### SPRING





### GOLD CASE

### Dear Wine Club Member,

New Year, new wines! The Spring Gold is ready and packed with new wines that evoke new beginnings and hints of sunny days on the horizon. We have started the year with the right foot forward and are bringing you some fantastic new lines, which you, our dear club case member, will be the first to enjoy. We are slowly leaving the big warming wines behind, bringing in the lighter, fruitier styles perfect for Spring.

In the latest Gold case, we have hand-selected some gems from producers we already love, such as Rafael Palacios's Louro a blindingly delicious, textural whites from Northwest Spain and the brand new 2023 release of Miraval Côtes de Provence Rosé. We have also a wide range of new and exciting new producers including Elderton Estate Barossa Shiraz, a highly respected and proudly family-owned estate in the Barossa Valley.

We hope you enjoy the diversity of styles in your Spring Club Case and would love to hear your feedback; please email us at: <a href="mailto:clubcase@philglasswiggot.com">clubcase@philglasswiggot.com</a>

Enjoy the wines!

The Club Case Team Philglas & Swiggot

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★ = Included in 6 bottle mixed case



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### **France** Burgundy

Grapes:

Chardonnay







Domaine de Montille epitomises the essence of Burgundy winemaking, producing wines that are characteristic of the terroir of the Côte de Beaune with unparalleled grace and authenticity. The legacy of this illustrious domaine traces back to Hubert de Montille, a distinguished lawyer from Dijon, who laid the foundation in 1951 when he inherited 2.5 hectares of vineyards in Volnay.

Today, the reins of Domaine de Montille are firmly in the hands of Hubert's son, Etienne, who upholds the family's legacy with unwavering dedication. The winemaking philosophy remains rooted in tradition, with a focus on meticulous attention to detail.

The wine shows aromas of fresh orchard fruits, with notes of crisp green apple, ripe pear, and hints of citrus blossom. There is a subtle mineral undertone, evoking notions of wet stones and a touch of flint, while flavours of juicy white peach, lemon zest, and a hint of tropical pineapple dance across the palate. There is a delicate creaminess to the texture, imparting a luxurious mouthfeel.



Food Pairing: Creamy risotto with peas and asparagus.

# WINE CLUB - Spring 2024 - WHITE WINES

### Thorne & Daughters Rocking Horse Western Cape 2021 £25.95

Thorne & Daughters has indeed emerged as a trailblazer in South Africa's dynamic wine landscape, playing a pivotal role in the country's 'New Wave' wine movement. Founded by John and Tasha Thorne-Seccombe in 2013, the winery has garnered acclaim for its innovative approach and commitment to crafting exceptional wines that reflect the diverse terroir of the Western

Cape. Their experiences took them across the globe, including a transformative period in the UK, where John pursued viticultural studies at Plumpton College, worked at Majestic Wines, Ridgeview and with Steven Spurrier's Bride Valley in Dorset. They then returned to SA with a mission to create wines that would challenge convention, quickly gaining recognition for their hard work.

The wine is layered with a complex nose with aromas of kiwi fruit, ginger, apple skin and yellow flowers. The palate is tight and rounded with a honeyed texture and a long, almost saline finish.

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Food Pairing: Snoek braai (butterflied grilled fish) with apricot jam and chili sauce.

### South Africa

Wellington / Western Cape

### Grapes:

Roussane / Semillon / Chardonnay / Clairette / Chenin Blanc



### **Spain** Valdeorras

### **Grapes:**

Louro





### Rafael Palacios Louro de Bolo Godello Galicia 2022 \* £25.50

While the Palacios family legacy thrives in Rioja and Priorat, Rafael's journey has led him to the enchanting vineyards of the DO of Valdeorras, nestled in the verdant northwest region of Spain, influenced by the Atlantic winds. He harnesses the unique terroir of Valdeorras, focusing on the indigenous white grape variety, Godello, which has garnered acclaim akin to Albariño and Verdejo in recent years.

The region's sandy soils, underpinned by granite, coupled with historic terraced vineyards, yield grapes of exceptional quality, albeit from low yields, reflecting the essence of the land. The aromas in the wine leap

from the glass, offering a captivating bouquet of lemon and orange blossom. These citrusy notes are accompanied by the herbal and slightly sweet aroma of fennel, adding a layer of complexity. A subtle saline edge evokes images of the sea, hinting at the wine's maritime influence.





Food Pairing: Seared scallops with fennel salad, or lemon and herb roasted fish.

