



## SPRING BOX

These wines embody that spring feeling and the zippy freshness in the air. We've selected six wines that will be the perfect accompaniment to the longer evenings spent in the garden shared with friends. We can't believe that we can actually say that now!

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Allow us to take you on a journey to travel vicariously through our wines to sunnier lands, bursting with new life in the vineyards. All of spring hidden in a single bud, signalling the very start of what will soon become the finest juice in your glass.

We start our journey on a little boat meandering down the Loire river. Admiring the overlooking Renaissance Châteaux on our way to the town of Vouvray, on the left bank to meet with Peter Hahn at Le Clos de la Meslerie. If the google reviews are anything to go by, we're in for a treat - *"If God lives in France, it certainly is very close to this place!"* says one reviewer. Peter welcomes us with open arms and a glass of **2012 Sparkling Vouvray** to toast our arrival and the first days of Spring!

Next, we head up the river to the right bank to visit Reynald Heaule in Orléans to taste his latest release of the cult blend, the **2019 Atypique**, a refreshing blend of red fruit-driven, light-bodied goodness - you just can't go wrong!

Now it's time to jump into our Peugeot 504 Cabriolet and head down to the Roussillon to share a bottle of vibrant **2017 VDF Comax Ethylix** with Jordi Perez on the steep walled terraces overlooking the town of Banyuls and the Mediterranean sea. This blend of Syrah Marsanne is the perfect bottle to go with slow-cooked BBQ meats. This wine can also be served slightly chilled which is especially nice as the days begin to warm up back at home.

Now we're ideally located to drive towards the Atlantic coast, through the Pyrenees mountains and down into Spain to the famous winemaking region of Rias Baixas, in Galicia, to meet el patrón of Albariño - Rodrigo Méndez. We share a world-class seafood lunch washed back with his **2019 Rias Baixas "Leirana" Albariño**. We end up having to stay the night because one bottle wasn't enough.

The following day, we say goodbye to our beloved ride, and jump on the train to Greece to meet with brother and sister team Meli & Jason in the ancient winemaking region of Pella, Macedonia. The aromas of the Greek countryside hit us as we sit under the shade of the pine trees and enjoy a three-hour lunch of local Greek food. We drink a beautiful orange wine from the **2019** vintage called **Macedoine "Lamda" Assyrtiko**, while Meli teaches us about the latest developments in permaculture and the local grape varieties used here.

The final leg of our tour through Europe takes us back up north to the sunny side of Austria to see an old friend in Burgenland, many of you might know her already - her name is **Theodora**, she hangs out at most of the Michelin Star restaurants in London, but due to the lockdown, she's back home in the vineyards of **Gut Oggau** with her other family members. She takes everyone's heart by storm with her cheerful, animated manner and good looks. Once we arrive here with her, we're pretty sure that we're never going back home again.

We hope that you enjoy this selection of wines and our little adventure through some of the best bits of Europe as much as we do!

1	Producer	Clos de la Meslerie	Region	Loire, France
	Wine	2012 Vouvray Chenin Blanc (Sparkling)	Grape	Chenin Blanc
<b>Description</b> A champagne-style Extra Brut sparkling wine, no dosage. Dry and saline in the mouth with an Indian tonic and bitter lemon finish. Vibrant and mineral, that only a wine with age can deliver.				<b>Pairing</b> Pork rillettes

2	Producer	Reynald Heaule	Region	Loire, France
	Wine	2019 VDF "Atypique" (Red)	Grape	Gamay, Meunier, Pinot Noir, Côt
<b>Description</b> A blend of Gamay, Menu Pineau, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Cabernet Franc and Côt, gives way to a red fruit-driven, refreshing wine with silky tannins and a moreish bite.				<b>Pairing</b> Traditional cheese & charcuterie

3	Producer	Le Casot des Mailloles	Region	Roussillon, France
	Wine	2017 VDF "Comax Ethylx" (Red)	Grape	Syrah, Marsanne
<b>Description</b> Explosive red and black fruit-driven, with crunchy tannins and a rustic core that harks back to its origins of the dry land of the Roussillon. Distinctive with a spicy finish!				<b>Pairing</b> Slow-roasted lamb shoulder

4	Producer	Forjas des Salnés	Region	Galicia, Spain
	Wine	2019 Rias Baixas "Leirana" (White)	Grape	Albariño
<b>Description</b> For lovers of salty racy whites with great length and focus, look no further than this golden coloured Albariño.				<b>Pairing</b> Any and all fresh seafood!

5	Producer	Ktima Ligas	Region	Pella, Greece
	Wine	2019 IGP Macedoine "Lamda" (Orange Skin Contact)	Grape	Assyrtiko
<b>Description</b> Full-bodied, with soft stone fruits, wild herbs, pine notes, and lovely, sweet and savoury balsamic notes.				<b>Pairing</b> Roast chicken and lemon

6	Producer	Gut Oggau	Region	Burgenland, Austria
	Wine	2019 Weinland "Theodora" (White)	Grape	Gruner Vetliner, Welschriesling
<b>Description</b> The big sister of Atanasius, Theodora is serious, complex and intellectual with freshness, depth and body.				<b>Pairing</b> Asparagus and hollandaise