

## ROSÉ, ROSÉ, ROSÉ !

### **Pierre Sparr Crémant d'Alsace Rosé.** 100% Pinot Noir (Presse and Saignée)

The Pierre Sparr Crémant d'Alsace Brut Rosé is lovely, lively, and rewarding. This wine gushes with fresh fruit and finishes with great pizzazz. Its aromas and flavors of aromatic strawberries stay bright through the wine's finish. Wilfred Wong, Wine.com, 90 points

### **Olga Raffault Chinon Rosé 2020** Touraine, Loire Valley 100% Cabernet Franc (Saignée)

The Raffaults say that the 2020 is "a sunny rosé vintage, deep and aromatic, with fine acidity, sparkling with freshness" - quite similar to the lovely 2019 - round and ripe and simply delicious, quite crisp and refreshing showing lovely bright pink color, hints of raspberry and strawberry fruit, ripe but dry and balanced on the palate with a bit of peach and red berries in the finish with bright saline acidity. **"Particulièrement gouleyant" it says on the label, and we couldn't agree more! – Chambers Street Wines**

### **Chateau Haut-Rian Rosé 2020 Bordeaux 100% Merlot** (Presse)

Salmon pink colour with bright orange highlights, clear and shiny. The nose is open with notes of redcurrant, pink pepper and grapefruit flesh, with a hint of spice. Greedy attack, with notes of harlequin candy, English candy, then pink grapefruit. Sapid finish, good balance, little tension, mineral touch. – Nicholas Wines

### **Clos Cibonne (Le Pradet) Rosé Tradition 2019** Côte de Provence Cru Classe 90% Tibouren and 10% Grenache

Clos Cibonne's iconic Cuvée Tradition stands uniquely apart from other rosés as a classic, one-of-a-kind Côtes de Provence rosé featuring the tibouren grape in the lead role. Cuvée Tradition is legendary amongst experienced French wine collectors for its texture, substance, and ability to age gracefully for a decade or more. It is a limited wine made exclusively with estate-grown, organic tibouren grapes, and a bit of grenache to meet Côtes de Provence blending guidelines. After fermentation with native yeasts, the wine is racked into 100-year-old *foudres*, where it ages biologically on the fine lees for one year *sous-voile*, under a thin veil of *fleurette*.

*Orange peel and exotic spice on the nose and palate usher in a deep and unctuous finish.* – Winemaker notes

### **Château Bas Sentier Rosé 2020** Côteaux d'Aix en Provence 36% Grenache, 27% Cinsault, 22% Syrah, 15% other (Rolle/Ugni Blanc/Cabernet, etc. (Saignée)

Just because it's cool out doesn't mean you have to stop drinking rosé - especially good stuff like Sentier's Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence *Rosé de Saignée* (this is rosé made by skimming off pink juice from red wine in the early stages). Furthermore, a good quality

rosé does not have to be brand- spanking-new - the best ones get better with some time.

**Flavor Profile:** Medium-bodied, dry. Wild strawberry and fresh sweet herbs. Round fruit flavors from saignée while ample acidity keeps the wine bright and lively. Pair with barbecue, grilled fish or pizza.

# ALSACE

## **Charles Frey Crémant d'Alsace Brut Nature**

Pinot Blanc, Pinot Auxerrois Blanc, Riesling Notes of ripe, yellow apple and juicy pear on the nose of this wine are enriched by notions of salty shortcrust pastry. The frothy palate displays those same, generous flavors and adds green-apple notes. A long finish is wonderfully dry and refreshing. –Wine Enthusiast, 92 points

## **Pierre Sparr Riesling 2018**

This pale-yellow Riesling has green reflections. The wine opens slowly to reveal layers of citrus fruits, framed by wet stone and mineral character that adds dimension. On the palate, freshness and elegance dominate this bone-dry wine. – Winemaker Notes

Soft petrol nose; crisp, dry, juicy and peachy, bright and lively with tangy peach fruit and racy style; ripe and fresh, tangy and snappy, long and fresh; balanced and crisp. – Tasting Panel, 92 points

## **Pierre Sparr Gewuztraminer 2018**

Lush, creamy, deep and juicy, dense and rich with ripe and sweet flavors of honey and spice; neat, smooth and balanced, deep and creamy, long and balanced. – Tasting Panel, 91 points

## **Domaine Schlumberger Les Prince Abbes Pinot Gris 2018**

Hints of ripe, yellow pear just peek through on the shy nose of this wine. The palate sweeps in with the ripe juiciness of yellow pear, adding lovely phenolic pithiness that provides texture and direction. Subtle freshness highlights the beautifully dry and concentrated finish. – Wine Enthusiast

# CHAMPAGNE

## **Andre Clouet Brut rose NV** 100% Pinot Noir

Vivid orange-pink. Aromas and flavors of ripe red berries candied rose and toasty lees. Fleshy but nervy and focused with strong mineral cut and hints of bitter herbs on the very long energetic finish. Smoothly blends richness and vivacity making it extremely flexible with food or without. – Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar

