

# VINE BAR

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## WINE LIST

### BY-THE-GLASS (6 OZ GLASS/BOTTLE)

#### SPARKLING

**Avinyó, Muscat/Macabeo/Xarel-lo, 'Petillant,' Vi D'Agulla (NV).....\$13/\$49 (O/V)**

Avinyonet del Penedès, Catalonia, Spain

Organically grown & made with minimal intervention, this "vi d'agulla" (prickly wine) has more of a light effervescence as compared to traditional sparkling wines. Vibrant, refreshing & a little floral, this is the perfect summer sipper.

**Mascaró, Parellada/Macabeo, 'Pure', Brut Nature Reserva Cava (NV).....\$13/\$49 (S/O)**

Penedes, Catalonia, Spain

After drinking this wine in Barcelona last April, I was pleasantly surprised to find it distributed in Mass (so often when you travel, you can't find the wines you fall in love with at home). Brut Nature (or no dosage) are the driest style of sparkling wine - Crisp, clean Cava.

**Moutard-Diligent, Chardonnay, 'Les Vignolles,' Brut Blanc des Blancs (NV).....\$17/\$64 (S)**

Crémant de Bourgogne, Burgundy, France

A dead ringer for Champagne, this value-driven sparkler is full of baking bread, lemon curd, yellow apple & hazelnut on the nose balanced by crisp green pear & yellow peach on the palate. Toasty, nutty, & perfect alone or with all the cheese!

**Aubert & Fils, Pinot Noir & Meunier/Chardonnay, Brut (NV).....\$24/\$90 (S)**

Reims, Champagne, France

A long-time favorite at Barrel & Vine, this is a classic blended Champagne with savory red apple, orchard pear, toasty brioche, truffles & crisp apple acidity. Stands toe-to-toe with much more expensive Champagne!

**Poggio Costa, Glera/Pinot Noir, Rosé Brut Prosecco (2022).....\$12/\$45 (O)**

Veneto, Italy

If strawberry shortcake took the form of a sparkling wine, it would be this. Light, creamy, wild strawberries, raspberries and white peaches freshened up with a little lemon zest note. You won't be able to stop at just one glass!

**Los Monteros, Garnacha Cava Brut Rosé (NV).....\$12/\$45**

Utiel-Requena, Valencia, Spain

Bursting with flavors of fresh strawberries, red cherries, and ripe mandarin with a dry saline finish. Goes down almost too easily!

**Famiglia Carafoli, Sorbara/Salamino, 'L'Onesta', Lambrusco di Sorbara (NV).....14/\$53 (O)**

Sorbara, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

Sparkling Lambrusco had a bad rap state-side, but like Stella, they are finally getting their groove back. Fresh crushed, dark black cherries & plums mix with pepper-dusted savory notes & just a touch of fruitiness that make this a classic pairing for salty cured meats. One sip with all that meaty flavor & you'll wonder why it took so long!

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## WHITE

**Hiruzta, Hondarrabi Zuri, 'Txakolina' (2023).....\$12/\$45 (S)**

Basque Country, Spain

One of our favorite summer wines. Just a touch of a tongue tickle of effervescence kicks off the party on your palate. Followed quickly by citrus zest, white flower & unripe strawberry notes and finishing with a clean saline minerality. Pour on a hot day & enjoy!

**Kobal, Sauvignon Blanc (2022).....\$15/\$56 (S)**

Posavje, Slovenia

I'll admit - I'm a hard sell on Sauv B. I understand why people love it, but I either drank too much of it when I was younger or there are so many other amazing white grapes out there to try (likely both), I very, very rarely drink SB. But I would choose to drink this one, which says a lot.

**Jean Pabiot, Sauvignon Blanc (2022).....\$18/\$68 (O)**

Pouilly-Fumé, Loire Valley, France

Although not as well-known as the village across the river, Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé also makes delicious, mineral-driven Sauvignon Blanc...at a better price point. Leave the searing-acid grapefruit in New Zealand and enjoy this wet limestone & white flower expression of SB.

**Foral de Melgaco, Alvarinho, 'Old Vines' (2023) .....\$12/\$45**

Vinho Verde, Minho, Portugal

Alvarinho (aka Albariño) is a grape that has (rightly) become popular as of late. Most people think of Rías Baixas in Spain, but it also thrives right over the border in Portugal. Sitting directly on the Atlantic coast, the salty ocean air bathes the grapes & contributes salinity to the wines. Like eating a lime popsicle at the beach in a small, oceanside village in wine form (wink wink).

