

Wendy March 2024.

## Wine Tasting notes

1. Gavi de Gavi by Roberto Sarotto, Where from? Piedmont, Italy

What sort of grape? 100% cortese grape. It is a native variety to Alessandria in Piedmont

2. What can you taste/smell - spring flowers, golden peach and citrus flavours.

Whole bunches of grapes are pressed with stems which improves potassium levels adding perfume, acidity and herbaceous notes.

3. Alcohol strength 12 and half % bottled in 2022

Retail price £16.50 I paid £9.90

Roero, Arneis, Giovanni Rosso Where from Piedmont Italy

Arneis means Rascal in Italian

Taste Ripe pear, aromas of almonds, apricots and hops. Once nearly extinct Arneis has come back in recent years.

Bottled in 2021 strength 13% retail price £18.50 I paid £12.02

David Rosso took over from his father in early 2000s and is now one of Piedmont's greatest producers.

3 Sancerre by Domaine David Sautereau Loire

Sauvignon Blanc left bank of the Loire

Taste apricots, white flowers, freshly cut hay and a light herbaceous quality plus yellow pepper.

Cool fermentation ensures a particularly pure fruity style, while 3 months on the lees provide extra complexity and richness.

Bottled in 2021 strength 12½ % retail price £23.50 I paid £14

Pinot Noir by Greystones wines Where from New Zealand N.Canterbury.

What sort of grape 100% pinot noir.

What can smell/taste flavours from rih sour cherry mingling with sweet fragment red berries and a herbal top note of raspberry tea.

The first vintage was 2008.

The wine matures for 15 months in 70% new French oak and is bottled without fining or filtration.

Alcohol strength 14% bottled in 2020

Retail price£20.50 I paid £12.30

Chianti Classico from Tuscany Italy

Must be made of 80% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon

Smell taste flavours of plummy fruit,dried cranberries, bay leaf and blood orange.

It cannot be released until the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct in the year following the harvest

Alcohol strength 13 half %

Retail price £18.50 I paid £11.10

Vacquerious ,Pavanne, le bastide saint Vincent , Grows in The Rhone

It was awarded gold medal in Paris in 2023

Taste /smell dried mushrooms, liquorice,sage blackberries and plums.

Made up from Granache, Syrah,mouvedre and cinsault.

Vacquerious was the 2<sup>nd</sup> cote de Rhone villages to be upgraded to Aoc status [ appellation d'origine Contrôlée

Bottled in 2021 alcohol strength 14%

Retail price £16 I paid £10.40

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**Tasting Sheet**  
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**Wine 1:** 2022 Berry Bros. & Rudd Gavi di Gavi by Roberto Sarotto, Piedmont, Italy

- 100% Cortese grape variety; native variety to Alessandria in Piedmont
- Cortese has produced wines here since the 17th century.
- Gavi di Gavi is a 1,200ha vineyard area surrounding the city of Gavi.
- Distinguished by its crisp, floral, peachy, aromatic qualities.
- Roberto & Aurora Sarotto's 12ha Tenuta Manenti estate is perfectly placed to grow exquisite Cortese.
- Located in the frazione Zerbetta, at 260m above sea level on ancient Miocene sedimentary marne/tufo soils.
- Whole bunch pressed (with stems); improves potassium levels in the wine, adding perfume, acidity and herbaceous notes.

**Wine 2:** 2021 Roero, Arneis, Giovanni Rosso, Piedmont, Italy

- Arneis means "rascal" in Italian
- named for its ability to beguile the most patient winemakers
- A delicate white wine grape that originated (and is still primarily grown) in the Roero hills of Italy's southern Piedmont, just north of Alba
- Once nearly extinct, Arneis has made a comeback in recent years
- Piedmont has been the pre-eminent fine wine province of Italy since Roman times, a reputation reinforced under the House of Savoy
- Piedmont's own fame increased too as this noble House secured its place in history as the driver for Italian Reunification in 1861
- Davide Rosso took over from his father, Giovanni, in the early 2000s. He has since risen quickly in reputation as one of Piedmont's greatest producers

**Wine 3:** 2021 Berry Bros. & Rudd Sancerre by Domaine David Sautereau, Loire

- Sancerre is a famous white Sauvignon Blanc appellation located on the left bank of the Loire
- Nearly 3,000 hectares over vertiginous valleys at up to 350 metres above sea level
- Domaine Sautereau situated in the village of Crézancy 7km from the town of Sancerre
- David Sautereau (10th-generation vigneron) uses a blend of age-old practices and modern techniques to show the terroir characteristics of Sancerre at their best
- Cool fermentation ensures a particularly pure, fruity style while 3 months on the lees provide extra complexity and richness

- 100% Pinot Noir ; this grape grows in small, tight bunches on well-drained, deep limestone based subsoils
- Canterbury is an increasingly important fine wine region located on South Island's eastern seaboard
- Constantly at risk from the south-easterly Antarctic blasts, particularly during flowering
- Greystone Wines began in 2000 when the Thomas Family purchased a farm with exceptional limestone soils in the Omihi hills in Waipara
- Viticultural specialist Nick Gill was bought over from Penfolds (world leading Aussie winery) to plant 13 blocks on this unique terroir
- Dom Maxwell, a London accountant, was hired as the winemaker and the first vintage was 2008
- Hard limestone rock moving down towards clay on the north-facing slopes, providing excellent terroir for Pinot Noir
- The wine matures for 15 months in 70 percent new French oak and is bottled without fining or filtration

**Wine 6: 2019 Berry Bros. & Rudd Chianti Classico by Badia a Coltibuono, Tuscany, Italy**

- Chianti Classico is a leading Tuscan DOCG zone which covers approximately 7,000 hectares between Florence and Siena.
- Altitudes of between 150m and 500m.
- The sandy, alluvial soils of the lower sites yield fuller, meatier wines while the limestone and galestro rocks of the higher vineyards deliver finer, more ethereal examples.
- Origins of Chianti date back to the Middle Ages, although Chianti Classico was really born in 1716 when Grand Duke Cosimo III of Tuscany classified the zone.
- Regulations insist that the wine is made from a minimum 80% Sangiovese and a maximum 20% Canaiolo and ameliorative grapes (ie Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon). This wine is 100% Sangiovese.
- Chianti Classico cannot be released until 1st October in the year following the harvest.
- Badia a Coltibuono's history dates back to 1051, to the Vallombrosan order of monks.
- 74ha ; it is fortunate in owning a significant slice of subzone Monti in Chianti, whose excellent terroir is much prized.

**Wine 7: 2021 Vacqueyras, Pavane, La Bastide Saint Vincent, Rhône**

- Vacqueyras was the second Côtes du Rhône Villages to be upgraded to AOC status, after Gigondas, in 1990
- They are made from a little less Grenache (50 percent minimum) with the balance made up with Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault
- La Bastide St Vincent is a delightful, family-owned wine domaine with 17th-century origins
- Laurent Daniel works 26 ha across six villages and 23 parcels, growing the famous trio of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre
- He vinifies them separately in a combination of cement and stainless steel. He keeps the temperatures relatively low to allow full and generous expression of the fruit flavours