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This Wine List, or Amanpulo Wine Book as I prefer to call it, has been designed in order to provide you with high quality wines while discovering new wineries and new countries. The Amanpulo Wine Book presents the New World wines first followed by the Old World wines. Each major Wine region's characteristic is described and the wines that deserve special attention because either of their rarity or their greatness or simply because I think they are special have been singled out.

Emphasis has been put in the discovery process; in fact very rare wines from New Zealand have been imported especially for Amanpulo. Special attention is also given to wines from Chile, as this country is producing some of the great wines in the world. Australia and the United States of America are also very well represented with their world famous big reds. Of course the cradle of wine, the Old World, is well represented with France, Spain and Italy, featuring some very special wines from these legendary winemaking regions.

The most important thing is that you enjoy your wine together with your food and therefore please do not hesitate to ask questions and I will be more than happy to discuss the options that could best suit your meal.

Finally, as you are on our peaceful island for several nights, if you wish to open a bottle tonight and would like us to keep the rest of it for you to finish it tomorrow, we would be happy to store it in the appropriate environment.

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WINES BY THE GLASS

CHAMPAGNE

NV Fleur de Champagne Brut by Duval-Leroy 1,600

WHITE WINE

2007 Chablis Laroche, France 800

2007 Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ 750

ROSE WINE

2008 Mulderborsch, Cabernet Rosé, South Africa 600

RED WINE

2005 Protos Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Spain 900

2006 Glaetzer Wallace, Shiraz Grenache, Barossa Valley, Australia 750

CHAMPAGNE

Champagne is often referred to as the king of sparkling wines. Although, many sparkling wines are made using the same traditional method, they often lack the elegance and complexity of Champagne. There are many factors which combine to make this wine unique. The three main factors, however, are the chalky soil under kimmeridgean clay, the unique climatic conditions and the balance of the three grape varieties – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

From here, the Champagne houses take over and the skill of the blenders becomes evident in the finished product, with each house's unique style shining through vintage after vintage.

- NV Fleur de Champagne Brut by Duval-Leroy 6,500
Gold at first sight, this soft, rich and well structured wine is perfect to celebrate a special occasion or simply enjoy as an aperitif in good company.
- NV Jacquesson Cuvée n°732 7,500
The Cuvée n° 732 comes from the 2004 harvest (79%) and reserve wines. It comes exclusively from Grands and Premiers Crus in the Grande Vallée de la Marne and the Côtes des Blancs. This quality reflects in the wine as it is extremely elegant and has low acidity. In my opinion it is a great example of Champagne and it suits perfectly the Island climate. It drinks perfectly as an apéritif.
- NV Rosé de Saignée by Duval Leroy 9,500
This salmon pink Champagne with its many light bubbles is a genuinely fruity rosé that will appeal to sweet-toothed gourmets and it is perfect as an apéritif.
- 1995 Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs 12,500
This wine displays a lively mousse on the palate, covering a dense minerality. This is a top quality wine which happens to have bubbles.
- 1999 Dom Pérignon 14,500
Carrying the name of the Benedictine monk that supposedly invented the bubbly wine, which is not true since the first sparkling Champagne was created in the 19th century, this very elegant wine will accompany your evening in the best of ways.
- NV Krug Grand Cuvée 15,500
Krug Grande Cuvée is a great demonstration of the Krug art of blending. No recipe can define its intricate harmony, so every year the Krug family works from taste and memory alone to recreate this most complex of Champagnes. Typically, Krug Grande Cuvée is blended from as many as 50 wines from three grape varieties, 20 to 25 growths, and six to ten different years.
- 1996 Billecart-Salmon Brut Blanc de Blanc 15,000
This Champagne is my favourite of the list. This vintage wine is characterised by its lively yet delicate attack followed by a long finish – an outstanding way to fully appreciate all the character of Chardonnay. You will for sure appreciate its elegant and gracious. It is Chardonnay in grand style, a model of balance and a pure product of the Chardonnay vine, it is the result of a blend of the best grand cru sites of the Côte des Blancs.

AUSTRALIA

Although a relatively young country, Australia has a wine sector with an impressive history of achievement and innovation going back more than two centuries. The first vines were carried ashore by the sailors of the First Fleet in 1788 and despite some early setbacks due to Sydney's humidity and rainfall, a successful vineyard was established at Parramatta by a German settler, Philip Schaffer, in 1791.

WHITE

CHARDONNAY

Australian Chardonnays are recognizable to their golden colour, round texture and their mellow woodiness which melts like butter in the mouth. They are great wines that can be drunk on their own or accompany almost any dish be these meats or fish.

