon/Petit Verdot/Alicante Bouschet/Carignano,
Mandrone di Lohsa, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy.....95
Been there, drank that - very slick 100% gravity-based winery that was a highlight of our 2013 Italy wine jaunt; this wine puts the superlative in Super Tuscan, with diverse spices (from cumin to cassia to curry), cerignola olives, balsamic reduction and smoked game all swirling from sip to sip - pair this bad boy with lamb, carpaccio, rich pasta.
- 2009 Michel Sarrazin Pinot Noir, Maranges, France.....95
- 2013 Leviathan Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah/Merlot/Cabernet Franc, California..... 95
- 2013 Page Springs Cellars Grenache, Colibri Vineyard, Cochise County, Arizona.....95
- 2011 Amor Fati Grenache, Murmur Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, California..... 95
- 2012 K Vitners Greanch, The Boy, Walla Walla/ Wahluke Slope, Washington.....95
Charles Smith is the man when it comes to the Boy, a wildly complex Greanche from Washington's wildest winemaker.
- 2011 Gramercy Cellars Syrah, Lagniappe, Columbia Valley, Washington.....96
I've been working on this wine list update for too many days straight to count, I could use a Lagniappe right about now.
- 2012 Mount Eden Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains, California.....97
- 2012 Lioco Pinot Noir, Klindt Vineyard, Anderson Valley, California.....97

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"Either this is the finest wine list I've ever seen, or you are completely Insane"

(Actual guest quote, and wouldn't you like to know) (Yes, I would) (Me, too)

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<i>"you call it tasting, I call it drinking" quote by Ted Plemons, operating partner of Cass Winery (& kindred spirit, brother)</i>	
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2013 Page Springs Cellars Petite Sirah/Syrah, Lan Pai, Yavapai County, Arizona.....	99
2014 Antica Terra, Pinot Noir, Coriolis, Willamette Valley, Oregon.....	99
2012 Page Springs Cellars Nebbiolo, Dragoon Vineyard, Cochise County, Arizona.....	100
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2010 Sanguis Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah/Grenache, Couture, Santa Barbara, California.....	105
2003 Glaymond Grenache, Gerhard, Barossa Valley, Australia.....	105
2015 Page Springs Cellars Syrah, Clone 99, Colibri Vineyard, Cochise County, Arizona.....	105
2001 Clos Mini Syrah, Bunny Slope Vineyard, Paso Robles, California.....	106
<i>It's tempting to assume that something with words like Mimi and Bunny Slope in the name is less than masculine, but you know what they say, you can't judge a wine by it's wabbit (colossal and dangerous, should be called Suicide Leap.)</i>	
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2011 Bründlmayer Blauburgunder, Cécile, Dechant/Käferberg Vineyards, Langenlois, Austria.....	107
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wine - it is completely unlike anything else; in a conventional sense, this is not rosé, but neither is it red or white ... our number one goal was to make a rosé that was not a simplistic or ill-conceived afterthought, but a serious wine with the grace, complexity and depth to rival the greatest rosés in the world; I am crazy about rosé, and I can talk about it (and drink it) all day long!" - no kidding, when wine is this jam-packed with complexity, umami, mouthfeel, and sheer surprise, I'd not only drink it all day but I'd never leave the winery! Is it red, or white, or blush, or something else all together? I had intended to call it the finest rosé I've ever tasted, but I don't consider it rosé; more to the point it's a stupendously exhilarating experience of imbibing that shouldn't be pigeonholed, or cookie-cuttered, or characterized, just enjoyed for its singularity and wonder.

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Master Sommelier-turned-winemaker Richard Betts is a wine geek's wine geek, to quote our good friend Dan Philips of the Grateful Palate, "Don't you just love to hear a Sommeier talk about wine? It's like watching Ben Wallace rebound", especially so when it's Richard; his enthusiasm for wine is fully realized in his harmonious prose which is not only as luxuriantly textured as this superlative Syrah, but makes my own writing look as lean and spare as Elmore Leonard's (not to mention his youthful Boy Scout appearance, which makes me look more like Leonard Bernstein.)
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- 2010 LaPonza Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California..... 150
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- 1998 Hutton Vale Shiraz, Eden Valley, Australia..... 150
- 2002 Rusden Shiraz, Hage Family Vineyard, Troll Creek, Barossa Valley, Australia..... 150
- NV Dutschke Shiraz, Sun-Dired, Barossa Valley, Australia **375ml - Dessert Wine**..... 150
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- 2012 Page Springs Cellars Marselan, Dragoon Vineyard, Cochise County, Arizona..... 155
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wine & spirits magazine just gave us an award for the nation's wine list with the "most unfettered personal expression"; now, if I knew what the hell a fetter is, I would personally express it.

