

the Culture Club!

SEPTEMBER 2021

Baller Club

2015 Louis Nicaise Premier Cru Brut Millesime, Montagne de Reims

This vintage champagne was allowed to mature on the lees in the bottle for six years. From the Montagne de Reims (Hautvilliers) terroir, composed of 56% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 14% Pinot Meunier, Vintage 2013 comes exclusively from Premier Cru locations, has a very fruity bouquet and a strong finish. A nice aperitif champagne, which with its strong and ripe nuances can also accompany sauce dishes and goes very well with veal.

Reg. \$60 Club \$51

Vilmart & Cie. 2014 Grand Dellerie d' Or 1er Cru, Montagne de Reims

Aromatic, with floral and ripe berry and cherry fruit notes, this harmonious Champagne shows a zesty underpinning and a creamy mousse. Fresh and mouth watering throughout, showing hints of chopped almond, Meyer lemon peel and pastry dough. Offers a lingering finish loaded with fragrant spice and graphite accents. Disgorged June 2018. Drink now through 2029. - Alison Napjus, Wine Spectator 94 points

Reg. \$125 Club \$106.25

Champagne Jose Michel and Fils Brut Tradition, Epernay

José Michel made his first vintage in 1955 and thanks in part to his cellar of very old bottles of Pinot Meunier, he developed a cult following for his Champagnes. José passed away in 2019 and this "Maison de Tradition" which began in 1847 is now, seven generations later, run by José and Nicole's grandson, Antonin. Antonin is brilliantly refining the work that José accomplished over six decades and developing his own ideas. As he says, "José and I agreed on practically everything". The non-vintage Brut is a blend in which the 70% Pinot Meunier forms the base, and 30% Chardonnay adds complexity and finesse. In addition to the base vintage (typically 2 years old), the NV Brut benefits from being blended with 30% reserve wines that are often 4 or 5 years old

including a 20+ year old “perpetual reserve”. The champagne is typically 2+ years “sur lattes” and carries a dosage of 7 grams.

Reg. \$45 Club \$38.25

Champagne Jose Michel and Fils NV Brut 'Pinot Meunier' Epernay

Although historically Jose Michel made many “mono-cépage” bottlings of Pinot Meunier, he never advertised the fact on the label and when some west coast customers visited him around 2007 and suggested that he do just that, his response was to ask if anyone would buy it. The small cadre of west coast enthusiasts all said that they would and the rest is history. The Pinot Meunier is produced from a single vintage but does not state the vintage on the label because the Champagne does not necessarily spend the requisite minimum of three years “sur lattes”. The style highlights the unique aromatics and fruit flavors of Champagne’s indigenous grape. The level of dosage is 7 grams
Reg. \$55 Club \$46.25

Breakfast Club

Sparkling Rosé Extra Brut “Rive Gauche”, Piedmont Italy

100% Nebbiolo

Certified Organic

Charmat method

This rosé sparkler is made from 100% Nebbiolo, coming from the high, northern-facing portion (and a selection of other parcels) of the prestigious Trinità vineyard in Roero. Nebbiolo is an ideal grape for a rosé sparkling wine as the variety ripens later, allowing the grapes to reach optimal levels of sugar and acidity for spumante wines. Like its bubbly white cousin, “Rive Gauche” is a clever reference to the Roero district’s position on the “left bank” of the Tanaro River in Piedmont. The first vintage (2019) of the wine was a particularly light pink, but experiments confirmed that even a bit more skin contact and pressing result in a beautifully-colored wine without imparting too much tannin, a typical characteristic of the Nebbiolo grape. Elegant perfumes of small red fruits, white peach and hints of pomegranate entice the nose while the mouth is balanced and dry, fresh, but not tart, with a fine and persistent perlage. The Rive Gauche Rosé is a vibrant yet versatile wine, perfect for an aperitif or in accompaniment to light, even slightly spicy, dishes. No addition of sugar, re-fermentation is due to residual sugar of the base wine.

Reg. \$27 Club \$22.95

Clara Vie NV Brut Nature Sparkling (Blanquette de Limoux), Languedoc-Roussillon, France

90% Mauzac, 5% Chenin Blanc, 5% Chardonnay

Fresh aromas of green apples, honeysuckle and white flowers. On the palate flavors of fresh white fruits with a well-balanced minerality, and a long lingering fresh finish.

Reg. \$23 Club \$19.55

Acinum Sparkling Rose, Veneto Italy

85% Glera, 15% Pinot Noir

Sparkling wine with pink "powder" color. It displays notes of red fruit to the nose, good acidity and freshness in the mouth. Very balanced and fine wine. The sugar content is compensated by the acidity that makes the wine very fresh and enjoyable on the palate

Reg. \$15 Club \$12.75

Bortolomiol Miol Extra Dry Prosecco D.O.C., Veneto Italy

100% Glera

The Miol embodies the perfect harmony of the local land and the way of life. It proudly represents a tradition which brings together the finest ingredients for a finished product of unrivalled quality. From the rich, sun-kissed lands of Treviso comes a truly Italian lifestyle. This is the most popular version of Prosecco, perfect between meals with light snacks and among friends.

With this simple, highly drinkable wine, Bortolomiol shows off all their sparkling winemaking skill. Using the grapes that come from the oldest areas of Prosecco DOC, which surround the walled city of Treviso, inside its rustic nature we find all the pleasure of Glera grapes. Excellent with both meat and fish-based savoury snacks.

Reg. \$16 Club \$13.60

Mas Fi Cava Brut Cava, Spain

Xarel-lo, Macabeo, Parellada

Mas Fi Brut Cava is an elegant and balanced sparkling wine. Undergoing second fermentation in this bottle, it is aged for 10 months providing its fine bubbles and complex and structured palate. There are notes of white flowers and citrus on the nose, with fresh stone fruits and pleasant creamy flavors in the mouth. Perfect for your next celebration, as an aperitif or with a wide array of cuisines.

Reg. \$12 Club \$10.20

Domaines Vinet Maléco Sparkling Muscadet NV, Loire Valley, France

100% Melon de Bourgogne

A brand new cuvée from the Vinet family that expresses the spirit and philosophy of Gérard Vinet with the purity of the terroir found in the Muscadet region. A classic sparkling Muscadet with verve and vigor. Aged for two years utilizing the traditional method (Champagne method). Fresh, floral and fruity nose (redcurrant, pear). Lively,

refreshing palate with quince notes, slightly brioche, with a crystal-clear finish. Always a great aperitif wine and the bubbles make it a natural companion for lightly fried foods.

Reg, \$25 Club \$21.25

Down with P.O.P. (Yeah You Know Me) Club

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