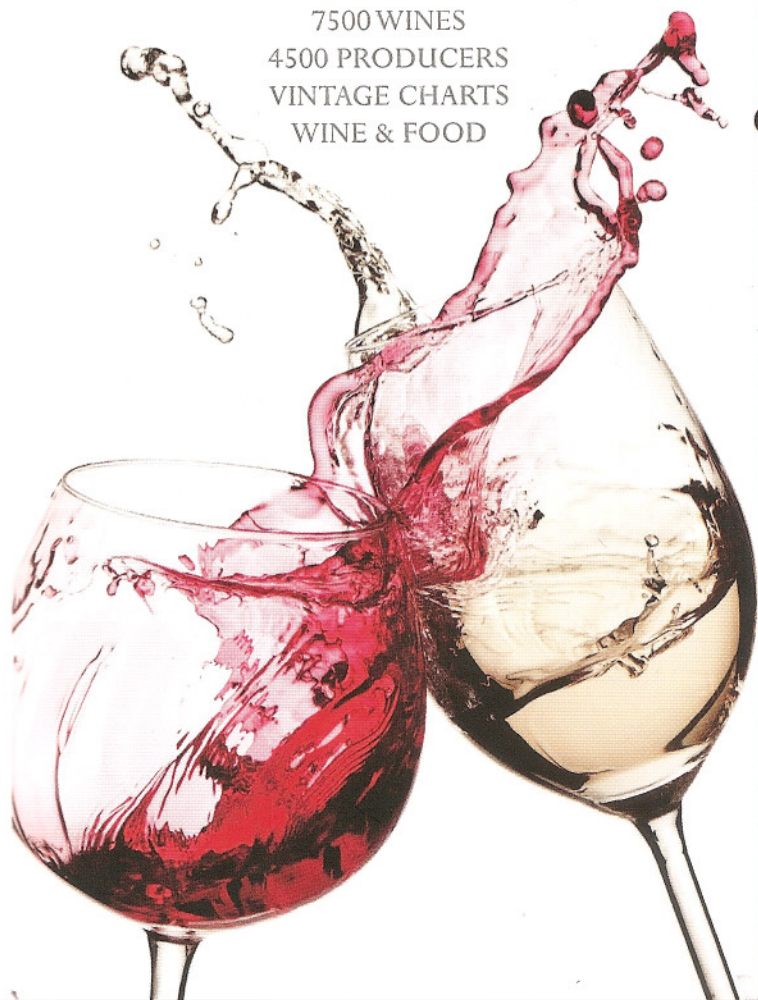


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**PATAGONIA** *Argentina* Northern Patagonia has two wine regions: Río Negro, with a 100-year history of wine production, and its neighbour to the west, Neuquén. Extreme day/night temperature differences and relentless southerlies are common to both, resulting in deeply coloured, intense and healthy wines. Racy Pinot Noirs, graphite-edged Malbecs, pure, round Merlot and tasty sparkling wines are the order of the day. Also plantings in Chabut further south and in the El Deserto project in La Pampa, east of Neuquén on the Colorado river. Best producers: (Río Negro) Humberto Canale\*, CHACRA\*, FABRE MONTMAYOU\*, NOEMIA\*\* (Neuquén) Fin del Mundo, NQN\*, Familia Schroeder\*, Universo Austral.

**LUIS PATO** *Beira Atlântica, Portugal* Leading modernist, passionately convinced of the Baga grape's ability to make great reds on chalky-clay soil. Wines such as the Vinhas Velhas\*, Vinha Barrosa\*\*\*, Vinha Pan\*\* and the flagship Quinta do Ribecirino Pé Franco\*\* (from ungrafted vines) rank among Portugal's finest modern reds: some can reach \*\*\* with age. Good white, Vinha Formal\*, is 100% Bical. Also good fizz. Daughter Filipa makes delightful reds and whites under Lokal\*\* and Ensaios FP\* labels. Best years: (reds) (2011) 09 05 04 03 01 00 97 96 95 92.

**PAUILLAC AC** *Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France* The deep gravel banks around the town of Pauillac in the HAUT-MÉDOC are the heartland of Cabernet Sauvignon. For many wine lovers, the king of red wine grapes finds its ultimate expression in the 3 Pauillac First Growths (LATOUR, LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD and MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD). The large AC also contains 15 other Classified Growths. The uniting characteristic of Pauillac wines is their intense blackcurrant fruit flavour, pencil-shavings perfume and undertow of graphite. These are the longest-lived of BORDEAUX's great red wines. Best producers: Armailhac\*, BATAILLEY\*, Bellegrave, Clerc-Milon\*, DUHART-MILON\*, Fonbadet, GRAND-PUY-DUCASSE\*, GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE\*\*, HAUT-BAGES-LIBERAL\*, HAUT-BATAILLEY\*, LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD\*\*\*, LATOUR\*\*\*, LYNCH-BAGES\*\*\*, Lynch-Moussas, MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD\*\*\*, Pibran\*, PICHON-LONGUEVILLE\*\*\*, PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-LALANDE\*\*\*, PONTET-CANET\*\*. Best years: 2011 10 09 08 06 05 04 03 02 01 00 96 95 90 89 88 86.

