



FALL 2023

HOUSE WHITES MIXED CASE CLUB

**DRINK BETTER. EVERYDAY.
FOR LESS...**

Twice per year, the House White Club brings you 12 bottles of a reliably delicious, good-value 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 one, not even two, but THREE different wines from three different producers. A true mix of great, value-oriented White Burgs for the “everyday” portion of your home fridge.

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 “aha!” moments for the everyday price tag are fewer and farther between.

This fall we posed the challenge to three of our “go to” guys--Pablo Chevrot, Thiébault Huber, and Christophe Thibert. And they came through...big time!





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 our 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 we 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.

Just about anywhere in France, if you're at a café or bistro and ask for a carafe of "House White", you could easily be offered some Aligoté. It's a grape that is very productive in the vineyard. Yields are high which keeps costs low.

Pablo Chevrot is the president of "Les Aligoteurs" - a group of vignerons 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.

A portrait of Christophe Thibert, a middle-aged man with short grey hair, looking slightly to his right. He is wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket with a circular patch on the left chest that reads "OFFICIAL STAFF" and "MAISON MAISON". His hands are clasped in front of him on a wooden surface.

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.

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.



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 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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