



• WINE PHILOSOPHY •

Chalk is all about discovery and enjoying new and interesting wines that taste delicious. That's why we offer as many of the wines by the glass or by the carafe to allow you to explore the menu and discover new tastes.

We collaborate with artisan growers who work their vineyard using organic and biodynamic practises. All of them have an interesting story to tell. These farmers are truly passionate about what they do and work intensively in the vineyard to produce wines that reflect the conditions of the land and the fruit of every different vintage.

The wines are fermented with wild yeasts, zero artificial additives and have been made with minimal human interference during the winemaking process. They are made with the traditional methods used by winemakers of the past, without the machinery and chemicals that are so common today. This is how wine is supposed to taste (and as a bonus, can result in less of a hangover)!

Natural wine sometimes gets a bad 'rap' for being too challenging taste-wise, and sometimes tends to go 'off' quicker than wine that contains a lot of sulphites (the chemical that gets added to mass-produced wine). This is not what we are about! We've carefully hand-picked (and tasted!) each wine on the list to ensure that they both have longevity, are accessible and easy to drink.

WINE INFORMATION & TASTING NOTES

WHITE WINES

Life is too short for bad, mass produced, generic wine!

JJ Blanc 2020



Wine maker: Domaine des Jeanne



Grapes: Viognier, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc



Region: Provence, France

The story

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Tasting Notes

Clean, minerally, fresh. Scents of wildflowers which give way to layers of light citrus, pear, ripe melon and a hint of honey richness.

Chin Chin 2021



Wine maker: Quinta do Emizio



Grapes: Vinho Verde



Region: Quinta do Emizio, Portugal

The story

The legendary Chin Chin Vinho Verde from Quinta do Emizio in Northern Portugal is a firm favourite at Chalk. Arguably one of the most instagrammed and cult favourite wines of the last few years with everyone from your nan to Camden hipsters sipping this gem. This is a perfect bottle for BBQs or to take to Richmond Green with you!

Tasting Notes

Light and zesty. Bright notes of pear, green apples & nectarine, balanced with coastal salinity and a slight spritz.

Txakoli Ameztoi 2021



Wine maker: Ameztoi



Grapes: Hondarribi Zuri



Region: Getariako Txakolina, Spain

The story

Ameztoi (ah-mehs-toy) produces incredible wine from vineyards high on the seaside cliffs overlooking the Bay of Biscay in Spanish Basque country. Txakoli, pronounced cha-co-li, is grown in the coastal regions of San Sebastian, in the small, picturesque village of Getaria. Up until the 1980's, Txakoli was only produced as a homemade wine. During the mid-19th century it was at risk of dying out completely. Thankfully the DOC (Denomination of Origination Certification), which the Txakoli received in 1989, made sure that its quality, appeal and distribution was increased.

Tasting notes

Zesty apples, fresh, light, bright, sharp and salty...with a slight effervescence

Alchymist Blanc 2020



Wine maker: Valérie Courrèges



Grapes: Vermentino



Region: Provence, France

The story

After a brief stint as a chemistry student, Valérie soon realised that the nearby oenology campus looked much more appealing. A combination of her fondest childhood memories of making wine with her grandfather in Ossun, South West France, and the fact that the oenology students were having much more fun than the chemists led Valérie to a colourful and exciting career as a winemaker. After a stint at Viña Los Vascos, followed by Opus One, she landed a role as head winemaker for Château Fontainebleau. It was here that she was able to hone her skills as a biodynamic winemaker. Today Valérie makes wine under her own labels, which are a playful reference to her convivial and rebellious nature.

Tasting notes

Pure, floral and soft. Made from 100% Vermentino, this is just such a clean and refreshing tippie that's full of minerality, texture and a beautiful overall clean profile.

