



HOUSE REDS & WHITES
MIXED CASE CLUB
SPRING 2024



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

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

We continue this season with the **brand new look and feel we introduced last fall**—Not just two, but SIX different wines from SIX different producers. A true mix of great, value-oriented Red and White Burgs for the “everyday” portion of your home 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 spring we posed the challenge to our “go to” winemakers-- Chevrot, Gueguen, and Ninot for the reds; Thibert, Gautherin, and Chevrot again for the whites.

And they came through...big time!



A man with short dark hair, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is smiling and holding a snifter glass filled with white wine. He is standing in a winery, with large stainless steel fermentation tanks and a ladder visible in the background.

DOMAINE GAUTHERIN

PETIT CHABLIS 'LA TERRE DE
MON PERE' 2022 ~ \$24

During a conversation last fall with Patrick Essa at Buisson-Charles, he recommended we go call on his friend Adrien Gautherin in Chablis. Patrick was recently introduced to Adrien's work, loved it, and thought we might dig it too. So on a cold weekend this past November we trekked north from Beaune and checked in on the 15th generation (!) of this well-regarded family of Chablisienne winemakers.

The estate is made up of approximately 16 hectares (about 40 acres), and features parcels in 3 Grand Cru and 7 premier Cru sites.

Petit Chablis is an appellation created in 1944 for dry white wines made from Chardonnay in Chablis and the surrounding communes. It covers vineyards not included in the standard Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis Grand Cru titles. Most importantly, it shouldn't be considered 'worse' or 'lesser' than regular Chablis.

In fact, over the years we've preferred many a Petit vs. straight Chablis for it's lively, youthful, freshness. How about you?



DOMAINE CHEVROT

HAUTES CÔTES-DE-BEAUNE
BLANC 2022 ~ \$29


Brothers Pablo and Vincent Chevrot are the 3rd generation in charge of the family estate at the southern end of the Côte de Beaune. Their grandfather founded the estate, which now totals 49 certified organic acres, many of which are plowed by horse.

It would be near impossible to find another domaine producing wines of this refinement and purity from these climats - these guys are serious, focused, and meticulous, and it shows in every sip.

The Chevrots have just 2 acres of Chardonnay at the top of the slope - directly adjacent to their parcels of Pinot.

We think you'll be floored by this gorgeous white, as a recent tasting totally re-arranged our thinking about what a Hautes-Côtes white can be. Our tasting notes read "precise minerality, rich mid-palate fruit, lovely saline finish - wow"! Blind, you might guess this is a nice Village-level Chassagne-Montrachet from a good vintage - it's that complex and lovely.

They don't make much of this, so we don't get a lot. This is your club member only shot at this wine.



DOMAINE THIBERT

MACON-PRISSÉ 'EN CHAILLOUX'
2019, \$26

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-Prissé".

This is the one you want if you like minerality, lively acidity, and an ample fruit core of citrus and apples that pulls it all together. It's favorite in our own homes - great for that first glass at the end of the day, and carries right through to dinner with salads, seafood and cheeses. It never fails to satisfy - it just keeps disappearing from the wine-fridge.

Pour it blind for your friends, they'll never guess this is "entry-level" Mâconnais juice.



FAMILLE GUEGUEN

IRANCY 2022 ~ \$24

Céline Gueguen very literally bounds from her office when you appear for a tasting, greets you like an old friend, and offers a kind smile as if suggesting this will not be your first and only visit. The French call this an *accueil chaleureux*--a warm welcome.

And then Frédéric arrives on the scene, a crooked smile offering similar warmth, a vigorous *poignée à main*, and altogether you are escorted through their space. There in the center of Chablis, in a brand new location for the Gueguens, they have created a lovely tasting room, private salon, *chambre d'hôte*, and dining space.

This is a “first time ever” purchase! We’ve known about the red wines from the Chablis area for many years, but it used to be that the grapes got ripe maybe once or twice in 10 years. But with the reality of global warming we now have the possibility of Pinot Noir in the most northern climes!

Crunchy, juicy, mouthwatering Pinot Noir. You’ll see....



DOMAINE NINOT

RULLY ROUGE 'LA
CHAPONNIÈRE' 2022 ~ \$28

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.

The vineyard is so named because it was probably an old nursery for the village. The word "chapon" means 'cuttings' and we can imagine that this plot was in fact an important source for future vines all over the appellation.

Juicy, bright, and explosive from the glass with cherry, berry, and a little spicy red currant. Raised for one year in older barrels, there is just the right amount of silky texture.

Flavien Ninot says this is choice to open during the summer and drink it slightly cool with an outdoor barbecue.

Who could argue with that?



DOMAINE CHEVROT

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR
2022 ~ \$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 last fall (the 2021), so here you go with the new vintage!

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 previously drinking!

THE LAST DROP

We'll keep on with this idea of providing you a mix of six different wines with each new club release. In Fall 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

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