

# TERROIR-BY-THE-GLASS



THE IDEA OF TERROIR ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN JUST SOIL TYPE, CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHY, VEGETATION & VARIETAL CHOICE. IT INCORPORATES THE HAND OF MAN, LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURAL TRENDS, CULINARY TRADITIONS & SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

## WAR, UGH...GOOD GOD Y'ALL

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<p><b>XYNISTERI - TSIAKKIS WINERY - KRASOCHORIA, CYRPUS - 2024</b></p> <p>CYPRUS HAS BEEN A SITE OF CONSTANT CONFLICT SINCE THE TIMES OF ANCIENT ROME, DUE TO ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION AS AN ISLAND AND AS AN ENTRYWAY TO THE EAST. AFTER ROMAN RULE, IT SHIFTED TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, AND THEN TO BRITISH COLONIAL RULE. IN 1974 THE TURKS INVADED, WHICH DIVIDED THE ISLAND BETWEEN NORTHERN TURKISH RULE AND CYPRIAN RULE. A UK BASE THERE WAS ALSO <u>JUST</u> BOMBED BY IRAN IN OUR CURRENT IRANIAN "CONFLICT."</p>		20	80
<p><b>TEITI-KURUK - SHABO WINERY - "RESERVE" - ODESA, UKRAINE - 2023</b></p> <p>I AM NOT SURE IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN WHY UKRAINE IS ON THIS MENU, BUT HERE IS A LITTLE HISTORY. UKRAINE FOR MILLENIA WAS THE CENTER OF SLAVIC CULTURE AND A GATEWAY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. IT WAS DEEPLY TIED TO RUSSIA, PARTIALLY FIGHTING OFF LITHUANIAN AND POLISH CONTROL THROUGH THE 18TH CENTURY, UNTIL IT GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1991. THEN IN 2014 THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT BEGAN, AND IN 2022 RUSSIA ENACTED A FULL INVASION.</p>		18	72
<p><b>POŠIP - ZLATAN OTOK - MAKARSKA - DALMATIA, CROATIA - 2023</b></p> <p>AGAIN, WE FIND A STATE THAT IS STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED; IN THIS CASE BETWEEN EASTERN EUPORE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT ACTED AS A BATTLEGROUNDOF SHIFTING TERRITORIAL LINES FOR CENTURIES. FIRST AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, THEN VENICE &amp; THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, THEN AFTER WWI IT BECAME PART OF YUGOSLAVIA. WWII SAW IT USED AS A NAZI PUPPET FOR ATROCITIES. AND IN 1991 IT GAINED INDEPENDENCE, BUT FOUGHT A 4-YEAR WAR WITH SERBIAN SEPARATISTS.</p>		19	76
<p><b>RIESLING - VINO BUDIMIR - "MARGUS MARGI" - ZUPA, SERBIA - 2013</b></p> <p>EARLY SERBIA WAS HOME TO VINCA CULTURE - ONE OF THE OLDEST (6000BC) SOPHISTICATED SOCIETIES IN THE WORLD. THEN THE ROMANS INVADED AND HELD IT UNTIL THE 12TH CENTURY, WHEN THE NEMANJIC DYNASTY DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. THE GOLDEN AGE LASTED UNTIL 1389 WHEN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE INVADED. THERE WAS A BRIEF PERIOD OF SOVEREIGNTY BEFORE IT BECAME PART OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH DISSOLVED IN 1991. SERBIA DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FROM MONTENEGRO IN 2006, AND KOSOVO SECEDED IN 2008.</p>		17	68
<p><b>RIBOLLA GIALLA - FERDINAND - "REBULA EPOCA" - PRIMORSKA, SLOVENIA - 2022</b></p> <p>SLOVENIA - SO OLD THAT A 55,000 YEAR OLD FLUTE MADE OUT OF A BEAR FEMUR, AND PLAYED BY THE NEANDERTHALS, WAS DISCOVERED HERE. JUST A FUN FACT! IT WAS PART OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE UNTIL THE 6TH CENTURY, WHEN SLAVIC SETTLERS CREATED THE FIRST INDEPENDENT SLAVIC STATE. THE HAPSBURGS TOOK IT IN THE 14TH CENTURY AND IT BECAME PART OF YUGOSLAVIA IN 1918. IT GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1991 AFTER THE 10-DAY WAR. CROATIA &amp; SLOVENIA WERE THE FIRST TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA.</p>		16	64
