



WINE LIST

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OUR WINE PROGRAM

I am Sean Beck, the Wine and Beverage Director for Xochi as well as our sister restaurants **Backstreet Café**, **Caracol** and **Hugo's**. I've worked with Chef Hugo and Tracy Vaught since 1997.

Here at Xochi we hope to share the flavors, the traditions and magic of Oaxaca. This mountain-to-sea land is the most complex in all of North America. The country is an incomparable mix of tropical jungles, high valley plains, mountainous terrain, fertile lower lands and coastland. This diverse mix of climate and terroir isn't just beautiful; it has shaped Oaxaca into the world's most fascinating melting pot. Over a third of Mexico's indigenous people reside there along with over 8000 species of plants and 4000 animals. This wealth of influences, environments and ingredients makes for some truly profound food. Like any incredible cuisine it deserves to be enjoyed in the company of wine, the world's ultimate beverage.

The list at Xochi has a wealth of sparkling wine options, vibrant and richly textured whites and a diverse array of thoughtful reds. You'll find our list filled with outstanding options by the glass, varied half bottles and tremendous value throughout. The list is written more in a manner of food pairing as opposed to simply by varietal. There are sections on some of the world's indigenous grapes. That means pure wines shaped by quality vineyard sites and healthy farming practices. We want wines that reflect and respect their origin, just as we respect and honor the origins of our gorgeous seafood.

We have a simple guiding idea when it comes to the wine lists at our restaurants: Wine is not an extra or a luxury, but a necessary part of healthy living and a critical ingredient in helping food taste its best. As such, we always strive to provide excellent wine at fair prices, so you may relax and take pleasure in a great meal.

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RESPECTING THE LAND

The magic of Oaxaca is an expression of ingredients and techniques born from the state's remarkably diverse and complex environments. The preservation of Oaxaca is of utmost importance to us. We work with thoughtful purveyors and producers when we source ingredients from Oaxaca (corn, coffee, herbs, peppers, spices, beer, Mezcal, etc). That same philosophy is at the core of what wines we wish to share and serve.

Modern agriculture sprung up in the last century, increasing yields through a mix of chemical fertilizers, pest controls, genetically altered seeds and machine/fossil fuel driven labor. The downside to these methods is that the land is stripped of natural defenses and nutrients and what is grown becomes more homogeneous and bland.

Great wine isn't made, it's grown. Whatever you hope to end up with in the bottle is born in the place you've chosen, the grapes planted and most importantly how it's farmed. Winemaking and vineyard planting are an aggressive act against nature. That said there are many ways to be ethical and responsible; preserving the land for future generations while growing healthy, flavorful grapes. We are focused on wineries which commit themselves to the practices of **sustainability**, **organics** and/or **biodynamic farming**.



THE PHILOSOPHIES OF GROWING



Sustainable viticulture seeks to promote the long-term health of the land. This can be through carbon reductions, solar energy, water usage, erosion prevention, green building, cross planting and natural pest management. On the whole, sustainable farming seeks to make the vineyard a healthy part of the surrounding environment.

Organic farming focuses on removing chemical and synthetic materials from farming. Most notably they avoid the use of pesticides and sulfite based sprays.

Biodynamics is both a process and philosophy, merging elements of organic and sustainable farming with the occasional dose of mysticism. The practices are based on the idea that the vineyard is part of the living organism that is the eco system. Seasonality and lunar activity guide farming, which include soil rotation, biodiversity in cross planting and the homeopathic solutions.



MEXICO'S WINE HISTORY

Mexico is best known for Tequila and Mezcal, but the country has a significant history with wine. It was the first place in North America to plant vineyards, nearly five hundred years ago during the Spanish occupation in the Valle de Parras. In 1697 grapes were brought to what is today the country's most famous wine area, the Valley de Guadalupe in Baja. The quality of the plantings became so significant that the King of Spain feared Mexico as competition to Spain. Under the guise of protectionism, he ordered crops destroyed and forbid anyone other than the monks from making wine in 1596. Over the next 400 years any wine grown in Mexico was under the province of the missionaries. Growing wine for personal consumption or sale would not arise again until after Mexican independence in the 1900s.

