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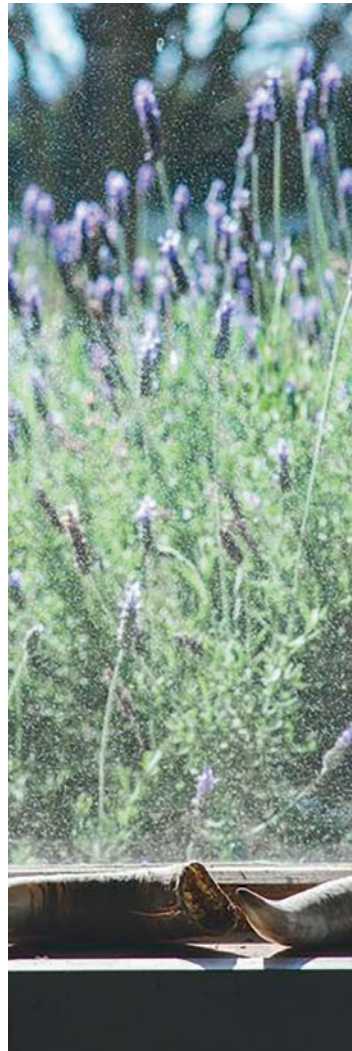




Thank you for joining us at the fourth event in our Tasting Editions series.

For this tasting we focus on our 'Mindful Winemaking' heroes. Celebrating producers who believe that great wines are made in the vineyard rather than in the winery. They use organic, biodynamic or sustainable practices. Some are certified, some are not. But what unites them is a respect for their land, people, animals and the environment, ensuring that the land is left in a healthier state for future generations.

We hope you enjoy the wines as much as we do!



FEATURING...

Albourne, England with Alison Nightingale
Alois Lageder, Italy with Alois Lageder
Bodegas Bhilar, Spain with David Sampedro Gil
De Trafford, South Africa with David De Trafford
Garage Wine Co., Chile with Derek Mossman Knapp
La Dama, Italy with Gabriele Dalcanale
Las Moradas de San Martin, Spain with Isabel Galindo
Llopart, Spain with Xavier Simal
Millton Vineyard, New Zealand with James Millton
Stratus Vineyards, Canada with Charles Baker

AND...

Battle of Bosworth, Australia
Domaine de la Pinte, France
Domaine Fouassier, France
Huia, New Zealand
Zensa, Italy
Paul Jaboulet Aine, France
Prophet's Rock, New Zealand

*All wines featured in the campaign are marked with a *
Prices are trade bottle price ex-VAT*

GLOSSARY OF *Mindful Winemaking*

BIODYNAMIC

Put very simply, the practice of biodynamics is the same as organic, but with the added requirement to use biodynamic 'preparations'. Based on the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, the basis of biodynamic winemaking is that the vineyard should be a self-sustaining ecosystem, where every element works in complete harmony. Some biodynamic growers use the lunar calendar to help decide when would be a good time to plant, harvest or carry out certain activities in the winery. Largely similar to organics, there are two tiers of labelling: 'biodynamic wine' and 'wine made from biodynamic grapes'. Again, there are rules limiting the use of certain additives and ways of manipulating the finished wine. The general approach is one of 'hands-off' winemaking. The main certifying body for biodynamic farming is called Demeter. France has its own, wine-specific, body called Biodyvin. Both have rules governing growing and vinification practices, for example specifying the maximum amount of copper that can be used.



KEY:  BIODYNAMIC

 ORGANIC

 SUSTAINABLE

ORGANIC

This means grapes grown without artificial fertilisers, chemical herbicides, synthetic insecticides/pesticides or genetically-modified products. In 2012 the EU introduced a new labelling term 'organic wine' as opposed to 'wine made from organically grown grapes'. In addition to vineyard practices, this new category also regulates what goes on in the winery, e.g. the amount of sulphur dioxide allowed is lower than for 'conventional' wines, and additions such as yeast, gelatine and egg white must be organic. It also prohibits things like de-alcoholisation and must concentration. Anyone can practice organics, but producers need to be certified in order to label their wines as organic. The rules for certification vary throughout the world, but the process usually involves paying a government-authorised body to carry out regular inspections over a number of years before a certificate can be issued.

SUSTAINABLE

Sustainable winemakers take a more pragmatic approach than the rigorous regulations required by organics and biodynamics, and is sometimes referred to as 'lutte raisonnée', which roughly translates as 'reasoned fight'. It accepts that sometimes compromises need to be made. Every effort should be made to protect the environment, but not in a way that would jeopardise profitability and the success of the business. If that means that it's a choice between spraying pesticides and losing large volumes of grapes, then spraying would be the practical choice. Sustainable farming is an attractive option in regions where organics and biodynamics might present serious challenges.

