



## **Good Wine, Good Food and the Bright Side of Life**

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Early in the pandemic, German wine producers, the Selbach family, reached out to us with a message of hope: "Greetings from the Mosel where the sun is shining, and spring is in the air... We are all obviously concerned about the virus pandemic. As wine growers, nature shows us that life goes on. We are in the process of bending the canes, the buds are swelling, the first green is on bushes and trees. Wine belongs on the bright side of life..."

We believe this is true at all times. Good wine does belong on the bright side of life and is an illustration of nature's ability to withstand great trials, coming to life again year after year. There is tenacity, tenderness, and patience required to produce good wine.

Likewise, small and medium-sized businesses come into being because the owners and employees have tenacity and patience. These past months have brought unprecedented trials to us all, but perhaps few have felt the economic impact as acutely as those in the hospitality industry. Many amazing restaurants may not reopen, and we will all be the poorer for it. For those establishments that do reopen, we are hopeful that life will re-emerge – the sounds of conversation, the smells and tastes of food. Business has not always been easy and probably will not be going forward, but like good wines, good restaurants belong on the bright side of life. [dougwines.com](http://dougwines.com)