

## THE STOWE WINE & FOOD CLASSIC

# 2012 WINE & OYSTER PAIRING

WITH ROWAN JACOBSEN

“I took it into my hand, tilted the shell back into my mouth...and with one bite and a slurp, wolfed it down. It tasted of seawater...of brine and flesh...and somehow...of the future...Everything was different now. Everything. This, I knew, was the magic of which until now I had been only dimly and spitefully aware. I was hooked. My parents’ shudders, my little brother’s expression of unrestrained revulsion and amazement only reinforced the sense that I had, somehow, become a man.”

Anthony Bourdain, *Kitchen Confidential*

### The Oysters

#### **Kumamoto, Oakland Bay, Washington**

Sweet and petite, with a melon finish, the Kumo is many people’s favorite oyster.

#### **Totten Inlet Pacific, Totten Inlet, Washington**

A cucumber sandwich rolled in nori. France’s main oyster.

#### **Sewansecott, Hog Island Bay, Virginia**

Rich, sweet, and toothy, with an Atlantean brine.

#### **Nonesuch, Scarborough River, Maine**

Brash and briny, with the clean scent of a New England beach, impressive crunch, and a bitter olive finish.

#### **Totten Inlet Virginica, Totten Inlet, Washington**

The East Coast oyster, bathed in the brothlike waters of Puget Sound, which develop its distinctively fruity umami depth.

#### **Shigoku, Willapa Bay, Washington**

A tumbled oyster, the Shigoku develops a deep cup, a plump body, and a sweet-salty, watermelon-rind finish.

### The Wines

#### **Pazo de Senorañs Albariños 2011**

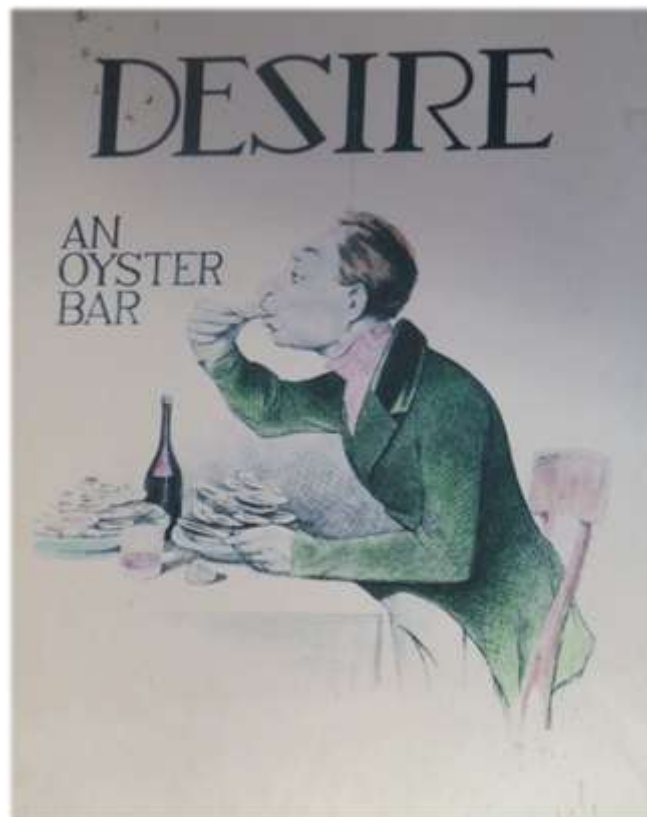
Like flowers and lemon peel floating in mineral water. From Galicia, this is Spain’s greatest oyster wine.

#### **Droin Chablis 2010**

Classic, flinty 100% Chardonnay from the northernmost region of Burgundy, famed for the fossilized oyster shells in its soil.

#### **Champault Sancerre 2010**

The extraordinary tropical nose and the refreshing bite make Sancerre France’s favorite wine with Pacific oysters.



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