

# FIYA natural! wine



“Natural wine” covers some combination of organic (o) and biodynamic (b) farming, plus the use of native yeasts for fermentation. We select only wines “spontaneously fermented”, which simply use yeasts residing naturally on the grapes. Many of these wines are not filtered (nf) and all have minimal sulphur. As a general proposition, natural wines are less manipulated so as to let the grapes and their environs express themselves, sometimes in random fashion. All of our wines are vegan. This list is curated by Mark Bires, not a sommelier but a noted wino. Note that all reds are kept at cellar temperature (~57°). Glasses are 6 ounce pours.

**PIQUETTE** A centuries old technique, historically made for vineyard workers, now trendy. Made by adding water to stems, seeds, and skins from the initial wine crush, then allowing the remaining sugars to ferment, yielding a lighter, more watery, lower alcohol drink. Fun and easy patio drinking. Ordering a glass bestows hipster status!

**OLD WESTMINSTER ROSE 2021 (MARYLAND) 65% Piquette/35% Pure Rosé**, light to medium body, hazy pink, dry. All done in stainless steel. Lightly sour flavors of watermelon, pear, pomegranate, sage. Ask for a taste. It grows on you. 10% 12.5/50

## WHITES

**ALPHA AMYNDION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019 (GREECE) 100% Sauvignon Blanc**, medium body, light yellow with green hints, hint of sweetness. Skin contact, stirred sur lees aging, stainless steel. Round yet crisp, flavors of cream, gooseberry, melon, tropical fruit. An atypical, fuller bodied sauvignon blanc. (o, nf) 13% 12.5/50

**FOLK MACHINE CLARKSBURG CHENIN BLANC 2021 (CLARKSBURG, Ca) 100% Chenin blanc**, medium body, silky, good acidity, pale gold, some sweetness. Concrete, stainless steel, then neutral barrel fermentation, malolactic fermentation. Clean flavors of candied banana, kiwi, mineral, hint of butter. Bold, interesting fruit flavors, and super fun. (o) 12% 12.5/50

**SFERA MACERATO 2020 (ITALY) 100% Verdeca**, medium body, silky, golden, mostly dry with a hint of sweetness. Fermentation & aging in stainless steel. Clean, bright flavors of lemon, orange rind, olive oil, white flower, cream, green herb. The verdeca grape is fairly rare, native to the Puglia region of Italy. Lucious, fresh, easy, yet savory. (o) 12.5% 13/60 Liter

**BROC CELLARS “LOVE WHITE” 2021 (MENDOCINO, Ca) 24% Albarino/18% Grenache Blanc/15% Roussane/12% Picpoul**, medium body, hazy yellow, lively, mostly dry. Varieties fermented separately in stainless, then aged in neutral oak. Bright, lightly sour flavors of lemon, pineapple, white flower, sage, sea salt, limestone. Fresh and lovely, like us. (o, nf) 11% 13.5/54

**ARNDORFER RIESLING STRASSER WEINBERGE 2018 (AUSTRIA) 100% Riesling**, medium body, light gold, for a riesling only mildly sweet, good acidity. Fermentation and aging in 20% stainless steel, 80% oak. Bright, perfumed, creamy flavors of grapefruit, lime, honey, mineral, butter, and very mild oak. Delicious, somewhat rich like a chardonnay. (o, nf) 11.5% 14/56

**MATTHIASSEN “TENDU” CORTESI 2020 (CLARKSBURG, CA) 100% Cortese**, medium to full body, light gold, silky & resinous, moderately dry. Whole cluster (stems too for some bramble) fermentation in concrete, then aging in neutral oak. Round, clean flavors of pear, lemon, almond, sea salt, butter, light oak. A bolder white, not unlike chardonnay, for that branzino! (o) 12.0% 50

**SANDHI CENTRAL COAST CHARDONNAY 2019 (SANTA BARBARA, Ca) 100% Chardonnay**, medium body, crisp, silky, pale gold, dry. Spontaneous and malolactic fermentation & aging in neutral oak barrels. Clean, stylish, subtle flavors of candied pineapple, yellow apple, mineral, resin, honey, hint of oak. An elegant and understated chard, thank you. (o) 13% 52