The country has since undergone steady bouts of invaders, war and internal strife. Even after Mexico rid itself of ruling foreigners there were a myriad of challenges to wine. The unstable environment and constantly changing government made it impossible to grow grapes. Until the 1940's it was illegal for alcohol of any kind to be imported as well as the equipment necessary to make quality wine. In 1948 after the change in law, the National Association of Winemakers was formed. Slowly wine growing and commercial producers began popping up.

Over the past thirty years the government has sought to restore the wine growing tradition. They've attempted to use heavy tariffs on imported wines to spur interest in cheaper domestic production. Unfortunately, most operations were tiny, underequipped and still learning how to successfully make wine. They were also facing high domestic taxes (40-70%) and extremely expensive growing conditions, such as a lack of water. In the end, the people of Mexico have been largely denied access to the good, affordable wine we take for granted.

Today wine consumption and access are finally on the rise. The Valle de Guadalupe wine scene is growing at a torrid pace and being written about extensively by wine magazines and travel writers. In Oaxaca, you will see the top restaurant carrying these emerging producers. Even with the environmental challenges and bureaucracy, the passion and desire are there and the quality of wine making is growing. The regions of Baja, La Laguna and the Parras Valley are showing the potential for a brighter future. We are excited to be able to share a taste of what Mexico has to offer here at Xochi.

MEXICO'S WINE REGIONS



- VALLEY DE GUADALUPE -



- PARRAS VALLEY -





THE WINES OF MEXICO

SPARKLING

NV Espuma de Piedra Blanc de Noir Brut Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico 50

WHITE WINES

'15 Casa Madero Chardonnay Parras Valley, Mexico 42

'15 Piedra del Sol Chardonnay Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico 40

'15 Silvana White Blend Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 50
-Exciting mix of Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscatel.

'14 Torre de Tierra Sémillon Dolores Hidalgo-Guanajuato, MX 40

'15 Monte Xanic Sauvignon Blanc Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 44
-Mexico's first boutique winery makes this clean Sauvignon Blanc, drinking more subtle than New Zealand with a mix of winter citrus, pineapple and green guava.

'15 Santo Tomas "Uva" Blanca Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 48
-100% Mission grape, an ancestral varetal originally brought to Mexico by Spanish Monks. Vibrant citrus, green apple and white floral notes.

'15 Casa Magoni "Manaz" Bianco Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 39
-Blend of Viognier and Fiano grapes, this little gem is filled with juicy fruity, racy spice and inviting fragrance.

ROSE

'15 Casa Madero Rosado of Cabernet Sauvignon Parras Valley, Mexico 36

THE WINES OF MEXICO



RED WINES

'09 Santo Tomas "Unico" Cabernet/Merlot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	120
'13 Madera 5 Tempranillo/Cabernet Valley de Guadalupe, MX	65
'12 Paralelo "Ensamble Arena" Cabernet Blend Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Barbera and Petite Syrah</i>	60
'14 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	45
'12 Villa Montefiori Cabernet/Sangiovese Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Italian Paolo Paoloni fell in love with Baja and planted his own vines in '97. Stellar blend with the classic weight of Cabernet and a complex nose.</i>	48
'14 Casa Madero Merlot Paros Valley, MX	42
'10 Vinas de Garza Colina Norte Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Luxurious blend of Tempranillo, Carignan and Grenache. Incredibly deep in flavor.</i>	90
'14 Cuna de Tierra Syrah Dolores Hidalgo – Guanajuato, MX	50
'13 Alximia "Libis" Zinfandel/Syrah/Petit Verdot Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Jammy, herbal and robust red with wonderfully fleshy fruit and long finish.</i>	58
'14 Las Nubes "Selección de Barricas" Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-A best barrel blend of 5 grapes including Cariñena, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Tempranillo. Dollar for dollar one of the most enticing reds in Mexico.</i>	54
'14 Casa Magoni "Origen 43" Blend Valle de Guadalupe, MX	40
'12 Hemisferio Tinto Valley de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Merlot & Petit Syrah blend that delivers some real flavor at a fair price.</i>	38

