

December Wine Club

Half Case and Premier Club Tasting Notes

Stel and Mar Proprietary Red Blend, California \$12.99

(Red)

This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot offers aromas and flavors of light-petaled roses, strawberry preserves, grape jelly, raspberry jam, red cherry candy, black tea leaves and white pepper. A sandy tannic texture, balanced alcohol and a solid dose of acidity hold it all together.

Tenuta Valleselle Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2019, Italy \$24.99

(Red)

This Italian Ripasso wine arrives with delicious aromas of vanilla, chocolate and coffee beans on the nose. It has a softness on the entry but exhibits notes of oak, rounded tannins and cherry on the finish. Additionally, its juicy fruit flavors flow effortlessly on the tongue. It is a great combination if you love Italian food on a Friday night.

Louis Latour Marsannay 2019, France \$36.99

(Red)

The Marsannay is sturdy and robust due to the rich iron-based soil. The wine has an intense bouquet of red fruit and a silky palate with a distinct gamey character and great tannic appeal. Enjoy it with garlic and rosemary-infused roast leg of lamb.

Clos Troteligotte K-Nom Cahor 2021, France \$21.99

(Red and Mixed)

Explosive fruit, welcome freshness, a perfect hit for summer evenings with friends. Meaty, delicious, blueberries, blackberries, cherries, fresh grape juice, tasty! Crisp tannins and a fresh finish. Spice notes.

Battle Creek Cellars Reserve Pinot Noir 2021, Oregon \$22.99

(Red and Mixed)

Aromatically, this wine is one giant blueberry backed by notes of lemon creme, coconut and a fresh cedar chest. The kind of amplified acidity that frightens small animals lights up flavors of tart red raspberries, thyme and lemon pith. Those who fear the tang, be warned.

I Monili Tarantino Primitivo 2021, Italy \$19.99

(Red and Mixed)

Aromas of red berry and cherry, with a touch of eucalyptus and liquorice. The palate has bright bramble fruit, soft tannins, minerality and some spice on the finish.

Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc 2022, South Africa \$14.99

(White and Mixed)

On the nose, notes of blackcurrant, papaya, white pear, melons and grapefruit — all ripe and delicious. Very well balanced and offset by sweet toffee and green bell pepper. On the palate, powerful, mouth-filling and textured. In the Mulderbosch house style, almost a third of this wine's blend was matured on lees in neutral 500L barrels, contributing richness and texture to the wine. This wine exudes what Stellenbosch Sauvignon Blanc is all about.

Pam's Unoaked Chardonnay 2021, California \$13.99

(White and Mixed)

This lovely Unoaked Chardonnay is perfect for all gatherings. Its refreshingly fruity and light-bodied, with a beautifully transparent, pale yellow color. It has showy fruit aromas of Asian pear and Golden Delicious apple; and, ripe citrus, like key lime and tangerine. With a touch of sweet, this wine is just bursting with lingering flavors of juicy, ripe poached pears. Yet, it is fresh and crisp. Pair this wine with subtly flavored, simply seasoned poultry and pork dishes. Also goes well with meaty fish (halibut, cod) and shellfish (lobster, shrimp, crab, scallops.)

La Forcine Sancerre 2022, France \$31.99

(White and Mixed)

Pale yellow. Delicate with notes of flowers. Mineral and fresh. It is marked by notes of citrus fruits and white flowers. Well-suited for seafood but also with meats, goat cheeses, asparagus and artichokes.

Lone Birch Pinot Gris 2023, Washington \$12.99

(White)

This refreshing, light-bodied wine displays aromas of white peach, lime zest, and tangerines interwoven with hints of fresh pineapple. The palate is harmoniously balanced with brisk acidity and filled with bountiful flavors of lemon meringue, kiwi juice, and floral notes. The finish is crisp and clean, revealing intriguing layers of stone fruits. Enjoy now through 2029, with optimal maturity in 2027..

Simonnet-Febvre Saint-Bris Sauvignon 2022, France \$16.99

(White)

The Saint-Bris has a pale straw color. Its nose, very exuberant, is characterized by an odor of crushed blackcurrant leaves, dominating aromas of exotic fruits, freshly cut grass and citrus fruits. This wine has a good structure with a fruity and vegetal aromatic persistence. Best enjoyed young as an aperitif or with fruit-based desserts.

Louis Latour Vire-Clesse 2018, France \$34.99

(White)

Neighboring villages of Vire and Clesse came together to create Vire-Clesse, one of Burgundy's newest appellations. Grown in a mix of clay and limestone soil, this Vire-Clesse's pale yellow color gives off notes of flowers and fruits, such as white peach and citrus, alongside a hint of mint. The fresh and delicate wine is lively, round and generally full of charm. Pairs well with charcuterie, fish and goats cheese.

Villa Rosa Gran Selezione Chianti Classico 2016, Italy \$72.99

(Premier)

The Gran Selezione Villa Rosa 2016 perfectly embodies and interprets the characteristics of its exceptional vintage, offering a ripeness, tannic texture and progression granted only by the best years. The color is vivid and rarefied, anticipating a bouquet that reveals to be extremely elegant, characterized by floral notes that overlap and intertwine with a delicate fruitiness and slight hints of spiciness.

Foley Johnson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2021, California \$59.99

(Premier)

A wonderful expression of the classic Bordeaux varietal as well as the terroir of the Napa Valley. The nose exhibits complex fruit aromas of plum, blackberry and a hint of strawberry, combined with brown sugar and forest floor. The

aromas carry through to the palate of blackberry, dark chocolate and cocoa powder. Medium rich tannins are present with a long velvety finish.