



ALTHOFF | SOMMELIER - COLLECTION

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THE ALTHOFF | SOMMELIER-COLLECTION THAT YOU ARE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS IS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND HIGHEST QUALITY WINE LISTS AVAILABLE.

THIS WINE LIST AIMS NOT ONLY TO PRESENT WINES THAT MATCH THE CHOSEN DISHES PERFECTLY, BUT ALSO TO CREATE A MULTIPLICITY THAT CATERS TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS' INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS. WE HAVE ONLY INCLUDED WINES THAT HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES THROUGH HIGHEST QUALITY OVER THE PAST YEARS.

WE, THE SOMMELIERS OF THE ALTHOFF HOTEL COLLECTION, HAVE INCORPORATED OUR LONG-TIME EXPERIENCE, PASSION AND PERSONAL CONTACTS INTO THIS LIST, IN ORDER TO SELECT SOME OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING WINES FROM THE BEST VINEYARDS IN EUROPE AND TO PRESENT THEM TO YOU ON THIS OCCASION.

WE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN THE RESPECTIVE WINEGROWING REGIONS, PHILOSOPHIZING AT GREAT LENGTHS, AS WELL AS TASTING AND BLENDING - UNTIL WE FINALLY COMPOSED THE PERFECT WINES FOR YOU FROM EVERY SINGLE VINEYARD.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO WIN OVER SUCH WELL-KNOWN WINE-GROWERS AND EQUALLY PROUD OF BEING ABLE TO PRESENT THIS OUTSTANDING SELECTION TO YOU.

WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PRESENT TO YOU A DECIDED WINE RECOMMENDATION TO GO WITH YOUR SELECTION OF DISHES. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO FORWARD YOUR DECISION TO US SEVEN DAYS BEFORE YOUR EVENT SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE EVERYTHING AS REQUESTED. PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES IN VINTAGE CAN OCCUR.

UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, ALL BOTTLES ARE 0.75 LITRE BOTTLES. ALL PRICES ARE QUOTED IN EUROS, INCLUDING STATUTORY VAT.

WE TRUST THIS LIST WILL PROVIDE INTERESTING, VINOPHILE READING!

SINCERELY,

YOUR ALTHOFF SOMMELIER TEAM

HOLGER SCHRAMM - HOTEL AM SCHLOSSGARTEN

SEBASTIAN WILKENS - FÜRSTENHOF CELLE

THOMAS SOMMER - SCHLOSSHOTEL LERBACH

ROMANA ECHENSPERGER - GRANDHOTEL SCHLOSS BENSBERG

SONJA SCHOLLENBERGER - SEEHOTEL ÜBERFAHRT

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*T*HE FRANZ KÜNSTLER VINEYARD IS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE RHEINGAU BY THE RIVER MAIN AND NOT DIRECTLY BY THE RHINE. HERE IN HOCHHEIM YOU CAN TRAVEL PAST LOCATIONS THAT HAVE HAD A GOOD REPUTATION FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS AND WERE EVEN KNOWN TO QUEEN VICTORIA HERSELF.

THE VINES LIE IN A SHELTERED VALLEY FACING SOUTH THAT COLLECTS AND STORES WARMTH RATHER WELL. THIS PROVIDES A SPECIAL MICRO-CLIMATE, WHICH GIVES THE GRAPES PERFECT RIPENESS NOT FAR FROM THE 50TH DEGREE OF LATITUDE.

WEISS ERD VINES PREFER DEEP LOAMY-CLAYEY SOILS THAT WILL PROVIDE INTENSE AND RICH WINES. THIS LOCATION IS IN FACT ONE OF THE OLDEST EVER TO BE ENLISTED IN THE VINE LOCATION REGISTRY.

TODAY, THE WINEGROWER GUNTHER KÜNSTLER IS SET TO REVIVE THE LOCATION'S PAST REPUTATION. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PRESENT THIS "ERSTE GEWÄCHS" (FIRST GROWTH) OF THE MODERN VERSION EXCLUSIVELY TO YOU.

2008 WEISS ERD | RIESLING TROCKEN  
 WEINGUT KÜNSTLER | RHEINGAU .....48 EURO

*W*ITH A HISTORY SPANNING MORE THAN 650 YEAR, THE WEINGUT REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT IS A VINEYARD WITH ONE OF THE LONGEST TRADITIONS IN THE MOSEL AREA. THE VINEYARD STANDS OUT THROUGH THE FACT THAT IT OWNS FIRST-CLASS VINEYARD LOCATIONS IN ALL THREE VALLEYS OF THE WINEGROWING AREA. THE GREAT CHALLENGE ON THESE STEEP SLOPES, WHICH CAN ONLY BE WORKED ON LABORIOUSLY PER HAND, IS TO CAPTURE THE LOCATION'S UNIQUE STYLE.

