

TERROIR BY-THE-GLASS



THE IDEA OF TERROIR ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN JUST SOIL TYPE, CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHY, VEGETATION & VARIETAL CHOICE. IT INCORPORATES THE HAND OF MAN, LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURAL TRENDS, CULINARY TRADITIONS & SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

HAPPY HALLOWINE!

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<p>ROSÉ - SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG - "CISTERCIEN" - KAMPTAL, AUSTRIA - 2023</p> <p>SCHLOSS GOBELSBURG IS BY FAR ONE OF THE OLDEST CONTINUALLY OPERATING CISTERCIAN MONASTERIES AND WINERIES IN THE WORLD. MONKS FIRST PLANTED THESE VINEYARDS OVER 850 YEARS AGO. IN FACT, THEY'RE SO DEDICATED TO TRADITION THAT THEY SIGN THEIR WINEMAKERS' CONTRACTS BY THE GENERATION. THEY JUST RENEWED FOR THE NEXT FIVE GENERATIONS.</p>		15	60
<p>RIESLING - MÖNCHHOF - "ESTATE" - KABINETT - MOSEL, GERMANY - 2021</p> <p>THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH IN BRINGING VINES TO GERMANY AND AUSTRIA CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. THEY BEGAN PLANTING THE MOSEL BEFORE MUCH OF BURGUNDY HAD BEEN DELINEATED. MONCHHOF TRANSLATES TO "MONK'S HOUSE," AND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1177. THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO PLANT THE FAMED URZIGER WURZGARTEN AROUND THE PROPERTY.</p>		16	64
<p>KERNER - ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA - "PRAEPOSITUS" - ALTO ADIGE, ITALY - 2022</p> <p>STILL AN OPERATING AUGUSTINIAN ABBEY, NOVACELLA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1142. UNLIKE NORMAL MONKS, MUCH OF THEIR PURPOSE IS ALSO TO WORK IN PROVIDING A TRUE COMMUNAL CENTER AND LOCAL FARM. THE PRAEPOSITUS IS A VERY SPECIAL BOTTLING TAKEN FROM PARTICULARLY HIGH, ROCKY VINEYARDS IN THE VALLE ISARCO, RESTING AT NEARLY THREE THOUSAND FEET.</p>		24	96
<p>CHENIN BLANC - CHATEAU D'ÉPIRE - SAVENNIERES - LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE - 2022</p> <p>LIKE MANY WINEGROWING REGIONS, SAVENNIERES WAS ESTABLISHED BY CISTERCIAN MONKS IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY. AT THAT TIME IT WAS REFERRED TO AS SAVENNIERES ROCHE-AUX-MOINES, WHICH TRANSLATES TO "THE MONKS' ROCKS." CHENIN BLANC AS A VARIETAL WAS ALSO PROPOGATED HERE. ÉPIRE'S FACILITY IS STILL THE 12TH CENTURY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL.</p>		20	80
<p>PAIS - GONZALEZ BASTIAS - "MATORRAL" - MAULE VALLEY, CHILE - 2019</p> <p>PAIS, ALSO APTLY NAMED THE 'MISSION GRAPE,' WAS BROUGHT TO THE NEW WORLD BY SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE MISSIONARIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING VINE CULTURE TO THE NEW WORLD. THEY ALSO ESTABLISHED MANY EARLY WINERIES, SOME OF WHICH STILL EXIST. THESE VINES ARE FROM THE ORIGINAL STOCK AND WERE PLANTED NEARLY 250 YEARS AGO.</p>		16	64
<p>PINOT NOIR - CLOS DU MOULIN AUX MOINES - "CLOS DE LA PERRIERE" - BURGUNDY, FRANCE - 2022</p> <p>BURGUNDY WAS MAYBE THE LARGEST EPICENTER FOR CISTERCIAN MONK VITICULTURE IN EUROPE. IT IS HERE THAT THEY BRED AND PROPOGATED VARIETALS LIKE GOUAIS BLANC, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY THE MOTHER VARIETAL, INTO MANY OTHER GRAPES. THEY ALSO DELINEATED THE LAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT VIRTUALLY CREATED THE CONCEPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF TERROIR.</p>		25	100
<p>GIGONDAS - DOMAINE SAINT-DAMIEN - "VIEILLES VIGNES" - RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE - 2021</p> <p>THE VINEYARDS AND REGIONS SURROUNDING CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE WERE ALL PLANTED AND CONTROLLED BY THE PAPACY AFTER IT RELOCATED FROM ROME TO AVIGNON, AS WAS CDP ITSELF. DOMAINE SAINT-DAMIEN IS DEDICATED TO A CHAPEL BUILT FOR THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MARTYR SAINT DAMIEN IN THE GIGONDAS TOWN OF LA BAUMETTE, WHERE THE WINEMAKER LIVES.</p>		22	88
<p>MAVRODAPHNE - MARKOGIANNI - "TRITON" - PELOPONNESE, GREECE - 2020</p> <p>LIKE ITALY, GREEK VITICULTURE EXTENDS MUCH FURTHER BACK THAN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. HOWEVER, ALSO LIKE ITALY, THE VINE CONTINUED TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN GREECE PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE CHURCH'S WORK DURING THE DARK AGES. THE ANCIENT GRAPE MAVRODAPHNE EXISTED MOSTLY AS A HOLY SACRAMENTAL WINE FOR THE CHURCH.</p>		18	72
<p>PRIORAT - CLOS GALENA - "GALENA" - CATALONIA, SPAIN - 2021</p> <p>I FEEL LIKE THIS ONE IS NOT HARD TO FIGURE OUT. PRIORAT AS A REIGON CENTERS AROUND A 12TH CENTRY CATHUSIAN PRIORY CALLED SCALA DEI. THE WINERY ITSELF HERE IS CALLED DOMINI DE LA CARTOIXA, WHICH WAS A DOMINION OF THE CATHUSIAN MONKS AT SCALA DEI. THE VINEYARDS ARE PLANTED TO GRENACHE, SYRAH, CARIGNAN, & CABERNET.</p>		20	80
<p>SAGRANTINO - CANTINA SCACCIADIAVOLI - MONTEFALCO - UMBRIA, ITALY - 2018</p> <p>THIS MAY BE THE MOST CATHOLIC OF ALL THE WINES HERE. SCACCIADIAVOLI MEANS TO 'CAST OUT THE DEVILS,' AND WAS NAMED FOR A 19TH CENTURY CATHOLIC EXORCIST WHO LIVED NEAR THE VINEYARD AND USED THIS WINE TO PERFORM MANY EXORCISMS OVER THE COURSE OF HIS LIFE. HE, THE TOWN, AND THE WINERY ITSELF BECAME FAMOUS AS A RESULT OF THIS.</p>		24	96