2004 Katnook Estate, Coonawarra	2,500
2006 Tyrell's Vat 47, Hunter Valley	5,000
2004 Petaluma, Piccadilly Valley	5,500
2005 Henschke Lenswood Croft	9,000

RIESLING

2003 Henschke Julius, Eden Valley	5,000
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BLENDS

2003 Henschke Tillys Vineyard	3,500
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This is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Chardonnay. This combination gives it sweet floral green grassy/meadow notes with delicate lifted aromas of clover blossom, lemon curd and gooseberry. The sweet fruit palate is well balanced, soft and juicy with good length and a crisp finish.

2003 Cape Jaffa, La Lune Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, South Australia	4,000
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The fruit for La Lune range is sourced exclusively from 25-hectare, certified biodynamic vineyard at Mount Benson. The La Lune range showcases wines which express true regional and varietal distinctiveness with each vintage.

La Lune wines are certified by Australian Certified Organic (ACO) and display ACO's biodynamic bug logo on its state-of-the-art, Australian-first unbleached 100% cotton twill weave label.

This wine features strong aromas of citrus, honeysuckle and cloves, while the palate is rich and textured, with good natural acidity and an old world style savoury finish.

RED

Australia has a reputation of producing powerful red wines or "Big Reds" as they like to call them. I have to agree with this statement as often they lack of finesse and complexity, but remain very consistent. Interesting in these wines are the very distinctive red berries and spices which make them suitable to every dish.

SHIRAZ

2003 Clarendon Liandra	11,000
2003 Tyrrell's Rufus Stone, Heathcote	3,000
2005 Green Point Victoria, Yarra Valley	3,500
2003 Mount Langi Ghiran, Victoria	5,000
2001 Henschke Mount Edelstone, Eden Valley	10,500
2004 Torbreck The Struie	10,000
2003 Torbreck The Factor	15,000

PINOT NOIR

2005 Green Point Pinot Noir, Victoria, Yarra Valley	4,000
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BLENDS

2006 Glaetzer Wallace, Shiraz Grenache, Barossa Valley	3,500
2000 Cyril Henschke, Eden Valley	14,000
2004 Brothers in Arms, Cabernet Shiraz	3,500
2005 Charles Melton "Nine Popes", Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre	7,500

COONAWARRA

This region is renowned as one of Australia's finest wine regions and is particularly known for producing world class red wines especially Cabernet Sauvignon. Its secret lies in a magical marriage of rich red terra rossa soil, limestone, pure underground water and a long cool ripening season for the grapes.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2003 Katnook Founders Block	3,000
2000 Katnook "Odyssey"	7,500

THE AUSSIE ICONS FROM THE BAROSSA VALLEY

Renowned for its Shiraz production, the Barossa Valley is home to some of the country's iconic wines. Just one hour north east of Adelaide, the region consists of gentle rolling hills and fertile valleys that combine with South Australia's Mediterranean climate to produce full-bodied red wines and delicate whites. The Barossa was originally settled by Silesian Lutheran farmers in the 1830s and there are now more than 50 wineries and cellar doors in the region, ranging from small family enterprises to international companies.

1999 Penfolds "Grange" Shiraz, South Australia 37,000

The Grange is a wine of extraordinary dimension and power. Richly textured, intensely concentrated and packed with fruit sweetness, these wines, regardless of vintage, require medium to long-term cellaring. They develop into immensely complex, beguiling wines that seduce the senses. This particular vintage has developed blackberry and blueberry fruit interwoven with perfectly tuned, malty, savoury oak, with liquorice and anise notes hovering above.

1998 Henschke Hill of Grace, Shiraz Barossa 39,000

Over 160 years ago Johann Christian Henschke came from Silesia to settle and farm in the Eden Valley region. By the time third-generation Paul Alfred Henschke took over the reins in 1914, the famous Hill of Grace shiraz vines were more than 50 years old. The vineyard lies opposite a beautiful old Lutheran Church, built of local field stone, which was euphoniously named Gnadenberg, meaning Hill of Grace.

This wine shows sweet lifted spicy aromas of plum, blackberry, anise, herbs and spices. It is complex, with hints of sage, pepper, vanilla and cedar.

2003 Torbreck, The Runrig 23,000

The RunRig has often drawn comparison with the beautifully fragrant & tautly structured wines produced from the steep slopes of the Northern Rhône Valley's Appellation of Côte Rôtie.

