It is with great pleasure that we present The Wine Forum’s 2015 Davos tasting. The Wine Forum is a society of senior business, political, media, and academic leaders who love fine wine and philanthropy. Each of our members commits to match their wine buying by making equivalent charitable donations.

Each year, The Wine Forum hosts with SkyBridge Capital a wine event during the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. This year, we sample some great wines of Bordeaux and Napa Valley. In the wine world, we often talk about “Old World vs. New World” wines. Wine writers and experts remind us of these distinctions constantly, often subtly encouraging us to prefer one or the other. But at The Wine Forum, we believe both worlds have learned a lot from each other over the past few decades. Wine growing has enjoyed technological advances shared across the world. Winemaking styles have incorporated new and traditional ideas. And winemakers often make wines in several regions, swapping techniques and experimentation. The wine world has become more global and we, the consumers only benefit.

So this year we have gathered some of the world’s very best examples of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Our objective is not to have the regions or individual brands compete against each other. Rather, it is to celebrate skilled winemaking that highlights the regional terroir and superlative expressions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. There are four tasting stations: Bordeaux–Right Bank, Bordeaux–Left Bank, Napa Valley–Valley Floor, and Napa Valley–Hillside/Mountain. Please explore each station, experience the various regional differences and find those nuances in the glass. Each wine has a story to tell and tonight we help you understand each tale.

Most of all we encourage you to try wines that you may not have tried before and enjoy this casual, non-formal tasting.

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Wine Profiles

**Bordeaux—Left Bank**

**St.-Estèphe**

**Château Cos d’Estournel 2006 and 2003**

The vineyards of Cos are on the customary Quaternary gravel which peppers the left bank of the Gironde. There are 70 hectares divided up into 30 parcels, with Cabernet Sauvignon holding a slight predominance, accounting for 60% of the red vines, with the remaining 40% being Merlot. The Cabernet Sauvignon is concentrated to the west of the vineyard, where there are well-drained gravel slopes, whereas the Merlot is preferentially planted towards the eastern edge where the limestone bedrock peeps out from beneath the surface gravels. The vineyard is located at the southernmost extremity of St.-Estèphe, just a few minutes walk from Lafite-Rothschild.

The 2006 reveals superb intensity as well as a sweet bouquet of blue and black fruits, licorice, graphite, and charcoal, this full-bodied 2006 possesses high levels of sweet tannin. This wine is characterized by a freshness and precision.

78% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc

The prodigious, fantastic 2003 Cos d’Estournel is a candidate for “wine of the vintage.” An inky/blue/purple color is accompanied by a compelling perfume of black fruits, subtle smoke, pain grille, incense, and flowers. With extraordinary richness, full body, and remarkable freshness, elegance, and persistence, this is one of the finest wines ever made by this estate. The good news is that it will be drinkable at a young age, yet evolve for three decades or more.

68% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Merlot
2% Cabernet Franc

**Château Montrose 2003**

A candidate for a perfect score, the 2003 Montrose has been a superstar. Showing no signs of weakening, it is an amazing wine from this fabulous terroir. It boasts a deep blue/purple color as well as a stunning perfume of blueberries, black currants, blackberries, licorice, and camphor. Dense, full-bodied, and rich with an unctuous texture, well-integrated, melted tannins, and a long, heady finish, this big, brawny, super-intense, gorgeous 2003 is just beginning to enter its plateau of full maturity. It should remain there for at least two decades.

62% Cabernet Sauvignon
34% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc
1% Petit Verdot

**Paulliac**

**Château Lafite Rothschild 1996**

The 1996 Lafite-Rothschild is unquestionably this renowned estate’s greatest wine. Only 38% of the crop was deemed grand enough to be put into the final blend, which is atypically high in Cabernet Sauvignon (83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot). This massive wine may be the biggest, largest-scaled Lafite I have ever tasted. It will require many years to come around. The wine exhibits a thick-looking, ruby/purple color, and a knock-out nose of lead pencil, minerals, flowers, and black currant scents. Extremely powerful and full-bodied, with remarkable complexity for such a young wine, this huge Lafite is oozing with extract and richness, yet has managed to preserve its quintessentially elegant personality. This wine is even richer than it was prior to bottling. It should unquestionably last for 40–50 years.

83% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Cabernet Franc
7% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
**Château Mouton Rothschild 1999**

The wine has an evolved color with a slightly orange, brick tint at the rim and a deep and complex nose that offers an array of stewed fruit, black fruit, tobacco, spice (clove), and peppery aromas.

The attack is fresh, on ripe fruit with an attractively mineral touch, while acidulated berry fruit on the palate complements a creamily smooth and precise tannic structure, leading into a pleasantly long and fruity finish.

A wine full of generosity and freshness, typical of the vintage.

- 78% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 18% Merlot
- 4% Cabernet Franc

**Pichon Lalande 2004**

The early history of Château Pichon-Lalande naturally matches that of its twin sibling, Pichon-Baron, the two having both been created from the great Pichon estate. Lalande has the reputation for being the more elegant, “feminine” of the two fabled Châteaux. Certainly the wines of Château Pichon-Lalande are distinctive, sometimes exotic, and high quality. More importantly, they are fabulous to savour at home, with food. Pichon-Lalande has long staked a valid claim for the title of superb-second, alongside the likes of Château Léoville-Las-Cases and Château Ducru-Beaucaillou.

The 2004 Pichon Lalande is a strong effort for the vintage. The blend exhibits a deep color as well as scents of cocoa, espresso roast, black cherries, and cassis. Medium to full-bodied, opulent, and fleshy, this classic wine cuts a stylistic persona somewhere between the 1995 and 1996.

- 53% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 36% Merlot
- 4% Cabernet Franc
- 7% Petit Verdot

**Château Pontet-Canet 2004**

Backward and powerful for the vintage, this ruby colored 2004 exhibits classic crème de cassis, smoke, incense, and spring flower characteristics. Medium to full-bodied, dense, and excruciatingly tannic, this impressively endowed Pauillac is built for the long haul.

