

TASTING STORIES

INTERGALACTIC, Rennersistas, 2020, Austria, 2021, 12%

Region - Burgenland, Eastern Austria Grape - 33% Chardonnay, 24% Welschriesling, 16% Muskat Ottonell, 22% Grüner Veltliner, 5% Gewürztraminer Biodynamic, unfiltered, hand harvested / Soil - chalk, clay, sand

Tasting notes: Fragrant, vibrant, acidic. Good length and structure. Tropical and stone fruit notes. Mineral, Playful, fruit led blend.

Helmuth and Birgit Renner began cultivating vines in 1988. Their daughters Susanne and Stefanie, inspired by their parents working the land though with little wine knowledge joined the family business breathing new life into their winery. With just five vintages under their belt, they're already considered one of the most dynamic duos of new wave Austria.

KINGSTON BLACK, Wilding Cider, 2021, United Kingdom, 2020, 4.3%

Region - Somerset, South West England Fruit - Kingston Black apples Naturally sweet fine cider, handpicked from the ground, fermented with wild yeasts, no sulphites, unfiltered

Tasting notes: tannins are well balanced, between bitter & astringent, the acid is reminiscent of stewed apple & plum. Aromas of apple pie, toffee apple & orchard floor

This single variety cider is made with fruit from a single orchard, from five 35 year old trees that sit in a beautiful mixed fruit orchard with great biodiversity surrounded by a stream, woodland & hill grazing. This site is near Chew Magna, the home of west country cider and it is here that Beccy and Sam Leach, ferment in small batches.

MONASTRELL ECOLOGICO, Parajes del Valle, 2021, Spain. 13%

Region - Jumilla, South East Spain Grape- Monastrell / Soil - Limestone

Hand harvested from 15 - 40 year old vines

Tasting Notes: Bold, concentrated and elegant. Dry, acidic. Redcurrants, raspberry. green pepper, licorice. The fruit is fresh with piercing clean acidity and young tannins. Finishes with hints of spice and fresh tobacco.

Parajes del Valle is a new winery established by 28 year old Maria Jover. Her vines are maintained by the age-old "Terraje" system whereby fields are rented out to the farmers, who give back 7% of their production in return for taking great care of the vines. Almost all vines in Jumilla are maintained in this way but are increasingly at risk of dying out as landowners seek to change the system to more cost-effective alternatives.

MAURY GRENATT, La petite baigneuse, 2019, France. 17%

Region - Roussillon, South East France Grape - Grenache noir, Lledoner pelut / Soil - black shale Unfiltered, wild yeast fermentation in oak barrels, no sulphur

Tasting Notes: Balanced, aromatic, full bodied. Cherry, blackberry, red berries. Hints of vanilla, prunes and candied fruit.

Philip Weis 13 hectare vineyards represent the highest altitude vineyard in the Maury appellation, giving greater freshness and ventilation to his grape yields. Together with only 1 full time employee and a few seasonal workers for the harvest he works his land by hand, planting trees of olive apricot, maple, and almond in between the vines