

# Jefferson's Favorites Available Today

## France:

- Red Burgundy – *Chambertin, Clos Vougeot, Vosne-Romanée, Volnay* (especially *Cailleret* and *Champans*) and *Pommard–Clos de la Commaraine*
- White Burgundy – *Montrachet, Meursault-Goutte d'Or*
- Rhone Valley – *Côte Rôtie* (red), *Chateau Grillet* (white), Red and white *Hermitage*
- Provence and Languedoc – *Bellet* (red, white and rosé), *Frontignan* (sweet white), *Vin Blanc de Rochemadeville* (a sweet wine today called *Muscat de Beaumes de Venise*), *Rivesaltes* (sweet) and *Blanquette de Limoux* (Jefferson preferred the still wine but *Blanquette de Limoux* is primarily a sparkling wine today)
- Red Bordeaux – *Château Haut-Brion, Château Margaux, Château Latour, Château Lafite* (Jefferson called them *first growths*, 68 years before they were officially ranked as the *1<sup>er</sup> Crus* of Bordeaux. Jefferson also highly ranked the wines of *Raussen* and *Léoville* which are today's *Château Rausan-Ségla* and *Château Léoville-Las Cases, Château Léoville Barton* and *Château Léoville Poyferré*
- White Bordeaux – *Château Carbonnieux*

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- Sauternes – *Château d'Yquem*. Jefferson wrote that the best Barsac was owned by Pichard. Records show that Pichard's holdings were actually in Sauternes where *Château Clos Haut-Peyraguey* and *Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey* now stand
- Champagne – Jefferson praised *Monsieur Dorsay's* still wine in *Ay* which is now the vineyard site of the Champagne House of *Bollinger*. Still wine of Champagne is rarely available outside of Champagne

## Germany:

- Moselle – He praised the wines of *Brauneberg* followed by *Whelan, Grach, Piesport, Zelting* and *Bernkastel*
- Rheingau – *Schloss Johannesberg, Rudesheim, Hochheim*

## Italy:

- Piedmont – *Nebiule* grape that Jefferson mentioned is today's *Nebbiolo*, making the top wines of Italy bearing labels of *Barolo, Barbaresco, Gattinara* and *Ghemme*
- Tuscany – *Montepulciano, Chianti* and *Carmignano*

## Spain and Portugal:

- Dry pale Sherry and Madeira

# Virginia Wines and Castello di Fonterutoli

- **Jefferson Vineyards** – Located on the site where Mazzei planted vines in 1774 is a commercial winery making a wide variety of excellent wines with tasting and touring. Wines available at the winery or by phone at (434) 977-3042. Website: [www.jeffersonvineyards.com](http://www.jeffersonvineyards.com) (No longer shipping to MN, ND & AZ, but available on-line through Wilkinson Wine Cellar at Falls Church, VA. Wilkinson ships to ND but not to MN or AZ)
- **Thomas Jefferson Foundation** – The organization that owns Monticello today, has restored the 1807 sites where Jefferson planted vines. They produced a limited edition Sangiovese made by Gabriele Rausse Winery, available only at the Monticello gift shop. The Foundation's website is [www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org). (No longer sure if the wine is still available at the shop)
- Philip Mazzei family has been winemakers since 1435. The wines are produced under the name of **Castello di Fonterutoli**. It has a full line of Tuscan red wines and one from Sicily. Fonterutoli wines are widely available in the US. The website of the Italian winery is: [www.fonterutoli.it](http://www.fonterutoli.it)