RunRig, although wonderfully aromatic, is a wine that exhibits so much power and latent richness that it could easily be mistaken for the hugely concentrated wines sourced from the sun drenched hill of Hermitage (the historic home of Syrah and some of the world's most powerful and longest living wines). The 2003 RunRig is immediately impressive. The colour is completely opaque, right to the rim of the glass. The nose is also imposing with magnificent notes of lifted spice.

2000 Yalumba, The Octavius Old Vine 12,000

The Octavius is matured in American oak 'octaves' of 90 litres capacity. It is the only red wine in the world that is matured in such small barrels. The secret of the wine not becoming overpowered by the oak lies in the wood which is seasoned at Yalumba's own on-site cooperage for eight years before the octaves are crafted. Yalumba is one of a select few wineries in the world who boast their own coopers practising the ancient craft of barrel making. Delicious sweet fruits of the forest aromas dominate the nose Yalumba Cooperage, with hints of white pepper and vanillin, complimented by fine smoky toasted oak overtones. The palate is big, rich and sweet, with fleshy plums and a long lingering licorice flavour supported by intense tannins to finish.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's unique geographical characteristics provide it with a surprisingly varied terroir for such a small country. In fact New Zealand has ten main wine growing regions, each displaying a great diversity in climate and terrain. Differences in climate may be illustrated by the variation in the harvesting date of Chardonnay. In the warmer and more humid northern regions of Northland, Auckland and Gisborne, Chardonnay might begin to be harvested in late February or early March while in Central Otago, the world's most southerly Chardonnay grapes may first be picked in mid to late April - a difference of 6-7 weeks.

MARLBOROUGH

Marlborough is New Zealand's largest wine growing region. It has an enviable international reputation for producing some of the best Sauvignon Blanc in the world. It also makes very high quality Pinot Noir. Of the region's ten thousand hectares of grapes (almost half the national crop) one third are planted in Sauvignon Blanc. Lots of sun, cool nights, low autumn rains and free draining alluvial soils combine to make Marlborough one of the world's great wine producing regions.

WHITE

Tokay

2007 Spy Valley, Marlborough 3,500

Sauvignon Blanc

2008 Spy Valley, Marlborough 3,000

2007 The Ned, Waihopai River, Marlborough 3,500

2007 Saint Clair, Marlborough 3,500

2006 Mount Riley, Seventeen Valley, Marlborough 3,500

2007 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 3,500

RED

Pinot Noir

2003 Highfield Marlborough 5,000

2005 Cloudy Bay, Marlborough 7,000

NELSON

The region is unusually sited on the western side of the country near the northern tip of the South Island. Mountains to the west of the region provide a rain shadow effect while coastline helps to moderate temperature extremes.

2003 Neudorf Moutere Pinot Noir 7,500

This Pinot Noir shows complexity and takes its distance to the typically fruit driven Pinot Noirs of the new world by showing very distinctive earthy and leathery notes.

THE KIWI HIGHLIGHTS

During a travel to the land of the All Blacks I discovered some really interesting wines that deserve special attention. Firstly the wines from the Pyramid Valley winemakers, which follow organic and biodynamic techniques for producing their wines:

WHITE

Pyramid Valley Kerner Pinot Blanc, Marlborough 2007 6,000

RED

Pyramid Valley Calvert Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2007 9,000

This wine is a perfect example of high quality Pinot Noirs produced in the Marlborough region. It shows a perfect balance between fruit and earth.

Providence Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, Matakana 2002 21,000

This wine must be my favourite Kiwi wine. Unlikely many Bordeaux style blends produced downunder it is a graceful red that does not overwhelm you with its power, but shows a lot of elegance and complexity while lasting in the palate.

Bell Hill, Old Weka Pass Road Pinot Noir, Canterbury 2005 13,000

Through good contacts in Auckland we have managed to get hold of the very rare Bell Hill Old Weka Pass Road Pinot from Canterbury. Only 476 bottles have been produced in this vintage and it is a very special Pinot Noir, with a lot of fruit as it is tradition in this part of the world, but also some very interesting spices notes.

Last but not least we are proud of introducing to you Jurassic Ridge, a tiny little winery from Waiheke Island just outside Auckland Harbour. The winery owner Lance decided to quit his neurosurgeon profession to dedicate himself to wine making. From the geological studies he looked at it appeared that his land is on a ridge dating from the Jurassic age, hence Jurassic Ridge. These wines are really worth trying as they reflect Lance's true passion for great quality wines.

