

WINE #1

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Domaine de la Villaudiere - France - Loire - Sancerre

BOTTLE



VIDEO REVEAL



DEDUCTION

SIGHT

This wine is pale lemon/straw in color. There is a hint of green. The wine appears youthful.

NOSE

This wine has moderate (+) intensity on the nose. There are very subtle floral notes and "green" notes.

Fruit notes are citrus heavy - lots of citrus (lemon, lime, and grapefruit) along with green apple.

What stands out most is the very 'fresh' mineral quality. Wet stone, and a little snap of jalapeno, chive, and lemongrass.

PALATE

This wine is dry.

It has similar tasting notes as on the nose, with lots of citrus fruit and fresh wet stone. The fruit condition moves to tart on the palate, which leads me to believe this wine is probably from an 'old world' country.

The body of the wine is light to medium.

Alcohol is medium.

Acid is medium (+) to high.

CONCLUSION

This wine is fresh and vibrant. Due to its mineral earthy quality, tart fruit condition, and high acid, I would put this in a cool to moderate climate in France, Italy, or Spain!

Varieties could include unoaked Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Albariño;

This wine is not Chardonnay because there is plenty more acid here than I would typically find in Chardonnay, and the body is a bit lighter than I would expect in Chardonnay.

This wine is not Albariño because Albariño would have more aromatic fruit and floral notes and fewer herbal/vegetal notes. Albariño also often has a 'bready' or 'leesy' quality that this wine doesn't show and some phenolic grip on the palate.

This wine is Sauvignon Blanc from France, from the Loire Valley, from Sancerre!



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WINE #2

ALBARIÑO

Leirana - Spain - Rias Biaxas

BOTTLE



VIDEO REVEAL



DEDUCTION

SIGHT

This wine is medium lemon/yellow in color.

NOSE

This wine has moderate (+) intensity on the nose. There is a lot of fruit; mostly citrus (lime), but also stone fruit (apricots) and green apples. It smells like a fruit basket. There are noticeable floral notes and a fresh sea breeze, 'salty', mineral quality. There are also subtle sourdough bread notes, which could mean the wine has been aged on the lees.

PALATE

This wine is dry.
It has similar tasting notes as on the nose, leading with citrus fruit, along with wet stone and saline. The fruit condition goes from ripe to tart which leads me to believe this wine is probably from an 'old world' country.
The body of the wine is medium.
Alcohol is around medium.
Acid is medium (+) to high.

CONCLUSION

This wine is mouthwatering, bright, and textured. Due to its mineral/saline quality, tart fruit condition, and high acid, I would say this is from an 'old world' country.

Varieties could include Albariño, Pinot Grigio, and Sauvignon Blanc;

This wine is not Pinot Grigio because it's a bit more aromatic. Pinot Grigio is generally more "neutral" in aroma and taste. Pinot Grigio is also lower in acid (typically) and has more of a phenolic bitterness "grip".

This wine is not Sauvignon Blanc as Sauvignon Blanc is more herbal than it is floral, and also doesn't show the same leesy/bready qualities or any phenolic bitterness.

This wine is Albariño, from Spain, from Rias Biaxas!

WINE #3

GAMAY

Chateau Thivin - France - Beaujolais - Côte de Brouilly

BOTTLE



VIDEO REVEAL



DEDUCTION

SIGHT

This wine is purple in color. The core is darker and it fades into a pink/magenta rim, which gives a youthful impression. Concentration is medium. I can slightly see through this wine.

NOSE

This wine has moderate intensity on the nose. There are very subtle floral notes and red fruits. Fruit notes include red cherry and bright red raspberry. The fruit smells ripe and juicy. What stands out the most outside of the juicy red fruits are violets and earthy notes like wet potting soil and mushroom, along with a 'granite' like mineral quality.

PALATE

This wine is dry. It has similar tasting notes as on the nose, with mostly red berries along with some black fruit like plum. The fruit condition moves to tart but is still very vibrant. The body of the wine is medium. Alcohol is medium. Acid is around medium (+). Tannin is medium. They are present but fairly soft.

CONCLUSION

This wine is juicy and bold simultaneously. It's from an 'old world' region due to its more earthy quality, tart fruit condition, and higher acid.

Varieties could include Pinot Noir, Gamay, and Grenache;

This wine is not Pinot Noir because the color is a bit more magenta than most Pinots would show. Pinot Noir also has more dominant mushrooms, forest floor, and earth, which is present here, but not as intensely.

This wine is not Grenache because the fruit quality is often riper in Grenache. Grenache also has higher alcohol and a fuller mouthfeel.

This wine is Gamay from France, from Beaujolais, from Côte de Brouilly!

WINE #4

PINOT NOIR

Evesham Wood - USA - Oregon - Willamette Valley

BOTTLE



VIDEO REVEAL



DEDUCTION

SIGHT

This wine is ruby in color and the concentration is pale. I can see through this wine.

NOSE

This wine has moderate (+) intensity on the nose. There is both red and black fruit, but it's dominant in red (cherry and cranberry). The fruit smells ripe and juicy. Outside of fruit, there are some red flowers and licorice, as well as earthy notes like wet potting soil, mushrooms, and wet leaves. There is a noticeable baking spice, possibly from oak.

PALATE

This wine is dry.

It has similar tasting notes as on the nose, with mostly red berries. The fruit's condition is bright but ripe. There is a good balance of earth as well!

The body of the wine is medium to medium (+).

Alcohol is medium.

Acid is medium (+).

Tannin is medium.

CONCLUSION

This wine is juicy but also balanced by earthy notes.

Varieties could include Grenache, Gamay, and Pinot Noir;

This wine is not Gamay because the fruit feels too powerful. Gamay would have more tart fruit as well as be more mineral driven. There is typically less oak influence on gamay as well.

This wine is not Grenache because the fruit quality is often riper in Grenache. Grenache also has much higher alcohol and a heavier mouthfeel.

This wine is Pinot Noir from the USA, from Oregon, from Willamette!