



World of Wine Club Selections

**Château Sorbey 2009 Rouge
Haut-Médoc, France**

The Meyre family has been making wine on the Listrac and Haut Medoc terroirs since 1810, using traditional methods and the savoir faire passed down from generation to generation. The Meyre vineyards are today spread over 3 properties located in the heart of the Medoc, not far from Bordeaux.

This wine is essentially equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. It shows a beautiful roundness. Chateau Sorbey shows fantastic volume with a very good concentration and a charming attack. Smooth and harmonious on the palate, it will delight the most hard to please Bordeaux lovers. Pair it with your next T-Bone, Lamb Chop or cheese.

Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19

**Château Lamothe de Haux 2011 Blanc Cuvee Traditionelle
Bordeaux, France**

Château Lamothe's foundations date back to the 16th century. Its renovation in the 19th century transformed the building into a charming residence whose facade is pictured on the label.

Located in the commune of Haux, on top of a clay-limestone slope in the heart of the Bordeaux wine country, this estate has been devoted to winegrowing from the very beginning, and has belonged to the same family for 4 generations (as of 1956). The 80 hectares of vineyards, including those of neighbouring Château Manos, purchased in 1991, are managed by Anne Néel and her children, Maria & Damien Chombart.

As time went on, the owners of Lamothe expanded their vineyard holdings, renovated impressive underground galleries and turned them into cellars, and achieved a fine international reputation for their wines thanks to dynamic marketing both in France and abroad.

This wine is made with traditional Bordeaux grape varieties: Sauvignon Blanc (40%), Sémillon (40%), and Muscadelle (20%). This particular blend, which goes back centuries, has become rather rare in recent years. The wine is Gold in color with green highlights. The nose has floral and fruity aromas of hawthorn and grapefruit. On the palate it is round and fresh, slightly pearly wine with a crispy long finish. Ideal as an aperitif, or with fish, seafood (a must with oysters), and cheese. Best enjoyed young (2 years). (90 Points WE 05/12)

Regular Price 14.99 Club Price \$13.49

Red Wine Lovers Club Selections

**About Bunnell Family Cellar
Prosser, Washington**

After a successful career in winemaking at prestigious wineries such as Chateau Ste. Michelle, Beringer Vineyards and Kendall-Jackson, Ron Bunnell wanted to share his lifelong passion for winemaking with his family. His wife, Susan Bunnell, brings to the partnership an acclaimed culinary flair that makes every wine tasting an epicurean event. The Bunnell Family Cellar is the result of Ron and Susan Bunnell's love for the winemaking art, and the joy they take in handcrafting these wines together. It is a legacy that they have built for and with their children.

The Bunnell Family Cellar specializes in small handmade lots of wine from Rhône Valley grape varieties including Syrah, Petite Sirah (Durif), Mourvedre, Grenache, Cinsault, Counoise and Viognier. Our "vins de l'endroit" (wines of a place) showcase exceptional vineyards in the Columbia Valley. "Vins de l'esprit" (wines of the spirit) are unique examples of the art of blending.

**RiverAerie 2008 Syrah
Columbia Valley, Washington**

RiverAerie Syrah is a blend from several outstanding vineyards in the Wahluke Slope and Yakima Valley. Bunnell's goal is to produce a balanced wine which exhibits the power of the variety but also the intense black fruit flavors which make Columbia Valley Syrah so distinctive. They prefer to minimize the impact of the winemaker and oak barrels, opting instead for the natural fruit of Syrah.

Deep purple color; boysenberry and plum aromas; rich entry on the palate, with rich berry flavors and hints of mocha and cinnamon; a full, rich mid-palate, and lingering finish .

Regular Price \$23.99 Club Price \$21.59

**Bunnell 2008 Mourvedre
Columbia Valley, Washington**

This wine is 100% Mourvedre from Northridge Vineyard on the western edge of Saddle Mountain in the Wahluke Slope. This warm site provides the heat needed to ripen Mourvedre successfully.

