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**NOVEMBER /DECEMBER SELECTIONS**

**JAMES BRYANT HILL PINOT NOIR 2016**

As Pinot Noir gets more popular it is harder to find a bargain. This Central Coast California wine delivers on everything you may want. Only a portion is aged in new French oak so that the fruit factor of this wine comes through. We agree with their description of “lush and silky texture with raspberry aromas that lead into bright currant and cherry flavors and a long finish”.

\$12.99 regular      \$10.99 club

**SHARPE HILL CONNECTICUT VINEYARD RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2017**

Are you planning to source many local things for Thanksgiving? If so you may want to consider a local wine. This Chardonnay from a winery in Pomfret, CT will serve as both aperitif and an accompaniment to food. It is a full bodied wine that will please Chardonnay drinkers and make them think twice about the great resources we have nearby.

\$14.99 regular      \$13.49 club

**COSIMO TAURINO SALICE SALENTINO 2010**

Talk about a great bargain! This 9 year old wine from a winery that has a long history and great reputation is perfect for any night. It is a “spicy, rich Rosso from the best producer in the heel of Italy’s boot, Puglia. Flavors of cherries follow through to a long satisfying finish”

\$13.99 regular      \$12.99 club      **Triplet \$37.47**



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### YVES BOYER-MARTENOT MEURSAULT “LES NARVAUX” 2017

In France in the region of Burgundy the premier grape is Chardonnay, but you rarely see the name of the grape on the label. Instead you will see the name of the village, in this case, Meursault. This one comes from the single vineyard of Les Narvaux and of course is 100% Chardonnay. This is the kind of wine that may make you say you like Chardonnay even if you haven't really liked it in the past. This is about location and soil and not just the grape. On the nose there is an intensity of roasted almonds and walnuts. On the palate it has an “elegant long fruity flavor; white fruits and spices with a floral complexity. Infusion of opposites; lemon, grapefruit and the presence of ‘terroir’”. A real treat.

\$65.99/bottle

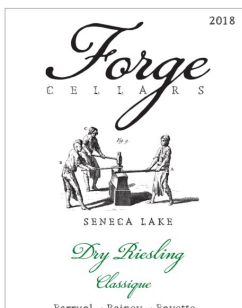
### CHATEAU POUJEAUX 2014



The region of Bordeaux France is well known for producing many famous and quite often expensive wines. Here we'd like to introduce you to one that has a long history and great pedigree. This one from the Moulis-en-Medoc region is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petite Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc. The wine is aged for about 12 months in 30% new barrels. This is a wine that you don't have to wait to drink. You can buy some for now and some for later to see how it develops in the bottle. The chateau describes it as “the nose is already very expressive, delicate and complex where both dark fruit aromas live together with floral notes. In the mouth, the wine is dense and the tannins are supple and silky. Due to a nice complexity, a pretty delicacy and a long persistence, we should not wait too long before enjoying to drink this wine”!

\$38.99/bottle

### FORGE DRY RIESLING CLASSIQUE 2018



Oh Riesling how we love you! We have loved you sweet and slightly sweet...but have you tried dry Riesling? Dry Riesling has all of the wonderful qualities you love about Riesling but to put it simply, less sugar. This wine is made in Seneca Lake New York and it is a collaboration between some French winemakers and their American partners. Forge gleefully describes this wine as “combining aromas of mineral and fruit and it delivers a balanced texture that is straightforward while being both long and soft”. Although this vintage has yet to be reviewed please note that the four previous vintages have all scored 91-92 points in the Wine Spectator.

\$19.99/bottle

### L'ECOLE MERLOT 2013

No matter what happens in the wine world Merlot remains a very popular grape and Washington state is known for making great ones. This Columbia Valley wine is mostly Merlot with some Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petite Verdot in the mix. The aromas are a mix of dark berries and a little mint. It is an intense full bodied Merlot with generous complexity. It is a wine that “delivers with great structure, color, and balanced acidity”.

\$29.99/bottle



### ARTERBERRY MARESH DUNDEE HILLS PINOT NOIR 2015

To many, Oregon means Pinot Noir. The climate, soil and terroir lend themselves to growing a grape that is a challenge to grow in many places. The Dundee Hills where this winery is located is “slightly warmer and drier than surrounding microclimates, these balanced volcanic, silty-clay-loam soils both retain moisture and drain well. It is amongst this background that Jim Maresh has selected sites of predominantly old-vine, own-rooted and non-irrigated Pinot Noir...” This is the kind of Pinot that can sit alongside French Pinots and hold its own.

\$30.99/bottle

*Arterberry Maresh*

### LUSTAU VERMUT ROSE NV

It is finally time for vermouth to have its turn at popularity. Quite often vermouth has played understudy to the many spirits that have had a star turn. No more. Vermouth, which in Spain is spelled Vermut, has captured the market with its diversity, new styles and old. In this case the famous sherry house of Lustau in southwestern Spain has revived the excellence of Vermut. This rose Vermut is composed of Palomino, Moscatel and Tintilla de Rota grapes. Per Lustau it is the “perfect blend of three wines: a dry and crisp Fino sherry, a floral and sweet Moscatel and a lively and fruity Tintilla de Rota wine”. The aromas and flavors? Oh they are delicious “floral and herbaceous notes mingle with fruity and spiced scents on the nose. Seductive wild strawberry, orange blossom and patisserie aromas with a subtle nutty background”. How to drink it? In a glass with some tonic and a slice of pink grapefruit as suggested by Lustau. We are also thinking what if you added some gin to that?...something like the Glendalough Rose Gin we wrote about last week. Rose season is not over.

\$20.99/bottle





### DOMAINE TEMPIER BANDOL ROSE 2017

As we mentioned somewhere else in this newsletter...Rose season is not over! The love of Rose has expanded into later parts of the year and we are loving it. We are also loving it because we get more chances to drink this fantastic bottle of wine from one of the original great cult wine makers of France. This wine is a blend of 55% Mourvedre, 25% Grenache, and 20% Cinsault. The winery likes to say that “the presence of Mourvedre gives this wine its strong character, balance and complexity. An intense fruit and floral nose make this an attractive rose. The palate is rounded and full with fruity aromas of peach and pomegranate, followed by delicate spice notes and a pleasant freshness created by acidic balance”.

\$40.99/bottle



### ESTANCIA DISTILLERY RAICILLA

Are you a fan of tequila? Do you like mezcal? Has sotol joined your vocabulary of favorite Mexican spirits? Well, we'd like to add another one. Raicilla—it literally means little root. It is an agave based spirit made in the region of Jalisco. The agave pinas are roasted in an adobe oven, crushed and placed in oak barrels where the fruit naturally ferments with wild yeasts. Once that has happened it is “double distilled in copper alembic stills to create Estancia’s aromatic Raicilla.” From the agave fruit you get “a bouquet of light citrus and floral aromas that are joined by notes of hibiscus, beach plum, and pineapple. In comparison to its agave cousins, Tequila and Mezcal, Raicilla is considered the most fragrant and floral spirit in the agave family”. You can use Raicilla as a substitute in a Margarita or a Paloma or you can do what the distillery suggests: Mix it with coconut water and shaved ice for a refreshing drink.

\$45.99/ bottle

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## 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.

Think about the cube of ice you need for the shaken martini or the block of ice you need for the summer party punch. Either way you want ice that is pure, clean and brilliant.

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