

MANOR ROAD TASTING SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

THE AMERICA'S

1. CHANDON ROSE, ARGENTINA NV 12.5% ALC

Score

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Estimated Cost

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In true pioneering spirit, Chandon Argentina was founded in 1959 by Moet & Chandon to produce a sparkling wine that combined French winemaking expertise and the passion of Argentina. From the foothills of the Andes, the classic grape varieties of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have been skilfully blended using methode traditionnelle, resulting in a lively wine with fine bubbles and delicate citrus aromas.

2. BARBOURSVILLE VIOGNIER RESERVE 2010 13.2% ALC

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Jefferson's Dream, Virginia

Thomas Jefferson, a great lover of wine, with the assistance of Italian Viticulturist, Filippo Mazzei, made an attempt to establish a vineyard in Virginia. Two centuries later Vitis Vinifera plantings were successfully established at Barboursville Vineyards located on the former plantation of Governor James Barbour whose mansion was designed by his close friend Thomas Jefferson. The mansion was destroyed by fire Christmas Day in 1884 but the ruins are preserved as a Virginia Historic landmark.

This wine is full bodied, with extremely attractive aromas and flavours of floral spice, tropical fruit and hints of honey and orange.

3. NEWTON UNFILTERED CHARDONNAY

2014 14.5% ALC

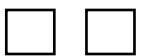


Established in 1977, Newton Vineyard was the vision of founders Dr. Su Hua and Peter Newton, who recognised the potential of Spring Mountain as a prime viticultural region. It was one of the first wineries on eastern flank of the Mayacamas range which separates Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Recognized as an American pioneer of unfiltered wines, Newton Vineyard is dedicated to working in harmony with nature to transform grapes of uncompromised quality into wines of distinctive character.

The wine is fermented with wild yeast, native to the Carneros Vineyards and is bottled unfiltered to preserve the natural fruit essence and to foster the wines unique aroma and flavours. The creamy texture and balanced acidity are punctuated by rich fruit flavours including melon, fig and baked apples, with spices, vanilla and honey which linger. Introduced in 1990 this Chardonnay is said to be the first unfiltered wine produced in California and is now regarded as the benchmark with it's perfect balance of fruit and acidity.

4. ALTIVO "THE SECRET" MALBEC

2013 14.5% ALC



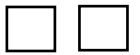
Mendoza Single Vineyard

"A selection of Malbec grapes from a unique vineyard in the VCO Valley. A blend appreciated by those who know more. Everything kept, jealously hidden, for the enjoyment of only those that value the subtleties that the time grants"

Intense purple in colour this wine reflects the perfect conjunction of fruit and spice enriched by subtle oak. Well structured, intense but elegant. The winemaker is hugely talented Andrea Ferreyra.

5. GAMBA OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2011 16.2% ALC



Russian River Valley

Since 1990 the Gamba Family Estate Vineyard has been tended with Old World, sustainable farming methods. Irrigated solely by rain water, the vineyard produces small, intensely flavoured berries for its limited production wines. I am proud to be the sole U.K. importer of this special wine crafted by Gus and Paulette Gamba and their family.

This wine is incredibly expressive and a deeply coloured garnet beauty. Aromas and flavours of cherry, briary berry and wild flowers. Spice jumps out of the glass followed by just-ripe blackberry, spiced cinnamon and vanilla. Complex and layered the wine offers immense flavour and structure. Will age well.

6. FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

13.5% ALC



Coppola's dedication to quality is evident here. He only produces the best and at amazing value. Produced in Oakville and Geyserville Vineyards Sonoma County.

Fruit forward smooth wines are the signature of the Diamond Collection. This Cabernet Sauvignon has highly concentrated aromas of blackberries, cherries and spice. The flavours are of plums, currants, dried herbs and toasted oak.

7. ULYSSES

2012 14.5% ALC



Napa Valley

In 1968 Christian Moueix started his winemaking in Beaulieu Vineyards, Rutherford, Napa Valley. Fourteen years later he established Dominus Estate, down the road in Yountville. Moueix had always been intrigued by the potential of southern Oakville's terroirs and managed to acquire the Schmidt Ranch in 2008. He renamed the property ULYSSES, and bringing all his 30 years of experience from Dominus has created this stunning wine. The result is an absolutely singular expression of Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, bursting with wild briary fruits, wild plum and elderberry, giving a wonderful juiciness with refined tannins.

8. LUCIENNE PINOT NOIR

2013 14.5% ALC

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Smith Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands

I was introduced to the Hahn Family Winery by my good friend, top Pinot Noir Winemaker Gary Pisoni.

The Smith Vineyard sits at the highest elevation of the Hahn Vineyards, its vines planted along the contours of ridges and valleys of the mountains. Ample sunshine and deep alluvial soils contribute to this Pinot Noir's rich dark fruit flavours, vibrant acidity and elegant, silky texture. 14 months in oak. Small production.

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9. OPUS ONE. NAPA

2009 14% ALC

This vintage was cool, but ready to drink now, reflected in the black olive and tobacco that influence the aromas of dark fruit, chocolate and liquorice. Cabernet Sauvignon only makes up 81% of the blend in this year with 9% Cabernet Franc which takes an increasing role at Opus. There is 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot and 1% Malbec. 17 months in oak. Tannins are fine and supple. Aromatic with a gorgeous array of flavours.

SCORE: MY SCALE IS 1-10

1 = CRAP

8 = WOULD WANT TO GET MORE

10 = TO DIE FOR

Hope you enjoy the selection

Best

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