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A pictorial journey through the vineyards and cellars – Photography by Mick Rock





















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	St-Émilion viewed over vineyard of Château Belair, Gironde, France. [Saint-Émilion / Bordeaux]		Fitou wine sign by vineyard at Paziols, Aude, France. [Fitou / Corbières]
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	Henri Pernot, récoltant, squeezing the juice from a Savagnin grape onto his refractometer to measure the potential alcohol. Château-Chalon, Jura, France. [AC Château-Chalon]		Claude Papin working with Chenin Blanc vines in Clos de la Soucherie vineyard of Château Pierre Bise, Beaulieu-sur-Layon, Maine-et-Loire, France. [Coteaux du Layon-Villages]
	Signs to Pouilly and Fuissé - two of the villages which make up the appellation Pouilly-Fuissé, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Mâconnais]		Sign for Cormicy and the Route Touristique du Champagne by the church in the village of Cauroy-lès-Hermonville, north-west of Reims, Marne, France.
	Hubert de Montille taking a sample of premier cru Taille Pieds from barrel in his cellars. Volnay, Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune]		Pickers break for lunch in La Turquie vineyard of Guigal on the Côte Blonde. Ampuis, Rhône, France. [Côte Rôtie]
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	Rolling barrique through the 2nd-year chai of Château Margaux. Margaux, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]		Harvesting Riesling grapes of Marcel Lipp in early November in the Grand Cru Pfsigberg vineyard, Eguisheim, Haut-Rhin, France. [Alsace]
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	Scattering nitrate pellets on vineyard in early spring. Mutigny, Marne, France. [Champagne]		Harvesting Pinot Noir grapes in the autumn mist at Mercurey, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Mercurey / Côte Chalonnaise]
	Sign for winery of Marcel Perret at Solutré-Pouilly, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Pouilly-Fuissé / Mâconnais]		Elderly pickers harvesting grapes. Jura, France.
	Harvesting Chardonnay grapes from 80-year old vineyard of Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon at Bussières near Milly-Lamartine, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Mâconnais]		Helicopter spraying vines on the hill of Corton, Pernand-Vergelesses, Côte d'Or, France. [AC Corton-Charlemagne]
	Pierre Sauvion, winemaker, with sample of new wine taken from tank. Château du Cléray-Sauvion, Eolie, near Vallet, Loire-Atlantique, France. [Muscadet de Sèvre-et-Maine]		Shaking bottles of "La Grande Dame" before putting them in pupitres to undergo the remuage. Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin, Reims, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Tractor with trailer full of harvested chardonnay grapes in Les Clos vineyard above Chablis, Yonne, France. [Chablis Grand Cru]		Pruning Pinot Meunier vines and burning them in a mobile incinerator in early March near Champillon, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Chablis sign in vineyard near Beine, Yonne, France. [Chablis]		Sign on the Route du Vin at entrance to village of Gueberschwihr, Haut-Rhin, France. [Alsace]
	Harvesting Gamay grapes from vineyard in the hills above Chiroubles, France. [Chiroubles / Beaujolais]		Harvesting Aligoté grapes into traditional wicker baskets at Pernand-Vergelesses, Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune]
	Fermenting must being aerated and pumped back over the grape-skin cap (remontage). Mas de Daumas Gassac, Hérault, France. [Vin de Pays d'Oc]		Remueurs at work on bottles of Belle Époque rosé in the cellars of Champagne Perrier-Jouët. This is a vintage Champagne in a distinctive enamelled bottle. Épernay, Marne, France.
