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THE WINE & FOOD PAIRING GUIDE

hen the weather cools down, it's time to heat things up in the kitchen. If you're anything like the editors at **Wine Enthusiast**, you're craving the soul-warming comfort food and wine pairings that bring family and friends together.

On the following pages, you'll find the tasty recipes and pour partners that are sure to turn every meal into a wine-and-food wonderland.

-MARINA VATAJ



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SQUASH SALAD WITH CRUNCHY QUINOA AND PUMPKIN SEED DRESSING

This salad, courtesy of the Red Rooster Cookbook: The Story of Food and Hustel in Harlem, by chef Marcus Samuelson, is suitable as an appetizer or entrée, and makes inspired use of butternut squash.

- cup slivered almonds
- tbsp raw quinoa
- tsp sugar
- tsp Aleppo pepper (or sweet paprika or ground ancho chili pepper)
- tsp salt, more to taste
- tbsp hulled green pumpkin seeds

- large egg volk
- tbsp heavy cream
- garlic clove. chopped
- cup extra-virgin olive oil
- tsp pumpkin seed oil (or more olive
- lime, juiced

Freshly ground black pepper

- cups 1/4-inch-diced butternut squash
- red onion, thinly sliced
- ripe pears, cored and thinly sliced
- heads Belgian endive, leaves pulled apart
- tablespoons **Sherry vinegar**
- cup 1/2-inch-diced

until squash is tender, about 15 minutes. Transfer to salad bowl. Let cool. Add pears, endive and vinegar. Toss and top with quinoa mixture and feta. Serve with dressing on side. Serves 4-6.

PAIR IT

Patz & Hall 2014 Hudson Vineyard Chardonnay (Carneros); \$55, 95 points

In skillet over low heat, stir almonds and quinoa until golden, about 15 minutes. Pour into bowl, and toss in sugar, Aleppo pepper and I tsp salt. Let cool. To make dressing: In skillet over low heat, toast pumpkin seeds until they turn color, about 3 minutes. Set aside.

In blender, purée egg yolk, cream and garlic until frothy. With blender running, slowly drizzle in ½ cup olive oil, pumpkin seed oil and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in pumpkin seeds.

To make salad: In large skillet over medium heat, warm 1/4 cup olive oil. Season squash and onion with salt and pepper, and cook until squash is lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Pour in 1/3 cup water. Cook



ROASTED CHICKEN WITH HERB BUTTER

Dominique Giraudeau, chef at Le Grand Cerf, a Michelin one-star restaurant between Reims and Épernay, has a huge cellar of Champagnes at his disposal, many of them well aged. "When we create a menu, we obviously want to get the best accord between the food and the Champagnes," he says.

Chopped fresh herbs (a handful each of chives, tarragon, flat leaf parsley and chervil)

101/2 ounces lightly salted butter, divided Freshly ground black pepper, to taste Juice of 1 lemon

chicken (4-5 pounds)

Salt, to taste

tbsp olive oil or peanut oil

unpeeled garlic cloves

3-4 thyme sprigs

bay leaves

PAIR IT

Perrier Jouët NV Blason Rosé Brut (Champagne); \$80, 89 points

The day before cooking, chop and mix herbs. Put 8 ounces butter. black pepper and lemon juice in blender. Start blender and add herbs, Blend until smooth, Check seasoning. Remove from blender.

Season chicken with salt and pepper. Insert herb mixture gently between flesh and skin. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat an oven to 350°F. Roast chicken in pan with the remainder of butter, plus the oil, garlic, thyme and bay leaves. Roast for 90 minutes, basting frequently.

Remove pan from oven. Place

chicken on cutting board to rest. Add 1 cup water to the pan juices and reheat. Remove as much fat as possible. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Carve chicken and coat pieces with pan juices. Serve with new potatoes and bacon slices. Serves 4.





ROASTED OKINAWAN SWEET POTATOES WITH GINGER GLAZE, RICOTTA AND PIRI PIRI

This recipe, courtesy of Jacob Saben, chef de cuisine at The Publican in Chicago, features orange sweet potatoes that show your style and mixes up the color palate of your table.

- sweet potatoes, preferably purple Okinawan
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Salt and pepper, to taste

- limes, juiced
- cloves garlic
- Fresno chilies, seeded
- tbsp brown sugar
- 3 small knobs ginger, peeled and chopped
- tsp white wine vinegar
- cup honey
- cup cider vinegar
- tsp chili flakes
- cups chicken stock
- cups ricotta
- tbsp rice bran or other neutral oil
- tbsp butter

tbsp olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Poke potatoes with fork, place in roasting pan and cover with foil. Cook 25 minutes, until potatoes feel slightly tender. Let cool completely, then cut into 1/4-inch disks and set aside.

