

# *Mr. Robert Rosenberg*

## A WINE TOUR OF THE GREAT ESTATES

Monday, October 14, 2024

The Vintage Room • Crystal Serenity

Head Sommelier **Jiri Kapal**

Executive Chef **Remy Vercelli**

Executive Pastry Chef **Johannes Ferreira**

### THE MENU

#### **POACHED LOBSTER TAIL\***

Pierre Robert, Poached Fresh Plums, Black Truffle

#### **BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI**

Noisette Butter

#### **SEA BASS\***

Porcini-Red Wine Gastrique, Artichoke

#### **DUO OF BEEF: GRILLED FILET MIGNON & SHORT RIB**

Potato Mousseline, Vegetable Bouquet, Sauce Bordelaise

#### **SELECTION OF ARTISANAL CHEESES**

Apricot Chutney, Walnut Bread

#### **CHOCOLATE & CASSIS**

#### **OUR HOMEMADE VINTAGE ROOM CHOCOLATE PRALINES**

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\*United States Public Health Advisory: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk for food-borne illnesses, especially if you have certain medical conditions.



## CHAMPAGNE

### **Pol Roger, Extra Brut, "Pure," Epernay, France NV**

Champagne Pol Roger is a prominent Champagne producer based in Epernay. It is known for its elegant, balanced house style made from equal proportions of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

The Pol Roger champagne portfolio includes a non-vintage brut, a vintage brut, a demi sec, a brut nature, a rosé and a blanc de blancs.

The Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill Champagne was first released in 1975 to honor the great man, who had been close friends with Odette Pol Roger as well as a big fan of Champagne. The blend used in the Sir Winston Churchill cuvée is a closely guarded secret but is dominated by Pinot Noir for structure and strength and finished with Chardonnay for its elegance.

Pol Roger grows just over half of its grapes on its 89 hectares (220 acres) of estate vineyards. The rest is supplied by contract growers with whom the company has long-term relationships. Everything is done by hand in the winery and Pol Roger is home to the largest remuage team in Champagne. The cellar of the champagne house is one of the deepest cellars in Epernay. The winery has had considerable investment in the last ten years.

The house was officially established in 1849, although at least two generations had been involved in the growing Champagne industry before Pol Roger. In the mid-1850s, export became a key focus and the house began to eschew the traditional sweetness of Champagne, producing a drier style that was more in line with British tastes.

The house grew throughout the 19th and 20th Centuries, remaining strong throughout the period of American Prohibition and the Russian Revolution. Today, Pol Roger produces around 1.8 million bottles a year.

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## WHITE WINE

### **Schloss Gobelsburg, Grüner Veltliner, “Ried Lamm,” Erste Lage, Kamptal, Austria 2021**

Schloss Gobelsburg is a highly regarded wine estate and historic property in the Kamptal region of Austria. It is one of the oldest wine estates of the country, particularly known for its wines from the Grüner Veltliner and Riesling grape varieties.

Wine production at the site dates back to 1171. The monks of the Zwettl monastery managed the vineyards until 1995, when the business was taken over by Michael Moosbrugger, with the guidance of Willi Bründlmayer. The Gobelsburg castle itself was first documented in 1178 as a fortified property with adjoining church. It evolved into a more residential-focused property in the 16th Century and was completely rebuilt in 1725.

Schloss Gobelsburg has 35 hectares (87 acres) of vineyards in various sites near the castle. These include the famous Erste Lage sites Heiligenstein and Gaisberg for Riesling, and Lamm, Steinsetz, Grub and Renner for Grüner Veltliner. These vineyards make the estate's range-topping, single-vineyard wines. Grüner Veltliner represents half of Gobelsburg's total plantings, with Riesling accounting for one quarter. Zweigelt, Sankt-Laurent, Blauburgunder (Pinot Noir) and Merlot are also planted in the vineyards.

In the cellar, large maturation barrels are placed on wheels so wine can be moved around without needing to be pumped. In the pursuit of regional authenticity, oak for the barrels is sourced from Manhartsberg, north of Langenlois, rather than the normal French or American sources.





