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Dear K&L Wine Club Members,

I always enjoy writing this newsletter since it allows me to slow down, sit down, and take a deep breath. I am once again very excited about the monthly selections!

For all of you Cabernet Sauvignon lovers, the Signature Red Club has what you desire this month. We start with the newest vintage from Buehler Vineyards, a small, family-owned winery that Robert Parker has said was making one of Napa's best values in Cabernet Sauvignon year in and year out. The 2014 Buehler Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with fruit, rich and layered. Once again, it's an off-the-charts offering from Buehler. We pair this amazing value with the 2012 Dancing Hares "Mad Hatter" Napa Valley Red, a Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant blend from Howell Mountain vineyards. Rich, round and harmonious with great fruit and chocolate nuances, this fantastic red is a great companion to the Buehler.

This month the Premium Club has wines from two of my favorite producers. I've been a fan of Caymus Conundrum since the mid 1990s, and we have the latest and greatest vintage for you this month. The 2014 Conundrum Blanc has ripe tropical notes and also earthy undertones that make this versatile white wine a winner. Another perennial favorite is the 2013 Capcanes Costers del Gravet Monstant Spain, which deftly blends Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan and Grenache from vineyards located a stone's throw from Priorat. Rich and full-bodied, this red feels like a mythical blend of a Priorat and a Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy these two wines with company and celebrate the incredible diversity of the wine world.

Our Best Buy Club has two wines that perfectly illustrate what we are all about. We start off with the 2014 Kalinda Dry Creek Valley Chardonnay. Clyde and I tasted through hundreds of samples before finding this wine. It's an outstanding bargain. Our second choice is the 2014 Château Fontana Bordeaux Rouge, an amazing value we tasted in April while in Bordeaux. This realistically priced Bordeaux will knock your socks off; it easily competes with Napa Valley wines at twice its price. These discoveries only happen because of the access K&L has gained in 40 years in the business.

As I write this, Greg St. Clair, our intrepid Italian buyer, is once again scouring Italy for great wines. Luckily for us he already has this month's selections chosen, and are you in for a treat! This month's pairing starts with the 2013 Ca'Viola Barbera Bricchet, a fruit-driven, mineral-laden red that you can pair with lamb, beef or pork *sugo*. The second part of this dynamic duo is the 2014 Edi Keber Collio Bianco, a bright, crisp and mineral-driven white. It's a fine example of the white wine movement in Italy: a gorgeous white that reflects its terroir, at an affordable price.

Our Champagne buyer Gary Westby has truly outdone himself this month with two stellar selections. First off we have the 2009 Egrot (formerly Elisabeth Goutorbe) Brut Grand Cru, a stunning wine from one of our favorite producers. Paired with it is the Pierre Mineral "Mesnil Sous Bois" Brut Blanc de Blancs, a smoking value. This has got to be one of the best Champagne Club shipments ever.

Cheers & Go SF Giants!!

Alex Pross, Wine Club Director, K&L Wine Merchants

Signature Red Collection Wine Club

2012 Dancing Hares “Mad Hatter” Napa Valley Red Wine

Dancing Hares is a collaboration by a very talented group: Tuck and Boo Beckstoffer, Andy Erickson and Michel Rolland. Tuck and Boo Beckstoffer own the land where the grapes for Dancing Hares “Mad Hatter” are grown. It’s a small vineyard in the eastern hills of Napa Valley at the foot of Howell Mountain, with volcanic soil that allows the grapes to reach optimum quality. The Beckstoffer name is famous in Napa Valley. Their numerous vineyard plots dot the landscape and a multitude of high-end clients seek their grapes for cult Cabernet Sauvignons.

Andy Erickson, winemaker at Dancing Hares, has made wine for several renowned wineries: Screaming Eagle, Harlan Estate, Ovid, Newton Vineyards, Spottswoode, Staglin, Favia and Leviathan, to name a few. As one of Napa’s top winemakers, Andy adds expertise to Dancing Hares. And, there’s Michel Rolland. Mr. Rolland is the preeminent consulting oenologist in the world; no one else has consulted for as many top wineries around the world. Between vineyards and winemaking, Dancing Hares has a pretty dynamic force.

The 2012 Dancing Hares “Mad Hatter” Napa Valley Red Blend is 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot aged for 20 months in French oak barrels of which 50% are new. The resulting wine is youthful, forward, expressive and ebullient with pure, uninhibited fruit aromas of black cherry, plum and strawberry. Baking spices and kirsch elements add lift and exciting fragrance. Roundness and polish on the palate make the wine accessible and wholly enjoyable immediately, even with no decanting. The wine has enough density and structure to age ten or more years; however there’s significant enjoyment to be had right now. Antonio Galloni *Vinous* gave this 93 points and Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* gave it 90.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: Please Inquire.



Tuck Beckstoffer grows highly sought-after grapes.

2014 Buehler Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Buehler Vineyards is a small, family-owned Napa Valley winery located in the mountains east of St. Helena. The vineyards, situated north of Pritchard Hill and Conn Valley, near the base of Howell Mountain, are planted primarily to Cabernet Sauvignon. The family has been farming this beautiful estate for thirty-six years and their experience comes through. With low yields, meticulous vineyard management and minimalist winemaking techniques, they create wines of uncommon complexity and depth—and they sell them at reasonable prices.

