

Seven REASONS



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Pol Roger Champagne Blanc de Blancs, 2002 (Champagne, France)

Founded in 1849, Pol Roger remains a benchmark in Champagne, known for its refined, long-aged wines. This Blanc de Blancs is sourced from Grand Cru vineyards in the Côte des Blancs, where chalk-rich soils enhance precision and longevity. The 2002 vintage is highly regarded, benefiting from ideal growing conditions and extended lees aging, showcasing Pol Roger's patient, meticulous winemaking. Made with 100% Chardonnay grapes.

Monte Rossa Franciacorta Flamingo, NV (Franciacorta DOCG, Lombardia, Italy)

A pioneering Franciacorta estate, Monte Rossa helped elevate this region to Italy's highest sparkling wine status. Using the traditional method, their wines reflect Lombardy's glacially formed morainic soils and the cooling influence of Lake Iseo. Their approach balances modern innovation with Franciacorta's signature depth and finesse. A blend of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir grapes.

Bodegas Granbazán Etiqueta Verde Albariño, 2023 (Rías Baixas, Spain)

A key player in Albariño's rise, Bodegas Granbazán is based in Val do Salnés, the heart of Rías Baixas. Here, the Atlantic's cooling influence and granitic soils shape wines with vibrancy and mineral depth. The estate's commitment to precision winemaking highlights the region's maritime character. Made with 100% Albariño grapes.

Alphonse Mellot Sancerre Les Romains, 2020 (Loire Valley, France)

The Mellot family has been shaping Sancerre since the 16th century. The Les Romains vineyard, with its flinty soils and marine fossil deposits, contributes to the structured elegance of its wines. A biodynamic approach ensures the purity of Sauvignon Blanc from this historic Loire terroir. Produced with 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes.

Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, 2020 (Chablis, Burgundy, France)

Brocard is a leading name in Chablis, championing organic and biodynamic viticulture. Montée de Tonnerre, a Premier Cru often likened to Grand Cru sites, sits on Kimmeridgian limestone, rich in fossilized oyster shells. The region's cool climate and long ripening season enhance Chardonnay's hallmark purity and minerality. Made with 100% Chardonnay grapes.

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, 2009 (Pauillac, Bordeaux, France)

A historic Pauillac estate dating to the 17th century, Pichon Lalande is known for its seamless blend of power and refinement. Its gravelly vineyards, near the Gironde Estuary, provide ideal drainage and mineral complexity. The exceptional 2009 vintage produced wines of remarkable depth and longevity. A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot grapes.

Rinaldi Moscato d'Asti, 2022 (Moscato d'Asti DOCG, Piedmont, Italy)

Rinaldi crafts Moscato d'Asti in Piedmont's rolling hills, where calcareous marl and sandstone soils balance freshness and ripeness. This region's warm days and cool nights preserve the grape's aromatic intensity. Made with 100% Moscato Bianco grapes.

HORS D'OEUVRES

Scallops crudo

Peruvian bay scallops crudo, olive oil, yuzu emulsion, chives

Tuna tartar cone

Black sesame cones, bluefin tuna tartar, avocado emulsion

Caramelized onion croquettes

Spanish-style croquettes with caramelized onion

Pol Roger Champagne Blanc de Blancs, 2002 – Champagne, France

AMUSE BOUCHE

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

*Monte Rossa Franciacorta Flamingo NV
Franciacorta, Lombardia, Italy*

FIRST COURSE

SALMON AND TUNA MOSAICO

*Bodegas Granbazán Etiqueta Verde Albariño, 2023
Rías Baixas, Spain*

SECOND COURSE

TWILIGHT ZONE ESCARGOT

*Alphonse Mellot Sancerre Les Romains, 2020
Loire Valley, France*

THIRD COURSE

BRANZINO A LA SAL

*Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, 2020
Chablis, Burgundy, France*

FOURTH COURSE

RIB ROAST

*Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, 2009
Pauillac, Bordeaux, France*

DESSERT

BASQUE TART CHEESECAKE

*Rinaldi Moscato d'Asti, 2022
Piedmont, Italy*
