



Taft Diaz Wine List & Anecdotes

“We are all mortals until the first kiss and the second glass of wine.”

-Eduardo Galeano

The first vines in the USA were not planted in California but a short drive north of here- in Socorro, New Mexico. Their primary origin: Canary Islands. It is likely they came all the way from that last port of departure in the old world. Listan Pietro, known here as the Mission grape, was planted by the missionaries first in South America, and eventually propagated, Mission by Mission and finding their way to Socorro via El Paseo del Norte.

When it comes to wine, history finds a new beginning in every bottle – At Taft Diaz, we drink to that!

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Champagne and Sparkling

Classic Method of Champagne making is a commitment to patience. A still and silent wine for years in the cellars before turning into the palate teaser, appetite builder, festivity giver that Champagne becomes. “Non-Vintage Cuvees” for a repeated year after year signature house style, “Millesime” only in exceptional vintages, and Grande Cuvee as the producer’s supreme representation of his craft.

Lily Bollinger of Champagne Bollinger used to say: “I drink it when I am happy and when I’m sad. Sometimes I drink it when I am alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. Trifle with it if I’m not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it - unless I’m thirsty”.

CHAMPAGNE

Maison Taittinger | Brut La Francaise N.V. | 95

Maison Taittinger | Millesime 2012 | 150

Maison Taittinger | Grande Cuvee Comtes de Champagne Millesime 2006 | 320

Maison Dehours Champagne | Old Vine Extra Brut Vintage 2011 | 170

Maison Perrier Jouet | Grande Cuvée « Belle Epoque » | 320

Maison Laurent-Perrier | La Cuvee Brut | \$90

SPARKLING

Domaine Carneros | Taittinger 2010 | Napa 70

Split Rail Winery | “Daft Pink” (Pet-Nat) Sparkling Rose 2018 | **Washington** | 55



Dry Rose

A Spring tradition when the warm days arrive, a life saver in the summer heat of El Paso, but more importantly a serious and versatile candidate to a wide array of food pairings, taking on spices, heat and cleansing one's palate.

Domaine Du Pré Semelé | Sancerre Pinot Noir Rose 2017 | **Loire France** 65

Amici | Pinot Noir Rose 2016 | **Sonoma** 48

Adobe Guadalupe | Uriel Rose 2018 | **Baja Mexico** 60

Crisp, light, & Refreshing Whites

Setting one's palate to be alert, calling for the aperitif hour or the starters best friend. Crisp white wines offer the wanted versatility to both pair and set the appetite in the right course especially if seafood or vegetables are involved.

Santo Tomas | Blanca Mexico "Mission" 2015 | **Baja Mexico** 48

Purlieu Le Pitch | Sauvignon Blanc 2017 | **Napa Valley** 65

Domaine Du Salvard | Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 2018 | **Loire France** 65

Lucien Crochet | Sancerre Sauvignon Blanc 2017 | **Loire France** 90



Aromatic & Engaging Whites

The fragrance in the nose keeps you guessing, and pulls you in. Think to match a little heat and spice, or just let yourself be seduced by exotic notes - an area to discover and wonder.

Totol | Vino Blanco Chenin 2017 | **Baja Mexico** 60
Ghost Block | Sauvignon Blanc 2013 | **Napa Valley** 45
Montenidoli Di San Gimignano | Vernaccia 2018 | **Tuscany** 59
Umathum | Traminer 2007/2011 | **Burgenland Austria** 45
Kiuchi | Yuzu Wine N.V. | **Japan** *Half bottle 35

Medium to Fuller Body Whites

The partner throughout; start to finish, or the old friend you know well and want to see again. A rounder mouthful combined with power and body, luscious satisfaction.

Santos Brujos | Chardonnay 2017 | **Baja Mexico** 48
Castello di Ama | Al Poggio Chardonnay 2017 | **Tuscany Italy** 55
Truchard | Chardonnay 2015 | **Napa Valley** 70
Prescription | Chardonnay 2018 | **Napa Valley** 45
Ramey | "Platt" Chardonnay 2013 | **Sonoma Coast** 115



Medium to Light & Refined Reds “less is more.”

