SPRING **2024**



Dear Wine Club Member,

New Year, new wines! The Spring Platinum Case 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.

The Platinum case is the ultimate selection which includes hand-selected new gems from producers we already love, like the Valentin Leflaive Champagne which reflects a life-long ambition of Burgundy's Olivier Leflaive to bring together the expertise and traditions of Burgundy and Champagne. Also, we couldn't resist including the latest, thrilling release of Henschke 'Keyneton Euphonium' from Australia's greatest family winery. In terms of exciting new producers, look no further than Birichino Old Vines Grenache Besson Vineyard. A relatively recent success story, Alex Krause and John Locke founded the winery in Santa Cruz in 2008 drawing on a combined four decades of making wine in California, France, Italy, and beyond. They aim to make delicious wines that give pleasure, revitalise, and revive. Amen to that!

We hope you enjoy the diversity of styles in your Spring Club Case and would love to hear your feedback; please email us at: club Case and would love to hear your feedback; please email us at: club Case and would love to hear your feedback;

Enjoy the wines!

The Club Case Team Philglas & Swiggot



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FranceChampagne

Grapes:Chardonnay





Champagne Valentin Leflaive CV1830 Blanc de Blancs Extra-Brut NV ★ £49.95

Valentin Leflaive Champagne reflects a life-long ambition of Burgundy's Olivier Leflaive and his family to produce an exceptional sparkling wine.

Named after Olivier's son, it brings together the expertise and traditions of Burgundy and Champagne and offers a unique interpretation of this region's grape varieties and terroirs.

Made exclusively from the Chardonnay varietal from the finest terroirs on the prestigious Côte des Blancs, this cuvée is exceptionally fine. Created with precision, it offers a unique interpretation of champagne, underscoring its complexity and minerality. With a dazzling colour topped off with delicate hints of gold, this 'bdb' leaves nobody indifferent.

The colour reveals golden-yellow reflections and a fine effervescence. The nose is expressive, with notes of ripe fruits such as white peach punctuated by brioche and toasted aromas. The attack is greedy and creamy, complex with a beautiful aromatic palette and a finish on refreshing bitters evoking lime.





Pinot Grigio Livio Felluga Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2022 * \$37.95

Livio Felluga emigrated from Istria and established his property in Brazzano in the 1950s. Convinced of the winemaking potential inherent in Collio and the Colli Orientali of Friuli, he bucked the trend of the times and started buying vineyards. Their landmark Terre Alte was first produced in 1981 and they have continued to make innovative and consistently high-quality wines since. Winemaker Andrea Felluga has embraced Stelvin in a characteristically forward-looking way. After experimenting with the closure for five years, he felt confident in using the Stevin closure to retain freshness and perfume in his wines.

This wine is straw yellow with light golden hues. Intense yet elegant aromas of melon and candied fruit are complemented by white fruit and floral notes, with a delicate mixture of brioche, honey and flint. Fresh and smooth on the palate, this persistent Pinot Grigio has great balance and a refreshing, mineral finish.





Food Pairing: Salmon tartare with pickled red onion and avocado salad.

ItalyColli Orientali / Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Grapes:Pinot Grigio



FranceBurgundy

Santenay Blanc Domaine Lupe Cholet 2018 * £43.50

Grapes:Chardonnay



The first traces of the Bichot family date back to 1214. They settled in Burgundy in 1350, in their stronghold of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois. The family's coat of arms has not changed since nor has its symbol, a doe. Albéric Bichot joined the company in the early 90s and took over its management in 1996. Though he fully respects family traditions, he is completely focused on the future. He compares himself to the "conductor of an orchestra, proud to bring people and their talents together over a common project. The name of this appellation refers to Roman times when the village was renowned for its thermal baths and its natural spring, "Santinae aquae", meaning "healing water" in Latin.

Aromas of acacia, open up to lemon and candied pineapple. The palate is rich and mineral with a nice salinity, which brings freshness and energy. The aromas of elderberries and lily are completed by citrus fruits. Subtle notes of hazelnut and gingerbread assert the personality of this terroir wine.







Gewürztraminer Rolly Gassmann Alsace 2019 £29.50

Located in Alsace's Haut-Rhin village of Rorschwihr, near Ribeauvillé, lies the family domaine of Rolly-Gassmann, whose roots date back to 1661. The 51-hectare estate (40ha in Rorschwihr, 10ha in Bergheim) is owned and run by Marie-Therese, Louis and their son Pierre Gassmann, along with a team of 17 workers.

