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WINE DISCOVERY

Gros Manseng

About:

Gros Manseng (GRO-mon-SON) is indigenous to Southwest France and probably originated in or near the appellation of Jurançon close to the town of Pau. It is part of the family of “Manseng” grapes that includes Petit Manseng and Manseng Noir; the latter is now very rare. It is said by some to be related to the Albariño grape from the Galicia region of northwest Spain, and they certainly share many characteristics.



The word “gros” in French means large and refers to the size of the berries or grapes of Gros Manseng, which are large relative to those of the closely related Petit Manseng variety. By the late 1950s there were only about 100 acres of Gros Manseng left in France, and its future looked bleak. Thankfully, its fortunes changed and today it is widely grown in Southwest France where it is primarily associated with the dry wines of the Jurançon Sec appellation

Alain Brumont,
Gros Manseng-Sauvignon, Gascogne, France 2015

The Winery:

Perfectionist Alain Brumont is one of the finest wine makers alive today. He is solely responsible for redefining the wines from Madiran of South West France in the 1980's and 1990's, chiefly through his wines made at Château Bouscasse and Château Montus. He is a passionate believer in 'terroir' and the majority of his wines are organic; indeed some are biodynamic. This particular white wine comes from the Cotes de Gascogne and, as the label suggests, is made from a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and the lesser known Gros Manseng grape.

The Wine:

Light golden in colour with zesty scents of apples, lemons and ripe peaches. On the palate mineral and intense with flavours of grapefruit and pine nuts with a hint of honey. A crisp finish makes this an excellent aperitif. Serve with grilled sea bass, garlic chicken or Asian style poultry with a spinach stir-fry.

Grape : Blend of 50% Gros Manseng & 50% Sauvignon Blanc

160 per bottle
35 per glass



SOMMELIER'S CHOICE

		150ml	750ml
CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING			
BRUT			
Michel Roux, The Waterside Inn	NV	67	320
<i>Features medium empyreumatic, floral and fruity scents and offers fine and persistent bubbles. Refreshing acidity and offering a broad texture.</i>			
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rose	NV	75	360
<i>Lacy in texture, with sleek acidity. Offers delicate notes of blood orange glacé, pickled ginger and oyster shell, revealing a rich hint of grilled nut. The firm, almost crunchy finish is nicely spiced and lingering.</i>			
ROSÉ			
Mas Fleurey, Cuvée Sélectionnée, Côtes de Provence, France	2017	32	145
<i>The nose is fresh with aromas of cranberry and fennels nuanced with notes of peach and apricot. The mouth is crisp with a lot of fresh red fruit flavours.</i>			
WHITE			
Rolf Binder, Selection, Barossa Valley, Chardonnay, Australia	2017	32	145
<i>Aromas of soft white peaches with hints of tropical fruits. The oak maturation added a soft edge and depth of palate while remaining balanced with peaches and cream characteristics.</i>			
Wittmann, Rheinhessen, Trocken, Riesling, Germany	2017	35	160
<i>Dry style. Citrus, and wild herbs in the nose. Deep yellow Riesling fruit aromas mingle with a focused, limestone minerality.</i>			
Neudorf, Nelson, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand	2017	34	155
<i>Nose green papaya with some fresh ripe green, vibrant florals and a touch of fennel. The feel across the palate is weighty, juicy and opulent. The acid is elegant and gives the wine a cleansing spine.</i>			
RED			
Château Tour Prignac, Cru Bourgeois, Bordeaux, France	2015	33	150
<i>Shows a beautiful dark ruby red colour. Ripe red fruit on the nose with an appealing hint of spice. A smooth, creamy attack leads to a well-structured body built around a silky vein of tannins.</i>			
Rolf Binder, Barossa Valley, Selection, Shiraz, Australia	2016	32	145
<i>Full of aromas reminiscent of rich red berries and dark bitter chocolate. Enhanced with cassis, anise and pepper mingle on the medium to full bodied palate. Creamy tannins and complex acidity lends to the overall perception of a smooth, rich red wine, with a nice persistence of flavour.</i>			
Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay, Pinot Noir, New Zealand	2017	35	160
<i>Primary aromas of fresh raspberry, plum and brambly spice are evident. Shows soft, velvety tannins, will develop complex forest-floor and earthy characters with bottle age.</i>			
DESSERT			75ml
Sauternes, Château Bastor-Lamontagne, Bordeaux, France	2011		25
<i>Subtle tropical fruit aromas mingling with kiwi fruit and even a hint of toffee apple. The palate has a spicy entry with mint-tinged honeyed fruit that offers a touch of shaved ginger on the aftertaste.</i>			