

# Wine Club Selections

February 2017

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## 2010 Baker & Brain Syrah, Le Mistral, Monterey-Monterey

Alcohol 15.5% Club Price: **\$33.00**

100% Syrah

Winery: \$33.00 Our Price \$33.00

Pumpkin spice gravy Herbs de Provence fennel, pipe tobacco. Super dark color, rich syrupy blueberry blackberry cobbler fruit characters lead into a variable thanksgiving feast including fennel and fresh herbs damp leaves.

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## 2014 Cotiere Semillon, Buttonwood Vineyards, Santa Ynez - Central Coast

Alcohol Club Price: **\$22.99**

100% Semillon

Winery: \$25.00 Our Price \$25.00

The medium gold colored 2014 Semillon Buttonwood Vineyard reveals ripe, full-throttle notes of dried herbs, ripe peach, pineapple and exotic flowers. Medium-bodied, rich, textured and nicely balanced, with hints of vanilla oak showing, it will be a food-friendly effort to enjoy over the coming couple of years.

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## 2014 Daou Red Blend, Pessimist, Paso Robles - Central Coast

Alcohol 15.2% Club Price: **\$16.99**

66% Syrah, 18% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah, 2% Grenache, 1% Mourvedre

Winery: \$30.00 Our Price \$19.99

The dark red color and ruby rim entices the senses with rich blackberry and boysenberry aromas. Seductive dark fruits envelop the nose and palate while black cherry, anise, and vanilla coat the mouth. Firm tannins balance the powerhouse of fruit and lead to a strong, lasting nish of black pepper, pipe tobacco, and spicy oak.

### 91 Wine Advocate

*Made by the Daou Brothers and sourced from different vineyards spread throughout Paso Robles, the 2014 Pessimist is a ripe, sexy and ready to go blend of 52% Syrah, 26% Zinfandel, 18% Petite Sirah, 3% Tannat and a splash of Grenache. Aged 11 months in 50% new French oak, it has tons of ripe cassis, vanilla and chocolaty notes to go with a brilliantly textured, fruit-loaded feel on the palate. You won't find this level of texture and depth at this price very often and this crowd-pleaser will drink well for several years.*

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## 2014 Emmolo Merlot, Napa Valley, Napa Valley

Alcohol 15.1% Club Price: **\$31.99**

Merlot

Winery: \$60.00 Our Price \$35.99

Sourced from the Emmolo Oak Knoll vineyard located near the city of Napa in a sub-appellation called Oak Knoll. It's ten miles nearer the San Francisco Bay than Rutherford and has a cooler microclimate. The site was strategically chosen for its soils and moderate climate, which are appropriate for growing Merlot.

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## 2008 Epoch Estate Red Blend, Authenticity, Paso Robles - Central Coast

Alcohol

Club Price: **\$65.00**

100% Syrah

Winery: \$75.00 Our Price \$75.00

Ripe black plum, blackberry compote, leather, dried herbs and vanilla bean. With similar flavors extending through the whole mouth this wine shows huge length, ripe purple fruit, fresh acidity, savory meats and barrel spice. The 2008 Authenticity is 100% Syrah and is worthy of 10+ years of cellar age.

### 95 Wine Advocate

*The 2008 Authenticity is a gorgeous wine layered with dark fruit, espresso, licorice, spices, all of which come together in a rich, sensual style of notable class and elegance. Soft and voluptuous through to the finish, Authenticity shows tremendous balance and tons of personality. It is a big, bold red to drink now and over the next decade or so that presents the more refined, domesticated side of Syrah. The 2008 Authenticity spent 22 months in French barrels, 52% new. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2020.*

### 95 Wine Spectator

*Offering aromas of fresh-cut flowers, plum and berry jam, with lots of dark berry fruit scents, this is big and concentrated, yet manages to be supple midpalate and dense and chewy on the finish, ending with cascading berry, mineral, mocha and espresso notes. Drink now through 2021.*

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## 2015 Fiddleback Brand Scheurebe, Giff's Vineyard, Santa Ynez - Central Coast

Alcohol 13.9%

Club Price: **\$17.99**

100% Scheurebe

Winery: \$22.00 Our Price \$20.00

Bred as cross between Riesling and an unknown variety originally thought to be Sylvaner. Medium bodied, pink grapefruit, honeysuckle.

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## 2016 Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc, , Marlborough - New Zealand

Alcohol 13.5%

Club Price: **\$18.99**

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Winery: \$25.00 Our Price \$19.99

A delicious fusion of ripe summer fruits and delicate floral perfume - citrus blossom and elderflower entwined with nectarines and white peaches, mandarin and cantaloupe with a twist of lemon. Intensely flavored, succulent and crisp with a delicate herbal infusion - quintessential Marlborough.