**CH. PAVIE\*\*** *St-Émilion Grand Cru AC, 1er Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux, France* The style of the wine may be controversial – dense, rich, succulent – and it has as many enemies as friends, but there's no doubting the progress made at Pavie since Gérard Perse acquired the property in 1998. So much so that (along with ANGELUS) it has now joined AUSONE and CHEVAL BLANC as a Premier Grand Cru Classé 'A' (2012 ST-ÉMILION classification). Best years: 2011 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02 01 00 99 98.

**CH. PAVIE-MACQUIN\*\*** *St-Émilion Grand Cru AC, 1er Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux, France* This has become one of the stars of the ST-ÉMILION GRAND CRU since the 1990s, with promotion to Premier Grand Cru Classé in 2006. Rich, firm and reserved, the wines need 7–8 years and will age longer. Best years: 2011 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02 01 00 99 98 96.

**PÉCHARMANT AOP** *Bergerac, South-West France* The iron-rich soil in this BERGERAC sub-appellation gives the wines their distinctive mineral style and aging qualities. Best producers: Bertranoux\*, Chemins d'Orient\*, Clos les Côtes\*, Grand Jaure, Haut-Pécharmant\*\*, La Métairie\*, Terre Vieille\*, la Tilleriale, Tiregand\*\*. Best years: (2012) (11) (10) 09 06 05 04 01 00.

**PECORINO** Relatively recently rescued from near-extinction, this is ABRUZZO's finest white grape variety, capable (also in Le MARCHE) of making dry sappy whites of considerable complexity. Best producers:

Cataldi Madonna\*, Citra\*, Contesa\*\*, Marramiero\*, Montori\*, Pasetti\*, San Lorenzo\*, Terra d'Aligi\*, Tiberio\*\*.

**PEGASUS BAY** *Canterbury, South Island, New Zealand* Lush, mouthfilling Chardonnay\*\*, an almost chewy Pinot Noir\*\* and its even richer big sister Prima Donna Pinot Noir\*\*, powerful, idiosyncratic Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon\*\*, all kinds of very stylish Riesling\*\* (sometimes \*\*\*) and an occasional heavenly Gewurztraminer\*\*\*. These are some of the most original wines in New Zealand, and all will age well. Best years: (Pinot Noir) (2012) 10 09 08 07 06 03.

**PEMBERTON** *Western Australia* Exciting emergent humid but cool-climate region, deep in the Karri forests of the south-west. So far, white varieties have done best on the fertile soils, especially taut, tangy Sauvignon Blanc and thrilling, mineral Chardonnay. Occasional superb examples of Riesling, Viognier, Semillon and Marsanne, as well as Western Australia's only distinguished sparkling wine. Best of the reds so far is Pinot Noir, with Shiraz rewarding patience in its best (warmest) vintages, and occasional BORDEAUX blends. HOUGHTON leads the way with Wisdom range. Best producers: Bellarmine\*, HOUGHTON\*\*, Lillian, Pemberley\*\*, Picardy\*, Saltage.

**PENEDÈS DO** *Cataluña, Spain* The booming CAVA industry is based in Penedès, and the majority of the still wines are white, made from the Cava trio of Parellada, Macabeo and Xarel-lo, clean and fresh when young, but never exciting. Better whites are made from Chardonnay. The reds are variable, the best made from Cabernet Sauvignon and/or Tempranillo and Merlot. Best producers: Albet i Noya\*, Can Feixes\*, Can Ràfols dels Caus\*\*, Colet\*, Gramona\*, Cavas Hill, Jané Ventura\*, Jean León\*, Marques de Monistrol, Masia Bach\*, Albert Milà i Mallofré, Puig & Rocca\*, Raventós i Blanc, Sot Lefrè\*, TORRES\*\*, Valfiformosa.

**PENFOLDS** *Barossa Valley, South Australia* Penfolds' performance as part of the Foster's/Treasury group has been uneven, particularly at the lower end. It still makes the country's most famous red wine, GRANGE\*\*, and other superb reds such as RWT Shiraz\*\*\*, Magill Estate Shiraz\*\*, St Henri Shiraz\*, Bin 707 Cabernet\*\*, Bin 389 Cabernet-Shiraz\*, Bin 407 Cabernet, Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz\* and Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz. New addition to the range, Bin 169 Coonawarra Cabernet is breathtakingly elegant. Cellar Reserve wines are difficult to find but outstanding, and occasional releases of Special Bin reds are among Australia's best. However, further down the range they need to reverse a disappointing blandness which has entered into previously reliable wines like Koonunga Hill. Whites are led by expensive but excellent Yattarna Chardonnay\*\*\*, stunningly good Reserve Bin A Chardonnay\*\* and impressive cool-climate Bin 311 Chardonnay\*\*; there's also citrus Bin 51 Eden Valley Riesling\*. Thomas Hyland Cabernet, Shiraz and Chardonnay are pretty good. Best years: (top reds) 2012 10 08 06 04 02 99 98 96 94 91 90.

**PENÍNSULA DE SETÚBAL** *Portugal* Warm, maritime area south of Lisbon. Vinho Regional has some decent whites and good reds; the best reds are from old Castelo vines, often under the Palmeira DOC. SETÚBAL DOC produces sweet fortified wine. Best producers: (reds) BACALHÓA\*\*, Herdade da Comporta, D F J VINHOS\*, Ermelinda Freitas\*, José Maria da FONSECA\*\*, Pegões cop., Pegos Claros\*, Soberanas. Best years: 2011 08 07 05 04 03 01 00 99 97 96 95.