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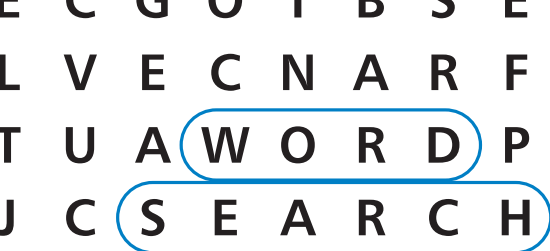
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Ancestrale

The Méthode Ancestrale is an alternative method to make sparkling wine. The first fermentation is stopped mid-way and wine is kept on its lees for 2-3 months. It is then bottled and the fermentation naturally continues trapping CO₂ in the bottle. M. CHAPOUTIER's 'La Combe Pilate 'Esteban' Brut Nature' is made from 100% Viognier using the Méthode Ancestrale.

Joseph Mellot

Joseph Mellot joined the Hatch Mansfield Portfolio in 2014. They are central Loire specialists with vineyard holdings in all 7 of the most revered Central Loire appellations.

Chapoutier

M. CHAPOUTIER is the newest addition to the Hatch Mansfield Portfolio in 2020. Born and based in the Rhône Valley, they have vineyards in Southern France, Alsace and Germany.

Dosage

For Champagne and sparkling wine, after disgorgement and before a cork is inserted, a small amount of wine usually mixed with sugar is added back to the bottle which allows the sweetness of the wine to be altered. Champagne Taittinger's Nocturne is a 'Sec' (meaning off-dry) Champagne with 17.5g/l of sugar added as dosage.

Foudre

Large oak casks used for ageing wines. Their size can vary enormously but they are far larger than the traditional oak barrels which are 225 litres. One of the reasons winemakers might choose to age their wines in Foudres is because they have a larger volume to surface ratio meaning the impact of oak is less than it would be if the wine was aged in a 225 litre oak barrel.

Brut

Brut is a term used with Champagne and sparkling wine and translates as 'dry' – meaning it has less than 12g/l of sugar added as dosage. You'll find Brut on the label of many of Taittinger's cuvées, Kleine Zalze's Méthode Cap Classique sparkling wine and Roger Goulart Cava.

Burgundy

A wine region in eastern France where Louis Jadot and Terroir et Talents are based. This region is famous for its world-leading Chardonnay and Pinot Noir based wines.

Louis Jadot

One of Hatch Mansfield's founding agencies hailing from Burgundy, which produces wines from over 150 appellations.

Loire

A region in northern France with vine growing stretching west to east 280km along the river Loire. There are 31 appellations in the Loire valley and Joseph Mellot, Hatch Mansfield's Loire producer is based in Sancerre, famed for its Sauvignon Blanc.

Cuvee

Cuvée is a French term derived from the word 'cuve' which translates as vat or tank. The word cuvée is used to describe any wine, but tends to be used most widely to describe the different Champagnes that a Champagne house produces. E.G. 'Taittinger's Cuvée Brut Réserve' or 'Cuvée Brut Prestige Rosé'.

Rhone

Rhône is a wine region in eastern France stretching over 200km from north-south along the Rhône River Valley. M. CHAPOUTIER, based in Tain Hermitage in the northern Rhône makes wine from all the major Rhône appellations.

Aperitif

Apéritif is a French word also commonly used in English to describe a drink before a meal. A Brut Champagne is a traditional apéritif as it doesn't overwhelm the palate before food, like a red wine might.

Hermitage

A northern Rhône appellation of 120 hectares famed for its age worthy Syrah red (a small amount of excellent white wine is made here too). M. CHAPOUTIER's Monier de la Sizeranne is one of the wines they produce from the Hermitage appellation.

Provence

A wine growing region in the south of France, famed for its rosés. M. CHAPOUTIER owns Château des Ferrages, which produces a great selection of reds, whites and rosés.

Terroir

Terroir described the magic combination of soil, climate, topography and many other factors that gives grapes their distinctive characters in each region of the world.

Cru

A vineyard, or group of vineyards, often used to classify vineyards of superior quality. In Burgundy, certain vineyards are classified as 'Grand Cru' and others 'Premier Cru', the former being considered superior growing sites.

Appellation

A legally defined and protected area which designates where grapes can grow. The AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) system was set up in France in 1937 to protect the identity of wine areas and each appellation has its own set of rules about what grapes can be grown there, the amount grown etc. There are currently over 360 appellations in France alone (with other countries having similar systems).

Cork

A bottle closure made from the bark of cork oak trees - latin name Quercus Suber.

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