

P O R T L A N D

S I N G L E B O T T L E L I S T

Here are a few bottles we have picked up from private cellars. They are a diverse bunch representing some famous names and historic vintages. They're all pretty rare and, we think, delicious.

Unfortunately we only have 1 bottle of each for now.

W H I T E

A U S T R I A

Although he may not fall so much into the “rarities” basket, who could resist the opportunity to showcase a complete vintage run of Strobl’s stunning Rieslings? These wines lean more into the German camp with delicate florals & occasionally tropical fruits balanced by precise acidity & a finish that lasts for days! For our money, one of Austria’s premier white wine producers at the top of his game. Meanwhile, on the Gruner front, think more Smaragd-esque in style with a wonderfully oily, juicy big palate & some decent grip.

2012 Clemens Strobl, Rosenberg Riesling, Wagram £98

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G E R M A N Y

Drought year. This should be looking a bit fuller & rounder than your typical Mosel.

2004 Dr. Loosen, ^{GOLD CAPSULE} Ürziger Würzgarten, Riesling Auslese, Mosel £120

Lusciously sweet & tropical, could almost fall into dessert wine territory.

2004 Weingut Knebel, Winninger-Rottgen Riesling Spätlese, Mosel £70

F R A N C E

Owned by the legendary Faller family for four generations, this domaine is surely one of Alsace’s true legends with a reputation for outstanding quality & producing wines that can age for decades.

1988 Dom. Weinbach, Riesling Cuvée ste. Catherine, Alsace £220

1990 Dom. Weinbach, Riesling Cuvée ste. Catherine, Alsace ~~£250~~

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A master at work. No oak usage or malo, clean, long & aging gracefully.

1999 Dom. René Rostaing, ‘La Bonnette’ Condrieu, Rhône £110

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FRANCE - CONTINUED

A style of wine that pushes every element to it's logical extreme: big, bold & super creamy. These two examples showcase the style at very different stages of their development.

1986 Dom. de Chevalier, 'Batard Chevalier', Pessac-Leognan, Graves £115

2005 Mouton Rothschild, Aile D'Argent, Bordeaux £170

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Luscious & tropical with sweetness & spice.

2008 Dom. Zind Humbrecht, Clos Windsbuhl Gewürztraminer, Hunawihhr £90

From one half of the team behind Soula, Gérard Gauby's wines display elegance & power that others in the region struggle to acheive. Of special note is the Roque Cuvée where grapes spend 20 days on skins providing incredible texture to the palate.

2011 Dom. Gauby, 'Coume Gineste' Blanc, Côtes Catalan - Grenache Blanc & Gris £150

2011 Dom. Gauby, 'La Roque' Blanc, Côtes Catalan - Muscat Blanc & Alexandria £155

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Big, floral & viscous. Perfect timing for those who love aged Viognier.

2012 Dom. Michel et Stéphane Ogier, 'La Combe de Malleval', Condrieu £90

From a man who knows a thing or two about Burgundian acidity.

2013 Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, Aligoté £47

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A more mineral, saline approach to 'murican Chardonnay.

2010 Varner, Home Block Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountains £110

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A U S T R I A

Austrian wine's current wunderkind is Christian Tschida. With 10ha of vinesplanted to predominantly international varieties like Cabernet & Syrah, the brilliance of his wines are that they still manage to preserve a thoroughly Austrian sense of place -with masses of fresh acidity - whilst still embracing each grape's inherent qualities, think pink pepper-corns & purple florals for the Felsen I, dusty strawberries & spices on Felsen II & dark, earthy sweet fruited Cab-Franc for his eponymous Domkapital cuvée. Make sure to give these wines plenty of time in the decanter.

2011	Christian Tschida, Felsen I	Blafränkisch, Neusiedlersee	£120
2013	Christian Tschida, Felsen I	Blafränkisch, Neusiedlersee	£120
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2011	Christian Tschida, Felsen II	Syrah, Neusiedlersee	£120
2012	Christian Tschida, Felsen II	Syrah, Neusiedlersee	£120
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2013	Christian Tschida, Domkapital	Cabernet Franc, Neusiedlersee	£120
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A U S T R A L I A

Thoroughly aged but this was always built to last.

1991 Chateau Tahbilk, Cabernet Sauvignon, Nagambie Lakes £130

Another Margaret River favourite with a reputation for ageable wines.

2000 Moss Wood, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River £180

Australia's oldest family run winery. Both these wines are built to age & should now be just entering their drinking window. The Octavius is 100% Shiraz aged in both French & American oak whilst the Signature is a Cab-Shiraz blend aged in hogsheads.

