

FERRY PLAZA WINE MERCHANT & WINE BAR

## MAY 2019 ROSÉ WINE CLUB



### 2018 Oenops Wines 'Apla' rosé, Drama, Greece

Nikos Karatzas cut his teeth at Ktima Pavlidis, a rising star winery in Drama, Greece's relatively youthful wine-producing region. Located in northeastern Greece at the base of the mountains that separate Macedonia from Bulgaria, Drama has a history of winemaking that dates back to antiquity, although the region did not emerge onto the modern winemaking scene until the 1980s. Nikos launched Oenops Wines in 2015 and partners with a variety of growers throughout the region to source high quality grapes and produce limited quantities of "clean wines with character and harmony that express the vineyard from which they came." He is particularly interested in utilizing old vines and native Greek varietals such as Xinomavro, Limniona, Mavroudi, Orange and Vidiano, and he strives to retain purity and "express varietal character with as much validity as I possibly can." Hence, Nikos forgoes the use of new oak during maturation. Instead, he employs a combination of stainless steel, amphora and oak to ferment his wines after which they are aged in amphora.

Nikos crafts this lovely rosé with 40% Xinomavro, 40% Limniona and 20% Mavroudi which makes for a fresh and animated style exhibiting notes of very juicy blood orange, cantaloupe and fragrant lemon thyme. A mouthwatering acidity provides lift to the subtly creamy texture (achieved through six months aging on the fine lees), and flavors of nectarine and underripe peach abound on the light to medium-bodied palate. Enjoy on its own or with something fresh, minimal and of the sea like squid with citrus or steamed mussels.

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**\$22.00**

**\$18.70**

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### 2018 Henri Bourgeois Petite Bourgeois Rosé de Pinot Noir, Val de Loire IGP, France

The Bourgeois family has been cultivating vines in the Loire Valley across 11 generations. In the 1950s, Henri Bourgeois planted five acres on the slopes of Chavignol, a hamlet in the Sancerre appellation that was fairly unknown at the time. Henri recognized the excellent potential of the land and the exceptional and diverse terroir that it offered. Joined by his sons, Jean-Marie and Rémi a decade later, the Bourgeois family became ambassadors for Sancerre's reputation, showcasing the purity of Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir and the myriad of expressions that can be achieved from the mosaic of soils found throughout the Chavignol region. Today, the 178 acre estate is run by Arnaud, Lionel, and Jean-Christophe Bourgeois who adhere to the vision set forth by Henri. Each vine plot is isolated and worked with respect to its distinctive terroir. Soil types range from clay-limestone to Kimmeridgian marls (from fossilized, Jurassic-era shells) and flint which all contribute different qualities to the Petit Bourgeois wines. Ever the pioneering family, the Bourgeois clan established an organically farmed vineyard in Marlborough, New Zealand in 2,000, where they cultivate the same grapes as back home under the 'Clos Henri' label.

Crowd-pleasing, picnic-friendly and effortlessly easy to love, this 100% Pinot Noir rosé offers ripe aromatics including Ranier cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and Sarsaparilla. Round and mouth-filling, the medium-bodied palate showcases flavors of pomegranate and crisp watermelon alongside a fresh and clean acidity. This is wildly delicious on its own but would definitely fare well with your favorite salmon dish or a spread of cheese, olives and charcuterie.

Rosé Wine Club

**\$18.00**

**\$15.30**

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