

Piccadilly Valley - Adelaide Hills, SA
Parawa - Fleurieu Peninsula, SA
Joanna - Wrattenbully, SA

In 2002, Brian Croser and his family founded an exciting new partnership with the Cazes family of Chateau Lynch Bages, Bordeaux and the families of Bollinger, Champagne. The defining mission of the partnership is to produce Australian fine wines of distinction. These wines are taken from three distinguished sites; the Tiers Vineyard in the Adelaide Hills, the Foggy Hill Vineyard on the southern edge of the Fleurieu Peninsula and the Whalebone Vineyard in Wrattenbully, and the regions they lie within.

2010 Wines of Terroir - Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

2010 Tapanappa Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay has ripe peach flavours and aromas. Because of the warm vintage there are no melon skin nuances as there are in cooler years in the Piccadilly Valley and the fruit is completely ripe. Despite the warm year, the structure of Tapanappa Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay is typically savoury with a moderate alcohol and refreshing acid finish to a significant mouth feel and viscosity, the hallmarks of Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay.

The nuances of spicy oak, yeast lees and full malo-lactic fermentation build the complexity of flavour and aroma expected of the best examples of this wonderful variety. 2010 Tapanappa Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay “is a pure expression of the unique Piccadilly Valley terroir.”

**2010 Wines of Terroir - Parawa, Fleurieu Peninsula Pinot
Noir**

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750ml btl.*

2010 Tapanappa Fleurieu Peninsula Pinot Noir is the product of a warm vintage in a very cool site. The fruit is very ripe and plummy but with the nuances of the exotic spices and florals which make Pinot’s elusive “peacock’s tail”. The palate is fruit sweet but with a definite but silky tannin structure, always retaining the delicacy and elegance, which is the hallmark of this fastidious variety.

2010 Tapanappa Fleurieu Peninsula Pinot Noir is “a pure expression of the unique Parawa, Fleurieu Peninsula terroir”.



2009 Wines of Terroir - Joanna, Wrattenbully Shiraz

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750ml btl.*

Wrattenbully fully ripens Shiraz and is a special terroir in that it can elicit a noble response from both Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Shiraz of the Hooper Vineyard has the special terra rossa soil and climate derived flavours of the Wrattenbully region. The core fruit is blackberry and liquorice with the earthy and eucalypt smoke nuances of the Wrattenbully terroir.

The wine is not heavy or alcoholic but is elegant, dry and savoury and is defined by significant but fine-grained tannins. "This wine is a true expression of a unique Australian terroir."

2007 Wines of Terroir - Joanna, Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz

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750ml btl.*

2007 Tapanappa Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz has the very ripe fruit flavours and texture of this exceptionally small and early vintage. Despite the ripeness the alcohol is in balance and the silky ripe tannins meld with the ripe fruit flavours. The 2007 Tapanappa Cabernet Shiraz retains the elegant structure and the earthy, anise and Eucalypt smoke flavours of the Joanna, Wrattenbully terroir.

2007 Tapanappa Wrattenbully Cabernet-Shiraz is "a pure expression of the unique Joanna Wrattenbully terroir".

2008 Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay

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750ml btl.*

Tapanappa's 2008 Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay is a very typical wine of the Tiers Vineyard in a warm vintage. The varietal aromas are ripe peach and melon. Subtle marzipan and brioche aromas and flavours are contributed by the malo-lactic, yeast lees contact and oak.

A consistent terroir feature of Tiers Chardonnay is its very significant texture followed by a savoury finish and the persistence of the flavours. The Tapanappa 2008 Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay will develop spicy honey and brulee characters with bottle age of up to 10 years.



2009 Foggy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Tapanappa 2009 Foggy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir is of medium colour intensity and is cerise in hue. The aromas are initially delicate and ethereal hinting at roses and their freshly cut stalks. More complex aromas emerge of dark chocolate and mocha and preserved cherries with a hint of anise. The flavours are sweet, spicy and delicate and are poised against the tannin and acid in a savoury and linear structure. The alcohol remains unnoticed against the delicate but exotic water born flavours, the significant tannins and acid, beyond which the flavours are persistent.

