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2023 CHÂTEAU CAMBON BROUILLY
BEAUJOLAIS, FRANCE

Château Cambon began as a project of three friends: the late Marcel Lapierre, Marie Lapierre and Jean-Claude Chanudet. The trio discovered a gem of a property just outside the edges of Morgon and Brouilly and realized that, despite being designated outside the grand cru status, it held prestige beyond title. Avid proponents and practitioners of biodynamics and the natural winemaking philosophies of Jules Chauvet, they were pleased to find land and vines planted in 1914 that had gone unspoiled by the modern age of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Whole bunches are spontaneously fermented in old oak foudres with semi-carbonic maceration, which Marie calls "the most appropriate fermentation style for Gamay". In 2022, Alexandre Iwasuila joined the estate to gradually take over its management; bringing fresh energy while upholding its traditions, Alexandre continues to cultivate the vineyards and make wines that continue to bear the hallmark of the late, great Marcel Lapierre.

100% Gamay from 65-year-old vines located in the village of Saint Lager (lieux-dits of Bel Air and Briante) facing the Mont Brouilly. The grapes were hand-picked and naturally fermented with a semi-carbonic maceration which lasted 15 days without using any additives. Aged for nine months in old oak casks. The wine was estate bottled, in the following spring with minimal sulfur. This delicious, fruity red is nicely perfumed and bursting with juicy flavors of fresh strawberry, red cherry and raspberry, complemented by a subtle herbaceousness and hint of violets. A pleasure to drink, with ample acidity, light tannins, a smooth texture and a graceful, lingering finish.

Cellaring Recommendation: 2-3 YEARS

RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

- RETAIL: $37.00
  WINE CLUB MEMBER: $31.45
- **SUGGESTED RECIPE: Roast Chicken with Winter Squash, Red Onions and Pancetta**

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2023 GIACOMO FENOCCHIO *LANGHE* NEBBIOLO PIEDMONT, ITALY

Five generations of Fenocchios have been producing wine from their holdings in Monforte d'Alba since 1894. Most of the production was sold locally up until 1964, when the ambitious and energetic Giacomo Fenocchio took over the estate. In his quest to make the finest wines in all of Barolo, he purchased prime parcels in Cannubi and nearby Castellero, but his focus was always on what he liked to call the heart of the Barolo area, the Bussia. In 1989, Giacomo passed away, leaving his young son Claudio to take over all farming and winemaking duties for the estate. As Claudio explains, it was a challenging time for Barolo. Many producers were pushing a "new way" to make Barolo, and having great commercial success; but Claudio never strayed from the path of tradition. He continued producing his wines with the time-honored techniques of the classic style: organic farming, with long fermentations on the skins and aging in large Slavonian oak casks. Today Claudio's wines exhibit a level of terroir clarity that is only found in the top echelon of producers.

This is exactly the quality you would expect from one of the best producers in Barolo. 100% Langhe Nebbiolo. Traditional vinification, spontaneous (natural) fermentation, with extended maceration, for around 10 days in stainless-steel tanks. Aged for six months in stainless steel, then for six months in large Slavonian oak casks, with subsequent maturation in the bottle prior to release. Intense aromas of red fruit and rose. The supple palate offers flavors of cherry, plum, and rose, with the slightest hint of licorice. Harmoniously structured with a nice balance of fresh fruit and chalky, grippy tannins on the bright, clean finish.

Cellaring Recommendation: 5-7 YEARS

RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

- RETAIL: $32.00
  WINE CLUB MEMBER: $27.20
- **SUGGESTED RECIPE: T-Bone Steak with Garlic Butter**

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2021 ELDERTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

AElderton Wines is a small, family-owned winery, situated in the heart of Australia's Barossa Valley. Their vineyards were first planted in 1894 by early German settlers and in 1979 the Ashmead family purchased the property and has since worked tirelessly to salvage and restore their treasured vineyards. Today, the vision of the founders shines through, with Elderton being recognized as a major player in the rejuvenation of the Barossa. The winery is currently helmed by the second generation of the Elderton family, brothers Cameron and Allister, with Cameron's wife Jules Ashmead heading the winemaking team. Elderton employs a range of sustainable farming practices and is a certified member of Sustainable Winegrowing Australia. Their approach focuses on long-term sustainability, low inputs, and minimal environmental impact.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The base for this wine comes from Elderton's Nuriootpa vineyard; the slightly higher elevation of their Craneford (Eden Valley) vineyard offers another layer of vibrancy and freshness, coupled with a slatey cool finish. Additionally, there are three new plantings of select clones of Cabernet Sauvignon from which Elderton also took their first fruit this year. Aged predominantly in older French puncheons for 16 months. A full-bodied, classic Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon with rich aromas of black fruits, dark chocolate and cedar. On the palate, it has layers of blackberry, cassis, fig, chocolate and toasted oak, with hints of dried sage, and firm, nicely structured tannins. Richly fruited with a long, persistent finish, with savory and mineral undertones.

Cellaring Recommendation: 7-10 YEARS

RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB

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

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2024 BROOKDALE ESTATE *MASON ROAD* SYRAH
PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA

Brookdale Estate Winery was founded in 2015 by UK-born proprietor Tim Rudd, who purchased a neglected wine farm in the Paarl region of South Africa. Rudd's vision was to restore the land with a focus on sustainability, revitalize existing heritage vines, and plant new ones with a mix of unusual varietals. The estate is now known for its high-quality wines, sustainable practices, and luxury accommodations. Winemaking operations are led by Kiara Scott Farmer, a Black female winemaker, who became the youngest female head winemaker in South Africa when she accepted the position. Kiara has gone on to win Winemaker of the Year in South Africa, 2024. Brookdale Estate uses a combination of regenerative and minimal-intervention farming, focusing on sustainability through practices like reducing synthetic inputs, clearing alien vegetation, and planting indigenous species to restore biodiversity. In the vineyards, they employ vintage-specific techniques and experiment with various methods like whole-bunch pressing, foot stomping, and diverse fermentation vessels. Sustainability efforts also include rainwater collection and solar energy.

The MASON ROAD is 100% Syrah, a small percentage of the bunches were kept whole-cluster; the rest were destemmed, and the stalks were then dried in the hot Paarl sun for two days, before they were added back to the ferment for the duration, which helps to impart the delightful savory side notes, without being overbearing. The wine was aged in used, large barrels helping tame the rugged young Syrah tannins. Bright flavors of blackberry and cassis, beautifully done—plays as a northern Rhône.

Cellaring Recommendation: 5-7 YEARS

RED CELLAR TRIO CLUB BONUS

- RETAIL: $24.00
  WINE CLUB MEMBER: $20.40
- **SUGGESTED RECIPE: Brisket**

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