The NV Brut Rosé floats on the palate with delicate, expressive fruit. An ethereal wine, Clouet's Rosé is made in a light to medium-bodied style perfect for drinking before a meal. Clean, chalky notes frame the nuanced finish. – **Vinous**

## **Aubert et Fils Brut Epernay NV** 60% Pinot Noir with Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay

Aubert Et Fils Brut is a beautiful crisp blend of 10% Chardonnay, 60% Pinot Noir and 30% Pinot Meunier which stands toe-to-toe with some of Champagne's heavy hitters. Full of elegant savory aromas with hints of toast and truffles followed by a crisp palate full of orchard fruits and subtle brioche notes. A brilliant Champagne at a brilliant price. – Touton

Along with Reims, Épernay is a center for the bottling, storing, and selling of Champagne. Most of the town and vineyards are built on chalk rock, in which tunnels more than 30 miles long have been cut out for storage. Green apple driven aromas, with delicious flavors of creamy peach, barley sugar and brioche. the mousse is crisp and elegant. – Bottle Mixx

## **Pierre Moncuit-Delos Grand Cru NV Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru** 100% Chardonnay

Moncuit Champagnes, including the NV bottlings, are always produced from a single vintage, in an effort to more precisely express the characteristics of the individual growing season. These are quintessential examples of Blanc de Blancs Champagne, with racy, mineral-laden palates, and youthful fruit expressions that makes them wines to enjoy right out of the blocks and for years to come. – Polaner Selections (Importer)

## **Champagne Jose Michel Pinot Munier** 100% Pinot Munier

José Michel made his first vintage in 1955 and thanks in part to his cellar of very old bottles of Pinot Meunier, he has developed a cult following for his Champagnes. The Pinot Meunier is produced from a single vintage but does not state the vintage on the label because the Champagne does not necessarily spend the requisite minimum of three years “sur lattes”. The style highlights the unique aromatics and fruit flavors of Champagne's indigenous grape. The level of dosage is 8g/l.

*“The two great exceptions that prove the rule about the maturing potential of Pinot Meunier are Krug and José Michel.” – Richard Juhlin, 2000 Champagnes*



# RHÔNE VALLEY

**Domaine Durand Saint-Péray 2018** 50% Marsanne, 50% Rousanne. Saint-Péray, Northern Rhône

The wine pours a mid-gold color and exhibits great freshness both on the nose and palate. Flavors of apricot and ripe stone fruits balance with orange citrus to create a dynamic interplay of richness and zing. The palate is light with excellent flavor intensity, leading into a long, elegant finish.- Princeton Corkscrew Wines

**Domaine Combiar Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 2018** 100% Syrah. Northern Rhone  
Bramble and sage perfume crisp blackberry cassis in this decadently fruity Syrah. It's joyfully primary but kept on point by a vital frame of acidity and fine, lingering tannins. Enjoy this immediately hedonistic but finessed wine now through 2028.-93 points Wine Enthusiast

**Château Trinquedel Tavel Rosé 2020** 55% Grenache, 18% Cinsault, 13% Clairette, 10% Syrah, 3% Mourvèdre, 1% Bourboulenc. Tavel, Southern Rhône

The singular Tavel AOP stands out not just for its production of bright red rosé but also because it happens to be the only appellation in France from which blanc and rouge are excluded. For winemakers Guillaume and Céline Demoulin, this means all their best plots from the hilltops of the Montagne Noire are destined for one heady blend of Grenache, Clairette, Cinsault, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. This dark, autumnal rosé is a beacon of tradition in a sea of paler styles. Its bold, yet versatile personality can carry a meal from the heartiest apéritif of rich rillettes or briny black tapenade all the way through meatier courses like crispy whole fish or garlicky spring lamb. – Kermit Lynch

*Pink dress like raspberry, expressive nose with notes of little red berries. On the palate, the wine is very balanced and in line with the nose. The palate is full with a long length. Good acidity provides a tense finale. Beautiful complexity, fine, fresh, fruity and elegant Tavel.* – Winemaker notes

**Stéphane Ogier Côtes du Rhône "Le Temps est Venu" 2018** 60% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 5% Mourvèdre.

Stephen Dunnuck calls 100-point winemaker Stéphane Ogier “one of the most exciting domaines in the world of wine today.” His collector Côte-Rôties will cost you \$300+. Today’s Côtes du Rhône is a deal for the ages. Tasting notes: Ruby red with garnet reflections. Heady aromas of smashed black raspberry, spiced plum, and wild herbs. Soft and gorgeous on the palate, the voluptuous mouthfeel shows supple tannins and spicy overtones. This wine shows the pedigree of appellations like Châteauneuf-du-Pape or Gigondas in a softer, more elegant package, with notes of black olive and dried

flowers on the finish. Fantastic to the very last sip. Drink now - 2029. – Wine Access

**Domaine de La Garrigue Vacqueyras 2018**

More rounded and fleshy than the 2017, yet also tannic, the 2018 Vacqueyras has classic notes of red and black fruits, garrigue, and pepper. Based on **80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and the rest Cinsault and Mourvèdre**, brought up all in tank, it's going to benefit from a year or two of bottle age yet keep for upwards of a decade. – Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points