

A. CHRISTMANN

Year Founded: 1845

Region: Pfalz, Germany

Owners: The Christmann family

Fun Fact: The family has worked these vineyards as far back as the 1500's

**-Biodynamic, Organic,
Sustainable & Vegan-**

estate after their son, Arnold Christmann, and the estate has remained in the hands of the Christmann family ever since and running the winery is a complete family affair.

The extended family has cultivated vineyards in the Pfalz since 1508, but it was only in 1798 that their ancestor, Georg Köhler, was finally able to purchase the vineyards his family had long farmed. In 1845, Köhler's only granddaughter and heir to the estate, Anna, married Hermann Häusser, the son of another nearby winemaking family, joining their properties and establishing the framework of the Christmann estate of today. Half a century later, Anna and Hermann's daughter, Henriette, married Eduard Christmann. The couple named the



2021 A. Christmann Pfalz Riesling

'Top 100 Wines' - James Suckling 2020 & 2021

Produced from the grapes of first pickings in our classified sites. Always picked on the perfect degree of ripeness limiting the amount of fruit acid to a moderate level. The wine unites the minerality, finesse and elegant fruit of the sandstone soils in Gimmeldingen, Deidesheim and Ruppertsberg.

92 Points – **'20 James Suckling** – *"Mineral and herbal with a compact core. Attractive white and citrus-fruit character on the medium-bodied palate."*



2021 IDIG Königsbach Riesling

100% Grand Cru Riesling. Slow, spontaneous fermentation, long yeast contact.

97 Points – James Suckling – *“Deep flinty nose with complex mirabelle, fresh quince and baking spice notes. Ripe and very focused, medium-bodied with an energy that builds and builds as it drives its way out towards the distant horizon. Excellent aging potential.”*

95 Points – Robert Parker – *“From Christmann's most prestigious site and a de facto monopole, the 2021 Idig Königsbach Riesling Grosse Lage offers a pure, intense and chalky/iodine-scented bouquet of ripe and well-concentrated and spicy/stony Riesling fruits. Dense and savory on the palate, with fine, chalky tannins and tart lemon juice notes, this is a dense, refined and persistently saline and tannic Idig with stimulating bitters.”*



2018 Gimmeldingen Spätburguner

The name "Gimmeldinger Schlüssel" comes from the neighboring manor Hildenbrandseck, which was formerly part of Idig. The location is north of Meerspinne and has a gentle eastward slope, slightly tilted to the north. The influence of cold air from the Gimmeldinger Valley is noticeable but diminished. The soil consists of a mixture of the lime loess of Meerspinne and colored sandstone gravel.

100% Pinot Noir. Selective hand-picking in small crates. Spontaneous fermentation, 15% whole clusters. Aged until February 2022, 20% new wood. The wine captivates with its charming cherry fruit and spicy character.

92 Points – James Suckling – *“A gentle and subtle young Pinot Noir with very good depth, but not a gram of fat on the toned medium body. The black-cherry and forest-berry aromas open up slowly. Long, silky finish, thanks to the rather fine tannins.”*

91 Points – Robert Parker – *“Very precise and elegant on the pure, fresh and aromatic Pinot nose, with red berry and cherry aromas and discreet toasty and spicy notes. Juicy and round on the palate, this is a charmingly finessed, elegant and fresh medium-bodied Pinot with fine tannins and a stimulating party on the finish. Pretty French in style.”*

DR. FISCHER



Year Founded: 2014

Region: Saarland, Mosel, Germany

Owner: Martin Foradori Hofstätter

Known for: Martin's focus is to capture the essence of the Saar in top Cru vineyards, while also offering great expression and value.

- Sustainable -

In 2014, Martin Foradori Hofstätter seized the welcome opportunity to revitalize the historic "Weingut Dr. Fischer" on the Saar. The small, internationally acclaimed winery cultivates Riesling in the top class, steep sites "Ockfener Bockstein" and "Saarburger Kupp". This site has complete south/south-west exposure and the soil consists of a high percentage of slate, producing racy wines with a firm fruit structure. Ancestors of Oenologist Hans-Henning Fischer, who died in 1999, have been cultivating vineyards since 1758 according to old deeds. Currently 12 ha (30 acres) of vineyard are under cultivation, of which 100% are planted with Riesling. In the cellar the wines undergo spontaneous fermentation with natural yeast. It is Dr. Fischer's goal, to display the characteristics of the single vineyard sites in the individual wine. Wines from the Saar region naturally need a little

more time to mature. With bottle age they will become more elegant and expressive as well as rounder in their appearance. The wines are astonishingly low in alcohol, but high in mineral content. Although not certified organic, great care is taken with respect to sustainable viticulture, as well as selective handpicking and gentle processing of the grapes, followed by a cool, naturally slow fermentation in the old oak Fuder casks (1000 liters). Since the 2007 vintage, we have been bottling our wines with the new stelvin closure.



2023 Steinbock Riesling

Martin Foradori Hofstätter's passion for Riesling gives rise to this wine which is characterized by expressive minerality and elegant structure. This Riesling reflects the typical characteristics of the regions terroir and is a superb choice for approaching this unique grape variety. Offers typical pineapple and citrus aromas with the classic minerality derived from slate. Soft and refreshing on the palate.

2023 Estate Riesling



The Estate Riesling is a Gutswein, the entry-level in the VDP quality hierarchy of wines of designated origin. Grapes come entirely from the estate's own vineyards. This wine has a bouquet of classic Mosel - "slate note" with fresh notes of citrus fruits.

Steinbock Alcohol Free Brut Sparkling

The elegant choice for all those who drink no alcohol but do not want to sacrifice sparkling pleasure. Through a gentle vacuum process, alcohol is extracted from a wine made from selected grapes. In a state-of-the-art technique, the air pressure is reduced in a cauldron allowing alcohol to evaporate at only 25-30 °C (77-86 °F). The low thermal stress ensures that the character, taste and fine aromas of the original wine are preserved and the remaining alcohol content is less than 0.25 % vol. Low in calories yet still complex, refreshing and lively. Its fine mousse and harmonious acidity make it an ideal aperitif and a fitting companion to good cuisine.



