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## July/August Selections

### CUNE MONOPOLE 2016

Decades ago you could find this wine everywhere in Spain. It's about time it made it to the US! This wine is a delicious white wine made from the Viura grape. It is fermented in stainless steel tanks and is full of fresh flavors of citrus and flowers.

\$12.99 reg \$12.99 club

### BIELER PERE&FILS ROSE 2016

We are smack in the middle of Rosé season. This lovely Rosé from the classic Rosé region of Provence is just what you need. Made from Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Rolle, it will keep you happy during the hot days of summer. It's all here—crisp flavors, red fruits, and savory.

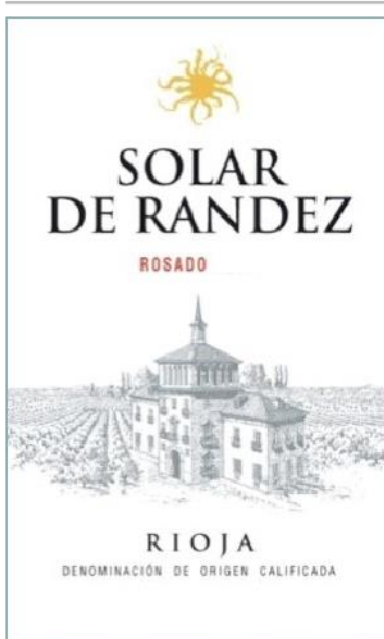
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### TAMARI MALBEC 2014

Malbec has been synonymous with Argentina for a long time. Tamari means "to live passionately" in the language of the Huarpe people indigenous to the area. This is a wine that is rich and flavorful. It has a bit of Syrah in it but the majority is pure Malbec. It has "red fruit flavors framed by notes of cinnamon and almonds".

\$12.99 reg \$11.00 club

**TRIO \$35.98**



### SOLAR DE RANDEZ ROSADO 2016

This tasty Rosé comes from Rioja, a place well known for its red wines. This wine is made from Grenache, Tempranillo, and Viura grapes. It is aged in stainless steel (no oak) and what we get is a very smooth and refreshing wine. The winery describes it as having "aromas of raspberry, cher-

ry, and watermelon, all mixed in a refreshing explosion. Volume and smoothness are coupled with red berries. Strong presence in the mouth with a cool refreshing finish". \$14.99/bottle

*"Beer is made by men, wine by God"—Martin Luther*



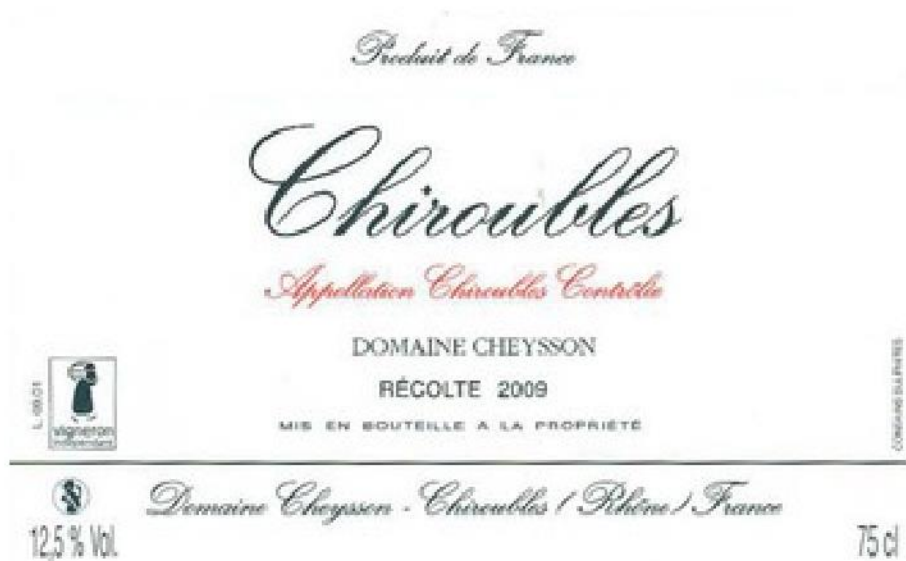
### BLANCO NIEVA VERDEJO 2015

The Rueda region is in the middle of Spain and only white wines are allowed to be produced there. Blanco Nieva's vineyards are very old and some of their wines are made from pre-phylloxera vines.

The Verdejo grape doesn't get a lot of attention in the United States but it should because it is a great alternative to Pinot Grigio. This Verdejo offers the same easy drinkability that the famous wine from Italy does.

The winery is run by the young scion Manuel Gonzalez and the enthusiasm brought by the new generation is evident in this wine.