	Hod carrier with Syrah grapes in La Turquie vineyard of Guigal. Ampuis, Rhône, France. [Côte Rôtie]		Collecting prunings for burning on a frosty winter morning in Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard of Château Léoville-Barton. St-Julien, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]
	Walking route sign in snow covered vineyard below village of Château-Chalon, Jura, France. [Château-Chalon / Vin Jaune]		"Le Cru Fleurie" sign in vineyard, Fleurie, France. [Fleurie / Beaujolais]

	Harvesting grapes in vineyard of Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]		Topping up barriques (ouillage) in the white wine chai of Château Lynch-Bages. Pauillac, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]
	Bunches of botrytis-affected Semillon grapes, Château Rieussec, Sauternes, Gironde, France. [Sauternes / Bordeaux]		Harvesting Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in vineyard of Château Léoville-Barton, St-Julien, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]
	Vineyard in early spring on the white limestone soil of Lirac, Gard, France. [AC Lirac]		3024 glass bonbonnes, each holding 70 litres, in which the wine is placed for its 1st year. Mas Amiel, Maury, Pyrénées-Orientales, France. [AC Maury]
	Harvesting Gamay grapes from vineyard in the hills above Chiroubles, France. [Chiroubles / Beaujolais]		Sign by vineyard at entrance to village of Ambonnay, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Christophe Sabon topping up barrels (ouillage) in chai of Domaine de la Janasse, Courthézon, Vaucluse, France. [Châteauneuf-du-Pape]		Sandrine Garbay, Maître de Chai, examines a magnum of 1967 in the vintage bottle cellar of Château d'Yquem, Sauternes, Gironde, France.
	Spreading pulverized bark on a vineyard in early spring. Ay, Marne, France. [Champagne]		Vineyard in the hills above Vinca with the Massif de Canigou (2784m) beyond. Pyrénées-Orientales, France. [AC Côtes du Roussillon]
	Road separating vineyards of en Luraule (left) and les Grands Charrons at Meursault, Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune]		The Clos des Goisses vineyard of Philipponat above Mareuil-sur-Ay and the Canal Lateral de la Marne, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Burning vine prunings in late autumn in les Bonnes Mares vineyard, Chambolle-Musigny, Cote d'Or, France. [Cote de Nuits Grand Cru]		Vineyard of Mas de la Dame in early spring. Les Baux-de-Provence, Bouches-du-Rhône, France. [AC Les Baux-de-Provence]
	Viognier vineyards above Condrieu and the River Rhône, France. [Condrieu]		Autumnal Chardonnay vineyards surround the village of Solutré-Pouilly below the rock of Solutré, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Pouilly-Fuissé / Mâconnais]
	Harvested Pinot Meunier grapes by vineyard above the Marne valley at Charly-sur-Marne, Aisne, France. [Champagne]		The 2nd-year chai at Château Margaux. The upright barriques await the new vintage from the 1st-year chai. Margaux, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]
	Château Pichon-Longueville-Baron, floodlit at dusk. Pauillac, Gironde, France. [Médoc / Bordeaux]		Early spring in vineyards at Villespassans, Hérault, France. [St-Chinian]
	Harvested Pinot Noir grapes in traditional wicker baskets on the wall of Louis Latour's Les Perrières vineyard at Aloxe-Corton, Côte d'Or, France. [AC Corton]		Post Office in the wine village of Puligny-Montrachet, Côte d'Or, France.
	Bottles of sparkling wine in pupitres in the cellars of Bouvet-Ladubay, Saumur, Maine-et-Loire, France. [Crémant de Loire]		View north over vineyards towards the Marne Valley from near Cuis on the Côte des Blancs, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Ripe Pinot Noir grapes - here growing at Verzenay on the Montagne de Reims, Marne, France. [Champagne]		Jean-Pierre Girardin, Chef de Caves, working on Jeroboams in pupitres in the remains of Saint Niçaise Abbey, part of the cellars of Champagne Taittinger. Reims, Marne, France.