2003 Whalebone Vineyard Merlot

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The 2003 Whalebone Vineyard Merlot was deliberately left out of the initial Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard blend because it was too full bodied and firm, and distorted the balance of the Cabernet Shiraz blend. It was bottled separately and kept in bottle with the intention of allowing the wine's exceptional tannin structure to integrate with the fruit flavours and texture. Tapanappa decided to release this bottle aged merlot as a mature example of the special qualities the Whalebone Vineyard can elicit from this difficult variety.

2006 Whalebone Vineyard Merlot

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750ml btl.*

The Whalebone Vineyard terroir exerts its strength across all four of the varieties grown there and Merlot develops the smokey Eucalyptus, anise and fresh earth aromas and flavours that are the signature of this distinguished site.

The Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard 2006 Merlot has the ripe plum and exotic spice of Merlot from the warm 2006 vintage. The very sweet fruit middle palate is matched by a significant bulk of tannin providing a fine grained and savoury finish. 2006 is a vintage defined by its tannins.

This is a rich and ripe wine, which will best accompany dishes based on braised ox cheeks or slow cooked veal shanks.

2006 Whalebone Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Whalebone Vineyard terroir exerts its strength in the Cabernet Shiraz blend as a combination of smoky Eucalypt, anise and fresh earth aromas and flavours. The Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard 2006 Cabernet Shiraz has the fruit sweet core of ripe mulberry and blackberry provided by Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz in the slightly warmer than average 2006 vintage. The Cabernet Franc provides a floral aroma note and silky tannin texture and has much greater influence than the 10% component suggests. The 2006 vintage is notable for its definite but fine-grained tannins. Dishes based on spring lamb lightly roasted with thyme or rare pigeon breast naturally balance and amplify the structure and flavour of Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard 2006 Cabernet Shiraz.

2007 Whalebone Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

2007 Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc has the very ripe fruit flavours and texture of this exceptionally small, warm and early vintage. The Merlot provides hallmark ripe plum and fruit cake aromas and flavours with big solid tannins and the Cabernet Franc slides in hand in glove with the Merlot providing floral aromatics and a silky tannin finish. Complementing these typical varietal expressions, the Whalebone Vineyard terroir provides its own unique thumbprint of smoky Eucalypt, earth and anise. Despite the ripeness the alcohol is in balance and the silky ripe tannins meld with the ripe fruit flavours. The 2007 Tapanappa Merlot Cabernet Franc is a very special old vine wine and retains the elegant structure and defining tannins of the Whalebone Vineyard terroir.

Terre à Terre

Joanna - Wrattenbully, South Australia

Parawa - Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia



Terre à Terre, a French expression meaning Down to Earth, is a small family business run by husband and wife team Xavier Bizot and Lucy Croser. They mostly source fruit from their vineyard located next to Tapanappa's Whalebone Vineyard, at the top of a North-South limestone ridge in Wrattenbully, one of Australia's most exciting regions. They also have access to a small parcel of Pinot Noir (Clone 114) in the Fleurieu Peninsula.

2008 Sauvignon Blanc

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

First vintage of this exciting barrel fermented Sauvignon Blanc from Terre à Terre's closed spaced vineyard in Wrattenbully. Re released in July 2011 and starting to show the positive effects of bottle age on this style of Sauvignon Blanc.

2010 Clone 114 Pinot Noir

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Clone 114 is a clone that was selected within the vineyards of Burgundy by Professeur Bernard, from the University of Dijon, Burgundy. It is said to perform variably from site to site, but of all of the Dijon clones, it is probably the one that produces the most perfumed wines. This is certainly true in this vineyard, as the Terre à Terre Pinot Noir Clone 114 has very intense floral aromas, a medium palate length and finishes with lovely soft tannins.