Jurassic Ridge Cabernet Franc 2006 6,500

Lance describes his cabernet franc with these words: "An easy drinking, soft and richly coloured wine with vibrant plum and spice and characteristic varietal nuances of violets and raspberries".

Jurassic Ridge Syrah 2005 7,500

His Syrah, which I find absolutely beautiful, being so long and so particular in every degree, has nuances of cherries, plum, spice, chocolate and a clearly defined vanilla finish, outstanding!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"American Wine" has existed since the first Europeans brought their vinous heritage and traditions to these shores from the Old World. In that sense, Appellation America is over 400 years old. American wine has endured ecological, political and social hardships over the centuries, but it has evolved with each challenge.

Up to the late 1800s, the vine thrived in America, with the epicenter of winemaking in the Midwest along the banks of the Ohio River and shores of Lake Erie. At the turn of the last century phylloxera and Prohibition would together transform the viticultural landscape of America. In the 20th century, California would emerge as America's dominate wine state, in particular in the Napa Valley, situated north of San Francisco.

WHITE

Chardonnay

2004 Paul Hobbs Russian River, Napa Valley 8,500

RED

Cabernet Sauvignon

2001 Flora Springs, Napa Valley 7,000

2004 Paul Hobbs "Cross Barn", Napa Valley 9,000

Pinot Noir

2003 Miner Family Garys Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands 8,000

2003 Domaine Serene Evenstad Reserve Willamette Valley 8,000

Shiraz

2003 Long Shadows Sequel Columbia Valley, Washington 8,000

OUR FAVOURITE AMERICAN WINES

2002 Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 10,000
Darioush, a winery noted for its Bordeaux style estate wines, implements old world labor-intensive, micro-vineyard management and new world state of the art technology to craft fine wines from its estates located in the appellations of Napa Valley, Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll. Under the direction of Darioush Khaledi and winemaker Steve Devitt, precision and quality are of the utmost importance at the winery.
The 2002 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon exemplifies how an ideal vintage and meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard can result in powerful wines with extraordinary depth and character.

2005 Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley 8,500
One of the first California winemakers to focus on single-vineyard wines, Paul Hobbs took the challenge one step further by dedicating himself to crafting unfiltered and unfined wines, fermented with native yeasts. His vision has resulted in exciting, structured wines that are rooted in classic old world techniques and, at the same time, are distinctly Californian in their expression. Silky and sophisticated, the 2005 appellation blend is a richly-textured wine, exhibiting a deep maroon hue and lots of cocoa and lavender on the nose. Layers of pure black fruit, anise and cedar permeate the palate, with firm, ripe tannins gracing a lengthy finish.

2000 Caymus Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 12,000
It was founded in 1972 by Charles F. Wagner, Lorna Belle Glos Wagner and their son Charles J. Wagner on the family's Rutherford property. The Wagner family produced their first Cabernet Sauvignon from the 1972 vintage. Their first Special Selection Cabernet—from selected lots given extended barrel aging—was made from the 1975 vintage.
The nose has expansive aromas of black currant (cassis), blackberry and slightly briary boysenberries; an overall impression of richly ripe fruit. Secondary notes of cedar from the very well integrated oak. Pure, clear flavours of black currant and blackberry seem to fan out across the palate, underlined by subtler notes of anise, toasted spice and roasted coffee beans.

CHILE

The region has a long viticultural history for a New World wine region dating to the 16th century when the Spanish conquistadors brought Vitis vinifera vines with them as they colonized the region. In the mid-18th century, French wine varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot were introduced. In the early 1980s, a renaissance began with the introduction of stainless steel fermentation tanks and the use of oak barrels for aging. Chile's natural boundaries (Pacific Ocean, Andes Mountain, Atacama Desert to the north and Antarctica to the south) has left it relatively isolated from other parts of the world and has served to be beneficial in keeping the phylloxera louse at bay. Lately some of the Chilean wine have received very high ratings in the international wine press and won several blind tastings against French and other New World wines.

