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VINTAGE ROOM DINNER

A TOUR OF THE GREAT ESTATES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

The Vintage Room • Crystal Serenity

At Sea, en Route to St. John's, Antigua

Executive Chef Franz Weiss Head Sommelier Tilmar Pfefferkorn

THE MENU

DUO OF ALASKAN KING CRAB MEAT

Celery & Chive Oil

ROASTED TOMATO RISOTTO

White Balsamic Froth

LIGHTLY SMOKED SALMON*

Morel Purée, Fresh Spinach

WAGYU BEEF TENDERLOIN*

Truffled Potato Purée, Salsify & Pumpernickel, Cabernet Demi-Glace

ARTISAN CHEESE PLATE

Apricot Chutney & Rosemary Lavosh

DARK CHOCOLATE MARQUISE

Raspberry Sorbet

OUR HOMEMADE VINTAGE ROOM CHOCOLATE PRALINES

WINES

Champagne:

Domaine Carneros, "Le Rêve," Brut, Carneros 2011

White Wines:

Georg Breuer, Riesling, "Nonnenberg," Rheingau, Germany 2015

Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône Valley, France 2016

Rosé Wine:

Kenzo Estate, "yui," Napa Valley 2018

Red Wines:

Château Hosanna, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France 2005

Dominus Estate, "Dominus," Napa Valley 2014

Dessert Wine:

Kracher, Trockenbeerenauslese, Cuvée No. 1, Burgenland, Austria 2003

*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.

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CHAMPAGNE

Domaine Carneros, "Le Rêve," Brut, Carneros 2011

Domaine Carneros is a singular winery best known as a small grower-producer of méthode traditionnelle sparkling wine, Pinot Noir, estate vineyards, and a breathtakingly beautiful château.

Founded by the noble family behind Champagne Taittinger, Claude Taittinger's search for a worthy U.S. counterpart began in the late 1970s. In 1987 he selected a 138-acre parcel in the heart of Carneros, Napa Valley. Wisely selecting Eileen Crane to oversee the development of the winery and vineyards, the team created the quintessential California expression of the Taittinger style in Carneros.

The heart of Domaine Carneros has always been sparkling wines, with distinctive styles ranging from the classic vintage-dated Brut cuvée to our luxury Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs.

In 1992 they added rich, complex Pinot Noir to their portfolio and the passion for sparkling and still wines continues to grow.

All wines proudly hail from the Carneros appellation, and 95% of the fruit comes from estate vineyards. As anyone who has driven between Napa and Sonoma can tell you, the Domaine Carneros château is a stunning regional landmark.

Le Rêve is a highly respected tête de cuvée - the winery's finest Sparkling wine and frequently named America's Best Sparkling. French for "the dream," Le Rêve is crafted from 100% estate grown Chardonnay, making it a pure expression of Domaine Carneros

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WHITE WINES

Georg Breuer, Riesling, "Nonnenberg," Rheingau, Germany 2015

In the Rheingau region of Germany the Weingut Georg Breuer is one of the famous and award-winning producers. Especially the Rieslings brought fame to the winery.

There are 34 hectares (84 acres) of estate vineyards in Rüdesheim and Rauenthal. Around 80 percent is planted to Riesling; a clear dedication to the signature grape of this area. Over half of the estate's vines are on the favored steep slopes towering over the Rhein. The best sites are 3.5ha of Berg Schlossberg, 2.2ha of Berg Rottland, 1.8ha of Berg Roseneck, and the 5.6ha Nonnenberg. The latter is owned outright.

Yields vary from 4500 liters per hectare down towards 1500 for the best plots (481/160 US gallons per acre). No herbicides or pesticides are used, nor chemical fertilizer. Nitrogen levels are regulated by planting legumes between the rows.

The estate was founded in 1880, and has been owned by the Breuer family since the start of the 20th Century. Under Georg Breuer (1910-82) the estate was enlarged and imports greatly increased. Vineyard ownership reached 15 hectares by the 1980s, with further expansion increasing the figure to its current level.