2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Cabernet Sauvignon was planted at the same time as the Sauvignon Blanc in 2004, but on the Western part of the vineyard where the soil is pure Terra Rossa over limestone. The healthy grapes were fermented in open tubs, before being aged for 21 months in old oak. The wine was then racked to a new 4000L oak foudre for final ageing for 100 days before bottling, giving a very elegant "oak twist" to this classic example of Cabernet Sauvignon from the South East of Australia. Aromas of blackcurrant juice with scents of sage and five-spice lead to a very structured mouthfeel with firm tannins on the finish. Very french in style.

2011 Botrytis Pinot Gris

*LUC /
375ml btl.*

Terre à Terre Botrytis Pinot Gris 2011 displays very good fruit and floral aromas of pears and orange blossoms, without too much exuberance. The palate is very balanced and linear, with good texture and finishes on typical Botrytis notes of orange peel. The sweetness is bringing great texture without being too overpowering.

Arrivo is dedicated to offering a range of unique handcrafted wines which all carry the perfume and structural hallmarks of the wonderfully complex Nebbiolo grape. With passion and attention to detail the ARRIVO Nebbiolo wines are made in tiny quantities using the best equipment and modern winemaking, combined with traditional techniques from Nebbiolo's Piemontese home in North Western Italy.

2009 Rosato di Nebbiolo

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is not simply a Saignée (juice bled from red wine ferments). All the ARRIVO Nebbiolo is picked and fermented at the same time, in a series of contemporaneous ferments, each treated differently. Of the various fermenting batches (in 2009 there were 7), most of what becomes our Rosato has a lower ratio of skins to juice volume, but importantly all of the Rosato is fermented on skins. The wine is aged on its yeast lees for a full four months, and once again in 2009 we have added a portion of the Lunga Macerazione to provide additional varietal definition, depth and structure.

2008 Nebbiolo

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The intense bouquet shows notes of deep red roses, dark berry fruits, truffle and anise, and is densely fruited. The palate is generous and vibrant with sweet, dark fruit; and the floral and anise notes follow through from the bouquet. The supple, fleshy tannins and balanced acidity carry the flavours through to the long finish, with a characteristic Nebbiolo tannin/acid tweak.



Ceretto is a third generation family wine enterprise that was founded more than 70 years ago in the wonderful Piedmont region of Italy. It has built up its impressive international reputation going by the motto of achieving excellence in wine, and by acting as an ambassador for Piedmont and Italy throughout the world.

2010 Moscato d'Asti DOCG

*LUC /
375ml btl.*

This sweet white is the dessert wine par excellence.

Straw-yellow of varying intensity depending on the vintage, it has an intensely fruity nose which is aromatic and very persistent.

The sweet flavor is beautifully balanced with the low alcohol (5% vol.) and the acidity, which - though never high - gives the product an appealing freshness.

2010 Dolcetto d'Alba DOC Rossana

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This wine is characteristically fresh on the nose, evoking perfumes of just-pressed wine, rich with intense notes of small red fruits. In the mouth the structure is immediately noticeable, accompanied by a pleasant acidity, elegance and softness. This Dolcetto finishes with a slightly brusque, almond aftertaste, typical of the variety.

2009 Dolcetto d'Alba DOC Rossana

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Ruby red, with a delicately vinous nose packed with flowery and fruity sensations. Its dry taste is highlighted by a slight almondy streak, which contributes clearly to its varietal character.



2010 Langhe Arneis DOC Blange

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Arneis is a native varietal which produces a very fruity wine with hints of pears and apples. Its fragrance and flavour are also enhanced by the small amount of carbon dioxide kept from the fermentation, which also helps to make up for the variety's low acidity.

2010 Barbera d'Alba DOC Piana

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Barbera Piana 2010 displays a notable structure, which helps to balance the exuberant acidity, resulting in an extremely easy-drinking and enjoyable wine.