LANDHAUS MAYER

Year Founded: 2011

Region: Lower Austria

Owner: Hans Schmid

Known For: Taking counter-measures to save vineyards in danger of being abandoned and bringing these vineyard owners into the cooperative. All vineyards in Vienna by law must be cultivated which protects the land from real estate development.

The history of the winery goes back as far as 1683. In 1817, Ludwig van Beethoven resided in the romantic house (now the winery) which is protected as a historic monument. During his time there, he worked on his 9th symphony.

The vineyards are situated entirely within the city boundaries of Vienna, in the 17th and 19th districts. Vienna is the only metropolitan city in the world with notable viticultural areas within its city boundaries and its terroir is unique.

Countless awards and prizes at national and international wine competitions emphasize the high quality of the wines from the House of Mayer am Pfarrplatz.



2021/2022 Landhaus Mayer Riesling

100% Riesling from selected vineyards in the Weinviertel. Loess and clay soil. Hand-harvested. Fermentation and maturation in stainless-steel tanks.

“Ripe melon and a hint of creaminess suggest a smooth but juicy palate. This is delivered forthwith in an appealing, fruity, bright and almost zesty fashion. Mandarin, apple and lemon run riot on the tongue and conclude with a dry, enlivening, fresh finish.” -Wine Enthusiast

2022 Landhaus Mayer Grüner Veltliner

100% Grüner Veltliner from selected vineyards in the Weinviertel. Loess and clay soil. Hand-harvested. Fermentation and maturation in stainless-steel tanks.

2022 Landhaus Mayer Rosé

Zweigelt and Pinot Noir from selected vineyards in the Weinviertel. Loess and clay soil. Hand-harvested. Fermentation and maturation in stainless-steel tanks.

2021 Landhaus Mayer Zweigelt

100% Zweigelt from selected Vineyards in Carnuntum. Fermentation and maturation in stainless-steel tanks. 8-10-year-old vines. Medium-bodied and very juicy, with an intense cherry aroma.



WEINGUT MAYER AM PFARRPLATZ

Year Founded: 1683

Region: Lower Austria

Owner: Hans Schmid

Fun Fact: In 1817, composer Ludwig van Beethoven moved into the first floor flat on the Pfarrplatz and began to compose his legendary Ninth Symphony.

-Certified Sustainable-

This traditional estate on the Pfarrplatz in Vienna's 19th District has been in operation since 1683, vinifying wines that were instrumental in establishing Vienna's reputation as the city whose very name stands for wine. Ancient vineyards planted generations ago. Flysch marl soils with a lot of shell limestone which were formed 3 million years ago and more than 100 different micro-sites with extremely varied soil formations. Warm winds that flow from the Pannonian lowlands, cooling climate from the Vienna Woods and the Danube. All of these unique factors create great wines. Franz Mayer gave modern viticulture a face, and it is not for nothing that he is



still referred to as the doyen of Viennese viticulture. Hans Schmid, owner and visionary, who has always been fascinated by the unique and picturesque wine landscape in Vienna. His goal of bringing the winery back to the top of Austrian winemaking was achieved within just a few years. The Mayer winery on Pfarrplatz is now once again considered a flagship of Viennese viticulture, attracting national and international attention thanks to its innovative spirit.



2021 Wiener Gemischter Satz

Grüner Veltliner, Zierfandler, Riesling, Rotgipfler. Harvested by hand on October 4, 2014. Collectively harvested, pressed and vinified.

91 Points – '20 James Suckling – *"I love the full apricot, nectarine and mirabelle fruit of this generous Viennese field blend. Full, juicy palate for just 12.5% alcohol and a long, beautifully balanced finish that pulls you back for more."*

2020 Pinot Noir

100% Pinot Noir. Hand-harvested on September 16, 2011. Eight days of fermentation on the skins. Aged in large wooden casks. Elegant crimson color; subtle aromas of raspberry, tobacco and black tea in the nose. Velvety and delicate on the palate with a spicy finish. Flattering and expressive.



MANTLERHOF

Year Founded: 1867

Region: Kremstal, Austria

Owner & Winemakers:
Josef and Margaret Mantler

Fun Fact: The Mantlerhof is one of the oldest buildings in the village. Originally constructed as a monasterial farm, the last phase of construction took place during the Rococo period which is still very visible on the facade.

-Certified Organic,
Certified Vegan-

As if the Mantler family were literally rooted to the soil, their commitment to the vineyard, the growth of the vines and the cellar is an annual rebirth driven by the challenge of weather, soil and passion. The winery is close to the river Kamp right before it merges with the Danube. In the midst of a village lies a lovely pond, at the western side of this pond is an old manor with an early classicist facade. This old manor is called "Mantlerhof" a small family owned winery with long history. The Mantler family has worked the Mantlerhof for over 200 years and its winemaking heritage dates back to 1365. Organic farming has been a staple and precedent for more than 30 years, and the tradition carries on now stronger than ever.



2021 Grüner Veltliner



100% Grüner Veltliner. Selected Parcels from estate fruit. 100% stainless tank, wild fermentation, lees contact for 5 months. A historical and classic example of "Liter" culture. A selection of barely under-ripe grapes paired with ripe grapes accentuates that classic sweet/sour fruits exemplified by Grüner Veltliner. As traditional as the varietal gets, green apple, citrus, hints of pepper and pear. Flinty minerality and lush finish.

2019 Grüner Veltliner Spiegel VDP Erste Lage



This vineyard has the longest tradition in our winery, being vinified and bottled separately for over 100 years. The oldest bottles in our stock date back to 1947. Nowadays terraces were laid out in 1986 and planted with own Grüner Veltliner Selections. The Name "Spiegel" is an old word for "very good spot, in the mid of a slope with a nice view". Another etymological source is "herauspiegeln", which means, to prove its worth over time. Berries are destemmed, crushed and pressed gently. Transferred to traditional large barrels to ferment with their own yeasts. Left sur lie for 9 months.

