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Sweet Wines (Are Made of This)

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Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This) or "How Sweet It Is"



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Eurythmics



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Wines Being Tasted Today

- Chateau Ste. Michelle Riesling Eroica 2020 (Columbia Valley, WA)
- Sant'Orsola Asti Secco 2021 (Asti, Piedmont, Italy)
- Domaine Belargus "Layon" Coteaux du Layon 2018 (Anjou-Saumur, Loire, France)
- Chateau Megyer Tokaji Aszu 6 Puttonyos 2016 (Tokaji, Hungary)
- Hunt Country Vidal Blanc Ice Wine 2017 (Finger Lakes, NY)
- Quady "Elysium" Black Muscat 2019 (California)
- M. Chapoutier "Bila-Haut" Banyuls Rimage 2017 (Languedoc, France)
- Blandy's 10 Year Malmsey Madeira NV (Madeira, Portugal)



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“Pairings”

- Nature's Garden Probiotic Dried Apricots
 - Organic
 - Kosher
 - No added sugar or preservatives
- Bouchard Belgian Dark Chocolate
 - Made in Belgium
 - 72% cacao
 - Vegan and keto friendly
 - Naturally antioxidant
- Rip Van Wafels Dutch Caramel & Vanilla Stroopwafels
 - Keto friendly
 - Low sugar

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International Riesling Foundation (IRF)

- “The International Riesling Foundation is a not-for-profit organization devoted to increasing the awareness, understanding and enjoyment of Riesling, and to facilitating cooperation among Riesling producers and other members of the wine trade to that end.”
- “Our vision is to have Riesling recognized and demanded internationally as the world’s most noble wine due to its diversity of styles, regional character, consistent quality and compatibility with food.”
- “Our mission is to increase awareness, understanding, trial and sales of Riesling wines through a comprehensive, integrated system of research, communication and education.”
- “Via this website, social media and appearances at prominent wine events, we offer: news about Riesling, educational resources about Riesling, Riesling news from our members, food & wine pairing suggestions, and news by and from luminaries in the Riesling community.”



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Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery

- 1965 – American Wine Growers plant first **Riesling** in Yakima Valley
- 1967 – start of Ste. Michelle
- Among first to plant **Riesling** in Washington state
- 1974
 - groundbreaking in Woodinville, WA
 - 1972 **Johannisberg Riesling** won blind tasting sponsored by the Los Angeles Times
- 1999 – Ernst Loosen from Dr. Loosen Estate and Bob Bertheau from Chateau Ste. Michelle
- International Riesling Foundation in 2007
- Promoted **Riesling** for more than 45 years
- 2021 – Bob now consulting in Oregon; one client is J. Christopher so he can work with Erni again!

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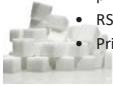
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Chateau Ste. Michelle Riesling Eroica

- “Inspired by Beethoven’s Third Symphony, the name Eroica reflects not only the variety and site, but also our heritage. Our shared history has been shaped from elegantly refined German inspiration and boldly developed from Washington roots.”
- Columbia Valley, WA
- Direct to press, cool fermentation for 3 weeks
- Grape: 100% Riesling
- Vintage: 2020
- Alcohol: 12%
- TA: 0.89 g/L
- pH: 3.03
- RS: 1.47 g/l
- Price: \$20 for 750ml



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Sant’Orsola

- 1947 – Fratelli Martini Secondo Luigi S.P.A.
 - one of the largest Italian family-run winemakers
 - known in Italy for the Casa Sant’Orsola winery
 - known outside of Italy as the Canti brand
 - Use local vineyards and cooperatives from other regions
 - Located east of Alba and Barbaresco



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Sant’Orsola Asti Secco Gold DOC/PDO

- Piedmont, Italy
- Asti **Secco** (approved in 2017)
- “Extra Dry” or dry, aromatic fruit and gently floral
- Grape: 100% Muscat
- Vintage: 2021
- Alcohol: 11% (minimum allowed by law as well as 17 g/l RS and maximum 3-3.5 bars of pressure)
- Price: \$17 for 750ml



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Domaine Belargus "Layon"

- Domaine started by Jo Pithon
- Purchased and "reinvigorated" by Ivan Massonat; also, co-owner of Philippe Pacalet in Burgundy
- Ivan wanted to produce "virtual Grand Cru wines in the Anjou"
- 24 hectares
- Property is 100% **Chenin Blanc** with about 75% dry white production
- Farmed biodynamically at extremely low yields (average of 25 hl/ha instead of the normal 60 hl/ha)
- The team
 - Adrien Moreau – Winemaker; formerly at Cheval Blanc, Haut-Brion and Roederer
 - Guy Bossard – consultant; pioneer of biodynamic farming in region
 - Jo Pithon – resident historian of the various parcels farmed by Belargus; converted the monopole of Les Treilles from scrub bush to terraced vineyards



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Domaine Belargus "Layon" Coteaux du Layon AOP/PDO

- Anjou-Saumur, Loire, France
- 6.5h of north- and south-facing blocks of schist, silts and pudding-stone soils bordering the Layon river; from Beaulieu-sur-Layon, Saint-Lambert du Lattay and Saint-Aubin de Luigné
- Grape: **Chenin Blanc (Pineau de la Loire)**
- Harvested slightly earlier than most in the region for freshness
- Spontaneous fermentations
- Aged for 14 months in French barrels
- 2,003 cases produced
- Vintage: 2018
- Alcohol: 11.5%
- RS: **34 g/l minimum**
- Price: \$60 for 750ml