NEVERTHELESS, TOGETHER WITH THE EXCEPTIONALLY LIKEABLE WINEMAKER ANNEGRET REHGARTNER, WE MANAGED TO SELECT A WINE FROM THE HEART OF THE PIESPORTER GOLDTRÖPFCHEN LOCATION. THIS MONUMENTAL LOCATION IN THE MIDDLE MOSEL AREA IS A NATURALLY SHAPED, SOUTH-FACING "AMPHITHEATRE" FOR THE VINES. IT WAS IN FACT THE ROMANS WHO ACTUALLY FIRST PLANTED VINES HERE.

THE MOSEL STYLE CANNOT BE COPIED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD - A PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN FINE FRUIT SWEETNESS, JUICY ACIDITY AND MINERAL SLATE FLAVOUR. NO OTHER WINE WITH SUCH LOW ALCOHOL CONTENT CAN CLAIM TO HAVE SUCH AN ABUNDANCE OF AROMAS. A TRULY OUTSTANDING PLEASURE!

2008 PIESPORTER DOMHERR | RIESLING KABINETT  
 WEINGUT REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT | MOSEL .....35 EURO

*L*UDWIG KNOLL HAS BEEN DEALING WITH WINE SINCE HE WAS A CHILD. HE IS THE FIFTH GENERATION OF KNOLL WINEGROWERS AND TOOK OVER THE VINEYARD FROM HIS FATHER IN 1990. WITH ITS AWARD-WINNING ARCHITECTURE, IT LIES EMBEDDED IN ONE OF THE MOST WELL-KNOWN FRANCONIAN VINEYARD SITES, THE WÜRZBURGER STEIN. TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE SANDRA, LUDWIG KNOLL LIVED UP TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY-ORIENTED WINE-MAKING FROM AN EARLY STAGE.

PLEASURE, COMMITMENT AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE ARE GUARANTORS FOR HIGH QUALITY. THE COMBINATION OF NATURE, MAN AND TECHNOLOGY DRIVES HIS THOUGHTS. THE PRINCIPAL OF HOLISM IS IN THE FOCUS OF THE VINEYARD SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN ALSO LIVE IN A PREFERABLY INTACT ENVIRONMENT.

THUS, THE CONSEQUENT STEP WAS TO CHANGE OVER TO ECOLOGICAL WINE-GROWING IN 2008. THE SOUTH-FACING, SHELL-SHAPED STEEP SLOPE CALLED "WÜRZBURGER STEIN" IS LOCATED ABOVE THE TOWN. THE VINES STAND IN PURE SHELL LIMESTONE, WHICH PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SILVANER.

YOU WILL BE THRILLED BY THE NUTTY AROMA!

2008 DRY SILVANER

WEINGUT AM STEIN - LUDWIG KNOLL | FRANCONIA . . . . .29 EURO

*W*EINGUT DR. WEHRHEIM IS MANAGED BY KARL-HEINZ WEHRHEIM, THE THIRD FAMILY GENERATION. IN THE 80s, HE AND HIS WINEGROWER COLLEAGUE HANS-JÖRG REBHOLOZ MANAGED TO AWAKEN THE SOUTHERN PALATINATE REGION FROM ITS 100 YEAR SLEEP.

TODAY, THE WINES FROM THE BIRKWEILER AND SIEBELDINGER LOCATIONS ARE WELL-KNOWN FAR BEYOND NATIONAL BORDERS.

MR. WEHRHEIM HAS BEEN WORKING HIS LAND ACCORDING TO CERTIFIED ORGANIC PRINCIPLES FOR A LONG TIME. AND SINCE 2007 THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF SWITCHING TO BIODYNAMIC WINE-GROWING. THIS TYPE OF VITICULTURE ENTIRELY RENOUNCES THE USE OF ANY SYSTEMATIC PESTICIDES. ONLY HOMEOPATHIC AGENTS ARE USED, MOON PHASES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND THE VINEYARD IS NOT WORKED ON AS A MONOCULTURE.

THIS MAY SEEM STRANGE, BUT IT IS RATHER ASTOUNDING TO SEE HOW MUCH THE WINES HAVE GAINED IN TERMS OF EXPRESSION AND AUTHENTIC REFLECTION. WE ARE INDEED VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE WON OVER KARL-HEINZ WEHRHEIM FOR OUR PINOT BLANC.

2008 DRY PINOT BLANC "BUNTSANDSTEIN"

WEINGUT DR. WEHRHEIM | PALATINE . . . . .26 EURO

*N*O OTHER VINEYARD IN BADEN IS SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART OF BADEN'S WINE CULTURE. IT IS AS MUCH A PART OF BADEN AS IS THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE KAISERSTUHL, CHARACTERISED BY ITS VOLCANIC HISTORY.

BADEN IS THE SOUTHERNMOST WINE-GROWING AREA IN GERMANY AND LIES IN A DIFFERENT, WARMER CLIMATE ZONE. THAT IS WHY IT IS RATHER HOME TO BURGUNDY TYPES THAT REQUIRE MORE SUN AND WARMTH TO REACH MATURITY THAN RIESLINGS.

