



## WOMEN IN WINE MIXED CASE

Behind every great wine is a talented winemaker. In this mixed case we are shining a light on some of the finest women producers in our portfolio. These remarkable people operate in diverse regions and circumstances, but are connected by their passion and a dedication to ensuring their wines transmit a true expression of the vineyards. Their skill is evident in the glass, so allow yourself to be transported.

### **Folie de Roi, AOC Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, Plaimont 2017 – Gascony**

Lavish and luminous, this quirky heritage white is made from low-yielding, late harvested indigenous grape varieties grown in the foothills of the Pyrénées. Folie de Roi is a tribute to its unique terroir.

Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh is a tiny, hilly, remote territory in the heart of Gascony, south-west France. With a rich viticultural heritage dating back to the mid-18th century, the appellation and its characterful, indigenous, exclusively white varietals were rescued from extinction by Plaimont's vine growers in the late 70s. Planted on steep east facing slopes, the local grapes grow perfectly in the glowing sunshine, invigorated by the cool Pyrenean nights.

Made in homage to King Henri IV, who grew up in the Pyrénées and promoted local farming during his reign, Folie de Roi is produced in vineyards presided over by Marie-Laure Plumejeaud. As a key viticulturist at Plaimont, she is in command of the Pacherenc vines and keen to restore them to their former glory. Marie-Laure carefully selects the best vineyard sites in the region and uses ancestral methods to capture the essence of the terroir and encourage varietal purity.



France, Gascony, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh



Producteurs Plaimont



71% Gros Manseng, 27% Petit Manseng, 2% Petit Courbu

Generous, exotic and highly refreshing, Folie de Roi balances an unctuous palate of richly textured citrus fruit with sweet spice and remarkable mineral acidity.

- Off the beaten track option celebrating a forgotten appellation and its ancestral heritage
- Aromatic, rich and lively - a wine with a strong personality made from indigenous grape varieties
- Complex and complete - a food-driven style

## Pouilly-Fuissé Domaine Carrette 2017 – Burgundy

This classically structured Chardonnay, made by a small family estate, is full of subtly ripe fruits and minerals, balanced by fresh acidity.

Domaine Carrette was founded in the 1980s by the parents of Hervé Carrette, who runs it today along with wife Nathalie, a highly-qualified oenologist. This 15 hectare estate exclusively grows Chardonnay grapes and is located at the foot of 'La Roche de Vergisson', a towering craggy rock in the village of Vergisson in Pouilly Fuissé, the most prestigious appellation in the Mâconnais region of southern Burgundy. As the winemaker, Nathalie's goal is to produce wines true to her family's birthplace. At Domaine Carrette only the finest grapes are carefully selected from a single parcel, before the wine is fermented and aged on its lees in large oak casks. This creates a lovely silky and creamy texture, making the wine moreish and refreshing.



France, Burgundy



Domaine Carrette



100% Chardonnay

With intense aromas of pear, white peach and vanilla, the palate offers ample creamy fruit with a silky texture and fresh acidity. A lovely, lasting finish with some delicate minerality.

- Small family estate showcasing the purity of Chardonnay
- Exceptional value for money from 1<sup>er</sup> Cru quality vineyards.
- Delicious with grilled fish and creamy dishes such as fish or chicken pie

## Old Vines Chenin Blanc 2016 – Stellenbosch

Top quality Chenin Blanc from noteworthy old vineyards in the premium wine growing area of Stellenbosch.

Pioneering women in the South African wine industry, mother and daughter team Irina and Fran Botha created South Africa's only Women's Empowerment Winery in 1995. Old Vines Wine Cellars was created out of a passion for wine and business, and their early realisation of the importance of old vines in regenerating South Africa's wine image. Today, they are no longer alone, as many young women choose to study winemaking and set up their own cellars. Irina carefully selects her grapes from vineyards across Stellenbosch, hoping to find a hidden gem before someone else does. If needs be, she will physically stand guard over some magnificent old vines that an owner is looking to uproot!



South Africa, Stellenbosch



Old Vines Wine Cellars



100% Chenin Blanc

Rich and complex aromas of ripe peaches, white flowers, almond and marzipan. The palate is textured, with layers of ripe pear, cream and wet stone and there is enough acidity for a fresh finish.

