

IL-QATRA

August 2023 Session Report

Session Theme: Pinot Noir

Date: 22.08.2023

Location: Oka's at the Villa

Attendance: 27

Menu:

- Beef carpaccio with pickled vegetables and parmesan royale
- Red pepper pesto risotto with basil and preserved lemon
- Crispy braised pork neck schnitzel with caper and raisin puree, White bean and truffle ragout
- Dark Chocolate cake with cherry cream and pistachio ice cream

Food Scoring: 7.48/ 10

		Wine	Region	Vintage	Varietal	Voting Out of 20	Retail Price	Importer	Consumption
Aprtf	White	Duval-Leroy Rose Brut Prestige 1er Cru	Champagne	NV	Chardonnay & Pinot Noir	14.41	€64.00	P. Cutajar	7
A	Red	Ben Leroux Savigny Jarron 1er Cru	Burgundy	2019	Pinot Noir	14.48	€45.00	Philippe Martinet	7
B	Red	Broglia Le Pernici	Piemonte	2021	Pinot Nero	13.78	€14.99	P. Cutajar	6
C	Red	Greywacke	Marlborough	2020	Pinot Noir	15.33	€30.00	Philippe Martinet	7
D	Red	Zusslin Bollenberg	Alsace	2018	Pinot Noir	15.26	€33.00	Philippe Martinet	8
					Average	14.65		Average per member	1.29

<p>Wine: Duval-Leroy Rose Brut Prestige 1er Cru</p> <p>Region: Champagne</p>		
<p>Vintage: NV</p>		
<p>Alcohol Content: 12.5%</p>		
<p>Tasting Notes</p> <p>Critic tasting note: "Light salmon pink with delicate pink reflections and a lively, fine mousse. On the nose there are aromas of fresh red fruits, nuances of cherry, strawberry, a hint of greengage and some candied orange zest. The palate is light-footed, and freshly structured, with white apple fruit and a chalky-lemon finish." - 92/100, Falstaff</p>		
<p>Description</p> <p>Champagne Duval-Leroy is a Champagne house based just outside the town of Blancs-Coteaux in Vertus, 18km (11 miles) south of Epernay, in the Côte des Blancs subregion of Champagne. It was established in 1859 as a partnership between Edouard Leroy and Jules Duval, and is now in its sixth generation of family ownership. It is one of a few Champagne houses that is still entirely family-owned.</p>		
<p>Duval-Leroy Rose Prestige is made only from grapes with a Premier Cru designation and then aged a minimum of three years, a hallmark practice of the Duval-Leroy Champagne house. Made primarily from Pinot Noir with a touch of Chardonnay, this wine is made using the traditional method and has about 9% residual sugar so considered as dry (Brut) Alcohol level is 12.5%</p>		

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Wine: Ben Leroux Savigny Jarron 1er Cru	Region: Burgundy
Vintage: 2019	Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol Content: 14%	Price: €45.00

Tasting Notes

Light to mid cherry red. A little darker fruited than the Savigny village wine and quite fragrant. Spicy on the nose but a little darker and more savoury on the palate with a light note of char. Firm, dry but very fine tannins. A serious Savigny. [16.5++, Julia Harding MW – November 2019, jancincisrobinson.com]

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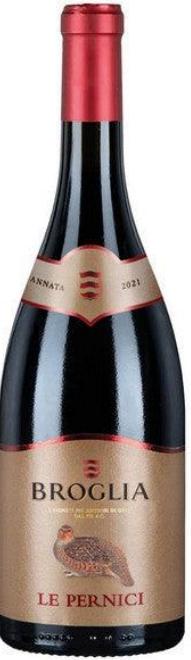
Benjamin Leroux is considered by many to be the successor of Henri Jayer, his knowledge about wine and most of all about each terroir characteristics runs deep. After establishing his name by leading Domaine Comte Armand Clos des Epeneaux for eight years, Leroux has started a négociant business in 2007 to make wines under his own label, in a winery that he shares with Dominique Lafon.

Production is very limited and Leroux is determined only to work with vineyards that have been well managed and produce outstanding fruits from interesting and unjustly under rated terroirs. In fact, Leroux's knowledge of Burgundy's countless terroirs seems boundless and producers like him are waking up the wine world to the fact that the reputation of many Côte d'Or vineyards has as much to do with the producers who work them than any intrinsic qualities of the sites themselves. He carefully selects his growers and exerts maximum control over them, converting them as possible to organic and biodynamic practices.