HALF BOTTLE SELECTIONS

TINY BUBBLES - A little bottle of joy

NV Billecart Brut Rose Champagne, France	90
NV Pierre Gimonnet 'Cuis 1er Cru' Brut Champagne, France	50
'13 Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc Brut Napa/Sonoma, California	34
NV Ferrari Brut Rose Trentino, Italy	29
NV Adami "Garbel" Prosecco" Veneto, Italy	20
'15 Sarraco Moscato d'Asti Piemonte, Italy	21

WHITE WINES

'13 Puligny Montrachet 'Les Poruzots' Mersault Côte de Beaune, France	70
'13 Patz & Hall 'Hyde Vineyard' Chardonnay Carneros, California	60
'14 Trefethen Chardonnay Oak Knoll - Napa, California	34
'14 Louis Michel 'Montmains' Chablis Chablis, France	30
NV Valdepsino 'Inocente' Fino Sherry Jerez, Spain	22
NV La Guita Sanlu Manzanilla Sherry Jerez, Spain	18
'14 Weinbach 'Schlossberg' Grand Cru Riesling Alsace, France	45
'13 Brundlmayer "Berg Voglesang" Gruner Veltliner Kamptal, Austria	34
'13 Robert Sinskey 'Vandal Vineyard' Pinot Blanc Carneros, CA	39
'15 Adelsheim Pinot Gris Willamette Valley, Oregon	20
'14 Vincent Delaporte Sancerre Loire Valley, France	29

HALF BOTTLE SELECTIONS

RED WINES

'13 Ridge 'Monte Bello' Cabernet Sauvignon	Santa Cruz, California	150
'13 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa, California	58
'14 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon	Alexander Valley, California	26
'13 Catena "High Mountain Vineyards" Malbec	Mendoza, Argentina	26
'09 Copain 'Brousseau Vineyard' Syrah	Sonoma Coast, California	36
'14 Domaine des Hautes Chassis Crozes Hermitage	Northern Rhone, France	32
'10 Guigal Gigondas	Southern Rhone, France	38
'12 Lafond Cote-du-Rhone	Southern Rhone, France	18
'11 Col D'Orcia Brunello di Montalcino	Tuscany, Italy	60
'10 Muga Reserva Rioja	Rioja, Spain	25
'14 Goldeneye Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley, California	50
'13 Bergstrom Cumberland Reserve Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley, Oregon	38
'13 Roar Pinot Noir	Santa Lucia Highlands, California	37
'13 Emeritus Pinot Noir	Russian River, California	35
'14 Chehalem "Three Vineyards" Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley, Oregon	25
'12 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano	Tuscany, Italy	33
'14 Badia Chianti Classico	Tuscany, Italy	20

SPARKLING WINE

"I could not live without Champagne – in victory I deserve it, in defeat I need it"

– SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL



THE CASE FOR BUBBLES

We are born to love bubbles from the moment we discover their existence. That obsession begins early, apparent in the joyful eyes of even the smallest of children as they catch sight of these tiny spheres. The obsession doesn't end on the playground as any parent can confirm - it grows like a wildfire from Pop Rocks to sparkling lemonade to Coke. Bubbles are no mere childhood crush; they are a lifetime love affair.

Sparkling wine is teaming with the most delicate and flavorful of all bubbles. Just watch for a single second and you'll see dozens of bubbles form and float to the top, before gently bursting and filling the air with intoxicating aromas. What follows is the sublime, tingling sensation as the first sip touches the lips. Finally, the perfect conclusion, a grand moment of contentment and understanding summed up in the word "ahhh."

'06 Schramsberg Reserve Brut Napa, California

175

-This sustainably farmed and family owned sparkling wine house has been making world class bubbly for decades. It was the first non-Champagne to be served at an official state event while Nixon was in office. The family follows painstaking traditional methods for making bubbly and cave aging. The Reserve is truly exceptional sparkling wine. It can go toe to toe with Dom Perignon, Crystal, La Grande Dame and just about any fine Champagne.