A TASTE OF TERROIR 100 EXPERIENCE MAXIMUM TERROIR EXPOSURE WITH A FLIGHT OF ALL TEN HALLOWED WINES

SAY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (AND THERE'S PLENTY TO SAY), BUT IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT WITHOUT THEIR PRESENCE AND EFFORTS, THE WINE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT WOULD NOT EXIST. AS ALL OF EUROPE, THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND EUROPEAN-INFLUENCED MIDDLE EAST FELL SWIFTLY INTO THE DARK AGES FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, WINE CULTURE AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF VITICULTURE AS A WHOLE WAS SURE TO DRIFT INTO OBSCURITY. ENTER THE CHURCH. LIKE A LOT OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION AND THE PRESERVATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, THE CHURCH ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY PROPAGATED NOT JUST THE UNDERSTANDING OF WINE AND WINE CULTURE, BUT THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE VINE ACROSS ANY AND ALL REGIONS UNDER CATHOLIC INFLUENCE. ALMOST ALL KNOWN VARIETIES TODAY OWE THEIR EXISTENCE TO THE CHURCH'S VINE PRESERVATION AND EARLY GENETIC WORK THAT HELPED TO BREED GRAPES LIKE PINOT INTO PINOT NOIR, BLANC, GRIS, CHARDONNAY, ETC. THEY ALSO BROUGHT THE VINE TO THE NEW WORLD!