

Club d'Oro

Dönnhoff Niederhäuser Klamm Riesling Kabinett 2020

Retail: \$31

Alcohol: 9%

The Dönnhoffs arrived in the Nahe about 200 years ago and they slowly evolved into being one of the premier wine producers of the region. The Nahe is a relatively new designated region (only established in 1971), but has gained in prestige over time. Dönnhoff has been one of the driving forces behind this and has garnered many awards for their efforts.

Granting that German wine labeling can be...challenging to understand, we'll break it down. The riesling comes from the Klamm vineyard, near the village of Niederhäuser. The designation of Kabinett indicates that it was harvested at a lower ripeness. This particular vineyard is next to the esteemed Hermanshölle vineyard (essentially a Grand Cru of the region) and over-delivers for the price. It leads with peach and pineapple notes and finishes with a clean minerality. This is perfect for spicy-sweet Asian cuisine or if the mood strikes you, a big ole' schnitzel!

Solis Lumen Pays d'Oc Rosé 2020

Retail: \$15

Alcohol: 12.5%

Winemaker Olivier Caste's family has been making wine in the Languedoc for nine generations. With such a long history in the region, it's no surprise that Olivier is trying to preserve it for the future: he has re-engineered his winemaking process to be carbon-neutral. He uses lighter-weight bottles and makes decisions in the winery to help offset 100% of their carbon footprint.

While many brilliant wines are made in this region, during the summertime it is the rosés that draw our attention. The Solis Lumen rosé is composed of grenache and cinsault that are grown on chalky limestone soils. With its light berry and citrus fruit and supple texture, it can be enjoyed entirely on its own, or with lighter summer fare such as grilled fish and salads

Monthelie Douhairet Porcheret Monthelie Cuvee Miss Armande 2018

Retail: \$39

Alcohol: 13%

Monthelie-Douhairet-Porcheret is without question one of the best kept secrets in Burgundy. Founded over 300 years ago, it has been managed by the Douhairet and Monthelie families for ages. In 1989, André Porcheret was brought on as winemaker. Porcheret's accolades include managing the famed Hospices de Beaune and making wine at the legendary Domaine Leroy. Now, with 15 acres centered around the village of Monthelie, he and his granddaughter are making wines of distinction that are true to their terroir.

The Cuvée Miss Armande is a tribute to Armande Douhairet who passed away in 2004. Sourced from two different lieu dits with vines that are about 50 years old on average, this wine offers fresh dark fruit and stunning focus. Enjoy it today or cellar it for another 5-7 years.