

# FLYA natural! wine



“Natural wine” covers some combination of organic (o) and biodynamic (b) farming, plus the use of yeasts (for fermentation) native to their soil. 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 and sometimes chef. Glasses are 6 ounce pours.

## WINE CIDERS

**AMBYTH SYRAH “SCRUMPY” (PASO ROBLES, CA)** Skins of grenache blanc and marsanne pressed with golden delicious apples, blended with fermenting syrah. Spontaneous fermentation in clay amphora. Hazy pink-orange, light, lively, clean, touch of tannin. Refreshing, elegant flavors of red apple, sour cherry, hint of funk. Easy drinking fun. (b, o, nf) 4.2% 20/600ml

**LITEN BUFFEL “MOTHER” 2019 (NIAGARA, NY) 11 Grape Varieties + 2 Pear**, 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% 56

## WHITES

**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% 12/52 Liter

**FOLK MACHINE CLARKSBURG CHENIN BLANC 2018 (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% 12/48

**ALPHA AMYNDEON 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% 12/48

**KONTOZISIS “SUN” WHITE 2020 (GREECE) 100% Malagousia**, light to medium body, pale yellow-green, crisp, mostly dry. Stainless steel fermentation and aging on lees (yeast cells, for more body and flavor). Clean, round, floral flavors of melon, lemon, pear, green olive, sage, mineral. Body to hold up well to food, but a fine patio quaffer as well. (o, nf) 13.5% 12.5/50

**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% 13/52

**MATTHIASSEN “TENDU” CORTESE 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% 49

**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. Very mild, accessible version of an orange wine. (o, nf) 12% 56

**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% 62

**RUTH LEWANDOWSKI "ELIMELECH" 2020 (MENDOCINO, Ca) 100% Riesling**, medium to full body, golden, lively acidity, dry with some richness. Fermentation & aging in neutral polyethylene. Elegant flavors of pineapple, pear, green apple, lemon pith, coconut, mineral, sea salt. An unlikely expression of riesling - bone dry, acidic, and fruity. (o, nf) 12.4% 68

**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% 72

**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% 72

## ROSÉS & CHILLED REDS

**SOTE DE L'ANGE "La BOUTANCHE" 2020 ROSÉ (France) 100% Grolleau**, medium body, pale orange, dry, lively. Crushed and fermented on lees 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% 12/52 Liter

**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 really cool. Ask for a taste. (o, nf) 13.5% 13/52

**RUTH LEWANDOWSKI FEINTS 2020 (MENDOCINO, Ca) 30% Arneis/33% Dolcetto/37% Montepulciano, Barbera, Nebbiolo**, medium body, fruity, very lively, ruby, some sweetness. Polyethylene aging, carbonic maceration. Fresh, juicy flavors of strawberry, cranberry, honey dew, kiwi, bubble gum, green herb. An intriguing porch pounder. (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

**LITEN BUFFEL "GARDEN DOOR" 2020 (NIAGARA, NY) 100% Pinot Noir**, medium body, cloudy faded rose, lightly effervescent, crunchy acidity. Foot crushed, aged in old oak, hand bottled. Juicy, funky flavors of sour cherry, pomegranate, rose petal, green herb, and a dose of horse hair. New York "natty" rosfun, with neat label, quaffable, and note the easy alcohol. (o, nf) 10% 56

**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

**RUTH LEWANDOWSKI ROSÉ 2021 (Ca) Touriga Nacional, Souzão, Tinta Roriz, Trousseau, Zinfandel**, medium body, fruity, cranberry color. Polyethylene aging (works), malolactic fermentation. Untypical flavors of candied strawberry, floral, campfire, rosemary, earthy funk. Named after Book of Ruth. Something about death, but good way to go. (o, i, h, nf, ns, v) 11.8% 64

See also the **BINI SPUMA** and **FERRETTI AL CER** under Sparklers.

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

**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% 13/52

**ROBERTO HENRIQUEZ “MOLINO DEL CIEGO” 2019 (CHILE) 100% Semillon**, light body, crisp, pale orange-gold, dry and modestly tannic. Stainless steel fermentation and brief aging in old oak. Very mild but lively flavors of tangerine peel, papaya, green herb, ginger, lime. A summer patio intro to orange wine - light, crisp, easy, and saline! (o, nf) 14% 13/52

**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% 12/48

**LE FRAGHE BARDOLINO 2020 (ITALY) Corvina/Rondinella blend**, light to medium body, mostly dry, ruby color, soft tannins, bright acidity. Stainless steel fermentation and aging. Complex, juicy flavors of sour cherry, pomegranate, rose petal, leather, green pepper, black pepper, green herb. Elegant yet easy, and a terrific value. (o, nf) 12% 12/48

**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% 13/52

**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% 13/52

**MARGINS COUNOISE 2020 (SANTA CRUZ, CA) 96% Counoise/4% Mourvedre**, medium body, fruity, mostly dry, ruby. Stainless steel fermentation with 4 months neutral oak aging, all destemmed. Juicy, juicy, floral and fresh flavors of raspberry, pomegranate, baking spice. A delicious quaffer, the counoise being a minor Rhone blending grape. (o, nf) 13% 13.5/54

**PARDAS “SUS SCROFA” 2019 (SPAIN) 100% Sumoll**, a grape specific to Catalonia, medium body, ruby-purple, lively, dry, nice tannins. Stainless steel fermentation with cement aging. Juicy, earthy flavors of sour cherry, blackberry, leather, licorice, and just a touch of overripe fruit funk. A little quirky, but easy, like us! And a nice value. (b, o, nf) 12% 48

**MONTESCONDO “LOUPE” 2020 (ITALY) 100% Sangiovese**, medium body, garnet, silky tannins, mostly dry. Crushed and aged in concrete. Flavors of cherry, raspberry, tar, leather, cinnamon. But for running afoul of the technicalities of Italian labeling laws, this is just basically just a terrific chianti. (b, o, nf) 13% 56

**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% 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% 59

**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% 72

**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% 80

**SPARKLERS** Pet Nat is pétillant natural, wine bottled only partially fermented which yields CO2 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! (b, o, nf) 12.5% 13/52

**FERRETTI "AL CER" 2019 (ITALY) 25% Lambrusco Salamino + 7 Other Grapes**, light body, very fine dissipating bubbles, faded rose color, mostly dry. Fermented in stainless steel?, aged on lees, and in bottle 20 months. Fresh, savory flavors of cherry, green herb, bramble, and a hint of barnyard funk. Lambruscos are too much fun. (o, nf) 12% 13/52

**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% 48

## 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