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Hermann MOSER 'Per Due' 2007 Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria 12% OS0027W £7.99



There is so much that is new and exciting about this wine that we do not have the space to do it justice. The young and exuberant Martin Moser runs the small family estate together with his wife Carmen (it is their profiles on the label). They have 20ha of vineyards around Rohrendorf on the eastern side of the Danube in Lower Austria. Geographically we are north east of Italy over the Alps and on the same latitude as Alsace. The Gruner Veltliner grape variety is the most widely planted variety in Austria, but the best quality comes from Kremstal and its neighbour Wachau. Per Due comes from a single vineyard 'Wolfsgraben' or 'Wolf's Ditch' first documented in 1284. But this is very much a modern wine, dry, unoaked and vibrantly fruity in an Alsace style. Serve cool but not cold.

Light, bright straw colour and lovely spicy lemon and pear aromas with a characteristic yet subtle note of pepper. Refreshingly different on the palate; grapefruit, lemon, quince and apple flavours with spicy pear and a touch of aniseed on the finish. Finishes long and fresh. To 2012

FLAT ROOF MANOR Semillon 2006, Stellenbosch, South Africa 13.5% ZA0886W £5.99



Flat Roof Manor is an individual and unpretentious range made by Uityk Estate winemaker Estelle Lourens. She joined Uityk in 2000 after time at Tatchilla in Australia, Simi Cellar in California and three years at neighbouring Neethlingshof. Having overseen an impressive leap in quality at this historic estate, Estelle wanted to produce her own wines. The aim was not to make tiny quantities of really expensive wine, but to produce something quirky and characterful at a good price. In 2006 she started Flat Roof Manor, with the grapes from nearby vineyards vinified at Uityk, and this Semillon is the impressive first result.

'Lemony 06 with 15% Sauvignon gains breadth from 5 months lees and barrelled component; pithy, firm finish, will stand up to curries. Good value. 3.5 stars' John Platter's Wine Guide
Gooseberry and cut grass aromas with a touch of lemon and allspice. Ageing on yeast lees have given some additional complexity to the melon, lanolin, citrus and leafy flavours. Nice long, clean finish. To 2012

Pascual TOSO Malbec 2008, Mendoza, Argentina 14% AR0528R £7.99



Established in 1890 by Pascual Toso from Piemonte in Italy, this is one of the oldest and most prestigious wineries in Argentina. Always at the forefront of innovation, in 2001 they appointed renowned Californian oenologist Paul Hobbs to increase quality even further. The success of Paul and his winemaking team was rewarded with the award of Argentinian Wine Producer of the Year in 2007. This 2008 Malbec follows in that line, winning a whole host of trophies including Best Malbec and Best Argentinian Red at the International Wine Challenge.

'The 2008 Malbec received the same oak treatment as the Cabernet. It displays a similar personality with a supple texture, soft, ripe fruit, and a seamless finish. 86 points' Jay Miller, The Wine Advocate
Deep, black cherry colour lightening to violet at the rim. Intense spicy aromas with notes of blackberry, plum, coffee and a touch of vanilla. Robust and powerful, with bramble fruit flavours, damson and liquorice, all framed by good acidity. Supple mouthfeel, ripe tannins and lingering spicy finish. Drink now for its vibrant fruit or keep to 2012.

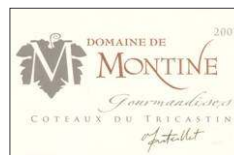
Chateau des EYSSARDS Blanc 2008, Bergerac Sec, France 13.5% FR3358W £8.49



This beautiful 38ha estate is just a couple of miles south-west of the town of Bergerac in the Dordogne. It is owned by Pascal Cuisset who is one of the most innovative young winemakers in the region. Pascal is passionate about his wines and believes that while technology can be extremely useful in winemaking, it is the physical labour and intuitive skills of the winemaker which really counts. His Bergerac Blanc is a dry white made from a blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon fermented in stainless steel. The vineyards are situated near the village of Monestier, which has a warmer microclimate. Combined with Pascal's winemaking skills, this gives the wine a slightly fuller and richer character than many Bergerac whites, whilst retaining the lovely freshness.

Bright straw colour. Attractive apple aromas with notes of pear, lemon and honeysuckle. Fresh and flavoursome to taste with apple and gooseberry flavours complimented by white peach and pear. Good focus, precision and impressive complexity. Enjoy now to 2012.

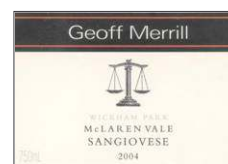
Domaine de MONTINE Rouge 2007, Coteaux du Tricastin, France 13.5% FR3317R £9.49



This family estate at Grignan in the southern Rhone has proved an amazing find. Brothers Jean Luc and Claude Monteillet are the third generation to farm the 55ha of vines and their wine quality is more on a par with Chateaufort-du-Pape than "humble" Tricastin. The secret is meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard, which includes training the vines on wires – more usual in Burgundy than the Rhone valley. Vinification is quite traditional, with the exception of a modern cooling system and the wines are left pure and unoaked. A silver medal winner at the Concours General in Paris, this red is a typical Rhone blend of Grenache, Syrah and a little Cinsault, unoaked and richly fruity.

Deep black cherry colour and attractive perfumed black fruit aromas with additional notes of raspberry, cherry, violets and hints of exotic spice. Savoury and mouth-filling with rich, juicy plum damson, black cherry, cassis flavours and complex gamey notes. Ripe, melting tannins give a lovely texture and depth. Enjoy through to 2012.

Geoff MERRILL 'Wickham Park' Sangiovese 2004, McLaren Vale, Australia 14.5% AU2034R £9.99



Even for such a dynamic and adventurous country as Australia, Sangiovese is rather unusual. However, this variety was a natural for Geoff Merrill with an Italian great grandfather and his love of Italy. This is the first vintage from the Wickham Park Vineyard and the grapes were vinified at Geoff's Mount Hurtle winery. In common with his other premium wines it has been aged in cask and bottle until ready for drinking. Geoff's winemaking philosophy is for balanced, elegant and harmonious wines that reflect his particular McLaren Vale *terroir*: So whilst this is a fully ripe Sangiovese, as you would expect from Australia, it has the character and finesse of a premium Chianti Riserva.

Lively, black cherry, kirsch and vanilla spice aromas with hints of blueberry and musk. Wonderfully smooth and textured on the palate with that distinctive Sangiovese acidity giving definition to the ripe cherry and bramble fruit flavours. There is a nicely integrated layer of vanilla oak that comes through particularly on the long, supple finish. A remarkable wine to enjoy now or keep to 2012.

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