

# Aperitifs & Sparkling Wines

## *Spritz Cocktail* ~ Trentino – Italy

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A bitter wine-based aperitif served with Prosecco and a splash of club soda. It's somewhere between Campari and sweet Vermouth in flavor, both orangey and herbal, with only a hint of sweetness and a drying finish. Definitely THE MOST popular aperitif in Italy!

## *Prosecco* ~ Zardetto Private Cuvee', Veneto – Italy, 2015

12/Split or 44 /Bottle

Fresh fragrant aromas, a graceful mouth-feel and perfect acidity are the hallmarks of this quintessential aperitif wine. Crystal clear with a fine perlage, sleek and smooth, here the fruit tends towards ripe yellow peaches and honeyed grapefruit, with hints of apple, orange blossom & lemon-lime, and with spices and minerals that add complexity. The finish is long, generous and nicely balanced. *Credits: 89 Points Wine Enthusiast*

## *Brut Gran Reserva* ~ Juve' y Camps – Spain, 2011

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Pale gold in color, this Brut has aromas of mature white peach, brioche and green tea with hints of lemon citrus and apricots. Equally rich and broad on the palate, these flavors lead to a dry, crisp, balanced, lengthy wine offering outstanding value.

## *Moscatel de la Marina* ~ Bodegas Enrique Mendoza, Alicante – Spain, 2010

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This sweet white wine is made entirely from Moscatel, which is fermented at very cool temperatures in stainless steel to preserve its youthful fruity character. It offers notes of dried apricots, honey and crème brûlée. Perfectly balanced on the palate with mouth-filling, silky texture and a corpulent body, this wine unfolds into a long, fine finish. A perfect pairing: with almond biscotti!

## *Rose'* ~ Lavignone Pico Maccario, Asti, Piedmont – Italy, 2016

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Pale salmon in appearance, Lavignone Rosato is wonderful to drink, as the nose and palate are met by playful aromas of wild strawberry, watermelon, cranberry, fresh-cut grass, and river stone. Refreshing, but modest acidity supports a round mouth-feel and velvety texture. The dry and balanced finish leaves the palate feeling clean and refreshed. Very versatile, its bright aromatics and dry finish make it ideally suited to a wide range of dishes that incorporate fresh, in-season ingredients-- particularly fresh vegetables and tomatoes.

# Wines by the glass

## *Pinot Grigio* ~ Cantina di Casteggio Oltrepo Pavese – Italy, 2014

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Dry, light-bodied, fruity and refreshing. Lemon-green in color. On the palate, it is smooth with a long, dry finish. Great as an aperitif.

## *Sauvignon Blanc* ~ Root 1, Casablanca Valley – Chile, 2015

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Pale green edges with a bright citrus bouquet and juicy tropical aromas. Lime, pineapple and pear flavors are vibrant and fresh. Smooth mineral notes and a hint of herbs creates complexity for this crisp and delightful wine, followed by an elegant finish.

## *Riesling* ~ Clean Slate, Mosel – Germany, 2014

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A refreshing and perfectly balanced Riesling with crisp notes of mineral imparted from the slate soil. Ripe peach flavors balance lively acidity, hints of lime and characteristic mineral notes.

## *Chardonnay* ~ Cousino Macul Antiguas Reserve, Central Valley – Chile, 2014

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Rich and viscous with flavors of apples, vanilla, tropical fruit and minerals. Light golden color with bright notes, this Chardonnay has very delicate and elegant floral notes. Fruity aromas of pineapple and apple are sensed. On the palate, it presents a firm body; it is full, rounded and has a long finish. *Credits: 91 Points Beverage Dynamics*

## *Montepulciano di Puglia* ~ Cantine Teanum Favugne, Puglia – Italy, 2014

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The grape variety Montepulciano builds this red wine: structure, richness, with a long-lasting fresh finish. A strong red with a bouquet of red berries, pepper, vanilla, hints of fresh minty-herbal notes with more pungent, floral fragrances and a dry, robust and persistent flavor.

