



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 55

WHITE WINES

'16 Santos Brujos Chardonnay Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico 45

-The first organically and biodynamically farmed wine from Mexico. This is flat out delicious and approachable Chardonnay has a bright nose, vibrant fruit and subtle touches of oak.

'16 Casa Madero Chardonnay Parras Valley, Mexico 42

-A friendly and very traditional style of Chardonnay made by Mexico's oldest winery.

'16 Casa Magoni Chardonnay/Vermentino Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico 40

'16 Madera 5 Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay Dolores Hidalgo-Guanajuato, Mexico 54

-The addition of Chardonnay ramps up the richness and overall weight.

'17 Silvana White Blend Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 50

-Aromatic, racy and round mix of Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscatel.

'15 Torre de Tierra Sémillon Dolores Hidalgo-Guanajuato, MX 42

'16 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 50

-100% Mission grape, an ancestral varietal 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

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

THE WINES OF MEXICO



RED WINES

'10 Santo Tomas "Unico" Cabernet/Merlot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	130
'16 Henri Lurton Nebbiolo Valley de Guadalupe, MX	68
'15 Valle de Corona Tempranillo Valley de Guadalupe, MX	72
'14 Madera 5 Tempranillo/Cabernet Valley de Guadalupe, MX	65
'12 Paralelo "Ensamble Arena" Cabernet Blend Valley de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Barbera and Petite Syrah</i>	60
'13 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	45
'13 Villa Montefiori Cabernet/Sangiovese Valle de Guadalupe, MX	48
'14 Casa Madero Merlot Paras 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
'15 Solar Fortun "O Positivo" Syrah/Cabernet Blend Valley de Guadalupe, MX	60
'15 Cuna de Tierra Syrah Dolores Hidalgo – Guanajuato, MX	56
'13 Alximia "AQUA" Grenache/Syrah/Petit Verdot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	58
'14 Las Nubes "Selección de Barricas" Valle de Guadalupe, MX <i>-Blend of 5 grapes: Cariñena, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz & Tempranillo.</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 Krug Brut Grand Cuvee Champagne, France	115
NV Billecart Brut Rose Champagne, France	90
NV Pierre Gimonnet 'Cuis 1er Cru' Brut Champagne, France	50
NV Delamotte Blanc de Blanc Brut Champagne, France	42
'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

'14 Patz & Hall 'Hyde Vineyard' Chardonnay Carneros, California	60
'14 Trefethen Chardonnay Oak Knoll - Napa, California	34
'15 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	50
'13 Brundlmayer "Berg Voglesang" Gruner Veltliner Kamptal, Austria	34
'13 Robert Sinskey 'Vandal Vineyard' Pinot Blanc Carneros, CA	39
'15 Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio Trentino/Alto Adige – Italy	20
'16 Pascal Jolivet Sancerre Loire Valley, France	29

HALF BOTTLE SELECTIONS

RED WINES

'14 Dominus Cabernet Sauvignon	Oakville, California	150
'13 Faust Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa, California	58
'14 J Lohr "Seven Oaks" Cabernet Sauvignon	Paso Robles, California	25
'15 Catena "High Mountain Vineyards" Malbec	Mendoza, Argentina	26
'14 Domaine des Hautes Chassis Crozes Hermitage	Northern Rhone, France	32
'12 Lafond Cote-du-Rhone	Southern Rhone, France	18
'10 Col D'Orcia Brunello di Montalcino	Tuscany, Italy	60
'13 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
'11 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

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-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
'11 Gramona Brut "Imerial" Gran Reserva Cava Penedes, Spain <i>-A wise person's alternative to Veuve Cliquot. This exceptionally well balanced Cava has a core of pastry crust, citrus, honeyed pear and fine bubbles. Magical!</i>	52
'14 Raventos Conca L"hereu de Nit Rose Conca del Riu Anoia, Spain	44
'14 Zardetto 'Tre Venti' Prosecco Conegliano Valdobbiadene, Italy	42
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>	36

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.