They work to the principles of biodynamic viticulture yet curiously also apply weed killers. They produce on average 300,000 bottles per annum and they are notable for having more than four years' stock (1 million bottles) in stock at any one time, which would account for the regular visits by French customers; they only export 20% of their annual production.

This wine showcases Domaine Rolly Gassmann's classical and opulent style. It's full-bodied, highly fragrant and long. The nose is scented with ripe stone-fruit and rose petals. On the palate, refreshing notes of crisp apple, sweet lychee and heady jasmine. It's medium dry, with concentrated plush fruit and a honeyed mouthfeel.





FranceAlsace

Grapes:Gewürztraminer





South AfricaHemel-en-Aarde

Grapes: Chardonnay





Tesselaarsdal Chardonnay Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 2021 £41.50

The story behind Tesselaarsdal and its connection to Hamilton Russell Vineyards adds a beautiful layer of history and significance to the wine. It's fascinating how the land was passed from Johannes Tesselaar to freed slaves, allowing them to cultivate it and create a new life for themselves.

Berene Sauls' connection further enriches the narrative, showcasing the deep roots and heritage of the area. A particularly bright, tight and pure Chardonnay with marked elegance.

Clean and lifted primary fruit character and citrus blossom introduce a long, gentle palate, very expressive but also deliciously classical and restrained. This is a graceful and age-worthy wine with an almost crystalline purity. A wine that pays homage to its heritage while embodying the best of modern winemaking craftsmanship.





Food Pairing: Pan-seared halibut with a buerre blanc sauce.

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Jean-Paul & Benoît Droin 2022 £48.50

The Droins have been producing wines in Chablis for nearly 400 years.

Benoît represents the 14th generation of Droins and is one of the most dynamic winemakers in the region. The domaine owns 13 hectares of vineyards and produces 14 different wines, including Petit Chablis, Chablis, 7 Premiers Crus and 5 Grands Crus. Benoît runs a more sophisticated operation from a large modern winery almost in the shadow of the Grands Crus.

Each wine gets the treatment which Benoît thinks is suited to its terroir. Vaillons receive 25% of barrel fermentation and maturation. The wines from here are always open and expressive, as the fruit translates to an almost sweetly rich profile, laden with flavour. Benoît feels Vaillons mimics wines from the heart of Burgundy with its texture and elegance. The wine shows aromas of green apple, citrus, white peach and lemon zest. Subtle floral notes like acacia add a delicate fragrance. Mineral undertones are reminiscent of wet stones and crushed seashells.





Food Pairing: Buttered lemon roast chicken served with parsley and toasted almonds

FranceBurgundy

Grapes:Chardonnay



France

Saint-Julien / Bordeaux

Château Moulin Riche St Julien 2017 ★ £49.95

Grapes:

Cabernet Sauvignon /
Merlot / Petit Verdot /
Cabernet Franc



Château Moulin Riche is a well-regarded estate located in the Saint-Julien appellation. The Château is classified as a Cru Bourgeois in the Bordeaux classification system. It is owned by the famous Barton family, who also own the renowned Château Léoville Barton and Château Langoa Barton estates. The vineyards of Château Moulin Riche are situated near the Gironde estuary, benefiting from the moderating influence of the nearby water, which helps to regulate temperatures and promote optimal grape ripening.

2017 is known as the year of the frost but luckily the vineyards in St Julien were largely unaffected. Winter was slightly warmer than average and the conditions were balmy. May brought sunshine and warmth, and the summer months remained warm until August. The wine is bursting with red fruit aromas, cedar wood, hints of vanilla and tobacco. The tannins are well integrated and the use of both old and new oak adds a spicy complexity to the palate. The finish is long and smooth.





Food Pairing: Grilled steak served with fondant potatoes and a red wine jus.



Luke Lambert Syrah Yarra Valley 2021 * £38.50

Luke belongs to the new wave of Australian winemakers who make the wines we like to drink (and sell!). Anyone expecting big, bold, ripe and plump Aussie Shiraz and Chardonnay please stop reading now. He started with 1,000 kg of fruit, a small basket press, a tank and a 30-year-old barrel. A few vintages later, not much has changed. His wines are all from single vineyards, made with handpicked fruit sourced from the South-Eastern corner of Yarra. They're all wild fermented with no temperature control, no new oak, no filtration, no fining and sulphur is only used sparingly. His flagship Syrah comes from the coolest section of the Tibooburra vineyard.

Luke uses 40% whole-bunch fermentation here, long maceration and ageing in a large 29-year-old barrel. The result is astonishing.

