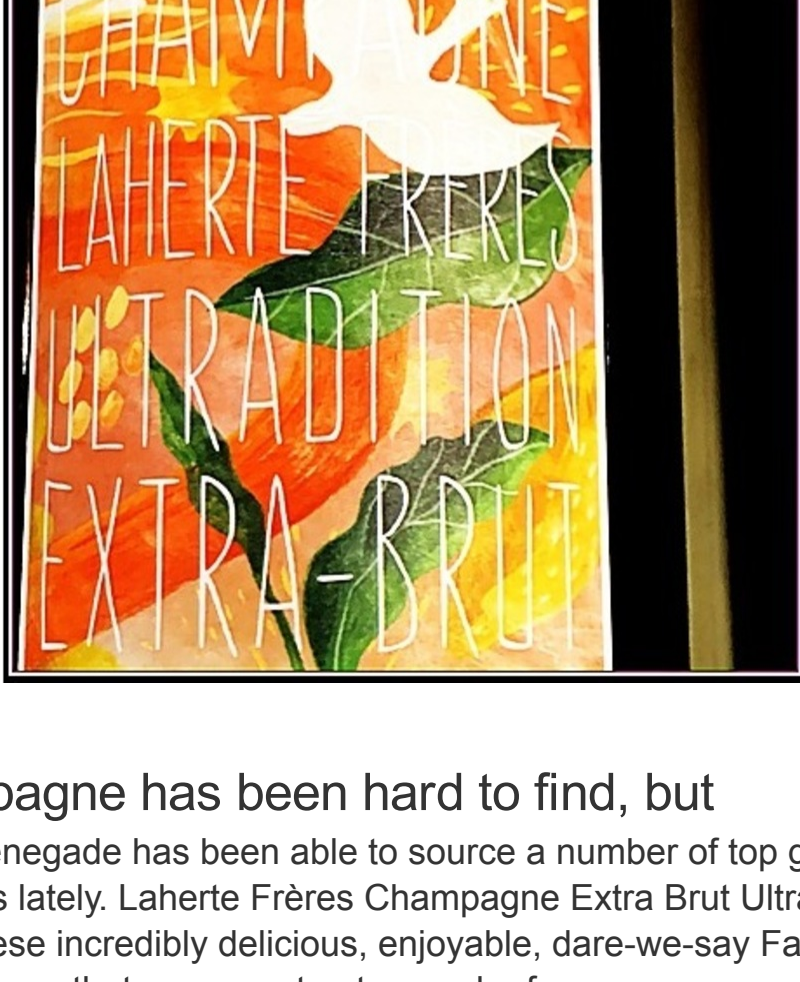


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Let's Begin With Champagne!



Champagne has been hard to find, but

luckily Renegade has been able to source a number of top grower-producers lately. Laherte Frères Champagne Extra Brut Ultradition is one of these incredibly delicious, enjoyable, dare-we-say Fantastic Champagnes that we cannot get enough of.

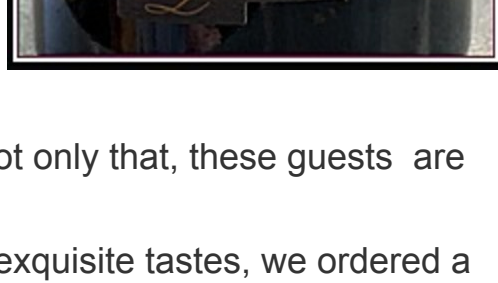
This sub-\$60 bottle (\$56) weighs out at a mere 4.5 grams of dosage. A blend of 60% Meunier, 30% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir from selected parcels of vines in seven villages in Côteaux sud d'Eprenay, Côte des Blancs and Vallée de la Marne.

Ultradition is racy and taught with loads of crunchy acidity and minerality which pairs well as an aperitif or with oysters, shellfish or ceviche. We overheard a great descriptor for the wine the other day: "...winter melon...". Sure, why not. Regardless, it's another new favorite in the world of bubbles.

Hello From New York

2020 Roland Lavantureux Chablis Vieilles Vignes

(France, Burgundy, Chablis) \$40



It was a lovely evening two Fridays ago. We were reminiscing about great Chablis of years past when we received a text with a picture of this bottle from our friend who runs a restaurant in New York. One of their guests had just ordered this bottle. Not only that, these guests are regulars at Renegade! Small world.

Knowing that everyone involved has exquisite tastes, we ordered a case for the shop. And have since enjoyed two unbelievably great bottles of Chablis. This is a 'don't miss' in our book.

Volcanic Dust

2019 Vini Biondi Etna Bianco Pianta

(Italy, Sicily, Etna DOC) \$52



We love the Caricante grape and there's few producers that do it better than Ciro Biondi. The wine starts out with a bright richness and much texture. With a few swirls we coaxed out the beautiful minerality that brought the wine into balance. Fabulously long finish; a real winner here.

