December 2023

Vintage 38 Wine Club

WHITE WINES.

EL PORVENIR "AMAUTA" ABSOLUTO TORRONTES, 2022

14.99

Guava, papaya, pinapple, lemon, mint, basil, grapefruit. Palate full of quince and bright orange fruits, pineapple – zingy and refreshing. 100% Torrontes from the Finca El Retiro vineyard, located 1,650 meters above sea level, planted around 1960. El Porvenir de Cafayate is a small family winery, known for its high elevation wine production. Their vineyards are surrounded by ancient, 200+ year old "monster" cacti. "El Porvenir – "the future" has been the name of this estate since it was founded in 1890. The winery and vineyards were restored by the Romero-Marcuzzi family in the 1990s."

KINGS RIDGE PINOT GRIS, 2022

VALLE DE CAFAYATE | SALTA, ARGENTINA

17.99

Jelly Belly pear, white flowers, white pear. Palate is juicy Anjou pear with green apple, red delicious apple, streaks of minerality and saline. Crisp & lean with bountiful orchard fruits on a mineral backbone. Kings Ridge is a project of Union Wine Company, founded by Ryan Harms in 2005 with the desire to make solid, quality Oregon wine at a "friends & family" price. Ryan, along with his brother Eric and winemaker Meredith McGough lead the team making Union Wine Company, Alchemist and Kings Ridge label wines. The Kings Ridge label focuses on making wine solely from grapes harvested in the Willamette Valley to express that unique terroir. WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

RED WINES ____

BERTON VINEYARD "METAL LABEL" PETITE SIRAH, 2021

15.99

Dark black plum, mulled spices, blackberries. Both rich and lifted, with plenty of blackberry on a concentrated juicy but overall fresh, pretty palate. 100% Durif, known to us as Petite Sirah, a variety created by the crossing of Syrah and the obscure Peloursin varietal in France in the late 1800s. Petite Sirah thrives in warmer climates, as such the grapes for this bottling are sourced from Riverina, New South Wales, where the soil is rich and climate warm. Bob and Cherie Berton started Berton Vineyard with the purchase of land in 1996, now they have multiple labels, "Metal Label" being one of them.

RIVERINA | AUSTRALIA

BIBBIANO "PASSOTASSO" TOSCANA ROSSO, 2019

16.99

Ripe blackberry, underbrush, violets, purple flowers, berry compote, hints of black licorice, cinnamon stick. Palate is bright with a concentrated dark berry core, hints of orange and cocoa. Founded in 1865, Bibbiano is located in the historic Chianti region, overlooking the Elsa Valley towards the castle of Monteriggioni. Today's owners Tommaso and Federico Marrocchesi Marzi are the fifth generation. Passotasso is made from all estate fruit, a blend of Sangiovese along with other native varieties – Ciliegiolo, Malvasia Nera and Canaiolo. All stainless steel fermentation and aging, resulting in a fresh quality. TUSCANY | ITALY

PREMIUM SELECTIONS

CADRE "BEAUTIFUL STRANGER", 2022

26.99

All salt and saline on nose, frosted lemon, mandarin orange, lemongrass. Palate of spring lillies, orange blossom, rounded asian pear, lime zest, touch of basil. Dry, lifted and spirited. 50% Gruner Veltliner, 42% Albarino, 8% Sauvignon Blanc. Expressing the unique microclimate of the San Luis Obispo Coast, they source grapes 2-5 miles from the Pacific Ocean, "maritime influenced extreme cool-climate and diverse volcanic and oceanic soils allow the incredible opportunity to showcase white wines filled with vibrant energy, minerality, and a whole lot of individual character."

SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST | EDNA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

LA STORIA BLOCK 303 ZINFANDEL BY TRENTADUE, 2021

26.99

Red cherry pie, cinnamon, clove, mulled cranberries. Palate is round yet supremely defined, juicy at its core yet enveloped and framed by a mineral structure, with hints of exotic spice and mocha on finish. Evelyn and Leo Trentadue are some of the original OGs of Sonoma, purchasing their land in Alexander Valley in 1959. As agriculturalists they had apricot and cherry orchards in Sunnyvale (now known best as part of Silicon Valley) but as developers moved in, they moved out, headed to wine country before it was wine country. They contributed significantly to the development of the region over the years.

ALEXANDER VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE "PERSIA" COTES DU VENTOUX, 2020

29.99

Ethereal Syrah-driven blend, velvety and luxurious with juicy berries, cassis, violets, dried herbs, tobacco, with hints of spice and clove. Vines average 35 years old, situated on the Fondrèche plateau at the foot of Mount Ventoux. Biodynamic principles drive the vineyard and immaculate winery. Sébastien Vincenti leads the estate his mother, Nanou Barth founded, with an exquisite attention to detail. Their wines are pure and exact while simultaneously exuding immense character and charm. The "Persia" line is produced from the oldest vines on the estate with the most expressive terroir. 90% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, aged in large oak barrels. VENTOUX | FRANCE

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