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2009 Marques de Murrieta Castillo Ygay Rioja Gran Reserva Especial
Rioja, Spain

The story of the Marqués de Murrieta winery is inextricably intertwined with the history of Rioja wine. The winery's founder, the Marqués de Murrieta, imported production techniques into Spain from Bordeaux. In 1852 he produced his first wine in Logroño, moving into the Ygay Estate in the late 1870s. Located at the heart of La Rioja, the estate is home to Ygay Castle, headquarters of the Marqués de Murrieta wineries. The castle is surrounded by 300 hectares of vineyards.

In 1983 Cebrián-Sagarriga family took up the mantle, commencing in 2007 meticulous restoration work on Ygay Castle which was finished in 2014, the year the winery reopened its doors. Visitors can now enjoy guided tours beginning in the vineyard, continuing through renovated century-old areas, and culminating in a professional tasting of the winery's wines.

Recognized as one of Europe's most iconic century-old industrial buildings, Ygay Castle accommodates the whole of Marqués de Murrieta's winemaking history, a history which laid the foundations of the D.O.Ca. Rioja Designation of Origin. Inside the castle you can visit the historic production cellar, the cask ageing rooms and the collection of wines from 1852 to the present, inspecting historic Marqués de Murrieta labels and documents along the way. It is a private collection of incalculable value.

The Castillo Ygay Rioja Gran Reserva is the result of many years of experience, a renowned historic label. An icon of the Rioja Grandes Reservas of total quality and excellence. In 166 years this is only the 53rd vintage of Castillo Ygay, which speaks volumes about how important it is to have the perfect fruit for a wine like this. It is exclusively produced with the best years of the estate's best single vineyard, "La Plana", which is planted at 485m above sea level on a plateau – the youngest vines here were planted in 1950.

The wine is matured for two and a half years in American oak barrels and three years in bottle that give this wine a new depth, complexity and vivacity. Living legend of Rioja which has survived three centuries, destined to break records for its surprising vivacity of intense cherry color which gives an amazing complexity. Its nose exhibits an aromatic intensity which seduces us with its red fruits, floral notes of truffles, incense and spicy touches. It caresses the palate with a satin texture. A Gran Reserva that shows strength, elegant bouquet, fruity intensity and impeccable balance.

The 2009 comprises 81% Tempranillo and 19% Mazuelo and has been aged for 26 months in 225-L American and French oak barrels; the Tempranillo was aged in American oak, the Mazuelo in French. It has an earthy, spicy nose with baked plum and marzipan, while the palate is silky and rich with redcurrant and raspberry fruit, a touch of forest floor and a fresh, herby finish. Such depth and structure, but still so very young and likely to age very gracefully indeed.



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2016 Morey Coffinet Bourgogne Rouge Pinot Noir
Burgundy, France

Son of the late Marc Morey, Michel Morey, and his wife, Fabienne (from the Pillot clan), began the Morey-Coffinet Domaine in the late 1970s with a dowry of vineyards bestowed on them by two families with extensive history in the region. With a stable foundation of 1er Crus from the southeast-facing hillside, the whites speak to the very essence of Chassagne, with fragrant aromas framed by powerful minerality. The reds capture the roasted, muscular aromas of Chassagne terroir and display silky texture and balance.

Michel's son, Thibault, joined the business in the late 1990s, and the domaine's wines have since reached new heights. Every week, father and son taste each cuvée together in an ancient cellar, exchanging opinions and sharing experiences. Shy, soft-spoken Thibault continues to push the quality of his domaine to a whole different level with his expressive, powerful, wonderfully hedonistic wines. He has also enhanced the domaine's efforts in the vineyard, gaining biodynamic certification beginning with the 2015 vintage.

Here in the Côte de Beaune, a transition, but not a revolution, is gently in progress.

Domaine Morey-Coffinet has introduced organic viticulture and has been certified since 2015. Lastly Morey-Coffinet also have a small negociant business – Maison Morey-Coffinet ... without further ado – to the wines!

Pinot Noir. In the glass, it shows a deep ruby red but remains transparent throughout. Bright aromas of ripe red fruit with a slight candied aspect. On the palate, a heavy serving of cranberry and strawberry with hints of oak on the back end.



