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### World of Wine Club Selections

#### About Eradus Wines

##### Marlborough, New Zealand

Har and Sophie Eradus arrived from Holland and settled in Auckland in 1982, entering into the NZ flower industry. 20 years later and the family decided to move on in search of a quieter life, settling in Marlborough's Awatere Valley. The first vintage release was a 2002 Sauvignon Blanc and the family have not looked back since. In 2004, Har and Sophie passed the reins to their children Hanna and Michiel Eradus.

Eradus is a focused winery, with just three wines in the stable, a Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and a Pinot Noir. Between the 3 wines, over just 8 vintages, the winery has won at least 17 gold medals/equivalent and a trophy.

Today there are twelve hectares of mainly Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir vineyards, the most impressive of which are planted on undulating, stony terraces along the Awatere river valley. Closer to the ocean than much of the Marlborough wine region, the Awatere's warm days, cool nights and dry, sunny climate are key to the luminous flavour intensity, elegant minerality and fresh acidities of Eradus' distinctive wines. The Eradus estate is now run by son Michiel, whose affable, easy-going demeanour belies a fierce perfectionist focused on pushing every boundary in pursuit of quality and balance, the Eradus mantra.

#### Eradus 2010 Pinot Noir

##### Awatere Valley, New Zealand

Although this wine doesn't fit the Marlborough stereotype, it is pretty, delicate and complex. Hints of decaying leaves add an intriguing layer of interest to the peppery strawberry-rhubarb fruit. The tannins are supple enough to suggest drinking this wine over the next few years.

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

#### Eradus 2011 Pinot Gris

##### Awatere Valley, New Zealand

The 2011 Pinot Gris is subtly scented of apples and pears with a whiff of bread. Dry, medium bodied and with a decent amount of fruit, it has a medium to long finish. Drink it now to 2014.

**Regular Price \$15.99 Club Price \$14.39**

### Red Wine Lovers Club Selections

#### About Dei

##### Montepulciano, Italy

This estate was established in 1964 when Alibrando Dei, the grandfather of Caterina, purchased Bossona where he planted a vineyard (from which Dei's top wine, Vino Nobile Riserva Bossona, is made). In 1973 the Martiena property was added together with the beautiful villa which was restructured in the 1930s by the well known architect Piacentini.

During the first years the grapes were sold. The family then decided to start making wine and in 1985, which was an exceptional vintage, a cellar was rented in the centre of the town of Montepulciano and the first bottles of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano were produced. In 1989 a cellar with modern equipment was built next to the villa. Caterina has personally managed the estate since 1991 when she left her career in the theatre and she has been supported since 1992 by the talented oenologist Nicolò d'Afflito.

The vineyard extension is 136 acres, divided between the zones of Martiena, Bossona, La Ciarliana and La Piaggia on the slopes of the hill of Montepulciano. The varietals grown are mainly the ones utilized in the blend of the estate's Vino Nobile: Sangiovese and Canaiolo.

#### Dei 2010 Rosso Di Montepulciano

##### DOC Montepulciano, Italy

This wine is a blend of 90% Sangiovese 5% Canaiolo nero and 5% Merlot. The color is Bright ruby red with scents of fresh fruit, cherry and plum on the nose. The flavors are round, soft, quite tannic with a medium bodied. Suitable to be served with all dishes but best with pasta dishes and hors d'oeuvres. (90 Points IWC 7/2012 and 90 Points WS)

**Regular Price \$21.99 Club Price \$19.79**

#### Dei 2009 Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano

##### DOCG Montepulciano, Italy

International Wine Cellar describes this wine as "Ruby-red. Red cherry, raspberry and sweet spices on the pretty nose. Then rich and sweet in the mouth, with creamy red fruit flavors framed on the back end by rising tannins. Outstanding entry-level Nobile. (91 Points IWC 7/2012 and 91 Points WA 6/2012)

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## Northwest Club Selections

### About Mackey Vineyards Walla Walla, Washington

Extraordinary wines come from extraordinary vineyards. In 2007, Roger Mackey and his brother Philip said goodbye to a conventional life in California and as bonheur, or good fortune, would have it, they discovered a small farm with apple orchards and grape vines, and traded their dress suits for a tractor and a plow. The brothers brought the established but ailing vineyard with amazing soils back to life, and from this land, the family owned Mackey Vineyards is dedicated to extremely small production of estate grown Bordeaux varietals.