The grapes for the Estate Cabernet Sauvignon come from their sloped, hillside vineyards on volcanic soils. Three distinct soil types within the estate allow Buehler to impart numerous different characteristics to their wine. The soils lend many facets, giving the Cabernet Sauvignon a Bordeaux feel. The wine is aged for 18



The Buehler family and their winemaking and production team.

months in barrels of which 35% are new French oak and 5% new American oak.

The 2014 Buehler Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a large-scale offering that boasts aromas of black fruits, spice, mocha and a hint of baker's chocolate. The palate is packed with flavors of black cherry, cola, black plums, exotic spice and a touch of milk chocolate on the seamless finish. This is the quintessential California Cabernet Sauvignon. Pair this with rich red meats or other foods that scream for a big Cab.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$19.99 per bottle.

Premium Wine Club

2014 Conundrum "25th Anniversary" California White

It all began back in 1972 when Charlie Wagner Sr. and his wife Lorna co-founded Caymus Vineyards. At dinner, Charlie would constantly mix different varietals together in his glass, to make the perfect blend to enjoy with his meal. Back then nobody in California was making white blends for commercial sale. In fact, only a few were truly on board with red blending. It wasn't until 1989 that Caymus produced the first Conundrum white blend for commercial sale. They purposely kept the blend mysterious. Caymus Conundrum quickly gained acclaim and an almost cult-like following. In my early days as a grocery store wine buyer I had to beg and bargain to get my wine sales representative to sell me more of this highly allocated, sought-after wine. Now on its 25th anniversary, Conundrum is still a great little white blend.

The 2014 Conundrum "25th Anniversary" California White is a blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Muscat Canelli and Viognier sourced from Napa, Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Benito and Tulare counties. Yes, a fascinating wine! Wild aromas of peach, jasmine and lemon curd spring from the glass while on the palate the wine displays flavors of apricot, pear, citrus and lemon meringue pie. A touch of oak adds spice and structure while the pretty acidity and racy minerality nicely mingle with a tinge of sweetness. A perfect foil for spicy Asian cuisine and sushi, this pleasing white can be enjoyed with roast chicken as well. *Wine Spectator* gave it 90 points.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$14.99 per bottle.

2013 Capcanes "Costers del Gravet" Montsant Spain

Capcanes is a village hidden away in the Priorato Hills inland from Tarragona, an area with a long history of grape growing. It was densely planted before the phylloxera insect infestation that devastated most of Europe's vineyard plantings in the mid-to-late 19th century. After phylloxera, only about one-fifth of the area was replanted, mostly to Garnacha (Grenache). Some of those replanted vines still exist today at over 100 years of age.

To compete in the wine market in Spain and globally, five families in this area came together in 1933 and formed a cooperative to handle their production in the most economical and efficient fashion. They sold their grapes in bulk until 1998, but real changes started to happen in 1995 thanks to a large investment of capital and a request from Barcelona's Jewish community to produce a high-quality kosher wine. This led to new winemaking procedures and new equipment, and to the increase in quality we see today.

The 2013 Capcanes "Costers del Gravet" Montsant is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Garnacha and 20% Carignan aged for 12 months in French oak barrels. The wine is a dark ruby red in the



Harvesting grapes at Capcanes.

glass with aromas of mocha, licorice and cranberry. On the palate the wine displays flavors of cherry cola, black cherry, spice and crushed flowers with firm tannins and good acidity. This is a delicious wine. I would pair this stunner with flatbread pizza, grilled chicken or a nice cut of dry-aged beef.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$14.99 per bottle.

Best Buy Wine Club

2014 Chateau Fontana Bordeaux

Going to Bordeaux is always a whirlwind tour. We pretty much go non-stop from appointment to appointment, 7am to 6pm. Then to dinner which helps us get a feel for the latest releases and renew business relations. While evaluating the overall quality of the vintage and considering futures campaigns, we also taste a lot of wines that we may choose to carry, and we also broker deals for our wine clubs if the right wine emerges. When we came across the 2014 Château Fontana Bordeaux, I immediately knew this might be a candidate for a wine club if we could get the right deal made.

The perception of Bordeaux pricing is influenced by the high prices of the classified growths—the wines from only a handful of properties, about 60. The other 99% of Bordeaux wines get lumped in with them and are considered high priced. That's a big injustice. No place in the world makes better Bordeaux-varietal wines for better prices than Bordeaux itself! I love Napa Valley and Sonoma Valley; but especially if we're talking about offerings under \$50, when you compare wines dollar-for-dollar, Bordeaux easily comes out on top. This is why I am so excited to be able to get a fantastic quality Bordeaux wine into the Best Buy Club.

The 2014 Château Fontana Bordeaux is a delicious little Bordeaux made from 60% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc from vineyards in Gensac, in the heart of the highest slopes of the Gironde 15 kilometers from St. Emilion. It is a rich and hearty red with aromas of milk chocolate, spice and red fruits. On the palate the wine displays black fruits and spice notes with a long, silky mocha-tinged finish. A killer value, this ist surpasses most house reds in the same price range.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$9.99 per bottle.