<p><b>TSITSKA (ORANGE WINE) - TAMAR WINERY - KAKHETI, GEORGIA - 2020</b></p> <p>UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE, GEORGIA BECAME ONE OF THE EARLIEST STATES TO ADOPT CHRISTIANITY. ROMAN RULE ENDED IN THE 11TH CENTURY WHEN THE BAGRATIONI DYNASTY DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. THIS GOLDEN AGE LASTED UNTIL THE 13TH CENTURY WHEN THE MONGOLS INVADED. AFTER THIS, GEORGIA WAS SPLIT INTO MANY FRAGMENTED WARRING FACTIONS. IN 1801 IT BECAME PART OF RUSSIA. IT ESSENTIALLY WAS PART OF RUSSIA UNTIL 1991. THEN IN 2008, AFTER ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENCE, RUSSIA DECLARED WAR ON GEORGIA.</p>		18	72
<p><b>BEKARI - DOMAINE GLINAVOS - IOANNINA - EPIRUS, MACEDONIA - 2022</b></p> <p>EPIRUS, A HISTORICALLY CONTESTED REGION BETWEEN GREECE AND ALBANIA, HAS BEEN A BATTLEFIELD SINCE ANTIQUITY, EVENTUALLY FALLING TO ROME IN 167bc. IT LATER BECAME A BYZANTINE DESPOTATE, A CENTER OF REBELLION AGAINST OTTOMAN RULE IN THE 19TH CENTURY, AND A MAJOR FRONT IN THE 1940-1941 GRECO-ITALIAN WAR. VIOLENT CONFLICT CONTINUES IN THIS REGION DUE TO TERRITORIAL, RACIAL, AND CULTURAL DISPUTES WITH ALBANIA AND SURROUNDING MACEDONIA.</p>		20	80
<p><b>CINSAULT - DOMAINE DE TOURELLES - "VIEILLES VIGNES" - BEKAA, LEBANON - 2020</b></p> <p>LEBANON IS AN INCREDIBLY ANCIENT CIVILIZATION THAT ACTED AS A TRADE EPICENTER BETWEEN PERSIA, GREECE AND ROME. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY ROME, THEN THE OTTOMANS, BEFORE THE FRENCH TOOK IT FOLLOWING WWI. IT GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1943, BUT SUFFERED HORRIBLE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN 1970 AND 1990, DURING WHICH ISRAEL INVADED IN 1982. THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUAL AND CONSTANT CONFLICT BETWEEN LEBANON, ISRAEL, AND SYRIA, WITH OVER 18 DIFFERENT IDENTIFYING ETHNIC GROUPS.</p>		19	76
<p><b>ÖKÜZGÖZÜ - KAVAKLIDERE WINERY - "ANCYRA" - ANATOLIA, TURKEY - 2021</b></p> <p>REMEMBER THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE THAT KEPT INVADING ALL OF THE ABOVE COUNTRIES? YEAH, THIS IS THEM. EARLY SETTLEMENTS INCLUDE THE ANATOLIAN HITTITES AND HATTIANS, DATING BACK TWELVE THOUSAND YEARS. THEN CAME THE CITY OF TROY, HELLENIZATION, ROMAN &amp; BYZANTINE RULE, AND FINALLY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, WHICH COLLAPSED AFTER WWI. AFTER THAT, TURKEY FOUGHT A WAR OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1923. SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MILITARY COUPS, AND IT IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE RECENT IRANIAN CONFLICT.</p>		16	64
<p><b>SAPERAVI - STORI WINERY - QVERVRI - NAPAREULI, GEORGIA - 2014</b></p> <p>AFTER THE FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION IN 1991, AND THE DISSOLUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA, GEORGIA DECLARED INDEPENDENCE AND FORMED A REPUBLIC. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, TWO WARS BROKE OUT THAT WERE WAGED BY SEPERATIST GROUPS, AND BACKED BY RUSSIA, IN SOUTH OSSETIA &amp; ABKHAZIA. A CEASEFIRE WAS AGREED UPON, BUT IN 2008 IT WAS BROKEN AND GEORGIA WENT TO WAR WITH RUSSIA AGAIN. DURING THIS PERIOD, GEORGIANS WERE ETHNICALLY CLEANSED FROM BOTH SOUTH OSSETIA &amp; ABKHAZIA, AND DISPLACED 192,000 PEOPLE.</p>		18	72



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WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AT WAR WITH IRAN - OR WHATEVER THE ADMINISTRATION IS CALLING IT. CONFLICT. SKIRMISH. STRATEGIC ATTACK. EMBATTLEMENT. TACTICAL DEFENSE. A TUSSLE. OPERATION "EPIC FURY." EITHER WAY, WE ARE TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN WITH THE HELP OF ISRAEL. SO, I THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE SOME WINES THAT ARE COMING FROM HISTORICALLY WAR-TORN REGIONS. IN ORDER TO DO SO, WE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE DEFINITION OF WAR-TORN. IN THIS CONTEXT, I AM TALKING ABOUT COUNTRIES THAT SAW SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL UNREST/INSTABILITY FOLLOWING MILITARY CONFLICT OR FORCED OCCUPATION. NOW, WHEN YOU VENN-DIAGRAM THESE TYPES OF WAR-TORN REGIONS WITH REGIONS THAT ALSO PRODUCE WINE, YOU BASICALLY GET YUGOSLAVIA, THE BALKANS, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SOME TRULY UNIQUE WINES COMING FROM THIS PART OF THE WORLD.