

1. **McBride Sisters** Sparkling Brut Rose, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. \$20.99

Sisters Robin McBride and Andréa McBride John were raised across the globe from one another in two of the world's most iconic wine growing, agriculture and farming regions: Monterey, California, and Aotearoa, New Zealand. Each thought they were only children until fate united them in 1999, and their discovery of one another, along with a shared love affair with wine, food and culture, sparked a creative and entrepreneurial force.

“This gorgeous bubbly glows with gentle aromas of rose petals, crushed red berries and strawberries with cream. The red fruits just keep coming with loads of fresh raspberry, cranberry, strawberry, and a bit of juicy peach to round things out.”

2. **1692 Spier** 2023 Chenin Blanc, South Africa. \$10.99

The three top women at the company include Tania Kleintjies who makes their organic wine; Lianne Jordaan who runs the production of the vineyard's reds for export; and Heidi Dietstein – the senior winemaker. [Link to article interviewing the women of Spier](#)

“Western Cape, South Africa - Elegant, refreshing and well balanced, displaying aromas that are fresh and fragrant. Filled with tropical fruit, peach and mineral flavors graced with a touch of vanilla on the dry finish.”

3. **Erica** 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand. \$27.99

Erica Crawford worked in the pharmaceutical industry in South Africa until she met her future husband (a kiwi) at a wine event. The rest is history. [Link to interview with Erica Crawford.](#)

“This is a fresh lively Sauvignon Blanc brimming with flavors of peach, citrus, and passionfruit. Light in body, but rich in texture with an elegant mouthfeel and lingering finish.”

4. **Smith Bench** 2022 Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, Monterey, CA. \$19.99

Smith Bench is produced by Wente Family Estates. Carolyn Wente, Chair of the Board and 4th generation winegrower, has been honored as the 2023 American Wine Legend by *Wine Enthusiast*. The Wente family is currently in its 5th generation of wine growers. [Here is a link to the women of Wente.](#)

“This chardonnay has a medium-yellow color. Tropical and apple notes elegantly balanced with oak and a kiss of spice. Think lobster and butter sauce.”

5. **Asua Crianza** 2020 Tempranillo, Rioja, Spain. \$19.99

The fifth generation of a Spanish wine family features siblings Victor and Maria Urrutia. They are a part of the Compania Vinicola del Norte de Espana (CVNE). Most of the first four generations were men. [A link to the family history and the wineries](#)

"A refined and lightly crunchy red with cherries, plums, wet earth and spice. Some nutmeg. Medium body. Fine tannins. A modern, clean, and delicious wine. Pure tempranillo..."

6. **Altaland** 2021 Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina. \$19.99

Laura Catena is one of the most recognizable figures in Argentinian wines today. She works with her century old family-owned winery [Bodega Catena Zapata](#). She was the force behind Catena's research into planting vines at higher altitudes – reaching almost 5,000 feet with their Adrianna vineyard. Laura is Managing Director and Founder of [Catena Institute](#) with a strong science background but she also received her Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.) from Stanford University before she devoted herself to researching the soils of Argentina over the past two decades. [A link to the Grand Dame of Malbec](#)

“A pretty nose of blackberries, blueberries, dark cherries, chocolate, lavender honey, and sweet spices. Medium-bodied with fine tannins. Fruity and creamy with lots of cool blue fruit and a fresh, caressing finish.”