

WHAT TO DRINK WHILE READING WINE GIRL

Victoria James's complete list of wines from the book—plus other bottles to enjoy while reading or discussing with your book club!

FROM THE PROLOGUE:

- *2009 Chevalier-Montrachet from Domaine Ramonet* for those wanting to go big, or *Domaine de Villaine Les Saint-Jacques, Rully Blanc* for a bit of a more affordable (yet still quite delicious!) white Burgundy, founded by Aubert de Villaine from *Domaine de la Romanée-Conti* fame (a.k.a. the winery that makes one of the world's most expensive Pinot Noirs!) and his wife Pamela of *Hyde Vineyards* in California. This is their small family project in the *Côte Chalonnaise*, a little gem with tons of value.

FROM PART 1:

- *Turley White Zinfandel*, not quite my Grandmother's sweet and innocuous rosé, this new project from sommelier Christina Turley is an homage to the California wine but made in a vibrant, dry, style.

FROM PART 3:

- *Amarone*, this "big" and "bitter" wine goes well with hard, dry cheeses and classic Veneto fare. Some of my favorite producers to seek out are *Bussola, Quintarelli, and Prà*.
- *Nebbiolo*, the grape that goes into the infamous *Barolo* and *Barbaresco* wines of northern Italy in *Piedmont*. I have too many favorite producers to list but here is a very brief list: *Giulia Negri, Castello di Verduno, Elio Altare, Bruno Giacosa, Giuseppe Rinaldi, Prunotto, GD Vajra, Castello di Neive, Giacomo Conterno, Oddero, Roagna, Brovia, and Burlotto*.
- *Brunello di Montalcino*, a powerful expression of *sangiovese* in *Tuscany*. Again, I have too many favorites to list but here is a quick run-down: *Biondi Santi, Poggio di Sotto, Conti Costanti, Fuligni, Il Paradiso di Manfredi, Stella di Campalto, Mocali, and Salicutti*.
- *Champagne*, besides the big ubiquitous brands, there are hundreds of exceptional growers here. I could write a whole book just on these vigneronns but alas, the impossible task of naming just a few: (sorry, friends!) *Bérèche, Egly-Ouriet, Doyard, Pierre Péters, Jacques Selosse, J.L. Vergnon, Grognet, Georges Laval, Veuve Fourny, Pierre Gimonnet, Jacques Lassaigne, A. Margaine, J. Lassalle, and Marc Hébrart*. And some favorite *Grands Maisons*: *Ruinart, Krug, Salon*.

- Chilean whites, there are some great ones being produced, right now I'm drinking: *Rafael Tirado's Laberinto Sauvignon Blanc* and also his *Mezcla Blanca*, and the zany guys at *Clos de Fous* make a great Riesling and Chardonnay.
- *Gentaz-Dervieux Côte-Rôtie*—that is, if you can find it. Some other legendary producers in the area are also worth a try: *Clusel-Roch*, *Domaine Jamet* (more on that later), *Lionel Faury*, *René Rostaing*, *Barruol-Lynch*, and *Bernard Levet*.
- *Domaine Tempier Bandol rouge* (or rosé!), one of my all-time favorite producers. Lulu Peyraud just passed in 2020 (as if this year couldn't get any worse), at the age of 102. Their magical Provencal reds can age for decades and their structured rosé is almost unanimously considered by sommeliers as one of the greatest pink wines in the world.
- Northern California reds is such a large category, I encourage you to continue to explore great growers, here are a handful I always have on our wine lists: *Ceritas*, *Anthill Farms*, *Hirsch Vineyards*, *Obsidian Ridge*, *Dalla Valle*, *Viader*, *Diamond Creek*, *Dunn*, *Mayacamas*, *Vine Hill Ranch*, *Voces*, *Ridge*, *Cruse Wine Co.*, *Arnot Roberts*, *Failla*, *Matthiasson*, *Heitz*, *Larkmead*, *Snowden*, and *Sinskey*.