Armenian Magic

2020 Zorah Voski (White)

(Armenia, Vayots Dzor) \$48



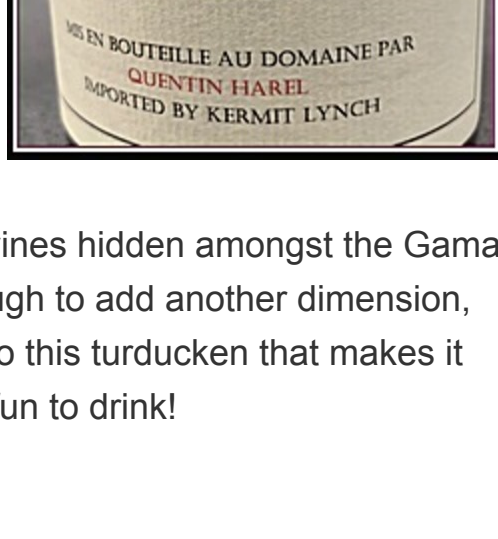
Archaeological evidence suggests that both Voskèak and Garandmak varietals have been present in Armenia for millennia. Voskèat in translation "Golden seed" is considered Queen of Armenia's grapes. Garandmak, in translation "Fatty tail", one of the most popular grapes in Armenia.

Vibrant, juicy and layered with beautiful acidity that comes from the high altitudes. Floral and spicy notes give way to a full-bodied white; a symphony on one's pallet.

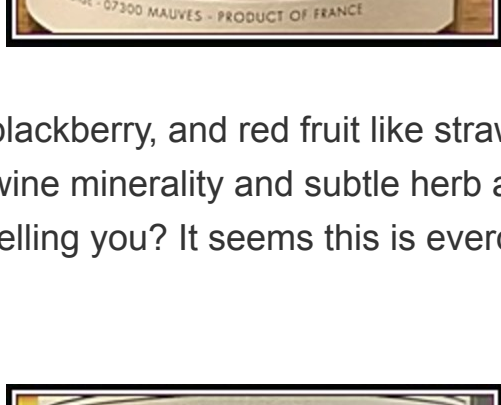
The Quiet Distraction

2021 Quentin Harel Beaujolais-Villages Les Grandes Terres

(France, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Beaujolais-Villages) \$22



We'll let you in on a little secret: the "Grandes Terres" parcel is an old field blend with Pinot Noir, a few old Swiss varieties, and some teinturier vines hidden amongst the Gamay. Not too many of course, but just enough to add another dimension, some complexity, and some stuffing to this turducken that makes it stand out and, most important of all, fun to drink!



Heart-Felt

2020 J.L. Chave Sélection Côtes du Rhône Mon Cœur

(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône)

\$24.50 - 750ml / \$52 - 1.5 Liter

A blend of 50/50 Grenache and Syrah resulting in both dark black fruit like black currant and

blackberry, and red fruit like strawberry. The unique terroir gives this wine minerality and subtle herb and spice notes. But why are we telling you? It seems this is everone's favorite go-to Rhone Wine!



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2016 Château de Caladroy Cuvée Les Schistes

(France, Côtes du Roussillon Villages) \$18.50

This wine is distinctly of Roussillon, filled with dark, spicy, generous fruit that superbly compliments

flavored Catalan cuisine. The blend is Syrah, Grenache, Carignan, and Mourvèdre, and the grapes come from Caladroy's sun-drenched vineyards 350 meters above the Mediterranean. These vineyards grow in the lee of the towering Pyrenees and are among the lowest yielding in Roussillon.

Sublime with cassoulet.



Game-Changer

2017 Domaine Labranche-Laffont Madiran

(France, Southwest France, Madiran) \$20

Domaine Labranche Laffont is living proof that a tannic beast can be

tamed by a woman's touch. The wines of Madiran are often thought of as robust, with the Tannat grape throwing its significant weight around the palate. Enter Christine Dupuy, a game-changer in the region, with a mission to fight the Tannat stereotype.

The estate is known as the keeper of hidden gems, as Christine is one of two winemakers in Madiran (with legend Alain Brumont) to own Tannat vines that date back to the pre-phyloxera era at the end of the 19th century.

As for the wine: floral notes with red and black berries. Generous earthiness and a subtle smokiness. Beautiful volume with ripe tannins, black fruits, earthiness and spice with a charming texture. Savoury powerful finish. You go girl!

Yes...6 Hours...or 7...

2016 Domaine Michel Gay et Fils Corton-Renardes Vieilles Vignes

(France, Burgundy, Côte de Beaune, Corton Grand Cru) \$135



Old vines, check. Spice, check. Savory goodness, check. Wow factor, certainly.

In fact we did decant for close to 6 hours, then back in the bottle, took said bottle to a Burgundian dinner, poured and let sit in the glass for an hour. The last sip was the wow factor.

Plan ahead with this one or cellar for a few years time. It is worthy.



2020 Zorah Karasi (Armenia, Vayots Dzor) \$45

And finally the wine you've all been waiting for: This stellar Armenian Red from the almost never heard of grape: Areni. First, [explore their website. It's really cool.](#) The opening 'scene' is straight out of an Indian Jones film.

Here's a quick 'how's it done': Fermentation takes place in rough, temperature controlled, concrete tanks using only natural yeast. Aging is in large local amphorae, known as "karasi" buried ¾ in the ground as per ancient local traditions for around 12 months. Further 6 months of aging in bottles.

Exotic and textured, a deep and rich wine with great fruit and firm long finish and gripping tannins. This is a riveting wine.

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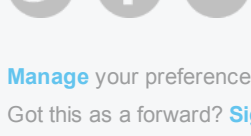
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