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2018 Raats Old Vine Chenin Blanc- Stellenbosch, South Africa

South Africa's most famous wine-producing district is Stellenbosch; fine winemaking here dates back to the late 1600s. Raats Family Wines, founded in 2001 by brothers Bruwer and Jasper Raats, is focused solely on crafting world class Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc, best known as the premier grapes of France's Loire Valley. The small, family-owned winery has quickly established itself as a New World leader in the production of these two varietals, garnering tremendous critical acclaim. Bruwer Raats' entry point Chenin sees no wood at all and combines fruit from granite and sandstone soils. The wine offers a complex nose showing quince, white peach and yellow apple, with fenugreek spices give more dimension alongside the mineral intensity of the wine. The stone fruit character follows through onto an exceptionally balanced, very delicate and fine textured palate showing a peach-melba character with an exquisite length and freshness. The wine lingers with hints of ripe nectarine and apricot, zesty lemon and wet chalk. 90 PTS Tim Atkin

Pairings: Try mussels, white fish with a beurre blanc sauce, spicy butternut squash soup, or mild Indian curries. Chenin Blanc pairs well with Asian fare like sweet and sour pork, pad thai, and Peking duck. The wine also goes well a variety of pork dishes, seafood such as scallops, sashimi, or tuna tartare as well as turkey and chicken.

2019 Domaine Drouhin Vaudon Chablis- Burgundy France

Chablis has vineyards that cover hillsides surrounding the small village of Chablis about 100 miles north of Dijon, making it actually closer to Champagne than to Burgundy. The Moulin de Vaudon, property of Joseph Drouhin, is an 18th Century watermill close to the Grand Cru vineyards of Chablis. Because of its unique location at the heart of their vineyard estate, the historical watermill is the headquarters of the Drouhin Domaine in Chablis. Starting with the 2008 vintage, the name "Vaudon" was associated with Joseph Drouhin for all its Chablis wines as a sign of the firm's allegiance to this historical terroir. The 2019 Drouhin Vaudon Chablis is a bright and focused wine. This wine offers a racy, yet rewarding experience on the palate. A dry and fruity wine, easy to drink. Very fresh aromas reminiscent of citrus (lemon or grapefruit); small pleasant touches of fern or coriander are found as well. On the palate, dry and fruity, with mineral notes, and a pleasant and long aftertaste. 92 PTS WW

Pairings: Pair with linguine and clams, grilled fish and oysters. It is also perfect when partnered with goat cheese or any of the white proteins such as **veal**, and chicken.