Sauvignon de Touraine “Origine” BIO 2020



Wine maker: Domaine Guy Allion



Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc



Region: Loire, France

The story :

This Domaine with its beautiful Touraine-style house made out of tufa, produces first class Sauvignon from vines grown on perruche (sandy-clay) soil. The estate is managed according to the Terra Vitis programme, a codified system which posits not only respect for the environment but knowledge of the land, parcel by parcel. This sensitivity to the environment means that natural rather than chemical solutions can only be pursued in the vineyard. The grapes are picked at maximum ripeness and immediately transported to the winery to prevent oxidation.

Tasting notes :

This Sauvignon de Touraine, which in previous years has garnered high praise from the Guide Hachette, has lifted aromas of elderflower cordial, Victoria plums and hints of grass. Gooseberry fool infused with elderflower and hints of summer fruit.

Rioja “Los Toreros”



Wine maker: Bodega Moraza



Grapes: Macabeu



Region: Rioja, Spain

The story :

Bodegas Moraza has been in the Moraza family for six generations, but it was when Janire Moraza convinced her father and uncle to convert their 18 hectares of land to organic farming techniques that things got truly interesting. Janire Moraza is the 6th generation of her family to work this estate, which has been worked traditionally, without the use of modern chemicals. Her partner, Patricio Brongo, was making craft cider in Quebec when they met. This young and dynamic couple are making Rioja accessible to a younger generation of drinkers looking for fresher, lighter styles of wine.

Tasting notes :

A wine that is all about the mineral side of white Rioja. If you're a fan of salty white wine like us, then this will be right up your street. Some gentle lime pith and yes, you guessed it – sea salt flakes – linger on the palate for an eternity.

Touraine “Bel Air”



Wine maker: La Grange Tiphaine



Grapes: Chenin Blanc



Region: Loire, France

The story

For this fully organic estate, run by Coralie and Damien Delecheneau since 2002, the keyword is ‘respect’: respect for the soil, for nature, for historical techniques and a demanding fruit. Their philosophy is that this level of respect and care allows the grapes to truly express themselves, with character and elegance. Damien is the fifth generation to work this land. After studying oenology and viticulture in Bordeaux and working at wineries in California and South Africa, Coralie and Damien returned to the Loire in 2002. Damien took over from his father, growing grapes in Montlouis-sur-Loire and Amboise. After two decades he now crafts nearly a dozen award-winning wines that evoke the terroir in its purest sense.

Tasting notes

Notes of crisp, white fruit (apple, pear), freshy fruit (peach), yellow flowers, and minerals. It has a fresh and chalky finish.

Bourgogne Aligote



Wine maker: Fanny Sabre



Grapes: Aligote



Region: Burgundy, France

The story

Fanny Sabre didn’t plan to be a winemaker. She was at university studying law when her father died, and she took over the running of the estate. Initially, it was with the help of natural wine pioneer Philippe Pacalet who stepped in to help following Fanny’s father’s death. He taught Fanny how to farm organically. The grapes are all grown organically and harvested manually. Manual ploughing takes place between the rows of vines, which are sprayed only with organic mixtures. No herbicides are used. The wines are produced on a small scale, with each vine monitored closely and with meticulous attention to detail in the cellar. No synthetic chemicals are added, with natural treatments used instead during the process.

Tasting notes :

Tropical fruit meets apples and bergamot and is then surrounded by vanilla and saké.

“Valentia”



Wine maker: Cosmic Vinyaters



Grapes: Ali Carignan Blanc



Region: Catalunya, Spain

The story

Salvador farms organically and uses biodynamic practices when necessary, but he prefers to be recognised for his deep respect for the natural environment than to be categorised. Cosmic winemaking is the philosophy of taking care of vines with patience, passion, creativity and freedom. In the cellar, Salvador uses energetic cleansing, Geopathy and sound vibrations to achieve ultimate harmonisation. His winemaking is pure, delicate and fresh in style, creating wines that are connected to the present and underpinned by intentions and values that inspire him. An independent, determined and spiritual man, his dream was always to make his own wine in his own style. Salvador’s home sits above his cellar and overlooks a small courtyard filled with mandarin trees and the sounds of the nearby church bells.

