

Wine Flight September 2, 2015

Great Grapes of Europe



Climbing Grape Vine

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2014 Vertikal Riesling Kabinett (Mosel, Germany)



Rose

Tasting Notes:

On the nose there are floral notes with lime zest, citrus, peach and a hint of honey. This moderately light bodied wine is like drinking in a crisp granny smith apple.

Food Pairings:

Pair with lemongrass barbequed pork and rice-vermicelli salad topped with cucumber, lime, mint and cilantro. Or try with spicy shrimp and cellophane noodle salad with basil and sprinkled peanuts.

PLCB 552027 @ \$13.99 7.5% ABV

2014 Domaine Marchand et Fils Pouilly-Fumé Les Kérots (Loire, France)

"Fumé" literally translates to "smoke," but this has nothing to do with a smoky flavor in the wine, although that is a popular notion. It instead refers to the morning fog that covers the Loire Valley and is as thick as smoke.

Tasting Notes:

This Sauvignon Blanc has a pale golden color and scents of white pepper and citrus fruits. On the palate, fresh black currant and minerals combine and finish with a crisp acidity.

Food Pairings:

Excellent as an aperitif, it also goes along with appetizers of oysters and mussels with some crusty French bread. You can also pair it with a combination of blue-fin tuna and salmon with lemon and olive oil sauce, swordfish marinated in balsamic vinegar and olive oil, and shrimp stuffed avocado.

PLCB 33787 @ \$14.99 (regularly \$24.99) 12.5% ABV

2011 Bodegas Roquesán ROQ Ribera del Duero Crianza (Spain)

If you love the structure of Caberbet Sauvignon and the fruitiness of Grenache then you'll love Tempranillo (derived from the word *temprano*, which in Spanish means "early"). Among red varieties in Spain, it's considered an early-ripener. Ribera del Duero now challenges Rioja as Spain's premier red-wine producing area.

Crianza has been aged one year in oak and one year in the bottle.

Tasting Notes:

This red has a complex nose of oak, red fruit, vanilla, and cocoa. It has cranberry, hints of leather, tobacco, sandalwood and chocolate on the palate. It is typical of the region, with a smooth finish.

Food Pairings:

Spanish food that contains red peppers, pimentón, garlic and saffron work wonders with this red. Consider that a young Tempranillo can handle quite robust, even spicy dishes.

PLCB 33791@ \$13.99 (regularly \$21.00) 13.5% ABV

2014 San Quirico Chianti Colli Senesi, Organic (Tuscany, Italy)

This wine is made from 100% Sangiovese grapes grown in Chianti's Colli Senesi subzone.



Lamp Post ala Français

Tasting Notes:

This wine has a bright, vivacious color and delivers traditional fresh cherry fruit and violet aromas on the nose. It is full and round on the palate with balanced acidity and moderate structure.

Food Pairings:

Pair this wine with cioppini, tomato and olive sauces, orecchiette arrabbiata, and even penne with vodka sauce.

PLCB 552175 @ \$15.99 13.5% ABV