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The village of Niedermorschwihr © Dixon Brooke

2016 PINOT GRIS “HEIMBOURG” ALBERT BOXLER \$70

Jean Boxler currently rules the roost at this humble yet incredibly exciting domaine. Intense and serious about his land, his craft, and his wine, Jean is the genius behind what are certainly some of the finest white wines in Alsace (and the world). World War II brought Jean’s grandfather Albert back to Niedermorschwihr from Montana, where he was busy enjoying the natural gifts of Big Sky Country. He became the first generation to bottle the family’s production himself and commercialize it under a family label. Tasting through the entire range of Boxler’s wines is ample proof of the fact that Alsace is an enduring source of some of the world’s most complex, exciting white wines.

Heimbourg is a very stony, steep limestone terroir in Turckheim—the only terroir of this geology in this famous wine village just west of Colmar. This is the first time since we began working with Boxler (when we imported his 2010 vintage) that he has bottled a dry Pinot Gris exclusively from this site. In the past, this fruit has either been blended into his Pinot Gris Réserve bottling or used to make a late-harvest wine. Heimbourg produces a powerful, full-bodied style of Pinot Gris with exceptional aging potential.



Jean Boxler © Gail Skoff

Pair with blue cheeses, roasted chicken, or sweet pork sausages.

2020 VALLE D'ITRIA BIANCO "FARAONE"
I PÀSTINI \$20







I Pàstini is a small, family-run winery in the Valle d'Itria in eastern central Puglia. Gianni Carparelli and his father, Donato, founded I Pàstini so that they could bottle their own production from land used by their forebears to grow wine grapes for sale. Their organically grown grapes thrive on a limestone plateau co-planted to ancient (multi-millennia-old!) olive groves overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Located roughly in between the coastal towns of Brindisi and Bari, the Valle d'Itria is made up of a dozen or so small, agrarian towns distinguished by their *trulli*, conically shaped stone structures that historically served to house people, store grain and other foodstuff, and shelter livestock.



Harvest 2021 © I Pàstini

The Carparellis produce a beautiful range of white wines, including the Faraone, which is made from the local Verdeca grape. This stimulating dry white is a wonderfully versatile table wine that is crisp, floral, herbaceous, and cleansing. A perfect introduction to I Pàstini's style, it is the type of white you might like to consume often and plentifully.

Pair with mild charcuterie, baked halibut, or chicory citrus salad.

					
2016 PINOT GRIS "HEIMBOURG" Albert Boxler Alsace	Pinot Gris	Vines planted in 1976 Limestone	Serve cool 50–54° F Decant recommended	Mirabelle plum, wet stone, honey Powerful, broad, elegant	Drink now through 2028
2020 VALLE D'ITRIA BIANCO "FARAONE" I Pàstini Puglia	Verdeca	Vines planted in 2001 Red clay, limestone	Serve cold 48–52° F Decant optional	Flowers, straw, lemon, fresh herbs Crisp, light, charming	Drink now