

Wine Club ~ November 2019

Regular Red



Château Lamothe Saint-Germain 2018

Region: Bordeaux, France
Grape: Merlot, Cabernet Franc
Retail Price: \$12.99

Profile: Young claret priced at wonderful price to be enjoyed every day with dishes like roasted chicken with autumn vegetables, grilled beef skewers with miso glaze, or mushroom medley.

Note: Château Lamothe Saint-Germain is a family-owned estate in the commune of Saint-Germain-du-Puch, in the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers region between the Garonne and Dordogne rivers. There are 28 hectares of vines here averaging 25 years of age and planted on a mixture of chalky-clay and silica-clay. All are farmed sustainably. Vinification and maturation take place in stainless steel.



Gorgo Bardolino 2016

Region: Veneto, Italy
Grape: Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara
Retail Price: \$16.99

Profile: Fruity and fresh, this enjoyable red has aromas of red berry and dark spice. Mirroring the nose, the soft, bright palate doles out ripe red cherry and white pepper alongside smooth, supple tannins. This is a lovely old-world Italian alternative to pair with turkey on Thanksgiving! Also great with other light meats, soups, rice, pasta, soft goat cheese, Asiago, Brie, Port Salut, Feta, Mozzarella, Ricotta, and Provolone.

Harvest, which is almost entirely manual, takes traditionally a long time: 30-45 days to allow the grapes of special estates to fully ripen. This contemporary wine is the result of the land related features, i.e. soil, climate, tradition, combined with the needs of present-day living and dining.

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Trésor de la Rivière Côtes du Rhône 2014

Region: Rhône, France
Grape: Grenache, Syrah, Carignan
Retail Price: \$10.99

Profile: This wine is well balanced with generous red fruit flavors and soft elegant tannins. Pairs well with red meat and pasta dishes or can be enjoyed on its own.

"Tresor de la Riviere" is a call back to the 1st century when the Romans used special riverboats to transport Cotes du Rhone wines from the city of Vienne. These boats, like the one depicted on the label, carried the treasure of the Rhone Valley to other parts of the Roman Empire. The grapes are hand harvested and each varietal goes through a separate, temperature controlled vinification followed by a maceration at higher temperatures.



Albert Bichot Château de Varennes Beaujolais-Villages 2017

Region: Burgundy, France
Grape: Gamay
Retail Price: \$13.99

Profile: The nose is both fine and intense with floral (violet, peony) and fruity (raspberry, blackcurrant) notes. The palate is refreshing, fleshy and full-bodied with ripe, fruity notes. The finish is long and refreshing with lasting fruit flavours. From Chinese takeout to spicy Indian curry, this red can be sipped with wide range of food.

Like throughout the entire Beaujolais region, the Gamay grape is king, capable of subtle expressions when planted in granite and silica-based terroirs. The vineyards cover the hillsides surrounding the castle and face due south, which provides optimal conditions for the ripening of the grapes so that they express all of the characteristic red berry fruitiness of Gamay.

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Bodegas Renacer Punto Final Clasico 2018

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape: Malbec

Retail Price: \$12.99

Profile: Strong floral tones of violet and rose combined with red fruits such as blackcurrant and raspberry. In the palate, the wine is smooth and silky with round tannins and a long and persistent finish.

Punto Final Malbec expresses the vast potential of Mendoza's terroir and represents a blend of Malbec grapes from different regions, altitudes, and climates. Grapes for this wine come from vineyards within Perdriel, resulting in a wine that incorporates the best of each unique terroir. The wine is fermented in stainless steel to preserve the wonderful fruit aromas and flavors but aged with just a touch of French oak to add structure and complexity.



Château Haut-Blanville Riva 2015

Region: Pays d'Oc, France

Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot

Retail Price: \$12.99

Profile: Fine bouquet with aromas of juniper berries, wild berries, fine wood and leather. A touch lean and herbal, with notes of blackcurrant, intense violets candies atop the black fruit core. Pair with steak tacos with pinto beans and your favorite toppings.

Established in the late 1990s, Château Haut-Blanville is a family-run domaine located in Pézenas outside Montpellier. Manual harvest for the red wines, harvest during the night for white grapes. Cultivated according to the precepts of sustainable agronomy.