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2015 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley, California

Craig and Kathryn Walt Hall arrived in Napa Valley in 1995 with a singular vision to develop a great wine estate, showcasing Napa Valley's finest variety: Cabernet Sauvignon. They were not newcomers to the wine industry nor the entrepreneurial spirit, as Kathryn developed a passion for wines growing up in her family's vineyards in Mendocino County, and Craig had been a successful entrepreneur for many years.

The wine industry took time, patience, and dedication to do something truly special. Further, their ambitions were delayed by four years when Kathryn was appointed as the U.S. Ambassador to Austria between 1997 and 2001. Since their return in 2002, the Halls have embarked on a path to create some of the most compelling wines, facilities, and vineyards in Napa.

The Halls completed the construction of two, state-of-the-art wineries in Napa Valley; HALL St. Helena and HALL Rutherford. The gravity-flow HALL Rutherford winery, completed in 2005, was specially designed to produce small, premier lots of wine with unyielding attention to detail. HALL St. Helena winery boasts unmatched winemaking technology, attention to design and environmental responsibility and a spectacular property featuring a Tasting Room, historic Bergfeld building and a collection of modern art.

HALL's estate vineyards encompass more than 500 acres of classic Bordeaux varietals; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Sauvignon Blanc. As winegrowers, the Halls have a strong respect for the environment and a commitment to cutting-edge vineyard technology to yield the highest quality grapes. Through meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards, HALL wines are able to express the unique and diverse character of Napa Valley's soils and climate.

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon offers an earthy/savory nose with notes of fertile loam, tree bark and smoked meat over a cassis and black cherry core with touches of roses and menthol. The full-bodied palate delivers great expression and plenty of character, supported by chewy tannins and finishing on a savory note. – 93 Points Wine Advocate



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2017 Silver Palm Cabernet Sauvignon
North Coast, California

With elegant art deco packaging and a distinctive style, Silver Palm wines epitomize relaxed coastal lifestyle and affordable luxury. These flavorful wines are versatile, affordable and delicious.

Silver Palm is a négociant operation under the Jackson Family estate umbrella that sources small lots of grapes from outstanding vineyards in California's leading North Coast wine regions, and using cutting-edge and traditional artisan winemaking techniques, Silver Palm meticulously fashions this superb fruit into delicious wines.

The North Coast American Viticultural Area (AVA), which encompasses Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino County, is profoundly influenced by cool coastal air and fog from the Pacific Ocean, resulting in temperate vineyard microclimates ideal for the cultivation of noble grape varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is dark ruby in color, with aromas of black currants, anise, tobacco, and dark chocolate. Flavors of blackberries, cherries, cocoa and toasty oak are complimented by round, soft tannins, leading to a silky, lingering finish.



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2015 Nino Negri Quadrio Valtellina Superiore DOCG
Valtellina, Italy

Established in 1897, Nino Negri is the premier estate producing wine in the Valtellina DOCG in Italy's Lombardy region. The estate specialty is Sfursat ("strained" or "forced"); a wine made from grapes harvested by trained pickers and dried for 100 days in the cool, dry, alpine air. This winemaking style combines the opulence of Amarone with the elegant complexity of Barolo. The success of Nino Negri is due largely to the efforts of winemaker Casimiro Maule who has worked at the estate since 1971, his entire professional life. In 2007, Casimiro was named "Winemaker of the Year" by Gambero Rosso, the magazine authority in Italian wine.

The star and primary varietal here is Chiavennasca, the local name for Nebbiolo. The variety has been cultivated in the area for over 1,000 years and all Valtellina DOCG wines must contain at least 90% Chiavennasca.

Nino Negri controls almost 400 acres of the finest Chiavennasca vineyards in the Valtellina Superiore subzones. The estate directly owns 75 acres of exceptional vineyards, including the 27-acre Fracia vineyard, an exclusive cru planted since 1995 to special clonal selections. The vine stocks that are cultivated horizontally from west to east, an innovated planting scheme for this region.

The winery is located in the city of Chiuro in the 15th Century Quadrio Castle. The "castle" sits above an array of underground cellars which house thousands of barrels. All Nino Negri wines age for at least two years before they are released to ensure optimum maturity at time of bottling.