“The name of my cellar is Cosmic - when you are cosmic - you are not the owner of a place; you are part of the place. The balance is when you find the difference between white and black.”

Tasting notes

Complex and mineral with baked apple notes and delicate floral hints.

AC Chablis “Côte aux Prêtres”



Wine maker: Château de Béru



Grapes: Chardonnay



Region: Burgundy, France

The story

It was out of respect for the rich history of the terroir that Château De Béru decided to convert to organic and biodynamic winemaking. The Béru family have owned the estate for 400 years, and even writings by 9th-century monks note the vineyards growing here. Today a mother and daughter team, Laurence and Athénaïs, manage the Béru family estate. The wines with the Athénaïs label are made with grapes specially selected from local Burgundy vineyards that are then vinified at Château De Béru.

Tasting notes

A cool, citrus minerality. Crisp, fresh, lemon, lime, apple, minerality, freshly cut grass.

RED WINES

2020 Gran Cerdo



Wine maker: Tinto



Grapes: Tempranillo



Region: Rioja, Spain

The story :

Declassified Rioja, from a winemaker who dislikes playing by the rules. Dedicating the Gran Cerdo label (which translates to Big Pig in Spanish) to the bank executives who wouldn't give him a loan to start his wine business, Gonzalo Grijalba has developed a bit of a cult following. He's extremely passionate about reclaiming the biodiversity of the earth he farms and has eschewed commercial practices involving pesticides and herbicides for more biodynamic methods.

Tasting notes :

A fruity number with distinct hints of cherries and cassis.

2020 Samurai



Wine maker: Free Run Juice



Grapes: Shiraz



Region: Angaston, Australia

The story :

Free Run Juice Samurai Shiraz is produced in the village of Angaston in South Australia. Minimal intervention – vegan-friendly – natural winemaking techniques from the team at FRJ, a pair of funky, natural Ozzie wines that are sure to hit the spot! FRJ uses some of the best small vineyards in South Australia to make interesting wines with depth.

Tasting notes :

Packed with fantastical brambly, berry-laden fruit aromas and flavours with a nice underlying spiciness and a peppery kick to its finish.

2019 Alchemist Rouge



Wine maker: Valérie Courrèges



Grapes: Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon



Region: Provence, France

The story:

After a brief stint as a chemistry student, Valérie soon realised that the nearby oenology campus looked much more appealing. A combination of her fondest childhood memories of making wine with her grandfather in Ossun, SouthWest France, and the fact that the oenology students were having much more fun than the chemists led Valérie to a colourful and exciting career as a winemaker. After a stint at Viña Los Vascos, followed by Opus One, she landed a role as head winemaker for Château Fontainebleau. It was here that she was able to hone her skills as a biodynamic winemaker. Today Valérie makes wine under her own labels, which are a playful reference to her convivial and rebellious nature.

Tasting notes

Blueberries, black olives, gentle peppery notes.

2020 Légende



Wine maker: Domaine des Jeanne



Grapes: Grenache, Syrah



Region: Rhone, France

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Tasting notes

Rich plums, raspberries, blackberries, black cherries and mixed spices.

2019 “Beaujolais-Villages”



Wine maker: Anthony Thévenet



Grapes: Gamay



Region: Beaujolais, France

The story :

Anthony Thévenet is a young winemaker who has only been producing since 2013, but in those few years his wines have really made a splash. While Anthony may be new to the scene, his family certainly is not. His great grandfather worked the vines here, as did his grandfather, from whom he inherited his first two hectares (to which he also recently added a hectare in Côte Du Py). Some of his vines are 150 years old, standing like historical monuments to his family’s proud history. One of the plots has been there for a century and produces magnificent wine.

Tasting notes :

The Beaujolais-Villages is a firm favourite at Chalk and one of our bestsellers. Light, rustic, elegant, aromatic and bursting with fruit. This wine can also be enjoyed chilled.