- 29% Merlot
- 65% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 4% Cabernet Franc
- 2% Petit Verdot

**Château Batailley 1995**

Château Batailley, a 5th Cru of the Classification of 1855, is Borie-Manoux’s and the Casteja-family’s flagship. The name is derived from the battle (“bataille”) that took place where the Château and vineyard are today during the 100-years war around 1453. In the 16th century, the first vines were planted on these historical grounds. In 1855, Napoleon III created the classification for the Grand Cru Classes of the Medoc, and Batailley was knighted Grand Cru Classe. Batailley is a classic and very typical Pauillac, with cassis flavors and very good structure.
Château Grand Puy Lacoste 2006

The name Grand-Puy (“puy” being latin for “hill”) describes this vineyard’s privileged location overlooking Pauillac, where the château reigns over a sea of vines. François-Xavier Borie, the present owner, is behind this superb estate’s renaissance. He has made major investments and constantly improved the quality of Grand-Puy-Lacoste in order to reflect all the finesse of its great Pauillac terroir. This Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2006, with a deep, dark red colour, reveals some flavours of blackcurrant liqueur, and in mouth expresses an elegant and beautiful concentration. The wine, with a velvet and long finale, conceals very round tannins. This wine could be already enjoyed, but it preserves a beautiful ageing potential.

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
22% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc

Château Pedesclaux 2005

This Fifth Growth estate is on its way up! The 2005 vintage is a beacon of the estate’s potential. It may be THE great value of the vintage. Very pure cassis. Hidden depths—unevolved but self-assured. Terrific intensity of flavor, power, and length. Ripe fruit, supremely well-integrated tannin, and acidity.

50% Cabernet sauvignon
45% Merlot
5% Cabernet Franc

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2005

It is an exceptionally powerful wine with a dense purple color, superb intensity, and a beautiful, sweet nose of spring flowers, raspberries, blueberries, graphite, and crème de cassis. Full-bodied with fabulous concentration, exceptionally high tannin, good acidity, and massive layers of richness that build incrementally on the palate.

67% Cabernet Sauvignon
33% Merlot

Château Léoville-Las-Cases 2003

The biggest of the three parts into which the extensive original Léoville estate was divided after the French Revolution was awarded to the original owners, the Abbadie-Léoville family, represented by the Marquis de Las Cases. From 1900, it was run by Théophile Swawinski, a distinguished Médoc viticulturist. From him it passed to his son-in-law André Delon, grandfather of Michel Delon, Jean-Hubert’s late father, who with his father Paul acquired majority ownership of the property in 1930. In 1994, the Delons succeeded in buying out the remaining minority shareholders, descendants of the Las Cases family. Known as the most “aristocratic” of wines, Léoville-Las-Cases is often referred to as the premier challenger to the first growths and a prime example of a “super second.” The 2003 offers a dense ruby/purple color along with full body and a remarkable nose of black currants, kirsch, lead pencil shavings, and vanilla. Opulent, full-bodied and close to full maturity, it is a seamless classic that will age for 15–20 more years.

70.2% Cabernet Sauvignon
17.2% Merlot
12.6% Cabernet Franc

St. Julien

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17.2% Merlot
12.6% Cabernet Franc
Clos de Marquis 2006

Clos du Marquis was introduced in 1902 and is sourced from a dedicated section of vineyard quite separate from the Grand Clos of Léoville-Las-Cases. The vines to the west are surrounded on all sides by those of other second-growth properties, including those of Barton and Poyferré. This property is considered by many to be one of finest “second wines” in the Medoc yet is not at all a second wine. As usual, the 2006 Clos du Marquis, exhibits a character similar to the grand vin, but it is a more fruit-forward effort with sweeter tannins and a more precocious, evolved personality. With super-intense black cherry and cedary notes intermixed with hints of licorice and barrique, this deep, medium-full-bodied, velvety-textured wine is ideal for consumption over the next 15+ years.

Château Lascombes 1995

Thanks to the rigor and all the meticulous care lavished on this growth on a daily basis, Château Lascombes can claim to be one of the top wines of Margaux. Firm in style, the wine has individual character and an ageing potential.
Combining power and elegance and an unctuous, tannin-rich texture, Château Lascombes is a complex wine. In its youth, it always has an amazingly deep color. On the palate, finesse and a rich texture combine with very stylish fine-grained tannins to give a more suave mouth-feel.

Margaux

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2003

It has an impressive intensity and complexity of fragrances. The nose is very ripe with aromas of red berries, blackberries, and licorice. The start in the mouth is soft but very soon an imposing structure of tannin appears. They are a powerful but harmonious presence. These tannins are ripe but not aggressive. The finish is glorious. The length of this wine is unbelievably persistent. It needs time and then will surely evolve into a great La Mission.

52% Cabernet Sauvignon
39% Merlot
9% Cabernet Franc

Château Marojallia 2003

A beautiful Margaux, the 2003 Marojallia exhibits notes of licorice, charcoal, graphite, black currants, and flowers. This sensational effort may be one of the top two or three wines of the vintage. Still young and fresh with an opaque plum/purple color, medium-to full-bodied flavors and terrific intensity, purity, and equilibrium.

76% Cabernet Sauvignon
24% Merlot
Château Palmer 2000
Deep color. Ethereal bouquet starts out great and goes up from there. It’s somewhat restrained at first, but opens up, revealing power, complexity, and elegance with the typical wonderful Palmer fruit. Notes include spice, cigar box, leather, mint, and forest floor. Just as compelling in the mouth; extremely seductive, refined, generous, and powerful yet delicate at the same time. Very long, consistent, penetrating, fresh finish.
53% Cabernet Sauvignon
47% Merlot

Château Smith Haut Lafitte 1998
Smith Haut Lafitte is named after George Smith, a Scottish merchant who purchased the estate in the 18th Century. Haut Lafitte means “high hillock” and was appended to the name shortly after his purchase. In 1990, Daniel and Florence Cathiard bought the property and invested heavily, restoring buildings, replacing vats and constructing a new barrel cellar. The 1998 hits the palate in layers, with little sense of weight, and nicely integrated sweet tannin. The deep color is followed by an alluring melange of floral scents, black cherry liqueur, cassis, minerals, and subtle new oak. A hallmark of, symmetry and complexity, this beautifully-etched, expansively flavored wine should age well.