THE IMPRESSIVE LANDSCAPE OF THE KAISERSTUHL LIES IN THE MIDST OF THE RHINE PLAIN BETWEEN THE WESTERN VOSGES MOUNTAINS AND THE BLACK FOREST TO THE EAST. THESE VOLCANIC HILLS PROVIDE ALMOST MEDITERRANEAN CONDITIONS THAT GIVE OUR PINOT GRIS ITS UNIQUE FLAVOUR AND ELEGANCE. THANKS TO HIS EXCEPTIONAL SKILL AND UNDERSTANDING IN HIS SPECIALIST FIELD, THE WINE-GROWER LEGEND JOACHIM HEGER IS ABLE TO PRODUCE WINES WITH GREAT CHARACTER AND FINISH.

A PERFECT FIT FOR YOUR MEAL!

2007 IHRINGER WINKLERBERG | DRY PINOT GRIS  
WEINGUT DR. HEGER | BADEN . . . . .48 EURO

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*W*HAT HAPPENS WHEN A YOUNG APPRENTICE LEARNS FROM THE BEST WINE-GROWERS? CORRECT - YOU CAN ASSUME THAT HE TOO WILL SOON PROVIDE EXCELLENT WORK. BUT THE FACT THAT FLORIAN FAUTH WOULD ACTUALLY BRING BACK THE SPARKLE TO THE FAMILY BUSINESS IN WESTHOFEN AFTER HIS YEARS AS AN APPRENTICE (AMONGST OTHERS WITH DR. WEHRHEIM) SO QUICKLY, WAS SIMPLY FANTASTIC.

TODAY, AT 29 YEARS OF AGE, HE IS HOWEVER STILL CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT OF A "NEWCOMER", ALTHOUGH GERMAN WINE ENTHUSIASTS HAVE BEEN AWARE OF WEINGUT SEEHOF FOR QUITE A WHILE. ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF SWEET WINES, FLORIAN FAUTH KNOWS TO CAPTURE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF HIS VINES IN THE HILLY RHINEHESSE COUNTRYSIDE. THIS REGION HAS BEEN CONSIDERED THE MOST INNOVATIVE WINE-GROWING AREA IN GERMANY FOR SOME YEARS, AND MANY OF WESTHOFEN'S LOCATIONS ARE WELL-KNOWN ACROSS THE GLOBE.

TOGETHER WITH HIM, WE BROUGHT TOGETHER THE BEST OF THE BEERENAUSSLESE AND CREATED A "CUVÉE HÜGELLAND" - NAMED AFTER THE WONDERFUL COUNTRYSIDE.

2008 WESTHOFENER "CUVÉE HÜGELLAND" | BEERENAUSSLESE  
WEINGUT SEEHOF - FLORIAN FAUTH | RHEINHESSEN . . . . .0,5 LITRES - 55 EURO  
(ONE BOTTLE IS NORMALLY SUFFICIENT FOR 10 PERSONS)

*W*EINGUT TEMENT IS LOCATED ON A SMALL PLATEAU THAT FLATTENS THE GRADIENT OF THE ZIEREGG WARD OFF SLIGHTLY AND PROVIDES A BREATHTAKING VIEW INTO THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY OF SLOVENIA AS WELL AS SOUTHERN EAST-STYRIA.

A FAMILY BUSINESS BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERN SPIRITS. WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE QUALITY OF WINE GROWS IN THE VINEYARD, THE TEMENTS ARE ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE NATURE'S HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY OF GRAPES WITH UTMOST ACCURACY AND CARE. TWO STYLES ARE FOLLOWED IN THE VINEYARD, OF WHICH THE MAIN PART GOES TO THE "STEIRISCHE KLASSIK" WINES. THIS DESCRIBES WINES THAT ARE FRESH, HAVE A GREAT CHARACTER OF VARIETY, HAVE LOW ALCOHOL CONTENT (AS IS TYPICAL FOR THE VINTAGE), AND ARE PREDOMINANTLY AGED IN STEEL TANKS.

WINES FOR WHICH THE STEIERMARK IS RENOWNED.

2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC "STEIRISCHE KLASSIK"  
WEINGUT MANFRED TEMENT | SOUTH - STYRIA . . . . . 38 EURO

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*T*HE CULTIVATED VINE AREA OF THE SCHMELZ VINEYARD IN JOCHING REACHES SIX KILOMETRES DOWN THE RIVER DANUBE BETWEEN WÖSENDORF AND UNTERLOIBEN. THE AMOUNT OF DIFFERENT MICROCLIMATES IN THE WACHAU AREA AND THE VARIETY OF SOIL CONSISTENCIES PROVIDE A GREAT AMOUNT OF VARIETIES AND NUANCES.

THE "GRÜNE VELTINER", AUSTRIA'S PRIME GRAPE VARIETY, FEELS VERY MUCH AT HOME IN THE WACHAU REGION. ONLY HERE IN THE COOL FOOTHILLS OF THE WACHAU IS IT POSSIBLE TO CREATE WINES WITH SUCCULENCE, MINERAL DEPTH AND AN INCREDIBLE "SCHMELZ" EXPERIENCE.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE A FIRST-CLASS CUVEE FROM THE PICHL POINT SITE TOGETHER WITH JOHANN SCHMELZ (WINEGROWER OF THE YEAR 2005).

