



Your *Wines Without  
Borders Collection*

From the Bonner Private Wine Partnership

Front Cover: Hispano+Suizas Winery  
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# *An Adventure in Every Bottle*

Searching the world for astonishing  
wines from little-known winemakers

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Torelló Viticultors



## *Dear Member,*

Wine isn't just a drink — it's history in a bottle. It has survived fungus, fire, frost, and war. It has been looted as a trophy, poured in peace treaties, and clutched in the hands of both kings and peasants. From the cellars of Burgundy to the backroads of Argentina, wine has been there — in celebration and in sorrow, in silence and in song.

In this first collection, we also want to thank you — for trusting us, and for joining the International Living Wine Club. This is your passport to the hidden wine world — off the map, off the grid, and off the radar.

These aren't wines that show up at your local wine shop. Some come from vineyards too small to export, others from producers who never intended to. A Malbec grown in a steep Andean ravine, in a canyon so remote the grapes are picked by hand and carried out by mule. A Pinot Noir from a Valencian trio who rigged their oak barrels with stainless steel to tame Mediterranean heat. A Syrah from a philosopher in the Rhône, who farms without machines and refuses to fine or filter — not out of fashion, but belief.

These bottles are rare not just because of where they're made, but how. And more importantly, why. Each one is a reminder that wine, at its best, is not a commodity — it's a way of life. A language of the land, the weather, the hands that shape it.

We search for wines with soul. Wines with a story. And you're part of that story now.

So uncork a bottle. Pull up a map. And pour yourself into a slower world — one of patience, passion, and the joy of discovery.

In this box, you will find six bottles:

- ① Imagine Malbec 2019 - Arca Yaco, Argentina
- ② Brut Nature 2a 2018/2019- Torelló Viticultors, Spain
- ③ 2021 Bassus Pinot Noir - Hispano-Suizas, Spain
- ④ Barolo 2018 - Nives, Italy
- ⑤ Crozes Hermitage 2019 - Aleofane, France
- ⑥ Merlot Gran Nevado 2020, Vinos Adentro, Argentina

Welcome aboard...

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diego Samper', with a stylized, flowing script.

Diego Samper  
Wine Explorer  
International Living Magazine



Arca Yaco

## A Quick Note on Wine Tasting

On the next few pages, we've included tasting notes. Here's a quick tip on how to approach them.

What makes a "wine expert" is not just depth of knowledge — which anyone can achieve — but sensitivity to taste and smell. A great wine expert will find a hundred little aromas that most ordinary noses will never be able to detect.

Now. If you don't pick up on the same flavors, does that mean you're doing it wrong?

No. Tasting is subjective. Pronounced flavors on my palate may present themselves as secondary or tertiary notes for you. Remember, wines are always evolving in the bottle. That hint of cherry from a few months ago might present itself differently now. So, if you detect a flavor or aroma you don't see on the tasting sheet, add it. See what your friends say. Better yet, if you have a tasting that differs markedly from what's written here, send us your notes. We'd love to compare them!

Email us at [feedback@bonnerprivatewines.com](mailto:feedback@bonnerprivatewines.com).

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# Arca Yaco

## *Imagine (Quebrada San Lucas) 2019*

Cafayate, Argentina

The Deep Canyon  
Malbec



Looking out at a horizon of purple mountains covered in small cacti, you might miss a little patch of green at the bottom of a canyon (the “quebrada” San Lucas).

There, by a small creek, under the shade of fig and walnut trees, a small plot of malbec vines grow. There, you might see a tall figure dressed in a burgundy red wool poncho walking the vines.

This is Matias Etchart. His family, the Etcharts, have been making wine in Cafayate since 1850. After the family sold their winery, Bodegas Etchart, to the French in 2015, Matias left Cafayate for a small farm at the bottom of the Quebrada San Lucas, where he released his first harvest, to critical acclaim, the following year.

We had his wine Amar y Vivir in 2020's collection. We return for his Imagine, an unoaked malbec (concrete, stainless steel), with notes of chocolate, black cherry, bramble berries, and a refreshing minerality. Decant 40 mins.

# Torelló

## Cava 2a 2018/2019

Barcelona, Spain

91 points  
Guía Peñín



In 2021, we brought Torelló to our Partnership for the first time. We knew it wouldn't be the last. Winemakers since 1395 (Paco de la Rosa Torelló is the 23rd generation to stand at the helm), Torelló makes what used to be called Cava, and is now called Corpinnat, the result of a defection from the Cava DO (denominación de origen) towards a new, more exclusive Corpinnat DO by several of the top Cava producers from Penedès.

Torelló's secret (one of many we are sure) lies in a distinctive buildup of calcium carbonate in their soil, a "petrocalcic horizon" that both enriches the soil with minerals while also limiting the vines' access to water.

The wine's name references the two vintage years it contains: 2018 and 2019.