**Affinitas, Harslevelu (2022).....\$14/\$53**

Tokaj, Hungary

Assuming 99% of you have never heard of this grape & we promise we won't ask you to pronounce it, but we are going to ask you to trust us that it's super delicious. Notes of lemon verbena, white tea, & underripe peach supported by bright acidity and mineral core. All the things we love in a warm-weather white.

**Paterianakis, Assyrtiko (2022).....\$14/\$53 (O)**

Crete, Greece

Compared to its higher-acid cousins from Santorini, this Assyrtiko leans more savory. The longer you leave it in the glass, the more it will reveal - starting with notes of bruised fruit, dried herbs & picholine olives and moving toward a grey minerality on the finish. Perfectly Mediterranean.

**Hermann Moser, Gruner Veltliner, 'The Classic' (2021).....\$15/\$56 (O)**

Kremstal, Niederosterreich, Austria

As its name implies, this is a very classic version of Gruner. A touch of petrol on the nose, yellow apple turning to yellow plum, lemongrass and macerated pear and a touch of lime zest. Food-friendly. And the highest praise - it is approved by our German chef :)

**Pasini San Giovanni, Turbiana, 'Lugana' (2020).....\$12/\$45 (O)**

Veneto, Italy

If you like Pinot Grigio, Gavi or Soave, then give this a try. Aromas of coastal windswept orchard fruit. Ripe and baked orchard fruit and a warm nuttiness give this wine an intensity & richness that will stand up well to heartier fish & poultry dishes.

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## WHITE (CONT'D)

**Gérard Tremblay, Chardonnay (2022)**.....\$16/\$60 (S)

Chablis, Burgundy, France

A Chardonnay of a different color. Yellow & green orchard fruit with a core of minerality driven by the Kimmeridgian soils of northern Burgundy. Bold without being overwhelmed by any individual component – this wine is so well balanced, you can drink it alone or pair it with any number of dishes.

**Storm Point, Chenin Blanc (2022)**.....\$12/\$45 (S)

Swartland, Western Cape, South Africa

The tempestuous seaside landscape is reflected in the core of this wine. Oyster brine, wild savory herbs, wet granite minerality & refreshing acid dominate. Take a trip to the Cape of Good Hope in a bottle.

**Domaine de Montorge, Chardonnay, 'Cuvée des Quatre Clochers' 1er Cru (2021)**.....\$20/\$75 (S)

Montagny 1er Cru, Burgundy, France

In a region where the price of wine has gotten out of range for the average wine drinker, this Premier Cru bottling from Montagny represents a gorgeous example of white Burgundy without the price tag to match. Rich, lush, medium-bodied with notes of honeysuckle, white flowers & tea leaves with a mineral-driven acidity that keeps it fresh.

## ROSÉ / ORANGE

**Bodegas Rezabal, Hondarrbi Zuri & Beltza . Txakoli Rosé (2023)**.....\$16/\$60 (S)

Txakoli, Spain

Similar to Vinho Verde, the wines from the Northern Spanish Basque region of Txakoli are lower alcohol with a bit of trapped CO2 that gives a tickle on the tongue. Super dry & crisp with a whiff of chalk dust, pickled strawberries, & lime candy on the finish.

**Diamantis Winery, Xinomavro/Moschomavro, Siaststa 'Magoutes' (2022)**.....\$16/\$60 (O/V)

Macendoia, Greece

Pale pink with a fresh and energetic palate of delicate strawberries, barely-ripe white peach, and steely acidity, it finishes long and clean with a hint of salinity and cool mineral tones.

**Le Fraghe, Corvina/Rondinella , 'Ròdon' (2023)** .....\$12/\$45 (O)

Chiaretto di Bardolino, Veneto, Italy

From a mom & daughter team dedicated to organic grape-growing & winemaking just to the east of Lake Garda using grapes traditionally used in the production of Valpolicella & Amarone. Pink strawberries, white Rainier cherries, dried wild roses & a touch of anise.

**Illahé, Tempranillo (2023)** .....\$16/\$60 (S)

Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA

Tempranillo grapes grown specifically to make this rosé result in a layered profile of small red berries, lime pyth, wet stones, acacia & dried tea notes. Looooong finish. So fresh & so clean, clean. Such a treat every year!

