



Liquid Geograhpy November– 2011

WHITES:

Bassi Pignoletto, Bologna, Italy

The wine which is 100% Pignoletto, which this wine is made with, is a traditional wine for Bologna. Clean crisp with a pleasing stoniness, offering white peach and apricot notes. Dry and lovely on finish; pair with littlenecks over Linguine.

Joel Gott Sauvignon Blanc, California

Offers more body than many Sauvignon Blanc do, while remaining dry, clean and crisp. Great with dinner as well as just conversation, it pairs well with oysters, roast chicken or white pizza.

Vetiver Rioja Blanc, Rioja, Spain

What a great little wine! 100% Viura; which is a grape indigenous to Spain, offers a profile which is sublime – clean on palate with stony mineral nuances, nice body and weight, finishing long and dry.

Latour Beaune Blanc, (Burgundy) Beaune, France

Finally – here is a premier white Burgundy for you all to taste! Burgundy makes two wines – Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This is 100% Chardonnay from its birth place! Although it is oaked the profile is clean and high toned. It is not buttery but rather weighty and profound. Wonderful.

Foxglove Chardonnay, Central Coast, CA

Parker rated at 91 pts , for those of you that take stock in scores! This is moderately oaked and shows a well defined balance of mineral notes and soft fruit and toasted creaminess.

McManis Viognier, California

An excellent Thanksgiving wine; Viognier offers a nice body weight and round mouth feel with peach and apricot notes , finishing with a slightly floral characteristic.

Tukuklu Chenin Blanc, South Africa

Medium bodied and full flavor with nice mouth feel, bright and satisfying. It shows well; offering bright acidity and soft fruit and floral notes. Pairs well with Turkey and all the fixins!

Fitz –Ritter Gewürztraminer Spätlese, Paltz, Germany

Offering all the ripe power that a single vineyard can deliver, this wine is wonderfully aromatic, full bodied and relenting crisp despite the ripe fruit.

Perfect for a Thanksgiving feast!

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Louis Latour Marsanne, Beaune – Cote D’ Or, France

A lovely Pinot noir showing in true Burgundy style; Lean with a light bodied weight and soft on the palate. There are aromatic raspberry notes in the nose and on palate. A true Pinot Noir for Thanksgiving.

McManis Pinot Noir, California

Soft raspberry and ripe currant notes, soft on palate and fairly ripe and round in the mouth. Pairs well with Turkey and all game birds.

Duxinero, Carneros, CA

A rich ripe style Pinot showing off all its pedigree Carneros fruit and acidity.

Good mouth feel and round ripe fruit – well balanced and a great value at this price. Pairs well with all the opulent flavors that is: Thanksgiving!

Decoy Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley, CA

Decoy is a second label from Duckhorn so it certainly has legendary possibilities. It is ripe with raspberry briar notes both on palate and in the nose. Lovely and easy drinking, a nice match to Turkey, and is long on the finish.

Bonne Neige Brouilly Beaujolais, France

A solid little red made with the Gamay grape for which Beaujolais is famous. Rather than the just pressed version this is from one the villages and is much riper in fruit and well balanced. An iconic wine for Thanksgiving.

Domaine du Houchart, Cote du Provence, France

A blend of Rhone grapes such as Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, Carignon from Provence, shows well with earthy notes and ripe pleasant fruit. Currants and a touch of blueberry evolve into a suggestion of violets. Pretty , light enough to pair with poultry.

Domaine de la Solitude, Cotes du Rhone, France

A cotes du Rhone that is well crafted and hails from a great centuries old house! Beautiful ripe fruit and black & white pepper notes are delivered by the Syrah & Grenache as well. A meaty wine that elevates any meal, especially Thanksgiving.

McManis Petite Sirah, California

This wine over delivers with dark rich ripe fruit, harnessed by earthy, leather notes and offers a good grip on finish. It is ripe and meaty, but still fruit driven enough to serve at Thanksgiving.

Viette Dolcetto d 'Alba, Italy

Dolcetto, means little sweet one in Italian. This wine offers big ripe dark fruit and is softer on the tannins than some wines but still remains well balanced and delightfully ripe as well as dry.

Tukulu Pinotage, Groenekloof Darling, South Africa

The Darling district is home to red soil, a unique terroir in South Africa. Inspiring a rich expression in the grapes- full bodied, ripe and persistent on the finish. Black fruit dominates, but is well balanced by the tannins.

Aguaribay Malbec, Baron Edmund Rothschild, Argentina

Bright black fruit dances with tart tannins creating a well balanced wine that is pleasant on the palette and in the nose. Dark fruit mingles with tart raspberry notes and the finish is long and pleasant. Fantastic value.

Silverado Merlot, Napa Valley, California

Well established since 1981 and well respected; Silverado creates a memorable Merlot. Rich blackberry fruit mingles with dusty cocoa notes and cherry tones.

A satisfyingly lengthy finish is a perfect ending to such a well made wine.

Foxglove Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA

Paso Robles fruit tends to express more spice notes in the grapes grown there.

Foxglove offers the depth of blackberry fruit and well balanced tannins complemented by the soft but prevalent pepper notes.

Joel Gott Lot # 815, California

Sometimes a lot series offers a combination of grapes grown in different locales allowing for a fuller wine in the end. Joel Gott is a Cabernet that definitely delivers and is offered at an affordable price. Win Win.

Ontanon Crianza Rioja, Rioja Spain

Aged in oak as well as hailing from some of the world's great vineyards, this wine graces any table. It is a hearty red – complex and deep offering many layers of black fruit with sweet oak touches. A bottle you want to take your time with, and share with a fine meal....

Cline Ancient Vine Zinfandel, Oakly , CA

Historic land holdings with 100 + year old vines are the secret to this fine wine.

Old vines offer a depth and complexity young vines simply cannot deliver.

Dark blackberry fruit as well as strawberry and even chocolate notes delight!

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