93 Points – Robert Parker – "Opens with a clear, refined and elegant, slightly flinty and herbal bouquet of bright, ripe fruits. Full-bodied, rich and dense on the first palate, this is a concentrated, almost oily textured yet elegant and finessed Spiegel with a long and intense finish that's a bit alcoholic but not brandy."

LACKNER-TINNACHER

‘The wine’s average quality level has become extraordinarily high and her wines are as focused as Katharina herself. If feelings don’t lie, the young woman will become one of the queens of Austrian wine.’

-Robert Parker

Year Founded: 1770

Region: Südsteiermark, Austria

Owner: Katharina Tinnacher & Family

Known for: The delicateness of the South Styrian landscape and the almost Mediterranean gentleness of the climate make this region one of Austria’s most beautiful places. Small-scale agriculture and century-old tradition have created two culinary specialties for which this area has become famous beyond its borders: pumpkin seed oil and, above all, South Styrian wine, which is highly regarded throughout the world.

-Organic & Vegan-

The Lackner-Tinnacher estate is nestled between vineyards and orchards on a chain of hills in Steinbach near the municipality of Gamlitz. The vines have been cultivated here for centuries; in fact, four of the estate’s vineyards were described in detail in the Josephine land register of 1778. Today, Katharina Tinnacher and her family cultivate 27 hectares of vineyard, which thrive at the ideal elevation of 400–500 meters on the most promising steep slopes of Southern Styria. Concentrating on grapes best suited to the region, they grow Sauvignon Blanc, Gelber Muskateller, Welschriesling and the “white Burgundian varieties”—Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris. Katharina places her central focus on the vines and on a way of working with them that remains close to nature, including sustainable cultivation of the soil according to the precepts of organic viticulture. Here, the vineyards are surrounded by meadows, orchards and forests in a protected microclimate. All of the estate’s grapes are grown in their own vineyards. These vineyards feature a wide variety of geological conditions, and Katharina seeks to express this in her winemaking to highlight the differences between the sites.



Eckberg Morillon 2020



100% Chardonnay. A subsoil composed of lime marl with loam on top provides the nutritious soil, sufficiently supplied with water, in which primarily Burgundy varieties thrive. The Eckberg vineyards are situated at 450 meters above sea level. Their exposure to the east ensures rapid warming in the morning, quick drying of the grapes, and thus good vitality of the fruit. The grapes displayed intense flavor and excellent levels of skin and seed

ripeness. The grapes were pressed and the free-run juice was settled for 24 hours before ranking directly to stainless steel tanks and big wooden barrels and allowed to undergo a wild fermentation with indigenous yeasts.

94 Points – '19 James Suckling – *“If you want a mouth-filling, lush chardonnay then this isn’t for you. But, if you’re looking for high elegance and delicacy, then you’ll surely agree with us that this is a special wine with a wonderful, silky texture, yet with so much mineral freshness and delicate pear and fresh-herb character.”*

LAGLER

Year Founded: Late 1970s

Region: Wachau, Austria

Owner: The Lagler Family

Known for: Today the Laglers are known as one of the most charismatic families in the Wachau, and their wines command respect at the finest restaurants worldwide.

-Sustainable -

The Lagler family has lived on this beautiful estate in the Rote Tor Gasse since 1789. But it was only in the late 1970s that the Laglers stopped restricting their activities to grape-growing, and began working their fruit into wine instead of selling it off—almost from the start, Karl Lagler began producing top class, fruit-driven wines from his vineyards, situated in the finest sites that the western Wachau town of Spitz has to offer: Steinborz, Tausendeimerberg and Burgberg, where old vines are tended with natural farming techniques and other measures focused upon quality and sustainability, yielding excellent results. All of Lagler's work in the vineyard, including the harvest, is done by hand.



2022 Burgberg Grüner Veltliner

100% Grüner Veltliner

Vineyard: Surrounding the 1000 Eimerberg in Spitz a.d. Donau

Vinification: Hand-picked, fermentation and aging in stainless steel

30-50-year-old vines.

"Brimming with fresh pineapple, grapefruit and white pepper, this is a sleek and elegant Gruner Veltliner with the sophistication you expect from the Wachau. Not super concentrated, but very polished!" -James Suckling



2022 Grüner Veltliner Smaragd Axpoint

Nestled underneath Rotes Tor, the famous gate where the Swedish army was repelled in the 17th century. Axpoint is situated SW facing capturing a high degree of sunlight and warmth. Less than 1 ha. Handpicked, destemmed, wild fermentation and aging in stainless steel tanks. 40-55-year-old vines. Classic intense apple, pear and herbs in the nose. Yellow tropical fruit with papaya, delicate notes of apricot, lush viscosity and driving juiciness with deep mineral characteristic.

J. HOFSTÄTTER

‘One of the most consistent vintners in Alto Adige for more than a decade. Martin Foradori Hofstätter deserves more attention for the remarkable quality of his wines. Excellent to outstanding quality year in and out.’ -Forbes

‘Foradori is a forward thinker, thoughtful winemaker and outspoken in his criticism of his own region, with the goal of recognizing the great crus and moving toward a vineyard classification in order to achieve greater recognition for Alto Adige’s best terroirs for each grape variety to excel.’ -Wine Spectator

Year Founded: 1907

Region: Alto Adige, Italy

Founder: Josef Hofstätter and wife Maria

Owner/Winemaker: Martin Foradori Hofstätter

Known For: One of the largest family wineries in Alto Adige with unique, outstanding vineyard sites.