2009 Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC Bernardina

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Nebbiolo d'Alba Bernardina 2009 presents a magnificent example of this distinguished Piedmont varietal, fully expressing its characteristic, intense aromas in continuous evolution. In the mouth, the elegance of extremely pleasant and soft tannins dominates.

2008 Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC Bernardina

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Delicate nose conjuring up violets, which becomes finer and more marked on ageing. Smooth, well-balanced, dry flavor, always accompanied by good body.

2008 Barbaresco DOCG Asij

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This Barbaresco displays complex aromas of violet and liquorice. Truthful to the variety, this wines displays a very good tannin structure on the palate. Built for ageing.



2006 Barolo DOCG Zonchera

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is a soft, smooth, round Barolo. With its moderate tannins, its alcohol and acidity are generally well-balanced. Extraordinarily easy to drink just a few months after bottling, in outstanding vintages it can also be cellared for considerably longer than 10 years. 2006 has produced classic nebbiolos, with high tannins and typical tar and roses fragrance. A wine for the cellar.

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2007 Barbaresco DOCG Bernardot

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

An opulent, full-bodied wine, packed with soft tannins that are already nicely evolved and silky. Very concentrated and varied on the nose, with the classic signs of flowers and red fruit in the foreground. This is a wine that fully expresses Nebbiolo's character, with a structure destined to guarantee a lengthy cellar life in constant development.

2006 Barolo DOCG Prapo

*LUC /
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2007 Barolo DOCG Brunate

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

96 points Galloni: "The 2007 Barolo Brunate is a gorgeous, refined wine. An expressive, open bouquet melds into dark, sensual fruit. The Brunate possesses gorgeous delineation, wonderful inner perfume and polished tannins that frame the majestic finish. In this vintage the French oak is also exceptionally well-balanced. The freshness, vibrancy and overall sense of harmony elevate the Brunate into the top tier of 2007 Baroli. This beautiful, aristocratic Barolo is the finest young wine I have tasted from Ceretto in a long time. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2032."

2007 Barbaresco DOCG Bricco Asili

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A complex, ethereal bouquet with hints of dog-rose, violet and liquorice. With its caressing, dry taste, in the mouth this wine highlights the excellence in the range of Barbarescos. Though it is capable of exciting the taste-buds after just a year in the bottle, the sensations are sure to increase on ageing: we recommend 3 to 15 years.



2006 Barolo DOCG Bricco Rocche

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Delicate and harmonious in certain respects, and powerful and robust in others, this is a demanding, complex, elegant wine. Its grandeur shows through already just a few months after bottling, and gradually increases as the flowery aromas of its youth give way to ethereal spices, chocolate and truffle. 2006 has produced classic nebbiolos, with high tannins and typical tar and roses fragrance. A wine for the cellar.

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The Clos de Tart is in the heart of the Cotes de Nuits, in Morey-Saint-Denis. Cistercian nuns created the Domaine in the XIIth century. It comprises 7.5 hectares in one block around which a wall was built in the XVth century, creating the "clos". The cellar is located within the boundaries of the Clos. Since its creation, this Clos has never been parcelled out and it is presently the largest Grand Cru classified property in Burgundy.

2009 Clos de Tart Grand Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

From Jancis Robinson - Date tasted 28 Oct 2010 - Score: 17.5+

NB: The final assemblage had not been made at the time of tasting, so this is a collection of tasting notes and scores on the different cuvées.

Young vines – very gamey nose. Spicy with real depth of treacle. Quite different from most of the wines I have been tasting, a bit of gas and real bottom. Rather charming really. But it falls away on the end. 17 Drink 2015-22

Bottom of the Clos - sweet and floral on the nose. Fizzy and sweet and lively. Very flattering. But not that deep and dense. Quite different in character from the young-vine cuvee, just a little pinched on the end. 17 Drink 2015-22

Top of the Clos - grey marl. Very rich and spicy on the nose. Then a bit bold and over the top and massive. Not much acidity? Again, falls away a little on the end. 17.5+ Drink 2017-27

Now three from the middle that are exactly the same except for the proportion of whole bunch:

100% whole grapes - real lift and excitement on the nose, even the merest hint of green, certainly acidity, then sweet and polished on the palate. Sinewy finish. The most flattering cuvée but will it last as long as the cuvée with no whole grapes? (They are gradually increasing the proportion of whole grapes.)