### Bramito Castello della Sala Umbria 2022 £28.50

Antinori is the most famous name in Italian wine and the influence of Piero Antinori in the last 25 years has been nothing short of revolutionary. Castello della Sala is located in the Umbria region, not far from the Tuscan border, about 18km from the historic city of Orvieto. The Medieval castle's property extends over an area of 500ha, 170ha of which are planted with vineyards at an altitude that varies between 220 and 470 meters above sea level on the gently rolling hillsides that characterize the beautiful countryside in this area.

Bramito is the little brother of Cervaro della Sala, made from 100% Chardonnay, aged in stainless steel and in oak. The wine has a vibrant colour, displaying aromas of melted butter, subtle white pepper as well as juicy stone fruit with hints of dried herbs. Dry on the palate with a stronger note of vanilla. Balanced with good, medium acidity, this has a mineral, almost saline edge to it with smooth texture from lees ageing.

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### **Italy** Umbria

### **Grapes:** Chardonnay



### **France** Côtes De Provence

### **Grapes:**

Cinsault / Grenache / Syrah / Rolle





### Miraval Côtes de Provence Rosé 2023 £25.95

Miraval is nestled in the heart of Provence, renowned for its breathtaking beauty and rich history. Originally built in the 12th century as a monastery, the property has exchanged hands over the centuries, eventually falling under the ownership of renowned jazz pianist Jacques Loussier in the 1970s. It was Loussier who transformed the estate into a recording studio, attracting legendary artists like Pink Floyd and The Cranberries to its idyllic setting. In 2008, a Hollywood power couple acquired Château Miraval, collaborating with the Perrin family, esteemed winemakers with deep roots the Rhône Valley.

Miraval Rosé presents itself with a delicate, pale pink hue reminiscent of Provence's rosy sunsets, enticing the eye with its elegance. Notes of fresh white peach, almond and white flowers enhanced by an underlying salinity and long textured finish.





Food Pairing: Seabass with lemon and mediterranean herbs dressing.

### Petit Chablis Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin 2022 £29.50

For over 400 years, the Droin family has been an integral part of the winemaking landscape in Chablis, with their roots as vignerons dating back to at least 1620. Benoît Droin, representing the 14th generation of the family, is a dynamic force in the region, blending tradition with modern techniques to produce exceptional wines.

The domaine boasts 13 hectares of vineyards, yielding a diverse portfolio of 14 wines, ranging from Petit Chablis to Grands Crus. One of the most notable changes implemented by Benoît is a departure from excessive use of new oak barrels. Instead, he opts for a more nuanced approach, allowing each cuvée to express its unique terroir.

A well-defined nose reveals delicate aromas of yellow fruits and Mirabelle, evoking images of sun-kissed orchards. The wine is well-balanced, with more substance than typical for its classification. Crisp acidity enlivens flavours of ripe fruit, while a hint of pepperiness adds complexity to the finish.





### **France** Chablis





### **Italy** Friuli-Venezia Giulia

**Grapes:** 

Schioppettino





### RiNera Ronchi di Cialla Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2020 \* £23.95

Established in the 1970s, this small, family-run business has earned a distinguished reputation as one of Friuli's premier producers of ageworthy wines. Nestled in the picturesque Cialla valley, Ronchi di Cialla cultivates its vineyards amidst hills adorned with indigenous varieties. 'Ronchi' in the Friulian dialect signifies hills cultivated by vines, while 'Cialla' refers to a small valley enveloped by woods abundant with chestnut, oak, and wild cherry trees.

RiNera entices with a perfumed bouquet of dried flower potpourri, ripe raspberries, wet earth, pepper, Mediterranean spices, savoury olive tapenade, and pine forest. On the palate, it reveals a dry, medium-bodied profile, ripe tannins leading to notes of sour cherries, red plums, and hints of orange peel, culminating in a finish accented by oriental spice and wet earth—a symphony of flavours encapsulating the essence of Friuli's terroir and Ronchi di Cialla's unwavering pursuit of excellence.

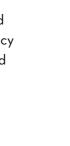


### Elderton Estate Barossa Shiraz 2021 \* £24.95

Elderton Wines is proudly owned by the Ashmead family in Australia's picturesque Barossa Valley and offers some of the best wines that the region has to offer. The flagship wines, the Command Shiraz and Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon are renowned single-vineyard wines, sourced from vineyards that date back to 1894 and 1944 respectively.

Today, Elderton runs three vineyards that highlight the individual terroirs of the region; Nuriootpa supplies most of the flagship wines; Greenock provides the power and vines dating back to 1915; and finally, Eden Valley offers elegance. From the three vineyard sites, Elderton aims to make balanced wines that can be enjoyed young but will stand the test of time.

