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2018 Rotem & Mounir Saouma Inopia Blanc Cotes du Rhone Villages, France

Côtes du Rhône Villages includes the best villages of the greater Côtes du Rhône appellation. The possibility for an appellation promotion exists for every named village but each has to achieve and prove superior quality before an upgrade will be granted. The Saouma's purchased a desolate plot of land in Orange in 2011. A minimal intervention approach combined with the image of the original barren land inspired the name of the wine, INOPIA, which translates to "made from nothing" in Latin. Rotem & Mounir's white wines are breathtaking, following the similar philosophy of exceptional terroir paired with high quality, low yielding fruit that remains undisturbed for 18 months after fermentation with the resulting wine bottled unfiltered and unfined. The blend is mostly Grenache Blanc, along with a touch of Roussanne, Marsanne, Bourboulenc, Clairette and Viognier grapes. Intensely perfumed and vibrant nose of citrus, flowers and an almost salty note. The palate continues with the intensity of flavors and structure and with a beautifully balanced freshness. 92 PTS WS

Pairings: This wine goes well with most types of seafood. It's a perfect match for shellfish and the famous dish of southern France, bouillabaisse, as well as cheese.

2019 DeSante L'Atelier Field Blend White- Napa Valley, California

Dave Desante's admiration for winemaking began at age ten, and it's taken him all over the world, from Margaret River, Australia, to Chateau Petrus in Bordeaux. He's revered as an expert winemaking consultant in Napa Valley and was the founding winemaker for Tierra Roja. Semillon adds richness and opulence to the bright, piercing elements of Sauvignon Blanc, resulting in a supremely focused white with enough richness to keep you coming back for more. This is a field blend of nearly equal parts Sémillon, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay, with a smaller amount of Sauvignon Blanc. Organic grapes harvested from the cooler, riverside area of Yountville gives L'Atelier vivacious aromas of citrus blossom, flint and fresh russet apples. The palate is balanced for summer fare with notes of key lime and fresh cut apple, giving way to a delicious saline finish- perfect for the warm days of spring and summer. 92 PTS WE

Pairings: This wine pairs well with pasta, shellfish, pork and poultry.