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Through the Looking Glass ...



Adrian Filiuta of the Merivale Group is on the Spittoon this quarter. I have mentioned this before, But Justin Hemmes, the owner of Merivale, has done a sensational job of upping the ante of dining and hospitality in Sydney. His bars and restaurants are all world class, with food and wine at the centre of it all; something we love at Bullion Cellars. Adrian works at the Paddington and Fred's and if you want to see what all the fuss is about, make a reservation at either of these two places.

I always enjoy working with Adrian, who brings a very intellectual stance to his selections, with a very impressive knowledge on the wines, regions and styles. He has selected a new classic from Alsace in France, with a Pinot Gris. These wines can be found all over your favourite wine lists, replacing Sauvignon Blanc, so find out what all the fuss is about. His red wines include a sensational Spanish wine with over 8 year under its belt, a Carménère from Chile and a unique Syrah / Malbec from an up and coming winemaker in the Margaret River. Four wines perfect as we head into the cooler months.

Matt, The Bullionaire

2013 ANDRE KIENTZLER PINOT GRIS

Alsace, France

2014 VINA MARTY PIRCA CARMÉNÈRE

Maule Valley, Chile

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2013 ANDRE KIENTZLER PINOT GRIS *Alsace, France*

The Kientzler domaine is a small family-run estate consisting of just 12 hectares of vines, of which 3.7 hectares are classified Grand Cru. The total output is a tiny 6000 cases, so as you can imagine their focus is very much on quality.

This Pinot Gris is an unoaked style which is all about mineral freshness and floral aromas, all brought together with this lovely nuttiness and cracking acidity. You also get a touch of apple and pear aromas with a juicy and refreshing palate. These are the wines replacing Sauvignon Blanc on your wine lists.

2014 VINA MARTY PIRCA CARMÉNÈRE *Maule Valley, Chile*

Viña Marty was established in 2008 when winemaker Pascal Marty set out to create his own project in Chile. Marty had been with Baron Phillippe Rothschild in Bordeaux for 14 years before he became one of the key winemakers /Directors responsible for setting up Opus One in California and then Almaviva in Chile. The fruit for this wine is sourced from the Maule Valley. This valley is well known for its dry-warm climate and rocky soils. It is an ideal place to produce full-bodied Carménère.

Toasty, herbal aromas of smoked meat, leather and black fruits are in the lead. It's plush and thick, with flavours of baked blackberry, herbs, spice and pepper that finish with a mocha flavour and silky, plush tannins.

2009 BODEGA ENGUERA PARADIGMA "MONASTRELL"

Valencia, Spain

A single variety Monastrell is a rare beast, really only seen in Spain. Monastrell is what the Spanish call Mouvèdre, a grape variety better known in the great red wine blends of the Rhone and Barossa Valleys'. Bodega Enguera is a relatively new winery, founded in 1999, producing wines from their own vineyards. It is medium bodied and elegant with these very polished tannins and a subtle personality of red berries and prominent floral notes. Plus it has this strong white chocolate character which typifies the variety when grown in it's native soil. The most prominent characteristic of this wine is its age. It is so rare to find a current release wine at 7 years of age, drinking this well.

2014 TRIPE ISCARIOT "MARROW" SYRAH / MALBEC

Margaret River

Tripe Iscariot is the newish venture of winemaker Remi Guise in the Margaret River. During the past 10 years he has been involved with some of the most progressive wines and wineries of the region. He began Tripe Iscariot in the 2014 vintage.

Moving away from the traditional Margaret River Chardonnay or Cabernet, this is a medium bodied red blend from hand-picked Syrah (81%) and Malbec (19%).

Dark perfumes of glazed plums, mulberries and liquorice give way to more subtle tones of citrus blossom and freshly zested orange. Aromas of toffee and allspice linger on the palate, elegantly finishing with plummy tannins. This wine is full of flavour, energy and vitality. You really can sense the winemaker in his attempt to squeeze every part of the grape to get the flavour profile he wanted.

Only 100 cases of this wine were produced and this is a winery to watch.

Enjoy the wines! **Matt**



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