WHITE

Sauvignon Blanc

2007 Casa Lapostolle, Cachapoal Valley Chile 3,000

RED

2000 Seña, Robert Mondavi & Eduardo Chadwick 10,500

Cabernet Sauvignon

2005 Montes Alpha 3,500

2005 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre 5,500

2000 Almaviva, Baron Philippe de Rothschild 10,000

Merlot

2006 Montes Alpha 3,500

2005 Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre Chile 5,500

Pinot Noir

2006 Montes Limited Selection 2,500

MONTES PREMIUM WINES

The first activities at our vineyard began in 1987. Two partners with great illusions, Aurelio Montes and Douglas Murray, both holding long-standing experience in the wine industry, were certain Chile could improve on the quality it was producing at the time. It seemed as if the large and medium-scale vineyards were satisfied with limiting their distribution to local supermarkets. They certainly knew how to produce premium wines, but didn't feel up to it, they were satisfied with the niche markets they had attained, which was certainly broad, although small. In 1988, another two original partners joined in, Alfredo Vidaurre and Pedro Grand, each providing their qualified, complimentary views, and thus, Viña Montes was formally born, initially under the name Discover Wine Ltda., a saga that has made Chile internationally known in 75 countries worldwide while providing extensive recognition and acclaim.

Purple Angel by Montes

10,000

I fell in love with this wine during a recent visit to Manila. Sitting at a table with one of our suppliers talking about wines he mentioned the Purple Angel a Carmenera wine. I know for a fact that Chileans make beautiful Carmeneres, and also that it is the only country where Carmenera survived the phylloxera that hit the Bordeaux region in the 1880's. I remained totally speechless after trying a glass of this wine. The strength of the fruit and the length of this wine were incredible. It is difficult to describe the feeling that I had, the only thing I can say, is: "You have to try it!!!!" Its winemaker describes it with the following words: "Intense youthful purple color, typical from concentrated Carmenera. Delicate with hints of chocolate and cigar box aromas. The Carmenera grapes coming from our Apalta estate provides the elegance and spiciness. The Petit Verdot (from Apalta) is adding structure and at the same time the wildness of black berries. This wine is full bodied, with a considerably amount of ripe tannins giving grip and structure. Mouthfilling with a very long finish. A super wine!"

2001 Montes Alpha M

12,500

Montes Alpha "M" is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (80%), Merlot (5%), Cabernet Franc (10%) and Petit Verdot (5%), which links all the other grapes. The Cabernet Franc enhances the elegance of the first variety, and is in total harmony with the softness of the second and austerity of the third. It is elegant at the same time powerful with very good level of soft tannins. It shows an intense dark red colour. The wine has structure, power and a very well defined character. The 5% of Petit Verdot is adding an extra element of complexity. There is a pleasant and harmonious marriage of fruit and the French oak with a delightfully long finish.

2001 Montes Folly

12,500

Montes Folly is grown on the very highest slopes of our "la Finca de Apalta" vineyard, in Apalta Valley, with an inclination exceeding 45° degrees. Denomination of Origin is Santa Cruz, within Colchagua. These high reaches are home to the superb grapes that become Montes Folly, Chile's first ultra-premium Syrah. To the nose, a quick and defined presence of mature dark fruits, like a berries' marmalade and a subtle complexity of aromas typical of great Syrahs, finely integrated with vanilla notes from the best selection of French oak barrels. All of threes aromas appear, with long persistence in the palate. In the mouth, the wine is also mouth-filling, velvety, robust, and dense with the presence of fine and mature tannins.

FRANCE

LOIRE

The Loire Valley wine region includes the French wine regions situated along the Loire River from the Muscadet region near the city of Nantes on the Atlantic coast to the region of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé just southeast of the city of Orléans in north central France.

Among these different wine styles, Loire wines tend to exhibit characteristic fruitiness with fresh, crisp flavors—especially in their youth. The Loire Valley has a long history of winemaking dating back to the 1st century.

Sauvignon blanc and Pinot noir are the principle grapes of this region that is centered around the appellation of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. The two towns of Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire (where Pouilly-Fumé is made) sit on opposite sides of the Loire river with Sancerre being about 10 miles (16 km) to the northwest of Pouilly.

2005 Pouilly-Fumé, Henri Bourgeois, Loire Valley 4,000

ALSACE

There is something so special and magical about the vineyards of Alsace, without doubt amongst the most beautiful in the world. Lying between the Vosges mountain range and the River Rhine, which act as natural barriers, Alsace is allowed a warmer and drier climate than an area this far north in Europe should. Historically the area has been controlled over the centuries by both France and Germany with the wines heavily influenced by both. Alsace wines are so very, very good with Asian food. Whether it has racy acidity, bursts of citrus, spicy sweetness or that hint of petrol, every wine of Alsace seems to have something just as special as the area it comes from.