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Paxis 2017

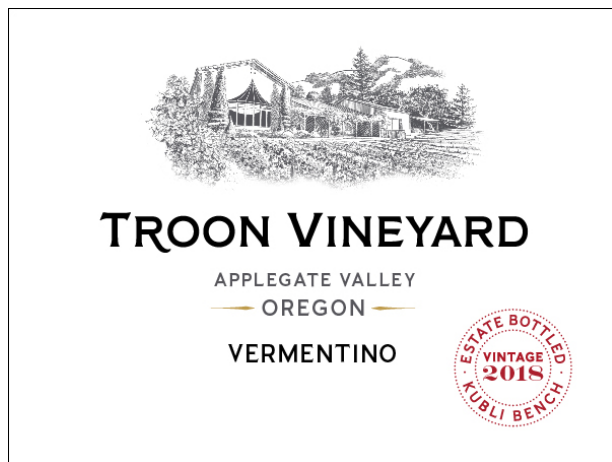
Region: Lisboa, Portugal

Grape: Fernão Pires, Arinto, Verdelho, Alvarinho, Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$10.99

Profile: Notes of marzipan, yellow flowers and freshly sliced peaches are displayed on the nose. The palate shows a watermelon like freshness, with additional notes of white cherry, mango and pear. The finish takes a more mineral, stony tone. Excellent aperitif, it's also a delicious complement of fish, white meat, vegetarian, Indian and Thai cuisines and as well lighter flavoured dishes, and fresh cheeses.

Destemming contact with skin contact. The must is then vacuum filtered with perlites. The fermentation is achieved through active dry yeasts, the temperature being controlled between. The Chardonnay is fermented and aged 12 months in new French oak barrels.



Troon Vineyard Vermentino 2016

Region: Applegate Valley, Oregon

Grape: Vermentino

Retail Price: \$17.99

Profile: It's a spicy, peppery white with a funky kick to the finish. A mix of cucumber, lime and apple fruit, it carries a rather surprising leathery scent and flavor. This would pair marvelously with sushi.

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the Mediterranean coasts of Southern Europe. Place names like Madiran, Cahors, Bandol, Languedoc and Sardegna have provided the varieties which shine in our vineyards high in the Siskiyou Mountains. Demeter Biodynamic® and Organic Certified.

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Joseph Drouhin Mâcon-Villages 2018

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape: Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$15.99

Profile: A clean, crisp, very dry styled Chardonnay, with nice acidity balanced by a fresh fruit palate filled with crisp pear and granny smith apple flavors. The long finish helps make this wine perfect as an aperitif or with broiled seafood.

The Domaine Drouhin wines have received world-wide acclaim from the press and the wine lovers year after year. The fourth generation of Drouhins now works in Beaune and Oregon: Frédéric is General Manager of Maison Joseph Drouhin, Philippe manages the estates in Burgundy and Oregon, Laurent is a regional commercial director, and winemaker Véronique has handcrafted every drop of wine at Domaine Drouhin Oregon since its first vintage in 1988.



Destro Isolanuda Etna Bianco 2014

Region: Sicily, Italy

Grape: Carricante, Catarratto

Retail Price: \$17.99

Profile: This linear vibrant white offers delicate but enticing scents of Spanish broom, jasmine and orchard fruit. The bright delicious palate doles out creamy yellow apple, green pear and chopped mint while a mineral note underscores the finish. It's loaded with finesse. The perfect pairing for tuna and caper salad or sautéed prawns.

Catarratto is the most planted grape in Sicily. Catarratto makes delicious soft, dry wines, but it's often treated as a volume variety, with much of it sent to the mainland or exported as concentrated must. Carricante is the primary variety behind the white wines that are sometimes referred to as Etna Bianco. It's dry and medium-bodied with zippy acidity.

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Château Lagrugère Blanc 2016

Region: Bordeaux, France

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon

Retail Price: \$13.99

Profile: This wine is all about fresh fruit and refreshing acidity. Crisp citrus, green apples and a touch of apricot give a fruitiness balanced by a steely mineral texture. It is full of acidity while keeping a ripe, fruity character. Best served with arugula salad, asparagus, and angel hair pasta with basil pesto.