**Stolpman Vineyards, Grenache, 'Love You Bunches' (2023)**.....\$14/\$53 (O)

Santa Barbara County, California, USA

Carbonically-fermented Grenache results in this easy breezy Provence-esque rosé with zippy acid, light, fresh berry fruit and quite possibly the best wine label ever. Pair with sun on your face & laughter in your heart.

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## ROSÉ/ORANGE (CONT'D)

**Pierre Prieur & Fils, Pinot Noir (2023)** .....\$18/\$68 (S)

Sancerre, Loire Valley, France

Yes, they grow something other than Sauvignon Blanc in Sancerre! Pinot Noir grown on limestone soils give this wine a core of saline minerality to compliment the wild strawberries & cream and watermelon rind notes. Brightening citrus & white orchard fruit notes complete.

**Ostatu, Tempranillo/Grenache/Viura , Rosado (2023)**.....\$12/\$45 (O/V)

Rioja, Spain

Beautifully made rosé from an incredible Rioja producer. Using high-altitude vines gives this wine a freshness & pureness of fruit that you don't always find in more commercial rosé bottlings. Bright red berry fruit, orange citrus and a cleansing minerality leave you refreshed & also craving another sip.

**Domaine Guiberteau Cabernet Franc (2022)**.....\$15/\$56 (O/B)

Saumur, Loire Valley, France

This wine hits alllll the notes - bright red berries, sweet & savory herbs, slightly floral with crisp saline acidity that dances on the finish. Pair with anything with tomatoes.

**Château la Gordonne, Grenache/Syrah/Cinsault , 'Tête de Cuvée' (2022)**.....\$17/\$64 (S)

Côtes de Provence, France

Arguably the most famous place for rosé, 'Tête de Cuvée,' refers to this being Gordonne's highest end bottling & it absolutely shows. Rainier white cherry & spring cherry blossom linger with flavors of Meyer lemon & a touch of strawberry cream on the finish.

**Domaine Petroni, Nielluccio/Sciaccarellu/Grenache (2023)**.....\$12/\$45 (S)

Corsica, France

Consistently delicious year after year. The wild, sun warmed strawberry aromas are childhood memories translated into an adult bevvie & the key lime finish seals the deal.

**Domaine Dyckerhoff, Pinot Gris, 'Petit Gris' (2023)** .....\$12/\$45 (S)

Reuilly, Loire Valley, France

It is rosé or is it orange? Pinot Gris is a bit of a chameleon as its skins can range from green to pink to purple to brown. once was always a light coppery color & was an important clue for blind tasting, but it fell out of favor once Pinot Grigio hit it's tipping point. A light & bright rose with more red apple than berry & a lovely lemon pithe finish.

**Troupis, Moschofilero, 'Thunder' (2023)** .....\$12/\$45

Arcadia, Peloponnese, Greece

Here we have another pink-skinned white grape. We also have a whole lot of wine wrapped up in the most fun package (ask to see the bottle!). Jolly Rancher watermelon, strawberry Starburst, bubblegum - all the candied fruit - mitigated by flavors of honeysuckle & lime pithe.

**Artisan Vigneron, Semillon, 'Orange' (2022)**.....\$14/\$53 (O)

Loire Valey, France

An orange wine for orange wine virgins. On the nose, its sweet orange blossoms with a touch of white flowers. On the palate, it translates to an orange creamsicle note with a balancing bright acid note. If we didn't tell you it was orange, you'd think it was a richer white wine. If you're curious about orange wine but nervous you won't like it, this is the orange for you.

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## RED

**Domaine de Montcy, Pinot Noir/Gamay, 'Cabriole' (2020).....\$14/\$53 (O/B)**

Cheverny, Loire Valley, France

As the grape varieties + region suggest, this wine blends the best of savory French Pinot Noir, with fresh & playful French Gamay. Bright & fresh red fruit to start, finishing with sweet baking spices & white pepper notes. It gets more interesting with every sip.

**Mt Beautiful, Pinot Noir (2018) .....\$16/\$60 (S)**

North Canterbury, New Zealand

The cool climate of New Zealand is producing some beautiful (no pun intended) pinot noirs. Unfortunately, we don't see a lot of them so here's your chance to try one. Savory notes of bay leaf & capers balanced with underripe plum & blackcurrant, overturned earth and present but integrated tannins. A few years of bottle age have benefitted this wine.

