



### World of Wine Club Selections

#### About Quinta do Infantado Pinhão, Portugal

This small producer is not very well known, but has been a favorite of many for years.

Quinta do Infantado has been a leader in estate-bottled Ports since 1979. Until that time, all exported Ports had to be shipped in bulk to Vila Nova de Gaia, 60 miles west of the Douro Valley, where they were bottled and shipped. This practice effectively prevented small private producers from exporting their wines, since the cost of running an operation in another town was prohibitive for these vineyard owners. In 1986 the laws were changed.

The Quinta is based in Pinhão, specifically in the subdistrict of Gontelheiro where the best Port vineyards may be found. The estate has been owned by the Roseira family since the end of the 19th century and is now managed by brother and sister, João Roseira, vineyard manager/winemaker, and Catherine Roseira, Chief Executive. The vineyards (terraced, very steep and hard-soiled) are worked in traditional methods.

#### Quinta do Infantado NV Tawny Pinhão, Portugal

Their Tawny Ports are outstanding examples of elegance and richness. The wines are normally from a blend of 2-3 vintages, aged in casks and small 'toneis' (slightly smaller than barrique Bordelaise). The flavors are round and sweet with notes of spiced dried plum and raisins with a bit of cedar and brown sugar.

**Regular Price \$16.99 Club Price \$15.29**

#### Quinta do Infantado NV White Port Pinhão, Portugal

Quinta do Infantado White Port is a young port, aged for three years before release. The gentle sweetness and the tangerine fruit character are typical of this style of port. In Portugal white port is a summertime drink, served chilled or over ice with a twist of lemon. I suggest that you follow this tradition. Accompaniments could be cold seafood or marinated vegetables. (90 Points WE 12/2008)

**Regular Price \$16.99 Club Price \$15.29**

### Red Wine Lovers Club Selections

#### About Domaine de La Côte de l'Ange Châteauneuf du Pape, France

The Mestre family is among the most ancient in Châteauneuf du Pape. Its members come from a long line of wine growers, the vineyard having been passed on from one generation to the next. In the 1960's, Monique and Jean Claude Mestre took over the family brand name and created their own vineyard with some of the vines from the so-called Côte de l'Ange. The Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange is now run by their daughter Corinne and her husband Yannick Gasparri, who are carrying on the business with respect for this age-old wine-growing tradition.

Wine Advocate says, "This estate is at the top of its game, as recent vintages over the last decade have all been very strong. The introduction of the two special cuvees, the Cuvee Vieilles Vignes and the Mourvedre-dominated Secret de L'Ange, provides further evidence of their talent and access to fabulous fruit. The 2010s are brilliant wines across the board"

#### Domaine de La Côte de l'Ange 2010 Côtes du Rhône Châteauneuf du Pape, France

This wine is a dark ruby red color, with superb youthful glints of deep purple. The nose is very fresh, with aromas of violet, black currant and dark fruits, but also of red fruits, cedar and spices. It is light and fresh in the mouth, with a nice balance of roundedness and intensity, banishing on a peppery note combined with dark fruits.

**Regular Price \$19.99 Club Price \$17.99**

#### Domaine de La Côte de l'Ange 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape Châteauneuf du Pape, France

"The 2010 Châteauneuf du Pape is a blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre and 10% Syrah aged in a combination of cement and old wood foudres. The wine has a dense ruby/purple color and a classic nose of blueberries, blackberries, licorice, new saddle leather, roasted meats as well as pepper and spice. It is full-bodied, moderately tannic and impressive. Let it age for another 23 years and drink it over the following 15 or more." (93 points WA 10/2012)

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## Northwest Club Selections

### About Syncline Wine Cellars

#### Lyle, Washington

Poppie and James Mantone met during the harvest of 1997 while working together in the cellar at LaVelle Vineyards (Willamette Valley, Oregon). Shortly after, they had fallen madly in love, married and began plans for a new endeavor: a winery of our own.