Rose Buying tips:

- 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.

'16 Chen Bleu Cote de Ventoux, France	65
<i>-Hands down as good as French rose gets, outside of the greatest Bandol offerings. Powerful, dry, but with an undeniable elegance. Couldn't select a better version to turn a red wine drinker onto.</i>	
'16 La Garenne Bandol, France	42
'16 Brooks Pinot Noir Rose Willamette Valley, Oregon	42
'17 Banshee Pinot Noir Rose Mendocino, California	40
'17 Casa Madero Rosado of Cabernet Sauvignon Parras Valley, Mexico	36
'16 Saint-Pierre de Mejans Rose Luberon, France	36
'17 Zorzal Rose of Pinot Noir Tupangato – Mendoza, Argentina	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.

'15 Envidiacochina "Tete de Cuvee" Albarino Rias Baixas, Spain	45
<i>-A unique take on Spanish Albarino. This biodynamically wine is allowed to be partially oxidized. The result is a more textured wine, blending notes of fresh nuts, mineral, citrus peel and ripe peach. This is one exciting bottle of wine.</i>	
'14 Araujo 'Eisles Vineyard' Eisele Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Napa, California	150
'16 Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc Russian River, CA	78
'16 Delaporte 'Cuvee de Silex' Sancerre Loire Valley, France	72
'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>	
'16 Yealands Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough, New Zealand	40
'16 Long Meadow Ranch Sauvignon Blanc Rutherford, CA	35
<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
'16 Domaine Skouras Moschofilero Peloponessos, Greece	34
'15 Apolloni Pinot Gris Willamette Valley, Oregon	42
'15 Cantina Fretana Pecorino Abruzzo, Italy	40

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.

- '16 Venica y Venica “Petris” Malvasia** Collio-Friuli, 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.
- '16 Venica y Venica “Jesera” Pinot Grigio** Collio-Friuli, Italy 56
- '15 Elk Cove Pinot Blanc** Willamette Valley, Oregon 44
- '15 Santo Tomas “Uva” Blanca** Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico 50
-100% Mission grape, an ancestral varietal originally brought to Mexico by Spanish Monks. Vibrant citrus, green apple and white floral notes.
- '16 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; juicy, racy spice and inviting fragrance
- '15 Domaine Skouras Moschofilero** Peloponessos, Greece 38
- '14 Von Winning Riesling Off Dry** Pfalz, Germany 44
- '16 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.
- '13 Schloss Lieser Kabinett Riesling** Mosel, Germany 36
-Classic Mosel Riesling is such a joy. It combines the brilliant minerality of the steep hillside vineyards with vivid stone fruit. The Schloss dazzles with juicy ripe fruit, low alcohol and the essence of what it means to be sweet and sour.

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.

'14 Clos de Papes Paul Avril et Fils Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc	Rhone, France	150
'16 Aurélien Chatagnier Condrieu	Northern Rhone, France	120
'15 Abadia Retuerta "Blanco de Guarda" Blend	Castillo y Leon, Spain	70
<i>-Exceptional barrel aged blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Verdejo.</i>		
'13 Louis Bovard Aigle "Cuvee Noe"	Vaud, Switzerland	70
'15 Des Hauts Chassis Crozes-Hermitage Blanc	Northern Rhone, France	58
<i>-An unctuous and memorable mix of the underappreciated varietals Marsanne and Roussanne. Fermented in a mix of oak and stainless this wine it excites with a beguiling nose of wild apricot, honeysuckle and hints of citrus. This is a wine that loves food, while still delivering a ton of weight, giving it a sexy richness.</i>		
'15 Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas Blanc	Adelaida District , California	52
'15 Meroi Ribolla Gialla	Friuli Colli, Italy	60
'15 Sidebar Kerner	Mokelumne River, CA	44
<i>-A grape native to Germany this is the first version I've seen in America. It's quite enticing though with lively aromatics of apple, Asian pear and wild flower. Bone dry, yet with a bit of roundness thanks to some time aging on the lees.</i>		
'16 Domaine Glinavos Debina	Zitsa, Greece	46
<i>-This is almost Chenin Blanc like with sneaky weight, wild flower and straw notes. It's spectacular with octopus and meaty fishes.</i>		

WHITE WINES

CHARDONNAY: THE COMFORTS OF HOME

A varietal of intense personality, it ranges from elegant to decadently robust. Whatever the style, it's a tried and true friend and when executed correctly one of the most satisfying grapes around. Just be careful drinking it with spicy dishes.