-Sustainable-

Josef Hofstätter, a trained locksmith, operated a small restaurant in Tramin together with his wife Maria and produced wine in their cellar. Being business savvy and forward-thinking, he founded a winery in 1907 and successfully traded wine. Josef Hofstätter passed away childless in 1942 and his wife continued to run the business, assisted by their long-time employee, Konrad Oberhofer. Konrad Oberhofer later married Maria Hofstätter’s niece, Luise, and eventually took over management of the winery. As a pioneer of quality wine production in Alto Adige, Konrad Oberhofer bottled his own wines instead of selling them in bulk. He also began to vinify single-vineyard wines. With this he lay the cornerstone for the philosophy of wines of origin at Weingut J. Hofstätter.



Martin Foradori Hofstätter, now winemaker and owner, initiated an era of modernization and expansion for the winery in 1992. In 1998, in the course of the remodel and expansion of the estate, the cellar tower was built. It stands quietly restrained next to the imposing parish church steeple yet remains a decisive feature of the village. In the following years a new wine shop, a show vineyard and, as a novelty in Alto Adige, an additional cellar with elegant concrete barrels were created. In 2007, Martin Foradori Hofstätter acquired the Vigna Rechtenhaler Schlossleiten, a spectacular Gewürztraminer vineyard above Tramin, not far from the Kolbenhof. His passion for Riesling led him to venture into the Mosel/Saar wine-growing region in 2014, where he now has prime Riesling vineyards with Weingut Dr. Fischer. More recently, in 2017, he expanded into the neighboring Trentino region to the south with the purchase of Maso Michei. This once again highlights the position of the J. Hofstätter winery as one of the largest family wineries in Alto Adige with unique, outstanding vineyard sites. Martin Foradori Hofstätter is one of the most vehement advocates of the philosophy of origin in Alto Adige. He uncompromisingly pursues the firm establishment of the Vigna classification as a designation of quality and single-vineyard origin.

2022 J. Hofstätter Pinot Grigio



Light marly soils which warm up quickly in spring. Immediately after the harvest the grapes are subject to a gentle pneumatic pressing in the cellar. The must is clarified by natural sedimentation and fermented using temperature control. A following period of refinement is carried out on fine yeast before the wine is bottled.

91 Points - Wine Spectator - *"This minerally white offers a subtle waft of petrol notes, with a tang of salinity layered with ripe persimmon, pear and beeswax flavors, plus accents of almond skin, pink grapefruit zest, chamomile and white pepper. There's a supple, pleasing plumpness to this version, but it's reined in nicely by deftly honed acidity."*

2022/2023 J. Hofstätter Weissburgunder Pinot Bianco



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90 Points - '21 Vinous - *"Wafts up with savory herbs and zests of lime before settling on crushed green apples and hints of ginger. This is soft-textured, almost glycerol in feel, with a reverberation of citrus tension that nicely contrasts its lovely inner sweetness. It leaves a subtle staining of minerals through the long and juicy finale."*

2022 J. Hofstätter Pinot Nero Meczan



A mixture of clay, lime and eroded porphyry. 75% of the bunches are de-stemmed, while the remaining 25% are placed whole in the fermentation vats. Fermentation lasts 10 days, during which the skins and other solids are constantly kept loose and submerged in the must.

Pinot Nero was successfully introduced into Trentino-Alto Adige on the beginning of the 19 century. It soon became evident that the gently sloping terrain and the micro-climate at Mazon were perfect for producing Pinot Nero of international stature.

90 Points - Wine Spectator - *"This silky red has a light, pleasing plumpness that carries pure fruit notes of wild strawberry and cherry, with a rich thread of dried fig and roasted plum. A subtle, fragrant overtone of dried sage, orange peel, smoke-tinged minerality and spices lingers on the bright finish."*

2019 J. Hofstätter Pinot Nero Barthenau Vigna S. Urbano



Barthenau Vigna San Urbano faithfully reveals the potential inherent in our finest cru to produce world-beating Pinot Nero. It is located in the heart of the vineyard surrounding our Barthenau manor house close to the hamlet of Mazon, where some of the Pinot Nero vines here are over 65 years old. Only the term "Vigna" guarantees the origin of a single-vineyard wine in Alto Adige.

100% Pinot Nero. The berries, whole clusters and juice are allowed to steep at cool temperatures for one day to extract the maximum of varietal aromas. During the period of fermentation the solid grape parts are kept constantly submerged in the new wine. The maturation in oak casks takes place in two phases. The young wine is kept in small oak casks for 12 months, after which a uniform blend is made. The wine is subsequently matured in one large cask for 8 months, after which it is filled and matured in bottle for further 8 months in the cellars of the Barthenau manor house before release.

2021 J. Hofstätter Gewürztraminer Kolbenhof



100% Gewürztraminer from Kolbenhof vineyard. On delivery to the winery the grapes are lightly crushed and the juice is left in contact with the skins for a few hours to enhance the wine's typical fruit flavor. The berries are then gently pressed, the juice is clarified using natural sedimentation and fermented at a controlled temperature. After fermentation it's matured together with the fine lees for 8 months, during which period the lees are stirred up once a week (battonage).

92 Points - Vinous - *"Blossoms with a rich blend of wildflowers, peaches and wet stone. This opens with a lovely inner sweetness perfectly contrasted by brilliant acidity as perfumed white pit fruits and minty herbal tones swirl throughout. The 2021 leaves the palate completely refreshed, leaving a salty flourish and hints of tropical citrus. It's stunning today, yet it has the balance for a long evolution."*

92 Points - Wine Spectator

2021 J. Hofstätter Pinot Bianco Barthenau San Michele



100% Pinot Bianco from Vigna San Michele vineyard. In order to accentuate the wine's fruit aromas, the juice is left to macerate with the skins for a few hours before pressing. The juice is allowed to clarify through sedimentation, after which it is filled into large oak casks where it ferments. Once the fermentation is complete and the solid parts have settled, the clear young wine is raked, after which the Vigna San Michele is left to mature together with its fine lees in large oak casks for 15 months during which time the lees are stirred up once a week. The wine is subsequently bottle aged for 6 months before release.