The wine has an aroma of citrus and a mouthfeel that is "round and zesty" with "grapefruit and pear flavors with notes of white pepper". The vineyard practice is to dry farm and although they are not certified organic, all of their practices are. \$15.99/bottle



### DOMAINE EMILE CHEYSSON CHIROUBLES 2015

If the first thing you think of when you think Beaujolais is Beaujolais Nouveau, we'd like to introduce you to the real world of Beaujolais. The region of Beaujolais is a large and diverse region that is also comprised of 10 different communes referred to as Beaujolais Cru—they include Saint Amour, Julienas, Chenas, Moulin-A-Vent, Fleurie, Morgan, Regnie, Brouilly, Cote de Brouilly and of course Chiroubles. Each commune is unique when it comes to terroir but they all have one thing in common: the grape Gamay.

A very long time ago the vineyards of Cheysson belonged to an abbey; it became a winery in 1870.

This wine is made in the traditional way and not by carbonic maceration (a method that produces wines that are fruity and not long lasting). Per Cynthia Hurley, the importer, the wine is "known for its definition and pure fruit. It is also structured which makes it a serious wine. Domaine Cheysson is a 36-hectare estate. It is considered one of the best sources for Chiroubles and certainly the number of bottles I've emptied over the years supports that".

\$23.99/bottle

### Trappistes Rochefort #10

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Rochefort is in the southern part of Belgium and has been brewing since 1595. "Maximum flavors on all fronts. Deep brown color, notes of malt, spice, leather, port wine; a huge beer with all flavor components in perfect balance". Serving Suggestions (per the brewery): Lamb shanks with juniper

berries ,  
wild chan-  
terelle  
mush-  
rooms,  
truffles or  
dishes  
with in-  
tensely  
reduced  
sauces.  
11.3% abv



\$6.50/11.2  
oz



### BANSHEE PINOT NOIR 2014

This Pinot Noir has broken into the crowded field of one of the most celebrated grapes in the world. The wine comes from Sonoma County California with a good portion coming from Sonoma Coast.

The 2014 vintage, according to the winemaker, was the kind that allowed them to make wine "based on ideals rather than forced circumstances".

It "strikes a balance between both red and blue fruits, notably Bing cherry and Asian plum...fruit characteristics...coastal moss, fresh wild mushrooms and spice...the wine has good carry-through from front to finish, with lively acidity to keep it light on its feet".

\$22.99/bottle



### SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG RIESLING FEINHERB GELBLACK 2015

Once decoded, German labels are easy. In this case Schloss Johannisberg refers to the winery and the single vineyard in which the Riesling grape is grown. Feinherb, according to the Wine Folly website, is "an unofficial term to describe an off-dry wine similar to halbtrocken". Gelblack refers to their quality level which is QBA.

This is also one of the best German wineries. Their wines are second to none. Pretty pear and white flowers on the nose describe this wine. If you want to step up your Riesling game, this is your bottle.

\$31.99/bottle



### DUPONT CALVADOS VIEILLE RESERVE

Apples have a special place in Normandy, where Calvados comes from. Calvados is a spirit made from apples which are fermented into a cider and then distilled. The designation Vieille Reserve refers to old reserve and the Calvados has been aged in oak barrels for four years. The flavors are intense yet elegant. You can drink it on its own, over ice or with a bit of water to release the aromas. A delicious and different adventure.

\$48.99/bottle

## CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE 2010

The Bordeaux region of France is quite large and often the focus has been on the famous names and estates. Once you look at the map and realize that there are many wineries and the distances between them, you start to get a sense of just how diverse this famous wine region is.

Bordeaux estates can seem like fairy tales and the ownership of Clos de L'Oratoire sounds just like one. It is owned by Stephan von Neipperg and his wife Sigweis. Their heritage is German (including an earldom) but their destiny lies squarely in Bordeaux; Saint-Emilion to be more precise.

Saint-Emilion is a wine producing region in the southwestern part of France. It is known for its grand cru wines and for not being part of the 1855 classification of Bordeaux wines. It has its own classification which was first done in 1955 and (unlike the 1855) it is revised on a regular basis.

The Clos de L'Oratoire vineyard is only about 13 hectares, composed of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc and the average age of the vines is 35 years old. Merlot does particularly well due to the sandy/clay soil.

Everything at this estate is done with the utmost quality in mind. Small crates are used in harvesting to avoid injuring the grapes. The 2010 vintage was composed of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc.

"It displays loads of Christmas fruitcake, licorice, incense, black cherry and black currant liqueur with some smoky barbecue notes as well as hints of coffee bean and chocolate. Sexy, full-throttle and impossible to resist already, it should continue to drink well for 15 or more years, and I don't anticipate this particular wine closing down".—94 points  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate

\$85.99/bottle



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tion of wine and craft  
beer and we can also ad-  
vise you on your spirited  
beverage needs.

## ICE

One of the most important aspects of making drinks and serving wine is temperature. We don't often think about temperature unless the temperature is in some way not right.

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