## WHITE WINE

**Silvio Jermann, "Vintage Tunina," Villanova Di Farra,  
Friuli, Italy 2022**

It was the 18th century when Stefanus migrated from the Austrian Burgenland to the village of Bilijana (today Slovenia). Later in 1881 Anton Jermann, Silvio's great-grandfather, in turn moves from Bilijana to Villanova.

Quality year upon year, innovation, deep pride in his heritage and respect for his family and for Anton the old patriarch, who in 1881 left his home village nestled between the borders of Austria and Slovenia to set roots in Friuli. Fully concentrated on the results and never compromising on his goals or his dreams, Silvio Jermann, from the very beginning was destined to leave a lasting mark in the world of wine. Luigi Veronelli, sensitive and highly educated journalist and founding father of the Italian winemaking culture, way back in 1979 wrote about Silvio on the cultural and lifestyle magazine "Panorama":

"(...) Let's speak about a veritable Mennea of wines, Vintage Tunina, an exciting cru of the Collio Goriziano. Silvio Jermann, a friend and young wine technician, has gone against the stream: he has created a blend of the best grapes of Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon from the Tunina vineyard. A vineyard in Ronco del Fortino in Villanova di Farra, that owes its name to one of Casanova's mistresses. The result is an unrivaled wine: pale gold yellow, joyous and brilliant in color; the bouquet is ample, rich and sensual with hints of capsicum, ripe tomato and acacia blooms. In the mouth it is dry without being sharp, and still, fleshy and even sensual with exquisite finesse; it has a vivid backbone that fans out like a peacock's tail. A wine that has character and personality. A 750ml Bourgogne bottle costs 3.500 Lire. Winemaker: Silvio Jermann (...)"







## RED WINE

### **Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy, France 2013**

Joseph Drouhin is one of Burgundy's most important wine producers. Founded in Beaune in 1880, the domaine has expanded throughout the 20th Century to include vineyards in Chablis, the Côte de Nuits, the Côte de Beaune and the Côte Chalonnaise, making everything from simple, village-level cuvées to highly priced grand cru and premier cru wines from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The domaine was started by the eponymous Drouhin, who established the company's headquarters in the city of Beaune in the late 19th Century. His son, Maurice, began to acquire vineyards in the early 20th Century, starting with the now-iconic Clos des Mouches vineyard. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s Joseph Drouhin began to expand its land holdings in Chablis and, in 1988, the domaine established a vineyard in Oregon, in the United States.

Domaine Joseph Drouhin makes several grand cru wines in the Côte d'Or and in Chablis, including ones from Musigny, Corton-Charlemagne and Les Clos, as well as the Marquis de Laguiche Montrachet Grand Cru. It also has land in some of the Côte d'Or's most famous premier cru vineyards, including Chambolle-Musigny's Les Amoureuses vineyard and in Beaune's Clos des Mouches.

Joseph Drouhin makes a range of village-level and regional wines. Grapes for these are sourced from growers in the area, as well as from the domaine's own vineyards.





## RED WINE

### **Lail Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon, "J. Daniel Cuvée," Napa Valley, California 2019**

Lail Vineyards is a Napa Valley wine producer, founded by Robin Lail in 1995. It makes wines from two vineyards in Howell Mountain and Yountville, most famously from the classic Napa variety Cabernet Sauvignon.

The estate was founded in 1995 by Robin Lail, whose father, John Daniel Jr, had been the proprietor of the famous Inglenook estate in Rutherford. During the 1970s and 1980s, Lail help co-found both Dominus Estate and Merryvale Vineyards, before setting up her eponymous label.

The Mole Hill estate vineyard in Howell Mountain covers 1.2 hectares (3 acres). Here, a west-facing aspect combined with loam soils and an elevation of 1700 feet (520m) above sea level forms ideal terroir for viticulture.

Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard form the basis of the estate's flagship J. Daniel Cuvée wine ? named for John Daniel Jr. Grapes for this cuvéé are also sourced from Calistoga and the Stags Leap District. It spends 20 months aging in French oak barrels prior to bottling, the portion of which is new depends on the vintage.