**Chianti ~ Palladio, Tuscany – Italy, 2015** 9  
Bright ruby red, with inviting aromas of black cherries, blueberries and elderberries, with undertones of tobacco and cracked black pepper. On the palate, this Chianti is fresh and easygoing, with soft tannins, refreshing acidity and a persistent finish. It is a blend of 90% Sangiovese and 5% each of Merlot and Syrah, and aged in stainless steel tanks and French oak casks for 12 months.

**Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Tilia (Sustainably Farmed), Mendoza – Argentina, 2015** 9  
This Cabernet is sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards in Mendoza, Argentina. It shows rich red currant and cassis fruit flavors and aromas with a note of cedar and a long, well-structured finish.

**Pinot Noir ~ Kris IGT, Lombardy – Italy, 2014** 9  
Bright ruby in color with purple hues, Kris Pinot Noir shows enticing aromas of ripe blackberries and red forest fruits, followed by subtle earthiness and firm, well-framed tannin. Elegant and supple, this wine perfectly reflects the typical traits of the varietal, with a unique northern Italian twist.

**Merlot ~ Falesco, Umbria – Italy, 2013** 10  
Aged for six months in small French oak barrels, Falesco Merlot is full-bodied and very deep in color. The aromas are rich and spicy, with intense, Berry, Vanilla and Mocha flavors. Here the fruit is wonderfully precise and elegant: jammy blueberries, blackberries, cinnamon and leather are well balanced and harmonious, with a thick texture and a very long and lingering finish. **Credits: Robert Parker 88+ Points**

**Blend ~ HIGH NOTE Red Blend 1,100 meter, Mendoza – Argentina 2012** 9  
Intense nose with Malbec traces of ripe, sweet plum and blackberry laced with Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah spice fragrances. Barrel aging provides further complexity with delicate oak and vanilla flavors. Ideal with pork, Rib Eye steaks or lamb.

## White Wines

**Pinot Grigio delle Venezie ~ Zenato IGT, Friuli-Venezia Giulia – Italy, 2014** 39  
Crisp, light-bodied, delicately scented and soft on the palate, it offers classic citrus and floral notes in a balanced elegant style. Lemon-green in color, aromas of key limes and white peaches complement undertones of green apples and pear. On the palate, it is smooth and refreshing with a long, dry finish.

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**Gavi ~ La Marchesa, Gavi – Italy, 2015** 44  
Bright straw-yellow in color, aromas of ripe red apples, apricot and wildflowers complement undertones of nuts and sage. The apricot note follows through to the palate, along with yellow peach, honeydew melon and almond, all framed in bright acidity, which together with a creamy texture, combine to make this a complex, enjoyable wine.

*Sancerre Blanc ~ Aujourd' Hui Comme Autrefois - France, 2014* 56

"Aujourd' Hui Comme Autrefois" (Literally, today as in the past) is elaborated with the most traditional techniques - no filtration, ageing on lees... A truly authentic Sancerre, coming from old vines in the finest hillsides of Chavignol. Given its late bottling, it will stay fresh and young for an extended period. It exhibits a very fruity character (citrus, peach, apricot, mango) with a solid structure, while remaining absolutely refreshing. *100% Sauvignon blanc*

## Red Wines

SOFT - ROUND - MELLOW

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*Syrah ~ Cantine Teanum Alta, Puglia - Italy, 2010* 40

Aged in French oak barrels, this wine has a brilliant ruby color with an intense and intriguing aroma. It has a clean, fruity and persistent taste with an aromatic bouquet of violets, cinnamon and dried cloves, besides notes of incense, spices and black cherry jam. It is well balanced with velvety, soft tannins which makes it an excellent match with red meats.

*Dolcetto d'Alba ~ Ceretto Rossana, Piedmont - Italy, 2013* 54

This Dolcetto has dark, complex flavors such as licorice, prune, and fresh aromas of cherry and spices. This is coupled with strong tannins and light acidity, and it shows a slightly green edge on the back end.

*Barbera d'Asti ~ Lavignone, Asti, Piedmont - Italy, 2015* 42

A medium body, bright and aromatic wine with aromas and flavors of red cherries, violets and wild herbs. With its soft tannins, it can be paired with many different dishes, even with fusion preparations, but it shines with roasted poultry and cheeses. The wine's earthy flavors will nicely accent any dish containing herbs and mushrooms.