SPARKLING WINES

NV Krug Grande Cuvee Brut Champagne, France	275
'05 Boillinger "La Grand Annee" Brut Champagne, France	220
NV Henri Billiot "Cuvee Julie" Brut Champagne, France	150
NV Pierre Peter "Cuvee de Reserve" Brut Blanc de Blanc Champagne, France	110
NV Drappier Brut Rose Champagne, France	90
NV Demiere-Ansiot Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru Brut Champagne, France <i>-Insanely good Grand Cru Chardonnay based bubbles. This is utterly spectacular bubbly that might be the best buy in Champagne.</i>	85
'12 Iron Horse "Russian Cuvee" Brut Green Valley-Russian River, CA <i>-This classic California sparkling wine has been served for 5 consecutive presidents. Pretty safe bet this administration will make it 6.</i>	68
NV Grognet Blanc de Blanc Brut Champagne, France	58
'10 Gramona Brut "Imerial" Gran Reserva Cava Penedes, Spain <i>-A wise person's alternative to Veuve Clicquot. This exceptionally well balanced Cava has a core of pastry crust, citrus, honeyed pear and fine bubbles. Magical!</i>	54
'14 Raventos Conca L'hereu de Nit Rose Conca del Riu Anoia, Spain	44
'15 Zardetto 'Tre Venti' Prosecco Conegliano Valdobbiadene, Italy	39
NV Graham Beck Brut Rose Western Cape, South Africa <i>-Every wine producing country knows making bubbly is a must. Few do it as well and for such little cost as South Africa's Graham Beck.</i>	35

ROSE

A WINE THAT NEEDS NO SEASON

THINK PINK! Houston's got a year-round Rose season and that alone is cause for celebration. Wine writers annually trumpet the arrival of a "Rose Season" where these mainly dry, beautifully colored wines excel. This is of course seriously wrong attitude around these parts. Drinking pink is more than a summer time pleasure. In Houston we never can be sure when the temperature will be in the 70's, 80's or 90's. So like any good Scout, we like to be prepared to bask in a bit of sunshine while swirling some dry, pink goodness in our glass. Besides, limiting these utterly pleasurable and food friendly wines to 3 or 4 months of the year is a total amateur move.

A few tips for buying and drinking good Rosé:

- 1) Location matters. The best versions come from Rosé's place of origin, the South of France, coastal sites and cooler climate appellations like Oregon.
- 2) Classic varietals make classic wines. Rosé is made from a variety of grapes, but Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvedre, Sangiovese or Pinot Noir are ideal.
- 3) Alcohol is the enemy. Avoid versions with an alcohol level of your typical red.
- 4) Rosé shouldn't be expensive. You should never spend more than \$50 on a bottle of still Rosé (the lone exception being those from Bandol).
- 5) Don't over chill. Keep it too cold and you miss the flavor, texture and aromatics.

'15 Chen Bleu Cote de Ventoux, France	65
'14 La Garenne Bandol, France	50
<i>-If there is a place that can be called the home of Rose, then Bandol is it. No one produces a finer version than the regions Mourvedre based renditions.</i>	
'15 Brooks Pinot Noir Rose Willamette Valley, Oregon	42
'15 Casa Madero Rosado of Cabernet Sauvignon Parras Valley, Mexico	36
'15 Chateau La Selve Rose Vin de Pays des Coteaux – Rhone, France	34

OAXACA CITY



WHITE WINES

COASTAL LIFE

Check out these lean, lithe and aromatic whites with the wonderful seafood dishes inspired by the Isthmus, Oaxaca's celebrated coastal region.

'14 Araujo 'Eiesle Vineyard' Eisele Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc	Napa, California	150
'15 Vacherron Sancerre	Loire Valley, France	70
'15 Neumeister Sauvignon Blanc Klassik	Eastern Styria, Austria	50
<i>-I had my first taste of Austrian Sauvignon Blanc 15 years in a little café outside Vienna. I've never forgotten the brilliant aromatics or how amazing it was with fresh caught trout. The Neumeister delivers waves of wild herb, exotic fern, tart citrus and savory, salty charms galore. This is a friend I'd gladly bring to Oaxaca.</i>		
'15 Yealands Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough, New Zealand	40
'15 Long Meadow Ranch Sauvignon Blanc	Rutherford, CA	34
<i>- A walking Muhammad Ali quote ("I'm so pretty!"), this organically grown white is a thrilling mix of lemon verbena, melon, pineapple and tart citrus.</i>		
'14 Biblia Chora Assyrtiko	Pangeon, Greece	56
'14 Appoloni Pinot Gris	Willamette Valley, Oregon	42
'14 Cantina Fretana Pecorino	Abruzzo, Italy	40
'14 Michel Bregron Muscadet	Sevre et Maine, France	34

WHITE WINES

SYMPHONY OF FRUIT

People hear the term “fruit” when talking wine and envision thoughts of something sweet, saccharine and cloying. This is an unfortunate bias, as the world of fruit driven wines are varied, complex, exotic and typically laced with racy or savory elements. This section celebrates these inviting and nuanced whites. The kind that handle the spicier elements of Oaxacan food and the rich sauces.