ALBOURNE ESTATE

Sussex, England

Alison Nightingale

Alison Nightingale cares about the impact of her winemaking on the environment. In the winery, she uses 100% green energy, supplied in part by her 159 solar panels, and keeps energy usage low by using insulation. Sheep wander between the vines in winter to control the weeds and provide manure for the soil. Her philosophy is to make wines that reflect the vineyard's unique terrior, by preserving and enhancing the crisp freshness and delicate aromas that are so characteristic of English grapes. All the grapes are handpicked to ensure optimum condition then gently pressed.

- Albourne Blanc de Blancs 2014 | *Chardonnay* * £26.55 
- Albourne Multi-Vintage NV | *Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier* * £21.70 
- Albourne Bacchus 2018 | *Bacchus* £16.45 
- Albourne Estate Selection 2018 | *Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay* £16.45 



ALOIS LAGEDER

Trentino-Alto Adige

Alois Lageder

Alois Lageder runs his biodynamic and sustainable winery with his son Clemens. Their goal is to create an agricultural environment that is completely in sync with nature, breaking away from the traditional 'monoculture' vineyard to create a holistic ecosystem. Cattle, donkeys and sheep graze between the vines and olive trees and are the only weed and pest control they need. Climate change has caused them to re-think how they preserve freshness and acidity, so they have been experimenting with stem contact and planting grape varieties that you'd normally expect to see in far warmer climates.

- Chardonnay Alois Lageder 2018 | *Chardonnay** £13.00 
- Am Sand Gewurztraminer Alois Lageder 2017 | *Gewurztraminer* £21.01  
- Lagrein Rosato Alois Lageder 2017 | *Lagrein* £12.55 
- Pinot Noir Alois Lageder 2017 | *Pinot Noir* £15.83 



BODEGAS BHILAR

Rioja, Spain

David Sampedro Gil

David Sampedro Gil started using biodynamic practices in 1999. His neighbours were shocked to see weeds sprouting up in the vineyards, but rather than killing the vines, he was actually bringing them back to life by eliminating chemicals and re-introducing biodiversity. In 2014, he replaced tractors with horses and this sustainable approach continues into his 'off-grid' winery, which uses solar power and is built partially under ground to help control temperature.

- Phincas Thousand Mills Rioja Alavesa Blanco 2013 | *Viura, Garnacha Blanca, Malvasia* £27.18 
- Phincas Rioja Alavesa 2014 | *Tempranillo, Graciano, Viura* * £17.31 
- Phinca El Vedao Rioja Alavesa 2014 | *Garnacha* £21.10 
- Phinca Lali Rioja Alavesa 2014 | *Tempranillo, Viura* * £33.01 



DE TRAFFORD

Stellenbosch, South Africa

David De Trafford

Producing only 3,500 cases of wine per year, De Trafford's focus on detail is exquisite. Situated on the picturesque Mont Fleur farm, the vines are planted 380m above sea level between the Stellenbosch and Helderberg mountains. An architect by trade, owner David Trafford is a self-taught winemaker - who naturally designed his own gravity flow winery. "I never chose winemaking as a profession - it was thrust upon me. I chose architecture, but lived on land with such great vineyard potential, it was impossible not to get involved in the wine business," he says. "It's about understanding and working with the vineyard to coax something magical from the land, after that it's fingers crossed you don't mess it up in the cellar."

- De Trafford Chenin Blanc 2017 | *Chenin Blanc* £20.50 
- De Trafford Stellenbosch Merlot 2011 | *Merlot* £20.41 
- De Trafford Straw Wine 37.5cl | *Chenin Blanc* £26.53 






GARAGE WINE CO.

Chile

Derek Mossman Knapp

Derek Mossman Knapp has been working closely with local growers in Maule since he started making wine (quite literally) in his garage in 2001. He buys grapes from families who've farmed the land for generations, often still using a horse and plough. Derek likes working with these small growers because their stripped-back, traditional approach to growing makes exquisitely concentrated grapes. He also likes to give back to the community, supporting these custodians of the land, who would otherwise have to sell their grapes to large cooperatives for pittance.

- Garage Wine Co Old Vine Pale Lot #73 2017 | *Carignan Field Blend* * £14.49 
- Garage Wine Co Perverso NV | *Carignan* £15.58 
- Garage Wine Co Old Vine Carignan Maule Lot #57 2014 | *Carignan* * £19.71 



LA DAMA

Valpolicella, Italy

Gabriele Dalcanale

When Gabriele Dalcanale and his wife, 'la dama' (the lady) Miriam, decided to make their own wine in 2006, they wanted to do so as naturally as possible. For Gabriele, 'the decision to work towards certification was also driven by our commitment to preserve nature and the healthiness of our working environment'.

