

HOUSE RED & WHITE
MIXED CASE CLUB
FALL 2023



DRINK BETTER. EVERYDAY. FOR LESS...

Twice per year, the House Mix Club brings you 12 bottles of a reliably delicious, good-value Red and White Burgundy, so you'll always have something tasty on hand for everyday.

A brand new look and feel with this mixed case—Not just two, but SIX different wines from five different producers this fall. A true mix of great, value-oriented Red and White Burgs for the “everyday” portion of your home fridge or cellar.

We know from first-hand experience how difficult it is to find reliably good Burgundy when out shopping in a store. Often all you can find are mass-produced negociant bottlings, or producers you've never heard of, and you're paying \$30-\$40 or more for what amounts to a shot in the dark. It doesn't have to be that hard!

Seeking out the wines for this club is one of the most rewarding tasks for us twice per year. Quite reliably, the top end in Burgundy delivers something incredible, but those “a ha!” moments for the everyday price tag are fewer and farther between.

This fall we posed the challenge a few of our most trusted winemakers--Thiébaud Huber, Christophe Thibert, Pablo Chevrot (for a red AND a white), Julien Sunier, and Errel Ninot. And they all came through...big time!





DOMAINE NINOT

RULLY ROUGE 'LA BARRE' 2021,
\$26

The Ninot cellars are in the village of Rully, historically important for barrel making. This was the original *métier* of the Ninot family, with their lineage in Rully going back to the 1300's. But today, Errell Ninot doesn't seem to care too much for barrels, with her wines focused on fruit attack and fresh aromatics. Her forefathers tradition be damned.

Let's call this one Pinot Noir "unmasked", a showcase of its true, transparent self. We think this beauty would impress any Burgundy lover, from connoisseur to newbie.

Tart cherry, and high-toned red fruit aromatics blast the nose right from the glass, and while youthful, you will clearly see the really delicious raw material here. Even though Errel is a vigneronne, we wouldn't say this is a feminine-touch wine, but rather, an elegant-touch bottle, regardless of who's making it.

What a deal at this price!



DOMAINE CHEVROT

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2021,
\$29

Leaving Meursault southbound moves the Burgundy adventurer through Puligny, past the wallet-draining Grand cru of Le Montrachet and its satellites, through Chassagne and into the very tail of the "Côte" where one finds the steep vineyards of Santenay and Maranges.

Brothers Pablo and Vincent Chevrot are going from strength to strength at the southern tip of the Côte d'Or. In a region where wines can go for hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars per bottle, there are still excellent wines that us mere mortals can afford. You've just got to know where to look - and that's where Caveau comes in!

This beauty was a no-brainer as a "House Red Club" selection. So here you go - a truly delicious, balanced and polished Red Burg from organic parcels below Santenay. A solid bet to blow away whatever \$30-ish Pinot you were drinking!

A portrait of Julien Sunier, a man with short dark hair and a slight stubble, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a blue and black striped zip-up jacket over a grey sweater. The background shows a rustic wooden interior with exposed beams and a black pendant lamp.

JULIEN SUNIER

BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES 'WILD
SOUL' 2022, \$22

Julien Sunier - you know the man, you know the wines (if not, now's a good time to start!) Succulent, juicy, refined and balanced - these are what great Gamay is all about.

The Sunier house is down an unpaved, tree-lined road in a forest parcel. His vineyards are not there, but his winery is. Instead, he lives in this renovated barn for the view, the peace and quiet, and to be off the beaten path. A lanky 40-something with a short crew cut that is starting to gray, Julien has mischief in his eyes.

Wild Soul is the essence of Gamay - captivating aromatics, freshness and purity of fruit, juicy and mouth watering - all wrapped in a value-packed bottle from Julien's old-vine parcels on the best south-facing hillsides of the Beaujolais Village appellation.

This one gets all the love and care of the more exalted Crus, and delivers humongous pleasure for the \$\$.



HUBER- VERDEREAU

BOURGOGNE CÔTE D'OR
CHARDONNAY 2022, \$29

There's a bizarre story behind this one. You may recall a wine of Thiébault's that was called "Les Lameroses", which we've been selling and you've been enjoying for years. Well, this IS that wine, but he's not allowed to call it that anymore!

Last summer he was inspected and audited by the AOC authorities (essentially the French "Wine Police"), who discovered that half of one short row of the vines he used for this wine, about 25 plants, were located outside the border of the parcel named Les Lameroses, so he has been forbidden from using that name on the label! Well, at least we know they're serious about this stuff...

At any rate, whatever you call it, it knocked my socks off right out of the gate with bright, fresh notes of lemon and grapefruit, and a richness on the mid-palate that ties it all together seamlessly. It's a crowd-pleasing daily-drinker, and with White Burg pricing going through the roof these days I get excited when there's something this good at this price level.



DOMAINE CHEVROT

ALIGOTÉ 'QUATRES TERROIRS'
2022, \$22

Aligoté - it's the "other" white grape of Burgundy. Over 94% of white wines in Burgundy are made from the Chardonnay grape - but for centuries Aligoté has been a part of the winemaking history and culture of the region. Many of the vineyards famous today for Chardonnay - Corton-Charlemagne among them - were centuries ago planted with Aligoté.

Pablo is the president of "Les Aligoteurs" - a group of vigneronns united to promote Burgundy's Aligoté wines, which more and more artisan winemakers there are taking seriously these days.

Aligoté makes a wine that at its best is pretty and balanced, with a range of fruity aromas and vibrant, mineral energy on the tongue. "We look for good aromatics and a clean, precise finish," says Chevrot of his Aligoté, presenting a tempting side of this wine.



DOMAINE THIBERT

MACON-VERZÉ 2018, \$24

Thirty years of winemaking and experimentation with the mono-cépage Chardonnay has given Christophe Thibert a wealth of knowledge on the subject. He's our "go to" in the Mâconnais.

The hierarchy in the Mâconnais goes like this - the very basic, lowest-level wines are labeled simply as "Mâcon". Next step up is "Mâcon-Villages", made from grapes from any number of villages in the region. Then, the best wines from the best Villages are designated as "Mâcon + Village name" - and that's what we have here, a "Mâcon-Verzé".

This beauty is honeyed and tart at the same time, a lovely bottle of white burgundy for the pricetag. The Thibert parcel is on a gentle slope above the village, on well-drained limestone over a mix of chalk and clay. It's the clay that brings the richness and power, and the limestone that drives the freshness and mineral undertones on this astonishingly complete and complex wine.

Vinified and aged 10% in used Burgundy barrels and 90% in stainless steel - this wine is THE whole package, all wrapped up in a pretty \$24 bow.

A photograph of a wine cellar with stone walls and wooden barrels. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source in the background creating a lens flare effect. The barrels are stacked in the foreground, and the stone arches of the cellar are visible in the background.

THE LAST DROP

We'll keep on with this idea of providing you a mix of 4-6 different wines with each new club release. In Spring 2024 look for another terrific case of everyday red and white burgundies.

All the latest information is always available on our website:
www.CaveauSelections.com

And speaking of 2024, we'll begin hosting tours again of Champagne in May or June. Please drop us a line if you're interested!
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