

FALL/WINTER WINE MENU

Our wine program at Zin is driven by two simple principles: 1) Wine is best enjoyed with food; 2) Offer what others don't. So, when at Zin: Explore. Experiment. Enjoy.

SPARKLING WINE

France

[NV] Gaston Chiquet - "Tradition" Brut Champagne/ Vallee de la Marne [375ml] 43
45 months sur lie, all 1er cru vineyards. There is a unique, linear precision to this wine. Aromas of wet stones, white flowers, and white pepper, a touch of chamomile. Family owned since 1746.

Champagne is an excellent accompaniment to food - ask about our eclectic selection of very fairly-priced "grower" champagnes.

Italy

2017 Castelcosa - Prosecco/Veneto 10.5/34
Delicate, elegant bouquet—on the palate, dry, but with good ripe fruit—very high quality.

2012 Ricci Curbastro - Franciacorta Saten Brut D.O.C.G./Lombardy # [375ml] 35
100% Chardonnay; 42 months on the lees! Very dry; but with rich minerality. IMHO the best sparkling in the world *not* made in Champagne.

DRY ROSÉ

France

2017 Saint Honore/Côtes du Provence
Lovely nose of dark red fruit with stoney, herbal complexity. A fresh crisp palate with proper acidity. A blend of Grenache and Syrah. 9/30

WHITE WINES

France

2014 Meurgey-Croses - Macon-Uchizy/ Mâconnais, Burgundy 11/36
Crisp and tangy, with apple and citrus flavors and a strong minerality. Malolactic fermentation no oak. What Chardonnay actually tastes like.

2014 Bernard DuBois - Savigny Les Beaune/ Côtes du Beaune, Burgundy 46
Here's chardonnay that offers succulent aromas and flavors of lemon peel, white pepper, and toasted brioche, all with a long tangy finish.

2013 Dureuil-Janthial - Rully "Rabourcé" 1er Cru/Côtes Chalonnaise, Burgundy # 54
Rabourcé has been nicknamed 'the Montrachet of Rully' for the richness and power it delivers. Waves of fleshy, layered orchard fruit and kernelly notes, excellent complexity and intensity, all balanced by a refreshing close.

2014 Domaine Cherrier - Sancerre/Loire 48
Sauvignon Blanc planted in Sancerre's flinty soils; fermented in 100% stainless steel. Mineral-driven and aromatic, steely acidity, citrus tones.

WHITE WINES

Left Coast

2016 Oak Farm - Chardonnay/ Mokelumne River, Lodi 10.5/34
Aged in French oak. Pleasantly creamy, hints of butter on a silky mouthfeel. Flavors of lemon grass, hazelnut and vanilla on a complex finish.

2014 Thomas Fogarty - Santa Cruz Mountains Estate Chardonnay/Santa Cruz, CA # 56
Organic, from vineyards at 1600-2300 feet. Stone fruits, citrus blossom, mineral and hints of toast to go with a rich, textured and layered feel on the palate. The oak is subtle—plenty of richness.

South Africa

2017 Edgebaston - Honey Shale Hill Sauvignon Blanc Blend/ Stellenbosch 9.5/32
Sauvignon Blanc, some Semillon, and just a bit of Viognier. Bright aromas of melon, white stone fruit, citrusy flavors balanced with herbal tones.

Chile

2016 Vendaal - Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley/Mendoza 8/27
Luscious notes of pineapple, green apple, lemon and herbs. Citrusy fruit, crisp acidity, and a fresh finish, all make this very "gulp-able".

Spain

2015 Herencia Altes - Garnatxa Blanco "La Serra"/Terra Alta, Catalonia # 54
From a vineyard planted around 1900, the levels of purity and minerality are crazy; hint of salinity with high-toned citrus, mouth-coating texture, amazing long finish. So unique!

Germany

2016 S. J. Montigny - Riesling Kabinett/Nahe
More off-dry than sweet, this offers sweet-tart mango, peach and tangerine flavors, fantastic texture and a clean, elegant finish. What high-quality, German Riesling really tastes like. 12/39

Italy

2017 Villa Calcinaia - "Comitale"/Toscana
Full-bodied earthy flavors from rogue grapes planted in the late '60s; Grechetto for richness, Vernaccia for crispness. Very unique. # 12/38

2017 Cappello - Pinot Grigio/Graves di Friuli
Lemon zest, wet granite aromas; flavors of lush apple and citrus. High quality/low price. 8/26

2016 I Stephanini - Soave "Il Selese"/Veneto
Sourced from one vineyard: "Where the wheat is harvested". Very distinctive minerality; stone fruit (apricot?), elderberry, clean finish. 9/30

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## ***RED WINES***

### ***France***

**2015 Mudigliza - "Symbiosis"/Fenouillèdes, Côtes du Roussillon # 54**

A big, old-world fruit bomb! Old vine Carignan, Syrah, and Grenache, macerated for 20 days, aged 18 months (50% new oak). Powerful notes of ripe black fruit with a long toasty finish.

