

## CLUB 70 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 - December

## Schramsberg 2012 Blanc de Blancs Retail - \$41

Blanc de Blancs (white from white), made from Chardonnay, is the counterpart to the Blanc de Noirs (white from black), made from Pinot Noir. Blanc de Blancs was the first wine Schramsberg produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced Chardonnay-based brut sparkling wine.

The Schramsberg style of Blanc de Blancs is dry and crisp. Small lots of malolactic- and barrel-fermented wines are added for complexity. The wine is aged on the yeast lees in bottle for over two years prior to disgorgement. With its vibrant, fruitful and crisp nature, this sparkling wine will maintain its freshness, structure and refined finish for many years, even decades following its initial release.

The 2012 vintage, specifically, has bright and fresh aromas of grapefruit, lime, green apple, and white apricot. The fragrance of fruit is complemented with hints of yeast, white flowers, spicy ginger and fresh honeycomb. The lime, tangerine, and pear flavors are tart and refreshing on entry. The palate is crisp with long lingering acidity.

County Composition: 52% Napa, 40% Sonoma, 7% Mendocino, 1% Marin

## Lewis 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Retail - \$95

Randy Lewis and his winemaking team source their fruit from some of the finest regions in Napa Valley including Calistoga, St. Helena, Rutherford and Oak Knoll. With many vineyards planted particularly for Lewis wines, the annual results have been balanced vines and modest yields, producing maximum flavors.

The 2012 vintage ranks among one of Lewis' best bottlings of Cabernet. Enticing, deep-fruited aromas of black currant, berry and chocolate are stippled with cedar, clove and cinnamon oak spices. The palate centers on opulent core fruit that swirls around a defined structure of supple tannins. With complex undertones of truffle, black pepper and briar, this interplay finally winds down to a long, chocolatey finish.

A beautifully crafted, rich, layered wine with flavors that slowly build depth while retaining an elegant mouthfeel. One of the best tasting Cabernets we are carrying, supported by the Wine Spectator with a 94 rating.

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon; 1,800 Cases Produced