

SEPTEMBER 2026 CLUB SELECTION



2025 MASSERIA DEL FEUDO NERO D'AVOLA SICILIA DOC, ITALY

Masseria del Feudo is a fourth-generation Cucurullo family estate in the rolling hills near Caltanissetta, in central Sicily, where vines have been cultivated since 1860. Today, siblings Francesco and Carolina unite inherited agricultural traditions with a research-minded approach, farming 15 hectares of certified-organic vineyards at roughly 480 meters elevation and vinifying in the restored buildings of the historic masseria. The estate is particularly associated with its pioneering Chardonnay plantings in Sicily, while also championing indigenous varieties such as Nero d'Avola.

100% Nero d'Avola drawn from the estate's young, Guyot-trained vineyard in central Sicily, rooted in medium-textured clay soils. The grapes were hand-harvested in the second half of September, then destemmed and fermented with indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks, with a 14-day maceration to draw color, fragrance, and tannin from the skins. After racking, the wine spent six months in cement vats before a short period of bottle refinement, preserving the variety's vivid fruit and energetic freshness rather than emphasizing oak.

Bright ruby in color, with aromas of ripe red cherries, strawberries, and raspberries accented by an intriguing note of burnt orange. The palate is medium-bodied and juicy, with supple tannins, fresh acidity, and a gently savory finish.

MIXED AND RED CLUBS

■ RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: Baked Eggplant Parm



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2025 WEINGUT WILLEMS-WILLEMS DRY PINOT BLANC MOSEL, GERMANY

Weingut Willems-Willems is a small, family-run estate in Konz-Oberemmel on the Saar—the cool-climate tributary valley within Germany's Mosel region. The estate has been led by five generations of Willems women and began as a mixed agricultural farm before becoming a dedicated wine estate in 1971, when Maria Willems married Karl Willems, a distant relative who happened to share her surname. The double name Willems-Willems dates from that marriage and became the identity of the wine estate as it shifted away from mixed farming toward viticulture. Today, the winery is led by their daughter Carolin Hofmann and her husband Jürgen, continuing a lineage in which five generations of Willems women have guided the family business.

The estate farms roughly seven hectares of Saar vineyards, where slate soils, the region's cool climate and slow wild-yeast fermentations, shape taut, vivid wines. Certified organic through Ecovin, Willems-Willems works principally with Riesling while also cultivating Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir; its sites include Oberemmel Altenberg, Niedermenniger Herrenberg, Rosenberg, and Karlsberg.

The 2025 Willems-Willems Dry Pinot Blanc is made entirely from Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc) grown on warm, southwest-facing slopes of gray slate. The dark stone absorbs daytime warmth and releases it overnight, accentuating ripening in this otherwise cool Mosel landscape, building supple texture and aromatic concentration. Elegant and finely etched, this wine captures the slate-driven gracefulness of the Mosel. Notes of green apple, ripe pear, citrus blossom, and a beautifully poised minerality create a sleek, refined palate, lifted by vivid acidity and a polished, mouthwatering finish.

MIXED AND WHITE CLUBS

■ RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: Late Summer Pasta with Cream Sauce



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2023 BODEGA WEINERT CARRASCAL MALBEC MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

Bodega y Cavas de Weinert is based in a historic 1890 cellar in Carrodilla, Luján de Cuyo, which Brazilian German businessman Bernardo Weinert rescued and restored in 1975. Working first with famed Argentine oenologist Raúl de la Mota, the estate began production in 1977 and helped establish Malbec as a serious varietal wine in Argentina. Its identity remains notably traditional: red wines ferment in concrete and mature in very large, seasoned French and Slovenian oak casks—rather than small new barrels—so the wines develop slowly with earthiness, texture, and freshness instead of pronounced new-oak flavor; and Carrascal Malbec is their flagship wine.

100% Malbec selected from 15- to 60-year-old vineyards across Luján de Cuyo and neighboring Maipú, including Agrelo, Chacras de Coria, Ugarteche, El Carrizal, and Russell. Although the winery historically works with independent growers rather than a large estate vineyard, it tightly directs its sourcing: fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the vineyard, carried in small 20-kilogram cases, and promptly crushed. The producer has organic certification and works under agricultural oversight, successfully completing the full conversion to organic production in 2019; its emphasis on older vines, careful fruit selection, and low-impact farming supports the wine's depth and site character. Following a traditional, temperature-controlled fermentation of roughly 7-10 days, with twice-daily pump-overs to manage extraction, the wine completed malolactic fermentation. It was then matured for 18 months in Weinert's signature oversized French-oak foudres (ranging between 2,200 and 6,000 liters); this gentle, low-oak-impact aging softens tannins and builds savory complexity while preserving the plum, dark-cherry, and violet character of Malbec.

Succulent dark berry and stone fruit aromas, layered with earthy, subtly herbal notes. The palate is ripe and juicy yet balanced, with a lovely full body, showing flavors of black plum, dark cherry, violet-laced blackberry, and a soft earthy, savory edge; smooth round tannins, integrated oak, and a fresh lift carry the dark-fruit flavors through a long, gently spiced finish.

RED CLUB

■ RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: Grilled Skirt Steak with Mustard Greens Chimichurri



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2025 ALTÙRIS SAUVIGNON VENEZIA GIULIA IGP, ITALY

Founded in 2009 by Marco and Massimo Zorzettig, the Altùris winery is located in the heart of Cividale del Friuli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Altùris translates to “a plot of land overlooking the surrounding countryside,” in the local Friulan language. The Zorzettig family has a rich history of winemaking, now led by the third generation of vintners, dedicated to crafting wines that reflect the diverse flavors of the land. The vineyards stretch over a complex mix of flat and hilly land; the wine cellar is located in the foothills close to Cividale del Friuli, the ancient Roman Forum Julii. In keeping with the tradition of the region of Friuli—a land particularly renowned for its great white wines—70% of their total production is dedicated to exactly that.

Altùris adheres to sustainable farming practices, and has 60 hectares under vine between the two appellations of Colli Orientali and Friuli Grave. The winery itself is a model of modern winemaking, combining a commitment to sustainability with state-of-the-art technology. Each bottle embodies the family's dedication to quality, from the meticulous cultivation of the grapes to the refined production process.

100% Sauvignon Blanc. The whole grapes were gently pressed, followed by cold static decantation. Fermentation and aging took place sur lie in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks. Intensely perfumed, scents of citrus, tropical fruit and an aromatic herbal note. The palate is light on its feet, yet layered with exotic flavors of grapefruit, guava, lemon verbena, melon and a sweet herbal character. Weighty, mineral-rich, ripe and juicy with a persistent finish.

WHITE CLUB

■ RETAIL: \$20.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.00

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: Barbecued Prawns with Charred Kale and Avocado

