

THE BUTCHER'S POUR: WOMEN IN WINE

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March 25th is National Women in Wine Day. We are celebrating by including exceptional wines that are made by women or from wineries owned by women from around the globe.

Rioja Bodegas Ontañon Blanco Viura... 2018

100% Viura

Winemaker: Raquel Pérez Cuevas

Tasting Notes: On the nose, there is an intense aroma of ripe fruits; with an emphasis on pear, tropical, and citrus notes. The palate is well balanced with a touch of spice from its time in barrel, honeyed fruits, and bright acidity. Pair with seafood, garden veggies, and grilled poultry.

Viura: The most important white grape of Rioja, and the key ingredient in White Riojas; it can be blended with Malvasia or Grenacha Blanca or non-indigenous varieties like Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. These wines can range stylistically from light, refreshing, and citrus forward to richer, oak-aged whites with considerable potential for aging. Viura can also be blended with Tempranillo and Grenacha to produce Red Riojas. Although you may not have had many White Riojas, you might already be familiar with this grape. In Catalonia, Viura is known as Maccabéo and it is one of the primary blending grapes of Spain's famed sparkling wine, Cava.

Orchard Lane Pinot Noir... 2020

100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker/Owner: Kate Acland

Tasting Notes: Well balanced and elegant, the 2020 is a delicate combination of red berry, plum and spice aromas with light, round tannins. Pork or salmon are your perfect pairings with pinot noir.

Haut Espoir Gentle Giant... 2017

Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot

Winemaker: Marozanne Bieldt

Tasting Notes: Meticulously blended and aged, the wine shows black cherry aromas wrapped in warm spices and tobacco leaves. Ideal for spiced and smokey dishes.

Maison Ventenac Cuvée Stephanie... 2021

100% Merlot

Owner: Stephanie Ramé

Tasting Notes: Expressive, ripe, red fruit flavors with delicate chocolate and orange peel undertones. Merlots are usually a great dinner to dessert option bold and dry enough for red meats, but enough fruit to make chocolate sing.