



## SUMMER BOX

The ultimate selection of refreshing, vibrant and premium wines from artisan growers. Quality wines for the summer months ahead.

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On this journey, our imaginations have complete creative freedom. There will be no PCR tests or unreliable traffic light systems that change faster than you can give Matt Hancock the finger.

Our adventure starts in an old white Fiat Panda, outside the Saša Radikon family farm, in the hills of Friuli, close to the Slovenian border. After a scenic stroll across the rolling lush green hills, Saša cracks open a bottle of the **2019, Slatnik** - a mouth-watering blend of Chardonnay and Friulano that we enjoy over a platter of Saša's favourite sushi around the kitchen table with the Radikon family.

The following day we're up early with absolutely no signs of a hangover to make our way across the Swiss / Italian Alps. First, we swap the car for something a little faster - we go for a British racing green soft top **MGB** so that we can maximise the views as we drive down into Alsace France to meet sisters Céline and Isabelle Josmeyer. They take us for a tour of the Herrenweg vineyards in Turckheim - home to one of our favourite Pet-Nats. The **NV, Chante Pinot** is a beautifully made blend of Gewürztraminer, Muscat and Pinot Blanc with delicate, refreshing bubbles. We head back to the tasting room, through the colourful courtyard, passed Céline's beloved Tilleul tree - now in its full glory - to place our order, so that we can include a little taste of this goodness in your summer box!

Our next stop is across to the Montlouis-sur-Loire region to meet the award-winning winemakers and president of the appellation - Damien and Coralie Delecheneau of La Grange Tiphaine. We take home the beautifully balanced and thirst-quenching, mineral-driven Sauvignon blanc, **2020, Touraine Trinqu'ames** another great wine to add to the box!

Now it's time to head south, towards the sweet-smelling sap from the warmed-up pine trees and the salty sea air from the Mediterranean Sea. Salvador and Nineta meet us at the end of the day in the La Vajol vineyards under the old meditation tree; we catch up over bottles of the pure and energetic **2020, Gratitude** - a silky Cabernet Franc, as the sky turns from pink to purple. That night we persuade Salvador to come with us back to France to see brothers Sébastien and Benoit at Domaine Danjou-Banassy in the Foothills of the Pyrenees. We are eager to taste the new release of their show-stopping **2020 Supernova** wines. We drink the red, which is a light juicy Mourvèdre - unlike you've ever tasted before - served chilled - over a delightful long lunch under the shade of the oak trees.

Our next stop is to catch up with friends at Worldwide Festival in Sète to listen to Gilles Peterson's curated sounds at the **Théâtre de la Mer** - our annual pilgrimage. Now we've got Salvador, Sébastien and Benoit all in for the ride for the final leg of our trip as we head to beautiful Provencal town of Cotignac for apéro with Valérie Courrèges. Surrounded by the sounds of cigales as we open her elegant silky-soft **2020, L'Écorce Buissonnière** - the name is a play on words - a cheeky nod to the days when she used to play truant from school. As you can imagine - apéro is always fun with Valérie!

1.

**Producer:** Radikon

**Wine:** 2019 Slatnik

**Region:** Friuli, Italy

**Grape:** Chardonnay, Tocai Friulano

**Pairing:** Sushi

**Description:** This balance of the Chardonnay and Friulano with two weeks of skin contact is nothing but mouth-watering.

2.

**Producer:** Domaine Josp Meyer

**Wine:** NV Chante Pinot

**Region:** Alsace, France

**Grape:** Gewürztraminer, Muscat, Pinot Blanc

**Pairing:** Dessert or Apéritif

**Description:** None other than Isabelle Josp Meyer could make this wine, noticeable by its bouquet of dried bergamot and camomile, this Pétillant Naturel is a balanced blend of Gewürztraminer, Muscat and Pinot Blanc. Marked by a delicious freshness of style.

3.

**Producer:** La Grange Tiphaine

**Wine:** 2020, Touraine Trinqu'ames

**Region:** Loire, France

**Grape:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Pairing:** Oysters

**Description:** A lively balanced and thirst-quenching, mineral-driven Sauvignon blanc

4.

**Producer:** Cosmic

**Wine:** 2020, Gratiud (red)

**Region:** Catalunya, Spain

**Grape:** Cabernet Franc

**Pairing:** Grilled lamb chops

**Description:** A beautiful fruit driven, fresh and delicate Cabernet Franc with great length and silky tannins. This wine has energy!

5.

**Producer:** Domaine Danjou-Banessy

**Wine:** 2020 Supernova Red

**Region:** Roussillon, France

**Grape:** Mourvèdre

**Pairing:** Filet of Tuna

**Description:** A light side of Mourvèdre that you don't often see making a perfect summer red which can be served slightly chilled.

6.

**Producer:** Valérie Courrèges

**Wine:** 2020, Côtes de Provence L'Écorce Buissonnière rosé

**Region:** Provence, France

**Grape:** Grenache, Vermentino, Syrah

**Pairing:** So versatile that you can pair this wine with almost all savoury dishes.

**Description:** Purity, finesse and elegance best describe this lovely Provence rosé