PICHEL POINT CONSISTS OF LOAM SOIL, WHICH GIVES THE WINE FINE SWEETNESS, SPICE AND TOBACCO AROMAS. THE WINE'S FINISH KNOWS TO IMPRESS WITH ITS TYPICAL PEPPERY FLAVOUR AND FINE ACIDITY. WHICH ALWAYS MAKES IT A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE ANOTHER GLASS!

2007 PICHL POINT | GRÜNER VELTLINER SMARAGD  
WEINGUT JOHANN SCHMELZ | WACHAU . . . . . 48 EURO

*T*HE LAMY FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN WINERY SINCE 1640, ON THE BORDERS OF THE CÔTE DE BEAUNE, IN THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF SAINT AUBIN. IN 1973 HUBERT LAMY FOUNDED THE DOMAINE ON THEN EIGHT HECTARES OF LAND. IN 1995 OLIVIER LAMY JOINED HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS AFTER COMPLETING HIS WINEGROWER-SCHOOLING AND WORK EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE AND ABROAD.

HE INSPIRED MANY INNOVATIONS IN THE FAMILY VINEYARD. AREAS OF THE VINEYARD THAT WERE IN A DISADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION WERE RENEWED. NEW LOTS OF LAND IN ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATIONS WERE BOUGHT OR LEASED. TODAY, THE DOMAINE COMPRISES 16.5 HA. OF VINE-GROWING AREA, MAINLY CHARDONNAY, AND IS CULTIVATED IN A NATURE-ORIENTED FASHION.

OLIVIER LAMY ALWAYS TRIES TO EMBODY THE SOILS IN WHICH HIS VINES GROW IN HIS WINES. WHAT BEGINS IN THE VINEYARD IN A VERY DILIGENT MANNER, MUST BE PERFECTED LATER IN THE CELLARS IN A SIMILARLY CAREFUL WAY.

HE HAS RECENTLY CONCENTRATED ON REFINING HIS CHARDONNAY'S STYLE. THE WINES SHOULD BE FINE AND CLEAR, CHARACTERIZED BY THE LIMY SOILS AND THE COOL CLIMATE. IDEAL COMPANIONS FOR YOUR MEAL THAT WILL NOT TRY TO PUSH TO THE FORE.

NATURALLY, THE CHARDONNAY IS AGED IN CLASSIC BARRIQUES. BUT ONLY A QUARTER OF THE BARRELS ARE ACTUALLY NEW. THAT ENSURES FINE AND INTEGRATED ROASTED AROMAS THAT WILL ADD ANOTHER DIMENSION TO THE WINE. HOWEVER, WILL NOT MASK IT.

2007 SAINT AUBIN "LA PRINCÉE"  
 DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY | BURGUNDY .....75 EURO

*T*HE YOUNG MAN JONATHAN PABIOT TOOK OVER TWO HECTARES OF VINEYARDS FROM THE FAMILY BUSINESS ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO AND IS NOW ALREADY DEEMED SOMETHING OF A SHOOTING STAR IN THE APPELLATION POUILLY FUMÉ! THE PABIOT FAMILY HAS BEEN CULTIVATING PURE POUILLY FUMÉ FULL OF FINESSE FOR FOUR GENERATIONS ON THE LIMY, LOAMY SOILS THAT ARE RICH IN FOSSILS AND FLINT.

THE SOILS OF THE DOMAINE HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO BIOLOGICAL FARMING SINCE THEIR TAKE-OVER. JONATHAN DOES NOT HESITATE TO LIMIT THE YIELDS QUITE DRASTICALLY IN SOME CASES, SO AS TO HARVEST IDEALLY RIPENED AND BALANCED GRAPES. THIS SAUVIGNON BLANC IS THEREFORE NOT ONE OF THE EXTREMELY HERBACEOUS WINES, BUT RATHER LIVES OFF ITS CREAMY AND YELLOW-FRUIT STYLE. THE WINE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY A TYPICAL SMOKY AROMA THAT COMES FROM THE EXCEPTIONAL SOILS IN THE APPELLATION POUILLY FUMÉ.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF BEING ABLE TO PRESENT THIS WINE TO YOU.