'15 Venica y Venica “Petrus” Malvasia Collio, Italy 60

-A grape native to Mediterranean regions, Malvasia has spread throughout much of the world but few shine like Venica. This remarkable estate grows with the utmost respect for the earth and produces whites of incredible aromatics.

'15 Santo Tomas “Uva” Blanca Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 45

-100% Mission grape, an ancestral varetal originally brought to Mexico by Spanish Monks. Vibrant citrus, green apple and white floral notes.

'14 Domaine de Viking “Tendre” Vouvray Loire Valley, France 44

'15 Casa Magoni “Manaz” Bianco Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 38

-Blend of Viognier and Fiano grapes, this little gem is filled with juicy fruity, racy spice and inviting fragrance.

'14 Antonopoulos Moschofilero Peloponessos, Greece 36

'14 Kerpen “Wehlener Sonnenuhr” Spatlese Trocken Riesling Mosel, Germany 54

'15 Von Winning Riesling Off Dry Pfalz, Germany 44

'15 Hermann J. Wiemer Dry Riesling Finger Lakes, New York 40

-New York is a such a hot bed for fantastic Riesling. This seriously aromatic, exotic and spicy rendition is loaded with winter citrus and stone fruit marmalade.

WHITE WINES

MOLE WHITES: EXOTIC, FRAGRANT & BOLD

The Mole sauce family is rich and diverse. These sauces are artisan works, marrying several techniques, indigenous ingredients and time to craft profound flavors and textures. These wines are similarly bold in nature, but born of the indigenous varietals, incredible terroir and honed by the skills of the world's greatest wine makers. These remarkable wines are a meal unto themselves, but capable of being served alongside these fantastic sauces.

'11 Aurélien Chatagnier Condrieu Northern Rhone, France	110
'15 Abadia Retuerta "Blanco de Guarda" Blend Castillo y Leon, Spain <i>-Exceptional barrel aged blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Verdejo. Deeply aromatic, richly textured and with a long finish of mineral, herb and stone fruit.</i>	75
'13 Louis Bovard Aigle "Cuvee Noe" Vaud, Switzerland <i>-The Chasselas varietal from Switzerland. Grown on steep hillside terraces in mineral rich soil and partialy oak aged. It's white Rhone like but distinct.</i>	70
'15 Yves Cuilleron 'Les Vignes d'a Cote' Roussanne Northern Rhone, France	50
'15 Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas Blanc Adelaida District , California	52
'15 Meroi Ribolla Gialla Friuli Colli, Italy	60
'15 Abbazia di Novacella Sylvaner Alto Adige, Italy <i>-A powerful, yet elegant mix of quince, smoky melon, jasmine and mineral.</i>	44
'13 Domaine Glinavos Debina Zitsa, Greece <i>-A thrilling display of why people are falling in love with Greek wines. This is almost Chenin Blanc like with sneaky weight, wild flower and straw notes. It's absolutely spectacular with octopus and meaty fishes.</i>	46

WHITE WINES

CHARDONNAY: THE COMFORTS OF HOME

A varietal of intense personality, it ranges from nervy and sharp to decadently robust. The best and most acclaimed versions have always come from the cooler climates, where it can develop poise, depth, and elegance with a sense of terroir. Whatever the style, it's tried and true friend and when executed correctly one of the most satisfying grapes around.