2014 Kalinda Dry Creek Valley Chardonnay

Dry Creek Valley was settled in the 1850s by people who began to grow grapes. As early as 1878, articles were written about wine coming out of this region, nestled just west and north of Healdsburg and west of the Russian River. Many grape varieties were planted there, but by the late 1880s more than half the plantings were Zinfandel. Phylloxera and Prohibition effectively wiped out this bustling wine region, until its rebirth in the 1950s and 1960s. Besides the long-neglected Zinfandel vines, new vines of Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc were planted, and Dry Creek Valley once again began to thrive. While obviously an ideal area to plant Zinfandel, Dry Creek is also great for Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc. A region that is often forgotten what with Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley and the Russian River Valley, the Dry Creek Valley deserves your attention.



Château Fontana. This wine came from vineyards in Gensac.

One of the best parts of my job is tasting wine ... and one of the worst parts of my job is tasting wine. We taste a lot of great stuff but we also taste a lot of wines that aren't so great. We taste numerous tank samples for possible Kalinda labels. The rewarding part is when we finally find a wine that we love and we're able to produce a Kalinda wine. The 2014 Kalinda Dry Creek Valley Chardonnay is a great example of a wine that made the cut.

The 2014 Kalinda Dry Creek Valley Chardonnay is a soft yellow color in the glass with aromas of dry hay, sweet lemon and floral notes. The palate is perfectly balanced with pear, apple and hazelnut flavors nicely mingled against good acidity and firm tannins.

Excellent structure and great length along with just the right touch of oak make this a great daily drinker and an incredibly versatile wine that can be enjoyed as an apéritif or with food.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$9.99 per bottle.



The Dry Creek Valley region has a long history of wine-grape growing.

Club Italiano *Notes by Greg St. Clair, K&L's Italian wine buyer.*

2013 Ca'Viola Barbera d'Alba Bricchet

Beppe Caviola started his career in 1991 by borrowing a tractor. He'd graduated from the Alba Viticulture and Enology school and had been working as a winemaker for a local large winery, and he knew of a small plot of Dolcetto vineyards that he could rent. Beppe made his 1991 wine, and he got introduced to Elio Altare, a well-known Barolo producer. Altare tasted a sample and thought it was good; he said Beppe should bottle it. That was the first Ca'Viola wine, a total production of 860 bottles. Beppe then rented another small vineyard, of Barbera, and continued making wine in his family's garage.

Beppe decided to use his excellent wine tasting skills to try and earn some more money. He was introduced to a couple of producers and he made some suggestions for them, and the results were very good. Soon Beppe was fielding questions from outside the Langhe region. He added a consultancy to his portfolio, and by the year 2002 *Gambero Rosso* voted him their "Enologist of the Year." That year, Beppe and his wife Simonetta bought a large villa just outside the town of Dogliani, about 15 minutes south of Barolo. Here they put it all together: they had a winery, he could do his consultancy, and they opened a B&B in the newly restored villa.

This 2013 Ca'Viola Barbera d'Alba Bricchet is classic Barbera. The nose is full of spice, leather and brambly fruit. On the palate the wine has a crunchy cranberry-like flavor, an archetypal acidic structure that leads to lots of earth, spice and a bit of grip in the finish. An ideal wine for rich pasta dishes or roasted chicken.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$16.99 per bottle.



Winemaker & oenologist Beppe Caviola.

2014 Keber Collio Bianco

Edi Keber's winery sits on the eastern edge of Friuli's most famous wine growing region, the Collio. The Collio (Hill in Italian) is a cross-border wine growing zone. It's called *Brda* in Slovenia, and the Austrians called it *In den Ecken* (in the corners). Edi can see Slovenia from his house. The border is about 275 yards away, less than a short par 4!

Edi and his son Kristian, who is now making the wine, don't think in terms of political boundaries. They think of their land as just vineyard, singular. As the best way to represent the Collio they use only indigenous grape varieties. With this wine, Edi holds to his own tradition. He makes ONE white wine, from ONE vineyard, from THREE different grape varietals.

The structure and richness of the wine comes from Friulano, which is 70% of the blend. (Edi and Kristian still call that grape Tocai Friulano.) That's followed by 15% each of Ribolla Gialla, which gives the wine its snap, vigor and brightness; and Malvasia Istriana, which adds perfume, aromatic complexity and weight. The nose has aromas that are pear-like and the wine is delicately spiced with flavors that remind me of crushed celery seed and bay leaf. This wine has a creamy density and viscosity to it, yet still has a vibrant core of acidic balance. It's capable of aging for many years. I'd serve this with fish that has a meatier texture such as halibut or swordfish. I recently had a Lobster Risotto at a new Oakland restaurant called Belotti. It was so unfortunate I didn't have this wine with me!

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$22.99 per bottle.



The Keber winery is in the Collio, Friuli, near Slovenia.