'13 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>	
'15 Paul Hobbs 'Richard Dinner Vineyard' Chardonnay Sonoma Mtn, CA	125
'16 Ridge Vineyards Estate Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains, CA	100
<i>-America's greatest winery continues to deliver exceptional wines.</i>	
'15 Patrick Puize 'Vaulorent' 1^{er} Cru Chablis Chablis, France	95
'13 Bruno Colin 'Morgeot' Chassagne Montrachet Cote d'Or, France	90
'14 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.</i>	
'13 Lutum 'Durrel Vineyard' Chardonnay Sonoma Coast, California	65
<i>-Orchard aromas of fleshy, bright fruit, warm spiced air and citrus will grab your attention. It's a version that effortlessly mixes power and finesse.</i>	
'15 Chateau Thivin "Clos de Rochebonne" Beaujolais, France	56
'14 Iron Horse Chardonnay Green Valley-Russian River, California	50
'16 Santos Brujos Chardonnay Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico	45
<i>-The first organically and biodynamically farmed wine from Mexico. Flat out delicious with a bright nose, vibrant fruit and subtle touches of oak.</i>	
'15 Ritual Chardonnay Casablanca Valley, Chile	44
'16 Domaine d'Ardhuy Bourgogne Blanc Burgundy, France	38

RED WINES

The drinking culture in Oaxaca is synonymous with two things: Mezcal and beer. While both are wonderful libations (especially Mezcal) they fail to approach wine as a capable dance partner to their food. Why then isn't wine more in demand? It's all about the lack of access to wine. The flavors of Oaxaca are deep, complex, earthy and robust and much of the preparation involves wood grilling. It's ideal for consuming with red wine. Even their climate is perfect with temperatures that rarely exceed 85 degrees. No, the problem is that lot of wine that makes it into Mexico and most of it is taxed at exorbitant levels. Fortunately that isn't a problem you will have at Xochi, so feel free to relish in the combination of these incredible wines and Chef Hugo's inspired takes on the flavors of Oaxaca.



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 Clau de Nell "Cuvée Violette" Cabernet Franc	Anjou-Loire Valley, France	100
'13 Clau de Nell "Cuvée Violette" Cabernet Franc	Anjou-Loire Valley, France	100
'15 Baker & Brain 'Le Mistral Vyd' Grenache	Monterey, California	72
<i>- This beauty is a rarely seen Grenache. It's a juicy, lithe, and tantalizing mix of racy spices, red licorice, and wild flower. 95 cases made from 45 yr old vines.</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>		
'13 Torbreck "Cuvee Juveniles" GSM	Barossa Valley, Australia	38
<i>-Wild red raspberry, white pepper, hints of bacon and sweet smoke. Bright yet gentle Grenache rules the roost here.</i>		
'10 Cantina Terre del Barolo Barbaresco	Piemonte, Italy	55
<i>-Not all Nebbiolo (the grape of Barolo and Barbaresco) are heavy and tannic. This cool vintage version has been allowed to age, resulting in a approachable style. It's soft, yet full bodied with intoxicating cherry, anise, tar and hints of char.</i>		
'16 Marcarini "Lasarin" Nebbiolo	Langhe, Italy	48
'15 Riecine Chianti Classico	Tuscany, Italy	60
'15 Maisulan Tempranillo	Rioja, Spain	38
<i>-A Modern Rioja, supple an light with red plum, wild berry, rose petal and earth.</i>		
'14 Domaine Chignard 'Les Moriers' Fleurie	Beaujolais, France	50
'15 Phillip Tessier 'La Pont Du Jour'	Cheverny, France	44
<i>-Pinot Noir and Gamay laced together and grown in the mineral soils of the Loire.</i>		
'15 La Perra Gorda	San Esteban, Spain	36
<i>-Like a rustic, violet laced version of French Pinot Noir, full of fragrance and fruit.</i>		