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Château Potensac 2003
Château Potensac is owned by the Delon family, better known for their famous property in St.-Julien, Léoville-Las-Cases. The 53-hectare estate has a terroir that consists of gravel with patches of clay in the soil. The vineyard is planted to 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 15% Cabernet Franc with vines that are on average, 30 years of age. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 8,000 vines per hectare. Over the past several years, in an effort to add softness to the wine, slowly but surely, more Merlot has been added. The wines are structured, firm, and often display an austere quality, especially in their youth. Château Potensac is the perfect wine for fans of old school, classic Bordeaux wine making. The 2003 Potensac shows pretty blackberry and currant aromas following through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a silky finish.

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Château Haut-Brion 1996
Haut-Brion’s signature is most frequently its glorious perfume of tobacco, black fruits, smoke, and dried herbs, combined with sweet, supple fruit, all crammed into a concentrated wine that never has the weight or tannic power of a Medoc, or the thick unctuosity of a top right bank wine. It is among the most compelling wines of this elite group, with the most profound set of aromatics of any of its peers.
50% Merlot
39% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Cabernet Franc
**Bordeaux—Right Bank**

**St.-Emilion**

**Château Angelus 2005**

An unprecedented year with an extremely large water deficit but also with temperatures which favored ripening. The features of this vintage are its harmony, balance between power and freshness, and its aromatic precision. Its dense purple color is followed by an extraordinary perfume of charcoal, espresso roast, blackberries, blueberries, and a hint of wood. In spite of its thick texture, terrific acidity, high tannins, and enormous intensity as well as richness, it is surprisingly approachable.

- **62% Merlot**
- **38% Cabernet Franc**

**Château Figeac 2005**

With its pedigree style, Château-Figeac epitomizes the elegance of the great wines of Bordeaux. The wine’s individual character is drawn from an outstanding, complex terroir. This great wine displays a distinctive rich nose that has wonderful aromatic complexity. On the palate, the Cabernet Sauvignon reveals lovely floral aromas in the first year then, as the wine ages, great structure on the palate. The Cabernet Franc brings lots of freshness in the tannins, and the Merlot contributes roundness and flesh. The characteristic freshness is underpinned by great length of flavor. With its long ageing potential, the wine goes on in time to reveal hints of forest floor, leather, cigar-box, and liquorice—always with its hallmark elegance.

- **35% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **35% Cabernet Franc**
- **30% Merlot**

**Château Fonplégade 2005**

With an inky black purple color this 2005 Fonplégade shows extraordinarily pure blueberry and blackberry fruits on the nose, intermixed with cedar, spice, and vanilla. Full-bodied, powerful, and dense on the palate, this brilliant wine offers layered kirshy flavor, nicely touches by wood, acidity, alcohol, super-fine tannin, and a long juicy finish. Although flamboyant in its early years, the 2005 should age for two decades, thanks to the extraordinary potential of the vintage.

- **91% Merlot**
- **7% Cabernet Franc**
- **2% Cabernet Sauvignon**

18–24 months in 100% new French oak

**Château Larcis Ducasse 2009**

The Larcis Ducasse vineyard is located to the southeast of St.-Emilion, to the east of Château Pavie, lying on the boundary between the communes of St.-Emilion and St.-Laurent-des-Combes. There are 10.8 hectares of vines altogether, planted on a range of soil types. At the bottom of the slope, towards the Dordogne, the soils are naturally richer in alluvial deposits of sand, with some clay and chalk. Moving up the slope, there is a greater predominance of clay and limestone, as well as some molasses du Fronsadais, soft chalk with silt and clay. Towards the top of the slopes, chalk and then limestone and clay-limestone, with chalk beneath. The vines are 78% Merlot, the balance being 20% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, with an average age of 35 years. The 2009 offers a complex set of aromas ranging from coffee to forest floor, herbs, licorice, blackberries, cassis, and cherries all seem to jump from the glass, and then are joined by a hint of charcoal as well camphor. This is an impressive, full-bodied, dense, concentrated wine that is more up-front and approachable than the 2005 was at a similar stage, but it is remarkably expressive, full-bodied, dense and capable of lasting 20–25 years.

- **81% Merlot**
- **19% Cabernet Franc**
Château Monbousquet 1998

This ruby-colored wine is evolving, as shown by its nut-colored highlights. The nose is already quite expressive, which is characteristic for this vintage of renowned quality. Pleasant, fruity aromas of grapes, black currant liqueur, and notes of fine spices mingle with cedar, blonde tobacco, and chocolate to produce a complexity typical of the greatest wines. The first impression on the palate is a round and smooth suppleness which comes from the wine's fine and well-integrated tannins. The finish is spicy, mouth-watering and stimulating. The length is impressive, reinforcing our impressions of a great vintage and a great wine. Yields of 28–30 hectoliters per hectare are among the lowest in St.-Emilion, which no doubt accounts for the wine's explosive richness.

60% Merlot
30% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Cabernet Franc

Château Pavie-Macquin 2007

Today this estate is owned by the Corre family, who since 1995 have contracted Nicolas Thienpont to manage the estate, whilst Stéphane Derenoncourt has control over the vinification. The stories of Derenoncourt and Pavie-Macquin are inextricably intertwined, as it was at this estate that the young cellar-worker was thrust into the limelight. Derenoncourt arrived in Bordeaux in 1982, having hitchhiked his way there with no real interest in wine; he spent the next ten years working on the land and playing his guitar. It was not until he secured a job in the cellars and his success of the 1993 Pavie-Macquin, in the context of a terrible vintage, that attracted attention. He was then “discovered” by Comte Stephan von Neipperg of Château Canon-la-Gaffelière, who secured Derenoncourt’s advice not only in the running of Canon la Gaffelière but also for a new project, which became La Mondotte, one of the region’s most exalted garage wines. The 2007 Pavie-Macquin reveals a dense blue/purple color in addition to a bouquet of burning embers intermixed with charcoal, graphite, blackberries, and cassis. Extracted, but not excessively so, and full-bodied, with lots of tannin and structure, this atypical 2007 requires 3–4 years of cellaring.

