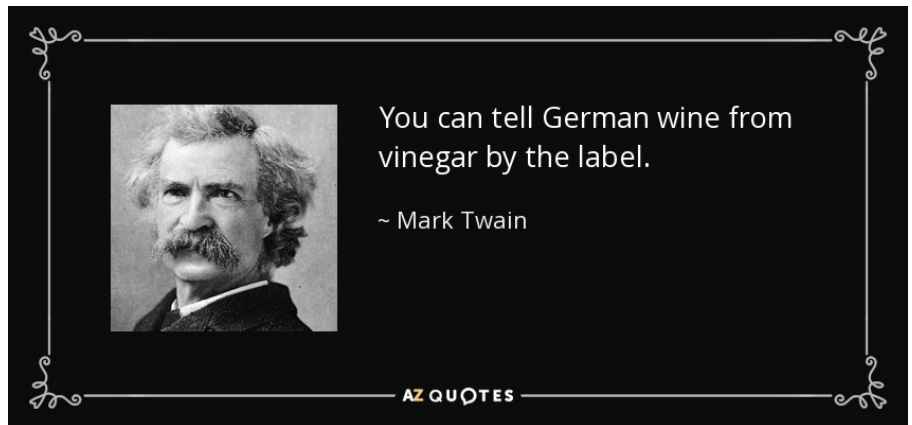


TASTING NOTES

PRESIDENTIAL SPARKLING WINE:

Details from Dr Pfeiffer

WHITE WINE:
Peter & Ulrich
Griebeler Dry
Riesling 2021/22,
Mosel, Germany,
75CL £13.99 ABV
12.5%



Peter & Ulrich Griebeler are a small, family-run producer based in Germany's Mosel region. They specialise in dry styles of Riesling, the country's signature white grape – and this elegant bottling is an excellent example of their expertise. It's a blend of grapes from different villages, aged on its lees to give it a subtly rounded texture. You'll find it fresh and floral with notes of lime, apricot and herbs. Its crisp acidity and long finish pair beautifully with light salads or seafood dishes.

RED WINE:
Ernst Loosen Pinot Noir 2020/21, Pfalz, Germany, 75CL, £14.99
ABV 13.50%

Ernst Loosen's family have made fantastic Riesling on the Mosel slopes for over 200 years. But to get the best from Pinot Noir, he headed to Pfalz. Pfalz Pinot Noir has quickly become one of Germany's flagship wine styles – and this really shows why. It has bright notes of red fruit, balancing acidity and smooth tannins. Excellent with roast chicken.

SWEET WINE:

Royal Tokaji Late Harvest 2017/18, Hungary, 50cl, £15.99

ABV 12.00%,

Grape: Furmint,

Muscat, Harslevelu

Royal Tokaji was founded in 1990, when a small group of investors had the shared mission of creating a high quality range of traditional Hungarian wine styles. To do this, they brought together 62 small growers from some of Hungary's finest winemaking areas. Renowned for its incredible range of sweet wines, Royal Tokaji has since become one of the most important names in the wine world. This wine's sweetness is achieved by allowing the grapes extended ripening time on the vine, increasing their sugar content. Expect rich notes of ripe peach, exotic fruit and blossom. It has the perfect balance of honeyed sweetness and fresh acidity, making a great pairing for sweet fruit tarts, baklava, or ripe blue cheese.

PORT WINE:

Fonseca 'Quinta do Panascal' Vintage Port 2008, Portugal,

75cl, £33.99

ABV 20.50%

Grape: Touriga Nacional,

Tinta Barroca, Tinta Cao, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca

Founded in 1815, Fonseca has a centuries-old reputation for decadent vintage Port. Sourced from their flagship estate, the Quinta do Panascal bottlings are famed for their distinctive character and vibrancy.

Crafted using sustainably grown fruit, grapes are foot-trodden in traditional cement tanks and then aged in oak barrels. This 2008 vintage is a pure expression of the estate's slopey, riverside terroir, with opulent notes of cassis, black cherry, dark chocolate and sandalwood.



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