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Taste the Grape: Chardonnay

Half Dozen

INTRODUCTION

As a well-travelled variety, Chardonnay isn't shy about where she puts down roots. Depending on where the vines are grown and how the wine is made, you will find styles ranging from lean and crisp, to creamy and full-bodied, as well as sparkling and occasionally sweet wines. This versatile grape expresses geography and climate in every sip, offering a wine for every taste and occasion, from everyday bottles to Champagne, via the grand cru vineyards of Montrachet in Burgundy, and everything in between.

CHARDONNAY AROUND THE WORLD

Chardonnay is a global grape, grown everywhere from the chalky soils of England, to the vineyards of Burgundy, the islands of New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and beyond. It is almost a blank canvas, taking to the terroir in which it is grown, or to the winemaker's hand, with aplomb. It's well worth tasting Chardonnays from around the world to discover just how different they can be. For example, a cool-climate Chardonnay (such as Chablis, in Burgundy) shows orchard fruit and citrus notes, while warm-climate wines (such as those from Australia) burst with tropical flavours and are often matured in oak, which brings notes of vanilla and toast.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS:
Lemon • Ripe Pear • Blossom • Vanilla

FOOD PAIRING:
Roast Turkey • Fish Pie • Potato & Leek Gratin • Creamy Mushroom Pasta

A CHAMPAGNE SUPERSTAR: Chardonnay stars in Champagne as one of its three major grapes, while Blanc de Blancs is typically 100% Chardonnay. It also features in Crémant, English sparkling wine and just about anywhere traditional method sparkling wine is made.

THE WINES

1. Castillo Monjardín Chardonnay, El Cerezo, Navarra, Spain — Bin No: SW0105B
This unoaked Chardonnay has a lovely inviting tropical fruit character on the nose, there is a delicious lick of citrus acidity to bring balance to the palate and the finish is clean and long.

2. Tanners White Burgundy, Bourgogne Chardonnay, France — Bin No: BW0001B
In classic white burgundian style, this wine has an abundance of ripe apricot and stone fruit. A vibrancy of apple characteristics on the palate, partnered with subtle oak, results in a crisp, approachable Chardonnay.

3. Journey's End 'Destination' Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, South Africa — Bin No: KW0056B
Full and rich Chardonnay, with superb fruit and well-integrated oak. Good freshness keeps it elegant and attractive.

4. Kumeu Village Chardonnay, Auckland, New Zealand — Bin No: NW0040B
Citrus lime and lemon fruit on the nose mixed with figs and white peaches. It is weighty on the palate with mineral acidity and a clean, fresh finish with the merest hint of oak.

5. Wente 'Morning Fog' Chardonnay, Central Coast, California, United States — Bin No: UW0012B
From this long-established family firm comes a wine with enticing aromas of tropical and citrus fruits that draw you in. The palate is full, with more tropical fruit and hints of toffee and vanilla. The finish is long and refreshing.

6. Château Rives-Blanques Tres Pech, Chardonnay, Limoux, France — Bin No: MW0028B
Very Burgundian in style, this is full of creamy fruit, with notes of roasted pineapple, spice and a touch of minerality and delicious citrus fruit, good freshness and balance with a long fresh finish.

SYMBOLS: V vegetarian Vg vegan organic biodynamic

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