A food friendly option where aromatics, finesse and structure allow for a continued dance with respect for both the “dancers”, the “plat” and the “vin”.

WEST COAST

Darioush | Pinot Noir 2015 | **Napa** 145

Ermisch | Erendira’s Rise 2015 | **Willamette Valley, Oregon** 75

Owen Roe | Kilmore 2014 | **Yakima Valley, WA** 70

Matthiasson | Lagrein 2015 | **Lone Pine, Napa** 100

Matthiasson | Refosco 2015 | **Napa** 120

FRANCE

Domaine Du Pré Semelé | Sancerre Pinot Noir 2017 | **Loire** 75

Nicolas Rossignol | Pommard 2014 | **Burgundy** 145

SOUTH AFRICA

Hamilton Russel | Pinot Noir 2017 | **Hemel-en-Aarde** 80

CHILE

Garage Wine Co | Carignan 2012 | **Maule Valley** 70



Earthy, Savory & Terroir Focused

*“A Sense of Place”, where the wine shows first and foremost its place of origin.
The very land, soil, climate and environment in which the vine brought the
wine to life. So many places, so many Terroirs!*

WEST COAST

Acre | Zinfandel 2012 | **Napa** 55

Ghost Block | Zinfandel 2016 | **Napa** 72

Matthiasson | Limerick Lane Zinfandel 2016 | **Russian River, Sonoma** 120

FRANCE

La Varenne | Chinon, Cabernet Franc 2017 | **Loire** 75

Domaine De La Guilloterie | Saumur Cabernet Franc 2015 | **Loire** 85

Les Pallières Terrasses du Diable | Gigondas 2014 | **Southern Rhone** 98

Le Vieux Donjon | Châteauneuf du Pape 2012 | **Southern Rhone** 120

Clos De Papes | Châteauneuf du Pape 2013 | **Southern Rhone** 210

Stephane Ogier | Cote Rotie, Syrah 2014 | **Northern Rhone** 135

Paul Jaboulet Aine | Hermitage Syrah La Chapelle 2012 | **Northern Rhone** 650



ITALY

Ca' del Baio | Paolina Barbera d'Alba 2016 | **Piedmont** 48

Viberti | Nebbiolo Barolo 2013 | **Piedmont** 85

Svetoni | Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Sangiovese 2015 | **Tuscany** 75

Fanti | Brunello Di Montalcino | **Tuscany** 80

Vigorello, San Felice | Cabernet Merlot Sangiovese 2013 | **Tuscany** 110

Livio Sassetti | Brunello di Montalcino 2012 | **Tuscany** 135

Il Molino Di Grace | Sangiovese Gratus IGT 2010 | **Tuscany** 135

Castello di Ama | Chianti Classico Riserva 2007 | **Tuscany** 175

Zeropuro Minerale | Montepulciano D'Abruzzo 2015 | **Abruzzo** 60

Cesari | Mara Valpolicella 2016 | **Veneto** 80

SPAIN

Capcanes 2016 | Garnatxa (Clay or Sand) 2016 | **Montsant** 75

Bodegas Mauro | Mauro 2012 | **Castilla y León** 95

Clos Mogador 2016 | Clos Mogador Field Blend 2016 | **Priorat** 175

Hammeken Cellars | Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon "Tosalet" 2013 | **Priorat** 240

Numanthia | Termes Tempranillo 2016 | **Toro** 70



ARGENTINA

Humberto Canale | Malbec 2018 | **Patagonia** 55

Luminoso | GSM Corazón Del Sol 2016 | **Yuco Valley** 80

MOROCCO

Thalvin Winery & Alain Graillot | Syrocco Syrah 2015 | **Zenata** 55

MEXICO

Casa Magoni | Origen 43 Blend 2017 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 70

Casa Magoni | Merlot Malbec 2018 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 82

DuoMa | Nebbiolo 2016 | **Baja** 65

Cava Maciel | Apogeo Nebbiolo 2013 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 120



Classic, Structure, Body & Fruit

From a world inspired by the Bordeaux region years ago, comes the multifaceted Claret variations that the world has to offer today.