Quadrio is named for the 15th century Castello Quadrio di Chiuro that houses the Nino Negri cellars. Nino Negri Quadrio is sourced from the finest estate vineyards within the Valtellina Superiore DOCG. These south facing hillside vineyards sit at elevations above 1,100 feet and consist of soils of gravel, loose sand and silt. Grapes are allowed to hang until ultra-ripe and are finally harvested in early to mid October. The wine is traditionally vinified seeing 10 days of maceration on the skins followed by a cold fermentation in stainless steel. The wine is matured for 18 months in large French and Slavonian oak vats prior to bottling.

90% Nebbiolo, 10% Merlot. With a dark garnet-red color, the wine shows distinctive, fine aromas of small fruits, raspberry preserves, roses and violets, with an herbal note. In the mouth, the wine has full, lively tart fruit flavors, elegant tannins and a lingering aftertaste, with traces of prunes and toasty oak.



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Ruinart Brut Champagne Blanc de Blancs
Champagne, France

Ruinart is the oldest established Champagne house, exclusively producing champagne since 1729. Founded by Nicolas Ruinart in the Champagne region in the city of Reims, the house is today owned by the parent company LVMH – Louis Vitton Moët Hennessy.

An entrepreneur, Nicolas Ruinart realized the ambitions of his uncle, Dom Thierry Ruinart: to make Ruinart an authentic Champagne house. In the period immediately following the 1728 edict of Louis XV, which authorized the transport of wine in bottles, the house was established. Prior to this edict, wine could only be transported in barrels, which made it impossible to send Champagne to distant markets, and confined consumption primarily to its area of production.

Nicolas Ruinart founded the House of Ruinart on 1 September 1729. The first delivery of “wine with bubbles” went out in January 1730. At first the sparkling wine was a business gift for cloth purchasers, as Dom Ruinart’s brother was a cloth merchant, but six years later Maison Ruinart terminated its cloth selling activities due to success in the Champagne business. Since then, the Maison has kept the standards of excellence of its founders.

Ruinart's cellars, acquired in 1768, are amongst the largest in the region, and are Gallo-Roman in origin. Like most Champagne cellars, they are the product of ancient chalk mining, and extend 38 metres below the ground and are 8 km long. The chalk helps to keep the cellars at a constant 11 degrees Celsius. The chalk pits were classified as a historic monument in 1931. The Ruinart taste is greatly dependent on the aging in chalk pits: three to four years for non-vintages, and nine to 10 years on average for a Dom Ruinart.

Intensely aromatic and fresh, Ruinart Blanc de Blancs is the maison’s signature champagne, created with 100% chardonnay from terroirs in Côte des Blancs and Montagne de Reims. Blended from the harvest of various years to ensure consistent quality, this blanc de blancs champagne is a classic example of the style – smooth with a characteristic luminosity.



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Soligo Prosecco Treviso Brut
Valdobbiadene, Italy

Cantina Colli del Soligo was founded in 1957 to meet the needs of Prosecco producers in the Soligo area. The winery is located midway between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, along the "White wine road" at the base of beautiful steep hills that are volcanic in origin and reach an altitude of 300-400 meters above sea level. The winery is only 50 kilometers from beautiful Venice.

The winery has developed within just a few years, reaching a total of 620 current partners, with a grape production that averages around 15,000 tons. 65% of the grapes are of the Glera (known as Prosecco) variety while the rest are pinot grigio, chardonnay, merlot, cabernet, raboso e pinot nero.

The red wines are produced in the Montello area, where there is a grape collection center and after aging in casks they are bottled and sold. Around 60% of the total production is bottled while the remainder is sold locally from the cask in order to meet the requirements of the Conegliano and Valdobbiadene bottlers.

All of the Soligo wines have their own unique identity, especially the Prosecco based sparkling wines, followed by several of the red and white wines which enhance the entire line of packaged products. This is the result of the passion and spirit of association that has been motivating our partners since 1957.

100% Glera. Straw yellow with greenish tinge. The bouquet is fruity and floral with hints of apple and stone fruit. There is a good balance between acidity and sugar with makes this wine delicate and intense.