

Red & White

Etienne Pochon
2012
Crozes-Hermitage, FR
\$30 retail
\$25.50 wine club

Goisot
2014 Fie Gris
Saint Bris, FR
\$24 retail
\$20 wine club



Monsieur Pochon is making some of our favorite, traditionally styled wines from the hillsides of the Northern Rhone's best value appellation – Crozes-Hermitage.

The 2012 Crozes-Hermitage is typical of the appellation in its profile, with dark, gamey Syrah fruit matched with the smokey, meaty undertones that make this cepage so prized in the Northern Rhone. The 2012 vintage is the most successful for this wine in the last decade – while in a great spot for drinking now, this will easily cellar for another few years.



Hailing from the northern tip of Burgundy, closer to the vines of Chablis than to the those of the Cotes-de-Beuane, the father and son Goisot are making truly compelling wines from some of Burgundy's best hidden terroir.

An exception to the generally Chardonnay and Pinot-dominated wines of Burgundy, the appellation of Saint-Bris calls for a cepage of Sauvignon Blanc. Instead of the pungent, herbaceous style of Sauv Blanc New Zealand tends towards, this explores the mineral side of the variety.

Pinot

Sonoma-Loeb
2014 Dutton Ranch
Russian River Valley, CA
\$38 retail
\$32.30 wine club

MacLaren
2013 'Heather'
Russian River Valley, CA
\$60 retail
\$52.30 wine club



Founded by American Ambassador John Loeb 25 years ago, Sonoma-Loeb specializes in handcrafted Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Sonoma's Russian River and Alexander Valleys.

One of the premier vineyards in RRV, Dutton Ranch, is nestled in the foggy and cool hills of the western part of the appellation. In 2014, the vines produced some of the best wines yet achieved at this property, with depth and lushness of fruit, complexity and savory secondary notes all competing for attention.



The brainchild of erstwhile Scottish tech professional, Steve Law, MacLaren wines focuses on micro cuvees that express the unique and varied terroir of Sonoma County.

Heather, a cool climate cuvee sourced from three vineyards in the Green Valley and named for his wife of the same name, showcases the baking spice and savory components which RRV is famous for. Try with duck breast or grilled Salmon!

Reds Only

Raynald
2014

Chateauneuf-du-Pape, FR
\$30 retail
\$25.50 wine club

Sean Thackrey
2014 Petite Sirah 'Sirius'
Mendicino, CA
\$45 retail
\$38.25 wine club



Chateauneuf-du-Pape, literally “The Pope's New Castle,” (so named because of the brief period in the middle ages when the seat of the papacy was split with one pontiff residing in Rome and one in Southern France), is unquestionably the pearl of the Southern Rhone.

This 2014 bottling from Raynald showcases the exuberant, berry liqueur character that wines from the appellation often show as well as the “garrigue,” or wild herbal notes that lend complexity to the wine.

sean thackrey

wine-maker

It's easy to forget that Sean Thackrey, now one of the Bay area's food and wine scene luminaries, had no formal wine making training and makes us marvel all the more at the unique cuvees which are lovingly crafted in his winery in Bolinas.

Like many Petite Sirah based wines, Thackrey's is not shy! Tons of black and blue fruit on the front end marry beautifully with black pepper and dense, meaty tannin. This is a wine that screams for BBQ!

Cabernet

William Hill
2013 Cabernet Bench
\$50 retail
\$42.50 wine club

Hill Family
2014 Estate Cabernet
\$59 retail
\$50.15 wine club



Since the early 80s, Kamen has been a top source for mountain-grown, Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. Just before the turn of last century, they began making their own, estate wines from the fruit that had been so sought after by winemakers for decades.

In 2011, yields were even lower than usual, and combined with the very cool weather of the vintage, this bottling rewards tasters with savory, aromatic, complexity and a more medium-bodied, elegant style of Cabernet. Enjoy now or over the next 3-5 years.

HILL FAMILY ESTATE



Hill Family Winery is a family business in the truest sense – multiple generations of the Hill family contribute to the growing, production and bottling of their small lot wines in Yountville.

The Hill family takes a balanced approach to their Cabernet – both higher altitude and valley floor fruit is used, and is blended with its siblings from Bordeaux – Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. The resulting wine has both oomph and finesse, as well as a healthy future ahead of it should you wish to cellar it!

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