

French Wine Tasting | Friday, March 15 ***List of wines***

2017 Domaine Cazes “Ego” Côtes du Roussillon Villages

From one of the leading families in the Roussillon and France’s largest certified biodynamic estate, “Ego” is a quintessential expression of the family’s Roussillon terroir. A blend of primarily Grenache with small portions of Syrah and Mourvèdre, this is a bold, concentrated red that speaks to the sunny, arid, wind-swept vineyards of southern France. The health of the vines as a result of the biodynamic viticulture gives the grapes and finished wine more acidity to balanced the concentrated fruit.

2016 Domaine Cazes “Alter” Côtes du Roussillon Villages

Established in 1895, Domaine Cazes has been committed to creating the purest expressions of the grapes from their biodynamic vineyards. Their “Alter” is a blend of Syrah and Mourvèdre with a bit of Grenache sourced from vineyards in the communes of Latour de France and Caramany in the Roussillon. These villages are known for their red clay-limestone soils which give this full-bodied red a spicy character because of the higher iron oxide content in the clay.

2016 Les Clos de Paulilles Collioure Blanc

Les Clos de Paulilles is located in the appellation of Collioure deep in southern France. Collioure, a sleepy fishing village, is home to some of France’s most dramatic vineyards which are made up of steep, terraced schist slopes facing the Mediterranean Sea. Their white wine is a blend of Grenache Blanc and Grenache Gris from 60-year-old vines that has a backbone of saline minerality that keeps the wine fresh and balanced.

2015 Les Clos de Paulilles Collioure Rouge

The region of Collioure is best known in France and the world over for its concentrated, Grenache-based fortified wines known as Banyuls. The region’s dry red wines deserve equal consideration for their elegance and finesse. The combination of the vineyards’ proximity to the sea and the schist soil mean the wine is equally as concentrated as its cousins from inland in the Roussillon, but have a more ethereal texture and elevated acidity.

2017 Château de Montfrin “Montfrin La Tour” Rouge IGP Coteaux de Pont du Gard

Located in the southern Rhône valley, Château de Montfrin is comprised of 100 hectares of certified organic vineyards that have been in owner Jean-René de Fleurieu’s family since the early 1900s. Fermented in stainless steel, this is a blend of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is juicy yet structured enough to stand up to a variety of dishes. Uncomplicated, supremely delicious and a great value.

2016 Château de Montfrin “Montfrin La Tour” Blanc IGP Coteaux de Pont du Gard

This IGP between Provence and Languedoc is located southern Uzès and North-East from Nîmes. It is comprised of 19 villages in the Gard district, in Argillières and Cabrières area. Only 20 wineries are using this IGP. This white from Château de Montfrin is made of Grenache Blanc, one of the varieties used in the production of white wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It is generous, but fresh and an ideal pair with fragrant, seafood dishes.

2015 Grappes & Terroirs Côtes du Ventoux Rouge

A collaboration between Fanny Breuil and Thomas Oui, Grappes & Terroirs is a passion project rooted in the rugged terroirs of the Rhône valley. The vineyards are located across three communes in the northern, higher-altitude part of the Côtes du Ventoux. Situated at 300m-400m, this elevation slows the ripening of the grapes and maintaining the acidity at a higher level. This blend of Mourvèdre, Carignan, Grenache and Syrah is concentrated and structured, ideal for cellaring, and great value when compared to neighboring, more expensive southern Rhône crus.

2016 Les Sept Pierres IGP Coteaux de l’Ardèche Rouge

Winemaker François Tissot has had a long love affair with the varied terroirs in the Ardèche department in southern France. Straddling the northern and southern Rhône, this vast region is home to vineyards of the appellations of Cornas, St-Joseph, Saint-Peray, Condrieu in the north, and Coteaux du Vivrais and Côtes du Rhone in the south. François’ Coteaux de l’Ardèche Rouge is 90% Syrah (and 10% Grenache) from predominantly sandstone soils that contribute to the wine’s fine tannin structure and finesse.