Aromas of white pepper, black cherry and raspberry, notes of clove, hibiscus, rhubarb and acai; soft tannins with bright acidity, a hint of pink grapefruit at the end of the palate

Regular Price \$41.99 Club Price \$37.79

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Northwest Club Selections

About Barons Winery Woodinville, Washington

At Barons, the goal is to produce ultra-premium world-class wines with intense character and superior aging potential. Since their inaugural vintage in 2001, their winemaker Matthew Loso (former winemaker/owner of Matthews Estate) continues to source grapes from the top vineyards in the Columbia Valley as well as Red Mountain appellations.

Barons' currently produces four wines: Barons Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Barons Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Barone and Barons Columbia Valley Sauvignon Blanc. While vintages are normally available only to a private mailing list, you may sometimes find their wines in select wine shops and fine restaurants.

Barons 2009 Vine & Sun - Red Wine Columbia Valley, Washington

This wine is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot. It is red-ruby in color. Currant, tobacco, cedary oak, licorice and fresh herbs on the nose and palate. Juicy, dry and firmly built, with modest flesh and pliancy. The tannins are solid but not hard. This classic if slightly ungingiving cabernet may well loosen up with aging.

Regular Price \$20.99 Club Price \$18.89

Barons V 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, Washington

This wine is a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc. It is deep Garnet in color with aromas of black cherry and cassis. The mid palate is clean and mouth-filling, leading to a finish of mineral, lush-resolved tannins and integrated oak with a hint of candied blackberry. This wine should be showing well at about 7 - 9 years from the vintage date and continue to improve from there. The wine will benefit from a short time in a decanter.

Regular Price \$48.99 Club Price \$44.09

White Wine Lovers Club Selections

Elemental Cellars 2009 Auxerrois Willamette Valley, Oregon

Winemaker Steven Westby has been making wine in the Willamette Valley for nearly 20 years for his primary label, Witness Tree Vineyard. Elemental Cellars is his little side project for cork-dorks, featuring varietals that don't compete with Witness Tree from small batch, single-vineyard contracts throughout the Willamette. These wines are absolute gems and can please old world palates as well as anything from the states!

This wine 100% Auxerrois from the Zenith vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills near Salem. Auxerrois (pronounced OH-ZEHR-WAH) is a very obscure grape originally named for the city of Auxerre in Burgundy and usually used as a blending grape in Alsacian white wines. The nose is immediately enticing with aromas of Asian Lillies, white roses and exotic fruits. Richly textured (from natural French oak fermentation) in the mouth bursting with flavors of pear, nectarine and other orchard fruits followed by mineral flavors and very bright acidity. This wine is a star and needs to be paired with anything involving shellfish or fennel!

Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19

Thistle 2008 Chardonnay Dundee, Oregon

Thistle Wines is the all-consuming passion and project of Jon and Laura Jennison. In 1996 they took a leap of faith and moved their family to Oregon to pursue the dream of making exceptional wine from their own organically-grown vineyard. The kids are taller than mom now but the dream has become reality.

Seduced by the heartbreak grape, they went a bit overboard and set out on a quest that ultimately ended on a beautiful hillside in Dundee, Oregon. They planted their first vines in the rich, red volcanic soil and then nurtured them through their formative years. After a few trials and a tribulation or two, the vines began to reach maturity and provided them with the grapes to make their first wines in 2003. The grapes are grown using organic methods and minimally handled in the cellar to capture the essence of the vineyard in their wine.

Although their particular madness is Pinot Noir, they also make small lots of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc to keep life ever more interesting. Future production will be kept intentionally small so that they can dedicate their time and attention to growing grapes, making wine and enjoying life rather than managing employees.

A deep straw, this unusual Chardonnay has a strong herbal component, with penetrating seed and grass flavors wrapped around tart, green apple fruit. It's a little oxidized, drinking well, but not for cellaring.

Regular Price \$13.99 Club Price \$12.59