'12 Bonneau du Martray Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru Côte de Beaune, France	320
<i>-Painstakingly farmed Chardonnay from one of the greatest sites in all of France!</i>	
'14 Littorai 'Thieriot Vineyard' Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, California	125
'14 Moreau-Naudet 'La Forets' Chablis Chablis, France	95
'14 Chamonix Reserve Chardonnay Franschhoek Valley, South Africa	84
<i>-You won't regret venturing to the other side of the world for this amazing wine. Barrel fermented to enhance the rich flavors of citrus, almond, ginger and baked pear. The oak is always present but perfectly in balance.</i>	
'13 Cuvaision "Kite Tail" Chardonnay Carneros-Napa, California	80
'14 Passopisciaro "Passobianco" Mt Etna, Italy	68
<i>-Chardonnay planted along the steep terraced slopes of an active volcano. A common grape, grown in an uncommon land, makes for some mesmerizing wine.</i>	
'15 Iron Horse Chardonnay Green Valley-Russian River, California	50
'15 Casa Madero Chardonnay Parras Valley, Mexico	40
'15 Piedra del Sol Chardonnay Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico	40
<i>-Vibrant and pleasing versión with no oak.</i>	
'14 Domaine d'Ardhuy Bourgogne Blanc Burgundy, France	38

RED WINES

LAZY RIVER REDS

Velvety soft, earthy and elegant reds from around the world. A joy to drink while floating along or a damn fine match to our seafood and lighter poultry dishes.

'14 Littorai 'Pivot Vineyard' Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, California 130

'14 Littorai 'Platt Vineyard' Pinot Noir Russian River, California 130

'14 Littorai 'Cerise Vineyard' Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, California 130

-Famed winemaker Ted Lemon is one of the people who put California on the path to embracing sustainability and healthy lands. His ethereal wines speak in every sip of a special time and place. They are beautiful, balanced and joyful expressions of what it means to grow something with passion.

'12 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon 95

'12 Birichino 'Lilo Vineyard' Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains, CA 65

'14 Long Meadow Ranch "Farmstead" Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, CA 54

'13 Matteo Correggia Nebbiolo Piemonte, Italy 48

-Pinot like but with more earth and a darker core of plum fruit. Heady stuff!

'14 Evolution by Sokol Blosser Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon 44

'15 Domaine Chignard 'Les Moriers' Fleurie Beaujolais, France 50

'14 Phillipe Tessier 'La Pont Du Jour' Cheverny, France 44

-Pinot Noir and Gamay laced together and grown in the mineral soils of the Loire. Not to be missed with our Hongos and Mole Amarillo.

'14 Brezo Mencia Bierzo, Spain 36

-Embracing the unfamiliar can yield amazing experiences. The Mencia grape is one of the treasures of Northwest Spain. Like a rustic, violet laced version of French Pinot Noir. It delivers an exciting mix of fragrance and fruit.

RED WINES

HEDONISTIC REDS

Oaxaca has an unbridled richness of flavor. Chocolate never tastes the same once you've had their spice scented version. The same can be said for masa, mole, coffee and dozens of other dishes and ingredients. These powerful flavors can wash over a wine that is too subtle, which is not a problem for this collection of decadently flavored wines that weave richness into a sumptuous texture.

'14 Turley 'Ueberroth' Zinfandel Paso Robles, California	115
'14 Turley 'Pesenti' Zinfandel Paso Robles, California	100
'14 Turley 'Fredereicks' Zinfandel Sonoma, California	95
<i>-This "Cult" Zinfandel producer is one of the most ardent supporters and preservers of old vineyards. They rejoice in finding these special sites and treating the fruit with minimal manipulation. What results are profoundly decadent wines that display the hundred plus years of California wine growing.</i>	
'13 Alximia "Libis" Zinfandel/Syrah/Petit Verdot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	58
<i>-Jammy, herbal and robust red with wonderfully fleshy fruit and long finish.</i>	
'13 Tres Sabores "Por que non?" Zinfandel Blend Napa, California	46
<i>-Organically grown fruit courtesy of the very passionate owner/winemaker Julie Johnson. A delectable blend of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Lots of brambly berry, wild herb and rich, yet sumptuous tannins.</i>	
'10 Clos de Figuera Priorat, Spain	120
'14 Honoro Vera Monastrell Jumilla, Spain	34
'14 Vieux Telegramme Chateauneuf-du-Pape Southern Rhone, France	74
<i>-Jubilant, playful and unforgettable from one of the Rhone's legendary families.</i>	
'13 Castell- Reynoard Rouge Bandol, France	56
<i>-The perfumed black fruit and earth is personified in this Mourvedre based red.</i>	

RED WINES

STATE-OF-THE-EARTH

Special grapes grown in special places yield the most remarkable wines. These striking reds have a distinct and powerful mix of texture, earth and fragrance.