The Totem vineyard in Yountville is the other estate vineyard of the company, located on a section of the inaugural Inglenook vineyard in northern Yountville. It covers a single hectare (2.5 acres) and is planted to Sauvignon Blanc, providing the grapes for the Georgia Sauvignon Blanc, named after Robin Lail's granddaughter. This wine is fermented and aged for 18 months in new French oak.

On top of these wines, Lail Vineyards has a more value-driven range called Blueprint, consisting of a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Sauvignon Blanc. Grapes for these are sourced from vineyards around Napa Valley.







## RED WINE

### **Penfolds, Cabernet Shiraz, "Bin 389," South Australia 2018**

Penfolds is Australia's most famous wine producer, best known for its flagship wine Grange, one of the most acclaimed wines in the world. The historic estate has pioneered the wine industry of Australia since its inception in the mid-19th Century.

Among many other accolades, the 1955 Grange was named one of the top 12 wines of the 20th Century by Wine Spectator Magazine; the 1971 vintage was ranked as the greatest wine of the 1970s by FINE Wine Magazines and [tastingbook.com](http://tastingbook.com), and the 2008 gained a perfect 100-point score from both Wine Spectator and Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. It is a mainstay of the secondary market – auction prices for the wine have regularly been used as key performance indicators for the wider Australian economy.

Occasionally Grange is 100-percent Shiraz – the 2011 was the sixth time that happened in six decades – but more typically it also contains up to around 15 percent Cabernet Sauvignon. It is the flagship for Penfolds' celebrated multi-vineyard, multi-region blending philosophy, and is sourced from Barossa, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra (occasionally) and Magill Estate at the base of the Adelaide Hills, just to the east of the city.

Penfolds has a long-standing reputation for consistent high quality across its broad portfolio, and there are several other wines that feature regularly in auctions, including the Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Henri and RWT Shiraz wines, Bin 389 Cabernet – Shiraz and Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon. These have been joined by experimental or periodic releases such as the Block 42 Cabernet Sauvignon and Bin 60a Cabernet – Shiraz. In 2018, the portfolio was expanded into California with the release of the Bin 704 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

A desire to introduce a flagship white led to the 1995 debut of the Yattarna Chardonnay of which is still produced to this day. The extensive portfolio includes numerous other bin-numbered releases, the Max's, Koonunga Hill and Cellar Reserve ranges, and a selection of tawny fortified wines.





## DESSERT WINE

### **Royal Tokaji Wine & Co, Gold Label, Aszu 6 Puttonyos, Tokaj, Hungary 2017 (500 ml)**

The Royal Tokaji Company is a relatively recent addition to the ranks of Tokaj producers, having been founded in the Hungarian village of Mád in 1990. Acclaimed wine writer Hugh Johnson teamed up with Ben Howkins and winemaker Peter Vinding-Diers as founders after Johnson found the region to be not meeting its potential. Now, it is one of the most famous producers in the region.

The range at the Royal Tokaji Company has everything from a dry Furmint to minute quantities of the luscious – and rare – Essencia. This Essencia can be fermented for up to eight years, resulting in a wine with less than 3 percent alcohol and sugar levels reaching up to 85 percent on any given year. A First Growth Nyulászó vineyard wine is included as well as single-vineyard bottlings from each of the five vineyards the company owns.

Royal Tokaji focuses on the grape varieties Furmint, Hárslevelű and Muscat, which are grown in the estate's top vineyards. The Mézes Mály vineyard is classified the highest as a Great First Growth, with Nyulászó, Szt Tamás and Betsek judged First Growths, and Birsalmás a second growth. These vineyards were classified at the end of the 17th Century by Prince Rakoczi of Hungary, well before the 1855 classification of Bordeaux.

The vineyards lie at the convergence of two main rivers. It is the presence of these rivers that encourages the early morning mists to flow across the grapes, providing the perfect environment for botrytis to flourish. The vines are approximately 20 years old and have such low yields that during some vintages one vine can yield only one glass of wine. The aszú grapes are picked, crushed and then fermented in large Hungarian oak barrels with natural yeasts.







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