Château Lagrugère is located in the heart of the Entre-Deux Mers region just east of Bordeaux, the broad region of rolling hills and mixed farming between the Garonne and the Dordogne rivers, hence the name “between the two waters” or “between the two seas.” Today a chateau in the Entre-Deux-Mers will often produce both a red and a white wine, depending on the nature of the terroir.



Camel & Joseph Villa Blanche Chardonnay 2017

Region: Languedoc-Roussillon, France

Grape: Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$14.99

Profile: There are pretty white-flower aromas that grace the bouquet of this wine, with a supporting core of pink apple, peach and ripe honeydew. There's a pleasant roundness to the midpalate, with lasting fruit impressions on the close. Try with Mediterranean cooking, fish in sauce or grilled, bouillabaisse, fresh seafood, and cheese.

Founded in 1995, Calmel & Joseph is a trading house specializing in Languedoc-Roussillon wines from private wineries from across the region. Over the years, they have built close personal relationships with a large number of growers from all appellations. Convinced of the extraordinary potential of this region, oenologist, Laurent Calmel, and Jerome Joseph work together on the vinification, blending and ageing of wines with the common purpose of demonstrating the little known yet unique quality of these Mediterranean terroirs.

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Premium Red



Poggio d'Arna Tenuta di Sesta 2016

Region: Toscana, Italy

Grape: Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

Retail Price: \$24.99

Profile: Notes of fresh red fruits, spicy aromas (intense note of licorice). taste harmonious, soft, zesty, fascinating and full- bodied wine. Suitable for every occasion. Excellent with red meats, cheeses, pasta with meat and tomato sauce, hors d'houvres, bruschetta, vegetables, fish and soups.

The property has been owned and managed by Giovanni Ciacci and his family since 1996. The first bottles of Brunello from the Tenuta di Sesta Estate were produced in 1966 by Giuseppe Ciacci, father of current owner. According to the winery, there were only twelve other such producers at the time and, for this reason, the Tenuta di Sesta Estate is recognized as one of the historical estates in the territory of Montalcino.



Lapostolle Cuvée Alexandre Carmenere 2016

Region: Colchagua Valley, Chile

Grape: Carmenere, Cabernet Sauvignon

Retail Price: \$24.99

Profile: Intense and deep red in color, this wine offers expressive and intense aromas of cassis and black currant. On the palate, it is elegant with round and persistent tannins, with fresh cherry and a light toast flavor. Great with lamb shank with herbs or pork fillet with mustard and honey.

The Vineyard is situated on a North to South exposure, which is quite rare in Chile. This geography is responsible for the conditions that ensure balance for our vines and a slow ripening for the grapes. Apalta has special meso-climate that is different from the rest of Colchagua Valley. Its climate could be described as Semi-dry Mediterranean; with a winter only rainy season and a long dry summer season.

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Bodega Ranacer Milamore 2015

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape: Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonarda, Cabernet Franc

Retail Price: \$32.99

Profile: Deep and intense red ruby colour with purple shades. Its complex aroma includes violet, honey, fig, cherry and ripe plum which combine with spicy notes of black pepper and aromatic herbs. After a few minutes, the wine shows hints of vanilla and leather provided by the French oak. It's got a creamy texture with sweet hard tannins. Persistent lengthy finish. It's a wine to enjoy with red meat, foie gras, and cheese boards. Also a perfect match for chocolate and cakes with nuts like walnut and hazelnut.

An exciting, innovative wine uniquely dried and vinified in the Amarone style. The grapes that produce Milamore are sourced from 50+ years old vines located in three distinct high-altitude vineyards from the Mendoza region in Argentina. The grapes are dried on the vines (appassimento), until they lose 1/3 of their weight. After a prolonged fermentation (both alcoholic and malolactic) the wine is aged in new French barriques for 12 months.



TROON VINEYARD

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Troon Tempranillo Kubli Bench 2016

Region: Applegate Valley, Oregon

Grape: Tempranillo, Syrah, Petite Sirah

Retail Price: \$21.99

Profile: Styled in the classic "joven" style of Rioja, this wine is decidedly more Old World than New World in style at just 12.5% alcohol. Serve lightly chilled with smoky dishes, grits, and Mexican food such as tacos, nachos, and burritos.