Theresa Breuer currently manages the business. She was named Winemaker of the Year for 2016 in the major German magazine Falstaff. Notably, she took over in 2004, at the age of just 20, following the unexpected early passing of her father Bernhard. He had been instrumental in creating the estate's international reputation. But his daughter has, with the support of other family members, proved up to the task.

Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône Valley, France 2016

In 1549, Pierre de Beaucastel bought a barn and a plot of vineyards and inscribed his family's crest onto the walls. The land passed through the family until 1909, when it came under control of scientist Pierre Perrin. Today, Perrin's grandsons Jean-Pierre and François run the château.

The estate is located in the northeast corner of the appellation. There are around 100 hectares (250 acres) planted to vine, three-quarters of which is used to make Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC wines. Château de Beaucastel has all 13 of the permitted grape varieties planted in the vineyard, giving the winemaking team a choice of fruit at harvest. The vines, which are up to 50 years old, are planted on a combination of sandstone, rocks and limestone, which drain freely, helping the vines produce concentrated berries.

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The grapes are hand-picked and are vinified in groups to provide consistency for blending, and oak is used sparingly. The Châteauneuf-du-Pape blanc is made predominantly from Roussanne with Grenache Blanc, Clairette and Bourboulenc.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a historic village between the towns of Orange and Avignon, in France's southern Rhône Valley. It is famous for powerful, full-bodied red wines made predominantly from the classic southern Rhône grape trio: Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. These three varieties are behind the vast majority of the appellation's red wines, although a total of eighteen are approved for use – a mix of red and white grape varieties.

The soils around Chateauneuf-du-Pape are pebbly and sandy, as is common in the southern half of the Rhône Valley. They are formed mostly of ancient riverbeds of various ages (the town and its vineyards are located just to the east of the Rhône river). The archetypal Châteauneuf vineyard is strewn with large pebbles known as galets, whose soft, rounded form stands in direct contrast to the gnarly, twisted vine trunks.

The climate here is Mediterranean and very dry (Châteauneuf-du-Pape is technically the driest of all Rhône appellations), which makes it all the more significant that arrosage (irrigation or watering) is strictly forbidden during the growing season. In extreme cases, the wineries must apply for special permission from the French government to water their vines.

The name Châteauneuf-du-Pape means "new castle of the Pope", and harks back to the early 14th Century, when Avignon was chosen as the new home for the Pope's court. The incumbent Pope at that time was Clement V, whose name also features in the ancient and prestigious Château Pape Clément in Graves. The town's name may be drenched in history, but as a wine title it has been prestigious for less than a century. Up until the early 20th century, the town's wines were anonymously grouped together with others from the Avignon area. This all changed in the 1920s, when Baron Pierre Le Roy de Boiseaumarié (owner of Château Fortia) drafted a set of quality-focused production conditions for the town's wines – a document which became the precursor of France's famous appellation system. The official Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation title declared in June 1929 was one of the country's very first, and remains one of the most prestigious even today.

Curiously, the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape itself is also famous for a municipal decree added in the 1950s that bans flying saucers from taking off, landing, or flying over the vineyards.



ROSÉ WINE

Kenzo Estate, "Yui," Napa Valley 2018

Kenzo Tsujimoto first achieved great success as founder of Capcom, a Japanese developer and publisher of video games. Kenzo Tsujimoto's accomplishments in business are largely due to his intuitive understanding of what fascinates people. Winemaking represents a mature iteration of his approach to youth and the emergence of video games in the 1980s as Chairman and CEO of Capcom. Kenzo Tsujimoto became enchanted with Napa Valley after the historic 1976 Judgment of Paris, which launched Napa Valley wines onto the world stage. Two decades searching for the ideal winegrowing terroir, his quest led him to an untamed mountain valley in Napa's southeast corner, by the name of Wild Horse Valley, located on the slopes of Mt. George. Formerly the official training ground for the U.S. Olympic Jump Team, the estate encompasses a polo and equestrian facility, once the hub of equine culture on the West Coast. The 4,000 acre property significantly attracted local vintners who recognized the ideal grape growing conditions of this unique terroir.