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- MV Sans Liege Rhône Blend, The Transcendentalist, Santa Barbara 1500ml..... 174**
Owner/Winemaker Curt Schalchlin runs a one-man show that focuses on Rhône varietals, a true Lone Rhône Ranger; he even chooses specific artwork for his labels because he likes the "honest darkness" and raw visceral uncertainty" of the images (and I would go so far as to say those comments could also be a reflection of the wines he produces); his Grenache are typically off the charts, both here and at his second label, Groundwork, but this blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre shows his blending skills as well, particularly since it's also a blend of three vintages (2009, 2010, 2011) that he only bottled in magnum; plus, his name rhymes with cracklin, who doesn't love cracklins?
- MV Sans Liege Rhône Blend, The Transcendentalist, Santa Barbara 1500ml..... 175**
So, same deal as above, except the vintage mix is 2010, 2011, & 2012; we only have one bottle of each to transcend to you.
- 2011 Château de Saint Cosme Grenache, Le Claux, Gigondas, Rhône, France.....175**
And as long as we're still talking about cats who give groovy Grenache, Louis Barroul puts the big G in Gigondas and has most other Rhône producers (dare I say it?) (What, suddenly I'm supposed to be shy?) over a Barroul with his intense, exacting expressions of terroir and purity, constantly crafting wines from age (vines from 1902) that can age.
- 2010 Fanti Sangiovese, Riserva, Le Macchiarelle,
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- 2010 Sanguis Syrah, 1/1, John Sebastiano Vineyard, Santa Rita Hills, California..... 180**
Perhaps a more appropriate name would be 1/1/1 (as in one varietal, one vineyard, and a single barrel produced)
- 2005 Chateau d'Armailhac Bordeaux Blend, Pauillac, France..... 180**
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- 2010 VIK red Blend, Millahue Valley, Chile..... 192**
I'm not sure there is such a thing as a "super Chilean" blend, or Chile grand cru, but if anyone has a bead on it, it's Norwegian hotelier Alexander Vik, who, in partnership with Bordeaux winemaker Patrick Valeette (Château Pavie), has created a vineyard based on "holistic sustainability" that creates a negative carbon footprint (whine, in this case, being negative is actually positive; does that make them Bad? Or is it Phat?), all in a preciously untapped wine region, and a wine that focuses on a primary blend of carménère and Cabernet Sauvignon, with splashes of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Syrah.
- 2014 Antica Terra Pinot Noir, Botanica, Willamette Valley, Oregon..... 195**

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The good news is all the wines on this page are available by the glass; the bad news is there's a four glass minimum.

(Thanks to the very cool cats at Anchor & Hope, San Francisco, for whom we borrowed that line)

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- 2007 Ester NIN Garnacha/Carineña, Nit de Nin, Biodynamic, Porrera, Priorat, Spain..... 197
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- 2004 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Guadalupe Vineyard, Yamhill-Carlton Distirict, Oregon..... 197
- 2007 Brogan Cellars Merlot, Sarkisian Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, California..... 199
- 2000 Phillip Togni Black Hamburg, Ca' Togni,
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- 2005 Pax Syrah, Hospice du Rhône Lot 14, The Mother Block,
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- 2013 Hobel Cabernet Sauvignon, Engelhard Vineayrd,
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Small Production (180 Cases total), check; single vineyard at the base of Diamond Mountain, double check; stunning 2013 vintage, checkmate; winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, the check's in the mail, I promise, game over.
- 2014 Antica Terra Pinot Noir, Ceras, Willamette Valley, Oregon..... 204
- 2007 Sanguis Grenache/Syrah/Rousanne/Viognier, Las Mujeres,
Santa Ynez Valley, California..... 212
- 1999 Hare's Chase Shiraz, Estate Vineayrd, McLaren Vale, Australia..... 212
- 2008 Alban Syrah, Reva, Alban Estate, Edna Valley, California..... 215
Yields in 2008 were so low here was no Lorraine;s or Seymour's, so Supe-Reva may be more accurate to you Albanites (Oh, and you Memmonites, that whole non-technology stance has some traction, nice job with that one.)
- 1999 Cavallari Tuscan Blend, Grattamacco, Bolghieri Superiore, Australia..... 216
- 2007 Domenico Clerico Nebbiolo, Precristina, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy..... 221
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- 2010 Sanguis Pinot Noir, Loner, R10-A, John Sebastiano Vineyard,
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Did someone say Araujo? Eisele Vineyard Cab 2007 is a rare time when a half bottle is a smokin' deal at \$250.00	
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1998 Hobbs Shiraz, Barossa Ranges, Australia.....	270
2009 George Wine Co. Pinot Noir, Ceremonial Vineyard, Sonoma, California.....	276
George Levkoff cut his teeth at Williams Selym and Brogan Cellars, which explains his focus on Pinot Noir; however, his focus on terroir is more pronounced than perhaps any other American winemaker - he works solo, from the grape growing to the harvesting to the bottle washing, in five Sonoma vineyards that are basically a stones throw apart, and he uses the exact process in making each wine so that the vineyards variation create each wine's individuality; Hansen Vineyard sits next to a dairy farm, and the inherent earthiness is so prominent, the wine practically moos (but if that doesn't moo-ve you, we probably have some of his five vineyard blend called Sonoma Coma grazing around.)	
2003 Hobbs Shiraz, The Gregor, Barossa Ranges, Australia.....	281
1997 Badia a Coltibuono Sangiovetto, Tuscany, Italy.....	283
1983 La Jota Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain, California.....	290
1999 Artadi Tempranillo, El Pison, Rioja, Spain.....	290
2002 Hobbs Shiraz, The Gregor, Barossa Ranges, Australia.....	292
It's not from Paul Hobbs the winemaker or Roy Hobbs the Natural, just more Grateful Palate Shiraz to hobb- nobb with.	
2009 Charles Smith Syrah, Royal City, Stoneridge Vineyard, Columbia Valley, Washington.....	300

