

Bookham Wine Club Women in Wine 13th May 2024 Abbie Bennington DipWSET (ABVTastings.com)

Today in the 21st century just shy of 18 percent of the world's winemakers are women, leaving the remaining 82% percent being made by men. All the wines tonight have strong female led influences either through wine making or through wine business.

Quinta de Chocapalha Arinto 2021

The grape here is 100% Arinto, pure, fresh and mineral, Pale green-gold in colour this has an intense, aromatic nose with citric and orchard fruit notes. On the palate it is bright, with fine intensity and minerality.

Egy Kis Dry Furmint Barta 2022

Refreshing pear and lime on the nose. The palate offers incredible purity of fruit, with flavours of yellow plum, green apple and lime, accented by saline minerality.

Meaning 'little Furmint' in Hungarian, Egy Kis is a fine intro to Hungary's flagship grape.

Bursting with pear, yellow plum and a lick of fresh lime.

Pazo la Maza Albarino Adegas Galegas DO Rias Baixas 2022

This Albariño pays homage to its homeland - the Rías Baixas region. Lively citrus, light blossom, rich peach and an irresistible saline note on the finish"

Cabernet Merlot Nelson Estate 2018

This rich, chocolatey Bordeaux style blend is made at Nelson family wine estate, on the seaward side of the Paarl mountain. Its proximity to the ocean gives relief from warm daytime temperatures, bringing a fresh elegant acidity to the wine itself.

Rich, fruity Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend from award winning family producers.

Valpolicella Classico Superiore Terre di Cariano Cecilia Beretta 2019

This winery in the heart of Valpolicella Classico was named after a stunning, 17th century villa once owned by poet Giuseppe Beretta. The owners use modern techniques and indigenous varieties, combining tradition with innovation. Juicy and intense with warm spice and cherry notes, this wine well deserves its 'superiore' status.

Manoella Wine & Soul 2021

60% Touriga Nacional, 25% Touriga Franca, 10% Tinta Roriz, 5% Tinta Francisca. Dark and red berries, with violets and powdered cocoa on the nose. Ripe raspberry fruit and a more savoury rhubarb note on the palate, with good purity and shapely tannins from a great Portuguese producer.