

GOTHAM PROJECT

A BETTER GLASS OF WINE

TASTING NOTES 2023

NEW YORK

2019 GOTHAM Riesling, "The Finger", Finger Lakes. Where it all began. Gotham's first and signature wine, "The Finger". From Doyle and Fulkerson Vineyards, prime sites on Seneca Lake. Vinified separately, then blended together to find a perfect balance at about 7.8 grams of acid balanced by approximately 10 grams sugar. This youthful and delicate wine dazzles with its multi-dimensional nose of tangerine, lime, and stone fruit. The lightly sweet palate introduces pomelo and Key lime along with acidity that lights up the wine's light, zesty and vibrant body with pleasantly lower alcohol. An engaging array of summer flowers scents the back palate and fades into the modest finish.

2019 SCHNEIDER & BIELER Cabernet Franc 'Empire', Finger Lakes. Bruce Schneider has been crafting acclaimed NY State Cabernet Franc since 1994 and when he teamed up with Charles Bieler in 2010 to start Gotham Project, naturally the first red wine they kegged was a NY Cabernet Franc. 100% Cabernet Franc from the Wagner Vineyard on the East side Seneca Lake and Sheldrake Point Vineyard on the West side of Cayuga Lake. Fermented with RC 212 yeast the must was heated to 90 degrees F at the start of fermentation. Temperature was held for 24 hours resulting in aromas and flavors of fresh raspberries complimented by notes of savory herbs. The wine was aged for 8 months in seasoned French oak before being kegged. Packed with classically fragrant Cabernet Franc character, this wine delivers red cherries and tart red currants accented by savory tones and mouthwatering acidity.

WASHINGTON

2020 TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES Cabernet Blend. 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah. All grapes are from the Columbia Valley with the principal vineyard sources being High River and Goose Ridge. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented with whole berries in stainless tanks for both primary and secondary fermentations, while the Syrah was fermented whole cluster. This resulted in a wine that is bold, rich, textured, but not over the top. Aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and earthy, savory notes of tobacco and herbs, vanilla, and cocoa. Tannins are elegant and refined.

2021 BIELER FAMILY "DAISY" Pinot Grigio. Charles Bieler's obsession with co-fermented white wines is based on the belief that the sooner you can integrate different varieties together, the more cohesive and energetic the wine. He found the right terroir and combination of vineyards to pull off such a wine in the Columbia Valley. The majority of the fruit came from the Ancient Lakes AVA with supporting roles from the Yakima Valley's Upland and from the Stoneridge Vineyard in the Royal Slope. Pinot Grigio 75%, Riesling 12%, Muscat 9%, Sauvignon Blanc 4%. Charles dedicates this wine to the gritty, principled, visionary women in the maternal lineage of his family. The youngest of this line is named Daisy, who embodies all of these qualities.

CALIFORNIA

2020 PACIFIC STANDARD Chardonnay, Santa Barbara. From a cool vineyard site in Santa Barbara that brings notes of bright citrus, white fruit, and minerality. 50% fermented and aged in stainless steel and 50% fermented and aged with just enough oak influence to add a touch of creaminess on the finish.

2019 PACIFIC STANDARD Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara. From the Los Alamos vineyard in Santa Barbara's rolling hills. Classic cherry and strawberry notes are framed by subtle hints of vanilla from aging in small oak barrels.

2020 PACIFIC STANDARD Cabernet Sauvignon. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Mendocino, Lodi, and Sonoma aged in a blend of French and American oak. Blueberry, dark cherry and currants with toasted vanilla and chocolate notes. The palate is full and broad with soft, velvety tannins and a long finish.



CALIFORNIA (CONTINUED)

2021 RANCHO RODEO Pinot Grigio. The wine was cold-fermented at 50°F in stainless steel to retain the fresh and fruity aromas. The wine was not permitted to undergo a secondary malolactic fermentation to ensure crisp acidity. This creamy, vinous and flavor-forward white smells of yellow plums, white peaches, and honeysuckle. Youthful fruit vibrancy radiates from the wine's full-bodied, succulent and mouth-filling palate. The light viscosity caresses while gentle but supporting acidity give the wine ample lift and refreshment.

2020 RANCHO RODEO Chardonnay. 45% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to enhance aroma and mouth feel and the balance was kept non-malolactic to retain freshness. Tropical and citrus aromas carry through on the palate and are complimented by the refreshing acidity from the non-ML portion.

2020 RANCHO RODEO Pinot Noir. 100% from the Circle K Ranch in the Delta area west of Lodi, 30% was aged in French and American oak and the rest was all stainless steel tank aged. Full yet delicate. This wine is jam-packed with fruit and flavored with vanilla bean, caramel and grated cardamom. It is full bodied with ripe mulberry and blueberry fruit filling the palate. There's just the right amount of tannins and fresh lift on the palate.