**August Cellars, Pinot Noir (2016).....\$17/\$64 (S)**

Willamette Valley, Oregon USA

We always get excited when we find "current releases" of wines that already have a few years of age on them as usually it means that they are a little more "ready to drink" than wines that were just bottled and this wine is no exception. That being said, this wine is still so fresh - bursting with lively acidity, ripe red fruits and dried black tea leaf. Extra bonus that the winemakers aren't passing along the cost of waiting to release onto you, the consumer.

**Rizzi, Dolcetto (2020).....\$14/\$53**

Dolcetto d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy

On the nose, wild brambly red & black fruit and flinty minerality - like licking a black cherry-covered wet rock, in the best possible way. I want to pair this with a classic brick-oven margherita pizza...if only we had the oven to do it.

**Luigi Voghera, Nebbiolo (2021).....\$15/\$56 (O)**

Langhe, Piedmonte, Italy

A classic Piedmont Nebbiolo with bright red fruit, baking spices & pretty floral notes accompanied by tart acid and firm tannins. Opens up beautifully with some air. This is Nebbiolo fruit hitting way above it's Langhe appellation.

**Valle Asinari, Barbera/Cab Sauv/Merlot, 'Ciuchino' (2019).....\$12/\$45**

Piedmont, Italy

This is one of those wines that I can't imagine someone not liking. Ripe red berries (raspberry, strawberry), a hint of sweet oak notes in the mid-palate and finishing with a savory tea leaf note. Seemingly simple but continues to deliver.

**Boissy & Delaygue, Syrah/Grenache/Marselan, 'Lou Pontias' (2021).....\$13/\$49**

Côtes du Rhône, Rhone Valley, France

Classic Rhone with dark, broody flavors of black plum, blackberry, pepper spice and licorice. Silky smooth & rich with a personality that overdelivers.

**Fattoria Ambra, Sangiovese/Cab Sauv/Canaiole/Merlot, 'Barco Reale' (2022).....\$13/\$49 (O/B/S)**

Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy

A little baby Super Tuscan from the lesser known appellation of Carmignano. The large portion of Sangiovese gives it that classic Tuscan character while the Cab & Merlot add body & ripe fruit and soften the tannic structure.

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**Prunus, Jaen (Mencia), Tinto (2020)**.....\$13/\$49 (O)

Dao, Portugal

Portugal continues to deliver in the value-driven wine category. There is so much here for the price. Black cherry, plum & blackberry fruit with savory spice & dried leaf undertones. Try with the Drunken Steak.

**Conde de TresAguas, Tempranillo (2021)**.....\$12/\$45 (O)

Rioja, Spain

Spanish wines were probably my first wine love (after those magnums of Cavit Pinot Grigio that I made into spritzers post-college). So I have a soft spot for Tempranillo, including this straight forward version, which is all the things it should be, including crowd-pleasing.

**LangeTwins, Cabernet Franc, Miller Vineyard (2018)**.....\$20/\$75 (S)

Clarksburg, California, USA

Classic Loire Valley meets California Cab Franc. Savory green pepper notes mix with rich, ripe dark fruit and earthy minerality. Oak treatment lends notes of vanilla, espresso & spice.

**Elizabeth Rose, Cab Sauv/Malbec/Merlot, 'Chockablock' (2021)**.....\$16/\$60 (O)

Napa Valley, California, USA

Exactly what you'd expect from a properly made Bordeaux blend from California. Ripe, rich black & blue fruits, specifically plums (but not prunes). Present but not overpowering tannins.

**Chateau Cissac, Cab Sauv/Merlot/Petit Verdot, 'Reflets de Cissac' (2018)**.....\$15/\$56 (O)

Bordeaux, France

One smell & you know this is Bordeaux. Coming from vineyards between Saint-Estephe & Pauillac, this wine is complex but approachable with loads of ripe dark fruit, rich but soft tannins and enough oak influence to add structure and power.

**Fabre Montmayou, Malbec, Reserva (2022)**.....\$15/\$56 (O)

Mendoza, Argentina

Deep & intense with red cherry fruit & spices. Layered & well-balanced with vanilla & chocolate notes from the oak. A modern style wine, with sweet silky tannins.