92 Points - Vinous - *"Remarkably pretty, the 2021 Pinot Bianco Barthenau Vigna S. Michele opens with a rich blend of almond custard and sweet spice, contrasting fresh nectarines and Asian pear. Seductively round and supple, this flows across the palate with silken textures, nearly oily in feel, balanced by tantalizing acidity. Saline minerals linger along with a balancing note of peach preserves and tart citrus as the 2021 finishes long yet on a note of freshness."*

92 Points - Wine Spectator

2018 J. Hofstätter Steinraffler Vigna Lagrein



Our Steinraffler estate provides near perfect conditions for this native Alto Adige/South Tyrolean vine to thrive. In 1990 we set apart a portion of these vineyards to re-introduce a variety which had almost become forgotten in Alto Adige - Lagrein with short grape stems, grafted onto low vigor rootstocks and trained using the guyot trellising system. For us, the return of this old variety has symbolized a happy marriage between tradition and innovation. Only the term "Vigna" guarantees the origin of a single-vineyard wine in Alto Adige. On arrival at the winery the grapes are de-stemmed, after which the must is fermented together with the skins for approx. 10 days. In the final phase the temperature is allowed to rise a little in order to extract as much color and flavor as possible. The wine matures 15 months in small oak casks. A homogeneous blend is then made and the wine is matured for a further 7 months in large oak casks, followed by 12 months in bottle prior to release.

This is a wine of unusual contrasts - on the one hand full-bodied and concentrated while on the other, time and again tasters are surprised at its positive rusticity combined with elegance. It is enormously deep in colour, dark garnet and almost black in the centre. Earthy, minerally and spicy on the nose, the fruit initially lurks in the background, then develops to form a complex aroma of ripe black plums. The spiciness follows through on the palate with the assertive complex mineral character once again emerging on the finish.

CASALINI

Year Founded:
1948

Region:
Veneto, Italy

Owner:
Cantina Lavis

Imported from the hill covered vineyards of Italy, Casalini Pinot Grigio brings excellent value to your glass. Outstanding grapes from the hills of Italy produce a crisp, delicious, floral Pinot Grigio. Grown on slopes and valley floors in Northeastern and Central Veneto, Italy, this cool climate region is well-suited to the growth of spectacular Pinot Grigio.



2022 Casalini Pinot Grigio

Loaded with an intense, ample and persistent bouquet of fresh fruit and flowers, the taste is delicate and elegant, that is well-balanced by aromas of ripe fruits like golden apple and tropical fruits. Enjoy with seafood, poultry, pasta dishes or on its own.

SPASSO

Year Founded: 2006

Region: Veneto, Italy

Owner: Cantina Lavis

Fun Fact: Did you know that a flock of 100+ flamingos gathers in the Veneto each year? If you're lucky, you might catch one of these majestic creatures (Fenicottero in Italian) flying above the ancient city of Venice.

-Sustainable-

2022 Spasso Pinot Grigio



The grapes are de-stemmed and very gently soft pressed in a pneumatic press. Prior to fermentation the liquid is chilled to allow a natural separation of sediment and juice, after which selected yeast are added to initiate fermentation. 100% stainless steel.

Spasso Pinot Grigio is a dry and deliciously crisp white wine. Its brilliant acidity is coupled with refreshing citrus and floral notes. Enjoy chilled and serve with seafood, poultry, light pastas or on its own with family and friends.

90 Points – '21 The Tasting Panel



2021 Spasso Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

100% Montepulciano. The grapes are de-stemmed, then very gently crushed, causing as little damage as possible to the skins. Very frequent remontage takes place before and during fermentation. There is a total of 15-20 days skin contact before racking. During fermentation, tannins are added to give smoothness and roundness. 18-24 months in stainless steel tanks.

Produced from Montepulciano grapes, this wine has a deep plum color. With intense aromas of spice and cherries, Spasso Montepulciano has a luscious, fruity, medium-bodied palate and smooth tannins. Serve at room temperature with pasta, pizza, red meat, game or cheese.



CANTINA DI SORBARA

Year Founded: 2012

Owner: Social Cooperative of Sorbara

Region: Emilia-Romagna

Interesting Fact: Founder Gino Friedmann is remembered for saving the lives of countless Jewish children in the area of Emilia-Romagna during WWII.

Cantina di Sorbara is a winemaking cooperative focused on five different Lambrusco varieties: Sorbara, Salamino, Maestri, Marani Viadanese, and Pignolotto. The coop was founded by Gino Friedman who had been a successful attorney in the region. The “Emma” Sorbara wine is something of a tribute to him, as Villa Emma was his home during the war and was used as a safe house where Jewish children were housed and protected.

The cooperative was founded with the merger of two historic companies on the Modena wine scene- the Carpi Winery, which was founded in 1903 and a pioneering example of Agricultural Cooperation, and the Sorbara Winery, the name that quintessentially identifies Lambrusco DOC.



Lambrusco, Salamino di Santa Croce

100% Lambrusco Salamino. Demi Sparkling, brut red wine.

91 Points - James Sucking - *"Beautiful freshness here with freshly soaked blueberries, elderberries, spearmint and rosemary. Dry, balanced and medium-bodied, drawing on a fine thread of bubbles and precise, cutting acidity. So refreshing."*



Lambrusco di Sorbara 'Emma', Amabile

100% Lambrusco Salamino. Demi Sparkling, off-dry and light-bodied almost like a rosé expression of Lambrusco.