FROM PART 4:

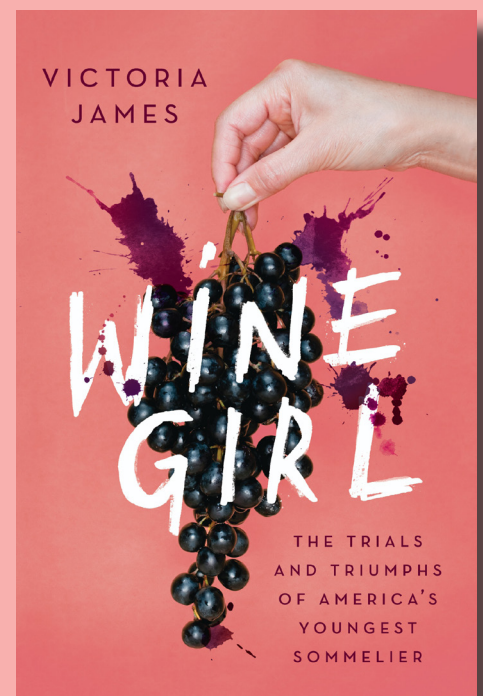
- *Dönnhoff Kreuznacher Krötenpfuhl* and other great German Rieslings from producers like *Joh. Jos. Prüm*, *Egon Müller-Scharzhof*, *Keller*, *Karthäuserhof*, *Schäfer-Fröhlich*, *Dr. Bürklin-Wolf*, *Reinhold Haart*—and so many more. Everyone should drink more Riesling!
- Languedoc-Roussillon, or the “world's largest vineyard,” has many hidden gems. Some of my favorites are *Domaine la Tour Vieille* (more on that later), *Domaine Léon Barral*, *Domaine d'Aupilhac*, *Maxime Magnon*, *Grange des Pères*, and *Mas Jullien*.
- Manzanilla is a delicious, slightly nutty, and bracingly dry style of Sherry. I can highly recommend these producers: *Valdespino*, *Equipo Navazos*, *Hidalgo (La Gitana)*, *La Guita*, *Antonio Barbadillo*, and *La Cigarrera*.

FROM PART 5:

- Cerasuolo di Vittoria, this cheerful blend of Frappato and Nero d'Avola from Sicily is best in the hands of producers like *Cos*, *Portelli*, and *Arianna Occhipinti*.
- *Domaine Jamet* makes some of my favorite Syrah wines in the Northern Rhône, they're definitely worth checking out if you ever come across a bottle!
- Pigato and other obscure Italian whites are not just beloved by Wes Anderson, here are some of my favorites: *Laura Aschero's Pigato*, *Punta Crena's Mataòssu*, *Manni Nössing's Kerner*, *Foradori's Nosiola*, *Ronchi di Cialla's Cialla Bianco*, *Zidarich's Vitovska*, *Venica & Venica's Friulano*, and *Vigneti Massa's Timorasso*.

FROM PART 6:

- White Burgundy is one of my all time favorite wines, so



adding in some producers here to check out: *Domaine Larue, Coche-Dury, Domaine Roulot, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, Domaine Leroy and Domaine d'Auvenay, Arnaud Ente, de Montille, Simon Bize, Francois Carillon, and Michel Niellon.*

- Beaujolais again is a go-to wine of mine, here are some of my favorite vigneron to explore, starting with “The Gang of Four”—*Marcel Lapierre, Jean Foillard, Jean-Paul Thévenet, and Guy Breton*, followed by *Château Thivin, Jean-Louis Dutraive (Clos de la Grand’Cour), Coudert (Clos de la Roilette), Domaine Diochon, Nicole Chanrion, Domaine Dupeuble, and Anne-Sophie Dubois.*
- *Domaine la Tour Vieille Collioure Rouge Puig Oriol*, a sentimental wine for me that also happens to be incredibly delicious and affordable. Even better out of magnums!

FROM PART 7:

- Some of the vigneron mentioned that Lyle and I visited together: *Jean-Louis Chave, Régis Minet, Denis Jamain, Franck Follin-Arbelet, and Jean Gonon.*
- The wild island of Corsica has many iconic producers, my favorites are *Domaine Abbatucci, Yves Leccia, Antoine-Marie Arena, Antoine Arena, Clos Canarelli, Domaine Giacometti, Domaine Maestracci, Domaine de Marquiliani, U Stiliccionu, and Domaine d’Alzipratu.*
- Wines from Switzerland made their way on our Cote wine list, not many are exported but if you get the chance do try the following producers: *Cave Caloz, Marie-Thérèse Chappaz, Jean-René Germanier, Cave des Tilleuls, Serge Roh, and Cave du Vieux-Moulin.*

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