**MONTENIDOLI TRADIZIONALE VERNACCIA 2020 (ITALY) 100% Vernaccia**, full body, golden, rich and silky, dry. Fermentation and aging in glass and concrete. Resinous and saline flavors of yellow apple, almond, olive oil, honey, green herb, and mineral. A nice, big white that you can drink in the winter by a roaring fire, or a wood oven! (o) 13.5% 56

**BROC CELLARS "AMORE BIANCO" 2020 (MENDOCINO, Ca) 100% Tocai Friulano**, light to medium body, yellow-gold, lively, fruity, mostly dry. Fermentation on skins (for extra flavor and texture) and aging in sandstone jars. Complex, stylish flavors of pineapple rind, grapefruit pith, lemon oil, tarragon, sea salt, mineral. Akin to a mild version of an orange wine. (o, nf) 12% 56

**ESMERELDA GARCIA "SANTYUSTE" 2020 (SPAIN) 100% Verdejo** from this Spanish superstar and 130 year old vines - full body, golden, lush & silky but lively, mostly dry. Fermentation in stainless steel then aged in Spanish clay. Rich, stylish flavors of Anjou pear, buttered roll, leek, olive oil, butter, slate. If you like great chardonnays, and no oak, check this. (b, o, nf) 13.5% 70

**PELTER-MATAR SAUVIGNON BLANC-SEMILLON 2019 (ISRAEL) 85% Sauv Blanc/15% Sémillon**. A sympatico exception to our natural wine list, this medium to full bodied beauty from the elevation and sunshine of the Golan Heights (visited by us) shows clean, round flavors of grass, lemon, melon, white flower, stone. All done in stainless. Stylish, dry, and kosher. 11% 75

**SPHERA WHITE CONCEPTS 2021 (ISRAEL) 100% Sauvignon Blanc**. From the Judean foothills, a rich expression of the grape. Pale gold, medium to full body, lightly sweet, round, lovely balance and acidity. Fermented and aged in stainless steel. Clean, elegant flavors of white flower, cantaloupe, pear, hint of lime and bread dough. Boutique, rare, not kosher. 12.5% 98

## ROSÉS & CHILLED REDS

**LA BOUTANCHE "SOTE DE L'ANGE" 2020 ROSÉ (FRANCE) 100% Grolleau**, medium body, pale orange, dry, lively. Crushed and fermented in stainless steel. Clean, creamy, low-key flavors of cantaloupe, honeydew, green apple, herb, limestone, salt. Grolleau is distinctive to the Loire valley. A summer porch pounder, with a lot of interest. (o, b, nf) ~12% 12.5/58 Liter

**LITEN BUFFEL "MOTHER" 2019 (NIAGARA, NY) 11 Grape Varieties + 2 Pears**, light to medium body, hazy ruby, crunchy acidity, dry. Foot crushed, aged in old oak, second fermentation induced by a dash of local honey (lightly frizzante, but still dry). Juicy, earthy flavors of sour cherry, cranberry, pear, rose petal, mushroom. Interesting, but fun and easy peasy. (o, nf) 12% 13.5/54

**TRACY PÈRE & FILS "PINK" 2020 (FRANCE) 100% Cabernet Franc**, cloudy strawberry-pink, medium body, fruity, lively and lightly effervescent, some sweetness and tannins (longer skin contact). Stainless steel fermentation and aging. More earthy flavors of strawberry, plum, sour cherry, green herb, touch of horse hair. A bigger, more serious, slightly funky rosé. (o, nf) 12.5% 14/56

**GARALIS "Terra ROZA" 2020 (GREECE) 95% Muscat/5% Limnio**, medium body, lovely murky pink, fruity but dry, some tannic bite. Fermented with 8 days of skin contact (flavor and texture) in stainless steel. Perfumey flavors of watermelon rind, plum, green herb, hint of clove, white pepper, sea salt. Not your grandmother's rose, but tres cool. (o, nf) 13.5% 54

**LO-FI GAMAY/PINOT NOIR 2021 (SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, Ca) 50% Pinot Noir/50% Gamay**, medium body, fruity, strawberry color, some sweetness. Whole cluster crushed (for some bramble), carbonic maceration (fresh & fruity), all in neutral oak. Juicy flavors of strawberry, cherry, pomegranate, hint of baking spice. Patio season is here! (o, nf) 12.5% 60

**ORANGES** White grapes with skin contact, cousin of rosé (red grapes), but results can be more distinctive, even peculiar.