For the piri piri, blend lime juice, garlic and 2 tbsp olive oil until emulsified. Add chilies, brown sugar, 1 tbsp ginger and white wine vinegar. Blend until smooth. Add salt, to taste. Blend until combined.

medium-high heat until frothy. Add cider vinegar, remaining ginger and chili flakes to pan. Reduce by

Preheat oven to 400°F. Rub sweet potatoes with 2 half. Add chicken stock, and reduce again until thickened. Strain though a chinois or fine strainer. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Add salt and pepper to ricotta, to taste, and mix

In sauté pan, heat thin layer of rice bran oil. Place potatoes in pan, and gently brown on each side. Pour off excess oil from pan. Add ginger glaze and baste potatoes.

Spread ricotta in center of serving platter. Arrange For ginger glaze, heat honey in a saucepan over potatoes on top. Reduce leftover ginger glaze in pan and add butter. Pour over potatoes and drizzle piri piri over. Serves 8.

PAIRIT

Binomio 2013 Superiore (Cerasuolo d)Abruzzo): \$20. 88 points





INGREDIENTS

FOR FRICO:

- 1 cup grated Point Reyes
 Farmstead Cheese
 Company Toma
- Pinch cayenne pepper (optional)

FOR PUREE:

- 1½ cups cooked
 Butternut squash
 (Red Kuri & Hubbard
 varieties also work well)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- pinch of cayenne
- salt & pepper
- minced scallions& cilantro for garnish

DIRECTIONS

FOR FRICO:

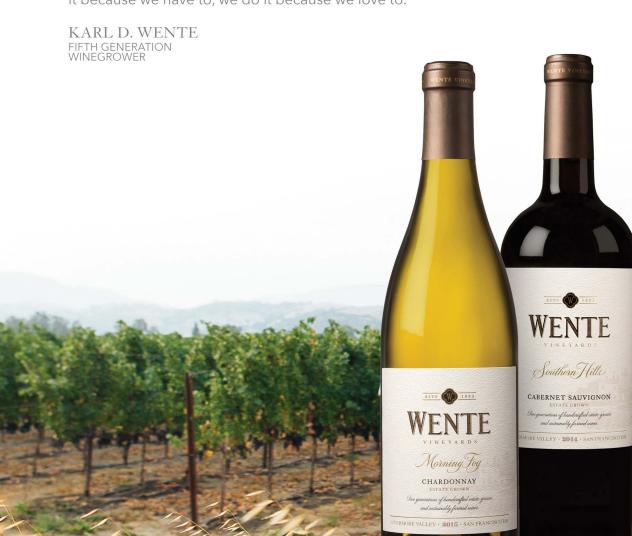
Combine Frico ingredients in a small bowl. Heat a large, heavy nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Sprinkle one tablespoon of cheese mixture into skillet, making a thin circle, about 3 inches in diameter. Repeat with more cheese, leaving an inch in between rounds. Cook fricos until cheese melts, becomes golden brown and begins to crisp, about 60 seconds. Turn off heat and leave fricos in pan an additional 30 – 60 seconds to completely set. Working quickly, carefully remove fricos with a heatproof spatula and place each on top of an inverted mini muffin tin. Carefully mold frico around each muffin mold and allow to cool. When completely cool, fricos can be filled or carefully stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

FOR PUREE:

Puree cooked butternut squash in food processor until smooth. Add garlic, olive oil, cumin, paprika and cayenne. Pulse to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Fill each Frico cup with a dollop of Puree. Garnish with minced cilantro and scallions. Note: If you don't have a mini muffin tin, inverted shot glasses or other small bowls will work well.



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JANE PISONI'S CIOPPINO

Braising chicken in Chatham Brewing's IPA keeps it moist, while the onions and oven-roasted grapes add a touch of sweetness that pairs nicely with a cool-weather red.