50% whole grapes - more muted black cherry nose. With some leatheriness. Actually the acidity seems quite marked on the palate and it's a little chewier than the 100% version.

0% whole grapes - quite complex and interesting, Jewelery, less smooth texture than the 100% version. Chewy.



Assemblage - solid yet bright fruited. Very charming, Round and very vibrant. Certainly not backward! Lots of sweetness and some tension though not massively dense. Reverberant.

Two halves, one all whole bunch:

All destemmed - sumptuous on the nose. Then beautifully rich and lingering. Just lovely now with a hit of treacle decadence and great rich satin texture, lovely stuff.

No destemmed - slightly less exciting? A hint of chocolate? Or sweet coffee? A little bit duller than the all destemmed.

François and Isabelle Lumpp own 9 hectares of Village and 1er Cru vineyards (6.5 hectares of Pinot and 1.5 hectares of Chardonnay) in Givry, in the North of the Côte Chalonnaise. The Domaine is famous for its Pinot but also for its whites which show that Givry is able to produce some great Chardonnays.

2009 Givry AOC Pied de Clou

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Pied de Clou vineyard is located next to the winery on the outskirts of Givry, on the very gentle lower slopes where the soils are deep "argilo-calcaire". This "entry level" Pinot Noir from the Domaine is a "vin de soif", a fresh, fruity and easy drinking classic Givry, which in a normal vintage is simply structured. But, this is from the fabulous 2009 vintage, so expect more complexity.

2009 Givry AOC 1er cru A Vigne Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The A Vigne Rouge is "à mi-côteaux" - coming from half-way up the gentle slope of Givry where the clay/limestone soils have perfect drainage. This Pinot Noir demonstrates how Givry can be at its best, and challenges some of the best of the Côte de Nuits Premiers Crus. The 2009 is still very closed but has an amazing potential for ageing.

2009 Givry 1er cru AOC Clos du Cras Long

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is the Domaine's second "à mi-côteaux" site. This Premier Cru Pinot Noir has a classic velvety texture, very silky and with a good length on the palate.



2009 Givry 1er cru AOC Crausot blanc

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Crausot Premier Cru is at the top of the hill ("haut de côteaux") and is partly planted with Chardonnay. This Chardonnay is living proof that Givry can produce amazing chardonnay. Quite broad on the palate, but in a very defined style.

2009 Givry 1er cru AOC Crausot Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This "haut de côteaux" vineyard always produces classic Pinot noir with crunchy red fruit. The wine is very opulent, and has a great length.

Laurent Vaillé started Grange des Pères in the beginning of the 1990s. He owns close to 10 hectares of vineyards in the famous hillsides of Aniane, within the Côteaux du Languedoc AOC. However his wines cannot carry the AOC label since he uses varieties not authorised within the AOC: they are Vins de Pays de l'Hérault. Whilst his red has reached the status of iconic wine from the Languedoc, his white (900 bottles produced every year) is also very much sought after.

2008 Vin de Pays l'Hérault Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The 2008 vintage is reminiscent of the 2007 in Grange des Pères owner Laurent Vaillé's opinion. Very charming on the nose, floral and red berries perfumes with light oak vanillin characters. Very good structure and amazing length for a young wine. Such a great wine to drink now or age for 30 years!

2005 Vin de Pays l'Hérault Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A blend of Syrah and Mouvèdre (40% each) and Cabernet Sauvignon (20%) and some Cunoise. A glorius and enjoyable wine, a cross of Burgundy, Bordeaux and Chateauneuf du Pape.