Riesling

2005 Trimbach Riesling Alsace 5,000

1998 Léon Beyer Comtes D`Eguisheim, Alsace 5,500

Gewurztraminer

2004 Gustave Lorentz Alsace 2,500

1998 Léon Beyer Comtes D`Eguisheim, Alsace 4,000

2005 Trimbach Gewurztraminer, Alsace 4,500

BORDEAUX

Red Bordeaux wines mean so many different things to many different people. The pinnacle of wine, drunk by the upper classes, worth the wait, don't want to wait, wonderfully structured, too tannic, etc.. One thing is for sure, Bordeaux hasn't embraced as much change or modernisation as most other areas in Europe. Yet new waves of winemakers, all over the world, are desperately trying to emulate the Bordelaise striving for more acidity, structure and of course elegance.

The most important fine wine producing area will always have much to offer. Margaux wines are generally more elegant and fragrant in style than the rest of the Médoc, with Pauillac, St-Estèphe and St-Julien providing more power. The fullness and softness of the merlot rich wines of St-Emilion and Pomerol show another side to the area. Journeying through the classification system in Bordeaux can be one of life's joys.

The general wines of Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur are usually softer, lighter with less bottle age required. More approachable wines, younger, are the result.

1994 Château Cheval Blanc Premier Grand Cru Classé	22,000
1999 Château Haut-Brion, 1er Cru	19,000
1999 Château Mouton Rothschild, Premier Cru, Pauillac	20,000
2000 Château De Lamarque Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois	3,500
1999 Château Belgrave, Grand Cru	7,000
1999 Pavillion Rouge de Château Margaux	12,000

RHÔNE

To describe the wines of the Rhône Valley as full flavoured, often full bodied and a wonderful partner to food cannot possibly do them justice, but it is a good start. The spice and structure of Syrah with Grenache Noir's softness and fruit, allows great variety and possibility for red wines. Throw in the other dozen or so permitted grape varieties allowed in certain wines and you have a region never dull and always full of surprises.

The powerful, yet stylish, Viognier grape provides so much joy from Northern Rhône, especially Condrieu.

2006 Domaine de Nalys, Chateauneuf-du-Pape	4,500
2002 E. Guigal, Hermitage	8,500

BURGUNDY

Arguably the most evocative of all the wine regions, conjuring up thoughts of picture perfect villages, rustic gastronomic delights and the rolling, golden slopes of vineyards weighed down by grapes, bursting with ripeness. This paradise does come with a price to pay – wines that baffle most, while tantalising and delighting so many.

The French Revolution took most of Burgundy's vineyards from the church and shared them amongst the locals who, thanks to Napoleon's Laws of Succession, divided land to all siblings, not just the eldest son. This has led to individual vineyards controlled by many dozen owners and individual rows by several, with confusion rife and standards very mixed. Vast improvements in vineyard practices, caused in part by reaction to pressure from the New World, and a majority of good vintages in the last decade has made choosing wine from Burgundy many times easier.

The wines may seem confusing at times but the grape varieties used in them are refreshingly straight-forward. Chardonnay, for whites, dominates with a small amount of Aligoté. For reds, Pinot Noir is master with some Gamay, used mainly in Beaujolais. Saying that, the vast differences and nuances of these, largely, single varietal wines are why the wine public keep coming back for more.

WHITE

2006 Chablis Laroche	3,500
2005 Chablis, Laroche Fourchaumes, "Vielles Vignes" Premier Cru	6,000
2006 Bourgogne Aligoté, Chemin des Aubépines	2,500
2004 Meursault, Les Murgers	7,500

RED

1999 Volnay by Louis Jadot	7,500
2001 Vosne Romanée 1er Cru, Les Beaux Monts by Michel Noellat	9,500

BEAUJOLAIS

Located in eastern France, Beaujolais is a very large wine producing region and Appellation d'Origine. It mainly produces red wines from Gamay grape. There is in fact no commune or village called Moulin-à-Vent. Wines bearing the Moulin-à-Vent appellation, created in 1936 come from the commune of Romanèche-Thorins, and also from around Chénas. The name Moulin-à-Vent comes from an old windmill standing to the northwest of Romanèche-Thorins, now preserved as the last remaining specimen in the Beaujolais.

2003 Moulin-à-Vent by P. Ferraud et Fils

4,000

FRANCE REGIONAL

French wines are not all Appellation Contrôlée (AC), the top of the quality classification system, nor are they all from Bordeaux, Burgundy or the rest of the better known regions. Other France has the unenviable task of doing justice to the remaining areas and wines. Vin de Pays wines, the hotbed of innovation and excitement for French wines, come under this umbrella. The best of these, without question, come from Languedoc-Roussillon, better known as Vin de Pays d'Oc. These same regions, along with Provence, also provide the best known and most successful of the remaining AC wines found throughout France.