Château Troplong Mondot 2006

With 33 hectares to its name, this impressive estate is three times the size of many of its neighbours and peers. The soils are the typical St.-Emilion, clay over limestone, with patches of flint, and the vines, which cover about two-thirds of the estate, are predominantly Merlot, accounting for 90%, with 5% each of the two Cabernets. The wines increasingly feature more Cabernet and at least one small parcel of Merlot has recently been regrafted to Cabernet Franc. The 2006 Troplong Mondot is an impressive, powerful, broad, surprisingly masculine and deep effort. Its inky/blue/purple color is accompanied by an exceptional bouquet of powdered rock, blackberries,

Pomerol

Château Clinet 2006

Château Clinet has been producing some of the world’s most prestigious wines for centuries. Set on the right bank of the Garonne River, the climate is warm and the soil cool with natural drainage. Pomerol is best known for its elegant and approachable red wines, which are grown from Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon grape varieties. Château Clinet provides the most voluptuous, full-bodied, yet refined style of the area. Since 2003, the estate has been managed by its owner, Ronan Laborde with strict eco-friendly practices. The 2006 is extremely backward, firm, and virile, this macho wine exhibits full-bodied power, a dense blackberry, smoky nose, huge tannins, but impressive stuffing and depth. This is not for the faint of heart.

blueberries, spring flowers, and hints of camphor as well as espresso roast. The wine is full-bodied with a layered, multidimensional texture, sensational purity and structure, and elevated levels of tannin, concentration, and richness. Forget it for 7–8 years, and drink it over the following 20–25 years.
Château La Conseillante 2006

Located in the heart of Pomerol, Château La Conseillante is one of the most emblematic properties in Bordeaux. 80% of the vines, where the soils are predominantly made up of clay, are Merlot, which makes the wines round, deep, and smooth. The remaining 20%, grown on gravel soils, are Cabernet Franc, which bring structure and freshness to the blend. La Conseillante has a style unlike any other. The bouquet develops a complex aromatic pallet of violets, liquorice, and red berries. This wine stands out for its harmony, elegance, and complexity. The 2006 is relatively forward and seductive, as one expects La Conseillante to be, with a dark ruby/purple-tinged color and a beautifully sweet nose of black raspberries, plums, kirsch, cedar, and licorice. A broad, savory, seductive, full-bodied mouthfeel with superb ripeness, silky tannins, and terrific complexity make this an ethereal style of Pomerol. A must taste. Drink it over the next 15+ years. La Conseillante has been doing everything very well since the turn of this century, and this is another example of just how strong these wines are.

Château Nenin 2007

Château Nenin occupies a prominent corner position on the edge of Catusseau in Pomerol on the Right Bank of Bordeaux. It has Château Trotanoy to the north, Château Plince to the west, and Château Ferrand and Château Taillefer to the south. The château enjoys a fine 10-hectare park filled with fine, ancient trees. Château Nenin is unusual in Pomerol in that it is one of a mere handful of large estates. Owned and managed by the Jean-Hubert Delon of Léoville-Las-Cases, Nenin is also unusual in being a right-bank property managed by a first rate left-bank Château. The 2007 Nenin exhibits a dark ruby color, seductive, upfront aromas of raspberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with hints of caramel and wood spice, and a soft, round, attractive style.

80% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc

Vieux Château Certan 2000

This wine presents all the qualities of a great, classic vintage. It offers a wide range of aromas, where toasted fragrances serve to enhance the bouquet of raspberry, blackberry, cedar wood, and liquorice. It is deliciously fat on the palate with a remarkable aromatic intensity, formidable tannins, and long finish. A gorgeous wine of grace and elegance.

70% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
BOND ESTATES, OAKVILLE

2008 Pluribus, Spring Mountain
Good deep red-ruby. Brooding aromas of black cherry, minerals, crushed stone, and menthol. Thick on entry, then bracing and closed in the middle, conveying an impression of brisk energy to its black fruit, licorice, floral, and mineral flavors. The wine's substantial tannic clout calls for extended cellaring.

The enduring vision at BOND is to create a portfolio of wines that are diverse in their geographic representation and “Grand Cru” in quality, all under the umbrella of one philosophy, one team, one mark. Sourced from select hillside estates, the Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines of BOND vividly demonstrate the range of Napa Valley’s finest terroirs.

BRAND, ST. HELENA

2012 BRIO Cabernet Sauvignon, Pritchard Hill
The 2012 BRIO Cabernet Sauvignon is seductive and playful, layered with flavors of red fruits, tobacco, leather, and a touch of French oak. With supple tannins and a smooth finish, this wine reflects the perfect style of a “second vin” from BRAND’s premier site high on Pritchard Hill.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
24 months in 60% new French oak

2011 BRAND Cabernet Sauvignon, Pritchard Hill
The 2011 BRAND Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits intense aromas of dark red and black fruits, coffee, and savory spice. On the palate, blackberry, currant, and black cherry is attenuated by espresso, tobacco, cedar, and well-integrated oak. Tannins are dense and fine-grained with balanced acidity and a long beautiful silky finish.

93% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Cabernet Franc
24 months in 86% new French oak

CHAPPELLET, ST. HELENA

2011 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon
This is a remarkable wine with concentration and complexity accentuating the unique terroir of Pritchard Hill. The nose is rich and powerful, with abundant dark berry aromas, as well as notes of chocolate, anise, and cardamom. Seamlessly integrated tannins balance the rich mouthfeel beautifully, with flavors of cassis, roasted coffee, and cedar. The mouth-coating richness persist long into the finish, where power and finesse resonate on the palate.

75% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Petit Verdot
10% Malbec
**COLGIN CELLARS, ST. HELENA**

2009 Colgin IX Estate Napa Valley Red Wine, Pritchard Hill

The 2009 IX Estate exhibits a flowery bouquet with notes of subtle smoke, blackberries, black currants, kirsch, and baking spices. Rich, deep, and full-bodied, this voluptuous, sensational blend boasts an inky/purple color. While approachable now, it will last for two to three decades.

69% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot  
11% Cabernet Franc  
6% Petit Verdot

**DAVID ARTHUR VINEYARDS, ST. HELENA**

2012 David Arthur Elevation 1147 Cabernet Sauvignon, Pritchard Hill

The name “Elevation 1147” comes from the vineyard location high atop Pritchard Hill and is a flagship wine of David Arthur Vineyards.

The dark, nearly opaque-color wine with aromas of baked currants and dark cherry compote, followed by subtle vanilla-toffee oak spices and lavender-like floral tones. The palate is full-throttle and massively structured, offering a layering of fine-grained tannins and density. Flavors of anise and espresso bean on the palate with a long persistent finish.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
100% new French oak

**DUNN VINEYARDS, ANGWIN**

2003 Dunn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain

Highly concentrated, full-bodied, and generous red wine. Soft style indicating high levels of grape ripeness with juicy fruits-of-the-forest, ultra-ripe wild strawberries and blackcurrant flavors and aromas. Almost jammy fruit. The 2003 showed barely enough acidity, therefore the wine impressed a certain segment of the group with its roundness and voluptuousness of structure. Stylistically quite different from the other wines in the line-up. The lack of acidity is substituted by a freshness offered to the palate by flavors of spearmint, tomato flesh, and zesty orange peel. The fruit tannins are firm and present. The wine finishes very long.

69% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot  
11% Cabernet Franc  
6% Petit Verdot

2004 Dunn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain

A vibrant, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose displayed highly aromatic dark ripe plums, blackcurrant, sun-dried tomato, and black-raspberry jam. Classic new oak characteristics of bitter cocoa, mocha, nutmeg & clove, espresso, menthol, rosemary, and black pepper. A gravelly dark earthiness is barely detectable behind all of the dense fruit and oak. The tightly focused finish is very long, complex, and in perfect balance with acidity, fruit ripeness, and tannins.
**GALLICA, NAPA VALLEY**

**2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley**

The 2009 vintage is amongst a trio—2009, 2010, 2011—where cooler-than-average summer temperatures set the stage for wines of balance and varietal character. This bottling is defined by lush moderate tannins, layered with cardamom, dried cranberry, and black tea. A pleasure to drink early because of its fruit intensity, this vintage is also destined to age gracefully. Gallica cabernet sauvignon is a blend of three Bordeaux varietals: cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, and petit verdot.

90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4% Cabernet Franc  
6% Petit Verdot  

20 months in 81% new French oak

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**KENZO ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY**

**2006 Kenzo Estate Cabernet Sauvignon “Ai”, Mt. George**

Predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon from the highest quality barrels selected from Kenzo Estate. With the notes of cedar and black licorice, followed by ripe plum and compelling spices of white pepper on the nose and black fruit, cassis on the palate, “Ai”, the mystical color indigo, represent a steadfast will for excellence with abundant passion; the appropriate word for this masterpiece.

90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Merlot  
2.5% Cabernet Franc  
2.5% Petit Verdot

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**HARLAN ESTATE, OAKVILLE**

**2009 Harlan Estate, Oakville**

Harlan Estate was founded in 1984 by H. William Harlan with the mission to build and establish one of the finest winegrowing estates in America; to begin with virgin hillside land and create something separate from the past. The vision is to consistently produce a wine of the highest quality and great longevity from the estate—in essence, to create a “First Growth of California.”

The 2009 Harlan Estate shows another side of this great Napa Valley wine. Freshly cut roses, dark fruit, and licorice are woven together beautifully in this elegant, totally polished wine. The tannins are pure silk, while the radiant finish conveys an impression of pure sensuality.

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**KONGSGAARD, ATLAS PEAK**

**2009 Kongsgaard Cabernet Sauvignon, Atlas Peak**

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon emerges from the glass with dark plums, black cherries, licorice, graphite, and spices. The wine possesses striking textural depth and richness, with dazzling purity and exceptional overall balance. Today, the spiciness of the oak comes through just a bit, but that should not be an issue by the time the wine is ready to drink. A final burst of fruit informs the explosive finish. Yields were tiny in 2009, just one ton per acre with 15% Merlot co-fermented in the blend.
**Lail Vineyards, Rutherford**

2010 J. Daniel Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain

The 2010 J. Daniel Cuvée has a nose that kicks off with unbelievably dark tones of cacao, blackberry, and rich leather laced with red current. After letting the wine breathe, the finer aromatic nuances begin to emerge, with tones of fresh-cut violets and cardamom. The attack is soft and nicely layered with ample body. The grape and oak tannins have married well to bring a fine-grained pliable texture to the mid-palate as well as considerable weight and density. Its finish is round and lengthy that follows through with pleasant friendly tannins that will bring you back for another glass.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Montagna, Napa Valley**

2012 Montagna Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Pritchard Hill

Montagna Napa Valley is a beautiful estate with wine caves that have been slowly developed over the past decade. Proprietor Bob Long and his family have been associated with Pritchard Hill since the 1960s; this is among the best terroir in Napa.

Despite being so young, 2012 Montagna Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon shows a lot of life in the bouquet. Lively, lifted, and elegant aromas of both red and black fruit show with just a hint of sage. Flavors of black cherry and ripe plum. Good acidity and lingering tannins.

**Maybach Family Vineyards, Napa Valley**

2010 Maybach Amoenus, Calistoga

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Amoenus is a blockbuster, full-bodied effort boasting intense, dusty, blackberry and black-currant fruit, white chocolate, espresso, and licorice notes. Massive for the vintage, despite some formidable tannins, the fruit quality is so brilliantly displayed and pure it is hard to resist.

