

SPARKLING

ZARDETTO 'PRIVATE CUVÉE' BRUT — PROSECCO, ITALY — N.V. 12

Dry, refreshing, and bursting with energy! The bubbles release aromas of pear, apple, and peach. On the palate, it offers a hint of spice and a crisp sensation. A fun and lively Prosecco that's sure to kick off any occasion right.

'GREEK ROSÉ' — KIR-YIANNI 'AKAKIES' | MACEDONIA, GREECE — 2023 16

Made from the native grape Xinomavro, this one sure is Greek to me—and probably to you too! But hey, the producer, Kir-Yianni, has crafted this native variety into one of the most aromatic and delicious wines around. Its bright wild strawberry notes suggest sweetness, but it finishes completely dry and balanced.

 **PRO-PAGNE** — PROSECCO MEETS CHAMPAGNE + A CRÉMANT 22

Look out — this wine list is on fire! Three half flutes are placed before you. One is Prosecco, one is a Crémant de Loire, and the last is the real deal—true Champagne. Your task is to identify all three, and if you succeed, you'll be a Champ-ion! You know what they say, 'No 'pagne, no gain!'

'BARBIE SPARKLES' — DOMAINE RONDEAU BUGEY CERDON, FRANCE — N.V. 13



One of the most intriguing wines from France is unapologetically pink, slightly sweet, and bubbly. This wine hails not from a town or even a small village, but from the tiniest of hamlets in the south of France. Typically enjoyed as an aperitif, it also pairs beautifully with our array of Chocolate Boards and Crème Brûlée.

 **FIGHT KIWI FIGHT!** — A PAIRING OF NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANCS 17

It's the 'wine fight' that started it all! Behold two half glasses of Sauvignon Blanc from the smoking hot Marlborough region of New Zealand. One scored 93 points from the reputable *Tasting Panel* magazine, while the other is an unrated selection chosen by our Sommelier. Can you identify the 93-point wine? Is the more expensive, higher-scoring wine really that much better?

 **SANCERRE WHERE?** — SANCERRE & A LOIRE VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 16

Two French white wines are placed before you. One hails from the renowned region of Sancerre, and is crafted by Domaine Daulny. This French region has produced sought-after white wines for over a thousand years! But there's a challenger looking to give Sancerre a run for its money: Jacques Dumont's Sauvignon Blanc from the Val de Loire, is a third of the price. Can you identify the true Sancerre? Is the other a worthy competitor? Prefer just a glass of the Sancerre? It's only \$22.

WHITE WINE

OVUM 'OLD LOVE' — WHITE BLEND | WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON - 2023 14

Ovum is a proud woman-owned winery, and this wine is crafted entirely by women. It's a blend sourced from multiple regions throughout Oregon, and its aging process transitions between stainless steel, concrete egg, and amphora, adding layers of complexity. Old Love dazzles with bright, zesty citrus flavors that dance across the palate—just about everything you could ask for in a winter-worthy white wine. This Old Love might just become your new love.

 **TWO WHITE BURGUNDIES** — A CHABLIS & ALIGOTÉ FROM BURGUNDY 19

Two exceptional white wines are placed before you. One is a Chablis made by Paul Nicolle. Typically, Chablis is crisp and clean in its youth, but this 2021 vintage has a bit of age on it. It's fuller and funkier than the other wine before you. The second is an Aligoté from Bader-Mimeur. While 95% of white Burgundy is Chardonnay, the Aligoté varietal makes up the remaining 5% of production. Full transparency: I've tried dozens of aligotés in my career, and not one was worth writing home about. But rest assured, when I tasted this one, I broke out the stationery and stamps!

'A PERFECTLY RIPE, DRY RIESLING' — UNION SACRÉ 'FRAULEIN' | SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA — 2021 14

This Riesling might just be the white wine of the year! Technically a dry wine, its ripe fruit hints at a subtle touch of sweetness, adding to its charm. With only 237 cases produced, it's a rare find. While a bottle retails for over \$40, you can enjoy a glass here for just fourteen bucks—an exceptional value. Pair it with our Swiss fondue for an unforgettable experience!

MOSCATO D'ASTI — PIEDMONT, ITALY 13

It's sweet, and it's freaking out-of-this-world awesome! Super peachy, with a frizzante (slightly sparkling) texture that keeps it light and ultra-refreshing. Milly's rotates and features the best Moscatos on the market today. It's candy in a glass!

ROSÉ & ORANGE

 **ORANGE WINE & PÉT-NAT** — THE HOTTEST WINE PAIRING IN 2025 16

Orange wine reigns as the hottest wine style among cool drinkers. But have you discovered the latest rage, pét-nat? Simply put, pét-nat is a sparkling wine made in a style that predates Champagne. Try 'em both and see what all the kids are into these days. We receive orange wines and pét-nats weekly for consideration, and we offer the best discoveries of both here.

 **BACK TO THE FUTURE** — A SET OF TIME-TRAVELING ROSÉS 16

You have an adventurous palate, and the recent trend of Orange Wines and Pét-Nats is totally your jam, but are you ready to go *Back to the Future* with wine? Placed before you are two Rosé-based wines infused with a variety of botanicals. The first, called Bottle Rocket, is truly out of this world. It was crafted with the help of scientists to capture the unique euphoria of Mezcal and blend it into a Rosé. The second, from Uruguay, smells like Chinese Five Spice—if the holiday season could be bottled, this would be it! This is wine like you've never seen before. As Marty McFly said, 'I guess you guys aren't ready for that yet. But your kids are going to love it!'




