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2022 Seghesio Old Vine Zinfandel -Sonoma County, California

Established in 1895, Seghesio Family Vineyards produces benchmark Zinfandels that honor five generations of winegrowing leadership, and share the heart of Sonoma County and their Italian heritage. Seghesio Family Vineyards encompasses more than 300 acres of estate vineyards in the Alexander, Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys – that also represent a significant amount of Old Vine plantings that are more than 50 years old and up to 125 years old. True to the winery's heritage, Seghesio Family Vineyards is focused mainly on Zinfandel and a handful of Italian varieties. Andy Robinson is the winemaker. Unapologetically bold, spice-driven and jammy, Zinfandel has secured its title as the darling of California vintners by adapting well to the state's diverse microclimates and landscapes. The 2022 Zinfandel Old Vine is a blend of 88% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah, 1% Alicante Bouschet, and 6% Mixed Reds. This Zinfandel captivates with a complex fusion of blackberry, black currant, plum, cherry, and baking spice aromas. Its lively palate showcases succulent fruit interwoven with supple tannins, persisting from mid-palate to a gratifying finish.

Pairings: Its intricate depth perfectly complements indulgent dishes like hearty short ribs, velvety pork belly, or luxurious gnocchi gorgonzola, enhancing the dining experience. Zinfandel is ideal with heavy, robust dishes such as roast lamb, meat stews, hearty pastas, or barbecued dishes and complements burgers, grilled sausages, lamb chops, and pork.

2018 Chateau D' Arzac Kid d' Arzac Margaux- Bordeaux, France

From a Château and winery that lay in ruins 35 years ago, winemaker Philippe Raoux has overseen a dramatic makeover. He acquired many more vines, and managed to have the majority promoted to Margaux AOC. The Le Kid d'Arzac is their entry-level wine, but it offers up a ton of class and sophistication. A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Merlot, that was grown on the signature Margaux soils well-drained yet they hold enough moisture to make the Cabernet thrive. This blend was vinified in stainless steel. Aging takes place half in new French oak barrels, and half in stainless vats for one year. The wine is a gorgeous deep purple-red color in the glass and jumps out with a strikingly pure array of dark berry and cherry notes layered with cedar and herb accents that play off the plush core of fruit. It is medium to full bodied, quite elegant and refined, and it is a great way to get good Margaux in your glass. Offering up lovely notes of red and black currant, tobacco, graphite, and spice box, it's a classic Bordeaux.

Pairings: Margaux classically pairs with lamb. It pairs equally well with almost any grilled, braised or roasted meat ranging from beef, veal, pork, duck, and game. Margaux wines are perfect with roasted chicken, mushrooms, truffles, or other earthy dishes.