- 1/4 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3-6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup Italian parsley, chopped
- 2 each medium onions, chopped
- 6 stalks celery with tops, chopped
- 4 28-ounce cans organic whole peeled tomatoes (with basil, if desired)
- 2 14.5-ounce cans organic stewed tomatoes
- 2 8-ounce cans tomato purée or tomato sauce
- 2-3 cups fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- l tbsp basil
- 1 tbsp marjoram
- 1 cup dry fino Sherry

Salt and pepper to taste

- 2 dungeness crabs (cleaned, cracked)
- 1/2 lb cod or sea bass, de-boned and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 pounds prawns (shelled, deveined)
- 2 dozen clams
- 1 dozen scallops





CRAB CAKES INGREDIENTS

1 pound cooked Dungeness crab meat, picked over

1 cup dry bread crumbs

1 egg white

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley

1/4 cup mayonnaise

2 finely chopped scallions

3 tablespoons cooking oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 3. Carefully shape the mixture into eight crab cake patties. Gently coat each patty with the remaining bread crumbs.
- 4. Heat the cooking oil over medium heat in a large, non-stick skillet. Fry the crab cakes about 3-4 minutes each side, or until they reach a light golden brown. Serve with horseradish cream.





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SPICED WINE-GLAZED HOLIDAY CROWN ROAST OF PORK

This beautiful crown roast was created for *Wine Enthusiast* by Yvan Lemoine, executive chef of the new Union Fare, a restaurant and food hall in New York City's Union Square neighborhood.

- 1 standing rib roast of pork
- 1 bottle dry red wine
- 1 cup spiced wine glaze*
- 5 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tsp green cardamom
- 1 tsp star anise
- 1 tsp pink peppercorns
- 1 tsp juniper berries
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- **⅓** tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 4 tsp chopped fresh ginger

Salt and pepper, to taste

- 6 thyme sprigs
- 6 rosemary sprigs
- 1 herb bouquet of fresh rosemary, lavender, oregano and thyme sprigs, tied at base with kitchen twine, for garnish
- For Spiced Wine Glaze recipe, see page 18

Have butcher clean, remove fat cap and french bones.

Combine red wine and ½ cup spiced wine glaze. Marinate pork overnight in mixture. Remove and pat dry. Using spice grinder, grind garlic, dried spices and ginger into paste. Rub pork with paste. Season heavily with salt and pepper.

Stand meat up. Form into circle with bones curving out and loins tucked in middle. Truss with twine. Place in roasting pan. Cover with aluminum foil. Place thyme and rosemary sprigs in center.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Roast pork for 45 minutes. Remove foil and continue roasting until internal temperature reaches 155°F, 15–20 minutes. Remove roast from oven and let rest for 30 minutes.

Brush roast with remaining spiced wine glaze 20 minutes before serving. Return to oven and reheat for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and transfer roast to large platter. Place herb bouquet in center and bring to table. Serves 8-10.

PAIR IT

Henry's Drive Vignerons 2012 Magnus Shiraz (Padthaway); \$80, 94 points



TASTE THE HIGH ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE



dessert wine

PEAR CRUMB PIE

This creative, outstanding pie recipe comes courtesy of Victoria Dearmond, pastry chef at Houston's acclaimed restaurant, Underbelly.

- pears, peeled, cored and diced
- 11/2 cups brown sugar, divided
- 11/2 teaspoons salt, divided

Pear Pie Crust (see page 18)

- 11/2 cups white sugar, divided
- teaspoon ground ginger, divided
- teaspoon cinnamon

- purpose flour, divided
- eggs
- cup butter, melted and cooled slightly
- teaspoon vanilla extract

Juice of 2 lemons

- cup pecan pieces
- cup butter, cold

11/2 cups plus 4 tablespoons all- In a medium saucepan set over medium heat, combine the pears, ½ cup brown sugar, I teaspoon salt and 11/2 cups water. Stirring occasionally, cook the mixture until the pears are soft, about 15 minutes.

> Let the mixture cool slightly, and then mash with a fork into a chunky pear sauce. This can be made 2–3 days in advance if stored in a refrigerator until use.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Roll the chilled dough on a floured surface until it's about a ¼-inch-thick circle. Carefully transfer it to a 9-inch pie dish.

In a small bowl, combine 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 4 tablespoons

all-purpose flour, making sure to break up any brown sugar clumps.

In a separate large bowl, whisk the eggs, and then add the dry mixture. Slowly whisk in the melted butter, mixing constantly to prevent the eggs from cooking. Stir in the vanilla, lemon juice and pear sauce, and then pour the mixture into the pie shell.

In another large bowl, combine the remaining dry ingredients. Add the butter, and cut it in until the crumble topping looks like gravel.

Bake until the pie is just set, approximately 35 minutes, then add the crumble topping.

> Bake the pie another 10-20 minutes. Let the pie cool slightly before serving. Serves 8.