Champagne Club *Notes by Gary Westby, K&L's Champagne buyer.*

All Grand Cru October I am starting to sound like a broken record—but it is thrilling to be buying for the club with the dollar trading at 1.15 to the euro! This month's shipment includes two pure Grand Cru wines from the two most iconic villages in Champagne: Mesnil and Ay. Both of these wines are the kind of values that I have dreamed of offering, from the time that we first launched the club. If you have need for extra bottles during the holidays, I would strongly recommend loading up on extra.

Pierre Mineral “Mesnil Sous Bois” Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne

The Pierre Mineral “Mesnil Sous Bois” Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne might be the fanciest Champagne that we have ever offered in the club. Although we cannot say so on the website, the wine is in fact the very same as the Philippe Gonet “Roy Soleil” Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne, which sells for \$80 elsewhere in the country, and I could recommend it even for that higher price. This Champagne is made entirely from selected Grand Cru estate fruit from the village of Mesnil. It is fermented and aged in 600-liter new oak casks before being bottled and aged four years on the lees. It has a super-rich nose of vanilla, sourdough toast, and Mesnil minerals. In the mouth it is very racy and dry, not nearly as broad as the super-rich nose suggests. I think this is one of the ultimate lobster Champagnes in our stock. It will repay five years of cellaring with a gorgeous drink. If you love Selosse's Origine and Tarlant's cuvée Louis, this is one to try for sure!

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$34.99 per bottle.

2009 Egrot Brut Grand Cru Champagne

The 2009 Egrot Brut Grand Cru Champagne will give the Mesnil Sous Bois a run for its money on quality, and is in a completely contrasting style. This Champagne used to be called Elisabeth Goutorbe. Elisabeth changed the name over to her married name Egrot when she and her husband moved out of her parents' facility in Ay, and into their own. This 100% Ay Grand Cru Champagne is composed of two-thirds Pinot Noir and one third Chardonnay, all from her estate. The village of Ay is renowned for the powerful Pinot Noir that comes from its pure chalk, precipitously steep south-facing slopes. Although this Champagne has no dosage whatsoever, it is still full and rich due to the exposure of the vineyards and the ripe 2009 vintage. It has a great nose of baguette toast, cream and some of that famous Ay chalk. The finish is long, clean and very dry, but not too strict.

Your re-order price for this wine as a club member is: \$34.99 per bottle.



Elisabeth Egrot in her cellar underneath the Grand Cru of Ay

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Signature Red Club Previous Offerings

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Silver Ghost Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$24.99 per bottle

This is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon with the remaining 25% a mix of Petit Verdot and Merlot. The grapes are sourced from vineyards in Rutherford, Pope Valley and Calistoga from vines averaging 20 years of age. The wine is aged for 24 months in French oak of which 50% is new. The wine is dark red in color with aromas of black cherry, blueberry and cassis. Flavors include black cherry, blackberry, smoked herbs and coffee notes. The wine has phenomenal purity and an opulent texture, with well-integrated tannins and oak accents. This is a sleek, lush wine, hard to resist. Pair this marvel with a New York steak and you will not be disappointed!

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Calluna Vineyards Cuvee Chalk Hill @ \$24.99 per bottle

The 2012 Calluna Vineyards Cuvee Chalk Hill emulates a Right Bank Bordeaux blend. In Bordeaux, the Right Bank is St. Emilion and Pomerol, which lie to the right of the estuary of the river Gironde. The two dominant grape varieties there are Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The 2012 Calluna Vineyards Cuvee is aged for 21 months in French oak, of which 30% is new. The result is a dark red wine with aromas of dark chocolate and crème de cassis and a palate of dark berry fruit, graphite notes, figs, black plums and spice. The wine is fleshy with a long, full finish and

can ideally pair with steak or prime rib. *Wine & Spirits* gave this wine 95 points, and Robert Parker gave it 91.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Carpe Diem Anderson Valley Pinot Noir @ \$24.99 per bottle

The 2013 Carpe Diem Anderson Valley Pinot Noir comes entirely from vineyards in Anderson Valley and is aged for nine months in barrel. The wine has a relatively low alcohol level of 13.7% which plays into the bright, zippy palate of cherries, strawberries and exotic spice notes. The beautiful fruit shows great delineation and complexity while the wine feels energetic and lively on the palate. This wine will pair well with roast chicken and fresh salmon.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Elvio Cogno Barbera “Bricco Merli” d’Alba @ \$24.99 per bottle

This is a fascinating red wine. It has spice, leather and scorched-earth aromas with fresh berry notes. The palate is loaded with black cherry, plum and roasted meat flavors. The acidity is there as are tannins which give the wine energy and body. All of these contribute to making this a great food wine. Because of their relatively high acidity, most Italian red wines (this one included) magically open up and soften when they are paired with food. Pair this with grilled meats, flatbread pizza or a pasta dish with a red sauce. *Wine Enthusiast* and Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* both gave this 90 points, and James Suckling gave it 91 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Mas d’En Compte Red Priorat, Spain @ \$24.99 per bottle

A blend of Garnatxa Negra, Carinyena and Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 14 months in 30% new French oak and 70% in foudres. Packed with dark berry and dark cherry fruit and chocolate notes, this rich, full-bodied red gives California Cabernet Sauvignon a run for its money. Pair this beauty with rich red meats or charcuterie, or just enjoy it on its own.