1998 Yalumba, 'The Signature', Barossa £100

2001 Yalumba, 'The Octavius', Barossa £180

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F R A N C E - B U R G U N D Y

Sweet, bright fruits just starting to develop into more tertiary notes.

2006 Dom. Fournier, `Trois Terres`, Marsannay £90

A site that tends towards a richer, more Vosne-like style than NSG.

2007 Dom. Jean Grivot, ^{PREMIER CRU} Aux Boudots, Nuits-st-Georges £230

Always a solid producer, expect darker fruits & earthy spice.

2009 Robert Chevillon, `Vielles Vignes`, Nuits-st-Georges £170

Chunky fruits & sweet sap.

2012 Aurélien Verdet, ^{PREMIER CRU} Les Damodes, Nuits-st-Georges £100

Marked by fresh acidity & lighter red-fruits. An increasingly rare bottling.

2014 J.C Ramonet, Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge £100

F R A N C E - R H Ô N E

The Avril family's take on GDP is often something of a surprise to first-timers. Less focused on the traditional "block-buster" approach, these wines tend to display surprising acidity & attention to detail. Still very much the "roasted meats & cocoa" Rhône template, but with a bit more subtlety.

1997 Dom. Paul Avril, Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape £100

2011 Dom. Paul Avril, Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape £125

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Always reliable, these wines age like nothing else.

1997 Paul Jaboulet Aîné, `Do. de St.-Pierre`, Cornas £90

A glorious example of Syrah in a great place age-wise.

2004 Bernard Levet, `Maestria`, Côte-Rôtie £120

A genius winemaker & a wonderful vintage. Piercingly-precise Syrah.

2009 Domaine Rene Rostaing, Cuvee Classique Ampodium, Côte-Rôtie £145

A juicy, wonderful introduction to this great house.

2009 J.L. Chave Sélection, `Offerus`, St Joseph £60

Serious value for this much stuffing.

2010 J.L. Chave Sélection, `Farconnet`, Hermitage £100

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F R A N C E - B O R D E A U X

Likely rather “mushroom-y” at this late stage but could surprise.

1982 Château Lamothe-Cissac, ^{CRU BOURGEOIS} Haut-Médoc £50

A Cabernet Franc predominant blend.

1981 Château Moulin St.-Georges, ^{GRAND CRU} Saint-Julien £110

Always noted for more spice driven character.

1981 Château Meyney, ^{GRAND BOURGEOIS} Saint-Estephe £120

Second wine of Château Lagrange.

1988 Les Fiefs de Lagrange, Saint-Julien £80

A reliable hause, just over the fence from Mouton.

1996 Château Batailley, ^{FIFTH GROWTH} Pauillac £161

Always suprising value.

1998 Château Balestard, Bordeaux AOP £60

A super-reliable house in what can sometimes be an un-even vintage.

2001 Château Haut-Batailley, ^{FIFTH GROWTH} Pauillac £169

A fruit-forward & generous vintage.

2004 Sarget de Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien £70

Pretty black fruits & forest floor along with iron-like blood & bone.

2008 Château Canon, ^{PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ} Saint-Emilion £190

Larger quantities of Merlot, velvet plums.

2010 Château Les Cruzelles, Lalande de Pomerol £95

F R A N C E - O T H E R

Two vintages & two cuvees from the master of Provencal red, heady & fruit-driven when young, dustier & more herbaceous with age.

1995 Domaine Tempier, Cuvée Speciale, Bandol £170

2009 Domaine Tempier, Cuvée La Tourtine, Bandol £130

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FRANCE - OTHER (CONTINUED)

Founded in 1985, the house of Gérard Gauby has attained something of a cult-like status for its super smart renditions of traditional southern-French cultivars. The wines here are a mixture of blends and single-variety employing Grenache, Mouvedre, Syrah & Carignan. Whilst once upon a time these wines would have been massive 15% ABV monstrosities, since the mid ninties Gérard has tended to pick, aiming for more finesse & elegance.

2011 Dom. Gauby, 'Coume Gineste' Rouge, Côtes-du-Roussillon - Grenache	£150
2011 Dom. Gauby, 'La Roque' Rouge, Côtes-du-Roussillon - Southern Rhône-style blend	£155
2011 Dom. Gauby, 'La Foun', Côtes-du-Roussillon - Carignan (Pre-Phylloxera)	£160
2011 Dom. Gauby, 'La Jasse', Côtes-du-Roussillon - Southern Rhône-style blend	£160
2012 Dom. Gauby, 'Muntada', Cote-Roussillon - Carignan, Syrah & Grenache	£160
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The wines of Hiro Kusuda - much like the man - are meticulous with great focus & clarity. Hiro's winemaking practices, both in the vineyard & the cellar show an affinity with the French counterparts of his choosen varieties. However, there is an extra level of care taken at every step of the journey, for instance, rather than simply inspecting bunches, Hiro's team will take several minutes per bunch to inspect individual berries! The result are wines that - whilst difficult to obtain - taste unlike anything else produced in the land of the long white cloud.