2020 RANCHO RODEO Merlot. This Merlot leads with aromas of cedar and toasty oak, and follows up with flavorful layers of plums, blueberries, black cherry and vanilla. Structured, balanced and bursting with flavor, this memorable Merlot was aged in French and American oak. The wine finishes with smooth tannins and luscious flavors.

2020 RANCHO RODEO Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine was aged in both French and American oak. A deep wine with lush fruit and flavors of red currants and blackberries on the palate with a long silky finish, it's a Cabernet that's very easy to sip on its own.

PONCHERA Sangria. A blend of Syrah, Merlot and Zinfandel from California. Delicious on its own, with fresh fruit added or as a great base for a mixed wine cocktail. This boldly aromatic sangria starts off with a heady swirl of rosehips and winter spices. Mulberries, red plums and pomegranate seeds invade the medium-bodied palate that is nicely supported by fresh acidity. A crisply dry finish makes this boldly fruity sangria decidedly food-friendly.

FRANCE

2021 ATELIERS RASPAIL Sauvignon Blanc Touraine AOC.

100% Sauvignon Blanc from hillside vineyard. 20-30-year old vines with yields of less than 2 tons/acre. Direct to press, and fermented and aged in stainless steel. From talented young winemaker Matthieu Elzinga. A bright and zesty white, layers of bright flavors and crackling textures accent this cool climate wine. Gooseberries and pineapple aromas lead to a bright citrus palate. On the finish, notes of honeydew melon accompany the lemony palate.

2021 SABINE Rosé, IGP Mediterranée, Aix Vineyards

30% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 20% Cinsault, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Rolle. The 2019 Sabine delivers the classic Provence rosé profile with notes of raspberry, cherry, peach, herbal, citrus and mineral core. A creamy concentration from the small yields and concentrated fruit adds tremendous length on the palate. To ensure maximum complexity, there were over 30 small fermentations using dozens of different yeasts, creating a symphony of flavor.

FRANCE (CONTINUED)

2020 LA COUX Côtes du Rhône AOC. The vineyard for the La Coux Côtes du Rhône is situated at the heart of the Enclave des Papes, south of the village of Valréas. The special characteristics of its latitude and altitude give it unique climate conditions, perfect for creating structured and complex wines with magnificent freshness. The 82 hectares of this estate encompass different sectors of the village of Valréas at different altitudes and varied clay-chalk or sandy soil types. The Grenache and Syrah grow in plots as high as 320 meters above sea level and therefore benefit from a cooler climate. The temperature variation between day and night allow the grapes to ripen slowly, which plays a key role in the development of good tannins. The vines are south- and west-facing, so they are also bathed in the rays of the setting sun. The vines are cultivated according to the principles of sustainable agriculture. The wine is a blend of 50% Grenache and 50% Syrah fermented and aged in stainless steel. This wine teems with a diverse array of fruits: mulberries, black plums, blueberries and black cherries that mesh with forest floor notes. This full-bodied, deeply flavorful and highly drinkable wine is deftly balanced with gentle, accommodating tannins and a discreet, almost undercover, acidity.

2021 DOMAINE BROSSETTE Beaujolais AOC

Led by Pierre Brossette the Brossette Family's 300 year old domain located in Theizé, West of Villefranche sur Saône includes top hillside vineyard sites with clay and limestone soils and is one of the most highly regarded vine nurseries in Beaujolais. The 2018 harvest for Gamay at Dom. Brossette began at the end of August and lasted through mid-September. Following hand harvesting, rigorous sorting takes place in the vineyard and at the sorting table. Half the fruit is de-stemmed and the balance is whole cluster fermented. 12 hours of carbonic maceration is followed by 5 days of a cooler fermentation followed by pressing before the start of malolactic fermentation. Aromas of blackcurrants and ripe early summer strawberries follow through on the palate. In the finish pure red fruit notes are accompanied by bright acidity with mouthwatering salinity.

SPAIN

2021 KATAS Albariño, Rias Baixas. This 100% Albariño from Alberto Orte was fermented and aged in stainless steel at low temperatures to maintain freshness. Aromas of citrus flowers with stone fruits and bright minerality on the palate.

KATAS Palomino (Manzanilla). Produced by Orleans Borbón. This fortified wine is from the Manzanilla Sanlúcar de Barrameda DO. Made with 100% Palomino grapes that were fortified to 15% ALC. This Manzanilla Sherry was created by 3 criaderas with an average of 5 years. The vines were planted in 1998 in Albariza soil at an elevation of 230 feet. This lightly golden wine races out of the glass with aromas of sea salt, hay, dried yellow apple, and lemon peel. And, it continues to open up with time in the glass. Flavors of apricot and other stone fruit. The well-placed but relaxed acidity gives the wine a pleasantly rounded mid-palate.

