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Matt Dunne has been working with Bullion Cellars since we first began the business over 10 years ago and I always enjoy what he brings to the table as to his selections for our members. He has chosen 4 great wines that are sure to impress any of your dinner party guests. The white wine is the first time we have offered a Muscadet from the Loire Valley in France and I had forgotten how nice these styles can be. Then we have a great Cabernet blend from New Zealand winemaking royalty that rivals any Bordeaux I have tried at 4 to 5 times the cost. A truly great wine. Then two reds from Cooler climates in New South Wales, a Red wine blend from a region just out of Canberra and Pinot Noir from Orange.



Enjoy, **Matt, The Bullionaire**

2019 DOMAINE DE LA COMBE MUSCADET RESERVE PERSONELLE

Loire Valley, France



Muscadet is all about ageing on Lees after fermentation or "Sur Lie" and this wine has spent 14 months before fining and bottling. Lees are the dead yeast cells created after the fermentation process. It has given the wine a fuller body and a more generous mouthfeel.

This is a classic full bodied and concentrated style of Muscadet. It has the trademark crisp, flinty notes and hints of lemon blossom, and oyster shell on the nose. What brings the wine the added level of complexity is the notable "sur lie" yeasty lees notes, creating a very generous mouthfeel.

2019 CRAGGY RANGE TE KAHU 2019 GIMBLETT GRAVELS *Hawkes Bay, NZ*

Merlot 54%, Cabernet Sauvignon 27%, Malbec 10%, Cabernet France 7%, Petit Verdot 2%



Te Kahu means 'the cloak' in Maori and refers to the mist that envelops their winery in the region. This blend is a homage to the right bank of Bordeaux, with its larger proportion of Merlot. A beautifully structured wine with elegance but packing plenty of flavour and all the better for the 4 years under its belt. That beautiful cigar box aroma that I associate with high quality Bordeaux is evident from the moment you open the wine. This is a wine of richness and an abundance of black fruit flavours. Aged for 20 months in French barrels, 20% new, the class of this wine is evident when you first pour it into the glass.

2021 SWINGING BRIDGE M.A.W. PINOT NOIR *Orange, NSW*

The Orange Region is one of the better, cooler climate growing areas in Australia, with vineyards situated from 600 metres up to around 1300. Swinging Bridge is developing a reputation for Pinot and Chardonnay, headed by their owner/winemaker Tom Ward, with the quality of the wines improving dramatically over the last 5 years or so. They also represent great value in the Pinot space, which is not always easy to find. Pinot Noir is extremely popular now and this wine is a great example of why. It's the kind of Pinot you can open any night of the week but has the elegance and class to bring out for your next dinner party or special occasion.



2021 NICK SPENCER MEDIUM DRY RED *Gundagai, NSW*

Shiraz 50%, Malbec 25%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15%, Tempranillo 10%



Nick Spencer gained his reputation at Eden Road Winery, winning Australia's most prestigious wine award - the Jimmy Watson Trophy in 2009. This red blend is inspired by the great Australian Clarets of the 1950's and 60's which were a blend of Shiraz and Cabernet, sometimes from the same region, and sometimes from multiple regions.

The fruit was sourced from 2 mature vineyards on rich volcanic iron rich soils. All the wines were aged in older oak, as Nick is wanting the fruit flavours to be at the forefront, and for the wine to be ready to drink a little earlier, without any new oak flavours having to settle down. The flavours for this wine are quite intense, blue and black fruits, with some floral notes and hints of aniseed and spice. It has silky decadent tannins and a very smooth finish that will mature very nicely over the medium to long term.



Enjoy the Wines,

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