2008 Vin de Pays l'Hérault Blanc

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A blend of Roussane (mainly), Chardonnay, Marsanne and Gros Manseng, fermented and aged for 2 years in 600L demi-muids. Flattering perfumes of white flowers and citrus, lots of freshness on the palate.

Jean-Luc Colombo and his wife Anne first established an oenological laboratory in Cornas in the Northern Rhône in 1982. At the same time Jean-Luc started a wine making equipment business selling barrels and the like to wineries in the area. Through his contacts, he quickly became very well known and respected for his sound oenological knowledge and soon some of the biggest names in the region, such as Georges Vernay and Michael Gérin, looked to him for advice. This led to a flourishing consultancy business that spread as far as Châteauneuf-du-Pape through which he successfully helped to introduce modern day winemaking techniques into this previously somewhat rustic region. This fight to modernise winemaking in the area led him to develop other innovations such as the association Rhône Vignobles – an association which reunited all of his clients in the hope to enable fruitful exchanges on how to improve wine quality, as well as promote “en masse” their advances to the wider world.

2005 Terres Brûlées

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Blend of different vineyards from the Cornas hill. Typical Syrah from Cornas, dark fruits and dark olives. 100% Syrah.

2005 La Louvée

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Single vineyard due south facing at the bottom of the Cornas hill. 70 year-old vines. Very intense flavours, excellent tannins, smooth texture on the palate. 100% Syrah.

2005 Les Ruchets

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Single vineyard with 90+ year-old vines. Intense flavours of dark fruits. Grippy tannins. 100% Syrah.

Bergheim, Alsace

Domaine Marcel Deiss is located in Bergheim in the heart of the Alsatian wine region. It is currently run by Jean-Michel Deiss, whose family has been making wine since 1744. The domaine has 26 hectares of hillside vineyards spread over 9 communes and 20 kilometres. The Domaine's website, <http://www.marceldeiss.com>, contains detailed information on all the terroirs Deiss has unearthed in Alsace.

2010 Alsace

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Vineyard blend from many Alsatian varieties. Very crisp, great acidity and flavours of pears and citrus.

2010 Pinot d'Alsace

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This wine is a blend of all the Pinot (Blanc, Noir, Meunier, Auxerrois, Gris, etc...) from different vineyard. Mainly Pinot Blanc, it has a very good texture, and the blend of all Pinot brings a lot of different flavours. Great finish, off dry, well balanced by a very crisp acidity.

2009 Riesling

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

Riesling from the 2009 vintage, classic Deiss Riesling, very linear lime-zesty palate and intense lingering flavours. Finishes off-dry.



2007 Pinot Gris de Bergheim

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This 100% Pinot Gris contains mainly the Pinot Beurot clone, a grape that carries more acidity than the widely planted Alsace Pinot Gris. There is some Botrytis, and apricot, orange peel flavours abound.

2008 Single Vineyard Engelgarten Premier Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This Single vineyard is mostly Riesling with a hint of Pinot Blanc. This is a very good introduction of Deiss' philosophy of filed blending varieties in unique single vineyards. Amazingly complex, honeyed nose, juicy lychees and stone fruit on the palate, great length finishing on bitter sweet citrus peel.

2005 Gewurztraminer de Bergheim

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is probably one of the most elegant and rich Gewurztraminers from Alsace. The fruit comes from various vineyards with mainly calcareous terroirs. The result is rich and luscious, with citrus, floral aromas and a great acidity. Still too young to drink.

2004 Single Vineyard Grasberg Premier Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This single vineyard is planted mainly with Riesling (with some Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer). It is on the same hill as the Burg vineyard, but it is at the top of the hill, faces north and has very poor limestone soils. The wine is very complex.

2003 Single Vineyard Burg Premier Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This single vineyard is a field blend of all 13 authorised Alsatian varieties. The Burg vineyard is relatively low in altitude, south facing and with rich soils (Keuper marls).