PAIR IT

Husch 2013 Estate Late Harvest Gewurztraminer (Anderson Valley); \$25, 94 points, Cellar Selection

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MUSHROOM TOASTS



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter, or to taste
- 4 slices brioche, 1-inch thick
- ¼ pound slab bacon, cut into matchsticks
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms (like chanterelles, morels or cremini), cleaned and sliced
- Salt, to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, sliced
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- ½ cup crème fraîche
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 poached eggs
- Shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, to taste

DIRECTIONS

Butter brioche and toast in oven until golden brown. Set aside. Heat large sauté pan over medium heat. Add bacon. Cook halfway through, until some of the fat renders out. Add mushrooms and season liberally with salt. Cook until they've released most of their moisture. Mix in garlic and shallots, and cook 1 minute. Deglaze with wine, and cook until pan is almost dry. Stir in crème fraîche and parsley. Add black pepper and salt, if necessary. Divide toasts among 4 plates. Top with mushroom mixture, poached egg and cheese.

Serves 4





The smell of just-baked gingerbread can soften the heart of even the most hardened holiday cynic. The gingerbread's spices continue the flavor profile of the preceding dishes, while vanilla ice cream refreshes

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2 cups all-purpose flour

the palate after a rich meal.

3/4 tsp baking soda

3/4 tsp ground ginger

1/2 tsp ground cloves

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground allspice

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp finely ground black pepper

In medium mixing bowl, combine flour, baking soda, spices, salt and pepper. In bowl of stand mixer, beat butter and brown sugar together 1 minute. Add molasses, egg and vanilla extract. Add dry ingredients a little at a time, with machine running, until well combined. Form dough into large ball. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 5 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. On lightly floured surface, roll dough ¼-inch thick. With 4-inch gingerbread man cookie cutter, form cookies and place at least 1 inch apart on a nonstick baking pan. Bake 9–11 minutes, or until edges start to brown. Cool on baking sheet 5 minutes. Transfer to wire rack, and let cool completely.

6 tbsp softened unsalted butter

1/2 packed cup brown sugar

1/2 cup molasses

1 egg

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Sanding sugar, confectioners' sugar or dragées for decoration (optional)

Using a long serrated knife, cut ½ gallon of well-frozen vanilla ice cream (preferably brick shaped) into four equal lengthwise slices.

Using the same cookie cutter, cut 8 ice cream shapes.

Assemble each sandwich.

Cover with plastic wrap, and return to freezer until ready to serve. May be assembled 2 days in advance.

Decorate before serving, if you like. Serves 8.

PAIRIT

Florio 2000 Baglio Florio Vergine (Marsala); \$35, 91 points.



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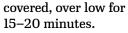
Spiced Wine Glaze for Crown Roast of Pork

- 6 cups ruby Port
- 4 cups robust red wine
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 4 tsp chopped fresh ginger

- tsp green cardamom
- tsp star anise
- tsp pink peppercorns
- tsp juniper berries
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

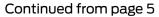
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1 orange peel
- 1/2 cup honey
- 8 whole ripe figs
- 9 oz. apple pectin

In large saucepan, combine Port, wine, cinnamon stick, vanilla, ginger, dried spices, orange peel, honey and figs in saucepan. Cook,



Strain mixture.
Set aside fruit,
spices and orange
peel. Add pectin
and using a blender,
purée until smooth.

Return mixture to pot, and bring to boil. Strain again, and place pot or bowl over ice to cool. Cool strained fruit and spices.
When cooled, blend fruit and spices back into glaze.



Goat's Milk Yogurt & Fresh Herb Dressing

- 1½ cups CottonHill CreameryDrinkable Goat'sMilk Yogurt
- 3 tbsp fresh rosemary, removed from stalk
- 2 tbsp fresh oregano

- 2 tbsp fresh thyme
- 1 tbsp fresh lavender (can use dried lavender, if needed)
- ⅓ tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp pepper

Place yogurt in large glass mixing bowl. Crush herbs with mortar and pestle to release oils. Add to yogurt, along with salt and pepper. Whisk until combined. Let rest at least 1 hour. Serves 12.







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Pear Pie Crust

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling dough
- 2/3 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, cold, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/3 cup shortening1 egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon white vinegar

In a large bowl, mix together all of the dry ingredients. Cut in the butter and shortening to achieve pea-sized pieces.

In a separate bowl, stir together the egg yolk and vinegar, and then add it to the dry mixture.

Add 4–6 tablespoons of ice-cold water, one tablespoon at a time, until the dough just comes together.

Form the dough into a disk, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for about 1 hour.