The Amoenus comes from a Calistoga vineyard on Tubbs Lane (where Château Montelena is located). The wines continue to prove the exceptional efforts and quality.

**Newton Vineyard, St. Helena**

2010 “The Puzzle,” Spring Mountain

The intensity of this wine is expressed in the rich aromas, including scents of mocha, cedar, sage, dusty earth, bramble, and bright dark cherry. It has a silky texture on the palate with a seamlessness that is marked by dark fruit and blackberry flavors. Well-integrated oak adds to the complexity of layers.

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Cabernet Franc
18% Petit Verdot
6% Malbec

22 months in 100% new French oak
Newton Vineyard, St. Helena

2014 “The Puzzle,” Spring Mountain

This long-time estate situated on the lower slopes of Spring Mountain has produced a delicious blend that reflects its European orientation. A beautifully elegant yet authoritative rich red, it exhibits a deep ruby/purple color along with notes of black currants, Asian spice, forest floor, earth, and a hint of truffles. Combining elegance with power as well as finesse with Napa’s extravagant richness, this medium- to full-bodied, impressively endowed, youthful, but promising beauty can be drunk now or cellared for another decade or more.

70% Cabernet Sauvignon
17% Merlot
10% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot

OVID, St. Helena

2009 Ovid Napa Valley, Pritchard Hill

Just as the eponymous Ovid relished the culture and time he lived in for its inventiveness and vigor, we all can take joy in the wine of this vintage for its power, depth, and deliciousness.

The wine was made as naturally as possible and is unfined, unfiltered, and minimally racked. The 2009 Ovid is stunningly beautiful. Endless layers of fruit saturate the palate as this rich, intense wine conquers the heart and intellect. A totally vivid wine. It is seamlessly layered with aromas of mulberry, fresh boysenberry, roasted chestnuts, and sandalwood, and wonderfully dense with a rich, precise core of polished tannins.

58% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Cabernet Franc
8% Merlot
4% Petit Verdot

Shafer Vineyards, Napa Valley

2004 Hillside Select, Stags Leap District

This is a classic Hillside Select striking a balance of dark, lush, jammy fruit with youthful elegance. These are the enduring aromas and flavors of our hillside grapes—loads of blackberry, cassis, dark chocolate, black cherry, black pepper integrated nicely with oak, char, and vanilla all tied up in a bow of silky, firm, easy-to-enjoy tannins. In terms of its weight and style, this one is a close relative of the 1999 vintage.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
32 months in 100% new French oak

Spring Mountain Vineyard, St. Helena

1979 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, Spring Mountain

This is a refined, mature Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from a cool vintage that enhanced its vitality. The 1979 vintage imparted a distinct Bordelaise character to the wine. It has maintained peak drinking for the past decade and continues to divulge new layers of nuance. The bouquet offers a profusion of secondary aromas: sous bois, briar, dried herbs, tea leaves, cardamom spice, camphor, and green olive with notes of leather and California Madrone. The entry is soft and polished. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and balanced, supported by very delicate and refined tannins. The fully integrated structure is supported by French oak and a long, lingering finish.
**William Cole Vineyards, St. Helena**

2007 and 2009 William Cole “Cuvée Claire” Cabernet Sauvignon, Spring Mountain

Situated in the heart of the Napa Valley and at easterly base of Spring Mountain sits the historic 1873 stone winery of William Cole Vineyards. Since 1997, each and every vintage of the flagship “Cuvée Claire” Cabernet Sauvignon has been painstakingly and meticulously assembled by winery owner and 4th generation winemaker William Ballentine. Elegant and superbly balanced with silky tannins, this wine will reward you with ever-increasing complexity of both aromas and flavors as it lingers in the glass.

**Spring Mountain Vineyard, St. Helena**

2010 Elivette, Spring Mountain

An aromatic medley introduces the 11th vintage of this signature wine. Aromas of cassis are accentuated by grace-notes of potpourri, cedar, white peppercorn, and elements of caramel and baking spices. A smooth entry reveals a graceful, structured wine of medium size and weight. On the palate, red currant and black fruit seamlessly restate the wine’s aromas. Soft tannins sculpt and shape the wine into an elegant and ethereal whole that lingers on the finish.

64% Cabernet Sauvignon
36% Cabernet Franc

**Vineyard 29, St. Helena**

Vineyard 29 “Cru” Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena

Housed within this deep, garnet-hued wine, lifted aromas of sweet bing and black cherries, plums, and creamy melted chocolate immediately emerge from the glass. On the palate, these aromas meld to present a gorgeous mouth-feel of ripe plums, decadent chocolate covered cherries, tar, and graphite. A warm and moderate growing season allowed for the perfect balance between ripe supple tannins and a vibrant acid structure with a clean minerality even further enhancing that balance. Expect a long, silky finish and excellent aging potential.

84% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot
4% Malbec
3% Petite Verdot
2% Cabernet Franc

17 months in 50% new French oak

**Staglin Family Vineyard, Rutherford**

2009 Staglin Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

The 2009 Staglin fills the glass with a brooding swirl of rich, dark fruits, resinous herbs, and rain-dampened loam illuminated by polished hints of sweet baking spices, aromatic woods, and exotic liqueurs. A juicy and inviting entry builds to a generous, balanced yet lively mid-palate that slides towards a graceful and fine-grained finish of well-developed and classy tannins. Complex and beautiful now, this wine will generously reward sufficient decanting and additional time in bottle.

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot

21 months in 94% new French oak

**William Cole Vineyards, St. Helena**

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Napa Valley—Valley Floor

Araujo Estate, Calistoga

2005 Araujo Eisele Cabernet Sauvignon, Eisele Vineyard

Reflecting a superb growing season, this wine is immensely aromatic, exhibiting notes of ripe cassis and blackberries layered with hints of leather, dried sage, crushed rock, and rose petals. In the mouth, the wine is a seamless expression of elegance and depth, perfectly balancing rich fruit, earthiness, minerality, and powerful but fine oak tannins, finishing with incredibly persistent notes of wet granite.