The latter was wet with a delayed harvest. The former was blistering, as two heat waves rolled over Catalonia. The winemakers opted to combine the two extremes for a sparkler so clean yet so deep, you could imagine sipping it (and we've heard you can) in a Michelin star restaurant – fine, clean bubbles; citrus and pear notes; dry, and well balanced with a taste of Mediterranean herbs. Long aging

# Hispano+Suizas

*Bassus 2021*

Valencia, Spain

Organic  
Pinot Noir



As you head inland from Valencia, on Spain's Mediterranean coast, the seaside orange groves give way to olives trees by teal blue lakes, and grape vines.

Tempranillo doesn't work here; it has no acidity to it. Petit verdot does well, as we found out last time we sourced from Valencia. This time, we took a chance on a pinot noir and loved it.

Utiel-Requena is the warmest of Valencia's wine regions, similar, in some ways, to a Napa or Willamette – with excellent nighttime cooling to keep the pinot happy. As a further protection, the trio behind the wine; Marc, Pablo, and Rafa; harvest in the mornings and macerate the wine in oak barrels, the heads of which have been replaced with stainless steel cooling plates.

The result is cherry red with hues of violet in the glass; ripe cherry, black currant, and licorice (with a dash of French oak) in the nose; and a full, velvety palate, fruity with toffee undertones. Multi 90+ point scores. Let it sit for a few months to settle, then drink.

# Agricola Boggero

*Nives Barolo 2018*

Monferrato, Italy

Avg. Vine Age:  
30 years



Getting an exclusive vintage of Barolo is rare for us. There's too much buzz and too little supply. And yet, with a little elbow grease by our importer Barry, we were able to lock up all 4,500 bottles of this Nives 2018. It is solely ours, and yours, to enjoy.

And what a Barolo! Nives comes from a small family farm in the Langhe hills where vines grow alongside fruit trees and vegetable gardens. There, winemaker Giacomo Boggero opts for the traditional Barolo style and Slavonian oak (rather than French barriques) to soften the tannins without losing the Barolo edge.

Accordingly, and as a great Barolo should, Nives rewards patience. You will enjoy the dry white pepper and cinnamon notes now, but you might be kicking yourself if you pass up the opportunity to stow a

bottle (or 12) away in your cellar for when this "tarred rose" really blooms (ten years... or more?).

# Domaine Aléofane

*Crozes Hermitage 2019*

Northern Rhône,  
France  
Syrah, Old Vine



In the Northern Rhône, terraced vineyards snake along crumbling granite and slate hillsides, baking in the southern French sun. One such hill, l'Hermitage, produces some of France's most prestigious wines.

On the northern side of the hill lies the village of Crozes-Hermitage, and a small winery, Domaine Aléofane. The name means "gem of truth" – fitting for a wine made with such a minimal amount of technical intervention. Winemaker/philosopher Natacha Chave does every aspect by hand, refuses to use chemicals, fining or filtration, and opts for demi-muid barrels so as not to cloud the wisdom of her 50-year-old syrah vines with unnecessary oak flavor.

The terroir is something special. Covered in galets roulés (smooth, round stones), you might think

plots were in Chateauneuf-du-Pape (another ultra-prestigious French region). Indeed, Aléofane is dense and concentrated in a way that makes it an outlier among most Crozes wines. Cellar up to 2025.

# Vinos Adentro

## *Gran Nevado 2020*

Calchaquí Valley,  
Argentina

8,809 ft. Malbec, Merlot



At the northern end of Argentina's Calchaquí Valley sits a 20,000 foot monster, the permanently snowcapped Cachi. At its feet (still 8,809 ft. high) sits a smaller valley, and a sleepy farm of just 19 acres fed by a stream of snowmelt. This is Finca Rio Las Arcas. Planted among the old "arca" trees (note the leaf on the bottle) are rows of malbec and merlot, and often a Swiss gentleman, winemaker Christian Götz, fussing and musing over each bunch.

Diego has been trying to source from Christian for two years now. He produces less than 5,000 bottles a year, and does much of the work by hand, including a twice daily "remontage" while the wine ferments in new and old oak (before 15 months in French oak for aging).

Diego notes the dark fruits, herbal overtones, and the polished feel. Pair with herb-crusted roast chicken, a baked ziti with sausage, or, for a lighter option, a turkey burger with cranberry relish.

94 points (Descorchados). 92 points (Atkin).

### **Our Mission**

At the Bonner Private Wine Partnership, our mission is to bring you unique bottles from all over the world. We seek wines that are bursting with life and character – wines with an adventure in every bottle.

### **Your Next Quarterly Shipment**

As you read this, we are already selecting and arranging to import wines for next quarter's shipment. We will be in touch to share what we've found with you when we get closer to the shipping date. Until then, enjoy your wine! (And let us know what you think!)

### **Problem with Your Shipment?**

Please call our customer service, 9-5 Monday through Friday at 1-844-733-5249. We want everyone to get the most out of this club and these wines. So if there's a problem, we'll do our best to make it right.