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From top to bottom: Fowles Wine in the Strathbogie Ranges; winemaker Rick Kinzbrunner of Giaconda Vineyard & Winery in Beechworth; wines from Yarra Yering and Mount Mary Vineyard in the Yarra Valley; the cellar at Tahbilk Estate in Nagambie Lakes; and Chalmers Heathcote Vineyard in Heathcote.

SGWS Announces the Passing of Chairman Harvey Chaplin



Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits (SGWS), the world's preeminent distributor of beverage alcohol, announced that the company's chairman, Harvey Chaplin, died June 9 at 95 years old. "It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my beloved father, Harvey Chaplin, our company's founder . . . and one of the icons of our industry," says SGWS CEO Wayne E. Chaplin. "His influence as a leader, a philanthropist, a loving family man, and

patriarch of our family has left an indelible mark on all who have known and worked with him. He was a larger-than-life figure and will be greatly missed."

Chaplin began his career in the wine and spirits industry with a part-time position in the mailroom at Schenley Industries, working his way up to run wholesale operations. In 1969, he joined Southern Wine and served in numerous senior executive roles before becoming chairman and CEO in 1994. He became chairman of SGWS in July 2016 upon the historic combination of Southern Wine and Glazer's Distributing.

Chaplin's vision for creating a national footprint to scale the value a wholesaler could deliver for suppliers and customers has driven the unparalleled growth of SGWS, which now operates in 45 U.S. markets as well as in Canada. Even after his son Wayne became CEO and took over the day-to-day running of the business, supported by the next generation of family members and other company leaders, Chaplin continued to be deeply involved in the business.

Chaplin is survived by his wife, Roberta; children, Paul (Karen), Wayne (Arlene), and Terry (Fred); nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Harvey R. Chaplin Family Stroke and Chest Pain Center at Mount Sinai Medical Center; the Harvey R. Chaplin Central Building at Temple Beth Shalom in Miami Beach, Florida; or the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University.

Copper Cane Wines & Spirits Named as Official Wine Partner for Select MLB Teams

Copper Cane Wines & Spirits has announced its role as the official wine partner for the New York Mets, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers, San Diego Padres, and Atlanta Braves for the 2024 Major League Baseball season, bringing its premium Belle Glos, Böen, Elouan, Quilt, and Threadcount labels to stadiums across the nation. "At Copper Cane, we pride ourselves on being disruptors and growing our brands in bold ways—going beyond the traditional wine world—but still remaining steadfast in our commitment to high-quality craftsmanship from vineyard to bottle," says founder Joe Wagner. "We are eager to continue building this multiyear relationship with [these teams,] and we value our partners' support."

In-stadium branding opportunities are at the core of every sponsorship, and with millions of people visiting stadiums across the country, fans are able to engage with and sample the portfolio at the Belle Glos Lounge, luxury suites, and other vendor locations throughout the venues.



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Lyrics and Libations Collide in *The Ultimate '90s Cocktail Playlist*

This summer, Insight Editions is teaming up with authors Henry Barajas and Cassandra Reeder to create a delicious tribute to the iconic music—from grunge, hip-hop, and hair metal to bubblegum pop, electronica, ska, and too many other genres to list—that defined the 1990s. *The Ultimate '90s Cocktail Playlist* is the first in a series of books that charts a course through the songs that dominated airwaves and took hold of the world's hearts, minds, and bodies over a specific decade.

The '90s were a fascinatingly wide-ranging decade for popular music, seeing the tides of public interest ebb and flow through a huge swath of genres, styles, and signature sounds. This hardcover book winds through over 70 song-inspired recipes for all bartending skill levels and areas of musical interest, taking the creative spirit of tracks like Depeche Mode's "Enjoy the Silence," Seal's "Kiss from a Rose," Björk's "Army of Me," Notorious B.I.G.'s "Big Poppa," and Lauryn Hill's "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and translating them into dazzling, delicious cocktail recipes.

The Ultimate '90s Cocktail Playlist is currently available to order wherever books are sold.



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AND A CLEAN LASTING FINISH.



DOWN *the* AISLE



Bianchi 2022 Organic Cabernet Sauvignon, San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina (\$16) The rich color mirrors the intense nose of ripe blackberry, cassis, and plum, followed by black pepper, bell pepper, and tomato leaf. On the palate, this young wine shows red fruit balanced with baking spices and a hint of tobacco. **90**



QUINTESSENTIAL



Paringa 2022 Sparkling Shiraz, South Australia (\$18) Dark berries merge with red-tea tannins in this seriously concentrated blend of 85% Shiraz and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. Cigar leaf and coffee surround a core of pomegranate and dark chocolate, making for a sweet-savory experience. **91**



QUINTESSENTIAL



3 Rings 2021 Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia (\$20) This Shiraz boasts a rich and inviting profile highlighted by blackberry, blueberry, and black currant and complemented by herbaceous notes of thyme and velvety spices such as mocha, vanilla, and clove. Bright acidity and soft tannins complement bold flavors of black fruit, black pepper, licorice, and earthy tobacco notes. **91**



