

Liquid Geograhpy
“Come Sip the World with us”
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WHITES:

La Poulet Blanc, France

Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Viognier blended to form a perfect union. Light bodied and crisp with a hint of floral notes, stone fruit and bright acidity. Soft tannins and easy to drink. Just a great Tuesday night wine – especially if Fish is on the menu, say Cod Tacos?!

Pala Vermentino Sardinia, Italy

Move over Pinot Grigio! Bring out the scallops and chill the wine! This Vermentino from the isle of southern Italy – Sardenia, shows bright acidtiy and steel backbone. Stone fruit eclipsed by firm mineral notes., like quartz dust on the tongue.

Batasiolo Gavi, Cortese Hillside, Italy

Enough fruit to roll into the mineral and stone essence gracefully and seamlessly. Firm tannins hold the structure together and lemony brightness dances on the pallate. Fish of all types and penne with roasted vegetables.

Nora Albarino, Rias Baixas, Spain

Showing some weight and offering a round mouth feel this white wine is complex and satisfying. Apples and peaches suggest a fruity nature but there is enough minerality to impress. Pairs well with poultry and vegetables, as well as shellfish and Pork.

Villa Maria Unoaked Chardonnay - Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Citrus notes echo on NZ Chardonnay as in the Sauvignon Blancs, and the absence of oak allows the grape to shine. Offering bright acidity and racy mioneral notes this wine is a refreshing change of pace.

Serve with seafood risotto and other dishes that offer poultry and or fish.

Villa MT Eden Chardonnay, Bien Nacido Vnyd, Santa Maria Valley, CA

What a great value – Chardonnay from Bien Nacido vineyard at this price is shocking. Medium bodied and round in the mouth this Chardonnay is persistent on the finish and lush in the mouth.

Leitz – Eins Zwei DRY Riesling, Rheingau, Germany

Leitz executes a perfectly lovely dry Riesling – an example of the work from *2011 Winemaker of the Year*. Despite common belief that ALL Rieslings are just sweet – on the contrary – this wine gives a glimpse of the levels of dryness that Riesling can take. Surprise yourself and have this with Oysters!

Leitz Dragonstone Riesling, Rheingau, Germany

More of an Estate wine, this Riesling shows off the ample fruit that Rheingau can produce and backs it up with up with a steel nerve that runs the length of it, piercing your palette with crispness while seducing it with fruit.

REDS:

La Poulet Rouge, France

Cherry notes and hints of blueberries, the fruit notes are on the leaner side of this great little red. Offering great value and a fun Tuesday night wine. It wins with roast chicken and holds up well to roast salmon too. A French blend that shows better with food. It was a hit at my house....

90+ Phantom Gourmet -Special Edition Lot Pinot Noir, CA

Bold Raspberry and boysenberry fruit notes dominate and the soft fruit dissipates just in time to save this from being over the top. Leaves the palate wanting more. Pairs well with salmon poultry and conversation. A special release in conjunction with Boston's Phantom Gourmet

Sattler - St. Laurent , Burgenland, Austria

St Laurent is a lively fresh faced red from Austria that lends itself to many of the characteristics of Pinot Noir. Lovely with raspberry fruit notes and a touch of sour tannin. Fabulous with Pork Chops or roasted root vegetables. Drink the World!

Isole e Olena Chianti, Italy

An elegant Chianti with fine pedigree, shows well with an array of food. From Pasta and Pizza to sauteed red fleshed fish, this wine carries a meal. Broad shoulders of tannins which hold ripe cherries and strawberries in balance. A wonderful bouquet of red ripeness and earthy backbone. Lovely.

Mas de Brunes des Cigales, Cotes du Thongue, France

Meat on the bone kind of wine – offers big, ripe dark fruit but it is scented with cedar and black pepper. The mid palate delivers a touch of firm tannins and before you know it fruit has been eclipsed by earthy notes of leather, spice and moss. Like a walk after a good rain.

The Beach House Red, South Africa

An uncomplicated red that actually over delivers with layers of ripe fruit and firm tannins. Bright fruit balanced by good structure leaves a pleasant aftertaste that evolves into a somewhat long finish. Better than it had to be at this price – and well worth the try! South Africa offers great wine and at value prices....what more can you ask?

Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Series - Merlot, CA

Explosive red cherry notes dominate and tannins bring up the rear in good style providing structure and balance. The ripe fruit is restrained and the finish is pleasant and long.

Troublemaker - Austin Hope Winery, CA

In the trend of blends come winemaker, *Austin Hope*, who mixes it up with different grapes. Rather than the usual suspects we have a blend of Syrah, Grenache, Petite Sirah, and Mouvedre...and some of the wine was fermented at different times *then* blended. Paso Robles fruit lends itself to more spicier notes and so do these varieties. Pleasing and substantial.

Bogle Phantom, CA

A Bogle Behemoth! Black fruit dominates on this lush and fruit forward wine. Pleasing tannins rein in the fruit and the wine is weighty and heavy on the palate. Brash and bold this wine needs meat and the rarer the better!

Li Velli Passamenti, Italy

Dark fruit is expressed more like that of prune and dried fig than bright cherry. For the price, this wine delivers a more mature fruit profile and it is balanced with earthier notes such as tanned leather, and teak. Braised Beef cheek with Polenta.

Wildeckrans – Cabernet Franc/ Merlot, South Africa

South Africa if you haven't discovered it yet is a goldmine of wines! This blend of Cab Franc and Merlot is no exception. Bold fresh dark fruit offers blackberry and cassis complimented by Merlots' cherry notes. Underlying all this fruit like the dark cape of a crusader, is a complex character of

tannic angles and layers. Meaty and soft while remaining firm and tannic...excellent with beef or game birds such as duck breast. Taste the world.

Los Ailos Syrah Reserva , Argentina

This aint no Malbec! Argentina is so much more than one grape... Bold black fruit dominates on the front palate while spice almost assaults the mid palate, leaving for a soft landing and a long persistent finish. Tannic and a tad wild....wonderful with grilled meats or slow cooked eggplant.

Zaca Mesa Syrah, CA

After tasting this wine at a show I promptly bought it and hope you do the same. Zaca Mesa is working hard and all a tad under the radar. They are serious winemakers and this Syrah is testimony to what this grape can offer, and how talented the folks making this wine are. Big bold red and black fruit notes with firm tannins and more than a hint of spice like pepper and clove.

Cimmicky Trumps, Blend – Barossa Valley, Australia

From Down Under, a 90 point wine that jumps out of the glass Bearing the bold dark fruit that made Australia so famous. Layers and layers of spice and fruit mingle with firm tannins and explode with flavour. This vintage is limited....

Paso Creek Zinfandel, Lodi, California

It may be cold out but fire that grill up! Zinfandel goes great with grilled meats whether it is 30 or 90 degrees outside! Black cherry, blueberry notes collide with zesty blackberry and spice. Layers of flavor hint at chocolate sweetness all the while held up by firm, unyielding tannins that seem soft with so much fruit enveloping them.

7 Deadly Zins,Old Vines – Lodi, California

Like so many Zinfandels this wine is a monster right out of the glass it grabs your attention and holds it hostage! Assaulting your taste buds with giant fruit bomb flavor and delivering complex layers of fruit , spice, sweet cherry and tart berry tannins. Higher in alcohol Zinfandel makes for lively conversation...and pairs very well with grilled Lamb chops, steaks, and BBQ pork sliders.

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