

IN VINO VERITAS

if we can believe a favorite myth of the assyrians, whose chiseled stone tablets represent the earliest written records yet discovered, at least one spice was known before our world was created. these early people, who

lived thousands of years ago, claimed that their gods were drinking sesame seed wine at a gathering held just before they made the earth. "exotic and aromatic spices give us pleasure in our enjoyment of food" the wines proposed in our list have been carefully selected to bring to you the world in its *global expression* of wine making.

we intend to share with you the passion and the true talent of a group of wine makers who have developed the art of "boutique wines", complementing our "spice enhanced cuisine". this is a journey following the ancient spice routes from the americas to the new world; across the ocean in the heart of the old world.

In wine there is truth!

CHAMPAGNES & SPARKLING

"here's to champagne, the drink that makes us forget our trouble; it's made of a dollar worth of wine and three dollars worth of bubbles"

		vint	gls	btl
104	piper heidsiek , "baby piper", 187ml	NV		25
105	segura viudas , aria, cava, spain	NV	9	36
122	gruet , rose, new mexico	NV	10	38
106	taittinger , brut, 375 ml	NV		39
107	veuve clicquot , yellow label, 375ml	NV		56
108	taittinger , domaine carneros, brut	2004		65
109	schramsberg , blanc de blancs	2004		75
110	taittinger , cuvee prestige, brut	NV	18	90
111	moët & chandon , white star	NV		97
112	veuve clicquot , yellow label, brut	NV		110
113	henriot , brut, rose	NV		120
123	la reve , blanc, carneros	2000		140
114	perrier jouet , "la fleur", brut	1999		214
115	moët & chandon , dom perignon, brut	1999		265
116	louis roederer , cristal, brut	1999		395

EAS AMERICAS ROUTE

"from the region of patagonia to the andes mountains, through the indigenous populations of mexico, reaching the north american continent, spices have played a crucial role in the development of our culturally inspired cuisine."

SOUTH AMERICA

argentina

218	chardonnay , catena, mendoza	2006		42
701	malbec , luca, mendoza	2006		72
502	cabernet, malbec, merlot bodega norton, privada, mendoza	2005	13	52

chile

301	sauvignon blanc , veramonte, reserva casablanca valley	2006	9	34
401	merlot , casa lapostolle, cuvee alexandre colchagua valley	2005		61
730	carmenere , alcance, maule valley colchagua valley	2005		36

NORTH AMERICA

313	fume blanc , ferrari carano, sonoma valley	2007		46
302	sauvignon blanc , hanna, russian river	2007	10	41
303	sauvignon blanc , duckhorn, napa valley	2007		58
320	viognier , turnbull, napa valley	2000		55
202	chardonnay , gloria ferrer, carneros	2004		44
203	chardonnay , simi, sonoma valley	2006	12	48
219	chardonnay , cuvaision, napa valley	2006		60
204	chardonnay , sonoma cutrer russian river valley	2006	15	55
205	chardonnay , chalone, monterrey	2005		74
206	chardonnay , ferrari carano "reserve" napa valley	2003		94
220	chardonnay , paraiso, monterrey	2006		38
207	chardonnay , far niente, napa valley	2006		118
208	chardonnay , jayson, napa valley	2005		120
601	pinot noir , rodney strong, russian river	2006	13	53
602	pinot noir , orogeny, russian river valley	2006		72
614	pinot noir , domaine, carneros	2005		75
603	pinot noir , row 11, santa maria valley	2005		92
604	pinot noir , stewart, russian river valley	2003		96
605	pinot noir , etude, napa valley	2005		97
402	merlot , sterling "VC", central coast	2005	11	46
403	merlot , franciscan, napa valley	2005	14	56
409	merlot , stonestreet, alexander valley	2004		60
404	merlot , luna, napa valley	2004		72
702	zinfandel , seghesio, sonoma valley	2006	14	58
703	zinfandel , esterlina, russian river valley	2003		83
733	petit syrah , stags leap	2005		85
704	magnificat by franciscan , napa valley	2004		102
503	cabernet sauvignon , sterling, napa valley	2005		62
504	cabernet sauvignon , mantra revelation sonoma valley	2003	18	72
505	cabernet sauvignon , ehlers, napa valley	2005		76
506	cabernet sauvignon , merryvale reserve, napa valley	2005		98
507	cabernet sauvignon , fantesca, napa	2004		128
508	cabernet sauvignon , pine ridge stag's leap district	2003		134
509	cabernet sauvignon , von strasser diamond mountain, napa valley	2004		138
510	cabernet sauvignon , groth, napa, 1.5ltr	2005		185
732	quintessa , rutherford	2003		240
705	opus one , napa valley	2003		260
706	rubicon by niebaum-coppola, napa	2003		204
	washington			
209	chardonnay , chateau st. michelle "canoe ridge", columbia valley	2005	16	64
405	merlot , genesis, columbia valley	2005		39
	oregon			
314	pinot gris , willamette valley vineyards	2007		45
606	pinot noir , argyle, willamette valley	2006		75
607	pinot noir , cristom, "jessie", willamette	2005		86
613	pinot noir , van duzer, oregon	2005		60