VINO ROJO Continued ...

Are the cows home yet?

2007 Viña Cobos Malbec, Cobos, Marchiori Vineyard, Lujáa de Cuyo, Argentina.....	300
Followed closely by a wine from Paul Hobbs the winemaker, who may be the only cat alive that can get 3 bills for Malbec.	
2014 Gantenbein Pinot Noir, Fläsch, Switzerland.....	300
The salesgal said "I had a bottle of this over the weekend and it's a dirty little girl" ... um, maybe she needs to work on her pitch a little, that's like saying Amy Winehouse may have had a bit of a self-image problem; however you deem it appropriate to describe it, this wine (like the late great Ms. Winehouse) absolutely sings and sings at the same time!	
2014 Antica Terra Pinot Noir, Antikythera, Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon.....	300
1997 Conterno Fantino Nebbiolo, Vigna del Gris, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy.....	301
Either the stars are realigning or I'm maturing in some fashion (although obviously not with my writing skills), because I'm finally starting to get the whole Nebbiolo thing ... the overwhelming perfume of wild violets, the chewy prosciutto, the glacier-like pace of aeration, all looming larger with the spectacular 1997 vintage.	
2004 El Espectacle Grenache, Monsant, Spain.....	301
2009 Glomski Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc, Paso Robles, California.....	302
2005 Querciabella Sangiovese Blend, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy 3000ml	305
2009 Sanguis Grenache/Syrah/Viognier, Levity, Santa Barbara, California 1500ml	310
2009 Sanguis Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon/Viognier/Roussanne, Gravity, Santa Barbara, California 1500ml	315
2001 Nicolás Catena Zapata Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec, Uxmal/Nicasia Vineyards, Mendoza, Argentina.....	325
1999 Artadi Tempranillo, Grandes Añadas, Rioja, Spain.....	325
2008 Charles Smith Syrah, Royal City, Stoneridge Vineyard, Columbia Valley, Washington.....	350
2005 Pax Syrah, Hospice du Rhône Lot 14, The Mother Block, Alder Springs Vineyard, Terraces, Mendocino 1500ml	375
2012 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon, Hillside Select, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley, California.....	385
MV Lillian Cabernet Sauvignon, True Vineyard, Howell Mountain, Napa Valley, California.....	397
2008 Clos Erasmus Grenach/Syrah, Priorat, Spain.....	446
2004 Tenuta Sant' Antonio Corvina Blend, Lillium Est Riserva, Valpolicella Classico, Amarone, Veneto, Italy.....	475
While we're on the subject of phenomenal, put a feather in my cap and pr this Amarone, it's the whole package.	
2012 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coastal Range, Oregon 3000ml	475
2001 Quintarelli Corvina Blend, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Recioto, Veneto, Italy 375ml	495
2009 Ken Wright Pinot Noir, Freedom Hill Vineyard, Coastal Range, Oregon 3000ml	555
1988 Simi Cabernet Sauvignon, Reserve, Sonoma, California 3000ml	650
1986 Château Pichon-Longueville Bordeaux Blend, Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac, France.....	755

VINO FINO

Cue lights - roll credits - close curtain

2002 Alban Syrah, Seymour's Vineyard, Alban Estate, Edna Valley, California..... 840
1917 Château Latour Bordeaux Blend, Pauillac, France **Re-Labeled**.....10,000

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