2004 Altenberg de Bergheim Grand Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is where the complantation story started, where a blend of all Alsatian varieties are planted in the same vineyard, and then picked and vinified together. This is a very complex wine, almost a vendanges tardives.

2004 Schoenenbourg Grand Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This vineyard is almost 100% Riesling (it is one of the oldest Riesling vineyards in Alsace , around 50 years-old, and is situated above Riquewihr, next to an old Sulphur mine). This is one of the best Alsace Rieslings available, in the richer style.

2003 Mambourg Grand Cru

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A field blend of all the Pinot varieties in the Mambourg Grand Cru, the wine is made in the manner of a Burgundy white (i.e. in barrel), generally with no residual sugar.

Jonquières, Languedoc

Olivier Jullien is a pioneer of the Languedoc. When he took over the family domaine in 1985, he was one of the only believers of the potential of the Terrasses du Larzac (large terraces on the edge of the Cevennes plateau, North of Montpellier) to produce great wines from the Midi. 25 years later, he controls over 18 hectares of unique vineyard sites, managed following the principles of Biodynamic winemaking.

2009 Côteaux du Languedoc Blanc

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This is a blend of mainly Grenache Blanc and Carignan Blanc, with some Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Clairette and Roussanne. A very good vintage of this dry white blend.

2009 Côteaux du Languedoc Carlan

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

This comes from a single vineyard comprised of Grenache (70%), Cinsault and Carignan. A very classic vintage.

2008 Côteaux du Languedoc Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The flagship of the Domaine, this blend comes from various vineyards, and includes Syrah, Carignan and Mourvèdre.

Sancerre, Loire Valley

Pascal Cotat is one of the leading domaines of Sancerre, producing traditional style of wines in oak. Both his vineyards (Les Monts Damnés and La Grande Côte) are located in Chavignol, which is located east of the town of Sancerre. Production from the 2.5 hectares of vineyards is very limited and so naturally our allocation is very small. These wines tend to sell out fast.

2009 Rosé

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

We are lucky to get minimal quantities of Cotat's wonderful Rosé each year. This vin de table is made from Pinot Noir grapes that are pressed in the same manner as white wines. Displaying typical richness and texture that is Cotat's style, with lovely fresh red fruit aromas and a beautiful colour.

2010 Les Monts Damnés Sancerre

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Monts Damnés vineyard is a famous lieu-dit in Chavignol. Pascal owns 1.5 hectares in the higher parts, facing due north, and the vines are around 35 years-old. Fermented in old oak barrels, this wine always shows hints of gun flint and chalk on the nose with distinct pear and smokey notes. Lush and complex with a slight amount of residual sugar to round off the finish.

2010 La Grande Côte Sancerre

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The Grande Côte vineyard is a 60 year-old, 1 hectare vineyard on a very steep (30 degree inclination) north facing slope in Chavignol with soils that are very rich in clay. This site is entirely owned by Pascal and François Cotat, and they have trademarked the name. Fermented in old oak barrels, this wine always has more acidity and minerality than the Monts Damnés, coming as it does from a higher site. Spicy notes of cinnamon and chalk are typical with fresh pear and nutmeg and wonderful texture.

Anjou, Loire Valley

Claude and Joelle Papin-Chevalier started Chateau Pierre Bise thirty years ago. Claude Papin (a former President of the Technical Institute of the Vine and of Wine) and his wife are the most polemic defenders of the Anjou terroir, being perhaps unsurprisingly very good friends with Marcel Deiss from Alsace. They control over 32 hectares of vines, producing a vast array of single parcel whites, reds and sweet wines. However, it is his sweet wines for which he is most famous, and in particular those from the Côteaux du Layon.

2010 Cabernet d'Anjou

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

The must was pressed off skins with almost no maceration. The resulting wine is very fresh and fruity, even more than the previous vintages, with similar residual sugar (63g/L).