Mackey Vineyards is dedicated to French style production and winemaking methods to achieve uncompromising expression of terroir, that ineffable quality that links the wines to the unique land where the grapes are grown. Mackey Vineyards produces wines of restraint, balance and finesse, turning every meal and every day into a celebration.

Mackey Vineyard is located in the highly coveted southeast part of the Walla Walla Valley in a deep canyon on the south fork of the Walla Walla River. The site itself is reminiscent of the prized vineyards of Bordeaux with river rock studded soils, and higher elevation, which provides not only frost protection, but moderate temperatures ideal for French-style wines.

### Mackey Vineyards 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, Washington

The wine exhibits a deep garnet color with exuberant aromatics, beautiful structure, complexity, and length. The bouquet offers cassis, earth, truffle, and mint. The palate's silky texture and fine tannins envelop flavors of cassis, blackberry, dark plum, mocha, mint, minerals, and earth. The resonant, silky finish lingers for well over a minute. This vibrant, elegantly structured Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the beautiful terroir of Columbia Valley. (90 Points WA 8/2010, Gold - 2011 Seattle Wine Awards & Excellent - Sean Sullivan's Washington Wine Report)

**Regular Price \$34.99 Club Price \$31.49**

### Mackey Vineyards 2009 Merlot Columbia Valley, Washington

This 100% Merlot (58.4% Dionysus Vineyard and 41.6% DuBrul Vineyard) has gorgeous aromatics of black cherry, black plum, espresso, vanilla, sage, mint, and earth. On the palate the primary fruit components of raspberry, black cherry, and black plum are delicately balanced with notes of grilled meat, scorched earth, dark chocolate, espresso, and vanilla. The seamless, silky tannins and elegant texture lead into a rich, lingering finish of raspberry, tobacco, and vanilla. Properly cellared, the wine should hit maturity in 7-9 years and provide excellent drinking for approximately 15-20 years. (93 Points IWC 11/2012 & Double Gold - 2012 Seattle Wine Awards)

**Regular Price \$39.99 Club Price \$35.99**

## White Wine Lovers Club Selections

### Cloudlift Cellars 2011 Updraft Columbia Valley, Washington

Cloudlift Cellars Updraft is a white Bordeaux-style blend that goes with anything!

Whether you're hungering for curry or grilled pork chops, Updraft pairs nicely, with enough fruit to make you feel like Summer and enough structure to complement your meal. Savor a glass before dinner at a table outside, or serve Updraft with a platter of grilled shrimp or a roast chicken.

The 64% Sauvignon Blanc steps up and takes control of the nose and palate, while the 36% Semillon adds a subtle back bone.

The wine spends seven months in oak, adding some toast notes and depth. The result is balanced and versatile, with refreshing flavors that complement a variety of cuisines.

Updraft offers scents of spring green grass, green apple and just a hint of boxwood, along with vanilla and lemon notes. On the palate, it has a tart, citrus acidity, with more green apple, apricot, honey, and minerality.

Updraft is a wonderful glass to raise as you celebrate Summer.

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

### Tildio 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Columbia Valley, Washington

Milum and Katy Perry are the owners of Tildio winery. They purchased the vineyard property in 2001. It is a beautiful sloped 8 acres overlooking Roses Lake in a tranquil valley about 1 mile from Lake Chelan.

Katy, a Washington native, is a 1990 graduate of UC Davis with degrees in Enology and Viticulture. She started her wine industry career at the Robert Mondavi Winery in Napa as an intern in 1989, and over the following 12 years had the opportunity to work with great winemakers at Geyser Peak Winery, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and MacRostie Winery. Katy moved to Washington in 2000 to become the Assistant Winemaker for Chateau Ste Michelle before moving to Manson.

Milum's passion with wine dates back to the 80's. As a competitive cyclist, he trained riding his bike past vineyards of old vine Zinfandel in the Amador county foothills of California. This led to a fascination for great wines and an appreciation for the beauty of the vineyards. Working two harvests as cellar master in a small winery helped round out his skills and experience.

The 2012 Sauvignon Blanc's fruit was sourced from Lonesome Spring Ranch vineyard. Vibrant tropical aromas and flavors burst from this wine. A perfect Summer companion. Slightly sweet to balance the nice acidity.

**Regular Price \$21.99 Club Price \$19.79**