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Alysian Russian River Pinot Noir @ \$24.99 per bottle

This come from multiple vineyard sources in the Russian River Valley. The Russian River Valley is in my opinion the greatest source of top-notch Pinot Noir outside of Burgundy. That shows in the quality of this wine. It’s packed with ripe strawberry and raspberry flavors. Its aromas have notes of rose petal and fresh sage. This mouthwatering Pinot Noir delivers beautiful fruit and good acidity and balance. Perfect with salmon or fresh spinach salad.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Chante Cigale Châteauneuf-du-Pape @ \$27.99 per bottle

Notes of rich berry fruit, confiture of figs, potpourri and Chinese five-spice powder erupt from the glass, while on the palate fresh blackberries and pipe tobacco prevail. This is worthy of the cellar for a few years, but it’s also superb to enjoy now with hearty stews, cassoulet, or grilled meats. —*Keith Mabry, K&L Rhône/French Regional Buyer*

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Kalinda Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$21.99 per bottle

Terrific in the glass with aromas of black licorice, blackberry kirsch, plums and spice. These intoxicating aromas give way to a palate loaded with fresh-picked blackberries, crème de cassis, spice and rich chocolate notes. Smooth and harmonious with silky tannins and a complex feel, this wine is big. It needs a hour-plus in the decanter to truly be able to strut its stuff. Pair this beauty with filet mignon and a dab of Béarnaise sauce— a heavenly repast.

____ Bottle(s) 2011 Cal Batlet D’Iatra Priorat @ \$24.99 per bottle

Floral notes, crushed rock and hints of black raspberry kirsch spring from the glass followed by a dense core of raspberry jam, black fruits and sweet oak accents. Full and rich with great purity and delineation, this wine shows subtle grace given its size and weight. Pair this beauty with a pan-grilled pork chop or thin-crust pizza. Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* gave this wine 93 points, and Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar* gave it 91.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Mas Alta Artigas Priorat @ \$24.99 per bottle

The 2012 Mas Alta Artigas Priorat had a 94-point score from Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* and a 91-point score from Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar* so not only was it more expensive; it also sold out very, very quickly. With this wine, the 2013 Mas Alta Artigas Priorat, we had the advantage of making the deal before the press had come out. The wine offers gorgeous aromas of licorice, smoke, and black fruits while on the palate it reveals a deep core of blackcurrant, black raspberry and lavender with great purity, sweet tannin and surprising minerality. This wine is an outstanding deal. Pair this stunner with rich red meats or hearty pasta with red sauce.

____ Bottle(s) 2011 Finca Villacreces Ribera Del Duero Spain @ \$24.99 per bottle

Exotic notes of blue and black fruits fall from the glass. With a hedonistic palate of cherry-vanilla coke, spice, smoke, mocha and volcanic earth notes, this full-throttle offering is simply irresistible! Pair this wine with spicy, wood-oven pizzas, a rich cut of filet mignon or a gourmet hamburger. *Vinous* gave this wine 92 points, and Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* gave it 90 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Myka Cellars “Rebecca’s” Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot Noir @ SPECIAL \$14.99/bottle
A delicious wine, packed with pretty berry flavors and aromas of rose and hibiscus, buffered by racy acidity. This is a top-notch offering. The fruit is pure and delineated with just the right amount of tannin and acid balance, and the finish is long, smooth and supple with hints of dried herbs. Pair this beauty with fresh salmon or a roast chicken.

Premium Wine Club Previous Offerings

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Sbragia Vineyards “Home Ranch” Merlot Sonoma @ \$14.99 per bottle
The 2012 Sbragia “Home Ranch” Merlot Sonoma comes from a vineyard that the family has farmed for decades. It surrounds the Sbragia winery and is located in the southern end of Dry Creek Valley. It’s an eight-acre parcel that sits on flat land which was often flooded before the dam was built. As a result the soil is rocky clay loam, perfectly suited to producing great Merlot. This wine is a blend of 95% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. Warm, lush flavors of cherry liqueur are punctuated with notes of bright red currant and rhubarb. The wine has a rich mouth-feel without being a heavyweight. It has notes of dark chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon and an intriguing note of pink peppercorn. The tannins are soft and supple and the wine carries a long, smooth finish. Antonio Galloni *Vinous* gave this wine 89-90 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Herencia Altes “Benufet” Garnacha Blanca Spain @ \$14.99 per bottle
The Spanish wine industry has a lot going for it right now. The wines are very affordable for the quality you get—that’s obviously the most important thing. But along with incredible value there’s an amazing amount of diversity across white, red and sparkling wine varieties. Wineries have incredibly old vines planted as well as young vines, and make wines at every price level. So as you drink more Spanish wines at the affordable level, if you’re intrigued you can then trade up to pricier, higher quality wines. A great mid-tier offering is this 2014 Herencia Altes “Benufet” Granacha Blanca, a step up from the entry-level offerings of Garnacha Blanca. This wine is 95% Garnatxa Blanca (the Catalan name for the grape) with 5% Viognier added. The wine has aromas of white flower and honeysuckle with a fresh, bright and zippy palate of honeydew melon, Asian pear, white flowers and jasmine. Great with fresh fruit, summer salads or seafood, this wine offers a delightful alternative for those of you who are feeling bored with Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Cambria “Bench Break” Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir @ \$14.99 per bottle
The 2012 Cambria Bench Break Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir is a delicious Pinot Noir. It has red cherry, plum and strawberry flavors with menthol, spice and herb accents. The palate is supple, round and flush with plump tannins, silky textures and good acidity. This is an easy drinking, food-friendly Pinot Noir. You can pair it with a myriad of culinary options from summer salads to hearty red meat. *Vinous* gave this wine 90 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2015 Rafael Palacios “Bolo” Galicia Spain @ \$14.99 per bottle
A beautiful white wine. The vines are 10 to 40 years of age and the vineyard is farmed organically. Aromas are of white flowers, wet stone and hints of citrus while the palate is a complex unfolding tapestry of citrus, lychee, spice, minerals and hints of iodine. This layered wine has great energy and verve, and a depth rarely seen from a Godello-based wine. Pair this with shellfish, seafood or a burrata and tomato salad.

