

The Grape Awakening



It all started with someone believing in the freedom of our personal journeys...

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- Slowine South African Rosé 2007
- Seresin Marlborough Pinot Noir Leah 2009



Loire Valley

Gracefully decorating France's lengthiest and most famous river is the strikingly beautiful Loire Valley. Often considered the epicenter of pure French culture, the Loire Valley not only offers world-class wines but also presents fine food and simply stunning landscapes that create the perfect French experience.



As France's third largest wine region, these vineyards benefit from their proximities to the Loire River; receiving both continental and maritime climate influences. Highly regarded for its production of white and sparkling wines, Loire is best known for its focus on Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, and Muscadet. Despite the white reputation, Loire is also graced with a rising red star known as Chinon. Chinon AOC produces some of France's most prestigious red wines from the Cabernet Franc grape. Additionally, other appellations of the Loire are producing successful reds from both the Gamay and Pinot Noir grapes.

Split up into several different winemaking regions, each area has their specialty style of wine. Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé are the kings of herbal Sauvignon Blanc, Vouvray is the sovereign of luscious Chenin Blanc, while Savennières presents a drier style of the same grape, Saumur sparks things up with the Saumur Mousseux, and Muscadet focuses on...well, Muscat. And with several more appellations and wine styles, Loire presents an absolute plethora of diversity to wine lovers all over the world.

Seresin Marlborough Pinot Noir Leah 2009 - Marlborough, NZ



This Pinot Noir from the renowned region of Marlborough is quite atypical to the candied-fruit driven Pinots of the area. Instead, this wine presents a medley of wild berries, forest floor, and hints of spice that collaborate into a silky textured wine with defined eloquence and complexity.

Spotlight on:

Tempranillo



With its translation meaning “little early one”, the early ripening grape known as Tempranillo presents some of the finest wines not only throughout Spain and Portugal, but the world.

A beautiful transition where Old World meets New World, Tempranillo is also highly successful in several other wine producing countries such as Argentina, Australia, and here in the US.

Dark and thick-skinned, this grape is unique in that it produces incredibly deep-colored wines that are not overly tannic; inevitably making these amongst the very few full-bodied reds that are easily approachable in their youth.

Depending on the climate of where it is grown, Tempranillo presents two major styles of flavor profiles. Those grown in warmer areas tend to display fresh strawberry, red cherry, and blackcurrants. Grapes grown in slightly cooler climates express hints of pruned fruit, dark cocoa, tobacco, and earthiness.

Particularly with American oak but also French oak, Tempranillo and oak barrels are thick as thieves and are almost always teamed up for months of barrel-aging. This process forms the typical aromas found in Tempranillo such as vanilla, coconut, and sweet spices.

Behind the Label

It's not just about a tortoise.
It's about a frame of mind.



slowine

The Parrot-beaked tortoise, or *Gewone padlopertjie*, inhabits the Western Cape of South Africa and is known to totter across the landscape and roads in an unrushed confidence. This label theme was chosen based on the philosophy of doing everything at its appropriate speed. And just like in the story of the Tortoise and the Hare, the tortoise proves that by moving steadily and at your own pace, you will have a great journey to the finish line.

The Galleron Family

A Time of Prohibition

Now a household name strongly linked to the incredible history of the Napa Valley, the Galleron family has been an important part of the community for over 93 years. In 1918, French immigrants Virgile and Angele Galleron settled in what is now the Rutherford AVA.

With the devastating enactment of the 18th Amendment, the Gallerons had to be clever and find a way to still make a living. They began making bootleg wine in their basement and transported it to San Francisco and Nevada. The backseats of the family's car were removed in order for them to transport the jugs of wine without being caught.



It has been said that Angele was so nervous about their illegal operation that whenever a car would turn onto their road she would quickly run out and use her apron to “shoo” them away.

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