

**May 2024**

**Half Case and Premier Club Tasting Notes**

**El Pino Club Funky Jory 2022, Oregon \$44.99**

**(Red)**

They created El Pino Club because they freaking love Pinot. It's fickle, it's funky, it defies expectations, and they wouldn't have it any other way. They curate exceptional Pinot Noir from around the globe, so that you can see the world through the eyes of this wonderful little grape. Every member of El Pino Club is a unique and lovably-quirky character, bursting with personality, and undeniably true to itself. As individual cast members, they are an ode to the lands and the hands that produce them, and as an ensemble, they celebrate the full range and charm of this legendary varietal. This wine opens with complex aromatics of black cherry, mulberry, sandalwood, and a touch of baking spice from the sparing use of new French oak barrels. The finish is silky and long, typical of Dundee Hills Pinot Noir.

**J. de Villebois Pinot Noir 2020, France \$13.99**

**(Red)**

The nose on this wine is intriguing with thyme, black pepper, and ripe cherries. The palate opens with cherry bark, ripe strawberries, and spice. The finish is short with crisp acidity.

**Hopler Zweigelt 2018, Austria \$22.99**

**(Red)**

Zweigelt is the most widely planted red variety in Austria. It was created by Dr Zweigelt in 1922 by crossing Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent (two other typical Austrian varieties) grapes. Zweigelt is a great everyday red. Lighter bodied, juicy with a peppery finish. The color is dark ruby-garnet with violet reflections. Fresh red berries, notes of vanilla on the nose. The palate is long and elegant, roasted with a spicy finish.

**Clos Troteligotte K-Pot Cahor 2020, France \$19.99**

**(Red and Mixed)**

Big, ripe, and juicy, this wine has layers of red-berry fruits and tight acidity. The structure and firm texture promise some aging. Drink from 2023.

**Altano Rewilding Edition Douro 2020, Portugal \$19.99**

**(Red and Mixed)**

The wine is a classic Douro blend, sourced from higher altitude vineyards to produce a fresh, elegant, and fruit-driven profile, using the Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz and Tinta Barroca varieties. Every sale of the wine will contribute financial support to Rewilding Portugal's important conservation work in the Greater Côa Valley. Their aim is to reinforce a 120,000-hectare wildlife corridor by restoring the natural habitat for keystone species, as well as supporting the development of sustainable local businesses.

**The Guide Wine Company Discovery Red Blend 2019, Washington \$14.99**

**(Red and Mixed)**

Plum, herb, blood orange and smoke aromas are followed by light, soft, medium-bodied blue fruit flavors that go down easy. It's a straightforward quaffer. Pair this wine with game meat, hard cheese and mushrooms.

**B.R. Cohn Sauvignon Blanc 2020, California \$19.99**

**(White and Mixed)**

The nose suggests citrus zest and tropical fruit with a hint of lemongrass. On the palate the acidity accents the lime and lemon character. A midpalate richness is present and helps accent mango and papaya notes with a lingering acidity.

**Peju Legacy Collection Chardonnay 2020, California \$39.99**

**(White and Mixed)**

Deep golden in color, this Carneros Chardonnay opens with lovely aromas of citrus, green-apple and crème brûlée. The palate is soft and creamy from complete malolactic fermentation and sur lie aging with weekly stirrings. Flavors of Meyer lemon and pear flow over the tongue followed by hints of minerality. Barrel fermented and aged in French oak, this vintage shows elegant structure with vibrant acidity and a supple yet lingering finish. (91 Points James Suckling)

**Hopler Pino Blanc 2022, Austria \$19.99**

**(White and Mixed)**

Pinot Blanc has been described as the 'Cinderella of the Pinot Family'. Often mistaken for Chardonnay, it is a mutation of the Pinot Noir grape and is very particular about where it grows. Fortunately, it is at home rooted into our limestone soils, ripening by the lake and picked late to ensure optimal healthy ripeness. We Austrians love this grape

and produce a wine of fresh, fruity finesse that develops more complexity with age. A style similar to our famous friends from the Alto Adige. Aromas of exotic fruit and pineapple. Juicy, mineral, and medium bodied with notes of ripe fruit and citrus flavors.

**Vara Viura 2020, Spain \$19.99**

**(White)**

Light and crisp with a good mineral backbone and notes of melon and citrus. Bright and fresh with surprising depth and finish, this wine pairs well with virtually everything. The perfect wine to elevate your everyday.

**Latour Montagny Les Buys 2022, France \$36.99**

**(White)**

Louis Latour Montagny Les Buys has a pale-yellow color with green hues. Its nose reveals notes of fresh hazelnut, vanilla, and acacia honey. Its palate, ample and round, offers notes of exotic fruits for an almost peppery finish.

**CaSal di Serra Verdicchio Dei Castelli di Jesi 2021, Italy \$17.99**

**(White)**

It was created in the 1980s by selecting the best grapes grown in the Montecarotto vineyard, and later enriched with grapes from another three plots situated in the most suitable areas for cultivating Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi. All the values of a great indigenous variety find expression in this wine. Contact with its own natural yeasts during fermentation and in the aging process gives Casal di Serra particular properties of richness and personality, without altering its fine balance and special elegance.

**Domaine Matrot Blagny Rouge La Piece Sous le Bois 1er Cru 2020, France \$84.99**

**(Premier)**

Clear mid purple with a scintillating nose, this is a perfect rendition of 2020 red Burgundy at its best. The fruit is ripe but suave and pure, a few strawberry notes coming in, not too much acidity, refined tannins, and great length. (94 Jasper Morris)

**The Harrison Pinot Noir 2021, Oregon \$59.99**

**(Premier)**

“The Harrison” is an ode to a real-life gentleman farmer from a bygone era. His land was his canvas, underscoring his passion and commitment to sustainable farming, outdoor sport, love of country, family, and friends. Marion-Fields has sourced the best

Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley and handcrafted this beautiful wine for you to enjoy with your passions. Well-knit and polished, with medium-bodied cherry and pomegranate flavors that take on floral tea accents toward refined tannins.