Even if Benjamin is known to be a technical master of oenology, he keeps a very instinctive approach of winemaking and an open mind towards every techniques, he perceives biodynamic as a flexible philosophy rather than a rigid credo and he chooses what he thinks is the best at each step. His wines are youthful and expressive, it seems that he treats his Generic Bourgogne as if they were Grands Crus, they are precise and poised, well-structured with a fruitiness enhanced by a remarkable depth.



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Wine: Broglia Le Pernici	Region: Piemonte
Vintage: 2021	Varietal: Pinot Noir 100%.
Alcohol Content: 13%	Price: €14.99
Tasting Notes	
<p>An intense ruby red colour with typical Italian Pinot Noir wine aromas with some floral notes. On the palate it very much reflects what was felt on the nose with deep fruit aromas, freshness, easy drinking and a good persistence</p>	
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<p>La Meirana winery consists of 65 hectares of vineyards, was purchased in 1972 by the Bruno Broglia, an entrepreneur and owner of a textile company. In 1974 the ownership was passed in the form of a lease to Bruno's son Piero and in that same year the Gavi doc was granted and the first wine was bottled. Today the one thousand year old La Meirana estate is managed by the third generation of the Broglia family, Roberto and Fillipo, the two sons of Piero.</p> <p>This wine is produced from 100% Pinot Noir from vineyards that live on marly soils located between 250 and 280 meters above sea level, with mainly south-east exposure. using a vinification method that keeps intact the typicity of the grapes. The method of cultivation is Guyot and it is vinified in steel vats with maceration in contact with the skins. It is also aged in steel vats to preserve the primary aromas and flavours.</p>	
	

Wine: Greywacke Pinot Noir	Region: Marlborough
Vintage: 2020	Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol Content: 13.5%	Price: €30.00
Tasting Notes	
<p>The nose is intense with ripe, primary dark berry aromas enhanced by winemaking complexity giving notes of oak, flax and coffee.</p> <p>The palate brings to mind cherry preserves, cocktail bitters, peppery spice and dried flowers. However, there is a brightness and lightness to the fruit, thanks to the lovely acidity and well-structured tannins, with noticeable minerality. Should be good till at least 2030</p>	
Description	
<p>Greywacke is a New Zealand wine producer located in the Marlborough wine region of the country's South Island. It is owned by winemaker Kevin Judd, who rose to prominence in his previous position as winemaker for Cloudy Bay. Grapes for Greywacke wines are sourced from vineyards across the wider region, and in particular those owned by the Sutherland family. The wines are made at the Dog Point Winery in the lower Brancott valley, which is co-owned by Ivan Sutherland. Greywacke takes its name from the high prevalence in the initial Rapaura vineyard of sandstone-based greywacke soil.</p> <p>This fragrant and finely structured Pinot Noir forms one half of the core of the Greywacke wine portfolio with Sauvignon Blanc being the other half. Wine Spectator gave this vintage 93/100 and Wine Enthusiast 94/100</p>	
	

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Wine: Zusslin Bollenberg Pinot Noir	Region: Alsace
Vintage: 2018	Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol Content: 13%	Price: €33.00

Tasting Notes

This wine is pure, fresh and spicy on the nose with ripe and wild cherry and raspberry aromas.

On the Palate it is round and intense with a higher than expected (in Alsatian Pinots) richness, power, very concentrated and persistent Pinot flavours of dark fruit yet with significant finesse and minerality. Notes of spice and wood. It has a persistent length.

Description

Located in Orschwihr, halfway between Colmar and Mulhouse. Established by M. Jodocus CISLE (former name of Zusslin) in 1691 and it is located in the east part of France, near the Swiss and German boarders.

The 13 successive generations at the head of the winery always had at heart to produce high quality terroir wines, showcasing the slopes of the Bollenberg, the Clos Liebenberg, the Monopole of the family and the Grand Cru Pfingstberg.

In 1997, the whole winery was converted to biodynamic farming: with an accent on sustainability and biodiversity development in their vineyards and orchards. The vines are mainly worked by hand and a significant amount of time is devoted to caring for the soil.

This particular vintage was considered very successful with Robert Parker of the Wine Advocate awarding it 95/100 points.