### 90 Wine Advocate

*The 2016 Sauvignon Blanc has a fresh grass, bay leaves, green beans and wild thyme-led nose with hints of lime leaves and lemongrass. Medium-bodied and with a lovely creaminess to the texture, it offers great intensity and a long green-veggie finish. Drink: 2016-2018. (Dec 2016)*

### 17 - 20 Jancis Robinson

*17 out of 20 points On first opening there was a slight hint of smoke but this soon blew away to reveal intense and pure fruit. Not pungent but deep and ripe - citrus and green fruits, including some candied green fig. Equally intense and ripe-fruited on the palate, managing to be both mouth-filling, almost a little viscous, and intensely fresh at the same time. Although there is fruit sweetness on the palate, the finish tastes pretty dry with a clean stony finish. Very long citrus aftertaste. Generous and all very primary at the moment. No rush to drink this.*

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## 2013 Grgich Hills Chardonnay, Estate Grown, Napa Valley

Alcohol 14.1% Club Price: **\$29.99**

100% Chardonnay

Winery: \$43.00 Our Price \$33.99

Miljenko "Mike" Grgich has been called "The King of Chardonnay" and you can taste why in this classically styled wine. The wine undergoes NO malolactic fermentation, preserving its natural acidity. The wine displays ripe peach, mango and tropical flavors, with a note of minerality.

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## 2010 Hand of God Malbec, Old Vine, Argentina-Mendoza

Alcohol 14.5% Club Price: **\$54.99**

100% Malbec

Winery: \$75.00 Our Price \$59.99

Raised entirely in new oak, it has an intense, heady bouquet with blackberry, peppermint, a touch of sous-bois and a slight fug of alcohol. The palate is full-bodied with layers of ripe black, tarry fruit. It is well balanced and very harmonious. What could be overpowering is extremely refined and well balanced towards the decadent finish

### 92 Wine Advocate

*The 2010 Stolen Horse Old Vine Malbec is from the five hectare "Stolen Horse Vineyard" populated by vines planted in the 1920s. Where does the name come from? When Santiago was looking for a vineyard, he instantly knew that this had to be the one. He tried negotiating a lease with the owner; however, it was not possible because someone had stolen the owner's horse that was being used to farm these old vines. The good news is that the horse was eventually returned and Santiago managed to arrange a lease. Raised entirely in new oak, it has an intense, heady bouquet with blackberry, peppermint, a touch of sous-bois and a slight fug of alcohol. The palate is full-bodied with layers of ripe black, tarry fruit. It is well-balanced and very harmonious. What could be overpowering is extremely refined and well-balanced towards the decadent finish. It will need three to four years to calm down in bottle. Drink 2015-2025.*

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## 2012 Hoyt Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles - Central Coast

Alcohol Club Price: **\$39.99**

Cabernet Sauvignon

Winery: \$55.00 Our Price \$42.00

A home run! This cab earned it's "Best of Class" award from the SF Chronicle Wine Competition. Deep ruby, medium bodied, soft tannins. Lovely dark fruit aromas. We poured this blind and no one pegged it from Paso Robles. Everyone though Napa.

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## 2014 J. Rickards Malbec, Zanzi Curve, Alexander Valley - Sonoma

Alcohol 14.4% Club Price: **\$26.99**

Malbec

Winery: \$32.00 Our Price \$29.99

2016 Best of Year - Wine Enthusiast. Distinctively New World with a nod to its European roots. Aromas of ripe black cherry, raspberry, rose petal, orange peel and mocha lure the taster into a silky mouthfeel of consistent flavors, through to the long delicious fi-nish.

### 90 Wine Enthusiast

*Depths of earth and tobacco define this well-made, robust and lengthy wine, given to both red and blue berry fruit and plenty of juicy acidity. It shows again how well the grape seems to do in this appellation from specific sites. —V.B.*

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## 2015 Liquid Farm Rosé, Vogelzang, Happy Canyon - Central Coast

Alcohol 11.8% Club Price: **\$21.99**

100% Mourvèdre

Winery: \$26.00 Our Price \$26.00

a vibrant coppery pink, tons of savory minerality, pomegranate, white raspberry and floral notes all hop from the glass. Minerality continues to lead on the palate with bursts of blood orange, fresh peach and a fleur de sel finish. Drink chilled (but, not icy! so, you can get her full effect) and drink often! CHEERS!