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Chateau Megyer

- 1248 – vineyard planted
- 1324 – one of first documented in writing
- 1737 – classified as Grand Cru by Royal Decree
- 1950 – 1992 – monastic, aristocratic, Reformed Church, then Communistic state held
- 1992 – French group purchased along with sister vineyard, Pajzos and merged the two in 2022
- Now, 109h with 63h planted to vine
- Shares winemaking facilities at Rákóczi Cellars at the Sárospatak Castle (Renaissance castle)



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Chateau Megyer Tokaji Aszu 6 Puttonyos DHC/PDO

- Hungary
- Grapes: **Furmint, Hárslevelű, and Sárgamuskotály (Muscat à Petits Grains)**
- Vintage: 2016
- Alcohol: 10%
- Residual Sugar: **170 g/l***
- Price: \$55 for (traditional) 500ml



*25-liter wooden tubs used for harvesting the aszú grapes

- Most were made as either a 5 puttonyos or 6 puttonyos (equivalent of 5 or 6 tubs of botrytized grapes added to each cask (136L Hungarian oak Gönc casks) of must
- Now, 4 puttonyos has 90 to 120 g/l, 5 puttonyos from 120 to 150, 6 puttonyos from 150 to 180



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Hunt Country Vineyards



- Hunt family has been farming the land for seven generations
- 1830 – planted grapes
- 1981 – Hunt Country started by Art and Joyce Hunt
- Keuka Lake location on northwest side; 43 acres
- 1987 – their first ice wine; longest continuous producer of genuine ice wine in US
- Geothermal (2012), solar (2016) and organic (2017; first 6 acres)
- Habitats for bees, birds and other wildlife
- 2022 – electric trolley for vineyard rides
- Eighth generation already working there



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Hunt Country Vineyards Vidal Ice Wine

- Finger Lakes, NY
- Grape: **Vidal Blanc** (French-American hybrid)
- 40 degrees brix at harvest; TRUE ice wine
- Stainless steel fermented
- Age another 10+ years
- Vintage: 2017
- Total Acidity: 13.1 g/l
- pH: 3.65
- Alcohol: 10.2%
- RS: 200 g/l
- Price: \$40 for 375ml



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Quady Winery

- Andrew and Laurel Quady – founders, C.E.O. and C.F.O. respectively
 - Left southern California for San Joaquin to pursue their dream
 - Andy produced explosives to pursue enology degree at UC Davis
- 1975 – 1600 cases of **Zinfandel** port produced
- 1979 – Discovered small block of **Orange Muscat (Moscato Fior d'Arancio)**; created Essensia
- 1983 – unwanted **Black Muscat** purchased; became Elysium
- Continue to expand portfolio with vermouth and other "deviations"
- 2005 – son, Herb, opens Quady North in Oregon



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Quady 'Elysium' Black Muscat

- Picking at 25 brix, crushing, chilling and allowing macerating
- Wine spirits added to stop fermentation
- 1983 – smelled roses when tank was being drained
- Held naming contest; Elysium, "state of eternal bliss" in Greek
- California
- Grape: **Black Muscat**
- Vintage: 2019
- pH: 3.2
- TA: 9.2
- Alcohol: 15%
- RS: 190.4 g/l
- Price: \$23 for 750ml (375 mls available)



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M. Chapoutier

- Since 1808 in the Rhone
- 1990 – began biodynamic practices
- Emphasis on single vineyards and terroirs
- Today, own properties in Roussillon, Portugal, Alsace, Australia, Beaujolais, Provence, Spain and Gard
- "Humility is at the heart of the M. CHAPOUTIER soul. Nature always has the final say."
- Braille label



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M. Chapoutier 'Bila-Haut' Banyuls Rimage AOP/PDO

- Languedoc, France
- Grape: 100% Grenache Noir
- Domaine Bila-Haut; terraced vineyards on old mica-schist
- Hand-picked, very ripe grapes
- VDN – “Vins Doux Naturels”; mutage
- Aged for 8 months in vat and 3 months after bottling
- Vintage: 2017 (Rimage)
- Alcohol: 16.5%
- RS: 90-105 g/l
- Price: \$30 for 500ml



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Blandy's

- The Blandy's are unique in being the only family of all the original founders of the Madeira wine trade to still own and manage their own original wine company
- Family played a leading role in the development of Madeira wine throughout its long history and in the economic development of this remote Atlantic Island
 - family members continue to live on Madeira, maintaining tradition that goes back to 1811
 - been owned by the same family for seven generations and 200 years
- Vineyards for Malmsey are at altitudes between 150 - 200m (492-656 feet)



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Blandy's 10 Year Malmsey Madeira

- Madeira, Portugal
- Grape: Malvasia aka "Malmsey"
- Fermentation
 - natural yeast in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
 - fortified with grape brandy after about 48 hours stopping fermentation
- Aged in American oak casks in traditional 'Canteiro' system of gently heating the wine in the lofts of the lodges in Funchal
 - over the years, wine is transferred from top floors to middle floors and finally then to the cooler ground floor
 - after gradual 'estufagem', wine is racked, fined and blended before bottling
- Vintage: NV
- TA: 6.5 g/l
- Alcohol: 19%
- RS: 123 g/l
- Price: \$24 for 500ml



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