WHITE

2003 Baron Philippe De Rothschild, Vin de Pays d'Oc

3,000

ROSE

2007 Mas De Cadenet, Côtes De Provence

2,500

SPAIN

Located on the Iberian Peninsula, Spain has over 2.9 million acres (over 1.17 million hectares) planted--making it the most widely planted wine producing nation but it is only the third largest producer of wine in the world, the largest being Italy and France. This is due, in part, to the very low yields and wide spacing of the old vines planted on the dry, infertile soil found in many Spanish wine regions. The country has an abundance of native grape varieties, with over 600 varieties planted throughout Spain though 80 percent of the country's wine production is from only 20 grapes--including Tempranillo, Albariño, Garnacha, Palomino, Airen, Macabeo, Parellada, Xarel-lo, Cariñena and Monastrell. Major Spanish wine regions include the Rioja and Ribera del Duero which is known for their Tempranillo production.

RIBERA DEL DUERO

Denominación de Origen (DO) on the country's northern plateau and is one of five wine regions within the autonomous community of Castile and León. It is also one of several recognised wine-producing regions to be found along the course of the Duero river.

The region is characterised by a largely flat, rocky terrain and is centred on the town of Aranda de Duero, although the most famous vineyards surround Valladolid and Roa de Duero to the west, where the regional regulatory council or Consejo Regulador for the denominación is based.

Ribera del Duero is home to the world-famous and highly-prized Vega Sicilia and Tinto Pesquera wines and is dedicated almost entirely to the production of red wine from the Tempranillo grape.

RED

2004 Protos, Crianza 4,500

2006 Protos, "Roble" 4,000

2002 Pesquera Gran Reserva 8,000

Produced by one of the iconic wineries of the region, this wine is strong, mature and lush to the mouth. Nevertheless it reveals itself as extremely balanced with a long lasting finish.

2002 Alion 10,000

Bodegas Alion was started in 1992 by Vega Sicilia to show the world the potential and beauty of wines from Ribera del Duero and the modern methods through which they are made. The Alion 2002 is extremely complex, starting out massive on the palate with big fruit and rich, ripe tannin, then completely balances out on the finish leaving you craving another sip. This is a truly great wine with a long future ahead, and there's plenty to go around!

RIOJA

Denominación de Origen Calificada (D.O.C. Qualified designation of origin), from a region named after the Rio Oja in Spain, a tributary of the Ebro. Rioja is made from grapes grown in the autonomous communities of La Rioja and Navarre and the Basque province of Álava. La Rioja is further subdivided into three zones: Rioja Alavesa, Rioja Alta and Rioja Baja. Many wines have traditionally blended fruit from all three regions though there is a slow growth in single zone wines. Among the Tintos, the best-known and most widely-used variety is Tempranillo. Other grapes used include Garnacha Tinta, Graciano, and Mazuelo. A typical blend will consist of approximately 60% Tempranillo and up to 20% Garnacha, with much smaller proportions of Mazuelo and Graciano.

RED

1999 Añares Summa, Reserva	7,500
2002 Marqués de Murrieta Reserva	5,000

OTHER REGIONS

WHITE

2002 Enate, Somontano, Aragón	4,500
2004 Godello "Odorus", Bierzo	2,500

RED

2004 Pintia, Toro	8,000
2004 Celler de Capcanes, Cabrera	8,500
1995 Enate Reserva Especial, Aragón	7,750
2004 Arzuaga, Pago Florentino, La Mancha	4,000

This is an incredibly interesting wine, as it is produced in the Mancha region, not one of the most famous winemaking areas of Spain and made with Cencibel grape. I was very pleasantly surprised when tasting it. It suits this climate well, with a great balance between fruit and leather. A must try wine.

ITALY

"Italia" is home to some of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world. Etruscans and Greek settlers produced wine in the country long before the Romans started developing their own vineyards in the second century BC. Roman grape-growing and winemaking was prolific and well-organised, pioneering large-scale production and storage techniques like barrel-making and bottling. Two thousand years later, Italy remains one of the world's foremost producers, responsible for approximately one-fifth of world wine production in 2005.

Wine is a popular drink in Italy. Grapes are grown in almost every part of Italy, with more than 1 million vineyards under cultivation. In some places the vines are trained along low supports. In others they climb as slender saplings.

Most wine-making in Italy is done in modern wineries. However, villagers who make wine for their own use sometimes still tread the grapes with their bare feet, until the juice is squeezed out. They believe this ancient method still makes the best wine.