- Valpolicella Classico La Dama 2017 | *Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone* * £11.01 
- Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore Classico La Dama 2015 | *Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone* * £13.93 
- La Dama Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico 2014 | *Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone* £29.71





LAS MORADAS DE SAN MARTIN

Madrid, Spain

Isabel Galindo

Isabel Galindo has made it her mission to get the best out of very old Garnacha vines in Pago de los Castillejos. The 21ha vineyard is set in a unique landscape, surrounded by native flora and fauna, which gives it protected status as an area of special environmental value. She is currently working towards organic and biodynamic certification and uses these practices to take special care of her up to 100-year-old vines. The terroir she works with is composed of sub-volcanic rock, granite and sand, which gives her wines their essence: elegance, depth and length balanced with natural acidity.

- Las Moradas de San Martin Albillo Real 2017 | *Albillo Real* * £14.47 
- Las Moradas de San Martin Initio Garnacha 2011 | *Garnacha* * £13.62 






LLOPART

Catalonia, Spain

Xavier Simal

Llopart is one of the nine 'breakaway' producers who have formed their own brand, Corpinnat, to differentiate themselves from some of the low-quality sparkling wine allowed by Cava DO. The key requirements to be a member of Corpinnat are that grapes are 100% organic, hand harvested and vinified at the estate's own winery. Llopart has farmed organically since 2000 with the aim of strengthening the natural immunity of their vines, some of which are more than 85 years old. Pere Llopart (now 89) explains, "the idea is to make the vines naturally resistant to disease, create a balanced environment and encourage biodiversity, so that the ecosystem regulates itself."

- Llopart Imperial Panoramic Brut Gran Reserva Cava 2013 | *Montonega, Xarel-lo, Macabeo* £18.25 
- Llopart Original 1887 Brut Nature Gran Reserva Cava 2011 | *Xarel-lo, Macabeo, Parellada* * £32.76 
- Llopart Brut Rosé Cava 2016 | *Monastrell, Garnacha, Pinot Noir* £15.37 



MILLTON VINEYARD

Gisborne, New Zealand

James Millton

Two things matter to James and Annie Millton: the quality of their wines and leaving the land in an improved state for future generations. True pioneers of biodynamics in the New World, they set up their Gisborne vineyard in 1984 and were the first winery to gain biodynamic certification in New Zealand. Wild flowers, bees, cows and vines co-exist in perfect harmony, each providing something for the other. In the winery, James prefers to let the wines fine themselves naturally, over time, rather than rush things with technology. He uses indigenous yeasts and bacteria and ferments in stainless steel or large oak barrels, all housed in a thermally-clad building to preserve energy.

- Millton Riverpoint Viognier 2015 | *Viognier* * £15.09  
- Millton Te Arai Chenin Blanc 2017 | *Chenin Blanc* £26.29  
- Millton La Cote Pinot Noir 2016 | *Pinot Noir* * £17.87  



STRATUS VINEYARDS

Niagara, Canada

Charles Baker

Stratus Vineyards, opened in 2005, has quickly become one of the benchmarks for quality within the flourishing Canadian wine industry. The winery is located in the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake where the vineyards benefit from a unique microclimate that ranks among the warmest in Niagara. Committed to sustainability, Stratus has a LEED-certified facility that produces the best possible wine with the smallest possible environmental impact. They have made the choice of getting rid of pumps, and instead the wine is transported completely through gravity flow, minimising their carbon footprint and maximising quality. This dedication to sustainability continues in the vineyards, where they allow the environment's natural ecosystem to take hold. Indigenous cover crops are encouraged, and vine cuttings and root stocks are transformed into biochar, reducing erosion and improving soil structure.

- Charles Baker Picone Riesling 2014 | *Riesling* £20.82 
- Stratus Cabernet Franc 2015 | *Cabernet Franc* £23.76 
- Stratus Riesling Icewine 2016 (37,5cl) | *Riesling* £21.84 



BUYERS picks

BATTLE OF BOSWORTH,

South Australia, Australia

Battle of Bosworth is one of the most exciting producers from the McLaren Vale, owing its fame to a series of outstanding single-vineyard wines made from estate-grown fruit. Owner, Joch Bosworth, is regarded as a brilliant organic farmer as well as a top class winemaker, and the Bosworth vineyards are among the most beautiful we have ever seen. Joch plays down his impeccable green credentials, arguing that he is doing nothing new: "A lot of what we do in the vineyard is simply old-fashioned grape growing; essentially, our vineyards are run as they would have been 50 years ago before synthetic pesticides and fertilisers became available." A pretty little flower called the soursob is Joch's partner in crime to combat weeds. So important is the soursob that it features on the Battle of Bosworth labels, too.