'Best Buy' - Wine&Spirits 2021

"Aromas of wild rose and red berry follow over to the bright, light-bodied palate along with raspberry compote and crushed strawberry. A note of candied tangerine zest and vanilla close the finish. It's fun and refreshing." – Wine Enthusiast

IL PALAZZONE

Year Founded: 2012

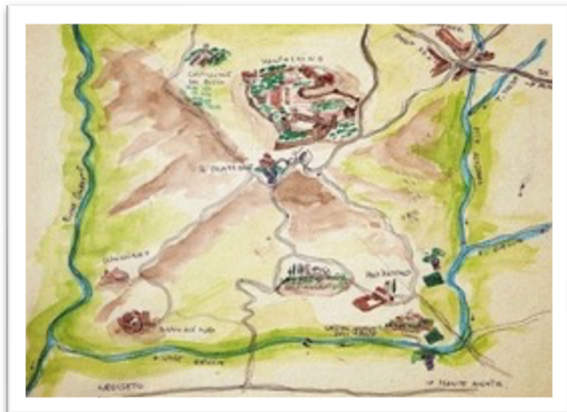
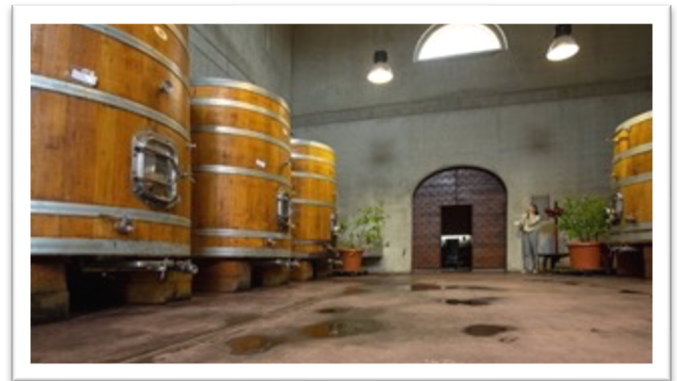
Region: Montalcino, Italy

Owner: Richard Parsons

Fun Fact: From “The Media Mogul of Montalcino” himself, Mr. Richard Parsons. Parsons began his career as a lawyer working under Nelson Rockefeller. When Nelson became Vice President in 1974, Mr. Parsons followed him to Washington where he worked directly with President Gerald Ford. Eventually Richard Parsons would move back to New York and become President and CEO of Time Warner, the most profitable media conglomerate in the world.

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Il Palazzone, a boutique winery minutes from the town of Montalcino, produces Brunello di Montalcino in a traditional style. Growing grapes in three separate areas allows for the fullest and most balanced expression of Montalcino's diverse terroir and microclimates. In addition, the vineyard adjacent to the cantina is a very special, high altitude parcel, a portion of which has been bottled as the cru Le Due Porte since 2015. The estate has three separate vineyards in quite different areas of Montalcino. The microclimate and extraordinary variety of terroirs means that we are able, on blending the three vineyard harvests, to have three complementary aspects of Montalcino in our Brunello.



Le Due Porte vineyard is 540 metres above sea level and is next to the cellar. The three small plots are northwest facing. Thanks to the altitude and the exposition, grapes from the Due Porte benefit from the excellent ventilation and pronounced day/night thermal excursion. The soil type is pietraforte arenaria, a type of local sandstone with a significant presence of galestro, which gives good drainage. In 2020 we released the first bottling of 2.000 liters of Le Due Porte Brunello 2015.

The Vigna del Capa Vineyard, located down below the hamlet of Castelnuovo dell'Abate, southwest of Montalcino, is quite different. Over 200 meters lower in altitude and south facing, the vineyards here are over thirty years old. The vineyard is gently sloping and the vine exposition is N/E and S/W. There is a significant presence of fine gravel and shale, with sand, clay and silt in equal proportions making up the soil. The fruit from this vineyard is distinguished by lovely saline and aromatic components, thanks to the presence of marine fossils in the soil. This is our warmest vineyard, one on which we rely for fruit and sugars.

The La Vecchia Vineyard is 400 meters a.s.l., is nearly 40 years old and close to Castelnuovo dell'Abate, in an area with iron, magnesium and manganese in the soil. The grapes from this vineyard have an incredible mineral component and a deep and developed root system.

Our vineyards vary so much in terms of terroir that we benefit from an individual approach. This way of working ensures that we never do unnecessary treatments. We pick by hand using small 5kg crates meaning that the grapes are in perfect condition when they reach the cellar. The crates are poured one by one through the de-stemmer. The vibrating selection table allows hand-sorting of the grapes and a complete and final quality control. Fermentation takes place in beautiful wooden 50 HL barrels. The tannins in the oak are an anti-oxidant. This, combined with the micro-oxygenation permitted by the wood, results in wines with increased aromatics and tannin stability. Our cellar woman, Paola, is constantly checking fermentation progress and making barrel specific decisions. Since each vineyard is vinified separately each barrel has different needs. Traditional aging times for Brunello are respected and our wine usually receives at least 40 months in wood instead of the two years specified by the DOCG regulations. Il Palazzone wines are created with a long bottle aging period in mind – promising to mature and improve over the years. In exceptional vintages our best grapes are destined for the production of our prestigious Riserva. Riserva spends a year more in wood than the vintage Brunello and is released a year afterwards.



Il Palazzone 2017 Brunello di Montalcino

100% Sangiovese Grosso

Vineyards: Le Due Porte, Vigna Vecchia and Vigna del Capa

Vinification: Harvested by hand, optical sorting on vibrating selection table. Natural fermentation in 50 HL wooden barrels in our gravity-fed cellar. 38 months aging in traditional large Slavonian “botti”.

93 Points Wine Enthusiast – *“Elegantly structured this lovely red has scents recalling camphor, blue flowers, dark spice and coffee bean. Smooth and savory, the linear palate features juicy Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry and star anise set against taut, polished tannins.”*

93 Points – James Suckling



Rosso del Palazzone 2021

“An honest, pleasurable message in the bottle from Tuscany”

– Master Sommelier Jancis Robinson

100% Sangiovese

All grapes in the Rosso del Palazzone were cared for and held to the same regulations as if they were destined to become Brunello. During the aging process, we declassified them to create the Vino Rosso blend. The component wines have spent 10-24 months in large Slavonian oak barrels on average but varies per Lot.

