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World of Wine Club Selections

About Pico Maccario Piemonte, Italy

The rose has always been the symbol of Pico Maccario.

Associated with the twin themes of passion and rebirth, it has been said that it possesses the virtue of being able to repair the damage done while drunk and by the indiscreet, revelatory consequences of the alcohol.

Roses still decorate and beautify Pico Maccario's vineyards with their presence today making a walk through the vine rows a memorable experience, but their function does not begin and end there.

Few know the importance of rose bushes in a vineyard, once upon a time utilized for the early detection of developing vine diseases. Delicate and extremely sensitive, roses easily catch these diseases and, with their appearance, of parasites which will soon attack the vines. It is an elegant, precious flower, and well known to everyone. But even a rose can reserve surprises. Major and unexpected surprises....

Pico Maccario 2012 Lavignone Barbera D'Asti DOCG, Italy

This intense ruby red wine is 100% Barbera. It is intense and charming, with a wide ranging of aromas of cherry, plum and red berries. It is complex with good structure, harmonious and prolonged finish.

Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19

Pico Maccario 2012 Estrosa Monferrato DOC, Italy

This wine is a blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Favorita. It is straw yellow with light golden nuances. The wine is intense with a remarkable delicacy and a pleasant flowered note. Full and enticing with a remarkable freshness and a good integration of the grapes.

Regular Price \$19.99 Club Price \$17.99

Red Wine Lovers Club Selections

About Decoy Saint Helena, California

Since the inaugural vintage of Decoy Napa Valley Red Wine more than 20 years ago, Decoy has taken an important place in the Duckhorn Wine Company family of wines. With a reputation for delivering great quality at a remarkable price,

Decoy has established a loyal following for its distinctive style, which emphasizes ready-upon-release wines that are capable of expressing their full charm and complexity in their youth. Building on this foundation, Decoy has evolved from being a single wine that supported the Duckhorn Vineyards brand to being a supporting brand for the entire Duckhorn Wine Company portfolio. Today, in addition to the Decoy Red, the Decoy lineup includes a Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc—all of which are appellation-designated, and highlight Decoy's commitment to producing attractively priced wines made from exceptional vineyard sources.

Decoy 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County, California

This Cabernet Sauvignon is blended with 10% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. It was aged for 12 Months in 100% French Oak of which 35% was new Oak. The 2012 vintage has yielded a lush and appealing expression of Decoy Cabernet with alluring black cherry and raspberry jam aromas, as well as more subtle notes of nutmeg, spice and chocolate. On the palate, lovely layers of raspberry and plum are supported by excellent structure and seamlessly integrated oak.

Regular Price \$26.99 Club Price \$24.29

Decoy 2012 Merlot Sonoma County, California

This Merlot is blended with 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc. It was aged in 100% French Oak Château-Style Barrels (60 Gallons). Lovely Merlot aromas of strawberry compote, plum and cherry wood are supported by hints of clove and cinnamon from the well-integrated oak. The red fruit continues on the palate with layers of fresh strawberry and raspberry. Bright acid lengthens the finish, which concludes with soft, mature tannins.

Regular Price \$26.99 Club Price \$24.29

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Northwest Club Selections

About Cadence Winery Seattle, Washington

Cadence winery is an artisan winery in South Seattle. The winery is the work of Ben Smith and his wife Gaye McNutt. Cadence often flies under the radar, but are know for wines that stand out amongst the crowd!

Ben Smith was a mechanical engineer at Boeing when he decided to pursue his interest in winemaking. He joined the Boeing Wine Club, made his first wine in a five gallon carboy and entered it into a competition. His first wine from that carboy ended up winning the competition and a new career was started.

Cadence's first commercial vintage was in 1998. Their focus is red Bordeaux varietals from sought after Red Mountain vineyards like Ciel du Cheval, Taptiel and their own estate vineyard, Cara Mia. They stick to what they know producing two estate vineyard blends, two vineyard designate blends and their second label "Coda". Smith's focus on detail shines through in all his wines, which makes Cadence a winery to watch.

