Oregon Pinot Noir Via Burgundy, California, And Back Again.

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Presentation Agenda

• Semi Blind Tasting
• Collect Tasting Sheets
• Reveal
• Distinguish Differences
• Brief History
• Prizes?
• Toast each other!
• Finis!
Wines Semi-Blind in front of you.

- Westrey Reserve 2012
- Chateau de Marsannay Gevrey 2013
- Sanford La Rinconada 2012
- Kosta Browne Sonoma 2014
- Ramonet Chassagne Rouge 2013
- Rochioli RRV 2015
- Maison Roy Petite Incline 2015
- Chateau de Marsannay, Marsannay 2013
- Domaine Drouhin Laurene 2013
Wine #1?
Chateau De Marsannay Gevrey Chambertin 2013
Chateau de Marsannay Gevrey 2013

• Blend from 11 different vineyards totaling 5 acres.
• 20 day cold soak steel fermentation.
• Aged 17 months in Oak, 35% new French.
• 12.5%
• Premier Cru holdings in Champeaux and Bel Air
• Spectator 92 pts. $80ish shelf price.
Wine #2?
Rochioli Russian River Vineyard 2015
Rochioli Vineyards

• 1934 Joe Rochioli born and family moves to Fenton Acres, current home of Rochioli.

• 125 Acre property initially mostly Hops, Prunes, and String Beans. Today 140 Acres under vine spread over 37 separately fermented blocks.

• 1\textsuperscript{st} Grapes planted for jug wines French Colombard, and Valdeguie, (Napa Gamay).

• By the mid 1950’s Joe Sr. raised the money to pay for Fenton Acres.
More Rochioli History

• Joe Sr and Joe Jr planted the vineyards themselves and in 1959 planted Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc. Sav Blanc Vines exist to this day amongst oldest in CA.
• Cab was not great from a terroir perspective and replanted with Pinot in 1968 and with Chardonnay shortly after.
• Started selling Pinot Grapes to Davis Bynum in early 70’s.
JR and Tom Rochioli July 27, 2017
Tom Takes Over

• 1983 rename the winery Rochioli Vineyards.
• Wine Specator call it “Best Pinot in America.”
• Wine Club Direct now a 5 year wait.
• Still sells Grapes to Gary Farell, Selyem, Miura and a couple more.
• 12K Cases max in a good year.
• RRV Chard, SB, and Pinot to General Market.
Complete replanting of Little Hill Vineyard because of Pierce’s disease.
Wine #3?
Maison Roy Petite Incline 2015

- Sourced from La Colina vineyard in Dundee, Terry Family and Merriman vineyards in Yamhill.
- 14.5%
- 1350 Cases
- 2015 big vintage for Willamette with small berries and few heat spikes.
Domaine Roy Dundee AVA

Founded 2012
Domaine Roy and Maison Roy
Willamette Valley

• Founded in 2012 by Scions of the Beaux Freres Winery. Marc-Andre Roy and Jared Etzel.
• Domaine Roy Estate owned vineyards.
• Maison Roy Negociant for now.
Dundee Estate-Dundee Hills AVA

Planted in 2013 with 13.5 acres of Pinot Noir and 2 acres of Chardonnay. Former Hazelnut orchard organically farmed. Volcanic Jory Soil embedded with basalt rock at 400-600 feet. 1st vintage 2015
Carlton Estate-Yamhill Carlton AVA

Wine #4?
Sanford La Rinconada 2012

- Planted in 1997 from Sanford and Benedict cuttings.
- Adjacent to S and B Vineyard.
- 20 Vineyard blocks from 12 clones.
- Sandy loam at the bottom with more clay at the top of the vineyard.
Sanford Winery-Santa Rita Hills

10 miles from the sea with 1200 acres with 262 under vine. East-West traversing valley makes it one of the coolest growing regions in California despite the southerly latitude giving Sanford a very long growing and ripening season.
Sanford and Benedict and La Rinconada Ranches

1st planted in 1971.
S and B first Pinot vineyard oldest Pinot Noir vines in Santa Barbara County.
Sanford and Benedict Vines - Oldest in Santa Barbara

Planted in 1971.