90 Points – Robert Parker – *“You get a bit of the ripeness of 2020 to counter the bigger concentration of 2019 and the freshness of 2018. The piecemeal assembly shows dried cherry and dried raspberry with mild tones of barbecue spice and sweet mesquite smoke.”*

SANTA MARIA LA PALMA

Year Founded: 1946

Region: Sardinia, Italy

Owners: The Grower Families

Known For: Celebrating the grapes that have been a part of the Sardinian landscape since antiquity.

Fun Fact: Cantina Santa Maria La Palma employs an underwater wine cellar to age some of their wines!

At Santa Maria la Palma, there are no counts, barons or marquises. Instead, there are numerous families of humble winemakers. Fifty years ago, these winemakers were allocated a series of uncultivated plots near the city of Alghero. Rather than a silver spoon, they had strong arms, straight backs, passion and commitment. Together, they tilled the soil and planted the vines. Working side by side, they harvested the grapes and built a cellar complex. These plots were ideal for vines, with great soil, plenty of sun and the sea nearby. They chose the grape types they wanted to grow, combining some well-known names with some lesser-known jewels. Today, 326 growers contribute to the winery. We are the children and grandchildren of those who first tilled those clods of earth, with their own hands, many years ago.



2022 Aragosta Vermentino

'100 Top Values' - Wine Spectator 2018

100% Vermentino di Sardegna. Lobster is the symbol of Algerese gastronomy and finds its ideal combination in this white wine made from Vermentino di Sardegna grapes. It is left 15 days fermenting in stainless steel containers at controlled temperature. Ageing is done in bottle for 30 days. It goes well with fish dishes and in particular with shellfish.



2021/2022 Le Bombarde Cannonau

Cannonau (known as Grenache in other parts of the world) and Monica di Sardegna. A full-bodied red from Sardinia overflowing with fruit: plums, red berries, and prunes. Its delightful richness beautifully sets off all sorts of decadent, meaty cuisines. Le Bombarde wine takes the name from the beach where, even today, we find vineyards of red grapes such as Cannonau and Monica di Sardegna. The cannons, represented on the label, are the symbol of the defense and the pride of the Sardinian coastal territory, that over the centuries has suffered invasions by various dominations including the Aragonese and Spanish. They are the emblem of the strong and determined character of these grapes.

Gold - New York International Wine Competition

BEYRA

‘Rui Roboredo Madeira is part of a younger generation of Portuguese who are setting the pace for the rising quality of the nation’s table wines.’ -Wine Spectator

Year Founded: 2011

**Owner/Winemaker:
Rui Roboredo Madeira**

**Region: Beira, Douro Valley,
Portugal**

**Fun Fact: Rui specializes
in old vines of native grape
varieties grown in the high
altitudes and schist and
granite soils of the region.**

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In 2011, Rui Roboredo Madeira returned to the same winery where in 1987 he worked his first harvest, in a small winery located in the village of Vermiosa between the cold and in the highest vineyards in Portugal. Through painstaking effort, he rehabilitated the property, because he believed that this region’s winemaking heritage is one of the most hidden treasures of Portuguese Wines. Old vines of native grape varieties have perfectly adapted to the rugged climate caused by the high altitude, along with the soil, where many veins of quartz run through the schist and granite. Through Beyra wines, Madeira seeks the Beira Interior’s true identity: wines of great complexity resulting from the combination of aromatic intensity, minerality and freshness.



2021 Beyra Rosé

100% Tinta Roriz. Fully-destemmed and whole-cluster pressed, with the skins remaining in contact with the juice for a very short period. Fermentation at 16-17°C using native yeasts. 4 months in stainless steel vats. Intense aromas with hints of strawberries, blueberries and jam. Smooth on the mouth with a long, flavorful finish. Enjoy by itself or pair with Mediterranean cuisine.

SAND CREEK

'The 20 Most Powerful Businesswomen in Portugal' – Forbes 2018

Year Founded: 1920

Region: Fernando Pó, Palmela region, Portugal

Owner: Leonor Freitas

Fun Fact: Casa Ermelinda Freitas has been produced and managed by women for 5 generations!

Founded in 1920 by Deonilde Freitas, and continued by Germana Freitas and later by Ermelinda Freitas, the company has always had a special interest in wine. On the early death of her husband, Manuel João de Freitas, Ermelinda took on the running of the company. In this she was helped by her only child, her daughter Leonor, who although untrained in the art of wine making took charge of the company, consolidating the already firmly female profile of the existing management structure. The company has, from its very beginnings, made the quality of its vineyards and wines a top priority. When they first started, wines were produced and sold wholesale and unbranded. It was the current management that decided to take on the challenge that is involved in creating an own brand wine. 1997 was the year of the company's new beginning in wine making, with red wine "Terras do Pó tinto", being the first to be produced and bottled on the premises of the Ermelinda Freitas winery.



Leonor Freitas inherited 60 ha of vineyard made up of just two grape varieties: Castelão and Fernão Pires, located in Fernando Pó in the region of Palmela. Seeking to innovate and make improvements, she made the decision to introduce a much wider range of grape varieties, which included Trincadeira, Touriga Nacional, Aragonês, Syrah, and Alicante Bouschet, and others. Ermelinda Freitas currently owns 550 hectares of vineyard, 60% of them planted with the Castelão variety (known in the area of Palmela as "Periquita"), 30% made up of red varieties such as Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira, Syrah, Aragonês, Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Franca, Merlot and Petit Verdot, and 10% of white varieties such as Fernão Pires, Chardonnay, Arinto, Verdelho, Sauvignon Blanc and Moscatel de Setúbal. In June 2009, Leonor Freitas was awarded the Order of Merit for Agriculture, Commerce and Industry for the work she has carried out in this area, receiving the rank of Commander of Agricultural Merit from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Portugal. Since 1999, Casa Ermelinda Freitas' wines have won over 1000 awards globally.



