



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA



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## 2021 Noble Hill "Sur Lie" Chenin Blanc- West Cape, South Africa

Noble Hill is an organic estate grower on the slopes of the Simonsberg mountains in South Africa. They follow a minimal-intervention winemaking philosophy and make delicate, fresh wines with mineral structure. You can taste the granite character of the soils in every glass! The Simonsberg mountains, where our vineyards are located, have produced South Africa's finest wines for more than 300 years. Chenin Blanc is both the oldest and highest-elevation vineyard at Noble Hill. Natural fermentation in large-format concrete vessels yields delicate citrus aromas underlined by granite minerality. This Chenin Blanc opens with aromas of fresh lime blossom, honeydew melon, and green apple. The aromas are balanced by delicate mineral flavors derived from the rocky slopes of the Simonsberg mountains where the wine is grown.

Pairings: Lighter meats like veal and pork work very well, along with richer seafood dishes and soft cheeses. The sweetness and high acidity of Chenin Blanc makes it an ideal pairing for Asian fare like sweet and sour pork, pad Thai, and Peking duck.

## 2021 Ziobaffa Organic Pinot Grigio- Puglia, Italy

Filmmaker Jason Baffa travels the globe with his friends and a film-camera creating movies pictures about surfing. His films include , "Singlefin: yellow," "One California Day" and the newly released and award winning, "Bella Vita," During a trip through Italy with surfer-environmentalist, Chris Del Moro and fifth generation winemaker, Piergiorgio Castellani, Baffa's passion for good food, thirst-quenching libation and a few late-night practical jokes, inspired the local crew of surfers to nick-name him, Zio Baffa (Uncle Baffa). Under the guidance of vintner Castellani, Ziobaffa wine is crafted in a zero-waste facility located in the heart of Tuscany. From California, Baffa works closely with Castellani to manage the operations. Call it an Italian-Californian collaboration or maybe just a modern twist on an old tradition. Castellani and Ziobaffa have made conscious efforts to infuse their products with an ethos of quality & sustainability. The 100% organic Pinot Grigio grapes are hand-picked in the hilly vineyards on the sunny island of Sicily on soil with a unique mix of limestone and white chalk; it is a perfect place to produce pure organic natural wines. It is plump and juicy, zesty with tangy flavors of Meyer lemon, Honeycrisp apple, pickled ginger and white stone. A delicious Pinot Grigio, a little richer and fuller than the same wines produced in the North Italy. Bottled and labeled with bio-safe materials, it features the new Helix™ re-usable cork seal.

Pairings: Ziobaffa Pinot Grigio pairs well with a wide array of lighter cuisine, especially fish/shellfish, poultry, pasta in cream sauce and softer cheeses. It's also an excellent aperitif.