2009 Anjou Village - Sur Schistes

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

75% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. For the first time, the wine was fermented 100% in horizontal enclosed stainless steel fermenters (the must is fermented without pumping over to avoid too much tannin extraction) - this is the old method of fermenting red wines. The wine was then aged in tanks (no barriques used). The Schistes is very mineral with amazing tannins (no astringency).

2009 Anjou Village - Sur Spilites

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Cabernet Franc. The same fermentation vessels as for the Schistes were used (horizontal stainless steel). It was aged in 2-year old oak barriques. The Spilite is very fruity with good tannins, no astringency.

2009 Savennières - Roche aux Moines

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

100% Chenin Blanc. The terroir is very complex, with two different volcanic rocks (Riolite and Spilite) and silica/sandstone soils bringing power and acidity. This wine is fermented in 400L barrels (5 to 10-year old oak). It is one of the best examples of the terroir, very mineral and tense, no residual sugar. It needs decanting.

2009 Coteaux du Layon - Beaulieu Les Rouannières

*LUC /
500ml btl.*

100% Chenin Blanc. 50% of the fruit was harvested in October when the fruit had shrivelled but without Botrytis infection ("passerillage"). The remaining 50% was harvested end of November, after 2-3 weeks of rain, and had been infected by Botrytis. The Rouannières is made in 50% stainless steel tank and 50% old oak barrels. The wine is very elegant with a great acidity, with spicy aromas, ginger and saffron and great length. 180g/L of residual sugar.

2009 Quart de Chaume

*LUC /
500ml btl.*

100% Chenin Blanc. The wine was made in 100% old oak from 50% passerillage and 50% Botrytis fruit. The 2009 is very elegant with amazing quince flavours, and not overpowering.

Côtes de Bourg, Bordeaux

François Mitjavile is one of the most respected winemakers in Saint Emilion, where he settled in 1978 (at the Tertre Roteboeuf domaine). In 1987, he and his wife Emilie purchased a run down estate in the Côtes de Bourg, on the banks of the Dordogne, just after the Gironde estuary separates between the Garonne and the Dordogne, and almost directly across from Chateau Margaux.

2006 Roc de Cambes

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. Very dense colour, rich flavours and very good fruit and structure (charpenté).

Saint Emillion, Bordeaux

François Mitjavile is one of the most respected winemakers in Saint Emilion.

With his wife Emilie, he took over Tertre Roteboeuf from Mr Gilard, his father in law, in 1978. Tertre Roteboeuf is a 5.7 hectare vineyard on a slope that forms an amphitheatre. It is planted with Merlot (85%) and Cabernet Franc (15%). Soils are typical of the Eastern Côtes of Saint Emilion: several layers of very old dark clays in the subsoils, over limestone rocks. The soils are consequently very cold, and therefore harvest tends to be late. These soils produce wines of unique character and expression.

2006 Tertre Roteboeuf

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

A blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Profound aromas of ripe fruits, fleshy texture and almost decadent structure. The flavours are ever changing in the glass, which is one of the common descriptors of great wines of character.

Graves, Bordeaux

Chateau Villa Bel-Air is located in Saint Morillon in the heart of the Graves appellation. In the 18th century, Louis Dufaure, marquis de Lajarte, a councillor in the Bordeaux Parliament, built a beautiful classic mansion on the site of the Bel-Air property. The company was bought in 1988 by Jean-Michel Cazes and his family. They restructured the vineyards and renewed winery equipment. The vineyard is 50 hectares and vines are 18 years old on average.

2006 Rouge

*LUC /
750ml btl.*

2006 vintage was yet another classic Bordeaux vintage: the spring was warm and warm dry weather lasted until the end of July. August was cooler. Harvest was earlier than usual and started on the 18th of September 2006. The Cabernets were the last to be picked on the 5th of October, much later than the Merlot. This wine is very similar to the 2004 with riper tannins and a twist of liquorish and cedar on the finish.