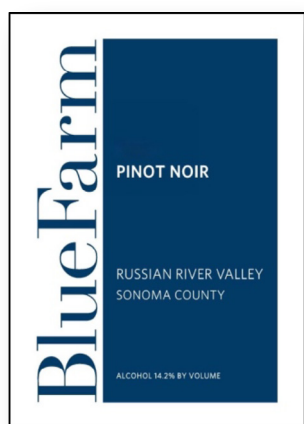


# AUGUST 2025 CLUB SELECTION



## 2023 BLUE FARM RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



Founded in 2007, Blue Farm gets its name from the farmhouse at Anne Moller-Racke's home and vineyard in Carneros. Blue Farm is focused on creating Burgundian grand cru style Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays, drawing on Anne's 40+ years winegrowing experience. In 1981 Anne moved to Sonoma from Germany, where she worked with legendary winemaker André Tchelistcheff; for the following three decades, she farmed some of California's most celebrated vineyards. In 2001, Anne founded The Donum Estate, growing it into one of the top Pinot Noir producers in California. Blue Farm began as a seven-acre vineyard divided into four blocks to create one complete wine, and remains committed to rigorous, precision farming coupled with traditional winemaking practices. Today, there are five Blue Farm vineyards that reach from Sonoma's Valley to its Coast, as well as the Russian River. Each site was carefully selected based on its unique characteristics—including soil, elevation, exposure, slope, and climate, all of which determine how a specific clone, or selection will perform.

100% Pinot Noir, the 2023 Blue Farm Russian River Valley is a blend of three blocks from the Zio Tony Vineyard. The wine is made up of Calera, Dijon 667 and Elite clone. The grapes were picked and sorted by hand. Spontaneous fermentation was in a small open-top stainless-steel tank, for 18 days. The resulting wine was aged in French oak barrels, 25% new. Classic RRV Pinot Noir aromas of cherries with a hint of baking spices. The medium-bodied palate shows flavors of warm Bing cherry, red plum, black raspberry and sprinkle of cocoa dust. Lots of vibrant acidity to balance the fine tannins. Elegant and ripe with a charming finish with a touch of rose.

200 cases produced.

Cellaring Recommendation: 7-10 YEARS

## RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

- RETAIL: \$60.00  
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$51.00
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Za'atar Roast Chicken with Green Tahini Sauce



# AUGUST 2025 CLUB SELECTION



## 2022 CHÂTEAU SARREAU-MARTIN *PRESTIGE* CASTILLON-CÔTES DE BORDEAUX, FRANCE



Eric Stauffeneger, co-founder of Vigneron Imports and now rechristened as "The French Wine Guy", came to us about 18 months ago with wine samples from a Bordeaux estate he was considering purchasing, and requested an opinion. We thought the wines were excellent and a fine value as well . . . Chateau Sarreau-Martin is located 4 miles from Saint-Émilion in the commune of Saint Philippe d'Aiguilhe. Built in the 1880s, the mansion is typical of the Gironde region, and served as a refuge during World War II. The winemaker and vineyard manager is former estate owner Denis Lubiato. Denis learned his wine passion and winemaking/winegrowing skills from his father's 45 years of winemaking in the region. The vineyard is typical of the Bordeaux Right Bank, mostly Merlot but also Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon grown in clay-limestone soils, vines averaging 35-year-old. Soil analysis has shown this estate has among the cleanest soil (up to 5 times cleaner) than most neighboring vineyards and producers in the adjacent Saint-Émilion Appellation. Harvest is done in the mornings by hand and/or machine, depending on the vineyard's age and the climate conditions of the moment. Fermentation is temperature controlled, with twice-daily pump-overs, maceration for 3 weeks before aging in the cellar for 18 months. The Prestige bottling gets a bit more oak treatment than the Tradition, using exclusively French oak. 100% Merlot, it shows the black plum and graphite typical of the appellation, with moderately firm tannins and a touch of earth.

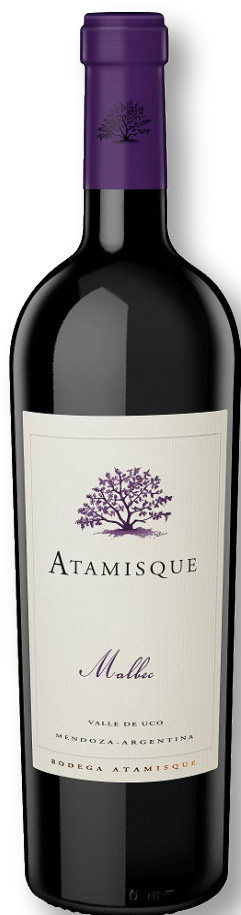
Cellaring Recommendation: 7-8 YEARS

## RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

- RETAIL: \$33.00  
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$28.05
- **SUGGESTED RECIPE:** Daniel Boulud's Beef Short Ribs



# AUGUST 2025 CLUB SELECTION



## 2022 ATAMISQUE MALBEC VALLE DE UCO, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

Atamisque, which takes its name from an aboriginal bush that grows naturally in the region, was founded in 2002 by John and Chantal du Monceau, in Tupungato, at the foothills of the Andes Mountains. This esteemed area of the Valle de Uco is often regarded as the best region in the world to produce Malbec wines. Reverence for the environment and long-term sustainability were the foundation in the construction of the winery. It has been masterfully designed for gravity flow winemaking, and utilized the local slate in the area as tiling for the roof of the buildings providing perfect insulation and temperature control year-round. In addition to the winery, the 700-hectare estate boasts a golf course, guest accommodation, restaurant and a trout farm. The Atamisque wines are sourced exclusively from the winery's 70 hectares of vineyards, and made with grapes from low-yield vines that are up to 90-years-old.

This bottling is 100% Malbec; the grapes were hand-harvested and underwent a double selection process at the sorting tables. Gravity flow winemaking, six days in temperature-controlled steel tanks and 10 days post-fermentation maceration. Aged for 14 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Beautifully textured, supple, smooth and delightfully plush. Fleshy layers of rich dark fruits; blackberry, juicy plum, cassis and violets all come together with magnificently integrated oak. Silken and splendidly lifted, with a gracefully arching acid backbone and silky tannins.

Cellaring Recommendation: 10+ YEARS

## RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

- RETAIL: \$32.00  
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$27.20
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Pink Peppercorn-Rubbed Rump Cap of Beef