- A winery that truly champions women in wine
- Supports the preservation of old vine vineyards in South Africa
- Excellent with fragrant food, such as Thai or Chinese cuisine.

## Öreg Király Dűlő Dry Furmint, Barta 2015 – Mád, Tokaj

A celebration of the distinctive Furmint grape variety, reflecting the unique qualities of Barta's exceptional terroir on the steep and highly-prized Öreg Király hill.

Barta Winery was founded in 2003 by Károly Barta, a businessman with a great passion for the wines of Tokaj, who saw the potential in a steep, imposing hillside in the village of Mád in Tokaj, known as the Old King Vineyard (Öreg Király Dűlő). Cited centuries ago as a Grand Cru vineyard, it had been abandoned after WWII, ignored throughout the Communist regime and gradually reclaimed by the surrounding forest. Károly set about clearing and replanting this long-forgotten piece of history.

Exciting young Hungarian winemaker, Vivien Ujvári, heads up the winemaking team at Barta and has a wealth of experience from around the world, making wine in the Napa Valley, New Zealand and Australia before coming back to Tokaj. Her philosophy is to focus on the purity and freshness of fruit that comes from the Furmint grape, using oak judiciously, to add texture and complement the fine fruit flavours.



Hungary, Tokaj



Barta Winery



100% Furmint

An expressive wine with aromas of quince, apple, lime leaf and jasmine. The palate balances ripe fruit – white peach, yellow plum, greengage, pineapple – with a touch of spicy oak and mineral freshness.

- Will appeal to fans of white burgundy or mature Riesling
- Refined and complex
- Part of an incredible project to revitalise a great vineyard, abandoned under Communism

## Shiraz Nelson Estate 2013 – Paarl

A delicious example of the high quality modern wines now coming out of South Africa, with bold dark fruit tempered by an elegant freshness.

Nelson Estate is a family wine farm in every sense of the word. Restoring an old farm into a leading winery was a childhood dream for founder Alan Nelson and today his daughter Lisha is its talented winemaker, with her husband Petrus as the viticulturist. Situated in the Paarl region, on the seaward side of its namesake mountain, the vineyards benefit from close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, with its cooling night breezes and misty mornings. These are responsible for the trademark freshness found in all of Nelson Estate's wines.

Lisha diligently ensures that the utmost care goes into producing every bottle of these award winning wines. Aged for 18 months in new French oak barrels, this Shiraz is focused and structured, yet elegant and fresh.



South Africa, Paarl



Nelson Estate



100% Shiraz

Dark, ripe fruit on the nose with rich mocha notes. The body of the wine is concentrated and mature with silky tannins and a smoky, savoury finish. The fresh acidity will leave you wanting more!

- Lisha Nelson is an award-winning, rising star of South African winemaking
- Intense and elegant with some bottle age, which has allowed the tannins to soften
- Wonderful with barbecued red meat, steak or ragu-based pasta sauces

## Quinta de Chocapalha Tinto 2015 - Lisbon

From the sunny hills of Alenquer, northeast of Lisbon, an easy-drinking, warming red.

Paulo and Alice Tavares da Silva bought this historic Quinta in the Eighties, 45 hectares in Alenquer, north of Lisbon, which enjoys a maritime climate. The farm's production was initially sold to cooperatives in the main but when their daughter Sandra, once a top model, proved to be a prodigiously talented winemaker, the family decided to take their own wines to the market and in 2000, Chocapalha was born. Sandra believes in balancing traditionalism with modernity, producing wines with a lightness of touch and refreshing aromatics.



Portugal, Lisbon



Quinta de Chocapalha



40% Touriga Nacional, 25% Touriga Franca, 15% Tinta Roriz, 10% Castelão and 10% Alicante Bouchet

Deep ruby violet, this has lovely intensity on the nose, a heady blend of black cherry and blackberry, refreshed by spice and floral notes. The palate, elegant and well-balanced offers soft tannins and a refreshing acidity through to a poised finish.

- An intriguing blend of indigenous grapes results in a wine with real personality
- Treads the tightrope of intensity and freshness with consummate ease
- Complements red and white meats equally, meaty fish and grilled vegetables