*Barbera d'Asti Superiore ~ Vinchio-Vaglio "I Tre Vescovi" DOCG, Piedmont - Italy, 2013* 52

"I Tre Vescovi" (the Three Bishops), is made from high quality grapes with an elevated sugar content which gives the "Superiore" designation. Ruby red in color, with a wonderful bouquet of dried fruits and a dry and persistent finish on the palate.

DRY - MEDIUM BODIED

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*Nebbiolo ~ Monchiero Carbone Sire, Piedmont - Italy, 2013* 49

Ruby-red in color with purple reflections, it is noted for its all-around finesse, merging varietal aromas of black raspberry and roses with a hint of nutmeg. Medium in body, it features good acidity and moderate tannins which are matched by a vibrant and harmonious finish.

*Shiraz ~ 2 Up, McLaren Vale - Australia, 2013* 42

Bright red and dark fruit on the nose with black currants, strawberry and plum. The palate has trade mark McLaren Vale savory black fruits and plum together with firm fruit and oak tannins resulting in a dry finish. 2 Up is created by Kevin and Helen O'Brien, producers of the highly acclaimed Kangarilla Road. The wine is an elegant, intense and exceptional quality Shiraz that is hand-crafted from a blend of grapes carefully selected by Kevin from highly prized local vineyards.

- Primitivo ~ Villa Santera, Manduria – Italy, 2014** 48  
 A bold and spicy red, rich purple in color, inviting aromas of spiced cherries and black fruits complement undertones of tobacco and dried plums. It is a full-bodied wine, warm and soft on the palate with flavors that continue to evolve into the finish.
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- Sangiovese ~ Di Majo Norante, Molise – Italy, 2014** 39  
 Vivid ruby red in color with a fresh bouquet of violets and woodland berries, this round red offers solid dark plum, cherry, spice, mocha and tobacco notes, on a medium-bodied frame. Smooth and intense on the palate with loads of ripe fruit.
- Blend ~ Tua Rita Rosso dei Notri IGT, Tuscany – Italy, 2014** 54  
 A 50-50 blend of Sangiovese with international varieties including Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet, it is considered a Supertuscan and it is aged three months in both barrique and botte. It offers a vibrant and lively bouquet with highlights of wild berry, spice and dried tobacco. In the mouth it feels compact and fresh. **Credits: Wine Advocate – 87pts**
- Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Catena Zapata, Mendoza – Argentina, 2013** 50  
 The Catena Cabernet Sauvignon shows a dark ruby color with violet tones. On the nose, it offers intense aromas of ripe raspberries and cassis with notes of black pepper, cloves and a touch of fresh thyme. On the palate it is full, rich and elegant. It displays layers of black currant with notes of cedar, oregano and graphite. The tannins provide structure and a bright, long, persistent finish. **Credits: Robert Parker 90 pts**
- Malbec ~ Renacer Punto Final Reserva, Mendoza – Argentina, 2013** 52  
 Deep purple color, with complex perfume of pain grille, mocha and freshly crushed black cherry and blackberry. Aged for 10 months in French barrique providing added complexity, smooth tannins along with floral notes and an elegant bouquet. Creamy mouth feel, with a long fruit-stained finish. **Credits: 91+ Point Ratings Wine Enthusiast in the past 5 vintages**
- Côtes du Rhône ~ Chateau De saint Cosme – France, 2014** 44  
 Aromatically stunning! The intense Syrah nose opens with herbs de Provence, white pepper, anise and wild blackberries, while the saturated, well balanced palate is just pleasing enough to leave you begging for more.
- Chianti Classico ~ Poggio Scalette DOCG, Tuscany – Italy, 2013** 52  
 Bright ruby red in color, the 2013 Chianti Classico has a very clean entry to the palate. A lively bouquet of dark fruits, dried flowers and plum complement undertones of ripe cherries and pomegranate seeds. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruit-forward with silky tannins that evolve throughout the finish. Full body, crisp and very, very clean. Almost steely. The quality of the fruit is evident in the classic 2013 vintage.
- Chianti Classico Riserva ~ San Felice "Il Grigio", Tuscany – Italy, 2011** 69  
 A deep ruby red, "Il Grigio" releases lingering, complex fragrances redolent of sweet violets and wild red berry fruit. The palate displays a wine of appreciable body, nicely lean-edged, and with a crisp acidity. Succulent tannins complement a delicate fruitiness, as does a broad complex of aromas enriched by just a hint of toasty oak. Overall, a beautifully harmonious wine.