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Domaine des Gaudets Morgon Cotes du Py 2016

Region: Beaujolais, France

Grape: Gamay

Retail Price: \$21.99

Profile: A firm layer of tannins give this wine structure and the potential to age. At this young stage, it lies over the juicy red fruits and acidity, although this will change over the next few months. This wine has the potential to be ripe and fruity. The best Beaujolais pairings, from a light-bodied red and fried chicken tacos to a lush spicy variety with poached eggs and polenta.

Domaine Sornay is situated on the town of Villé-Morgon, at the feet of the Moulin-à-Vent hills. Cote de Py has become the most famous terroir of the Morgon Appellation because of its South facing exposure.



Vinca Minor Field Blend Red 2016

Region: Mendocino, California

Grape: Zinfandel, Carignan, Petite Sirah

Retail Price: \$26.99

Profile: The wine is packed to the lid with flavor, savory dried herbs and black tea with luscious blue and blackberries. This field blend was planted in the early 1960's and sees 20 months in neutral barrel.

Vinca Minor makes small amounts of wine from organic vineyards in Mendocino and the Santa Cruz Mountains. Owner/winemaker Jason Edward Charles got his start in winemaking after spending his post-collegiate years as photographer which exposed him to everything from street life in Mexico City to the gorgeous Spanish countryside. He then immersed himself in studying the art of winemaking and spent time honing his skills at Chateau Haut Goujon in Lalande de Pomerol in France, as well as at some of Napa Valley's best producers.

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Elena Walch Selezione Gewurztraminer 2017

Region: Trentino Alto-Adige, Italy

Grape: Gewurztraminer

Retail Price: \$29.99

Profile: Classic Gewürztraminer notes are mirrored in the bouquet – intensively aromatic notes of rose petals, flowers and spices. The wine presents itself rich in finesse on the palate, with fresh fullness, harmonic elegance and a long finish. Try with a full-flavoured aperitif and as an accompaniment to a range of dishes, including savoury first courses and grilled fish.

Elena Walch is a leading Alto Adige wine estate, in family hands, and belongs to the elite in Italian wine production, with international success. Encouraging quality and innovation, Elena Walch stood at the head of the Alto Adige quality revolution and has gained local and international esteem for her efforts.



Gustave Lorentz Vin d'Alsace Riesling 2018

Region: Alsace, France

Grape: Riesling

Retail Price: \$26.99

Profile: Expressive and refined nose filled with citrus and white flower aromas. It has a lively attack, refreshing acidity, great structure and a clean, dry finish. A classic Alsace Riesling. This is an excellent wine for grilled, lightly cooked and raw seafood and fish, as well as chicken, pork, veal and goat cheese.

The grapes come from various hillside vineyards around the village of Bergheim, with a predominance of heavy clay/limestone soil. They are hand-picked, usually around mid-October, with the whole grapes pressed. The pressed juice is separated from the free-run juice and undergoes 12 to 24 hours of “debourbage” or settling, to eliminate impurities, which are then filtered out. Fermentation takes place, using a combination of natural and selected yeasts, in stainless steel vats. The wine goes through two rackings, the first to separate the lees from the wine and the second to clarify the wine. It sits in tanks for six months, with the potential to age for another seven to eight years.

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Domaine Fourrey Chablis 1er Cru Cote de Lechet 2018

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape: Chardonnay

Retail Price: \$29.99

Profile: This cool premier cru vineyard, next to the producer's home village of Milly, has made a crisp, steely-textured wine. Acidity and minerality are very present to complement the bright, tangy citrus fruits. Drink the wine from 2021. It can be enjoyed young (2-3 years old) with fish or poultry terrines, or with grilled or poached fish. It also goes well with asparagus, which is normally difficult to match. Meanwhile, don't forget exotic cuisine: it can handle curries or tandoori dishes and it also balances out the mellow and subtle textures of sushi. Or you could simply drink it as splendid pre-dinner drink. It harmonizes well with goat cheeses, as well as Beaufort, Comté, or Emmental.

Domaine Fourrey et Fils is a family estate of 20 hectares with 18 in production in the heart of Chablisian. The wine-making combines the Chablisian tradition with the modern techniques, in order to reveal local characteristic out of the Chardonnay grape. The estate is going through their fourth generation from father to son. Since 1992, Jean-Luc is in charge of the wine-making with his parents after his studies in Lycée de Beaune, where he obtained a degree in techniques winemaking.