RED WINES

PINOT NOIR. . . THE VELVET HAMMER

Love for this varietal ranges far and wide. It's called the "Sommelier's Best Friend" due to it's one of kind mix of supple texture, complex flavor and versatility at pairing with food. You won't go wrong selecting one of these amazing versions.

'15 Liger-Belair 'Les Chaumes' Vosne-Romanee Cote de Nuits, France 390

'14 Beaux Freres "The Upper Terrace" Pinot Noir Dundee Hills, Oregon 175

-Aside from being one of Oregon's best houses, this mouthwatering red is farmed on a unique, steep hillside block by actual Oaxacans. Nobody knows high elevation farming better! What a delight to discover the farming team has connections to the state we love so much. Add that to the wine is a lush medley of wild cherry, raspberry and cola with a supple texture and a sly minerality.

'13 Bergstrom 'Bergstrom Vineyard' Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon 140

'14 Littorai 'Pivot Vineyard' Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, 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.

'14 Hirsch Vineyards "San Andreas Fault" Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, California 125

'13 Joseph Swan 'Trenton Estate' Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, California 120

-OG of California Pinot Noir Joseph Swan helped chart the Russian Rivers future.

'14 Ramey 'Platt Vineyard' Pinot Noir Russian River, California 100

'14 Penner-Ash Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon 120

'13 Tony Soter 'Mineral Springs' Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon 115

-A dedicated farmer, the sustainability program at Soter is a marvel. The wines are full of peppery earth, sorrel notes and baked spice laced red fruit.

RED WINES

PINOT NOIR. . . Continued

'12 Domaine Drouhin "Laurene" Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon	95
'13 Moorooduc Estate Pinot Noir Mornington Peninsula, Australia <i>-Australia is becoming quite the Pinot producing region, namely the area south of Melbourne. This biodynamically farmed rendition has that cobbler style fruit with rich texture, subtle alcohol and a touch of tea leaf.</i>	78
'15 Michel Sarrazin Maranges Cote de Beaune, France	70
'12 Birichino 'Lilo Vineyard' Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains, CA	70
'15 Lucienne 'Smith Vineyard' Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills, CA <i>-Get in touch with the wild side of Pinot Noir. Dramatic dark red fruit and weight.</i>	60
'15 Stoller Pinot Noir Dundee Hills-Willamette Valley, Oregon <i>-This is gonna be a special vintage for Oregon. Both big and high quality, wines like this Stoller are a welcoming mix of red fruit, soft savory herbs and acid.</i>	60
'14 August West Pinot Noir Russian River, CA	56
'15 Long Meadow Ranch "Farmstead" Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, CA	55
'15 Crossbarn Pinot Noir Carneros, CA	52
'15 Barrique Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, California <i>-A throwback Pinot, this little gem has classic untamed, robust flavor that defines the windy corridors of the southern Sonoma Coast.</i>	40
'15 Grochau Cellars "Commuter Cuvee" Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon <i>-Still classic, earthy Oregon, but with a more feral spice and structure.</i>	44
'15 Evolution by Sokol Blosser Pinot Noir Willamette Valley, Oregon	39

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.