Notes winemaker Françoise Peschon: The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of great purity and strength, with abundant silky tannins enveloping the sweet fruit and mineral core. It is vibrant, authentic and intense—less fruit driven, more earth driven, it is a sophisticated wine of place.

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Cabernet Franc
2% Petit Verdot
2% Merlot

Dana Estates, St. Helena

2005 Helms Vineyard Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, Helms Vineyard

This Cabernet is full-bodied and layered, with aromatic notes of spice, leather, and forest floor. Black cherry, blackberry, and black currant flavors dominate the palate with enticing hints of chocolate and licorice. The tannins are ample yet integrated; the mouthfeel is rich and the finish is long. The wine is drinking beautifully now, but will age gracefully for many years.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
21 months in 100% new French oak

Boeschen Vineyards, St. Helena

2007 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena

The 2007 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon from Boeschen Vineyards is a classic example from one of Napa Valley’s sexiest vintages. At only 278 cases produced, this Cabernet was crafted from only the very best grapes grown on the six-acre estate vineyard in St. Helena. It is a gorgeous wine, expressing lively floral and dark cherry notes on the nose, with intense blueberries, sage, and milk chocolate dominating the palate. The tannin structure is round, providing a balanced, velvety mouthfeel complimented by faint sweet oak. It is a classically structured, subtle, and interesting wine made for drinking and cellaring.

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Cabernet Franc
2% Petit Verdot
2% Merlot

Dominus Estate, Yountville

2006 Dominus, Napanook Vineyard

The Dominus 2006 epitomizes the best qualities of Cabernet Sauvignon in a top terroir of Napa Valley. At first, the wine displays tremendous power. Then, it surprises by the purity of the fruit and the lingering finesse. It clearly possesses a fantastic aptitude for aging.

Dominus 2006 is dark red, almost deep crimson in color. The nose is dense and compact, filled with dark berries, blond tobacco, black cherries, and cacao. The entry is both powerful and supple, spherical in quality. Perfectly ripe, the enveloped tannins are firm, round, and elegant. Black fruit and licorice linger throughout the evolution in mouth, well-balanced and harmonious.

91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot
Duckhorn Vineyards, St. Helena

2011 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Patzimaro Vineyard
The 2011 Estate Grown Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of truffle, fine cocoa powder, sweet leather, ripe raspberry, and forest floor, this is a Cabernet to be contemplated and savored. On the palate, rich, complex flavors of ripe plum, strawberry rhubarb, fig, and bramble are underscored by earthy and fine, dusty tannins that carry through to a lingering finish.
88% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot

2011 Merlot, Three Palms Vineyard
A classically nuanced expression of Three Palms Vineyard, this wine combines beautiful layers of red currant, pomegranate, blackberry, and Santa Rosa plum with sophisticated hints of star anise, leather, sage, and cedar. On the palate, fine talc-like tannins add a velvety elegance, supporting the fruit and carrying the wine to a long, pleasurable finish.

Founded by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976, Duckhorn Vineyards has been crafting classic Napa Valley wines for nearly 40 years. This winemaking tradition grew to include seven Estate vineyards, located throughout the various microclimates of the Napa Valley.

Joseph Phelps Vineyards, St. Helena

2005 Insignia, St. Helena
The initial blend assembled in April of ’06 was quite reticent. Not until early ’07 did the wine “blossom” in barrel showing amazing depth, texture, and vibrant fruit qualities. Deeply colored, concentrated, and layered, with floral, anise, black cherry, and graphite aromas, this wine is classically structured with excellent acidity, well-balanced tannins and a mouth-staining, persistent finish.
Elegant and restrained, which is very much in keeping with the style of this vintage.
92% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Petit Verdot
1% Merlot

The Napa Valley Reserve, St. Helena

The Napa Valley Reserve 2004
Seductive, expressive, and complex nose underlining a full spectrum of red, blue, and black fruit. The entry is dense followed by a luscious mid-palate, almost jammy, with a bright energy and refined structure. The wine shows power and concentration without being overbearing. Loads of ripe fruit, black licorice, vanilla, cocoa with a long finish accented by sweet lingering tannins.
Conceived and founded by H. William Harlan in 2000, The Napa Valley Reserve is a private winery and vineyard located on 80 acres in St. Helena, California. The Reserve has been established in the tradition of the great wine growing estates of the world and is exclusively devoted to offering a unique wine club membership. Members may participate as much or as little as they choose in all stages of winemaking from hands-on collaboration with the winemaking team, cellar master and label designers to creating unique custom-blended wines they may call their own.
2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Oakville

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon emerges from another first-growth vineyard that was acquired by Andy Beckstoffer in 1993. The original vineyard was planted in 1868, but the present one consists of nearly 90 acres. The 2012 reveals incredible complexity and density with notes of Christmas fruitcake, baking spices, licorice, crème de cassis, and forest floor. Full-bodied with the vintage’s opulence and drama.

This 2012 represents the finest efforts Realm has produced to date. The heart of the Realm philosophy is to access some of Napa Valley’s finest vineyards and put together either single-vineyard bottlings or creative proprietary blends.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2012 Realm “The Bard,” Oakville

The 2012 Proprietary Red “The Bard,” is meant to showcase the finest Cabernet Sauvignon grapes they access from such great Napa Valley sites as Beckstoffer To Kalon, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane, Fortuna, and Weitz.

Lingonberry jam and cherry meringue pie intermingle with black peppercorns and black tea upon the first sniff. With deeper exploration, you are transported to the middle of a forest replete with lingonberry shrubs and a cigar in hand. The bright entry and creamy core give way to a poignantly integrated and dense tannin structure that finishes with a sweet bourbon vanilla note.

95% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot

2009 Rudd Oakville Estate Red, Oakville

The estate’s 2009 Proprietary Red Rudd Estate wraps around the palate with silky dark fruit. Layered, sweet, and sensual, the 2009 is laced with attractive scents of mocha, cloves, and violets, all of which add complexity to the dark fruit. The 2009 needs a few years to soften, but ultimately it stands out for its textured personality and terrific balance. This undeniably appealing wine is likely to be at its best over the next 10–15 years, give or take.

