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2020 Domaine Roger Perrin Châteauneuf du Pape- Rhone , France

The small region on the left bank of the Rhone north of Avignon today enjoys a legendary reputation; critics and lovers of the "wines of the popes" put them on an equal footing with the very great wines from Bordeaux or Burgundy. The region experienced its first heyday when the popes moved their headquarters to exile in Avignon in the 14th century, where they promoted viticulture in the Rhone. The name "Chateauneuf-du-Pape" was given to the region in the 19th century. The Domaine Roger Perrin was founded in 1969. It is now managed by the fifth generation of Perrins. This wine is a sophisticated blend of 76% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre, 3% Cinsault, 2% Clairette, 2% Counoise, and 2% Vaccarese. It is Intense garnet with purple reflections and a broad ochre lightening on the rim. It has subtle licorice, red berry nuances in the background, with fresh tangerine zest, and fine savory notes of dried herbs. It is of medium complexity, with a fruity sweet texture, subtle hints of figs, and vivid tannins, with a mineral finish.

Pairings: Domaine Roger Perrin is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, sausage, grilled meats, barbecue and cassoulet. It is also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, and mushrooms, cheese, pasta, eggplant and tomatoes.

2021 Chateau Massereau - Bordeaux Clairet- Bordeaux, France

Located in Barsac, south-east of Bordeaux, Château Massereau, a 16th century former hunting lodge of the Dukes of Epernon, dominates with its three towers, the rows of vines. The estate, acquired in 2000 by the Chaigneau family, extends over 21 hectares with only 11 hectares planted and in production in a protected ecosystem. Jean-François, who chose to be a winegrower, led his brother Philippe, who came from the world of tennis, into his passion. Extreme vine-growing and wine-making methods respect the terroir so the wines are natural and authentic. This wine is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Halfway between a red and a rose, this old Bordeaux style is both rich and refreshing. Merlot brings dark berry juice, Cabernet Franc brings some peppery zest, and Cabernet Sauvignon a backbone of tannin and plum. It is ready for immediate drinking, and should be served with a chill.

Pairings: As an Aperitif or with Beef, Lamb, Pork, Pork Chop, Red Meat, Roast, Tenderloin, Venison