'07 Buglioni Amarone Riserva	Veneto, Italy	180
'07 Le Ragose Amarone della Valpolicella Classico	Veneto, Italy	84
'13 Tommaso Bussola 'Ca'del Lailo' Ripasso Valpolicella Classico	Veneto, Italy	50
'15 Flor de Pingus	Ribera del Duero, Spain	135
'12 Pintia by Vega Sicilia	Toro, Spain	125
<i>-You can't help but be swayed by this wine and the rich purple-to-black fruit, crushed rock, violet, spice and cedar flavors. It overdelivers with rich, savory notes, body and color. Plus it loves the sort of wood grilled meats we cook here.</i>		
'13 Font de la Figuera	Priorat, Spain	79
<i>-40-year-old Grenache plantings are blended with mainly Syrah.</i>		
'15 Honoro Vera Monastrell	Jumilla, Spain	34
'14 Ogier Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Rhone, France	75
<i>-This family has made wine for nearly 150 years. Their Chateauneu is thoughtfully modern, displaying sumptuous, red licorice, white pepper, crushed cherry and a exciting mixt of savory herb and white pepper spice.</i>		
'15 Robert Biale "Royal Punishers" Petit Syrah	Napa, California	72
'13 Alcance "Dry Farmed" Carignan	Valle del Maule, Chile	59
<i>-70 year old vines of Carignan make for a plush, yet profoundly flavorful red.</i>		
'13 Bela Voda	Tikeves, Macedonia	52
<i>-Plavec, Vranec are the very unique, but cool varietals at play here. Its thick, fleshy and robust with black licorice, crushed rock and fresh ground cacao.</i>		

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ZINFANDEL

One of the first varietals that called out to me upon trying a mole 16 years ago was Zinfandel. This quintessential American varietal has evolved in California for well over a century. It's as exciting today as a match for these flavorful sauces.

'15 Turley 'Pesenti Vineyard' Zinfandel Paso Robles, California 120

'15 Turley 'Mead Ranch Vineyard' Zinfandel Atlas Peak-Napa, California 105

-This historic vineyard took on a touch of damage in the California fires. Hopefully this won't be the last vintage we see for a while.

'15 Turley 'Fredereicks Vineyard' Zinfandel Sonoma, California 95

'15 Turley "Old Vines" Zinfandel California 56

-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.

'14 Brown Family Vineayrds Zinfandel Saint Helena, California 78

'14 Peter Franus Zinfandel Napa, California 60

'14 Carol Shelton "Wild Thing" Zinfandel Mendocino, California 48

-60-year-old vines in Redwood country. It's fresh and bright in flavor showing lovely red plum, boysenberry and just the softest touches of oak.

'16 Dry Creek "Heritage Vines" Zinfandel Dry Creek, California 44

-Farming comes first with wine and that is especially true in Sonoma Valley. Dry Creek has always over delivered on this wonderful Zinfandel-Petit Sirah Blend. It

'14 Dashe Zinfandel Sonoma, California 42

-The sort of Zinfandel I cut my teeth on as a young wine lover 18 years ago. This little beauty is all charming raspberry and boysenberry fruit. It's got a good bit of heft without feeling sloppy and has a long, lingering finish of spice box aromas.

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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
'12 Campogiovanni Brunello di Montalcino Tuscany, Italy	120
'13 Produttori del Barbaresco 'Pora' Reserva Barbaresco Piemonte, Italy	120
'12 Massolino "Serralungo d'Alba" Barolo Piemonte, Italy	90
'14 Descendientes de Jose Palacios Corullon Bierzo, Spain	100
'14 Olivier Rivière, Arlanza "El Cadastro" Castilla y León, Spain	65
'05 Lopez de Heredia 'Tondonia' Reserva Rioja, Spain	85
'08 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Cubillo' Crianza Rioja, Spain	55
'12 Jean-Michel Gerin 'Les Grandes Places' Cote Rotie Northern Rhone, France <i>-This other worldly hillside plot sits above the winery in Verenay. The mix of exposure and deep soil, which is less stony than its neighbors, form the basis for it's endless flavor and overall depth. A remarkable wine!</i>	320
'08 Domaine de la Jaufrette Gigondas Southern, France <i>-Old school winemaking in the famed Cotes-du-Rhone village. The style exudes dark perfumed fruit, coffee, leather and refined tannins.</i>	75
'12 Domaine Santa Duc 'Aux Lieux-Dits' Gigondas Southern, France	65
'09 Frankland Estate 'Isolation Ridge Vyd' Shiraz Frankland River, Australia	60
'14 Serras del Priorat Priorat, Spain	46