WEST COAST California

Alpha&Omega | Red Blend 2016 | **Napa** 115

Ashes & Diamonds | A & D Cabernet Franc 2015 | **Napa** 200

Bacio Divino | Janzen Cloudy's Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 | **Napa** 225

Blackbird Vineyard | Red Blend 2014 | **Napa** 115

Darioush | Darius II Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 | **Napa** 465

Kamen | Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 | **Napa** 145

Matthiasson | Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | **Napa** 180

Laird | Flat Rock Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 | **Napa** 180

Hestan Vineyards | « Stephanie » Cabernet Blend 2012 | **Napa** 190

Hestan Vineyards | Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 | **Napa** 190

Hestan Vineyards | Meyer Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 | **Napa** 85

Meadowcroft | Dry Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | **Sonoma** 55

Obsidian Ridge | Half•Mile Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | **Napa** 100

O'Shaughnessy | Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 | **Napa** 235

Paul Hobbs | Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 | **Napa** 350

Paul Hobbs | Beckstoffer Tokalon Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 | **Napa** 730

Ramey Vineyards | Pedregal Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 | **Napa** 300 *limited

World's End | Good Times Bad Times Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 | **Napa** 470

Acre | Merlot 2016 | **Napa** 65



Hestan Vineyards | « Stephanie » Merlot 2006 | **Napa** 80

WEST COAST Washington

Col Solare | Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 | Red Mountain **Columbia Valley, WA** 100

Doubleback | Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | **Walla Walla Valley, WA** 175

Uriah | Red Blend 2014 | **Spring Valley, WA** 90

NorthStar Winery | Red Blend 2013 | **Walla Walla Valley, WA** 95

MEXICO

Viñas de la Erre | Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva 2012 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 110

Vinisterra | Dominó 2015 | **Baja** 80

Duoma | Dos Manos Red Blend | **Baja** 99

Adobe Guadalupe | Miguel 2016 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 110

Mariatinto | Tinto 2014 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 115

Monte Xanic | Gran Ricardo 2016 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 135

Bruma | Ocho Tinto Red Blend 2016 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 195

Bruma | Ocho Grenache 2019 | **Valle de Guadalupe** 195

Totol | Icono Black Mourvedre-Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | **Baja** 115

FRANCE

Chateau Jean Faux | Bordeaux Blend 2009 | **St.Emilion** 155

Château Pichon | Reserve de la Comtesse 2015 | **Pauillac** 140



Full Body, Rich, Fruity & Luscious

Mouthful, led by fruitiness, often oaked influenced but with balance, lands a coated palate from start to finish. Muscular and luscious all in one.

WEST COAST

Stained Tooth Society | Dusted Valley Syrah 2012 | **Columbia Valley, WA** 75

Sleight of Hand Cellars | “Levitation” Syrah 2012 | **Columbia Valley, WA** 80

Charles Smith | Royal City, Syrah 2015 | **Columbia Valley, WA** 300

Charles Smith | King Coal Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | **Columbia Valley, WA** 260

Owen Roe | Red Blend 2014 | **Yakima Valley, WA** 65

Owen Roe | Abbot’s Table 2014 | **Yakima Valley, WA** 70

ITALY

Pegrandi | Amarone Riserva 2007 | **Veneto** 180

Marchesi Fumanelli | Amarone Octavius 2009 | **Veneto** 250

AUSTRALIA

Molly Dooker | Two left feet Shiraz 2018 | **McLaren Vale** 65

Molly Dooker | Carnival of Love Shiraz 2016 | **McLaren Vale** 165

Molly Dooker | Velvet Glove 2017 | **McLaren Vale** 350