2013 Kusuda, Syrah, Martinborough	£160
2014 Kusuda, Pinot Noir, Martinborough	£165
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A proverbial king of the Barolo hillsides producing wines that can last a literal lifetime (if not more). Both '64 & '97 were hot vintages with '64 being legendary amongst aficionados.

1964 Pio Cesare, Barolo	£190
1997 Pio Cesare, Barolo	£190

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I T A L Y (C O N T I N U E D)

Dried grape, almost port-y flavours now well developed. A great cheese wine.

1997 Allegrini, Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto £220

A timely reminder that Val-pol needn't be simple supermarket swill. Truly classy wine.

2000 Dal Forno Romano, Lodoletta, Valpolicella Superiore, Veneto £220

The Barolo traditionalists. Expect tea, tannins & roses.

2005 Massolino, Vigna Rionda Riserva, Serralunga £225

You couldn't ask for a better introduction to the wines of Barbaresco than those of the famous produttori. Arguably the world's most successful co-operative producer. These wines prove their value time after time. The Muncagota tends to show a bit more maraschino whilst the Rio Sordo is pure raspberry juice.

2008 Produttori del Barbaresco, Rio Sordo Riserva, Barbaresco £120

2008 Produttori del Barbaresco, Muncagota Riserva, Barbaresco £120

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More tannins, but from a warmer vintage & likely ready to drink now.

2007 Aldo Conterno, Vigna Cicala, Monforte £250

Though it can be hard to put a finger on Le Coste's ever increasing variety of cuvées (most produced in tiny volumes), the care & attention to detail of Gianmarco & Clémentine's efforts both in the vineyard & the winery always shine through. The Alea Jacta Est is more perfumed with great structure whereas the PNT shows more vibrant fruit & an almost saline character. The Greghetto (a local synonym of Sangiovese) takes the usual Chianti suspects to create a wine of power & complexity.

2013 Le Coste, 'Alea Jacta Est' Aleatico, Lazio £85

2014 Le Coste, 'PNT' Pinot Noir, Lazio £90

2014 Le Coste, 'Le Coste' Greghetto, Lazio £100

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A firmer vintage made for aging.

2004 Mas Martinet, Clos Martinet, Catalonia £195

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U S A

Bordeaux-style blend. Solid, structural & intense.

1989 Langtry, Guenoc Winery Meritage, Lake County £150

Randall Grahm's cult bottling from a phenomenal vintage.

1994 Bonny Doon, 'Cigare Volante' Red, Santa Cruz £170

Napa Cab made in a style that embodies a certain time in the valley. Definitely not a wine of great subtlety rather, one that is aimed squarely at the critics with judicious use of oak & ripeness creating a wine that screams big, primary fruits & sweet spice. Now with a good few decades of age these two should be just starting to settle into their paces. Still big wines, but now they talk, rather than shout their wares.

1996 Etude, Cabernet Sauvignon, California £180

1998 Etude, Cabernet Sauvignon, California £160

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By all accounts, this one's more of the classic American chocolate & spice style.

1997 Saint Francis, "Nun's Canyon" Merlot Reserve, Sonoma Valley £100

Always impressive & seemingly ageless, one of our favourite American producers.

1999 DeLille, "Doyenne" Syrah, Columbia Valley £85

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F R A N C E

A predominantly Semillon blend from one of the region's stars.

1967 Ch. Loubens, ^{GRAND CRU} Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

£210

Sweet Chenin from Savennières.

1995 Ch. de Chamboureau, Chevalier Buhard Cuvée d'Avant, Roche aux Moines

£100

Honeyed yet still with sweet fresh tropical notes.

2009 Ch. Rieussec, ^{PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ} Sauternes

£100

U S A

Honeyed with citrus and spice.

2005 Bonny Doon, Muscat Vin de Glacière, California

£45 - half bottle

F O R T I F I E D

P O R T U G A L

Should be showing some serious development.

1985 Dow's, Vintage Port

£170 - 75cl

A single site estate that still employs foot-treading of its grapes.

1995 Quinta do Vesúvio, Vintage Port

£170 - 75cl