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FEATURED WINERY: CLOS FIGUERAS

Priorat is arguably Spain's most important wine region. It reigns as one of the oldest, with a history of vineyards back over 2000 years. The region was first farmed and cultivated for by the Romans as they attempted to conquer the world. However, by the 1960's less than 1000 acres remained planted, most of which were largely neglected, rare old plantings of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan. It was a forgotten Shangra-La waiting to be restored!

In the 1980's famed barrel seller Alvaro Palacios came to spend time in the area. He saw the amazing potential in the steep hills, where ancient vines were just waiting to be revived. He introduced famed Bordeaux importer Christopher Cannan to the region. Cannan saw its greatness and joined the cause by forming Clos Figuera winery in 1997. He, along with Palacios, René Barbier of Clos Mogador and a few others helped Priorat rise from the ashes and introduce the world to some of the greatest wines in Spain's history!



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| '13 Clos de Figuera Priorat, Spain | 180 |
| <i>-Their finest offering. This is world class juice made from 80+ year old vines with a mix of 70% Grenache and Carignan, 20% Syrah and a touch of Cabernet and Mourvedre all aged and fermented in the finest French oak for 13 months.</i> | |
| '15 Font de la Figuera Priorat, Spain | 79 |
| <i>-40-year-old Grenache plantings are blended with mainly Syrah. Dark in color, this second label is supple with inviting fruit and a more approachable style.</i> | |
| '14 Serras del Priorat Priorat, Spain | 46 |
| <i>-A similar blend to the others, Serras highlights the youngest plantings and is barely touched by oak. It's Pinotesque with wild violet, bright berry and herb.</i> | |

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TEMPRANILLO

Spain's iconic grape has undergone an evolution over the last 20 – 30 years. Largely known as the base of Rioja reds, it was historically left to sleep endlessly in barrel as it shed much of its unique fruit and savory elements. In the 90's Spain began modernizing winemaking, aging and farming. Today, the grape is showing more fruit, terroir and personality. Outside of Spain it has become pivotal in Mexico's Valley de Guadalupe, where it has darker, fleshier fruit. These versions are great with the wood grilled meats, vegetables and complex sauces we make here at Xochi.

'15 Flor de Pingus Ribera del Duero, Spain	150
'12 Pintia by Vega Sicilia Toro, Spain <i>-Always a showstopper, this 2nd label of Vega Sicilia has Rich purple-to-black fruit, crushed rock, violet and cedar flavors. It overdelivers with savory notes, body and color.</i>	125
'11 Remelluri Rioja Reserva Rioja, Spain	75
'14 Marques de Caceres "MC" Rioja, Spain	65
'05 Ontañon Reserva Rioja, Spain .	48
'15 Maisulan Rioja, Spain	38
'05 Lopez de Heredia 'Tondonia' Reserva Rioja, Spain	85
'08 Lopez de Heredia 'Viña Cubillo' Crianza Rioja, Spain <i>-Lopez is a throwback to old school Rioja. These wines are beautifully aged and display a nuanced mix of earthy, cool herb, acid and tart fruit.</i>	55
'15 Valle de Corona Tempranillo Valley de Guadalupe, MX <i>-One of the great new boutique outfits in Mexico. Corona is so wonderfully</i>	72
'14 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Valle de Guadalupe, MX	45
'14 Coquerel Tempranillo Calistoga-Napa, California <i>-40 cases were made of this tiny block of Tempranillo grown in Northern Napa.</i>	75

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THE OTHER GUYS: CAB FRANC, MERLOT, MABLEC

