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AMEZTOI 2019 “RUBENTIS,” ROSÉ TXAKOLI, GETARIAKO TXAKOLINA, SPAIN

The iconic Rubentis Rosé is a field blend of two varietals, Hondarribi Zuri and Hondarribi Beltza, which are co-fermented for three weeks. When most local wineries gave up on the indigenous red Hondarrabi Beltza vines, the Ameztoi family retained their old vines, which gives their Rosé exceptional vibrancy and complexity. Rubentis, the region’s first pink wine, was inspired by the historic claret style wines of Europe which were once produced in the area long before the current global craze made Rosé famous. The backbone of the blend comes from a Hondarrabi Beltza vineyard planted in 1840, preserved by the Ameztoi family for generations.

Bright and zippy with just a touch of effervescence, this Rosé is the quintessential summer porch pounder. If you enjoy this wine, you should definitely consider picking up one of our Virtual Rosé Tasting packs which features this selection along with three other pink wines.



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LA BASTIDE SAINT DOMINIQUE 2016 CÔTES DU RHÔNE, FRANCE

La Bastide Saint Dominique's estate lies in the heart of Provence, right in the foothills of Châteauneuf Du Pape, buffeted by the gusts of the Mistral wind and bathed by the bright southern sun. Built around a former 16th century chapel, the estate was created with only a handful of hectares to begin with. Today, the Bonnet family owns the property and has been successful in expanding the domain to the total of 50 hectares of vines. Since 1999, the Bonnet's son, Eric, has been tending to the vines and now oversees the entire production and has converted the Domaine over to certified organic production as of 2014. The vineyards are located in the commune of Courthézon in Châteauneuf-du-Pape not far from their very famous neighbors Chateau de Beaucastel.

Made up of a blend 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. Pop open this bottle while you pre-heat your grill as this is a perfect pairing for BBQ fare.



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DOMAINE PHILIPPE LIVERA 2017 FIXIN, BURGUNDY, FRANCE

Livera is a domaine which has taken a quantum leap in recent years, since being taken over in 2005 by the young Damien Livera.

Renovating of the vineyards and upgrading of the winery were two of the major tasks undertaken, whilst an intelligent approach to the estate management has enabled the domaine to modernize, yet still reap the benefits in quality from the largely old vines planted in the 1950's and early 60's. Originally established by his great-grandfather in 1920, as Domaine des Tilleuls, the estate had until recently sold its production in bulk to the big Beaune negociant houses. Damien immediately set about upgrading and renovating the vineyards and winery, with a new winery operational from 2009.

Today Damien Livera is at the helm of the region, the fourth generation of Livera winemakers in Gevrey, and has quickly established himself as one of the top young winemakers in the Côte de Nuits. What sets the Liveras apart is their attention to Gevrey's collection of unique terroirs. This particular wine is a blend of two estate-owned plots in Fixin, just north of Gevrey-Chambertin. The soils at these vineyards are a mix of limestone, clay and white marl in both plots which contribute a mineral note to the wine. The vines from these vineyards are 40 to 50 years on average and are hand-harvested, de-stemmed, and fermented on indigenous yeasts in tank. Aged in older French oak barrels (20% new). Bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Try pairing this wine with anything from mushroom based dishes, duck confit, or even lighter fare like a spinach and goat cheese salad with dried cranberries.



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