FEATURED WINES

2012 Pierre Fuzey Ile de Beaute, France Pinot Noir

Many people travel to the island of Corsica to enjoy its vast stretches of pristine beaches.

Southeast of the French mainland, west of Italy and north of the Italian island of Sardinia, Corsica is among the most popular of European resorts. And like its neighbor island to the south, it's home to an abundance of vineyards.

The climate, as one would expect, is Mediterranean, as Corsica sits just north of the 40th parallel. With higher sunshine levels than any part of mainland France, the island's growing season is perfectly suited for viticulture, and the conditions during the harvest season are dependably excellent, vintage after vintage.

All told, more than 40 varieties are sanctioned for use, comprising a mixture of traditional Corsican, Spanish, Italian and French grapes. Pinot Noir is among them, and Pierre Fuzey crafts one of the finest renditions. The 2012 vintage is a light and fresh wine that's a delight to drink.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition: Aging Vessels: 100% Pinot Noir French Oak Barrels

Grape Source: When to Drink:
Corsica, France Now Through 2016

Aromas and Flavors: Our Tasting Panel Score:

Red Cherry, Sayory 89 Points

Red Cherry, Savory Herbs, Red Berries and a Hint of Caramel

This light and fresh wine offers notes of red cherry, savory herbs, red berries and caramel.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: prime rib, or roasted duck.

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