

# the bullionaire

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## WHERE DID 2023 GO?

It's hard to believe we are in December and the silly season is fast upon us. Matt Dunne is back again this year, and he is one of our favourites. His selections this time have tapped into a recent trend running through most countries and wine regions, with people now looking for more freshness and elegance in the wines they drink.

Matt has chosen two red wines that perfectly fit this description. A Pinot Noir from France and a Grenache from Sardinia in Italy. He has then chosen a red wine with a little more grunt; a Malbec from a great producer in Argentina, who also happens to be the first woman in Argentina to receive a degree in enology back in 1981. Her wines are now seen in a lot of the great restaurants of the world. The white wine he has chosen is a favourite from Northern Italy, a Soave Classico made from the Garganega grape variety.

So these are the last wine of 2023 for Bullion Cellars. Thanks for all you support this year and I hope you have enjoyed the wines as much as we have!

Enjoy the break over the Christmas / New Year period and please stay safe.

### Matt, The Bullionaire

#### ABOUT THE SOMMELIER



**Matt Dunne** has left the role of Sommelier after many years at Aria and has joined the Joval Wine Group as Group Wine Ambassador, focusing on Imports, Wine Education and Plumm Glassware. Matt completed the Court of Master's Sommeliers Certified Sommelier Examination in 2009 and is an active wine show judge across Australia. In 2015 he was awarded a scholarship to the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial held annually in the Hunter Valley which legendary wine writer James Halliday refers to as the 'most exclusive wine school in the world'. Matt was a regular host for the Solotel Hospitality events program across all venues when he was in his previous role of Group Sommelier. Matt is an experienced as a keynote speaker, educator and has a fresh and approachable take on wine. Matt was featured as one of the NSW wine judges on the TV series called 'Battle of Vines' on the Food Network in June 2018".



#### 2022 LES COTTILLES PINOT NOIR *France*

Domaine Roux Pere et Fils is a family-run business based in the hills of St-Aubin, at the southern end of the Cote d'Or in the famous Burgundy Region. The family's winemaking heritage stretches back to 1855 and they now own over 70 hectares of vineyards across the region.

This wine is made from fruit sourced from various sites both within and outside the Burgundy region. It has a medium garnet colour, and you should expect vibrant aromas and flavours of plum and cherry with slight floral notes and nicely developed secondary flavours – a touch of forest floor. It is quite a full-bodied style of Pinot, so it is considered more of a medium bodied wine, and it has very balanced acidity and nice tannins.



#### 2021 SARAJA INKIBI CANNONAU DI SARDEGNA (GRENACHE) *D.O.C Sardinia Italy*

Saraja can be best be described as a winemaking super group of Sardinia, consisting of 5 highly experienced winemakers in what is a relatively new operation. Sardinia is a large island off the West coast of Italy famous for its tourism and wines. Vermentino for the whites and Cannonau (the local name for Grenache) for the reds.

With this Grenache, expect to see aromas and flavours more on the red fruit spectrum, cranberries, cherries and pomegranate that are combined with spice and warm earthy notes. It is bright and fleshy on the palate with juicy red berries and forest fruits, balanced by fresh acidity and firm but subtle tannins.



#### 2020 BENMARCO VALLE DE UCO MALBEC *Mendoza, Argentina*

BenMarco is all about viticulture. Having planted more than 3,000 acres of vineyards across Argentina's diverse terroirs. Owned by the very influential Susana Balboa and founded in 1999, BenMarco is one of the larger and more influential wineries in Argentina. This wine from Mendoza is pretty special.

Expect to find a wine that is smooth and elegant with prominent jammy fruit flavours, with a touch of savouriness. Think black cherries, plum, raspberry, and notes of raisin. There are also hints of coffee, tobacco and black pepper. A very morish wine.



#### 2022 INAMA VIN SOAVE CLASSICO *Veneto, Italy*

During the 1960s Giuseppe Inama, the estate's founder, began purchasing small plots of vineyards in the heart of the Soave Classico zone. Today the estate is managed by Giuseppe's son Stefano and his three grandsons Matteo, Luca and Alessio. Located in the Veneto region, the Soave Classico region is all about white wine made from the Garganega grape variety. The wines are very mineral and flinty and quite full bodied. And they offer generous flavours of spicy pear and red apples with a hint of lime and wet stone (think Minerals). It has a very textural palate that finishes dry with excellent acidity and a lingering, slaty, almond like after taste.



Roux Family Vineyard - Burgundy, France.



Inama Vineyard - Soave, Classico, Verona, Italy.

Enjoy the Wines,  
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