**2015 Dom. Galevan - Côtes du Rhône "Paroles de Femme"/Southern Rhone # 9/30**

Bouquet of dark fruit, leather, hints of ground pepper, good concentration. Mostly Grenache.

**2016 Domaine Monette - Bourgogne Rouge "Sur le Chateau"/Côtes Chalonnaise # 12/39**

Sourced from Pinot Noir grown in the limestone, chalky soil near Mercurey. Red fruit and baking spices on the nose, moderate tannins, dry finish.

### ***Italy***

**2013 Vivalda - Barbera D'Asti "Vivalda"/Nizza Monferrato, Piemonte 9/30**

Intense ruby red color, fruity fragrance of plum and spice notes; on the palate, full and rich, dry finish. Balanced acidity, fine tannins.

**2016 Torre Dei Beati - Montepulciano/Loretto Apretino, Abruzzo # 11/36**

From the foothills of Gran Sasso, winemaker Fausto has fashioned a darkly-colored wine with smoky black fruit and not so subtle spiciness.

**2016 Montecariano - Valpolicella Classico/Veneto 12.5/40**

Bright, lively red berry/cherry aromas; flavors of crushed black currant, smoky stones, and spice-box. Great acidity and fine-grained tannins.

**2015 Villa Calcinaia - Chianti Classico DOCG/Greve-in-Chianti, Toscana # [375ml] 28**

Family owned since 1524; includes around 10% Canaiolo. Scents of dried herbs, spice—black plum and cherry flavors, long finish. Food please.

### ***Spain***

**2016 Herencia Altes - Garnatxa Negra, Terra Alta/Catalonia # 8/27**

100 yr-old Garnacha vines deliver dense red cherries, black currants and forest floor; all in a medium-bodied wine with terrific fruit intensity.

**2015 Bodegas Orowines - "Bluegray" Priorat/Catalonia 12/39**

A luscious blend of Garnacha, Manzueta, and Cab Sauv, this is a modern and densely-fruited style with concentrated dark chocolate, plum and black licorice as well as strong toasty oak finish.

**2009 Maetierra Dominum - Quatro Pagos "QP" Reserva/Rioja 52**

87% Tempranillo, with Garnacha and Graciano. Old vine fruit aged 18 months in new French oak. Black plum, vanilla, and leather aromas; flavors of iron, blackberries, and chocolate. Wow!

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Australia

2014 De Bortoli - Regional Reserve Shiraz, Heathcote/Victoria 8/27

Dark black fruits on the nose, a more savory expression on the palate of black pepper, olives, and black plums. Rich mouthfeel, grainy tannins.

Left Coast

Cabernet Sauvignon

2017 Rickshaw - Napa, Sonoma, and Paso Robles/CA 9/30

Aromas of cherries, violets, and cocoa; flavors of black cherry, framboise, and plum. Yum!

2016 V2 Vindicated - Napa-Sonoma/CA

Mostly Rutherford bench fruit—black cherry and vanilla spice (oak) aromas; black berries, a bit of earth, and dark chocolate on the finish. 14/45

2015 Meadowcroft - Napa Valley/CA 58

Flavors of black raspberry, cassis, hickory spice and chocolate truffle are balanced with a silky texture, chewy tannins and a long, finish. Terrific value in Napa Cab—only 190 cases produced.

Merlot

2017 Corvidae-The Rook/ColumbiaValley,WA

Black and red fruits, cinnamon and tobacco; fine grained tannin and a rich, soft mid-palate. 9/30

Pinot Noir

2017 Thomas Henry - Sonoma/CA 9/30

Aromas and flavors of cranberry sauce, ripe bing cherries, cinnamon, sandalwood, and cola.

2016 Black Magnolia - Willamette/OR 14/45

Mostly from non-grafted, Hyland Vineyard fruit; complex aromas of red raspberry, leather, and cinnamon, with a palate of red berries, cherries, and exotic spices, all framed by vibrant acidity.

Zinfandel/Red Blends

2016 Sobon Estate - Rocky Top/Amador, CA

One of the few blocks of pre-prohibition era vines on the Estate; notes of summer berries, licorice and a woody earthiness all lead to a rich, long, lingering finish. 11/36

2017 Goldschmidt Vineyards - Fidelity

Railyard/Alexander Valley, CA 13/42

Robust blackberry, anise and pepper aromas and flavors. Deep color, as well as blueberry, plummy fruit with roundness and structure, come from the addition of a small percentage of Petite Sirah.

2016 J Dusi - Model M Red Blend/Central Coast, CA 9/30

A juicy blend of Zinfandel, Merlot, and Syrah that delivers aromas and flavors of ripe black berries.

South America

2014 Altos - Las Hormigas Reserva Malbec/Valle de Uco, Mendoza 55

Grown on chalky, limestone stone soils, aged in untoasted 3,500-liter oak foudres for 16 months; dark fruit, subtle minerality, great balance.

2017 Altos - Las Hormigas Malbec Classico/Mendoza, Argentina 8/27

Juicy and tangy with bright cranberry/cherry fruits and notes of spice. Delicious drinking.