'13 Pride Cabernet Franc Spring Mountain-Sonoma, California	130
'13 Clau de Nell "Cuvée Violette" Cabernet Franc Anjou-Loire Valley, France	90
'14 Domaine de Pallus 'Les Pensées de Pallus' Cabernet Franc Chinon, France <i>-Just a superb example with peppercorn tinged red plum, brambly berry, dried herb and a texture that is supple and thick, but never clumsy.</i>	55
'15 Grosbois "La Cuisine de Ma Mere" Cabernet Franc Loire Valley, France	42
'14 Pride Merlot Spring Mountain, California	95
'14 Blackbird "Arise" Merlot Driven Blend Napa, California	85
'11 Chateau Vieux Cardinal Lafaurie Lalande-de-Pomerol, France	55
'14 Casa Madero Merlot Valley de Guadalupe, Mexico <i>-The oldest winery in North America. After 500 years they still make wonderful wines. Tremendous Merlot with cherry, plum, chocolate, tobacco and game notes.</i>	42
'13 Moffet Malbec Napa, California <i>-Rich and dark, with serious weight. 44 cases of this dense Malbec were made.</i>	100
'13 Achaval Ferrer "Quimera" Malbec Blend Mendoza, Argentina	55
'13 Altocedro "Select" Malbec Blend La Consulta-Mendoza, Argentina	50
'13 Tahuan Malbec Mendoza, Argentina	39

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STRIKING BLENDS OF SUBSTANCE

'15 Lewis Cellars "Alec's Blend" Modern Meritage Napa, California	120
<i>-One of the great modern blends in California today. Syrah leads a charge of Cabernet, Merlot and Cab Franc to a roaring victory. Layers of thick berry, purple flower, baked spice and chocolate are surrounded by touches of game and toast.</i>	
'13 J Bookwalter 'Conflict Conner-Lee Vyd' Meritage Columbia Valley, Washington	120
<i>-This Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah blend from Washington is a prime display of incredible power and weight. Syrah adds a wild note and softens the tannins.</i>	
'13 Blackbird Arise Meritage Napa, California	85
<i>- The style is far more supple, mixing dusty fruit, herb, peppercorn spice and a very refined sense of oak.</i>	
'14 Affinity Meritage by Robert Craig Howell Mountain, California	75
'11 Craggy Range 'Te Kahu' Meritage Gimlett's Gravel, New Zealand	42
'14 Solar Fortun "O Positivo" Cabernet/Syrah Blend Valle de Guadalupe, MX	70
'13 Villa Montefiori Cabernet/Sangiovese Valle de Guadalupe, MX	50
<i>-Stellar blend with the classic weight of Cabernet and a complex nose.</i>	
'12 Paralelo "Ensamble Arena" Cabernet Blend Valley de Guadalupe, MX	60
<i>-Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Barbera and Petite Syrah</i>	
'15 Canto di Luna Cabernet/Shiraz Blend Valley de Guadalupe, MX	56
'14 Santo Tomas Tempranillo/Cabernet Blend Valle de Guadalupe, MX	45

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON DRIVEN

'13 Quintessa Cabernet Blend Rutherford, California	320
'13 Araujo "Altagracia" Cabernet Sauvignon Calistoga, California	260
'14 Staglin "Salus" Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, California	155
'11 Santo Tomas "Unico" Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot Valle de Guadalupe, MX	130
'13 Groth Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville, California	95
'13 Inglenook "1882" Cabernet Sauvignon Napa, California -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.	95
'13 Domaine Eden Cabernet Sauvignon Santa Cruz, California -A brilliant Cab that seems like it was made for Mexican food. The rich, complex fruit is almost jammy but woven with dried pepper, licorice and smoked wood.	78
'11 Chateau Le Coteau Bordeaux Margaux, France	72
'14 Laurel Glen "Counterpoint" Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma Mountain, CA	70
'14 Acumen Cabernet Sauvignon Napa, California -Incredible hillside grown Cabernet, exploding with flavor. Impossible to beat at this price.	59
'13 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River, Australia	46
'14 Marchiori & Barraud Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza, Argentina	40