QUINTESSENTIAL



VOGA Prosecco DOC Still Wine, Italy (\$16) Lemon-fresh aromas give way to flavors of cashew, kiwi, and honeyed white flowers. A slightly creamy base with high-toned acidity offers a long-lasting finish to this unique still Prosecco. **91**



ENOVATION BRANDS



Black Stallion Estate Winery 2022 Chardonnay, North Coast (\$20) Fruit sourced from the Alexander Valley (70%) and Sonoma Coast (30%) result in an aromatic, flavorful white with stamina and staying power. Toasted brioche, cake batter, and tangerine are opulent on the nose and palate. Succulent yet reined in and elegant, it washes over the mouth with grace, delivering a plush stream of ripe apricot, melon, and marzipan. Fine acidity offers a crispness that softens the buttery finish. **92**



DELICATO FAMILY WINES



Made by James 2022 Chardonnay, California (\$20) Extroverted flavors of toasty brioche and orange peel give way to melon and pineapple upside-down cake on the midpalate. Well balanced, with a fairly lean frame; good acid structure; and a sleek yet unctuous mouthfeel. **91**



THE WINE GROUP



Folie à Deux 2022 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County (\$18) The intense, woody character of this wine is backed by ample acidity and tropical fruit—banana, mango, and pineapple upside-down cake—to keep things fresh. **92**



TRINCHERO FAMILY ESTATES



Juggernaut 2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$20) Following scintillating aromas of grapefruit zest, rosemary, and dill, bright, sunshiny grassy notes merge with passion fruit and candied pear on the vibrant finish. **91**



BOGLE FAMILY WINES



Threadcount by Quilt 2023 Sauvignon Blanc, California (\$22) Silky, luscious, and vibrant, with pineapple sorbet, grapefruit zest, laurel, and a salty finish. **92**



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Wente Vineyards 2023 Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast (\$18) Peach blossom, cashew, creamed corn, and pineapple are glorious—fragrant and mouthwatering. **91**



Cantina Mesa 2023 Giunco Vermentino di Sardegna, Italy (\$22) Zesty and crisp, with an echo of Mediterranean scrub; scintillating notes of sea-salted lemon bar and cashew; and a sleek mineral component. **93**



SANTA MARGHERITA USA

DOWN *the* AISLE



East Side Crossing 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi (\$22) Well built, with broad shoulders and supple tannins. Roasted coffee, dark chocolate, and black plum drape across the palate. **91**

OAK RIDGE WINERY



Tinto Pesquera 2020 Condado de Haza, Ribera del Duero, Spain (\$22) Dusty, teeth-grabbing tannins unite with black plum, espresso, and cocoa. Underbrush appears on the midpalate with tarry notes of soy sauce and licorice. **90**

FOLIO FINE WINE PARTNERS



Ferrari-Carano 2023 Pinot Grigio, California (\$24) A pinch of salt accents juicy summer pear and fragrant orange blossom. Floral notes continue to arise from the midpalate to the finish atop a foundation of glossy minerality. **92**

FOLEY FAMILY WINES



Ferrari-Carano 2023 Dry Sangiovese Rosé, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County (\$24) Exuding bright and fresh aromas of strawberry, this stainless steel-fermented wine offers superb vibrancy and delivers clean notes of cherry and watermelon. **92**

FOLEY FAMILY WINES



J. Lohr 2022 October Night Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, Monterey County (\$25) Tropical fruit and flowers tell the story of this wine, whose focused flavors of pineapple, mango, and gardenia are succulent and juicy. Buoyed by coconut and vanilla bean, lime chiffon drifts melodiously across the finish line. **92**



Cline Cellars 2022 Eight Spur Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County (\$25) Super ripe, with notes of bramble bundled with plum, licorice, and dried black cherry. Alert notes of cinnamon hots and a dab of soy sauce add to its zesty finish. **92**



Slouch Hat Wines 2023 As You Were Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County (\$26) Former Marine Matt Fowler is now owner and “Chief Sloucher” at Slouch Hat, creating wines that grant him serenity. Barrel fermented on the lees, this high-acid Sauv Blanc displays tart green apple, thyme, lime zest, melon, and a dash of salinity on a crisp palate with striking freshness. **93**

LOCUS WINE CONSULTING



Ferrari-Carano 2022 Chardonnay, Sonoma County (\$27) A striking, buttery yet balanced white with weight; elegance; and flavors of golden apple, pine nut, and butterscotch that coat the tongue. Lemon blossom directs the nose and palate to a clean, vivacious finish. **92**

FOLEY FAMILY WINES



Quilt 2022 Fabric of The Land Red Blend, Napa Valley (\$35) Creamy and mouthwatering, with a fresh profile of vanilla and boysenberry, mouth-puckering notes of tart plum, and lavender-tinged sweetness. Tannins are round and seamless. **93**

COPPER CANE WINES & SPIRITS



Ca'Momi 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$28) Opaque and dense, with coffee, chocolate, and lingering suede tannins. Boysenberry purée settles on the creamy, ripe, and round yet balanced palate. A touch of sweet, smoky oak on the finish lengthens the experience. **93**

FIOR DEL SOLE