2008 POUILLY - FUMÉ  
 JONATHAN PABIOT | LOIRE .....48 EURO

2008 CUVÉE AUS COLOMBARD & SAUVIGNON BLANC  
 DOMAINE DE MÉNARD | VIN DE PAYS DE GASCOGNE .....29 EURO

2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC  
 SPIER | STELLENBOSCH - SOUTH AFRICA .....28 EURO



*T*HE ROYAL WUERTEMBERG WINEGROWING ACADEMY WAS FOUNDED OVER 250 YEARS AGO. AFTER CONTINUOUS GROWTH IT RECEIVED ITS CURRENT NAME IN 1952: STAATLICHE LEHR- UND VERSUCHSANSTALT FÜR WEIN- UND OBSTBAU WEINSBERG (WEINSBERG PUBLIC ACADEMY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR WINE AND FRUIT GROWING). APART FROM THE ESTABLISHED SCHOOLING, RESEARCH AND ADVANCED EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, A NUMBER OF FURTHER FUNCTIONS WERE ADDED. THE VINE NURSERY IS NOW ONE OF THE MAIN AREAS OF EXPERTISE. MANY INTERESTING NEW VARIETIES HAVE THUS BEEN DEVELOPED, SUCH AS DORNFELDER OR KERNER. BUT ALSO WHEN IT COMES TO INNOVATIVE WINE TECHNOLOGY, THE STATE WINERY IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF DEVELOPMENT. ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE FLASH PASTEURIZING PROCEDURE TO PRODUCE INTENSELY COLOURED WINES, WHICH WAS DEVELOPED UP TO THE STAGE OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND IS TODAY USED BY MANY LEADING WINERIES. THE PRODUCE HAS BEEN MARKETED UNDER THE NAME "STAATSWeingUT WEINSBERG" SINCE 1995. FOR THIS PURPOSE A NEW COMPANY DESIGN WAS DEVELOPED THAT BRINGS THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND INDIVIDUALITY INTO THE FOREGROUND. THE APPROX. 40 HECTARE VINEYARD IS LOCATED ON THE BEST SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST FACING SLOPES OF THE WUERTEMBERG LOWLANDS - IN WEINSBERG, THE AREA AROUND BURG WILDECK AND GUNDELSHEIM. THE DEEP SHELL-LIME STONE GROUNDS AND WARM GYPSUM KEUPER AND MARL SOILS ARE HOME TO MANY GRAPE VARIETIES WITH INDIVIDUAL, LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS. WE ARE EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE A CUVEE FOR OUR GUESTS TOGETHER WITH THE STAATSWeingUT WEINSBERG. 60% LEMBERGER, COMBINED WITH NEW CULTURES OF ACOLON AND CABERNET CUBIN.

2007 CUVÉE ROT  
 STAATSWeingUT WEINSBERG | WUERTEMBERG . . . . .32 EURO

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*M*ORE THAN 700 YEARS AGO CISTERCIAN MONKS BROUGHT PINOT NOIR TO MALTERDINGEN. THE MONKS' ESTATE, ALSO CALLED "CURIA" WAS LOCATED IN GEWANN MÖNCHHOFMATTEN AT THE TIME - ON THE SITE WHERE WEINGUT HUBER IS LOCATED TODAY. HERE THE MONKS FOUND THE SAME GEOLOGICAL TERROIR AS IN BURGUNDY - SHELL LIMESTONE DECOMPOSITION SOILS. THIS BARREN AND ROCKY GROUND ON THE ONE HAND FORCES THE VINES TO GROW ROOTS VERY DEEP DOWN, AND ON THE OTHER HAND IT CONTAINS VERY USEFUL TRACE ELEMENTS AND MINERALS THAT THE GRAPES TAKE UP, INFLUENCING THEIR TASTE. IT IS THANKS TO THE GREAT WINE CULTURE OF THESE MONKS THAT WE CAN NOT ONLY FIND THE NAME PINOT NOIR IN TODAY'S GRAPE VARIETY BOOKS AND WINE ENCYCLOPAEDIAS BUT ALSO THE SYNONYM "MALTERDINGER". THAT IS THE EXPRESSION FOR THE WINE THAT WAS WELL-KNOWN AND POPULAR IN AS FAR AWAY PLACES AS SWITZERLAND, THE ALLGAEU REGION AND THE BAVARIAN DANUBE VALLEY. TODAY, THE WINERY, MANAGED BY BARBARA AND BERNHARD HUBER, IS ONE OF THE LEADING OPERATIONS IN GERMANY. BERNHARD HUBER IS A TRUE PINOT NOIR MASTER. HIS INTUITIVE GRASP OF THE BIGGEST DIVA AMONGST GRAPES, HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXCEPTIONAL TERROIR AND HIS EXPERT USE OF BARRIQUE BARRELS HAVE CATAPULTED HIM TO THE TOP OF GERMAN RED WINE PRODUCERS.

2006 MALTERDINGER BIENENBERG | PINOT NOIR  
 WEINGUT BERNHARD HUBER | BADEN . . . . .45 EURO

*T*HE AZIENDA AGRICOLA CANDIALLE IS LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETRES SOUTH OF FLORENCE. THE VINEYARDS ARE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH END OF THE FAMOUS "CONCA D'ORO", A SOUTH-FACING NATURAL AMPHITHEATRE, WHICH MAKES SURE THAT EVERY SINGLE RAY OF SUN IS COLLECTED.

BUT THAT IS NOT THE ONLY REASON FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL WINES THAT ORIGINATE THERE. THE LOCATION IS ON A HIGHER LEVEL THAN OTHERS IN THE CHIANTI AREA, THEREFORE ENSURING A COOLER AND THUS LONGER GROWTH PHASE. THIS GIVES THE VINES PLENTY OF TIME TO STORE AS MANY FLAVOURS AS POSSIBLE.