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Stéphane Aviron Morgon “Côte du Py Vieilles Vignes” Cru du Beaujolais @ \$14.99 per bottle
The 2014 Stephane Aviron Morgon “Côte du Py Vieilles Vignes” Cru du Beaujolais is a fantastic Beaujolais. I tend to have tepid expectations for Beaujolais, expecting them to be weak, light and weedy, but this is a great wine, loaded with dark berry fruit, herbs, minerals and layers of complexity. I was blown away by it, and determined to get it into the wine clubs so you could see how wonderful and enjoyable a great Beaujolais is to drink, as well as what great bargains they can be. Their versatility is also amazing. Serve this with a chill and it can pair with salmon or other fish dishes, and with chicken or pork. If you find a lot of entry-level Burgundy too light, try a Beaujolais and you might be pleasantly surprised. *Wine Spectator* gave this wine 90 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Floodgate Wine Company Russian River Valley Chardonnay @ \$14.99 per bottle
The 2013 Floodgate Wine Company Russian River Valley Chardonnay is great! A pretty nose of tropical fruits, white flower and hints of toasty oak quickly lead to a palate awash with pear, apple and tropical fruit flavors. This wine has good balance, with excellent harmony between tannins, sugars and acidity. It feels rich and full bodied

without coming off heavy or clumsy. Match this beauty with roast chicken or pasta primavera, or enjoy it as apéritif.

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Arnaldo Caprai Montefalco Rosso @ \$14.99 per bottle

The 2012 Arnaldo Caprai Montefalco Rosso is a blend of 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sangrantino and 15% Merlot aged for 12 months in 70% Slavonian oak barrels and 30% French oak barriques. The wine has dried berry aromas, hints of black licorice and spice notes mingled with chewy tannins and graphite and berry flavors. Long, rich and full-bodied, this is perfect with barbecue, rich stews and chicken molé. James Suckling gave this wine 91 points.

____ Bottle(s) 2013 Barber Cellars “Mr Beast” Sonoma Mountain Zinfandel @ \$14.99 per bottle

The Zin that Barber Cellars produces from this vineyard has a classic style. The 2013 Barber Cellars “Mr Beast” Sonoma Mountain Zinfandel is a cool-climate, elegant wine with raspberry notes and chili pepper flavors. Racy red fruit spices come from the vineyard’s plethora of volcanic soils. Coastal fog keeps the vineyard cool, the grape sugars low, and the wine focused and lean. Here’s how *Wine Enthusiast* describes the wine: “A field blend with defined amounts of Petite Sirah and Alicante Bouschet, this wine is perfumed and light bodied, exhibiting soft, persistent waves of black pepper and crisp red fruit that give it a cool-climate edge of approachability and intrigue.”

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Emmolo Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc @ \$14.99 per bottle.

The 2014 Emmolo Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from two family vineyards, Rutherford and Oak Knoll. The fruit from Rutherford vineyard helps to provide fresh citrus characteristics while the Oak Knoll provides crisp minerality. The grapes are lightly pressed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in both stainless steel and older French oak barrels. The resulting wine has fresh floral aromas with hints of citrus and a touch of salinity while the palate displays beautiful grapefruit, tangerine, and honeysuckle notes with bright acidity and hints of wet stone. This is a great Sauvignon Blanc. Pair this beauty with sea bass, fresh salmon or a zippy salad.