**FRANÇOIS DUCROT "AUGUSTE" 2021 (FRANCE) 50% Grenache Blanc, 50% Grenache Gris**, medium body, pale hazy peach, crisp, dry, pleasant tannins. Fermented with 15 days of skin contact in stainless steel. Gentle, approachable, lightly sour flavors of cantaloupe, honeydew rind, green herb, wax, sea salt. Could drink this all day, and just might. (o, nf) 12.5% 13/52

**GARALIS "Terra AMBERA" 2020 (GREECE) 100% Muscat of Alexandria**, medium body, hazy orange, crisp, bone dry but fruity, tannic bite. Fermented with 5 days of skin contact in stainless steel. Signature perfumey orange character of muscat, yet stylish flavors of apricot, mango, green herb, white pepper, sea salt. Muscat, what more to say? (o, nf) 14% 13.5/54

**PRAY TELL "SKIN CONTACT" 2021 (OREGON) 70% Pinot Gris/30% Chardonnay**, medium body, clear, neon pink, crisp, mostly dry, good tannic bite. Crushed with 8 days of skin contact in stainless, then aged in clay amphorae. Clean, spare flavors of limestone, wildflower, raspberry, pear skin, sea salt. A unique orange - not orange at all and very high style. (o, nf) 12.4% 68

**JASON LIGAS X VIN DE POTES 2019 (GREECE) 100% Muscat**, medium body, pale orange, dry, some tannins. Fermentation and 18 months aged on the skins in concrete. Strange, sour, delicious flavors of orange rind, apricot, lime, green olive, limestone, sea salt, white pepper, dash of nail polish. A special, challenging, complex wine if you like this kind of thing (and we do). (o, nf) 13% 80

## REDS

**VIA REVOLUCIONARIA CRIOLLA GRANDE 2019 (ARGENTINA) 100% Criolla Grande**, light body, easy tannins, cherry color, dry. Concrete fermentation and aging. Earthy, juicy flavors of sour cherry, rose petal, hints of raspberry and blueberry, sage. Glou glou (easy drinker), and not unlike a lighter, but offbeat pinot noir. (o, nf) 10.5% 12.5/50

**SEBASTIEN DAVID HURLUBERLU 2019 (FRANCE) 100% Cabernet Franc**, light to medium body, ruby-brick color. Hand-picked, foot-pressed, spontaneous fermented and aged in clay amphorae. Juicy, fresh, earthy flavors of cranberry, cherry, lavender, licorice, green herb. Fun fact - the vineyard is near lavender fields, which shows in the wine. (b, o, nf) 13% 13.5/54

**PHILIPPE TESSIER CHEVERNY "ROUGE" 2020 (FRANCE) 57% Pinot Noir/36% Gamay/7% Malbec**, purple, medium to full body, good tannins, dry. Hand-picked, fermentation and aging in old barrels. Juicy, velvety flavors of raspberry, plum, licorice, chocolate, and green herb. A great blend, with some oomph and a lot of fruit and interest. (o, nf) 13.5% 13.5/54

**LA BOUTANCHE "TABLE RED" (SONOMA) 100% Zinfandel**, collaboration with Broc Cellars, full body, purple brick, dry, good tannins. Destemmed (for clean fruit), crushed and fermented in stainless steel, then aged in neutral oak for 8 months. Chewy flavors of raspberry, blueberry, black cherry, baking spice, black pepper. Easy, not old school zinfandel. (o, nf) 13% 13/58 Liter