For the "Yui" Rosé the rather untypical blend of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon is used. This results in a powerful but still elegant wine with fine aromas of watermelon, lemon zest and lychee (to name a few).

The Japanese word "Yui" represents unity and suppose to signify the strong bond between the teams who passionately grow the fruit in the vineyard and artfully craft the wines in the bottle.

RED WINES

Château Hosanna, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France 2005

In early 1999, Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix purchased a property in Pomerol called Château Certan-Giraud. The property consisted of two distinctly different parcels; the parcel on the elevated part of the property was renamed Château Hosanna and the remaining parcel was later sold.

Hosanna's vineyards lie adjacent to those of Petrus, Lafleur, Vieux Château Certan. Château Hosanna has a significant amount of 40-year old Cabernet Franc vines which are planted on 30% of the vineyard. The wine is a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. Christian Moueix believes that the fine, gravelly soil and high percentage of Cabernet Franc give Hosanna the potential to be the Cheval Blanc-style wine in his portfolio.

The wine of Hosanna is aged in close to 50% new, French oak barrels for between 12 to 14 months. The aging can be slightly longer, depending on the character and quality of the vintage. The wine is racked 3-4 times per year and is fined using egg whites in the second

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winter in an effort to produce the best Pomerol wine possible. The wines of Chateau Hosanna are vinified at Providence, another Pomerol estate owned by Ets Moueix. Once the production of Providence was discontinued, the estate was renamed La Fleur Petrus, which is now where Hosanna is being produced.

Not much wine is made at this small Pomerol estate, in fact the average annual production of Hosanna is close to 1,500 cases.

Pomerol both historically and physically, stands apart from other Bordeaux appellations. It does not conform to the accepted image of a Bordeaux wine district as being a wealthy, long-established, château-laden area, with an all-important (if slightly outdated) classification system. Pomerol is none of these things, yet has managed to earn itself a place among the world's most revered wine region.

Pomerol has no formalized wine classification system (as do the Médoc, Graves, Sauternes and Saint-Émilion), and has risen to its current glory in a relatively short space of time. While the appellation was barely acknowledged in the middle of the last century, wines like Petrus and Le Pin now command higher prices than many cru classé properties in the long-established Médoc.

Pomerol is located in the east of the Bordeaux region, near Saint-Émilion, in the area known as the Libournais – the town of Libourne sits just to the south of Pomerol. While most appellations are named after a village or town within their boundaries, Pomerol has no such epicenter. It is an unchanging 800-hectare (2000-acre) gravel bank, which rises and falls by only 20 meters (65ft).

Merlot is the dominant grape in Pomerol and plays a large part in making the wines rich, smooth and approachable at an early age, while also being capable of extended aging. Cabernet Franc is also often present, adding structure and an element of savory spice. These characteristics mean Pomerol wines are much sought after on the international market.

The prevalence of Merlot has its risks for Pomerol, as it does for neighboring Saint-Émilion. Merlot is an early-flowering variety and is susceptible to spring frosts. In the season of 1991, for example, spring frost damaged a large proportion of Pomerol's vines. In fact this only served to increase the market value, where demand already far outweighed supply.

Dominus Estate, "Dominus," Napa Valley 2014

In the late 1960s, while attending the University of California at Davis, Christian Moueix fell in love with the Napa Valley and its wines. Son of Jean-Pierre Moueix, the famed wine merchant and producer from Libourne, France, Moueix returned home in 1970 to manage the family vineyards, including Chateau Petrus, La Fleur-Petrus, Trotanoy in Pomerol and Magdelaine in Saint Emilion. His love of Napa Valley lingered and, in 1981, he discovered the historic Napanook vineyard,

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a 124-acre site west of Yountville that had been the source of fruit for some of the finest Napa Valley wines of the 1940s and 1950s. In 1982, Moueix entered into a partnership to develop the vineyard and, in 1995, became its sole owner. He chose the name 'Dominus' or 'Lord of the Estate' in Latin to underscore his longstanding commitment to stewardship of the land.