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## 2013 Lone Madrone White Blend, Points West, Paso Robles - Central Coast

Alcohol 15% Club Price: **\$22.99**

Roussanne, Picpoul, and Viognier

Winery: \$35.00 Our Price \$27.00

Aromas of honey, stone fruit and a dash of orange blossoms. Rich and creamy in texture with notes of pear, honey and peaches all complimented by well balanced acidity, making this a perfect wine to compliment your meal. Enjoy pairing alongside lobster with herb drawn butter, crab cakes, seared scallops in brown butter or a cashew chicken curry.

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## 2012 Makor Merlot, Bien Nacido, Central Coast-Santa Maria

Alcohol 13.5% Club Price: **\$15.00**

Merlot

Winery: \$20.00 Our Price \$16.99

Made by Jim Adelman, General Manager, Au Bon Climat. Light and flavorful. An industry favorite from one of the most storied vineyards in Santa Maria, CA.

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## 2012 Makor Sangiovese, Whitehawk, Santa Maria - Central Coast

Alcohol Club Price: **\$15.00**

Sangiovese

Winery: \$22.00 Our Price \$16.99

Another winner from Au Bon Climat/Qupe General Manager, Jim Adelman. Grapes from Whitehawk Vineyards. Beautiful wine with classic Sangiovese character rarely seen in domestic wines. Order a pizza, NOW!

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## 2012 McPrice Myers Grenache, L'Ange Rouge, Santa Barbara - Central Coast

Alcohol 15.2% Club Price: **\$24.99**

100% Grenache

Winery: \$42.00 Our Price \$29.99

Dark chocolate, mint, plum, rosemary, black raspberry, white pepper, mineral, polished tannins, finishing bright, and light on it's feet.

### 94 Wine Advocate

*Probably my favorite Grenache from McPrice to date, the 2012 Grenache L'Ange is 100% Grenache and spent 16 months in 20% new French oak. It offers beautiful kirsch, pepper and spice-box-like qualities to go with medium to full-bodied richness, a great mid-palate and a structured, tight profile that needs another year or so in the cellar. It's a rock star Grenache from Paso that will drink well through 2022.*

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## 2010 McPrice Myers Syrah, Les Galets, Arroyo Grande - Central Coast

Alcohol 14.2% Club Price: **\$45.00**

Syrah

Winery: SOLD OUT

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Inky purple. Heady aromas and flavors of blueberry, mocha and incense. Elegant, seamless, deeply fruity syrah, with bright acidity adding lift. This expansive wine finishes with impressive back-end lift and sweetness.

### 94 Wine Advocate

*Every bit as good, if not a touch better, the 2010 Syrah Les Galets Vineyard delivers a deep, meaty style with notions of currants, blackberry, smoked meat, cracked pepper, tobacco and masses of crushed stone / mineral qualities emerging from the glass. A full-bodied effort, with a voluptuous richness that comes through more with air, it stays beautifully light and clean on the palate, with little apparent weight. More structure and tannin emerge on the finish and, like all of McPrice's 2010s, it needs short-term cellaring to come together. It is a gorgeous Syrah and will shine for over a decade. Drink 2014-2020.*

### 92 Stephen Tanzer

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## 2014 Orin Swift Cabernet Sauvignon, Palermo, Napa Valley

Alcohol 15.5% Club Price: **\$32.99**

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec

Winery: \$42.00 Our Price \$36.99

Aromas of seasoned oak meld effortlessly with ripe boysenberry and candied cassis. Opulent and concentrated flavors of dark fruits. Black currant and kirsch provide background to lively raspberry and cherry notes that create a near endless finish.

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## 2013 Orin Swift Chardonnay, Mannequin, California-California

Alcohol 15.5% Club Price: **\$28.99**

76% Chardonnay, 8% Viognier, 6% Marsanne, 5% Grenache Blanc, 3% Muscat and 2%

Winery: \$30.00 Our Price \$30.00

Straw-gold in color. Aromas of ripe pineapple, vanilla bean, raw coconut, and honeyed lemon. Lush entry with complex flavors of roasted fig, apricot, green apple, and orchard fruit. Mineral notes, flint, exotic spice, and lemongrass framed in roasted marshmallow. The richness remains through the finish, while supported with a youthful brightness.