55% Cabernet Sauvignon
27% Cabernet Franc
9% Malbec
9% Petit Verdot

26 months in 98% new French Oak

2004 Revana Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Vineyards

This vineyard has hit its stride with another delicious Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose is wide open with ripe-fruit aromas of blackberry, cherry, and dark chocolate. Explosive flavors in the mouth of beautiful ripe fruit similar to the aromas, a rich lush mouth-feel and amazing length. Very silky yet powerful. Tannins are imperceptible, yet this wine has backbone and tons of fruit character that will lend itself well during aging.

Dr. Madaiah Revana is in pursuit of the best vineyard sites and winemaking practices; he has become deeply interested in highlighting the integrity of noble varietals. This passion has led Revana to seek out unique vineyard sites enriched by the highest-quality vineyard management that then serves as the backbone for wines of great complexity, depth, and finesse.
Screaming Eagle Winery and Vineyards, Oakville

2012 Screaming Eagle, Oakville

The perfect 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Screaming Eagle made in the classic, iconic Screaming Eagle style, the inky/purple-colored, seamless wine that possesses an extraordinary set of aromatics consisting of pure blackcurrant liqueur, licorice, acacia flowers, graphite, and a subtle hint of new oak. Full-bodied, opulent and voluptuous. There is an aromatic intensity and penetration that is truly world-class, and there is incredible balance as well as complexity.

- 79% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 17% Merlot
- 4% Cabernet Franc

Screaming Eagle Winery and Vineyards, Oakville

2007 Screaming Eagle Second Flight, Oakville

The essence of this generous, voluptuous vintage comes through loud and clear in the 2007 Second Flight. A jewel of a wine, the 2007 is endowed with gorgeous depth and tons of personality. Raspberry jam, freshly cut flowers and licorice all flow through to a deep, enveloping finish that is pure 2007. This is another great showing from Screaming Eagle.

Second Flight is a Cabernet Sauvignon–based wine, but here the Merlot plays a much more significant role.

- 59% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 41% Merlot

Silver Oak Cellars, Oakville

2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has a dark garnet color and a rich, complex nose of boysenberry, truffles, sandalwood, and allspice. It has a great attack, a silky mid-palate, and a very long finish with grainy tannins. This wine will continue to improve until 2031, given proper cellaring.

- 80% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 10% Merlot
- 7% Cabernet Franc
- 3% Petit Verdot

Silver Oak Cellars, Oakville

2010 Twomey Merlot, Soda Canyon Vineyard

The 2010 Soda Canyon Vineyard Merlot is a vivacious wine that displays ideal ripeness from a uniquely cool California vintage. It has a dark garnet color and a complex nose of cherry liqueur, dark chocolate, pipe tobacco, lavender, cloves, and hazelnut. On the palate, it has a velvety mouthfeel, a full body, beautiful acid balance, and a long, juicy finish.

Spottswoode Estate, St. Helena

2010 Spottswoode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Vineyard

The brilliant 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon boasts an inky/purple color as well as glorious aromas of spring flowers, lead pencil shavings, licorice, and a multitude of wild mountain fruits—in particular, black raspberry, blackberry, and cassis reminiscent of a French Pauillac. With a flawless integration of tannin, wood, and acidity, it comes across like a liquid version of haute couture from the house of Chanel.
**White Wines—Sparkling**

**Iron Horse, Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Sonoma**

Iron Horse Brut LD 2003

“LD” stands for Late Disgorged. The 2003 vintage was aged for eight years on the yeast in the bottle and two years on the cork, which the family feels is about perfect. The blend is 50% Chardonnay and 50% Pinot Noir— all estate grown.

Longer time on the yeast gives the wine a creamy mouth-feel and tiny, elegant bubbles. Time on the cork lends weight and richness. This is Tête de Cuvée quality and wonderfully dry.

Iron Horse is best known for its Sparkling Wines. The pillar of its prestige is that the bubbles have been served by five consecutive Presidential administrations, beginning with the historic Reagan-Gorbachev Summit Meetings in 1985, which ended the Cold War.

**Krug**

The Krug Grande Cuvée is a “multi-vintage” blend comprising between 35 and 50% of reserve wines in the final blend (although it can go higher, such as 59% in 1988). The reserve wines are sourced from a multitude of mature vintages held in stock. All three Champagne grapes play a significant role, though Chardonnay is less dominant than Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. And so a typical Grande Cuvée will be an assemblage of up to 50 wines from between 20 and 30 separate crus; with between 6 and 10 reserve vintages blended in.

**White Wines—Still**

**Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux**

Château Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc, 2010

A stunning wine with hints of pineapple, caramelized citrus, mandarin oranges, smoky figs, and hazelnuts, this is a full-bodied, rich, superb white Graves from the Cathiard family. This rich 2010 exhibits lemon custard, melon, tropical fruit and a touch of smoky oak. It should last 20+ years.

90% Sauvignon Blanc
5% Semillon
5% Sauvignon Gris

**Duckhorn Vineyards, Napa Valley**

Duckhorn Vineyards Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2013

Both crisp and complex, this lovely Sauvignon Blanc displays enticing aromas of grapefruit, summer melon, lemongrass, and lime zest with subtle hints of boxwood and Mandarin orange. Though it is crisp and refreshing from start to finish, there is a richness to the mid-palate that supports the vibrant fruit with a note of flinty minerality adding nuance and depth.

84% Sauvignon Blanc
16% Semillon

**Kongsgaard, Napa Valley**

Kongsgaard Chardonnay 2012 Napa Valley

From the blocks of the Hudson and Hyde vineyards, ripened perfectly to give the wine that strength and poise. Parker found it to be "gorgeously full-bodied, with great freshness and acidity." Tanzer described it as "wonderfully balanced for a chardonnay of its impressive size." Aromas of stone fruits, spicy orange rind, and honey are supported by vibrant acidity and remarkable minerality.
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