

## Italy

### Botter, Italy

Botter family wines was started by Carlo Botter in 1928. After the Second World War, he was joined by his sons, Arnaldo and Enzo who grew their Veneto-based business with international sales. Today, their children: Anna, Alex and Luca continue the Botter commitment and dedication to offer real quality/price value at a range of price-points.

2016 La Fiera Pinot Grigio delle Venezie DOC \$12.95 per bottle, 12 btls 57 cases

*A delightfully crisp and fresh wine - both floral and fruity, with peach and apple flavours over a subtle mineral finish.*

2015 La Fiera Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC \$12.95 per bottle, 12 btls 28 cases

*A full bodied red wine with violet highlights and a fruity bouquet. The palate boasts dark berry fruit and spice best paired with tomato based pastas, pizza and roasted poultry.*

Botter Prosecco N.V DOC \$15.95 per bottle, 12 btls 25 cases,

*100% Glera. A fine example of Italy's most popular sparkling wine. A steady bead of tiny bubbles deliver a creamy, light-bodied mouthful of wild apple, flowers and a hint of lemon honey. Light-bodied and well-balanced.*

### Saladini Pilastris, Italy

The Count Saladini Pilastris's family have been making wine for more than 1000 years. Today, this sprawling 320 hectare Marche estate produces both white and red wines. All of the wines have been certified ORGANIC since 1994.

2016 Falerio Dei Colli Ascolani DOC \$14.95 per bottle, 6 btls 50 cases Organic

This white blend (passerina, pecorino, and trebbiano) from Marches has a gorgeous bouquet of white flower and lilacs with a deeper yellow color to match its bolder medium-plus body. The peach and almond notes work very well together and there is good acidity; this wine focuses on the ripe fruit and fuller body." **90 pts**, BeverageDynamics.com

### Luciano Sandrone Piedmont

2014 Sandrone Valmaggiore, Nebbiolo D'Alba \$47.95 per bottle, 6 btls 7 cases

Best known, for his two, always-on-allocation Barolos, Luciano Sandrone's continues his incredible passion for the Nebbiolo grape variety and the desire to show just how its expression can vary depending on the soil in which it is cultivated with Valmaggiore. Everything is done by hand, on this steep site in the Roero. "Sweet floral aromatics meld into tobacco, dried cherry, licorice, mint and pine in a finely-knit, sensual wine that captures the essence of this well-known Roero site." **90 pts**, A Galloni, Vinousmedia.com

2014 Sandrone Barbera D'Alba \$39.95 per bottle, 6 btls 15 cases

Sandrone brings out the best from this delicate and demanding grape by blending wines from three top sites. "Rose petal, bright raspberry fruit, mint and sweet spices are nicely pushed forward. Bright and medium in body, the 2014 is a bit angular and lacks the seamlessness of the very best years, but it is nicely done. This is about as good as it gets in 2014 for Barbera". **89 pts**, A Galloni, Vinousmedia.com, **90 pts**, Wine Spectator

2015 Sandrone Dolcetto D'Alba \$25.95 per bottle, 12 btls 18 cases

Four different sites are selectively picked, vinified separately and blended to make Sandrone's Dolcetto D'Alba. "Super-ripe black cherries, plums, spices, menthol and licorice are front and center in Luciano Sandrone's 2015 Dolcetto d'Alba. This is an especially ripe, flamboyant style, even for the year." **88 pts**, A Galloni, Vinousmedia.com

## Monteci, Veneto

2012 Monteci Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso,DOC, \$24.95 per bottle, 12 btls 8 cases

*The Righetti family's Monteci winery have owned vineyards in the Valpolicella Classico region for generations. Today they combine tradition and innovation growing exemplary Ripasso and Amarone wines. 75% Corvina is blended with 20% Rondinella and 5% Oseleta before it is turbo-charged with a second fermentation over Amarone and Recioto lees "Soft tannins, provide the frame to this flat-out juicy mouthful of ripe cherry and wild berry fruit, made more complex by notes of fennel,liquorice and black olive."*

2016 Monteci Lugana DOC, \$24.95 per bottle, 12 btls 9 cases

*Lugana is a small region on the southern shores of Lake Garda. Lugana is also the white wine made there fr om the Turbiana grape, a clone of the Marche's better-known Verdicchio wines. A great summer refresher that delivers pineapple and mandarin orange scents and flavours in a round lush style with an, oh- so Italian green almond note, and saline minerality on the finish. Delicious now, but like Verdicchio can develop further flavours with ageing."*

## California

Scheid Family Vineyards, Monterey [www.district7wines.com](http://www.district7wines.com)

SCHIED VINEYARDS is a big operation with more than 4200 acres of vines distributed over ten estate vineyards along a 70 mile-long stretch of Monterey's Salinas Valley. This spread of vineyards enables Scheid to grow a range of varietals: from cool climate Pinot Noir to Portugal's Touriga Nacional and Tinto Cao. Al Scheid bought the first 10 acre vineyard in 1972. A Monterey pioneer, along with Chalone and Wente Brothers.

