

## Simon Woods – Drinking Outside The Box

### Chardonnays from Burgundy and Australia

‘Bouchard Père et Fils Bourgogne Chardonnay La Vignée 2014, Burgundy, France.

A bit shy initially but then slinks out of the glass with bracing lemony edge and ripe green apple crispness balanced by an almost creamy mouthfeel. Young, taut clean and shellfish friendly, does exactly what basic white Burgundy should do.’

*Drinking Outside The Box, Simon Woods, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018*



# Decanter

## A selection of top northern Rhône

‘E. Guigal, La Landonne.

Classic pepper, smoky bacon, dark plum and espresso-intense vivid and expressive aroma. Lush, concentrated fruit allied with a sinewy texture. Grainy, full and dense.’

*Decanter, Matt Walls, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018*





## Wonderful Cabernet Franc

‘Warwick Estate Cabernet Franc, Simonsberg Stellenbosch 2013.

From Stellenbosch in South Africa, this wine is ripe, but not too heavy or overbearing. It is almost crimson in colour. On the nose you again get ripe red/dark fruit, along with a hint of smoke and a touch of herb and pepper. Wonderfully balanced, with a decent finish, this wine is well worth a try. At around £20- £25 a bottle it represents good value for money, for a decent wine.’

*Wirral Life, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018*



## the drinks business

### **CORKSCREW APP TO 'REVOLUTIONISE' SUPERMARKET SHOPPING**

'The free app, which is available for iOS and Android, preloads the wine databases from retailers nearby and arms the user with an objective percentage score to help them pick the best wine for their price point. The scoring takes into account not only critic ratings but the pedigree of the producer, the quality of the vintage and the user's personal preferences. Among the top scoring wines on the app so far are Tio Pepe Fino; Torres Celeste Ribera del Duero Crianza 2014.'

*The Drinks Business, Lucy Shaw, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018*



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## Wine Notes

‘Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils La Vignée Bourgogne Chardonnay 2014, France.

A-list producer Bouchard have ploughed 300 years of expertise into their Burgundian wines, and this is a great value, entry level chardonnay. With classic varietal aromas and just a little oak, vanilla and spice to give it enough depth to be interesting, it’s brimming with ripe pear, peaches and citrus notes. Delicious, beautifully fresh and a triumph with poached salmon.’

*Wolverhampton Magazine, Sam Wylie- Harris, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018*



## COUNTRY LIFE

### What to drink this week Unoaked Chardonnay

‘Miguel Torres, Santa Digna Chardonnay 2016 has an attractive green-gold colour and Shows Exceptionally clean and vivid fruit-melon and apricot- both on nose and palate. Bouchard Père et Fils La Vignée Chardonnay 2014 shows the Burgundians can excel at this game, too: there’s a lovely floral freshness to the bouquet and a fine balance of stone fruit and minerality.’

*Country Life, Harry Eyres, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018*





## Old-style magic from New World

‘Australia has led the way, as you might expect, and one of the finest producers of Rhône styles is Torbeck Vineyard in the Barossa Valley. These cheeky fellas even copy the tradition of the embossed bottle but the wine inside is truly world class. My personal favourites are the Struie, the Runrig and the fabulously rich Descendant.’

*Whitehaven News, Gerard Richardson, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018*



## Accrington Observer

### Wine

‘Barbadillo Manzanilla Pasada En Rama de la Pastora. This is a replica of the first sherry to be shipped out of Spain in a bottle. It’s matured for eight years and shows a little iodine on the nose in the style of an Amontillado. Despite the extra maturity it remains crisp and delicate and will match fish dishes.’

*Accrington Observer, Andy Cronshaw, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018*



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### Albariño from Spain & California

‘Marimar Estate Albariño 2015, Russian River Valley, California.

A richer, fleshier style of Albariño , but behind the rich nectarine and passionfruit flavours, there’s still some stony minerally precision and a poised, precise finish.’

*Drinking Outside the Box, Simon Woods, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018*



## THE WEEK

### Lieu-Dit: the finest St-Jo Blanc I have ever tasted

'I tasted the new releases from pioneering Rhône heavyweights Guigal the other day and it was business as usual until I encountered the cheeky 2016 Côtes du Rhône Blanc.