THE SOUTHERN ROUTE

"those islands... you couldn't see them in a lifetime. not in two lives. some are great countries, and some are three coconuts, and the ocean is full of them. they are like stars in the sky."

	vint	gls	btl
new zealand			
304 sauvignon blanc , mount nelson marlborough	2007	12	48
608 pinot noir , blind trail, otago	2006		47
609 pinot noir , cloudy bay, marlborough	2005		75
australia			
310 riesling , mt horrocks "cordon cut", 375ml clare valley	2005		61
311 riesling , mc williams hanwood estate new south wales	2006	9	36
210 chardonnay , wolf blass president' s selection, adelaide hills	2006		45
516 cabernet sauvignon , rosemont show reserve, coonawara	2006	15	60
707 shiraz , chateau reynella, mclaren vale	2003		73
708 shiraz , canonbah bridge, reserve	2003		89
332 muscat , mc laren vale, 500ml	NV	15	90

THE NORTHERN ROUTE

"some of the spices, herbs & seeds we know today, were cultivated by the early settlers of the western world, our word "aroma" was the ancient Greek word for "spice". bay leaves (or laurel) were woven into crowns for olympic heroes; spice-scented balms were used after baths; spice-flavored wines were popular."

spain			
322 albariño , don olegario, rias baixas	2005		48
330 albariño , licia, rias baixas	2006	10	38
323 albariño , lagar de cervera, rias baixas	2006		54
324 verdejo , aura, rueda	2005		50
709 tempranillo , campo viejo, crianza ribera del duero	2001		36
710 tempranillo , marques de riscal gran reserva, rioja	2000		46
729 grenacha , las rocas, calatayud	2005		36
france			
321 gewurztraminer , trimbach, alsace	2004	11	46
333 sauvignon blanc , domaine girard	1999	11	46
211 chardonnay , louis latour coteaux de l'ardeche	2003		38
221 chardonnay , macon-charnay	2005	11	46
325 puligny-montrachet , olivier leflaive côtes de beaune, burgundy	2005		104
315 pinot gris , trimbach, alsace	2004		53
713 rosè , chateau des baumelles, bandol	2004		76
610 pinot noir , bouchard côtes de beaune, burgundy	2005		62
711 grenache , cellier des dauphins, rhone	2001		36
734 st. emilion , chateau vignot	2003		80
714 st emilion , chateau pavie macquin bordeaux	2003		193
715 margaux , alter ego, palmer, bordeaux	2003		135

vint gls btl

italy

319 pinot blanc , hofstatter, alto-adige	2005		48
716 tokai , gredic, movia	2005		46
717 cortese , villa sparina, gavi di gavi piemond	2005		49
718 primavoce , arceno, super-tuscan (merlot, cabernet, sangiovese, syrah)	2004		42
719 barbera , sandrone, piemond	2004		65
720 chianti , sestano, riserva, tuscany	1999		72
721 amarone , sartori, veneto (corvina, molinara)	2003		75
722 brunello di montalcino tenuta silvio nardi, tuscany	2001		109
723 syrah , d'allessandro mansano "il bosco", tuscany	2003		108

THE SIKK ROUTE

"incense made of spice was burned in temples and even along the roads; pepper and cloves from india, cinnamon and nutmeg from the spice islands (or moluccas), ginger from china and japan"

SAKE - "DRINK OF THE GODS"

house caraffe (hot or cold)	300 ml	12
shirakabegura junmai	300 ml	18
Tasting notes: hints of sweet rice with toasted cinammon		
taisetsu "ice dome" junmai ginjo	300 ml	22
Tasting notes: Delightfully floral and clean aroma with subtle flavors of black licorice, pine and pepper.		
snow shadow tokubetsu iunmai	300 ml	30
light, soft, smooth taste and ligt fruit apple marzipan aroma		
hakkaisan junmai ginjo	300 ml	45
Tasting notes: spicy with hints of baked apple		
karen "coy" junmai	500 ml	45
Tasting notes: aromas of lychee, apple and strawberry		
dewazakura "oka" junmai ginjo	720 ml	55
Tasting notes: floral nose and cherry blossom flavors		
tamano hikari daiginjo	300 ml	40
Tasting notes: Orange peel with almond and coconut		
hoyo "fair maiden" junmai daiginjo	500 ml	57
Tasting notes: delicate with honeydew and vanilla hints		
horin gekkeikan junmai daijingo	720 ml	60
Tasting notes: refreshing fruit like aroma and mild flavor		
kaku-rei plum ume-shu junmai ginjo	720 ml	140
Tasting notes: Premium ume-shu, locally grown plums		
dassai junmai daiginjo	720 ml	140
Tasting notes: Hints of coconut, kiwi and bananas		

SAKE - "FOR THE ADVENTUROUS"

nigori unfiltered sake crème de sake	300 ml	18
Tasting notes: rice and ripe red plums, soft and chewy texture		
kikusakari asamurasaki daijingo	720 ml	75
Tasting notes: slightly sweet with berry-like aromas and flavors		
kamoizumi komekome"happy bride"	500ml	44
Tasting notes: mildly sweet and robust, riesling like structure		
sake flight (sampling of four sakes)		19
shirakaberuga junmai, dewazakura "oka"		
hoyo "fair maiden", crème de sake		