	Romanée-Conti 1990 in the bottle ageing cellar at Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Vosne-Romanée, Côte d'Or, France.		Grenache vines on stoney soil at Rasteau, Vaucluse, France. [Rasteau VDN / Côtes du Rhône-Villages]
	View over Chavignol with the hilltop town of Sancerre in the distance. Cher, France. [AC Sancerre]		Village of Monthelie viewed from Les Duresses vineyard in Auxey-Duresses, Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune]

	Barriques in the 1st-year chai of Château Haut-Brion, Pessac, Gironde, France. [Pessac-Léognan / Bordeaux]		Snow blankets the vineyards around the church at Cuis, south of Épernay, Marne, France. [Champagne]
	Colourful flowers planted on waste ground on the outskirts of Chablis. Yonne, France. [Chablis]		Château de Crouseilles and vineyard, owned by the Cave Co-operative de Crouseilles. Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France. [AC Madiran]
	Chatillon-sur-Marne and its snow covered vineyards in the Marne valley overlooked by the huge statue of Pope Urbain II. Marne, France. [Champagne / Marne la Vallée]		Vineyard in the early spring near Caramany, Pyrénées-Orientales, France. [AC Côtes du Roussillon-Villages]
	Pommard on a bleak December day, viewed over Les Charmots and Clos de la Commaraine Premier Cru vineyards. Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune]		Vineyards below the rock of Solutré with the rock of Vergisson in the distance. Solutré-Pouilly, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Pouilly-Fuissé / Mâconnais]
	Farmhouse viewed over lavender field and vineyard, Grignan, Drôme, France. [Coteaux du Tricastin]		Barrel-ageing in the 13th-century Collegiate Church cellars of Maison Joseph Drouhin, Beaune, Côte d'Or, France.
	Bottle ageing cellar of Domaine Armand Rousseau, Gevrey-Chambertin, Côte d'Or, France.		Château Ausone, St-Émilion, Gironde, France. [Saint-Émilion / Bordeaux]
	Coastal vineyards of Domaine Pieretti at Santa Severa, Luri, Haute-Corse, Corsica, France. [Vin de Corse-Coteaux du Cap Corse]		Sunset over vineyards near Poligny, Jura, France. [AC Cotes du Jura]
	Grenache vineyard on stoney soil above Rasteau, Vaucluse, France. [Rasteau VDN / Côtes du Rhône-Villages]		William Serre with Reveuse (a Percheron), using a plough to turn over the soil near the base of the vines. Château Magdelaine, St-Émilion, Gironde, France.
	Burning prunings in early January in vineyard of Château Franc-Mayne with Château Clos des Jacobins in the background. St-Émilion, Gironde, France. [Saint-Émilion / Bordeaux]		Autumnal vineyard at Chitry-le-Fort, near Auxerre, Yonne, France. [Bourgogne Chitry]
	Chardonnay vineyard at Montagny-lès-Buxy, Saône-et-Loire, France. [Montagny / Côte Chalonnaise]		Bottles of wine maturing in cave which has been hewn out of the soft tuffeau subsoil. Château de la Grille, Chinon, Indre-et-Loire, France.
	Machine harvesting grapes in vineyard at St-Cyrles-Colons, Yonne, France. [Côte d'Auxerre]		La Rochepot and its château, Côte d'Or, France. [Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune]
	Grande Cuvée in pupitres in the cellars of Krug. This is a composition of 40-50 different wines blended together to make one of the very finest Champagnes. Reims, Marne, France.		Riquewihr viewed from the Schoenenbourg vineyard, Haut-Rhin, France. [Alsace Grand Cru]
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	Chenin Blanc vineyard of Château de la Roche aux Moines above the River Loire, Savennières, Maine-et-Loire, France. [AC Savennières]		Stone building in the Bouchard Père et Fils section of Montrachet vineyard, Puligny-Montrachet, Côte d'Or, France. [Côte de Beaune Grand Cru]
	Marker stone by vineyard of Domaine la Bouissière below the Dentelles de Montmirail, Gigondas, Vaucluse, France. [AC Gigondas]		Dusk falls over Château d'Yquem and its vineyard, Sauternes, Gironde, France. [Sauternes / Bordeaux]