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We have a new Sommelier joining our merry band of brothers and sisters.

Alice Massaria has brought her spittoon to the table with a wealth of experience and a fabulous palate. She comes from Italy, but has lived in Australia for the past 8 years, working first with the prestigious Merivale Group at Ivy and then joining a new venture called Bistecca. This is fantastic steak house in Sydney with a definite Italian slant. She decided against an all Italian selection, but rather showcasing wines she loves and which are her customer's favourites. First up we have an Italian Sangiovese blend and what is known as a Super Tuscan. Alice has then chosen two French wines; one rather intriguing white wine you might be familiar with. It is made from the grape variety Aligote, from the region of Burgundy. Then an old favourite of hers and mine, a red from the Cote Du Rhone. Her selection finishes with a sensational Barossa Cabernet. A little unusual, but utterly delicious.

A great selection, thanks Alice.

Enjoy, **Matt the Bullionaire**

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Syrah 60% - Grenache 40%

Giles Robin has a good friend south of his village who is a third generation truffle farmer, with a small planting of Grenache, planted in 1950. (Don't you just love regional France?) Four years ago these close friends decided to create a new wine blending wines from their 2 estates and so Terroir de Bramarel was created.

The wine is a blend of 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache, which has been aged with little to no oak and bottled early to retain the freshness and vitality of the sensational 2016 vintage. A fragrantly scented nose is led by fresh dark plum and black raspberry aromas over subtle liquorice, earth and dried herb notes.



2016 ARNO WINE CO. CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Barossa Valley*

Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon is rare beast, as most of the valley is planted to Shiraz and Grenache. Don't expect the herbaceous, capsicum-edged wines you can find in some of the cooler areas Australia. No this is a pure expression of the Barossa soils and climate. You get the lovely blackcurrant aromas and flavours you expect of Cabernet, it is just a little more fuller and rounded, with the power you expect from the Barossa.

Deep in colour with the classic Cabernet Sauvignon nose of blackberry, blackcurrant and dark plum fruits of impressive purity.



2014 POGGIO MANDORLO "IL GUARDIANO" IGT TOSCANA *Italy*

Sangiovese 85% Merlot 15%

This wine is a classic example of a Super Tuscan, a dark ruby colour, but it is on the nose that the Tuscany is so evident. Red ripe fruits, black cherries, dried cherries and cranberries with some floral nuances, and earthy accents.

The beauty of this wine can be seen after almost 4 years in the bottle. Whilst this wine has plenty of life left in the tank, it is just a joy to drink a wine from Tuscany that has settled down, with all the edges rubbed away. What you have left is just a beautiful glass of wine.

It is medium to full bodied with a great structure with a smooth and balanced finish. The Acidity and tannins are in balance allowing this wine to be a great food match with most red meats.



2017 DOMAINE COLLOTTE BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE *France*

Aligote is one of 3 varieties which can be planted in Burgundy, but in most cases it is an afterthought to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. However the Aligote vineyards which have remained, have remained for a reason. The soil/grape/climate/terroir are all perfect.

This is a text book example of Aligote. The wine is designed to be drunk in it's youth, where it is showing plenty of minerality and peachy, melon like aromas and flavours. It has a prominent acidity, but has a full bodied finish meaning it can be perfect with your favourite meal or as an aperitif.

If you like Chardonnay, Riesling or Semillon, you will love this style .

A lovely glass of wine.

Enjoy the wines! **Matt**



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