In 1838, George Yount, who gave his name to the nearby town of Yountville, planted some of the first vines of the valley. In 1850, he sold the land to Charles Hopper, another early settler, as part of a significant land purchase extending to the north. Since that time, the Estate has had several esteemed owners, including Hugh La Rue, a pioneer in the use of rootstocks, and John Daniel, the owner of Inglenook, who added the grapes from the Napanook Vineyard in the Inglenook blend from 1943.

Christian Moueix's deep respect for history and his commitment to conveying the land to future generations underlies the role of the Dominus Estate team as caretakers of the land. Since its inception in 1983, Dominus Estate has been a community leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship, at the forefront of preserving the environment.

Completed in 1997 by the visionary Swiss architects, Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron, the Dominus Estate winery is perfectly integrated into its landscape, offering panoramic views of the vineyard and hillsides. With its gabion facade, the winery seems to dissolve into its surroundings, an intentional effect, underscoring the importance of the vineyard in the production of a great wine. The winery was Herzog and de Meuron's first project outside of Europe. From Basel, Switzerland, the architects have since constructed numerous renowned buildings, including the Tate Modern in London, the Allianz Stadium in Munich, the Prada boutique in Tokyo, the de Young Museum in San Francisco and the "Bird's Nest" stadium in Beijing.

One of the most respected wine producers in the world, Christian Moueix is on a personal quest for perfection in grape growing and winemaking. It is a journey that began in Bordeaux and continues today at Dominus Estate, where he has instilled his philosophy and inspired his team to share his values.

Enjoying a temperate climate, the Napanook vineyard's volcanic, well-draining soils are specifically suited to growing Cabernet Sauvignon and the other Bordeaux varietals, which compose the Dominus Estate wines.



DESSERT WINE

Kracher, Trockenbeerenauslese, Cuvée No. 1, Burgenland,
Austria 2003

*"I am lucky that the climate and the soil here work wonderfully together.
I try to bottle what nature gives me."*

– Mr. Alois Kracher

The Kracher winery is located in the Burgenland region of Austria, where the estate's vineyards span from the village of Illmitz to the shores of Lake Neusiedl. The terroir here is perfect for the spread of botrytis or 'noble rot', and Kracher make a range of lusciously sweet Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese wines.

The estate was founded by Alois Kracher in the mid-20th Century, and taken over by his son Luis in 1991. Luis Kracher became an important figure in the Austrian wine industry, but sadly died in 2007. His son, Gerhard Kracher, took over and has run the estate since.

The Kracher estate is located in Seewinkel on a vast plain dotted with numerous shallow lakes. Water evaporation from the lakes generates a dense fog which hangs over the area until it is eventually broken by the midday sun.

The climate around the Neusiedlersee is relatively warm and dry, due to the warming breezes which blow westwards across Hungary's Pannonian Plain. However, this is moderated by the lake, finding a happy ground between the Alpine regions to the west and the hot, dry plains to the east. Without the lake's climate-stabilizing influence, winter would arrive earlier, shortening the growing season and making it much more difficult to grow later-ripening grapes such as Blaufränkisch and Austria's signature grape, Grüner Veltliner.

These conditions are ideal for the development of Botrytis cinerea, which is instrumental in the production of Kracher's signature Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese wines.

In the "Seewinkel" region of Burgenland the vintage 2003 brings "classic" Burgenland sweet wines - which cannot be compared with the style of Sauternes or Tokay. Each vineyard was harvested at least twice, between end of October and mid of November.

For all these reasons there is high botrytis concentration in the wines, which means that the fruit aromas are less present, and each wine is marked by very high extract.



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