

# Renegade Wines

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Take Mom on a **Wine World Tour**  
this weekend!

Mother's Day weekend is upon us and there's no better way to celebrate than taking mom (and your loved ones) on a wine world tour. Begin with the exotic island of Cyprus, then head to mainland Greece, specifically Macedonia, then jet West to the Canary Islands for a fabulous surprise. Finish your tour in the Swiss Alps with a gorgeous bottle of Chasselas paired with the classic Fondue Moitié-Moitié. Your weekend will be complete, smiles and hugs all around,

As always, read, relax, enjoy!



The history of winemaking on Cyprus dates back thousands of years, with evidence suggesting that wine has been produced on the island since at least 3500 BC. Cyprus is considered one of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world.

During the ancient period, Cyprus was a significant center of wine production in the Mediterranean region. The ancient Greeks and Romans valued Cypriot wines and mentioned them in their writings; the famous Greek philosopher Homer praised the wines of Cyprus in his epic poems.

The medieval period saw further advancements in Cypriot winemaking, with the production and trade flourishing under the rule of various dynasties, including the Byzantines, Lusignans, Venetians, and Ottomans. During this time, Cypriot wines gained popularity across Europe, particularly in England and France.

In the modern era, Cyprus has faced challenges such as phylloxera infestations and economic fluctuations, which have impacted its wine industry. However, in recent decades, there has been a resurgence of interest in Cypriot wines, with a focus on vineyard management (organic) and the revival of indigenous grape varieties.

Renegade is excited to share the wines from this small family winery located just down the street from a 12th century church (Church of St Kirikos and Ioulitti) in the beautiful village of Letymbou.

A quick note on the wines: they are from ungrafted vines and farmed organically.

### **2022 Makarounas Xynisteri Aerides \$30**

Xynisteri is the main white-wine variety of Cyprus. Vines grown on limestone-dominant Cypriot terroir create beautiful, elegant, light, refreshing white wines. Here we have a wine full of energy and vibrating acidity, with mouth-watering salinity. Notes of white peach and yellow citrus, hints of pear and red apple emerge wrapped in an ever-so-light nip of pale honey. Fabulous texture and a lengthy finish make for a very memorable wine.

### **2022 Makarounas Spourtiko \$30**

Intense aromas of ripe apricot, light honey, thyme immediately captivate the taster. On the palate there's so much flavor here...tangy

citrus, apricot + unde ripe peach, heirloom apple notes too, along with a Mediterranean herb medially. This too is brilliant.

### **2022 Makarounas Cabernet Franc En Arhi \$30**

Cab Franc from Cyprus? You read correctly. There's so much going on here; aromas of cranberry and graphite drift from the glass first then hints of warm earth, followed by a mixed red/black berry bouquet. First sip and it's like someone crossed pomegranate with cranberry, then silky lean red berry fruit flood the palate. Blood orange emerges along with green peppercorn then a finish that's just begging for grilled lamb (marinated in garlic and rosemary). A perfect bottle to finish your Sunday festivities.

How about a **3-Course Brunch** with a bottle of each wine to accommodate each dish?

Let's call it **\$80 for the three** and make it a winner of a weekend!

## The Journey Continues with Greece



### Macedonia White

#### **2022 Kir-Yianni Assyrtiko High Altitude Vines**

(Greece, Macedonia, Florina) **\$25**

This is an Assyrtiko with intense character grown on the mountainous vineyards of Amyndeon not terribly far from where Alexander the Great was born. This wine is all about white peach, citrus, nectarine, and an

amazing floral bouquet. Great mouthwatering acidity and a zesty finish makes this a perfect brunch wine.



## Jancis Robinson's Wine of the Week!

**2021 Alpha Estate Xinomavro  
Single Vineyard Hedgehog**  
(Greece, Macedonia, Amyndaio) **\$30**

"If you want to know what pure,  
refreshing and yet ageworthy

Xinomavro tastes like, try this wine from the high, windy plateau of Amyndeio in northern Greece, a region not far from the border with North Macedonia... this is the quintessential Xinomavro." -Julia Harding MW

Back at Renegade we found the wine to be light, bright, zippy, and ever-so-worthy.

## Off to the Canaries

### Island Life

**2022 Bodega Hermanos Mesa  
Valle de Güímar Locartas**  
(Spain, Canary Islands, Tenerife,  
Valle de Güímar) **\$28**

An electric, mouthwatering white wine from the Mesa brothers. These three young gents took up the mantle of the winery that their grandfather founded 80 years ago in the Valle de Güímar, and have used the bounty of their very old, pre-phylloxera vineyards to produce scintillating wines that show off this unique terroir perfectly. White flower and sea breeze describe this wine well. Throw in notes of apricot, zesty acidity + salinity and you have one perfectly unique wine.

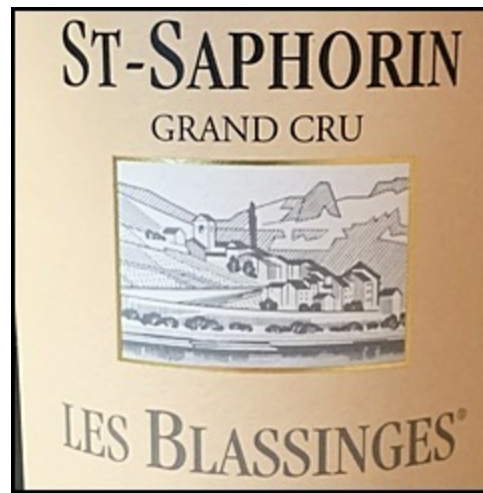


## Mountain Wine

**2022 Pierre-Luc Leyvraz  
Chasselas Grand Cru Les  
Blassinges**

(Switzerland, Vaud, Lavaux, St.  
Saphorin) **\$35**

The St-Saphorin Grand Cru Les Blassinges wine is a classic of this fascinating appellation with its steep terraced vineyards overlooking Lac Léman/Lake Geneva. The wine offers a pure, fresh and mineral bouquet of ripe pears, crushed stones and loads of charm. Rich and juicy yet lean and elegant with a medium weight and a long, stimulating, salty finish. This is a picture-book Chasselas made for Sunday morning brunches or the above mentioned Fondue Moitié-Motié. We also love this wine with Julia Child's crispy roast chicken.



**For these wines and others we are open Friday from 11-6pm and Saturday from Noon until 6pm.**

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## Happy Mother's Day!

Call **805.568.1961** or [email us if interested.](mailto:info@renegadewines.com)

**We appreciate your support!**

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