



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA



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## 2019 Lapostolle Apalta Red 2019 Rapel Valley, Chile

The Colchagua Valley is situated in the southern part of Chile's Rapel Valley, with many of the best vineyards lying in the foothills of the Coastal Range. The warm, dry growing season in the Colchagua Valley favors robust reds made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Malbec and Syrah. Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle (DBL) is one of Chile's most dynamic and influential winemakers. The family began producing fine wine and spirits in France in 1827. In 1994, they were one of the first to see the potential of Apalta Valley's terroirs in Chile for producing high quality red varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Merlot. In 2005, DBL's icon wine Clos Apalta made history by becoming the first and only South American wine to ever be ranked #1 of the famous Top100 of Wine Spectator. The family's goal is to create world-class wines using French winemaking philosophy and the superb terroirs of Apalta. The 2019 Apalta is a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah, 7% Carmenère, and 5% Merlot. It has an elegant, fine and well balanced nose with aromas of black fruits such as blackberries and spices. A silky attack is followed by flavors of red and black fruits, coffee and chocolate. It has good tannins with very good structure. JS 93 PTS

Pairing: The ideal companion for stewed and grilled meat such as game, lamb and a rib-eye steak.

## NV Sartarelli Sparkling Brut Verdicchio- Marche, Italy

Ferruccio Sartarelli wanted to move to Argentina to invest in land there, but his wife was firmly against this idea, so he took his dream & applied it to his home region of Le Marche and memories of the local wines produced from Verdicchio. This grape/wine was given very little attention by the outside wine world and Ferruccio set his sights on changing that mindset. He has since dedicated all his attention on the Verdicchio variety. Today his family produces 6 bottlings from their 55 hectares of vine. They continue to be a leading estate in the region & one of only a few that produce exclusively white wine from a single variety. This 100% Verdicchio is from select parcels across their estate, hand harvested exclusively to produce sparkling wine in the Martinotti method that is the defining style of Prosecco. It has lively aromas of fresh sea breeze, touches of smoky-like complexity to the peach & apricot fruit; the palate is invigorating with a delicate mousse of bubbles encompassing a core of fresh acidity with notes of sweet peach, pear, & melon fruit with a bright saline-laced finish.

Pairings: Fritto misto (lightly battered & fried local seafood) including calamari, sardines, shrimp, etc. Other great options are light salads with mixed greens & a delicate vinaigrette; mild cheeses, or enjoy this with some good sushi which is a surprisingly great pairing companion.