Cadence 2011 Coda Red Mountain, Washington

Coda is the second label of Cadence winery. It is the home for barrels not essential to the estate or vineyard blends.

This wine is a blend of 34% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot, 20% cabernet franc and 14% petit verdot. Stephen Tanzer described this wine as "Medium red. Aromas of redcurrant, blueberry, blackberry, pepper, bitter chocolate, menthol and nutty oak, accented by hints of violet and tea leaf. Ripe and smooth yet cool, with an herbal lift and very good vinosity to the flavors of blackberry, blueberry and violet. Juicy, elegant, youthful wine, finishing with smooth tannins and lingering flavors of red fruits, flowers and herbs. Today this is very dominated by its cabernet content." (90 points IWC 11/2013, 89-91 points WA 6/2013)

Regular Price \$26.99 Club Price \$24.29

Cadence 2010 Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Red Red Mountain, Washington

This wine is a blend of 39% cabernet franc, 33% cabernet sauvignon, 17% petit verdot and 11% merlot. Stephen Tanzer describes this wine at "Bright medium red. Pungent aromas of red berries, blueberry and sandalwood lifted by a violet high tone. Very pure and penetrating, boasting superb fruit intensity and precision. Finishes firmly tannic, perfumed and very long, with excellent vinosity and grip. A lovely pure expression of Ciel du Cheval terroir, this wine is still a baby and should be at its best in five or six years." (94 points IWC 11/2012, 92 Points WA 6/2013)

Regular Price \$48.99 Club Price \$44.09

White Wine Lovers Club Selections

Vivanco 2011 Blanco Rioja, Spain

Located in Briones, La Rioja in northern Spain, the Vivanco winery, museum, and foundation is a triumvirate of wine resources built according to the vision of the Vivanco family to "give back to wine what wine has given us." Third generation Pedro Vivanco is credited with expanding the family business from wine merchant to winery, earning a degree in enology to become one of Spain's first certified winemakers. Today, he is joined by his sons, with Rafael serving as winemaker and Santiago overseeing the museum and foundation.

Vivanco is dedicated to producing wines using only native grapes vinified using traditional techniques. Through extensive research and experimentation, Rafael has revived nearly extinct varietals and traditional wines that accurately reflect La Rioja's history of winemaking.

Vivanco is pioneering the use of Tempranillo Blanco, a natural mutation of the popular red varietal exclusive to Rioja grown in limited quantities. Blended with other native varietals, Viura and Malvasia, this white is fresh with crisp aromas of green apple and peach backed by subtle hints of grass. Citrus and tropical fruit flavors flood the palate. Vinified entirely in stainless steel, enjoy this well-balanced wine while young.

Regular Price \$15.99 Club Price \$14.39

Valmiñor 2011 Albariño "Edición Especial 10 Años" Rías Baixas, Spain

One of the newcomers, Adegas Valmiñor was founded in 1997 and is based in Rosal and boasts a new, ultramodern winery that produces 25,000 cases yearly of 100% Albariño "Valmiñor". (Note: "Adegas" means "bodegas" [winery] in the local Galician dialect). Owner, Carlos Gomez, makes about 3 different white wines, but Albariño is his speciality.

Carlos Gómez started Valmiñor in 1997 and headed up the project to build and open the new facilities in 2001. A trained executive with extensive experience in the wine business, Carlos founded Valmiñor and has since continued to expand the group's capacity to include Bodegas Ebano in Ribera del Duero in 2004, and more recently acquired a second Rías Baixas producer, Viñas o Torroxal. Today the group also includes a distribution company, as well as an agricultural services organization.

This wine has a yellow straw color. On the nose, the wine shows intense fruity aromas of fresh grapefruit, apricot and melon. In the mouth, Valmiñor combines fruity flavors and freshness with a rounded acidity, resulting in a balanced wine that boasts an opulent taste with elegant aromas and slight spritziness. (90 points IWC 9/2012)

Regular Price \$21.99 Club Price \$19.79