2020 Sand Creek Red Blend

Field Blend. Sandy Soil. Fermentation in stainless steel, temperature-controlled vats with extended maceration. 4 months in French and American oak. Ruby-colored, concentrated, rich and complex. Aromas reminiscent of red fruit well matched by soft oak that gives structure and elegance. Juicy, ripe, delicious and expressive fruit with a silky texture. A persistent, long lasting finish.

Best Buy – '19 Wine Enthusiast
96 Points - Double Gold - San Fran Int'l Wine Comp.

COSTA DO SOL

Region: Vinho Verde,
Portugal

Owner: Casa Ermelinda
Freitas

Fun Fact: The #1 selling
Portuguese wine region
in the U.S.!

The North-West of Portugal is home to the Vinho Verde region, producing lovely, zingy whites from local grapes. "Verde" means green, referring to the tradition of drinking Vinho Verde wines while they are young. Costa do Sol represents the finest that Vinho Verde has to offer and is meant to be enjoyed on a warm day or evening surrounded by friends.



Costa do Sol Vinho Verde

Loureiro (50%), Trajadura (50%). Quinta do Minho vineyard is composed of an extensive agricultural area located near Gerês. The total of 30 hectares is divided into forest, manor houses, winery and recently restructured vineyards with the North-South orientation where the Loureiro grape variety is queen. Effervescent with delicate citrus and melon aromas. A soft-textured palate with well-balanced acidity and a crisp, refreshing finish. Pairs perfectly with seafood, shellfish, salads and light summer dishes.

Best Buy - Wine Enthusiast 2020

RUELAS

QUINTA DO GRADIL

Year Founded: 1999

Region: Cadaval, Portugal

Owner: Luis Vieira

Fun Fact: The estate once belonged to the Marquis of Pombal, the 18th-century Portuguese statesman who was Secretary of the State of Internal Affairs of the Kingdom of Joseph I of Portugal from 1750 to 1777.

-Sustainable-

Quinta do Gradil is considered one of the oldest properties in the municipality of Cadaval. With historical references that date back to the end of the fifteenth century, Quinta do Gradil prides itself on its eighteenth-century palace, a major landmark of the region. The history of the property is enriched by names such as the Marquis of Pombal, who acquired it in the eighteenth century and began cultivating the property's vines.

The property was kept by his successors until the 20th century. The finest terroir of the Lisbon wine region and the experience of the past, together with the most advanced technology, are reflected in the wines. Quinta do Gradil is located on the western foothills of the Serra de Montejunto, in the transition area between the humid winds from the Atlantic and the permanent winds from the West, in a region known for its dry summers.



2021/2022 Ruelas Vinho Verde

From the Quinta do Gradil vineyard. Granitic soil. 50% Alvarinho 50% Loureiro. The grapes are removed from the stems and crushed, then macerated for 6 hours, pressing and fermentation takes place at 15 C.

A name for both a region of northern Portugal and its signature wine, Vinho Verde is low in alcohol, spritzy on the tongue and refreshing as can be. Is there a better summer white?! Ruelas' version is of the higher quality "Superior" level, featuring the premium grapes Alvarinho and Loureiro and is drier than most on the finish. Alvarinho (Albariño) brings the crisp and snappy acidity so necessary for good warm weather quaffers, and Loureiro adds a touch of floral depth and peachy appeal. It's difficult to imagine a better wine for consuming at a barbecue than this one! Or pair it with yellowtail crudo, Cubano sandwiches or paella.

'Best Buy' - '19 Wine Enthusiast

2019/2020 Ruelas Red Reserva

From the Quinta do Gradil vineyard. Limestone and schist. Syrah, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz. Vinified in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel tanks with an automatic remote-control system. Aged for 3 mos.

Heady aromas of red and black fruits, spice box and a whiff of new leather. The mouth feel is soft, generous and warm. Ripe black cherry, blackberry and plum flavors and rich tannins are countered by hints of cinnamon and a lengthy mineral-laden finish. It is one of those rare wines that we can point to when someone asks us for a wine that tastes like a twenty-dollar bottle but only costs ten.

'Best Buy' - Wine Enthusiast 2018 & 2019

92 Points - Great Value - Ultimate Wine Challenge



VAN ZELLERS & CO

‘Portuguese Wine Pioneer’ -Wine Spectator (about Cristiano Van Zeller)

Year Founded: 1780

Region: Douro Valley, Portugal

Owner: Cristiano Van Zeller

Known for: With nearly 400 years of experience and 15 generations, the Van Zellers have acquired deep knowledge that enables them to craft some of the world’s most exceptional Ports and wines.

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Van Zellers & Co. was founded as a Port Wine company in the early 18th century, with the Van Zeller family tree showing relations to Port wine merchants dating as far back as the 1600’s. Nearing the celebration of 400 years in the Port trade, Van Zellers & Co has been relaunched with a new image, philosophy and range of wines. The Van Zeller family dedicates themselves each day to the meticulous hand-craftsmanship from planting the vines to fortifying wines in aging oak casks. Respect for the Douro’s heritage, diversity, expression, tradition and people is the driving force behind what these storied winemakers do. For the Van Zellers, Port can be expressed in three different categories – wines that have been crafted by hand, by time or by nature. These three factors are mainly responsible for the creation of such diversity in the different styles, flavors, textures and complexity behind their Port wine. It’s through craftsmanship, knowledge, time and the magic behind nature that the family transforms their Port wine into something unique.



When the must is ready for addition of the grape brandy, the fortification is made in one single moment by adding all brandy to the must and skins in the lagare. Then, additional treading ensures good homogenization of the whole wine and the fermentation stops. The blend of brandy and must stays in the lagares for 1-2 more days with a very slight treading twice a day for 10 minutes at a time. The blend is then racked in the storage vat together with all press wine. The wines are then carefully aged in very ancient (more than 100-years-old) wood Port casks before being bottled.



Van Zellers & Co Ruby Port

A field blend of different traditional, indigenous red grapes from the Douro region. Grapes are crushed by foot before and during the entire fermentation. A young, intense and fruity Port that has aromas and flavors of intense dark and red fruits shine through.