Four years later they relocated their home to the Columbia Gorge; where passion for Rhône wines led them to explore the emerging potential of vineyards in the Columbia Valley, Washington.

Inspired by early efforts of Rhone and Burgundy varietals sampled from Washington wineries, Syncline's first vintage consisted of 76 cases of Celilo Vineyards Pinot Noir from vines planted in 1972. The next year, production was increased to include Columbia Valley Syrah and Grenache. At the same time they began working with vineyards to plant Viognier, Mourvedre, Roussanne, Cinsault, Counoise and Carignan.

They have kept production under 5,000 cases annually to ensure intimacy with each barrel and every vine.

#### Syncline 2009 Scintillation Blanc de Blanc Columbia Gorge, Washington

Sean Sullivan in his Washington Wine Report rated the 2009 Scintillation Blanc de Blanc *Excellent*. He described this wine as follows, "A lightly aromatic, appealing wine with brioche, green apple, and spice. The palate has a slightly broader feel than its rosé counterpart with tart fruit flavors. 100% Chardonnay. Celilo Vineyard (1981 planting). Fermented in neutral barrels with native yeast. Bottled for two years en tirage. Disgorged January 2012. Dosage 5g/L. 12.0% alcohol. 200 cases produced." (Excellent, Washington Wine Report 6/27/12)

**Regular Price \$40.99 Club Price \$36.89**

#### Syncline 2009 Scintillation Rosé Columbia Gorge, Washington

Sean Sullivan also rated the 2009 Scintillation Rosé Excellent as well. Here is his review of the Rose, "An aromatically appealing wine with floral notes, strawberry, white grapefruit and brioche. The palate is chock full of white grapefruit flavors and bright acidity. A thoroughly delicious and appropriately named sparkler. 12.0% alcohol. Dosage 9g/L. 35 cases produced." (Excellent, Washington Wine Report 6/27/12)

**Regular Price \$30.99 Club Price \$27.89**

## White Wine Lovers Club Selections

### Domaine Sainte Rose Le Marin 2011 Blanc Languedoc, France

Domaine Sainte Rose is a family owned and run boutique winery near Servian in southern France's Languedoc region. They believe that for too long better-known regions of France have lived off their reputations and not their actual wines. Instead, if you enjoy beautifully crafted wine but are fed up paying for history and reputation, welcome to their new tradition: really great wine, made in the old world using new world methods.

Le Marin is one of the southerly winds that blows into this region from the Mediterranean usually bringing rain, however if the Marin blows and there is no rain it is known as a Marin Blanc. This wine is a blend of Roussanne, Marsanne and Viognier, all of which thrive in dry climate conditions and which benefit greatly from a helpful Marin Blanc.

This wine is a pale gold color. Highlights of white melon, pear drops and sweet vanilla greet the nose. On the palate the wine has good acidity and balance up front followed by rich, caramel flavours and a glycerol-smooth finish.

**Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19**

### Château Ducasse 2011 Blanc Bordeaux, France

Hervé Dubourdiou's easy charm and modest disposition are complemented by his focus and ferocious perfectionism. He prefers to keep to himself, spending most of his time with his family in his modest, tasteful home, surrounded by his vineyards in the Sauternes and Graves appellations. Roûmieu-Lacoste, situated in Haut Barsac, originates from his mother's side of the family, dating back to 1890. He also owns Château Graille-Lacoste and Château Ducasse, where he grows grapes for his Graves Blanc and Bordeaux Blanc, respectively. In the words of Dixon Brooke, "Hervé is as meticulous a person as I have encountered in France's vineyards and wineries. Everything is kept in absolutely perfect condition, and the wines showcase the results of this care – impeccable."

This wine is a blend of 60% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon Blanc and 5% Muscadelle. It is pale in color and streaked with vibrant minerals, Ducasse's Bordeaux blanc also has a juicy roundness. The combination makes for a wine that is easy pair with many dishes—from lunch fare to shellfish or enjoy it on its own before dinner.

**Regular Price \$18.99 Club Price \$17.09**