THIS COMBINATION OF EXCEPTIONAL GEOGRAPHY AND THE TYPICAL GALESTRO SOIL ENSURES FINESSE AND ELEGANCE. A SANGIOVESE THAT IS SECOND TO NONE. AS IS THE CASE WITH MANY TOP LEVEL WINERIES, THE YOUNG, DEDICATED OWNER JOSEPHIN CRAMER IS COMMITTED TO ECOLOGICAL WINEGROWING. THE WINERY HAS ENABLED THE NATIVE GERMAN TO FULFIL ONE OF HER GREATEST DREAMS. IT IS HER MISSION TO CREATE CLASSIC CHIANTIS WITH 100% SANGIOVESE THAT COMBINE STRENGTH AND FINESSE.

A TASK THAT SHE HAS MANAGED TO ACHIEVE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

2006 CHIANTI CLASSICO  
 AZIENDA AGRICOLA CANDIALLE | TUSCANY . . . . .65 EURO

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*T*HIS IS A WONDERFUL VILLAGE STORY. AS IS THE CASE WITH SO MANY QUAINST STORIES, THIS ONE BEGINS WITH A NICKNAME "BRAIDA", WHICH GIUSEPPE BOLOGNA EARNED HIMSELF WHEN HE PLAYED THE SPORT "PALLONE ELASTIC", WHICH IS SO POPULAR IN THE PIEDMONT REGION. THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY WORKED AS A WAGGONER AND GREW BARBERA IN HIS WONDERFUL VINEYARD - FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FRIENDS. GIACOMO BOLOGNE INHERITED THE VINEYARD FROM HIS FATHER ALONG WITH THE NICKNAME, BUT ALSO THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF HIS LAND, THE WINE AND THE ITALIAN ZEST FOR LIFE. HE PASSED ON THAT SPECIAL FEELING TO THE NEXT GENERATION BUT ALSO TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS QUEST.

DAUGHTER RAFFAELA BOLOGNA AND HER BROTHER CAREFULLY INTRODUCED SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WINERY AND CELLAR. IN DOING SO, THE TWO OF THEM CREATED A NEW BARBERA STYLE THAT HAD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND WAS A ROLE MODEL FOR MANY IMITATORS. THEY KNOW TO COMBINE TRADITION AND MODERN SPIRIT IN A SKILFUL WAY.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT A LITTLE BIT OF "DOLCE VITA" TO YOU.

2007 BARBERA D'ASTI "MONTEBRUNA"  
 GIACOMO BOLOGNA - BRAIDA | PIEMONTE . . . . .55 EURO

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME, THE OLDEST DOMAINE IN GIGONDAS, IS TODAY MANAGED BY THE LIKE-ABLE LOUIS BARROUL WHO IS ACTUALLY A MEMBER OF THE 14TH FAMILY GENERATION.

AFTER LOUIS TOOK OVER THE WINERY TEN YEARS AGO, QUALITY AND POPULARITY SPURTED TO NEW HEIGHTS. TODAY SAINT COSME IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST VINEYARDS IN THE APPELLATION GIGONDAS. LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN RHÔNE AREA, THE DECISIVE FACTOR FOR QUALITY IS THE AGE OF THE VINES. ONCE YOU HAVE GOT TO KNOW THE ELDERLY, GNARLED PLANTS ON LOCATION, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.

THESE VINES WILL NOT LET EXTREME CLIMATIC CONDITIONS GET TO THEM, AND PROVIDE CONSISTENTLY LOW YIELDS, THUS ENSURING A NATURAL CONCENTRATION OF THE WINE. LOUIS BARROUL CAPTURES THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF THE VINES IN A GENTLE WAY.

THE CÔTES DU RHÔNE IS A CUVEE FROM SEVERAL LOTS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO COMPOSE OURSELVES. IT WAS OUR EXPRESSED AIM TO CAPTURE SOUTHERN FRANCE'S WORLD OF AROMAS.

AND TO CREATE A FULL BODIED, YET WELL-BALANCED WINE WHILST AT THE SAME TIME NOT FORGETTING DRINKABILITY. A WINE THAT IS SIMPLY FUN.

2007 COTES DU RHONE "SÉLECTION"  
CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME | RHÔNE .....35 EURO

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CHÂTEAU MANGOT HAS BEEN FAMILY-OWNED FOR MANY GENERATIONS. IT IS A RELATIVELY SMALL VINEYARD THAT CAN CALL FIRST-CLASS LOCATIONS IN ST. EMILION ITS OWN.

SINCE MARIE-ANNE AND JEAN TODESCHINE TOOK OVER THE VINEYARD IN 1989, A GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN INVESTED IN VINEYARD AND WINE CELLAR. THE AIM WAS TO PRODUCE WINES WITH MORE EXPRESSION OF THE TERROIR, MORE CONCENTRATION AND HIGHER QUALITY.