2014 William Wright Pinot Noir \$19.95 per bottle, 12 btls

*Classic, cool climate aromas, text book Pinot brimming with bright cherry, strawberry fruit with a nice backbeat of woodlot accents, estate grown at the Northern end of the Salinas Valley. 13 cases*

2015 William Wright Chardonnay \$19.95 per bottle, 12 btls 23 cases

*Peachy, honeyed, nectarine fruit notes accent an apple and chalky flavour core. Closes with spicy, herbal and ginger notes' Monterey Bay fogs keep the vineyards cool and a light hand with the oak lets that fruit shine through..*

2014 Sargent Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon \$17.95 per bottle, 12 btls 15 cases

*This Cabernet is like your favourite slip-on shoes. Tamed tannins provide form and support to the blackcurrant, blueberry plum and a sprig of Mint scents and flavours. Versatile familiar flavours that are comfy with lasagna or lamb-rack, burgers or steak.*

2015 Odd Lot Red Blend \$23.95 per bottle, 12 btls 15 cases

*Primarily Petit Verdot Tannat, and Petite Syrah. Odd Lot is an unique red blend that even includes a little Chardonnay White grapes in a red blend, an odd lot indeed. Grapes are sourced from five different estate vineyards. Full of boysenberry, black currant, pomegranate, red pear and ripe plum scents and flavours, complemented by hints of rosemary, mocha and tobacco. Soft, silky, long and smooth. Odd Lot is like that fun friend that you want at every party.*

# France

## G.H Martel, Champagne [www.champagnemartel.com](http://www.champagnemartel.com)

Most Champagne producers buy all, or most of their grapes, from independent growers. The Rapeneau family, owners of G.H, Martel, Charles de Cazanove, Chateau de Bligny and other brands, has taken a different tack. With 420 acres of family-owned vineyards and a further 2000 acres under their control, the Rapeneau family is France's largest independent vineyard-owner and producer of Champagne. This gives them, both cost –control and quality-control, from the ground up.

### Charles de Cazanove Brut Rose N.V **\$44.95 per bottle, 12 btls 18 cases**

*"Delicate flavors of dried currant, graphite, green plum, meringue and grapefruit zest"* **91 pts Wine Spectator, Gold – International Wine & Spirits Competition 2013**

### Château de Bligny Blanc de Blancs N.V **\$49.95 per bottle, 6 btls 15 cases**

*"Here's a classy, vinous, evidently concentrated grower champagne from the Rapeneau family, the second largest owners of vineyards in the region."* **92 pts, John Szabo MS, Winealign.com. 91 pts, Wine and Spirits Magazine**

### G H Martel, Victoire Black Brut Fut de Chêne, Vintage 2008 **\$79.95 per bottle, 6 btls 15 cases**

A 50/50 blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir aged in old oak barrels. "Coconut and passion fruit on the nose; a silky soft texture on the palate with a wide spectrum of peach and integrated oak flavours". **93 pts, Decanter World Wine Awards 2017**

## Chateau Vignelaure [www.vingenlaure.com](http://www.vingenlaure.com)

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### 2016 Chateau Vignelaure Rose **\$24.95 per bottle, 12 btls 48 cases**

Vignelaure, 'the vineyard of the sacred spring' is one the Côteaux d'Aix appellation's top estates. *"One of the classics among Provence rosés. Produced from organically grown grapes and coming from an impressive red-wine producing estate east of Aix-en-Provence, the wine is structured and ageworthy with its blend that includes Cabernet Sauvignon. Rich and full of red fruits,"* **94 pts, Editor's Choice, R. Voss, Wine Enthusiast**

## Domaine des Schistes, [www.domaine-des-schistes.com](http://www.domaine-des-schistes.com)

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### 2014 Domaine des Schistes Tautavel-Caune en Joffre, AOC, Cotes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, **\$32.95 per bottle, 12 btls 15 cases**

*Generations of the Sire family have sold their grapes to the local Cotes du Roussillon cooperative. In 1989, that all changed, Jacques and Nadine began bottling their wine as Domaine des Schistes. Their Caune en Joffre vineyard's 70 year old Carignan vines are no longer diluted in Cooperative blends. Instead you can. Taste, and you too will want to share the good news.*

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