Fruit sold to Sandhi, Foxen, Devolet, Walt, Au Bon Climat amongst other.
Wine #5?
Château de Marsannay 2013

- Northernmost of Cotes de Nuits Apellations.
- Did not apply for AOC status in 1936 when organization was formed.
- Got AOC in 1987.
- $45ish on the shelf.
- Cold Soak 6-7 days.
- 20% new oak for 15 months.
Applied for 11 Premier Crus including Clos du Roy and Les Longeroies

28 Hectares owned by Domaine in proposed PC zones. Most in Marsannay. Great value in ready to drink red Burgundy. Hand harvested in 20 kg baskets. 40 HL per hectare.
Chateau de Marsannay

Sister property to Chateau de Meursault, the original site of La Paulee de Meursault where grapes have been grown for over 1000 years.
Modeled on Cistercian cellars at CDM the cellar holds 400,000 bottles.
Chateau de Meursault

1100 year history. Open everyday.
2015 Meursaults
Wine # 6?
Westrey Reserve 2012

- Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Noir sourced from grape growing friends.
- Sustainable, LIVE certified.
- Members of Salud! Program for hard to insure vineyard workers.
- Mom and Pop winery founded in 1993 by Amy Wesselman and David Autrey.
Amy Wesselman and David Autrey

5000 cases annually.

Winery only open to public Memorial Day and Thanksgiving and by appointment.
Oracle Vineyard

22 acres at 650 feet.
Abbey Ridge Vineyard

Dundee Hills AVA. Planted in 1978 making it one of the oldest in the region. 2-2.5 tons per acre making the fruit intense and concentrated. No irrigation in an increasingly dry location.
Justice Vineyard

Contiguous with Bethel Heights Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. Planted in 1999 with mostly Pinot Noir from Dijon Clones and LIVE certified. Owned and farmed by Bethel Heights Casteel family.
Wines in Order

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• 2. Rochioli RRV 2015
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• 6. Westrey Reserve 2012
DRC Vineyard April 2014

Holy Grail
Burgundy Quick Facts

• Celts in 51 BC planted.
• First Praise in 591 AD from Gregory of Tours comparing the wine to Roman Falernium.
• King Gutram donates first sizeable vineyard to Roman Catholic church in 587.

• Region picks up momentum during time of Charlemagne and with the Benedictines and their Abbey at Cluny founded in 910.
• Benedictines first big land owners followed by Cistercians in 1098.
More Burgundy Info

- Largest Walled vineyard Clos Vougeot founded in 1336.
- Cistercians first to notice differences in terroir.
- 1789-91 after revolution most vineyards sold off to Bourgeoisie.
- AOC status 1936.

- 400 types of soil.
- Appellations geographically focused unlike Bordeaux.
- Grand Cru 2%
- Premier Cru 12%
- Village 36%
- Balance Regional.
California Pinot Noir Facts

- 1st planted 1850-56 by either Agoston Haraszthy from Buena Vista or Charles Le France from Almaden.
- 1880 Gustave Niebaum plants Martini Clone at Inglenook.
- 1880’s Stanly Ranch planted in Carneros. 300 Acres.
- 1945 Martin Ray plants Mt. Eden Vineyard.
- 1946 planting at Chalone.
- 1953 Zellerbachs plant Hanzell Vineyard.
- 1993 Littorai founded.
- 2004 Pinot Apocalypse with Sideways!
Oregon Wine Facts

- Richard Lett founds Eyrie Vineyards in Willamette against the advice of UC Davis staff.
- Enters Wine Olympics in 1979 and comes in 10th.
- Repeat tasting at Joseph Drouhin and 1975 Eyrie Reserve comes in 2nd to Drouhin 1959 Chambolle Musigny.
Now 500 Wineries in Willamette!
Thank you!