

NOVEMBER 2021 CLUB SELECTIONS



2018 FAMILLE JOUFFREAU CLOS DE GAMOT 'LE GAMOTIN' MALBEC CAHORS AOP, FRANCE



The Jouffreau family have been settled in the commune of Prayssac since 1290, first as farmers and merchants and, since 1450, as the winemakers of Clos de Gamot. In 1610, the Jouffreau family built a house in the middle of the vineyards which the family still inhabits to this day. During the phylloxera epidemic in the 1880s Guillaume Jouffreau collected the last vine shoots of Malbec from Clos de Gamot and successfully grafted them on Herbe-mont's rootstock, not only saving the vineyard, but most of the Malbec in the area. These centuries-old vines continue to produce a few clusters every year. Cahors is the one region outside of Argentina that today is almost exclusively dependent on Malbec—or Côt as it is locally known.



Clos de Gamot consists of 15 hectares of organically farmed vineyards situated on the second and third of the Lot River's terraces, where soils are composed of pebbles, gravel, and quartz mixed with alluvium. A broad strip of red clay crosses the vineyard giving some unique characteristics to the wines from this property.



100% Malbec, the grapes were harvested and hand sorted; each lot was vinified separately and macerated for 21 days in concrete vats with gentle pump-overs. The resulting wine was then aged for 18 months in neutral foudres before bottling.



Deep burgundy with a bright red rim. Inviting aromas of baked blueberries, ripe plums. The palate is fresh, with classic flavors of ripe dark fruits, blackberries, black raspberries, and a touch of baking spice. Great structure with ample acid and a dense, clay-mineral notes on the generous finish.



MIXED AND RED SELECTIONS

- RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Seared Bison Strip Loin with Juniper and Fennel

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2020 THYMIPOULOS 'ATMA' ASSYRTIKO PGI MACEDONIA, GREECE



Since 2005, Apostolos Thymiopoulos has been on a mission to define what Greek wines represent to the world. In bygone days, the wines of Northern Greece (and specifically Naoussa) were thought to be highly tannic with bracing acidity that needed prolonged time in barrel in order to be palatable. Apostolos disagreed, and with the introduction of Uranos in 2005, the Modern Greek wine movement began! Located in Naoussa in the northern part of Greece, Apostolos is the third generation of his family to grow grapes and produce wine. Apostolos' wines are lively and expressive, representing Greece's new generation of winemakers seeking to produce wines that are easy to drink while young but that will also age gracefully over time.



Thymiopoulos Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery that follows biodynamic farming principles, allowing the grapes to express themselves with as little intervention as possible. Apostolos' focus is on using only the native yeasts for fermentation and using stainless-steel to bring the varieties' fruit flavors and terroir expressions to the forefront. 100% Assyrtiko, the grapes were harvested by hand, de-stemmed and gently pressed, the free-run juice was collected separately. Fermentation took place over three months with indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks with an additional two months sur lies before being filtered and stabilized at -3°C to prevent any malolactic fermentation, and to retain Assyrtiko's natural high acidity.



Light yellow hue. Aromas of ripe tropical fruits, fresh citrus, stone fruit, and an enchanting touch of freesia. The palate is bright and crisp, showing papaya, grapefruit pith and citrus zest. The finish is long and refreshing, with great acidity and a charming minerality.



MIXED AND WHITE SELECTIONS



- RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Grilled Octopus with Ancho Chile Sauce

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2020 A LOS VIÑATEROS BRAVOS 'GRANITICO' CINSAULT ITATA VALLEY, CHILE



Leonardo Erazo is a rare talent, and the diversity of experience and knowledge he possesses on all subjects surrounding wine is impressive. After graduating from the University of Chile with a degree in Agronomy and Enology, he traveled the world for a decade working for various estates doing research in soil science, geology and biodynamics. Leo's minimalistic style of winemaking combines modern techniques with established traditions, and requires exceptional care and attention to detail. While employing biodynamic principles, he also relies on the advice of the experienced local farmers who have been naturally farming this region for centuries. In the cellar he utilizes native yeasts, elevage in very old barrels and nothing more than minimal additions of sulfur just before bottling.



The Itata Valley was the first settlement of the Spanish Conquistadors during the 16th century. To keep up the necessary supply of wine for these new European settlers, they brought their own grape vines. And so, the first propagation of some of Chile's earliest vineyards began. Today the Itata Valley is being rediscovered and is one of Chile's most exciting wine regions.



Sourced from 60-year-old dry-farmed Cinsault vines that thrive in Itata's cold climate and granitic soils. The grapes were hand-harvested and fermented in concrete with native yeasts (20% whole cluster). Maceration lasted nearly 3 weeks. The wine was then basket pressed before being aged in concrete for 18 months. There was a very coarse filtration, but wine was not fined and only a touch of SO₂ was added at bottling. The results are pure and exhilarating.



Deep ruby hue. Earthy aromas mingled with red berries and a touch of crushed minerals. The palate shows tart cherries, macerated strawberries, red licorice, and a sultry, floral undertone. The finish is slight spicy, persistent and ends with a slight touch of graphite and pleasant, dusty tannins.

RED SELECTION



■ RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: Ultra-Crispy Slow-Roasted Pork Shoulder

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2019 DOMAINE PERRAUD DE LA GRANDE BURETTE MÂCON-VILLAGES AOC, BURGUNDY, FRANCE

Established in 1951 and previously known as Domaine Perraud, this family estate has split its holdings and is now run by winemaker Thomas Perraud under the name, Domaine Perraud de la Grande Burette. Thomas Perraud selects older-vine Chardonnay fruit from a series of hillside vineyards in the commune of La Roche Vineuse, from a lieu-dit called La Grande Burette, one of the region's top terroirs. The soils there are very chalky, which gives the wine its lacy texture and mineral-infused, slightly saline finish.



100% Chardonnay from 30 – 50-year-old sustainably-farmed vines, the grapes were hand-picked, pressed whole-cluster, and fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel tanks. Aged primarily in tank, but 10% of the wine was aged in older French oak barrels on the fine lees. The wine was blended and bottled unfinned and unfiltered.



Pale straw hue. Aromas of green apples, Asian pears, and a hint of fresh herbs. Thirst-quenching and balanced, the palate shows yellow apple skin, pears, stone fruit, and ripe lemons. The finish is bright, juicy, and laced with crushed stones. As Thomas says, "value Chardonnay with serious soul!"



W H I T E S E L E C T I O N

- RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Seared Scallops with Shallot Cream Sauce