Best Buy Wine Club Previous Offerings

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Prieuré Saint Hippolyte Languedoc Rouge @ \$9.99 per bottle

This small, relatively unknown area of the Languedoc is mostly known for Rosé. Ninety-five percent of the wine made in Fontès is Rosé. If some of the best Rosé comes from this area’s Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre or Cinsault (all Rhône varietals) then it stands to reason that those grapes must also provide the raw material to make pretty damn good red wine. That is exactly what the people at Prieuré Saint Hippolyte knew. We have absolutely loved their Rosé—it has been our biggest selling Rosé for the last few years—and this red is equally good. The 2014 Prieuré Saint Hippolyte Languedoc Rouge is a blend of 75% Syrah and 25% Grenache with aromas of freshly picked blackberries, wild black plums and spicy black pepper notes. The palate is a nice medley of blackberry, plum, and Asian spice notes all framed against supple tannins and racy acidity. There is a touch of minerality on the palate. The finish is smooth and lingering with a nice snap on the end. I think this 2014 is a step ahead of the 2013. Pair this with lamb, pork or a nice flank steak fresh from the grill. —*Clyde Belfa*

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Roth Sonoma Sauvignon Blanc @ \$9.99 per bottle

The 2014 Roth Sonoma Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from vineyards in the Alexander Valley. The wine is 100% Sauvignon Blanc and has aromas of honeysuckle and melon followed by a juicy palate of citrus, orange marmalade and wet stone. Good acidity, brisk minerality and perfect balance accentuate the deliciousness of this wine. I would pair this fruit-forward, easily accessible offering with roast chicken or a cheese plate. Or, enjoy on its own as a nice apéritif white. Robert Parker’s *Wine Advocate* gave this 89 points, and *Wine Enthusiast* gave it 91 points.

____ Bottle(s) Red 7 Non-Vintage Proprietary Red North Coast @ \$9.99 per bottle

This is a blend of multiple vintages. It is 58% Pinot Noir, 18% Barbera, 12% Syrah, 5% Zinfandel, 4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Sirah. It’s reminiscent of many old-style field blends. Aromas of red raspberry, cherry, lavender and spice spring from the glass. The juicy palate displays red cherry, blackberry and spice flavors with a silky smooth finish. This delicious red wine can pair marvelously with your typical backyard barbecue and picnic fare.

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Firestone Vineyards Santa Ynez Riesling @ \$9.99 per bottle

This is 85% Riesling with 15% Gewürztraminer blended in. It has a low alcohol level, 12.5%. This juicy, tasty white has aromas of jasmine and honey with flavors of citrus, peach, mandarin orange and wet stone. Zippy and bright with ever so slight a tinge of sweetness, this white is perfect for enjoying on the deck, with a plate of cheeses and meats or on its own when you just want an easy, quaffable white wine.

_____ Bottle(s) 2015 Jean de la Roche Sauvignon Val de Loire @ \$9.99 per bottle

This wine is made from Sauvignon grapes from both Touraine and Anjou. The wine sees no oak and has a dry, lively nose of white flowers and blackcurrant. The palate is dry, with flavors of passion fruit, lychee and hints of talc along with zippy acidity. Great with fish or cheeses, this lively white wine will perk up any meal.

_____ Bottle(s) 2013 Sostener Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir @ \$9.99 per bottle

This wine, made by Eric Laumann, is a huge success. Loaded with cherry fruit and strawberry accents, it's a delicious, easy-drinking, affordable Pinot Noir that can easily become your go-to everyday drinker. With excellent balance, soft tannins and pretty fruit throughout this wine can pair nicely with grilled salmon or roast chicken.

_____ Bottle(s) 2014 Espelt Old Vines Garnacha Blanca @ \$9.99 per bottle

This bright crisp white comes from 50-year-old vines planted in sandy granite and slate soil. 100% Garnacha Blanca, it spends only three months aging in French oak barrels before bottling so the wine is incredibly fresh, bright and clean with notes of peach, citrus and white flowers, racy mineral and wet stone. The perfect wine for fish, roast chicken or oysters, this versatile white can pair well with most foods thanks to its clean palate and good acidity.

_____ Bottle(s) 2014 Domaine Lafage "Novellum" Chardonnay Languedoc-Roussillon @ \$9.99 per bottle

This is 100% Chardonnay. About one-third of is aged for three months in Burgundian barrels, the rest in stainless-steel tanks. An interesting twist: 70% of the wine aged in tank was aged on Viognier lees to add floral characteristics. A bright, crisp and beautiful offering, it has gorgeous floral notes with tropical fruit flavors, peach, honeysuckle, apricot and pineapple. Impressive balance. A great Chardonnay that competes with California offerings that are double and triple its price!

Club Italiano Previous Offerings *Notes by Greg St. Clair, K&L's Italian wine buyer.*

_____ Bottle(s) 2014 Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola @\$12.99 per bottle

Feudo Maccari sits south of Avola at almost the most southern point on the island of Sicily and it is a marvel. It was here the Greeks introduced "Alberello," what we call head-trained vines, with no trellising. The method is still used here, and Feudo Maccari's vineyards are a marvel to behold, closely packed together by the end of the season. They produce only about 2.5 tons per acre, remarkably low for a wine in this price range. This 2014 Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola is fermented in stainless steel and is a pure expression of sun, soil and vine. I love the supple drinkability. But this wine is no wimp. It has character, lots of flavor facets and excellent balance. This is a perfect accompaniment to roast chicken, veal or a mushroom-based pappardelle. While the wine is super drinkable now, it will age for another three to five years easily.

