

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2020, Marlborough, NZ 13%, £23

The 2020 harvest was completed under the unprecedented conditions of a New Zealand-wide lock-down due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Wineries classified as an essential industry.

Following the harvest, the free-run juice was cold settled, before racking and inoculation with selected yeast.

Fermentation was carried out primarily in stainless steel tanks, with approximately 4% of the blend fermented at warmer temperatures in old French oak barriques and large format oak vats. The final blend shows an alcohol of 13.2% pH 3.11 TA 7.15g/L RS 2.4g/L

Grapefruit, Lime and Passionfruit on the nose. Palate showing stone fruit character with a subtle minerality. Long, impressive finish. Will complement fish dishes, particularly with subtle asian spices.



Château des Jacques AOC Moulin-à-Vent 2018, Beaujolais, France, 13.5%, £16

This wine is a blend made from eight terroirs of Moulin-A-Vent : Rochegrès, Carquelin, Champ de Cour, Thorins les Vérillats, La Roche, la Rochelle and Les Caves. Picked and sorted by hand, the grapes macerate slowly over the course of three or four weeks. Both pigeage and pumping take

place during the fermentation period depending on the vintage characteristics.

Moulin-à-Vent is nicknamed “The Lord of Beaujolais wines” because of its noble bouquet. Its cellaring potential varies depending on the estate, but certain crus can be kept for over ten years. During that time, it develops slowly and releases its black fruit, spice and floral aromas.

Its intensity is drawn directly from the pink granite soil where the vines grow. The vine stocks get nutrients from the manganese in the soil which helps to produce the tasty grapes. Moulin-à-Vent wines end up with a magnificent cherry-red colour – a colour that demonstrates the ability of these prestigious Beaujolais crus to “pinoter” with age. That French term simply means that they slowly develop a bouquet similar to Pinot Noir, known for its intense ripe fruit notes. Similar to Pinot Noir, this wine goes well with game or duck in fruit based sauces.



Sauternes - various!



Sauternes is a sweet wine from Bordeaux. Predominantly Semillon grape affected but Botrytis 'Noble Rot', some Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle. Sweetness balanced with acidity to make it a perfect pairing with creamy fruit based puds!

Dow's Trademark Finest Reserve Port, Porto, 20%, £10

Dow's owns two of the Douro Valley's finest vineyards, Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira and Quinta do Bomfim. These were acquired in 1890 and 1896, making Dow's one of the first Houses to invest in premium vineyards. Dow's Trademark is drawn from the company's stock of best Reserve Port wines. This deep purple-black Port has rich mouth-filling flavours of ripe fruit balanced with a hint of black chocolate and peppery spice. This wine has been blended by Peter Symington who has over 40 years of experience in making great Port wines.

TASTING NOTES

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