WHITE

2006 Villa Girardi Pinot Grigio

3,500

TOSCANA

Located in central Italy along the Tyrrhenian coast, Tuscany is home to some of the world's most notable wine regions. Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano are primarily made with Sangiovese grape. We have nevertheless selected some particular wines produced by the renowned Angelo Gaja.

Along the Tuscan seaboard extending south from Livorno lies the Maremma. For centuries a marshland, it has established itself over the last quarter century as one of Italy's most prestigious wine regions.

The area boasts an excellent climate for growing international grape varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Syrah. Hot summer days are freshened by brisk sea breezes and cool night time temperatures, ideal for fully ripened grapes. It is in this region that Angelo Gaja has begun a new winemaking venture. His aim is to transfer the experience of his Piedmontese culture to the Maremma - to first acquire a thorough understanding of the potential of the different soil types and then to emphasize their specificity and uniqueness in the wines that are produced. The Maremma provides a perfect opportunity to apply this experience to growing international varieties. In 1996, along the road between Bolgheri and Castagneto Carducci, Gaja began planting 150 acres of vineyards, primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, but also Cabernet Franc and Syrah.

RED

2002 Gaja CA' Marcanda Promis

7,000

2002 Gaja CA' Marcanda Magari

8,000

SUPERTUSCANS

Super Tuscan are an unofficial category of Tuscan wines, not recognized by any of the Italian wine classification systems. The origin of *Super Tuscan* is rooted in the restrictive DOC practices of the Chianti zone prior to the 1990s. During this time Chianti could be composed of no more than 70% Sangiovese and had to include at least 10% of one of the local white wine grapes. Producers who deviated from these regulations could not use the Chianti name on their wine labels and would be classified as *vino da tavola*- Italy's lowest wine designation. By the 1970s, the consumer market for Chianti wines was suffering and the wines were widely perceived to be lacking quality. Many Tuscan wine producers thought they could produce a better quality wine if they were not hindered by the DOC regulations.

RED

2000 Antinori Solaja	16,000
2005 Antinori Tignanello	9,000
2001 Sassicaia	19,000

PIEMONTE

This is the region where I was born, and home of some of the most interesting and long lived wines in Italy. The predominant grape is the Nebbiolo and gives birth to very intense and powerful wines, with that typical astringency common to all Italian wines.

RED

1999 Pio Cesare Barbaresco	8,000
2000 Pio Cesare Barolo	9,500
1998 Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato	9,500
1998 Barolo Gromis, Gaja	9,000

SICILIA

From the southernmost region of Italy we bring to Amanpulo a wine made with the autochthonous grapes of Sicily, Nero d'Avola and Frappato. The first comes from a little baroque town of Noto and the second one from Vittoria.

RED

2007 Cerasuolo di Vittoria, Planeta	3,500
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Sicily has achieved its first and only D.O.C.G. with the wine "Cerasuolo di Vittoria", starting with the 2005 vintage. It is fruity, reminiscent of red berries, strawberries, cherries, figs, ginger and fruit drops. Very distinctive, this is the wine that best highlights the characteristics of the terroir. It is an exceptionally versatile wine that will impress you for its originality!

GERMANY

WHITE

2007 Dr. Loosen Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer 3,500
The Dr. Loosen estate has been in the same family for over 200 years. When Ernst Loosen (pronounced loh-zen) assumed ownership in 1988, he realized that with ungrafted vines averaging 60 years old in some of Germany's best-rated vineyards, he had the raw materials to create stunningly intense, world-class wines. This wine has all the varietals correct scents of rose petals and spice burst from the glass, followed by pear and melon fruit. It's all backed by acidity that's fairly crisp for Gewurztraminer and relatively modest residual sugar. The only quibble is the relatively quick fade on the finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

WHITE

2007 The Beach House, Sauvignon Semillon 2,000
A lively wine with fresh green capsicum, gooseberry and passionfruit aroma. A lighter bodied crisp wine perfect for these hot island days.

ROSÉ

2008 Mulderbosch, Cabernet Rosé South Africa 2,500

ARGENTINA

WHITE

2005 Catena Chardonnay, Mendoza 7,500

RED

2005 Terrazas de los Andes, Malbec Reserva, Mendoza 4,000

DESSERT WINE

2001 Château Montails, Sauternes 375 ml 3,500

1999 Château Rieussec, Premier Cru Superieur, Sauternes 750 ml 8,000

1999 Château d'Yquem Premier Grand Cru, Sauternes 375 ml 16,000