This has a deep ruby colour. The nose is savoury with baked root vegetables and herbs, along with the lifted whole-bunch fragrance. An elegant Syrah with finely structured tannins. A very delicious and versatile wine!





Food Pairing: Lamb Shank with grilled portobello mushrooms.

Australia Yarra Valley

Grapes: Syrah









USA California

Grapes:









Old Vines Grenache Besson Vineyard Birichino California 2021 *

£41.50

Birichino is a relatively recent success story. Alex Krause and John Locke founded the winery in Santa Cruz in 2008. Drawing on a combined four decades of making wine in California, France, Italy, and beyond, they are focused on attaining the perfect balance of perfume, poise, and puckishness.

Grapes are sourced from several carefully farmed, family-owned vineyards planted by marine-influenced climates. Their preference is for minimal intervention, most often favouring native fermentations, employing stainless or neutral barrels, minimal racking and fining, and avoiding filtration altogether when possible. But most critically, their aim is to make delicious wines that give pleasure, revitalize, and revive.

The nose is elegant and delicate with red cherry, nougat, and kernel along with layers of fine herbs such as oregano and anise. The palate has an almost crunchy acidity which suits the wine perfectly. This wine is built on finely structured tannins, and is fragrant & layered.





Pulenta Estate Gran Corte VII Mendoza 2019 £48.95

Pulenta Estate is owned and run by brothers, Hugo and Eduardo Pulenta. The estate is situated in Alto Agrelo in Mendoza, Argentina's main wine-producing region. This excellent site makes wines of real class and distinction. Their 135 hectares of quality vineyards enjoy perfect climatic conditions at an altitude of 980m, with melting ice from the Andes Mountains providing a natural irrigation system. This Estate red sees 12 months in new French oak as well as 12 months ageing in the bottle before release.

Gran Corte is their 'Grand Vin' which has been aged for 18 months in French barriques, 50% of which were new. This is full-bodied and classy with rich blueberry, black plum and well-integrated oak spice. There are also hints of Mediterranean herbs, such as thyme, oregano and black peppercorn. It's an elegant but structured wine, with a persistent finish making it a wine hard to forget. We recommend decanting this and letting it breathe for at least half an hour for full pleasure.





Food Pairing: Argentinian BBQ with plenty of chimichurri.

Argentina

Alto Agrelo / Mendoza

Grapes:

Malbec / Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot / Petit Verdot / Tannat



Spain

Priorat

Grapes:

Syrah / Grenache / Cabernet Sauvignon









Laurel Clos I Terrasses 2020 £50.95

Laurel is one of the flagship wines produced by Clos i Terrasses, a renowned winery located in Priorat, founded by Swiss-born oenologist Daphne Glorian in the early 1990s. The winery is committed to producing terroir-driven wines that express the unique characteristics of Priorat's landscape. They practice sustainable viticulture and minimal intervention winemaking techniques to allow the grapes to shine. Laurel has received high praise from critics and wine enthusiasts alike for their depth, intensity and age-worthiness.

The wine is a thing of beauty, aged for 16-18 months in a combination of vessels and full of intense aromas of bramble fruit, fresh blackberries, red cherries, and violets, supported by liquorice and pepper spice aromas. Dense and concentrated, with silky tannins but extremely energetic and huge ageing potential.





Food Pairing: Botifarra Amb mongetes (grilled Catalan sausage served with white beans).

Henschke 'Keyneton Euphonium' Eden Valley 2018 £50.95

With a rich history of winemaking dating back to 1868, they established their estate in the Eden Valley of Australia. Stephen Henschke, the 5th generation winemaker, assumed the helm of the winery in 1979. Alongside his viticulturist wife, Prue, they have propelled the estate to international acclaim, particularly through their iconic single vineyard wines, Hill of Grace and Mount Edelstone.

The synergy between Prue's dedication to viticulture and Stephen's craftsmanship in the cellar has elevated Henschke wines to global recognition. Their meticulous attention to detail and respect for tradition, combined with a willingness to innovate, have resulted in wines that reflect both the heritage of the estate and the unique terroir of the Eden Valley.

Aromas of ripe blackberry, blackcurrant, cassis, notes of violets, black pepper and cedar. Rich concentrated flavours of dark plum and blackcurrant. Bright balanced acidity, and excellent length, carried by fine-grained tannins.





Food Pairing: A slow-roasted lamb with all the trimmings.

Australia

Eden Valley

Grapes:

Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot / Cabernet Franc









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