2020 KATAS Tempranillo, Rioja. 100% Tempranillo from Rioja, but Rioja cannot appear on the label because of DO restrictions against wine exported in bulk. The moderately warm days and cool nights allow the grapes to ripen slowly on clay and sandy limestone soils, bringing bright aromas and concentrated flavors. Post-harvest, the grapes soak cold for 5 days at 45°F, to enhance aromas, color and flavor. Following fermentation, maceration is extended for 10 days to extract all beneficial color and tannins. The wine is aged in stainless steel to emphasize the pure, young flavor of the Tempranillo grape. This Tempranillo boasts the region's hallmark aromas of tobacco leaf. It's an elegant red that unleashes layers of blueberries, red berry fruit, and ripe strawberries. The broad, mouth-filling attack leads to a plump mid-palate. Medium-bodied with soft and sculpted tannins countered by fresh acidity.

ITALY

2021 GAZERRA Pinot Grigio, Sicily IGT. 100% Pinot Grigio from vineyard sites located between Palermo and Salemi. The wine was fermented and aged in stainless steel to retain freshness and minerality. Crisp, clean and refreshing with aromas of grapefruit and lemons on the palate, joined by a delicious briny note on the finish. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and the grapes are hand picked under supervision of winemaker Mattia Filipi.

2020 GAZERRA Nero d'Avola, Sicily IGT. 100% Nero d'Avola. Grapes are grown in Western Sicily on high altitude vineyard sites that are farmed organically, located between Palermo and Salemi. Smelling of baked black cherries, this is a vinous and juicy wine. The strong core of ripe blackberries is accented with delicate licorice tones on the back palate. This is full-bodied but not weighty, thanks to the wine's bracing acidity. The velvety tannins caress the palate through the moderate, fruit-filled finish.

ITALY (CONTINUED)

2020 DEL BUONO Sangiovese, Tuscany. Roberto del Buono organically farms his 8 Ha estate in the Val de Chiana. It is a hillside vineyard with alluvial soils at approximately 450 meters above sea level. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, this wine has aromas of dark fruits. The palate presents racy acidity, with an elegant texture and notes of sour cherries. Incredibly delicate on the palate for a young Sangiovese, this is perfumed and inviting with its flavors of ripe Bing cherries.

2020 VEZZI Barbera, Piemonte. 90% Barbera, 10% Nebbiolo from Langhe and Monferrato. Harvested by hand and fermented and aged in stainless steel at cool temperatures to preserve bright fresh red fruit. This wine has a delightfully pure fruit bouquet. It starts with aromas of lively red berries. A mouthwatering vein of acidity flashes through the wine's medium-bodied core, giving it vigor and grip.

ARGENTINA

2020 EL REDE Malbec, Mendoza Jimena Lopez makes the wine from 90-year-old hand-harvested vines in Mendoza. Jimena found her passion for wine early in life. She began taking viticulture and winemaking courses in high school and in the midst of her first harvest she realized that she had truly found her life's passion in winemaking and has since gained invaluable experience working with wineries in California, Australia, and her homeland of Mendoza, Argentina. Grapes were gently de-stemmed and fermented in stainless steel for 7 days at 25-28°C. Accented by notes of ripe red fruits, blueberries, dark chocolate and coffee beans.

AUSTRIA

2020 BAUMGARTNER Gruner Veltliner, Weinviertel DAC. The Baumgartner family meticulously care for their vineyards in the Weinviertel DAC. 100% Gruner Veltliner grown on top sites including Tafelberg, Schatzberg, and Sommerleiten. The wine is produced and aged in stainless steel. Classic Veltliner notes of citrus and white pepper, this wine distinguishes itself with a soft and fragrant honey finish.

GREECE

2018 ANASSA Agiorgitiko (St. George). From George Skouras. 100% Agiorgitiko (aka Saint George) from Nemea. Fermentation in stainless steel vats for 12 days followed by full malolactic fermentation and ageing in seasoned barriques. Beautiful notes of dark berry fruit with firm tannin structure and a gentle hint of tobacco.

2021 ANASSA Moscofilero/Roditis. From George Skouras. 70% Moscofilero from Mantinia, 30% Roditis from mountainous Peloponnese Nemea. Fermented in stainless steel vats, allowing 3 days of skin contact and a short ageing over fine lees. This special Moscofilero blend has opulent aromas of white flowers and fresh honeysuckle, rounded out with notes of rose petals and passionfruit. Bright acidity with a surprisingly long finish of orange rind and whispers of white pepper.

CHILE

2021 ELKI Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley. From winemaker Giorgio Flessati, the pioneer of the Elqui Valley wine region, the northernmost in Chile. Coastal desert region known for possessing the clearest skies in the world and the winning combination of warm days and very cool nights with daily temperature swings of as much as 35°C. Vines are own-rooted, massale selections. Soils are rocky with excellent drainage. Ripe and bright citrus notes are complimented by a kiss of grassy jalapeño, minerality, and briny character from the Pacific Ocean, a mere 25 km from the vineyard. Mouthwatering acidity on the palate with concentrated ripe fruits that carry through into the long finish. This dazzling white is nose tingling! Effusive, spicy and fragrant, it is a dynamic combination of yellow grapefruit and savory elements. The finish injects a head-turning, delicate hint of jalapeño!