- Battle of Bosworth White Label Pinot Noir 2018 | *Pinot Noir* £12.70 
- Battle of Bosworth Puritan Shiraz 2017 | *Shiraz* £12.67 

DOMAINE DE LA PINTE,

Jura, France

Pierre Martin began farming organically in 1999, converting to biodynamics in 2009. He describes his biodynamic vineyard as "a living organism where every element is important: the soil, the plant, and the work of humans. This is the very definition of a terroir." Pierre's winemaking style is focused on low intervention, which means letting the wines 'do their thing', using only indigenous yeasts. He keeps the wines clean and elegant, limiting the use of sulphur and working with old barrels to avoid overt oaky flavours. He ages them on lees in accordance with the lunar calendar.





- Domaine de la Pinte Savagnin Arbois Blanc 2014 | *Savagnin* * £23.42  
- Domaine de la Pinte Capitaine Arbois Rouge 2017 | *Pinot Noir, Poulsard* * £21.42  

BUYERS picks

DOMAINE FOUASSIER,

Loire, France







Each member of the Fouassier family has learned the ropes from the previous generation, but has been allowed the freedom to put their own stamp on the wines. Current winemaking team, Benoit and Paul, have propelled the domaine towards organic and biodynamic viticulture, despite the difficulties of doing so in the damp Sancerre climate. Their reasons behind doing this are twofold. They believe that biodynamically-grown grapes make wine that is the truest expression of their terroir, and, as the latest in a long line of family winemakers, they are committed to passing their land on to the next generations in the best condition possible.

- Sancerre Les Grands Champs Domaine Fouassier 2017 | *Sauvignon Blanc* * £17.88  
- Sancerre Rouge Iconoclaste Domaine Fouassier 2017 | *Pinot Noir* * £18.85  

HUIA,



Marlborough, New Zealand

Claire and Mike Allan trust nature to know what's best for their vines. Rather than fighting against pests and diseases, they believe that prevention is better than cure, and aim to give their land the nourishment it needs to be strong, healthy and resilient. They use biodynamic principles, which for them isn't all pagan ritual and mysticism, but common sense farming and a reminder that nothing you do is in isolation. For Claire and Mike, the health of the earth and the happiness of the people at Huia have always gone hand in hand.

- Huia Blanc de Blanc 2011 | *Chardonnay* * £21.57  
- Huia Chardonnay 2016 | *Chardonnay* * £15.81  
- Huia Pinot Noir 2015 | *Pinot Noir* £17.73  



PAUL JABOULET AINE,
Rhone, France

In 1834, when Antoine Jaboulet set up his business in Tain l'Hermitage with the aim of producing great wines, he saw his future profession as cultivating the vineyards and maintaining the quality of the land. It was with this mindset that he quickly acquired his first vineyards on the Hermitage slopes and the Crozes Hermitage plains. In 2006, the Freys (owners of Chateau La Lagune in Bordeaux) took over Paul Jaboulet Aine, where winemaker Caroline now works with her teams in a single-minded quest for perfection; combining cutting-edge winemaking with the scrupulous care given to vines grown in exceptional terroirs. They have since also acquired vineyards in the appellations of Cote Rotie, Condrieu and Crozes Hermitage. All estates are now certified organic and represent a total surface of 105ha.

- Crozes Hermitage Blanc Domaine Mule Blanche Paul Jaboulet Aine 2017 | *Marsanne* £24.11 
- St Joseph Grand Pompee Paul Jaboulet Aine 2016 | *Syrah* £18.67 

ZENSA,
Puglia, Italy

Pronounced SENZA. The Italian definition of 'without', or 'to do without'. No chemicals, no pesticides. Only what Mother Nature has given us. A range of incredibly delicious wines produced using exclusively organic grapes.

- Zensa Nero di Troia IGP Puglia 2017 | *Nero di Troia* £9.58 
- Zensa Primitivo IGP Puglia 2017 | *Primitivo* £9.58 

PROPHET'S ROCK,
Central Otago, New Zealand

Founded in 1999 by Mike and Angela Mulvey, Prophet's Rock is one of New Zealand's most exciting producers, creating premium, artisan wines in Central Otago. Committed to showcasing the characteristics of their vineyard sites in the Pisa and Bendigo sub-regions, their vineyard-focused approach combined with minimal intervention in the winery, is creating world class wines of great structure, elegance and complexity, with considerable ageing potential. Taking its name from a prominent local landmark in Central Otago, named after pioneering goldminer 'Bob Prophet', the winery is a beacon of quality winemaking in the region thanks to its world renowned winemaker, Paul Pujol.

- Prophet's Rock Infusion Pinot Noir 2017 | *Pinot Noir* £20.75 
- Prophet's Rock Home Vineyard Pinot Noir 2015 | *Pinot Noir* £30.55 

An illustration of a hand holding a piece of cork. The hand is rendered in dark teal with white line details for fingers and palm. The cork is a light tan color with a textured, wavy pattern. The background is a solid teal color.

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