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Mas de Valerioles 2024 Terre De Camargue Charmentin Arles, Camargue, France

About the wine: What matters most to the winemakers is to be able to show how rich and complex their *Camargue* terroirs are. In the heart of the Rhône Delta, on a river with saline terroir, the Michel family farms organically, with a clear idea: to respect the territory and reveal it through its wines and rice. That's right, the Michel family are both winemakers and rice farmers! This weighty wine, that we know you'll love, is an organic IGP Bouchés-du-Rhône Terre de Camargue white wine, featuring a blend of 70% Rolle (Vermentino) and 30% Chardonnay.

About the Region: The Bouchés-du-Rhône wine region, located in Provence near Marseille, is a major producer of sunny, fruit-forward country wines, featuring red blends and only 5% whites. The region is known for producing fruit-driven, lush, and high in ABV wines. The area is bounded by the Durance River to the north, the Rhône River to the west, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. It includes diverse landscapes like the limestone hills and marshy wetlands.

Tasting Notes: Pale straw in color, it's aromatic with floral and citrus (lemon zest) notes on the nose. The palate follows with vibrant lemon, green apple, white flower aromas, and a distinct, soft briny finish. It has light to moderate acidity, and the fruit isn't particularly bright, but restrained. A great food or sit on the couch wine.

Food Pairing: Featuring notable salinity and mineral notes, it pairs exceptionally well with Mediterranean seafood, grilled fish, oysters, scallop carpaccio, and goat cheese, making it an ideal aperitif. For Montana flair, try roasted trout with fennel and orange!

Caruso & Minini 2023 Frappello Marsala, Sicily, Italy

About the wine: The winery is located in Marsala, in a farmhouse built of yellow volcanic rock in 1904. The Caruso's are third generation winemakers, bringing the vine to the bottle, thus realizing the dream of their grandfather Nino, while the Mininis have market knowledge, and ownership of a marketing company. Caruso & Minini is history in a glass, a perfect balance between ancient and modern. This particularly unique wine is so Sicily! It's a 50/50 blend of Frappato & Nerello Mescalese.

About the Region: Terre Siciliane is an IGT covering the entire island of Sicily, Italy, established in 2011 to promote diverse wines, ranging from crisp whites to rich reds. It allows winemakers flexibility to experiment with international varieties and indigenous

grapes (Nerello Mascalese, Zibibbo). The climate is Mediterranean, warm summers and mild winters, influenced by volcanic slopes (Mount Etna) or coastal breezes. Activities range from world-class wine tours to exploring ancient ruins and volcanic landscapes.

Tasting Notes: Deep red in color with garnet highlights, its intense aromas feature bright cherry, dark plum, warm spices, herbs, and vanilla. The wine has been described as elegant, easy-drinking, and refined with soft and persistent tannins. We thought it had some rustic, earthy notes. Some would chill this wine...

Food Pairing: A fresh, aromatic Sicilian red blend (Frappato and Nerello Mascalese) that pairs best with versatile dishes due to its high acidity and light tannins. Ideal pairings include tomato-based pasta, grilled seafood, roasted white meats, and medium-aged cheeses. It also pairs well with lighter fare like Grilled Vegetable Skewers!

Castelmaure Clos Des Vents 2024 Cuvee Speciale Corbieres Durban, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

About the wine: "Col des Vents" means "Windy Mountain Pass" as it is quite windy and located at the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains. A cave cooperative founded in 1921, Castelmaure consists of 65 members, 15 of which bring 85% of the production. All the grapes are harvested by hand; the only cooperative harvesting 100% of its crop manually, a philosophy based on quality. This wine is a blend of 50% Carignan, 30% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Cinsault... think a Rhone blend from another place... with a little more funk!

About the region: Corbières is the largest wine appellation in France's Languedoc-Roussillon region, located in the south between Carcassonne and the Mediterranean. Known for full-bodied, value red blends (85%) dominated by Carignan, Syrah, and Grenache, the area also produces aromatic whites (3%) and fruity rosés (12%). Corbières offers excellent value, with many high-quality, aged-vine wines available at reasonable prices compared to other French regions.

Tasting notes: Widely regarded by critics as an authentic "French country wine" that offers exceptional value, the nose is dominated by dark, jammy fruits, with notes of dried herbs. On the palate, it's medium to full bodied with ripe dark fruit flavors (blue/blackberry) with earthy notes of leather and olive. It really is a combination of the luscious grapes in the blend!

Food pairing: Its vibrant acidity and smooth tannins make it a perfect match for roast lamb, pork burgers, pork tenderloin, hearty stews, or dishes with rosemary and garlic! Because of its "juicy" profile, it's also delicious with spicy foods... don't go overboard, though! As spring is upon us, and the BBQ season has begun, we like this pairing...Gourmet Hot Dogs!! It adds "panache" to a backyard BBQ, especially when hot dogs are topped with elements like mustard or grilled onions.

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