AS IS USUALLY THE CASE ON THE RIGHT RIVER BANK IN BORDEAUX, THE WINES ARE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE MERLOT GRAPE VARIETY. THIS VARIETY ENSURES THE SUCCULENT, CLOSE WOVEN AND CREAMY TANNIN STRUCTURE THAT MAKES THESE WINES SO CHARMING.

THE "VINTAGE OF THE CENTURY" 2005 IS VERY TRUE TO THIS EXCEPTIONAL STYLE. ALSO DUE TO ITS VINTAGE, THIS BORDEAUX IS A VERY SPECIAL COMBINATION OF DARK FRUITY CHARACTER, EXISTENT YET SMOOTH TANNIN AND THE PRONOUNCED MINERAL EARTHINESS OF THE SOILS.

THIS WINE WAS AGED FOR 12 MONTHS IN PARTIALLY NEW BARRIQUES, GIVING THE WINE A FINE, VANILLA DIMENSION.

A VERY GOOD WINE TO GO WITH YOUR MEAL, WITH FINESSE AND STRUCTURE.

2005 CHÂTEAU MANGOT  
SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU | BORDEAUX .....68 EURO

*T*HE FAMILY EGUREN HAS BEEN IN THE WINE BUSINESS SINCE 1870. THEIR GREATEST FORTUNE IS THE VINEYARDS IN THE RIOJA REGION WITH THEIR VINES THAT ARE OVER 40 YEARS OLD. THIS TREASURE LIES IN A PICTURESQUE LOCATION BETWEEN THE RIVER EBRO AND THE SIERRA CANTABRIA MOUNTAIN RANGE, AFTER WHICH THE FAMILY NAMED THE WINERY. THE MOUNTAIN RANGE IS IN FACT THE REASON WHY WINEGROWING IS ACTUALLY POSSIBLE THERE, AS IT KEEPS AWAY THE COLD NORTHERN WINDS. AT NIGHT TIME THE COLD AIR OF THE MOUNTAINS FLOWS DOWN INTO THE VALLEY AND ENSURES THAT THE GRAPES KEEP THEIR SUBTLE FRUIT. PERFECT RAW MATERIAL TO MAKE INFATUATING WINES. MARCOS EGUREN - ONE OF SPAIN'S BIGGEST WINE-GROWER TALENTS - MAKES USE OF THAT POTENTIAL VERY WELL. THE AGEING IN USED BARRELS BRINGS OUT THE SUCCULENCE OF THE TEMPRANILLO VINES VERY WELL, WITHOUT RELEASING ANY WOODEN TASTE. STRONG, YET WITH CREAMY AND WELL-BALANCED TANNIN, IT SIMPLY PROVIDES DRINKING PLEASURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

2005 RIOJA CRIANZA  
 SIERRA CANTABRIA | RIOJA ..... 36 EURO

*C*APCANES IS A SMALL COMMUNITY, TWO HOURS DRIVE SOUTH OF BARCELONA. LOCATED IN A HIGH MOUNTAIN VALLEY OF TARRAGONA DIRECTLY NEAR PRIORAT. AFFECTED BY THE VINE FRETTER CATASTROPHE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, FIVE WINEGROWER FAMILIES GOT TOGETHER AT FIRST TO FORM A SMALL COLLECTIVE. IN THAT WAY THEY WERE ABLE TO USE THE TECHNICAL APPARATUS THAT WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE UNTIL THEN. THUS, THE COOPERATIVE ENABLED THEM TO HARVEST AND PROCESS THE VINES UNDER HENCEFORTH ENOLOGICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMICAL CONDITIONS. THE VINEYARD, WHICH TODAY COMPRISES 220 HA. IS MAINLY COVERED WITH THE TRADITIONAL VINES SUCH AS GARNACHA AND CARINENA. FURTHERMORE, TEMPRANILLO AND THE INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT AND SYRAH ARE ALSO PRESENT. DUE TO THE UNUSUALLY HIGH AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINEYARD (ABOUT 30 YEARS), THE WINES KNOW TO EXCEL THROUGH A VERY HIGH NATURAL CONCENTRATION AND DENSITY. TODAY, AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE MODERNISATION PROCESS, CELLER CAPCANES HAS STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY AT ITS DISPOSAL. THE SMART, NATIVE GERMAN CELLAR MASTER JÜRGEN WAGNER PROVIDES EXTRAORDINARY QUALITIES YEAR FOR YEAR, THANKS TO HIS EXCEPTIONAL EYE FOR DETAIL. WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE THIS CUVEE OF GARNACHE, TEMPRANILLO, SYRAH AND MERLOT TOGETHER WITH HIM. A CLOSELY WOVEN POWERHOUSE WITH A GREAT DEAL OF AROMA AND ZEST. SUCCULENT, FRUITY, RICH IN EXTRACTS, FULL-BODIED BUT NEVERTHELESS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FINESSE.

