

Founders' Stash June 2023

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Dear Merrymakers,

With some of the most prominent sommeliers in Paris clamoring to get their hands on a piece of the relatively small production from producer Ruppert-Leroy, Abby and I are elated to have secured a modest allocation of our own — one that we are excited to share first with fatcork club members in our Merrymakers tier. As coveted as the Ruppert-Leroy brand has become, vigneron Bénédicte and her husband, Manu, exist in a world that feels far, far away from the bustling city restaurant scene as they are truly farmers at heart. The pair keeps horses, pigs, cows and chickens on their land all to support the organic and biodynamic methods they use to enrich their vineyards. We invite you to learn more about this fascinating producer [on our blog](#) and then to see (and taste) for yourself why Ruppert-Leroy cuvées are well worth the hype.

RUPPERT-LEROY COLLECTORS' STASH - \$395

UNIQUE. EXPRESSIVE. COVETED

Treat yourself to the ultimate stash: a bundle featuring all four highly coveted but hard-to-find cuvées from the Ruppert-Leroy domaine in Essoyes. This extraordinary collection does a beautiful job of highlighting the very best of what Bénédicte and Manu's unique vineyards, each with its own distinct terroir, has to offer.

24 available to fatcork Merrymakers

RUPPERT-LEROY FOSSE GRELY NATURE 2018 - \$108

COMPLEX. ELEGANT. DRY

We think the 2018 vintage of Fosse Grely Brut Nature is their best cuvée to date. It's unique, remarkable in quality and speaks to the unique terroir of the gravelly Fosse Grely plot planted in the '80s by Bénédicte's father, Gerard Ruppert.

And because you love the geeky details like we do: 80% chardonnay / 20 % pinot noir / 2018 vintage / disgorged October 2020 / 57 bottles available to fatcork Merrymakers

RUPPERT-LEROY MARTIN-FONTAINE 2018 - \$128

FRESH. CITRUSY. MINERAL.

The name "Martin-Fontaine" is derived from "Mort Fontaine," French for "dead fountain," and it refers to an old water source at the bottom of a hill. The grapes used for this stunning cuvée

grow on a limestone-rich parcel of vineyard perched at the top of that hill with sun exposure from the south and southwest.

And because you love the geeky details like we do: 100% chardonnay / 2018 vintage / disgorged October 2021 / 40 bottles available to fatcork Merrymakers

RUPPERT-LEROY LES COGNAUX 2019 - \$128

POWERFUL. BRIGHT. CEREBRAL.

These bubbles evoke the nuanced notes of Essoyes's rich, red clay-limestone soil. The juice rests sur lie for six months in Burgundy barrels followed by an additional two years in the bottle before disgorgement.

And because you love the geeky details like we do: 100% pinot noir / 2019 vintage / disgorged October 2021 / 26 bottles available to fatcork Merrymakers

RUPPERT-LEROY PAPIILLON 2019 - \$128

CHALKY. BALANCED. ETHEREAL.

Named for the abundance of butterflies that flutter among the pinot noir vines, this cuvée rests in 225-liter barrels and 500-liter demi-muids sur lie for nine months. Then, the Champagne continues to rest for an additional 18 to 20 months in the bottle before disgorgement.

And because you love the geeky details like we do: 100% pinot noir / 2019 vintage / disgorged October 2021 / 59 bottles available to fatcork Merrymakers

And, finally, a friendly reminder about summer shipping: To protect your bubbles from the hot weather, fatcork is now requiring express shipping to most states. But the good news is we've locked in a special deal on shipping AND we're splitting the cost with you! Thanks for chilling with us while we come up with a more suitable solution to shipping Champagne while the heat is on. You can read more about fatcork's policy in our [FAQs](#) and on our [blog](#).

Cheers!

Bryan Maletis

Founder of fatcork

PLACING AN ORDER REQUEST:

- These Founders' Stash cuvées and the Collectors' Stash bundle are officially available on the fatcork online bottle shop to Merrymakers only from now until next week when we'll offer any remaining bottles to our entire list.

- Fatcork is grateful to have access to these highly coveted cuvées. **Please limit requests to a maximum of three per product. That is, members can order up to three bottles per cuvée and up to three bundles.**
- Orders are first come, first served and will be honored as each order comes in.
- If you have a standing Founders' Stash order, your bottles have been reserved. Email us separately if you do not wish to receive these cuvées and we will release them to other fellow Merrymakers. *If you'd like to reserve a standing order for future Founders' stash offers, reply to this email and let us know!*
- Once we receive and process your orders, your Founders' Stash allocation will be available for immediate pick up or shipping during the next temperature-appropriate shipping window.