The new vintage of this justly revered white wine classic is absolutely terrific. A complex blend, with viognier leading the way, this is an ethereal treat that brings a completely new flavour palette into play for the adventurous wine drinker. It has mild exoticism and dramatic acidity in equal measure.'



‘Job done? Not so, because the very next wine completely blew my palate away. One step above Marcel Guigal’s standard St-Jo Blanc is his monumental Lieu-Dit creation. Using old-vine marsanne, from the former Grippat estate that Guigal now owns, augmented with dramatic roussanne, this is a wine with extraordinarily lofty ambitions. It is fermented in both new and one-year-old barrels and this brings a stunning, faint gingerbread note to the already luscious, pear and quince-smooched fruit. I am certain that this is the finest St-Jo Blanc I have ever encountered.’

*The Week UK, Matthew Jukes, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018*



## theguardian

### How to choose wine in a restaurant

‘Four ‘restaurant’ bottles to try at home:  
Barbadillo Solear Manzanilla.

Dry, refreshing and tangy. A great way to kick off a meal’

*The Guardian Online, Fiona Beckett, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018*



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## Just tasted

'Brolio Chianti Classico Riserva 2013, Barone Ricasoli.  
This is an elegant, truffle-scented, cherry stacked, spice-  
dusted Chianti, to pour alongside roasted herb-crusted  
lamb or a rib-eye steak.'

*Yorkshire Post, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018*





## INDEPENDENT

### Hot and Cold

‘The Miguel Torres Reserva de Pueblo País 2014 is a terrific example of the recently rediscovered Chilean país grape; more cherry fruit flavours, but a touch of spice and a rather more firm tannic grip; both beguiling and different, both ideal with a big bowl of pasta with tomato and other vegetable sauces.’

*The Independent Daily Edition, Terry Kirby, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2018*



## THE WEEK

### **Barone Ricasoli: a rosé wine that tastes as good as it looks**

‘2017 Barone Ricasoli, Albia Rosé, Tuscany, Italy.

Made from sangiovese and merlot and looking as ravishing as it tastes, this is a wine that unites history, acumen and a burning desire to impress. You would be very well advised to slake your thirst with this beauty. Stupefacente.’

*The Week UK, Matthew Jukes, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018*



# SQUAREMEAL

## To the bride and groom...

‘Henriot’s flagship Blanc de Blancs is a Champagne that marks out its giver as someone of immense taste – especially when it comes in a gift box with a stack of six elegant coupes. It is blended from a range of top Chardonnay crus that sees Côte des Blancs fruit combined with the richness of Montgueux and the linear power of Trépail in the Montagne de Reims. It gets the extra time in bottle that wines of such pedigree demand to show more complex expression.’

*Square Meal, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018*





## INDEPENDENT

### Global Superstar

‘Torres Fransola Sauvignon Blanc Penedès 2014. From the high vineyards of the Penedès in Catalonia comes a Spanish sauvignon blanc with an engaging split personality. Fifty per cent was fermented in stainless steel tanks whereas the rest was barrel-fermented and aged for eight months in American and French oak. It’s fragrant with mango and pineapple flavours and enticing oak notes.’

*The Independent Daily Edition, John Clarke, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018*



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## Renato Ratti, Langhe Nebbiolo 2015

'A vert nice Nebbiolo this, from the Langhe in Piedmont, aged for one year in larger barrels and bursting with deep black and red fruits, giving both savoury depth and bright, even lightly floral notes. It is sweet and svelte on the palate, tasting youthful and as if it could well cellar nicely for a few years, it has a liquorice stripe of bittersweet concentration and acidity, but the plush tobacco underpinnings give it some breadth and depth.'

*Wine Pages, Tom Cannavan, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018*



**DAILY  
Mirror**

## 10 best red wines and they're all under £20

'1. Bouchard Père et Fils Fleurie,  
A great starter wine for those that aren't partial to an overly heavy red, this is a fantastically light, fruit focused wine that's perfect for the summer thanks to its subtle cherry and plum flavours.'

*Mirror, Molly Holt, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018*

