

LIBERTY WINES

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Liberty Wines will be exhibiting over 200 wines from across its portfolio on **stand P 40** at this year's London International Wine Fair (18-20th May).

New to Liberty this year are wines from three Laroche estates: **Domaine Laroche** (Chablis), **Mas La Chevalière** (Languedoc) and **Viña Punto Alto** (Chile). Michel Laroche will be on hand to present the wines.

Domaine Laroche epitomises Chablis. The quality of their wines is impeccable, with all wines carrying the Chablis hallmark of crystalline purity and steely minerality. The range scales the Chablis ladder from Petit Chablis to Grand Cru. Their ownership of vineyards (which sets them apart from their main competitors) is remarkable; Chablis is a fragmented region, but Domaine Laroche owns 100 hectares of vines, including an impressive 30 ha of Premier Crus and 6 ha of Grand Crus.

Michel Laroche purchased **Mas La Chevalière**, just outside of Béziers in the Languedoc, in 1995 with the aim of producing wines that expressed the character of both the variety and the region - whites that are aromatic yet rich and reds that are ripe yet sinewy.

The **Viña Punto Alto** winery and vineyards are situated in the Casablanca Valley, only 20 kilometres away from the Pacific Ocean. This close proximity to the coast gives a cool-climate that suits the classic varieties of Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

A host of Italian producers have recently been added to the Liberty portfolio, all of which will be on show at the Fair. From the Veneto, the **Cantina Valpantena 'Torre del Falasco'** wines are the standard bearers of the co-operative. From Basilicata is **Vigneti del Vulture**, a small co-operative in the heart of the Aglianico del Vulture zone, where the wines are made by Vesevo winemaker Marco Flacco along with Alberto Antonini. From Puglia are the beautifully scented, fruit-driven wines of **Masseria Pietrosa**, as well as a Nero di Troia (made from the local Uva di Troia) from **Tufarello** in Canosa di Puglia, while Mark Shannon (the winemaker at A Mano) has relaunched the **Promessa** label to accommodate his new Syrah/Merlot blend from a

100-hectare organic vineyard. **Cantina Mesa** is one of the most exciting new wineries to come out of Sardinia in two decades and the characterful, strikingly packaged wines offer superb value. Finally, from Sicily, **Vigneti Zabù** is a young estate, with vineyards planted five years ago on the hills around Lake Arancio in Sambuca di Sicilia.

New to the Liberty French portfolio and showing at the Fair will be wines from **Baron de Badassière** (Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc) and **Domaine Perraud** (Mâcon, Burgundy). New from South Africa are the wines of **Crystallum** from the cool Walker Bay region.

Other winery representatives who will be on the Liberty stand during the Fair include: **John Duval**, **Phil Sexton** (Innocent Bystander), **Peter Yealands** (Yealands Estate), **Gregory Patriat** (Jean-Claude Boisset), **Bea Contini Bonacossi** (Capezzana), **Matt Thomson**, **Alberto Antonini**, **Daniel Castano**, **Thomas Bachelder** (Le Clos Jordanne) and **Andy Robinson** (Seghesio).

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