## STRUCTURED – BOLD – DRY

- Brunello di Montalcino* ~ **Altesino, Tuscany – Italy, 2011 (... 375ml bottle!!!)** 70  
Altesino 2010 Brunello di Montalcino stands proud among its peers. The bouquet is almost purely floral in character with a strong emphasis on pressed rose petal, dried violets and potpourri. The fruit tones are less emphatic and include bright cherry and red currant. In the mouth, the wine's compressed texture is accented by fennel seed and licorice. Wonderful decadent aromas of musk, orange peel and plum follow through to a full body, with soft tannins and a long and rich finish. 95 points, James Suckling (Jan 2015)
- Valpolicella Superiore* ~ **Zenato Ripassa, Veneto – Italy, 2012** 69  
With a beautifully deep ruby color, this "baby" Amarone offers a complex nose, an intense, elegant and persistent bouquet, rich in aromas of blackberry jam, dried flowers, walnut, cedar wood and vanilla. It is soft and warm, balanced by adequate tannins and pleasant acidity. On the palate it's harmonious and velvety, with a good structure. Aged eighteen months in oak, it's perfect with grilled red meats.
- Malbec (Amarone Style)* ~ **Renacer Milamore, Mendoza – Argentina, 2014** 69  
Dark purple in color, Milamore offers supple aromas of ripe plums and blackberries, interlaced with aromas of dried figs and raisins, with notes of vanilla, cocoa, sweet tobacco and rose petals. These aromas carry through to the palate where they are joined by toasty oak and sweet cinnamon. This is a full-bodied wine, velvety, rich and complex, with finely grained tannins and a long, opulent finish, that will deliver prime drinking from 2013 to 2021.
- Cabernet Sauvignon* ~ **Maculan "Palazzotto", Veneto – Italy, 2012** 69  
Palazzotto showcases the volcanic soils of the Breganze DOC. The mineral dryness is exceptional. It is layered and rich -driven notes of dried earth, licorice, red fruit and garden herb that give it extra liveliness. This wine has perfectly balanced tannins and offers a clean portrait of Cabernet Sauvignon. *Credits: Robert Parker 90 Points*
- Rosso di Montalcino* ~ **Poggio San Polo, Tuscany – Italy, 2014** 72  
Ruby-red in color, this 'baby' Brunello offers juicy aromas of blackberries, cherries and a hint of vanilla. This pleasantly fragrant wine with satisfying intensity is dry yet fresh, medium bodied, smooth, with well-balanced tannins and a persistent, aromatic finish. It is ideal with pasta Bolognese, herb roasted chicken, short ribs or cheeses such as Parmigiano Reggiano. At San Polo, the grapes for this Rosso di Montalcino are obtained from the same noble parcels as those used for the Brunello, but the requirements for aging and maximum yield are less stringent. Therefore, Rosso di Montalcino wine is more immediately accessible in its youth, whereas Brunello di Montalcino benefits from more aging. More like a 'baby' Brunello, the final wine is flavorful and versatile, with all the quality one expects from this distinguished appellation.
- Supertuscan* ~ **Tua Rita Perlato del Bosco, Tuscany – Italy, 2013** 79  
Obtained from 100% Sangiovese refined in oak barrels, the 2013 Perlato del Bosco has silky tannins and expressive aromatics that give the wine its sense of polish. Dry, full bodied, with sweet red berries, mint, cinnamon and wild flowers that add nuance on the rich, expansive finish.
- Barbaresco* ~ **Orlando Abrigo Rocche Meruzzano, Piedmont – Italy, 2013** 95  
Nebbiolo is the grape variety behind the top-quality red wines of Piedmont, Barolo and Barbaresco. Nebbiolo wines are distinguished by their strong tannins, high acidity and distinctive scent – often described as "tar and roses". A less obvious characteristic, visible only over time, is their tendency to lose color. Within just a few years of vintage, most Nebbiolo wines begin fading from deep, violet-tinged ruby to a beautiful brick orange. Barbaresco Rocche Meruzzano has lots of earth, tar, some floral notes, a bit of black raspberry, lots of leafiness, and a decently long finish, with a smooth dry aftertaste.
- Barolo* ~ **Ceretto, Piedmont – Italy, 2011** 115  
A classic Barolo, harmonious and velvety, with limited tannins content and a consistently fine balance between alcohol and acidity. Strawberry, mocha and smoke on the nose. Full and round, finishes silky and very long. Distinct autumnal notes here rather than high-pitched flowers. It displays extraordinary drinkability after just a few months in the bottle and, in good vintages, can be cellared for up to 20 years.