### 96 Wine Advocate

*The 2013 Proprietary White Mannequin, which draws fruit from diverse regions of Northern California such as the Carneros Basin and the Sonoma Coast, is actually a blend of 76% Chardonnay, 8% Viognier, 6% Marsanne, 5% Grenache Blanc, 3% Muscat and 2% Roussanne. This is amazing wine, a gorgeous, full-throttle, honeyed wine with a light-gold color, oodles of tropical fruits including pineapple and mango, rose petal and floral notes, and beautifully integrated oak (aged in 40% new French oak on its lees for 11 months). This full-throttle wine is completely different and more individualistic than anything I've ever tasted. It is a magnificent, full-throttle, exuberant dry white to drink over the next 3-4 years.*

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## 2005 Tenuta di Arceno Red Blend, Il Fauno, Italy-Tuscany

Alcohol 14.2% Club Price: **\$24.99**

77% Merlot 18% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet Franc

Winery: \$30.00 Our Price \$25.00

This wine has just hit it's sweet spot. The bouquet is very complex, offering up plenty of dried red berries, spice notes, and compelling earthiness. The palate is loaded with plum, raspberry, and black truffles that are supported by grippy, plush tannins. This big wine finishes long with great balance and precision.

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## 2012 Thorne Pinot Noir, Sta. Rita Hills, Sta. Rita Hills - Central Coast

Alcohol

Club Price:

100% Pinot Noir

Winery: \$36.00 Our Price \$25.00

Supple and well focused, with pleasant earthy raspberry, anise and spice aromas followed by tightly wound cherry and mineral flavors and a smooth and delightful finish! 50% new French Oak

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## 2015 Turley Zinfandel, Juvenile, California

Alcohol

Club Price: **\$26.99**

Zinfandel

Winery: NA Our Price \$34.00

Juvenile is composed of a variety of young vines that have been replanted in several old vine sites. These young vines are picked separately to make a distinct wine. The vines range in age from about 6-25 years from 18 of the best vineyards across California, including Hayne, Ueberroth, Pesenti, Salvador, Vineyard 101, Fredericks and Kirschenmann.

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## 2013 Verite Red Blend, La Muse, Sonoma-Napa

Alcohol 14.4%

Club Price: **\$359.00**

89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

Winery: \$400.00 Our Price \$389.99

With supple fruit and spice, exceptional balance and impressive length, Vérité La Muse is crafted primarily from Merlot. From its inception, every vintage of this special wine – which honors the style of the great wines of Pomerol while celebrating the quality of our world-class fruit grown in Sonoma County.

### 100 Wine Advocate

*The 2013 La Muse, like all of the 2013s, comes about one-third from Alexander Valley vineyards, 40-plus percent from Chalk Hill, and the rest Knights Valley and Bennett Valley – all high-elevation hillside vineyards. A blend of 89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 3% Malbec at 14.3% alcohol, the wine is amazingly like a great vintage of Petrus, with mulberry, black cherry, licorice, truffle and unctuous, thick, juicy fruit all present in this full-bodied masterpiece. The tannins are still present. The wine has purity and savory presence and is remarkable. The finish goes on for well past a minute. This wine would probably benefit from 5-8 years of bottle age and last 40-50 years.*

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## 2013 Verite Red Blend, La Joie, Sonoma-Napa

Alcohol 14.3%

Club Price: **\$359.00**

71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petite Verdot

Winery: \$400.00 Our Price \$389.00

La Joie exhibits the structure, depth and power of Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma County, and takes inspiration from the lauded reds France's Pauillac.

### 100 Wine Advocate

*The 2013 La Joie, which is 46% from Knights Valley, 32% from Chalk Hill and 22% from Alexander Valley, is a blend of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Showing loads of graphite, cedar wood, charcoal, crème de cassis and forest floor, this may well turn out to be a 50+-year wine. It tastes like a great first-growth Pauillac and has an amazing amount of complexity and richness.*

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## 2013 Verite Red Blend, Le Desir, Sonoma-Napa

Alcohol 14.3% Club Price: **\$359.00**

62% Cabernet Franc, 22% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Winery: \$400.00 Our Price \$400.00

Le Désir—predominantly Cabernet Franc supported by Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot — shows layers of concentrated fruit, exotic spice, opulent aromatics and a plush suede texture.

### 99 Wine Advocate

*The 2013 Le Desir represents 2,500 cases. This is the softest of the three wines in 2013, and this blend of 61% Cabernet Franc, 23% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec emerges with more than half of the cuvée coming from Hillsides in Alexander Valley, 37% from Chalk Hill and the rest tiny dollops from Bennett Valley and Knights Valley. Opaque purple, like its siblings, the wine is showing incredible floral, blueberry and espresso notes, exotic Asian spices, velvety texture, a supple, multilayered mouthfeel and incredible finish, with incense and licorice. This is magnificent young wine, with a good 40-50 years of upside potential. Pierre Seillan is justifiably proud of what he has achieved, and his first vintage of Vérité was only 1998, but they go from strength to strength.*

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