VDF “Atypique”



Wine maker: Reynald Héaulé



Grapes: Gamay, Menu Pineau, Pinot Noir



Region: Loire, France

The story :

Life couldn't have changed more for Reynald Héaulé. After having trained as an accountant, he quickly decided instead to follow the call of winemaking, and he is now a fascinating producer in the Loire region. Héaulé was tutored by Claude Courtois, and, like his mentor, is known for his unusual selection of grapes, including Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay, Gascon and Pinot Gris.

Tasting notes :

Light but with explosive florals, spices, and gentle red fruits.

2019 El Rumbero



Wine maker: Oriol Artigas



Grapes: Merlot, Sumoll, Syrah



Region: Catalunya, Spain

The story :

Judging by the critical success of Oriol Artigas's wine production in Catalunya, one might be forgiven for assuming that wine had always been his passion. But like many other organic wine producers, the call to the vineyard was one heard later in life, after starting out wanting to be a chemist. It was only after he worked on a harvest in Penedes that winemaking won its place as the main focus in Oriol's life, prompting him to study winemaking and eventually move his experimentation out of the lab and into the field. His over-arching philosophy is to "cultivate the vineyards in the most natural and least interventionist way possible, to allow the grapes to express in the most intense way the landscape from which they come."

Tasting notes :

Fresh and fruity, creamy and very approachable with ripe red fruit flavours.

2019 Concrete "Montepulciano"



Wine maker: De Fermo



Grapes: Montepulciano



Region: Abruzzo, Italy

The story :

When Stefano first visited the De Fermo family vineyards in 2007, Stefano was smitten. He later stumbled upon a long-abandoned winery, dating back to 1785, buried under the family house. This was a sign too powerful to ignore - Stefano began restoring the winery and started to make wine. He and Eloisa took over the estate in 2009 and immediately began converting it to biodynamics for which they are now certified.

"The goal is to have wines that have character, individuality, and that are genuine."

Tasting notes :

Fresh violets, wild strawberries and with a slight minerality.

2019 AP Crozes Hermitage “Georges”



Wine maker: David Reynaud



Grapes: Syrah



Region: Rhône, France

The story :

Domaine Les Bruyères began life in 1955, run then by Georges Reynaud, who planted 20 hectares of vines in Beaumont-Monteux, on a gentle slope by the banks of the Isère River. It was only after his grandson, David Reynaud, took over the domain that things changed quickly. He was 28 at the time, and had constructed a new winemaking facility with the purpose of creating incredible wines made without the artificiality introduced so heavily in conventional winemaking. A new organic regime was introduced in 2003, and by 2005 the estate was certified biodynamic. The domaine today spans 20 hectares, and its wines are world famous. The Wine Spectator gave the 2011 vintage a score of 91, the 2012 won gold at the Decanter World Wine Awards and the 2013 vintage was awarded the Cité Guide Hachette des Vins. It is one of the most popular wines of the region.

Tasting notes :

Spice-driven dark berry, smoky cherry, peony and liquorice.

2018 Cote de Francs “Emilien”



Wine maker: Le Puy



Grapes: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc



Region: Bordeaux, France

The story :

Currently run by Jean-Pierre, Françoise and Pascal – the 15th generation of the Amoreau family, who began making wine back in 1610. Despite the march of time, production here harks back to an older era. Unlike most Bordeaux wines, which are blended from several grapes, this estate crushes grape varieties together allowing the indigenous yeasts from different parcels and grapes to combine. This provides an extra layer of complexity during their natural fermentation process. These wines are capable of maturing for decades. From 1990, Le Puy started to move towards sulphite-free vinification, with an extra focus on using only carefully selected grapes without added sulphites, sugars or yeasts, and then allowing the wine to barrel mature for 24 months, with regular stirring in accordance with the lunar calendar. No filtration or fining takes place.

Tasting notes :

Liquorice, forest floor, spices, floral and cedar notes.