***Blend ~ Gran Tiati Cantine Teanum, Puglia - Italy, 2009*** 69

This blend: 60% Aglianico, 25% Montepulciano and 15% Syrah, is aged in French and American oak barrels of first and second use for 12 months and subsequently aged in bottles for 6 months. Dark red in color, with strong hints of Mediterranean herbs and intense aromas of oriental spices, especially ginger, cocoa and red fruit such as plums and cherries stand out. Warm, enveloping and velvety flavor, with soft tannin. The finish is long, clean and satisfying. Ideal with meat dishes; excellent with game and cheeses.

***Cabernet Franc ~ El Enemigo, Mendoza - Argentina, 2011*** 69

Ripe berry, cassis and grilled meat aromas presage a fresh, zesty palate with free-flowing acidity that pumps up cherry, red plum, cassis and loamy earth flavors. It stays fruity, stout and smooth on the finish. The wine is ripe and fully representative of Mendoza and winemaker Alejandro's Vigil's style. **Credits: Wine Enthusiast 91 points.**

***Amarone della Valpolicella Classico ~ La Giaretta DOCG, Veneto - Italy, 2012*** 90

Aromas and flavors center on the dark black fruit, licorice, and leather notes with accents of bitter chocolate and smoke emerging with air. There's a touch of new oak still present, so decant for 30 minutes or cellar for a while to let everything integrate. Rich, elegant, excellent!

***Cancellaia ~ IGT Pakravan-Papi, Tuscany - Italy, 2011*** 75

The vineyards producing Cancellia are embedded on soils of igneous rocks of great minerality. The density is limited to 5,500 units/hectare to allow a lesser concentration of the pulp and maintain a good balance between freshness and complexity.

Cancellia is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Cabernet Franc. It conveys aromas of ripe fruit, with fresh notes of green pepper and mint, plum and red fruit, well integrated by a spicy and balsamic undertone.

***Merlot ~ Sansonina, Veneto - Italy, 2011*** 120

Sansonina Merlot Veronese IGT 2011 is 100% Merlot hand-harvested from 25-year-old vines and aged for 2 years in oak barrique, with an additional 12 months aging in bottle before release. A deep ruby in color, it offers full, rich, complex aromas on the nose. On the palate, elegant, balanced flavors with fine tannins and a long finish.

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***Supertuscan Bordeaux Blend ~ Tua Rita Giusto di Notri, Tuscany - Italy, 2011*** 210

The 2011 Giusto di Notri sees 60% Cabernet Sauvignon blended with 30% Merlot and a smaller component of Cabernet Franc. Inky dark and impenetrable, this is a hearty Tuscan red to pair with a succulent slab of charcoal-grilled steak. The wine is exceedingly soft and opulent with gorgeous tones of black cherry, elderberries, cassis, Rhum cake, crushed granite, cured meat, leather and exotic spice. This is a huge wine, in a resoundingly positive way that rewards a beautiful and intense drinking experience, with mellow tannins on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.