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## TOUR DE FRANCE MIXED CASE

The annual Tour de France for elite cyclists has been postponed, but our mixed case will take you on a more sedate journey through six of the stages, without the risk of saddle sores. Whizz past Poitiers for a reviving glass of Mont de Joie Sauvignon Blanc; stop at Lyon for a restorative sip of Mâcon-Solotr from Maison Auvigue; and nestle into your armchair for the final push with the seductive Château La Courolle.

### Mont de Joie Sauvignon Blanc 2017 – Vin de France

A racy, mineral Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc, made by award-winning Sancerre estate, Domaine Henri Bourgeois.

If the Loire Valley is the kingdom of Sauvignon Blanc, then the village of Chavignol, in the heart of the Sancerre appellation, has been admirably conquered by the Bourgeois family. For ten generations, this highly-respected family have built their reputation making expressive, balanced wines of great flavour concentration, purity, and always, refreshing acidity. Mont de Joie Sauvignon Blanc is the fruit of younger vineyards just outside the Sancerre appellation. So even if it cannot be called Sancerre, this Sauvignon Blanc has the Bourgeois style and quality – and with a very friendly price tag!



France, Loire



Henri Bourgeois



100% Sauvignon Blanc

Perfumed and lively, Mont de Joie's expressive palate is full of refreshing gooseberries, ripe citrus, with quintessential mineral acidity. Fresh and fruity, textured and long – a Sauvignon with great personality.

- Excellent value for money – Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc by the doyens of Sancerre.
- Meticulously made by one of the Loire's most respected winemaking families.
- Try with *Crottin de Chavignol*, the famous goat cheese from the eponymous village – a pairing made in heaven!

## Terre de Lumière Viognier, Celliers Jean d'Alibert 2018 – IGP Pays d'Oc

A luminous, exotic and perfumed wine that throws a spotlight on the Viognier grape, which thrives in the radiant Languedoc region.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the heart of the sunny Languedoc region in southern France - a wonderful "land of light" blessed by 300 days of sunshine a year. Here, in the foothills of the Montagne Noire, in a rolling valley influenced by Mediterranean sea breezes, our Viognier grapes flourish to offer a wine that shines.



France, Languedoc-Roussillon



Celliers Jean d'Alibert



100% Viognier

Redolent of acacia blossom, peach and tangerine, this zesty, aromatic Viognier beautifully combines ripe apricot with a gentle floral note.

- Textured, aromatic and versatile – the ideal everyday wine!
- An excellent introduction to the characterful Viognier grape.
- Blended exclusively by C&B buyers together with Celliers Jean d'Alibert in the Languedoc.

## Mâcon-Solotr  « Le Moulin du Pont », Maison Auvigue 2018 – M connais

A great introduction to white Burgundy, from a long-established family estate located in the heart of the M connais region

The Auvigue family have been growing vines in the M connais region of southern Burgundy since the early 17th century. In 1946, Francis Auvigue established Maison Auvigue in partnership with two friends. They based themselves in the quiet village of Solotr -Pouilly, where a golden carpet of vines rolls down to the foot of a spectacular prehistoric limestone cliff – the celebrated landmark, the Rock of Solotr . The grapes for this wine were sourced from the 'Le Moulin du Pont' climat (the Burgundian term for a vineyard site that has a specific microclimate and soils and therefore a unique identity). Here, the land is managed organically and human intervention is reduced to an absolute minimum. Maison Auvigue believe that if you let nature do the work, it allows the specific terroirs of the climats to express themselves through the wines.



France, Burgundy, M connais



Maison Auvigue



100% Chardonnay

Maison Auvigue deliver the perfect introduction to Burgundian Chardonnay, combining generous fruit, a soft texture and lingering freshness. Aged on its lees for a few months in their historic cellars, this wine boasts rich orchard fruit laced with ripe citrus, notes of toasted almonds and a mineral bite.

- Ideal introduction to the beauty of white Burgundy, by an historic family-owned estate.
- Ripe, elegant and mineral style, that speaks of its terroir.
- Grown following organic principles and hand-harvested.

## Côtes du Rhône Villages Les Becs Fins, Tardieu-Laurent 2018 - Rhône

Lightly spiced, easy-drinking Rhône, with obvious personality. No oak here, the aim being an extremely honest expression of pure fruit and terroir.

In Lourmarin, on the fringes of Provence, Michel Tardieu created a business based on an intimate knowledge of, and access to, incredible parcels of old vines. Michel and his oenologist son Bastien maintain an intricate patchwork of longstanding relationships with small, family-run growers.

Their main ambition? Wines which translate both vintage character and a sense of place. This is from the rolling hills of the Southern Rhône, The vines are planted on the big, rounded *galets* pebbles of the Gard, which are famous for retaining the sun's heat and releasing it at night, helping the grapes to ripen. 60% Grenache (60+ years old) and 40% Syrah (30+ years old). Wonderful old vine intensity.



France, Rhône



Tardieu-Laurent



60% Grenache, 40% Syrah

An intense raspberry-fruited nose leads into a decadently ripe palate of bitter cherry and damson. This is all about the supple, joyous fruit, a hint of spice, with thyme and rosemary on the finish.

- Punches well above its generic status: essence of southern Rhône - evocative.
- So sunny and summery at this youthful stage - you can almost hear the cicadas!
- Supremely versatile food wine - meats, vegetables and, slightly chilled, with fish.

## La Combe de Grinou Rouge, Château Grinou 2016 – IGP Périgord

A supple and silky Bordeaux blend, made with meticulous care by the Cuisset family, from land steeped in history.

Located near Bergerac, in south-west France, Château Grinou was founded in 1978 on the grounds of a former monastery dating from the 12th century. Here, the Cuisset family have created an ecological haven in their vineyards. Driven by a desire to minimise human impact and to care for the land, Guy Cuisset and his sons insist on using only organic practices and are currently converting to biodynamic farming. They encourage biodiversity by growing cover crops between their vines and refuse to use chemical treatments to combat disease in this rain-swept corner of France. The quality of this wine is a true testament to their dedication and unwavering belief in producing something delicious, while protecting the land for future generations.



France, Périgord



Château Grinou



70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Fruit-forward and juicy, La Combe de Grinou is an alluring, soft and supple blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. An easy-drinking Bordeaux style combining fresh plums, strawberry and a light savoury note.

- Small, family-run estate in bucolic south-west France.
- Certified organic and supports biodiversity in the vineyards – protecting the land for future generations.
- An accessible Bordeaux blend offering great value for money.

## Château la Courolle 2016 – Montagne-Saint-Émilion

A high quality, silky and luscious offering from Montagne-Saint-Émilion, the largest of the Saint-Émilion satellites. Merlot-rich, sumptuous, warming and harmonious.

This offers a wonderfully accessible entry to the Saint-Émilion style, at a good price. The Guimberteau family has been involved in wine production for over 100 years, with the current overseer, Rodolphe, the fourth generation. Château La Courolle is situated on the plateau of Montagne-Saint-Émilion. The 14 hectare vineyard is planted with 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, the vines a very respectable 35 years old. Temperature controlled fermentation and malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and cement preserve freshness, whilst 12 months in oak, 33% new, adds texture and depth.



France, Bordeaux



Château la Courolle



80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Lustrous, deep plum, this has a very inviting nose. Ideal for an early-drinking Right Bank claret, rich in ripe cherry and cassis, with floral notes and earthy mineral undertones. The palate reveals power and body, all-the-while retaining aromatic complexity – best with food.

- Rounded and textured with good underlying structure.
- Merlot-dominant - generosity allied to classic style.
- Works well with traditional fayre – particularly lamb.