With a dark purple colour and aromas of red liquorice and a hint of spiced plums. On the palate, vibrant red fruits and gamey depth with a touch of spicy cloves leading to a seamless finish. Juicy long tannins laced with vibrant red berry sweetness and oak spice.



### Barossa Valley

Australia



ORGANIC



### **France** Burgundy

### Grapes:

Pinot Noir





### Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune La Perrière Rouge Denis Carré 2020 \* £25.95

Denis Carré's journey into winemaking began with a simple passion for grapes, leading him to pursue his dream despite not inheriting any vineyards. Alongside his wife Bernadette, Denis started by renting vines, gradually expanding their holdings over time. Today, their estate spans 14ha across the esteemed regions of Hautes Côtes and Côte de Beaune. At the heart of Domaine Denis Carré lies a deep respect for the land and a meticulous approach to viticulture. The family's careful vineyard management focuses on achieving the highest quality grapes possible, with a keen eye on preserving the purity of fruit.

Domaine Denis Carré's wines are characterized by their elegance, purity, and freshness. They offer a vibrant expression of their terroir, with clean fruit profiles and a sense of energy that reflects their cool-climate origins. Whether enjoyed in their youth or aged gracefully over time, these wines are crafted to bring pleasure to all who savour them.



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### Sancerre Rouge Domaine Paul-Prieur et Fils 2019 £30.95

The Prieur family has a deep-rooted history in winemaking, with a lineage of wine growers spanning generations. Luc Prieur, the newest member of the family to lead the winemaking endeavours, brings youthful energy and a Burgundian philosophy to the domaine. Educated at Lycée Viticole in Beaune, Luc's approach emphasizes the individuality of vineyard plots, crafting cuvées that showcase the unique terroirs of their origin. Crafted from 5 hectares of Pinot Noir vines in "Les Pichons," this Sancerre Rouge offers a light and smooth palate, with ripe raspberry, apricot, and savoury spice notes. Ageing in 228L barrels and large oak vats for 14 months contributes to the wine's complexity and elegance, without the need for fining or filtering.

The Prieur wines captivate the senses with their light and smooth palate, showcasing ripe raspberry and savoury spice flavours. Each cuvée reflects the unique terroir of its origin, with precise winemaking techniques preserving the full potential of the grapes.





Food Pairing: Herb-crusted rack of lamb with red wine jus.

### **France** Sancerre / Loire Valley



### Chile

Elqui Valley

### **Grapes:**

Syrah / Petite Sirah / Garnacha / Malbec / Cariñena / Petit Verdot





### Grus Vinedos de Alcohuaz Elqui Valley 2019 £29.95

The Elqui Valley, lays between the Pacific Ocean and the Andean mountains in northern Chile at altitudes ranging from 1700m to 2200m. The vineyards endure hot, sunny summers and cold winters, with minimal rainfall and decomposed granite soils rich in minerals. These conditions give rise to thick-skinned grapes, which thrive in the challenging environment. Alchohuaz, a small village at the valley's pinnacle, became the focal point of Alvaro Flano's vision for high-altitude vineyards. Collaborating with Marcelo Retamal, winemaker at De Martino winery, they embarked on a journey to harness the unique terroir of the region. In their purpose-built cellar, grapes undergo traditional foot treading in stone lagares before vinification.

With its deep ruby colour and intriguing nose, characterised by hints of tar, smoke, baking spice, cassis, and blackberry, it captivates the senses. The palate reveals a med-body with slightly sandy tannins, culminating in juicy dark fruit flavours.

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Food Pairing: Seared duck breast with blackberry gastrique .

## WINE CLUB - Spring 2024 - RED WINES

### Gigondas 'La Tour' Domaine Montirius 2021 £27.95

Situated in the picturesque southern Rhône Valley, Domaine Montirius spans 58 hectares of vineyards with esteemed classifications in Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Côtes du Rhône. Since 1996, the estate has embraced biodynamic viticulture practices, enriching its range with wines made from both biological and biodynamic grapes.

The estate has been a pioneer in biodynamic agriculture, committing to sustainable and holistic farming methods since the mid-1990s. By nurturing the health of the soil, vines, and surrounding ecosystem, they strive to produce wines that authentically reflect their terroir and express the essence of the land.

With its dominant fruity notes, highlighted by hints of spices and violets, La Tour Gigondas entices the senses from the first sip. The absence of wood ageing allows the purity of the fruit to shine through, while delicate and wellmelted tannins contribute to a smooth and enjoyable drinking experience.





Food Pairing: Braised Beef Short Ribs with Creamy Polenta.

### **France** Rhône Valley







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