**JOÃO TAVARES "TRETAS!" 2020 (PORTUGAL) 90% Mencia/10% Touriga Nacional**, dark purple, medium body, solid tannins, fruity, dry. Fermented and aged in stainless steel. Earthy, dark flavors of blackberry, blueberry, sour cherry, black pepper, green pepper, green herb, smoke. A broad-shouldered red, reminiscent of good Syrah. (o, nf) 13.2% 13/52

**MONTESCONDO "LOUPE" 2020 (ITALY) 100% Sangiovese**, medium body, garnet, some chewy tannins, dry. Crushed and aged in concrete. Complex, lightly sour flavors of candied cherry, raspberry, tar, leather, cinnamon. But for running afoul of the Italian labeling laws, this is a terrific, distinctive chianti classico, marked down because of the mistake. It's a one off! (b, o, nf) 13% 56

**FOILLARD BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 2019 (FRANCE) 100% Gamay**, blend of several granite terroirs, medium body, fruity, dry, garnet, smooth tannins. Whole cluster fermentation & aging in concrete. Juicy, earthy flavors of dried cherry, rose petal, violet, allspice, mineral. Just outside the Cru vineyards, hotter summers have elevated these grapes into equal status! (o, nf) 12.5% 58

**GARALIS "LIMNIO" 2020 (GREECE) 100% Limnio**, medium to full body, purple-brick color, moderate tannins, good acidity, dry. Fermented, aged in stainless steel. Dark, earthy, herbaceous flavors of pomegranate, blueberry, asparagus, green herb, black licorice, cinnamon, black pepper. Limnio is said to be the oldest mentioned grape, and by Aristotle, noted wine dude. (o, nf) 12.5% 60

**TCHOTIASHVILI TAVKVERI 2017 (GEORGIA, EUROPE) 100% Tavkveri**, medium to full body, deep purple, chewy tannins, dry. Fermented and aged in buried clay amphora (kvevri). Fresh but deep flavors of blueberry, blackcurrant, licorice, dried fruit, green herb. Tavkveri is a grape native to the country of Georgia. A cool wine, and a cool hand-signed bottle. (o, nf) 13% 62

**SANTAMARIA "TRANOI ROUGE" 2020 (CORSICA) 80% Grenache/20% Sangiovese**, full body, deep purple, nice tannins, mostly dry. Fermented and aged in stainless steel. Rich, bright, chewy flavors of raspberry, blueberry, blackberry, light baking spice, and some bramble. Just delicious, and a great pair with meat or just because you like a big, happy red. (o, b, nf) 12.5% 62

**DO-RE-MI SAPERAVI KVEVRI 2020 (GEORGIA, EUROPE) 100% Saperavi**, full body, deep purple, chewy tannins, dry. Aged in buried clay pots (kvevri). Rich, earthy flavors of blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, blueberry, chocolate, tobacco, smoke, baking spice, and some bramble. Our second big and rich Georgian red, so bring on the cooler weather! (o, nf) 13.5% 62

**JÉRÔME BALMET LEMON HEAD 2019 (FRANCE) 100% Gamay**, from Beaujolais, ruby, medium body, nice tannins, dry, high acidity. Hand-picked, fermentation & aging in concrete. Juicy, stylish and complex flavors of blackcurrant, raspberry, rose petal, cinnamon, hint of green herb and funk. A beauty, but very "natty" with crunchy, in your face acidity. (b, o, nf) 12% 66

**CANTINE "CIÀTU" 2016 (SICILY, ITALY) 100% Alicante**, inky ruby-purple, full body, dry but fruity, enjoyable tannins. Hand-picked, 6 month aging in neutral oak. Rich but juicy and raisiny flavors of blueberry, cherry, bitter almond, forest, licorice, smoke, light oak. An Italian beauty. Serious and austere on the face, but warm when it gets to know you. (o, nf) 13% 68

**FLORAL TERRANES CABERNET FRANC 2020 (LONG ISLAND, NY) 100% Cab Franc**, purple-brick, medium to full body, lush, dry, solid tannins while very lively. Aged in neutral oak. Elegant and restrained flavors of blueberry, raspberry, chocolate, licorice, green pepper, and limestone. Wow > speculating that we make good wine in every state of the Union! (o, b, nf) 12% 68