_____ Bottle(s) 2011 Villa Poggio Salvi Brunello @ \$26.99 per bottle

This winery sits high up on a ridge north of the village of Montalcino looking to the west. The wine has wonderful plummy fruit, with the estate's signature leather, iron and spice notes dominating the mid palate and continuing into a long finish. The wine is fermented in stainless steel and then aged in large Slavonian oak casks for three and a half years, softening the tannins and integrating flavors. I really think you will be surprised by the quality and balance of this wine. I would suggest a pork roast slathered with rosemary, or a rare T-Bone with extra virgin olive oil drizzled across the top. You'll enjoy the combinations!

_____ Bottle(s) 2009 Vie Cave Malbec @ \$24.99 per bottle

This is one of the few examples of Malbec in Italy, and is perhaps more reflective of Argentinian Malbec than French. It has a full, fruit-driven nose that bursts from your glass and on the palate the tannin structure is completely balanced and shows a long finish. A perfect accompaniment to grilled meats, or pasta with meat-laden sauce.

_____ Bottle(s) 2013 Le Battistelle Soave Classico Roccolo del Durlo @ \$14.99 per bottle

The Roccolo del Durlo vineyard is pure basalt, locally called carbone because it is so black. Throughout the vineyard are vines more than 100 years old, all on their own root stock and on steep slopes. The wines show so much mineral and such purity of fruit, I get excited every time I put my nose in the glass. The wines have a slight saline character so seafood would be better than freshwater fish with this. I can drink this wine all by itself!

_____ Bottle(s) 2008 Fattoria Rodano Monna Claudia @ \$26.99 per bottle

A Super Tuscan blend of 50% Sangiovese aged in traditional large Slavonian oak barrels for two years, and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French barrique for two years. The result is a powerful, structured wine with lots of

earth, spice, plummy fruit and length. I would heartily recommend decanting this wine an hour or two before you wish to drink it. The results are amazing!

____ Bottle(s) 2012 Terre di Giurfo “Nardalici” Etna Rosso @ \$24.99 per bottle

I was really blown away by the density and richness of this wine. It has a broad, powerful finish and shows some tannic grip. A lot of other Etna wines are far more ethereal and don't pack as much depth and power. Perhaps Achille's ideas for Etna are different because he is used to flavors and structure from a different region. This wine would be great with the eggplant-based Sicilian classic Pasta alla Norma. The grapes used in Etna Rosso (Nerello Mascalese with a much smaller percentage of Nerello Cappuccio), especially when grown on Etna, have a unique, very special character. I characterize them as a cross between Burgundy and Barolo... please allow me a bit of poetic leeway here.

____ Bottle(s) 2014 Terre del Principe Roseto del Volturno @ **SPECIAL \$19.99** per bottle

Pepe Mancini and Manuela Piancastelli have just over 25 acres of land in Valle del Volturno, about an hour northeast of Naples. The soils are ancient sea beds mixed with volcanic debris, marl and clays; it's 18 miles from Vesuvius. I so enjoyed this 2014 Terre del Principe Roseto del Volturno, and I thought it would make an ideal introduction to Manuela and Pepe's estate. This Rosé is drained off of the skins of Pallagrello Nero and Casavecchia grapes destined for their Castello delle Femmine. That's a whole other story!

Champagne Club Previous Offerings *Notes by Gary Westby, K&L's Champagne Buyer.*

____ Bottle(s) Jean-Jacques Lamoureux Brut Rosé Champagne @ \$34.99 per bottle

The Jean-Jacques Lamoureux Brut Rosé Champagne is 100% Pinot Noir, and all of the skins are kept in contact with all of the juice for about two days for maximum color and flavor. This is full-bodied Rosé, perfect for a first course of smoked salmon, or even a main course of grilled salmon.

____ Bottle(s) 2004 Joseph Perrier Vintage Brut Champagne @ \$34.99 per bottle

This wine is a great example of the vintage, composed of 50% Chardonnay, 41% Pinot Noir and 9% Meunier. While the Champagne is made in Chalon, there are no vines there. All of the fruit for this has been sourced from Grand Cru and 1er Cru vineyards such as Mesnil, Cumieres and Mailly. This sixteen-year-old bottle has had the time to develop lovely brioche. I suggest saving it for a party of two.

____ Bottle(s) Jean Josselin “Cuvee des Jean” NV Brut @ \$24.99 per bottle

If you like a great deal, this is the best deal we have ever offered in this club. The wines come from an estate of just under 30 acres that has been producing Champagne since the 1950s. Everything is pressed the old-fashioned way in the gentle but labor-intensive Coquard basket press. This all-Pinot Noir Champagne has an excellent black cherry fruit aroma, balanced by very good acidity on the dry finish. It is one of the best apéritif Champagnes we have offered, with a clean, bracing style that will make you want to come back for more. A toast to you!

____ Bottle(s) 2008 Michel Lorient Apollonis Vintage Extra Brut @ \$34.99 per bottle

Composed of 60% Meunier and 40% Chardonnay and aged for over six years on the lees. The nutty, subtle toast and shimmering minerality of this great bottle made a perfect pairing with sashimi. Having tasted the Lorient wines back to 1959, I highly recommend cellaring as many bottles of this as you can for the future, if you like it today!

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