'10 Le Ragnaie 'Fornace' Brunello di Montalcino	Tuscany, Italy	250
'10 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino	Tuscany, Italy	120
'12 Selvapiana Chianti Rufina Riserva 'Bucerchiale'	Tuscany, Italy	64
<i>-Deep red fruit, fragrant earth, cool mint and supple texture. Chianti perfection!</i>		
'13 Alcance "Dry Farmed" Carignan	Valle del Maule, Chile	70
<i>-70 year old vines of Carignan make for a plush, yet profoundly flavorful red.</i>		
'13 Descendientes de Jose Palacios Corullon	Bierzo, Spain	100
'10 Remelluri Rioja Reserva	Rioja, Spain	70
'07 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Cubillo' Crianza	Rioja, Spain	55
'12 Luberri "Biga" Rioja	Rioja, Spain	42
'12 Tommaso Bussola 'Ca'del Lailo' Ripasso Valpolicella Classico	Veneto, Italy	50
'09 Frankland Estate 'Isolation Ridge Vyd' Shiraz	Frankland River, Australia	60
'07 Jaufrètte Vacqueyras	Southern Rhone, France	70
<i>-Beautifully aged blend that is a snapshot of old world, classic winemaking.</i>		
'14 Faury St Joseph	Northern Rhone, France	55
<i>-Blissfully aromatic, wild berry fruit driven Syrah with the weight of a Pinot Noir.</i>		
'15 Clos de Caillou Cotes-Du-Rhone	Southern Rhone, France	42

RED WINES

STATE-OF-THE-EARTH



'09 **Torres Gran Morales** Conca de Barbera, Spain

180

-The Torres family has revived ancestral grape varieties to create this remarkable red. Near extinct varieties Garró and Samsó are blended with Garnacha, Mazuelo and Monastrell all grown in the stony, slate soil of Licorella. The Gran Morales is as powerful and unique as the flavors of Oaxaca. A thick wine that weaves between savory herb, spice and fleshy fruit skin. The wine is amazingly long on the finish, a rollercoaster of flavors that loops and twists for a good 5 minutes after the first sip.

RED WINES

RICH & POWERFUL REDS OF WEIGHT

'13 Quintessa Cabernet Blend Rutherford, California	320
'11 Staglin "Salus" Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, California	155
'09 Santo Tomas "Unico" Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	120
'12 Inglenook "1882" Cabernet Sauvignon Napa, California <i>-This winery is part of the bedrock that formed Napa Valley. They also committed themselves to sustainable agriculture in 2002. The results are on display in this powerful Cabernet full of black cassis, cherry, cocoa, tobacco and earth.</i>	95
'13 ZD Cabernet Sauvignon Napa-Carneros, California	72
'13 Laurel Glen "Counterpoint" Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma Mountain, California	58
'13 Marchiori & Barraud Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza, Argentina	40
'13 Madera 5 Tempranillo/Cabernet Valley de Guadalupe, MX	62
'12 Villa Montefiori Cabernet/Sangiovese Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Stellar blend with the classic weight of Cabernet and a complex nose.</i>	48
'14 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	44

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'13 Clau de Nell "Cuvée Violette" Cabernet Franc Anjou-Loire Valley, France	90
'13 Grosbois "La Cuisine de Ma Mere" Cabernet Franc Chinon-Loire Valley, France	42
'13 Blackbird Arise Merlot Driven Meritage Napa, California	85
'11 Craggy Range 'Te Kahu' Meritage Gimlett's Gravel, New Zealand	42
'13 Madera 5 Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	62
'12 Villa Montefiori Cabernet/Sangiovese Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Stellar blend with the classic weight of Cabernet and a complex nose.</i>	48
'14 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	44
'09 Carmelo Patti "Gran Assemblage" Malbec Mendoza, Argentina	120
'12 Achaval Ferrer "Quimera" Malbec Blend Mendoza, Argentina	55
'13 Tahuan Malbec Mendoza, Argentina	39