ROSÉS WINES

2020 JJ Esprit Rosé



Wine maker: Domaine des Jeanne



Grapes: Grenache, Counoise, Ugni Blanc, Mourvèdre



Region: Provence, France

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Tasting Notes :

Fresh wild strawberries, raspberries, sweet watermelon, orange and lemon zest.

2019 Alchymist Rosé



Wine maker: Valérie Courrèges



Grapes: Grenache, Cinsault



Region: Provence, France

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Tasting notes :

Lightly floral with gentle red berries.

ORANGE WINES

2021 El Carro de la Mata



Wine maker: Finca Casa Balaguer



Grapes: Moscatel de Alexandria



Region: Alicante, Spain

The story :

Finca Casa Balaguer are a small family run winery based in Alicante. Their wines are made in the most natural way possible, practicing organic agriculture. The focus is on local grape varieties such as Monastrell, Alicante Bouschet and Malvasia, and only natural yeasts and absolutely no chemical additives are used in their wines. In their own words, 'we believe our grapes should express themselves naturally, so it is our job as wines makers to provide them with the best possible environment in which to grow. The less intervention from us in the winery the better, so our wines can truly reflect the character of our wonderful land.'

Tasting notes :

Bold tropical fruit with notes of honey, salt, white flowers and subtle touches of spicy oak. Very dry mineral and saline.

2020 Radikon Collio 'Sivi'



Wine maker: Radikon



Grapes: Pinot Grigio



Region: Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

The story :

Stanko Radikon is considered to be the king of orange wines! Unless you've been hiding under a rock during the Natural Wine craze you would have come across Radikon, a 12-hectare estate on the Slovenian border of Italy famed for its Orange wines which have great ageing potential but importantly are absolutely banging. A biodynamic, low sulphur wine where the grapes spend around 12 days on the skins giving it an unbelievably beautiful dark candied orange colour that is truly unique.

Tasting notes :

On the palate, this is where things get fun, the wine is complex with the most prominent flavour being tangerine which is accompanied by a touch of spice and a savoury kind of texture. Its truly one of the OG's of the Natural Wine world and a must-try.

SPARKLING

JJ Bulle Blanche and JJ Bulle Rosé



Wine maker: Domaine des Jeanne



Grapes Rosé: Grenache



Grapes Blanche: Grenache, Counoise, Ugni Blanc, Mourvèdre



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Tasting notes

JJ Bulle Blanche: The nose has a clean, mineral freshness to it. The initial scents of wildflowers give way to layers of light citrus, pear, ripe melon and a hint of honey richness. In the mouth, the Viognier and Roussanne combine to give flavours of exotic fruits like lychee and mango with tangerine and honey. This is balanced by light acidity of grapefruit and lime zest from the Grenache Blanc. The finish is long with lingering ripe fruit flavours and a touch of honey.

JJ Bulle Rosé: Deliciously light strawberry and raspberry fruit excite your palate and the underlying hints of lime and watermelon balance the taste perfectly. The mousse is gentle but persistent providing just the right amount of fizz. The finish is clean and subtle.

Freccibomb Pet Nat Rosato



Wine maker: Calcarius



Grapes: Nero di Troia



Region: Puglia, Italy

The story

Calcarius are based in Apricena, Puglia. It is a living, working farm comprising 80 hectares of vines, fruit and vegetables, owner Valentina Passalacqua has been a leader in biodynamic agriculture in Puglia since 2000. Pet Nat style with secondary fermentation in bottle.

Tasting notes :

A really fun, approachable pet nat rose that's a complete fruit bomb, 100% Nero di Troia, bursting with juicy raspberries, red cherries and lychee.

Frerejean Freres Champagnes



Champagne maker: Terroir Frerejean Freres



Grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir



Region: Champagne, France

The story  :

Frerejean Freres founders, Guillaume, Richard and Rodolphe Frerejean-Taittinger, started out making Champagne for friends and family, but word spread, and we went into business in 2005. They take a fresh approach to Champagne, that respects traditional methods, but leaves room for innovation. Their Champagne is now sold in hand-selected outlets the world over, but have stayed true to a small-scale approach.