A MASTER SOMMELIER'S RED — A ROTATING RED WINE SO GOOD, IT'S MASTER SOMMELIER-APPROVED 13
 Years ago, I was seated with six or more Master Sommeliers for dinner in California. This was quite a high concentration of Master Somms, given that there are only 273 in the world! The moment was tense with anticipation when the server brought over the wine list. What wines do Master Sommeliers order? It turns out they zero in on great wines that are—get this—very inexpensive! So, go ahead and savor the Master Sommelier-approved red wine currently in rotation.

 **FIND RON BURGUNDY** — A RED BURGUNDY & A ROCKIN' PINOT NOIR 26




Two thrilling half glasses of red wine are placed before you. Simply put, one is a Burgundy and one is not. Correctly identify the 'Ron Burgundy,' and you may find yourself in a glass case of emotion! Honestly, Burgundy can sometimes disappoint. But here, you're guaranteed to experience a stunning Burgundy alongside another rockin' Pinot Noir. Can you correctly identify the Ron Burgundy?

 **THE KING OF WINES & THE JOKER** — AN ASSESSMENT OF NEBBIOLO 23

For centuries, Italian Barolo has been hailed as the 'King of Wines.' Made from the Nebbiolo grape, its hallmark characteristics are intense concentration and robust structure. Here we present the King, a rotating Nebbiolo from Barolo for your consideration. Yes, anything from Barolo can cost you an arm and three legs, but value Nebbiolo does exist beyond the 'foot of the mountain.' So here, we bring you the Joker to challenge the King. This Joker Nebbiolo hails from the larger Langhe region in Piedmont. Can you crown the King and expose the Joker?

ISN'T IT HAPPY HOUR ANYTIME? — A KILLER COST-EFFECTIVE WINE 9

Discovering incredible value-driven wines is important in a sea of overpriced offerings. Here we present you with a rotating selection that won't break the budget. You don't need to spend a fortune to get an exceptional glass here at Milly's. Just ask your server what's being poured.

 **RUNNING OF THE BULLS** — EVALUATING AGE IN TWO SPANISH RIOJAS 16

The most recognizable wine region in Spain is Rioja. Spaniards prefer their Rioja reds fully mature, so much so that there are three designations, each requiring different aging periods before release: Crianza (24 months), Reserva (36 months), and Gran Reserva (60 months!). However, a new movement is emerging, with a few rebellious wineries opting to release their Tempranillo fresh. Here, we present two quality Riojas: a 2019 Crianza and a super fresh 2021. Is the movement justified?

PASO D'ORO — CABERNET SAUVIGNON | PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA — 2022 14

This past summer, we featured the inaugural 2021 release of this Paso Robles Cabernet. Because it behaves as a balanced, 'heat-tolerant' cabernet, that inaugural vintage was served all summer long. Now we are featuring the second release, the 2022 vintage—for it slaps even harder than the first! This new vintage is better suited for chillier days: its flavor profile seems to have donned a heavier coat of dark fruit and mocha thickness. This wine is bundled up and ready for the temperatures to head south.

 **BORDEAUX DEUX** — TWO BREATHTAKING BORDEAUXS 19

Bordeaux can be tricky! Finding wines that truly rock in relation to their price can be quite a challenge. Here are two being featured that meet the high standards we set at Milly's. One is a 2019 vintage from Clos St. Anne in the Cadillac sub-region of the Côtes de Bordeaux. It's 90% Merlot and is drinking youthfully, with vibrant fruit that really shines. The other is the 2018 Château Loudenne from the Médoc region of Bordeaux, and is twice the price. It's also drinking quite youthfully but is full and on-point. Can you identify the more expensive wine?

 **BLACK WINE** — COMPARING A FRENCH & ARGENTINIAN MALBEC 16

Malbec is most often associated with Argentina. However, the birthplace for the varietal is actually the French commune of Cahors, France. Since as far back as 50 B.C., wines from Cahors have been called 'Black Wine' for their dark, robust character. Here, we present two half glasses of Malbec: one from Cahors, its birthplace, and one from Argentina, its most popular exporter. Can you identify the French Malbec?

 **RUTHERFORD DUST & A SMACK OF HOPE** — TWO CALIFORNIA CABERNETS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD 24

Any other restaurant in the country would charge double this price for these stunning wines! First, we have Austin Hope Cabernet Sauvignon from Paso Robles, California—a true benchmark for the region. This wine has even outshined ultra-boutique bottles priced at \$300 or more. The other is from Napa and is made by Jesse Fox of Sequoia Grove, who joined the winery two years ago after previously being at Harlan Estates, where bottles command thousands of dollars. The 2021 Sequoia Grove has that dustiness typical of Rutherford wines. Can you taste the Rutherford dust and find Austin's hope?

CLETO CHIARLI 'CENTENARIO' — LAMBRUSCO | MODENA, ITALY — 2021 12

What a fantastic red wine! Lambrusco is the grape, and refreshment is the game. Served chilled, it's frizzante (slightly sparkling) and finishes with just the right amount of light sweetness. Embrace this wine!