**RUTH LEWANDOWKI BOAZ 2019 (GEYSERVILLE, Ca) 78% Carignan/13% Cabernet Sauvignon/9% Grenache**, royal purple, full body, tannic, dry, bold fruit. Full cluster, spontaneous fermentation, polyethylene aging. Rich, juicy, lush, and bold flavors of overripe blackberry, blueberry, anise, cinnamon, white pepper. A rare bottle, and a total treat. (o, nf) 13% 68

**BROC CELLARS "THE BADGER" 2019 (MENDOCINO, Ca) 100% Nero D'Avola**, medium to full body, purple, rich, chewy tannins, dry. 80% Fermented and aged in clay amphora, and 20% in neutral oak. Complex, subdued, elegant flavors of dark cherry, blueberry, tobacco, chocolate, sage, gentle oak. These 20+ year old Nero vines are very rare in California. (o, nf) 13% 78

**PELTER-MATAR "CUMULUS" 2019 (ISRAEL) 40% Cabernet/40% Merlot/20% Cab Franc**. A sympatico exception to our natural wine list, this full bodied, bold, sun-kissed red from the high elevation of the Golan Heights/Galilee (visited by us) shows rich, velvety, chewy (tannic) flavors of raspberry, blueberry, baking spice, lots of new French oak. Rich, youthful, kosher. 14.5% 82

**POGGERINO CHIANTI CLASSICO "BUGIALLA" 2018 (ITALY) 100% Sangiovese**, medium to full body, purple-garnet, mellowing tannins, dry. Fermented in cement and aged in old barrels. Complex, subdued, hitting stride flavors of plum, cherry, tobacco, licorice, leather, dried raisin-fig, green herb. A cut above chianti, which benefits from a little breathing. (o, nf) 13% 84

**SPARKLERS/PET NATS** Pet Nat (pétillant naturel) results from the single, original fermentation in the bottle.

**CAMILLE BRAUN CREMANT NV (ALSACE, FR) 75% Pinot Blanc, 25% Auxerrois**, light body, crisp, very fine bubbles (mousse), dry. Fermented in stainless steel, then aged on lees for 18-24 months. Fresh, creamy, floral flavors of white flower, red apple, shortbread, lemon zest. All elegance and finesse, like we'll be in our next life! Our "champagne". (b, o, nf) 12.5% 13.5/54

**DENNY BINI "SPUMA" PET NAT NV (FRANCE) 100% Lambrusco di Sorbara**, light body, very fine bubbles, cloudy pink, dry. Spontaneously fermented in stainless steel?, finished in the bottle. Fresh, lively flavors of strawberry, alpine flower, honeysuckle, tart apple, citrus zest. Lambruscos go down easy, too easy in fact. (o, nf) 12% 12/48

**ESCHEVERRIA "WILD PET NAT" 2020 (CHILE) 100% Chardonnay**, medium body, fine dissipating bubbles, murky yellow, fruity, mostly dry. Some skin contact, fermented in stainless steel. Earthy flavors of pineapple, green apple, mushroom, radish, yeast. Lots of sediment (unfiltered), but fruity and fun (like us), and good with our food. (o, nf) 14% 50

**PIVNICA ČAJKOV "VULCANICA" PET NAT 2020 (SLOVAKIA) Fetească Regală/Pinot Gris**, medium body, gentle bubbles, lovely cloudy peach, fruity, dry. Some skin contact, fermented + aged in stainless and old barrels. Earthy, chewy flavors of peach, cantaloupe/orange rind, lemongrass, tarragon, sea salt. No champagne, but super fun, top of the game, stuff. (o, nf) 12% 56

## DESSERT

**CHATEAU HURADIN "CERONS" 1999 (FRANCE) 100% Sémillon**, full body, orange-gold, rich, sweet, but a silky, mellow old thing. Hand harvested, spontaneously fermented then aged in stainless steel. Flavors of apricot rind, orange marmalade, peach skin, caramel, some salinity. Probably don't order a full bottle unless you're a group, or feeling frisky. (o, nf) 14% 11 (3oz)/62