2005 CAL SISCON | RESERVA SELECCIÓ ESPECIAL  
 CELLER CAPCANES | MONTSANT ..... 58 EURO

*T*HE VINEYARD REICHSRAT VON BUHL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE LEADING VINEYARDS IN GERMANY SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN 1849 BY FRANZ PETER BUHL. ALONG WITH BASSERMANN JORDAN AND BÜRKLIN WOLF, CONNOISSEURS CALL IT ONE OF THE "THREE BIG B'S IN DEIDENHEIM".

THE VINEYARD'S PHILOSOPHY IS DEFINED PURELY BY NATURE AND THE PURSUIT OF MAXIMUM QUALITY.

IN SO DOING, THE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN VINIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AND OUTDOOR OPERATION MERELY SET THE SETTING FOR SUCCESSFUL WORK. A STRICT REDUCTION IN AND SELECTION OF HARVEST, GENTLE AGEING AND CAREFUL MATURING ARE FURTHER STEPS TO INCREASE QUALITY.

AN OWN FERMENTATION PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT AT THE WINERY SINCE 1994. HERE TOO, QUALITY IS OF THE ESSENCE. WITHIN THE SPACE OF ONLY A FEW YEARS, VON BUHL HAS ALSO EARNED ITSELF A QUALITY BRAND SEAL AS ONE OF THE BEST PRODUCERS OF SPARKLING WINE IN GERMANY.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A VERY SPECIAL SPARKLING WINE CUVEE, PRODUCED IN TRADITIONAL BOTTLE FERMENTATION.

THE BEST RIESLING BASE WINES, 18 MONTH STORAGE AND DOSAGE WITH A FORSTER FREUNDSTÜCK AUSLESE PLAY A VITAL PART IN CREATING SUCH EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY.

2007 RIESLING SEKT BRUT

REICHSRAT VON BUHL | PFALZ .....37 EURO

*J*EAN PERNET IS A SMALL WINEGROWER IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION WHO PRODUCES HIS BASE WINES EXCLUSIVELY IN HIS OWN 6 HA. LARGE VINEYARD.

THE VINEYARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE DISTRICTS OF MESNIL SUR OGER, OGER AND CHOUILLY, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED THE BEST SOILS FOR CHARDONNAY IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION. GENTLE CULTIVATION, LIMITED GRAPE YIELDS AND THE UNIQUE CHALK GROUND ENSURE THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE GRAPES.

THE BASE WINES FROM THESE GRAND CRU LOCATIONS ARE PARTIALLY AGED IN USED BARRIQUE BARRELS, GIVING THE CHAMPAGNE ITS CREAMY AND NUTTY CHARACTER. AFTER THE SECOND FERMENTATION, THE CHAMPAGNE REMAINS ON THE YEAST FOR MORE THAN 30 MONTHS IN ORDER TO PRODUCE AN ESPECIALLY FINE AND ANIMATING PERLAGE.

FRESH, FINE AND WITH AN INFATUATING BOUQUET - THAT WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE THE EXCELLENT CHAMPAGNE THAT WINEGROWER JEAN PERNET HAS TO OFFER!

GRAND CRU RÉSERVE | BLANC DE BLANCS  
 JEAN PERNET | CHAMPAGNE .....95 EURO

*B*RUNO PAILLARD IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION. HIS IMPRESSIVE SIZE AND STYLISTICALLY CONFIDENT MANNER, COMBINED WITH HIS EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND HUMBLENESS MAKE HIM AN IMPORTANT ADVISOR IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION. THE VINEYARD WAS FOUNDED IN 1981 AFTER YEARS IN WHICH MR. PAILLARD HAD WORKED AS A BROKER.

HE ENTHUSIASTICALLY BEGAN HIS NEW TASK IN HIS TYPICALLY PERFECTIONIST WAY AND TRULY DID NOT HAVE IT ALL THAT EASY. IN THE EARLY YEARS, AS HE DID NOT HAVE HIS OWN VINEYARD, HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO BUY FINISHED CHAMPAGNE FROM WINEGROWERS THAT HAD GONE BANKRUPT. THROUGH CONTINUOUS HARD WORK AND IMMENSE AMBITION, HE TODAY HAS 120 WINEGROWERS UNDER CONTRACT. THESE PREPARE THE BASE WINES IN 32 DIFFERENT REGIONS OF CHAMPAGNE ACCORDING TO HIS GUIDELINES.

THIS LARGE SELECTION OF BASE WINES ENABLES HIM TO CREATE HIS OWN BRILLIANT STYLE OF WINE. AS A SIGN OF HIS EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS, HE IS ALSO ONE OF ONLY A FEW WHO ACTUALLY DISPLAY THE DISGORGING DATE ON THE ETIQUETTE.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED IN BEING ABLE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE NON-VINTAGE BRUT AND THE EXCEPTIONAL ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE.

BRUNO PAILLARD | 1ER CUVÉE BRUT | CHAMPAGNE .....110 EURO  
 BRUNO PAILLARD | 1ER CUVÉE BRUT ROSÉ | CHAMPAGNE .....120 EURO

RESERVE BRUT  
 BRICOUT | CHAMPAGNE .....69 EURO

