

FERRY PLAZA WINE MERCHANT & WINE BAR
SEPTEMBER 2018 ROSÉ WINE CLUB



**2017 Domaine du Deffends Rosé d'une Nuit, Coteaux
Varois, Provence, France**

A former academic lawyer in Aix-en-Provence, Jacque de Lanversin purchased a centuries-old, neglected estate in the Coteaux Varois, just twenty miles north of Bandol in 1963. Located in the foothills alongside an ancient Roman road, the land had been planted to vines for thousands of years, and after replanting traditional varietals including Grenache and Cinsault, Jacques added Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah as well. His progressive red cuvée made of Syrah and Cab entitled 'Clos de la Truffière' was released to great acclaim among local critics and consumers, helping to elevate Provence's renown beyond its popular rosés and demonstrate that it was a serious red wine region too. Jacques has since passed on, but his wife, Suzel de Lanversin has taken over; even in her eighties, she continues to produce the wine and carry on the domaine alongside her son, Emmanuel. The estate's 15 acres of certified organic vineyards receive protection from the nearby Aurélien foothills (hence the name 'Deffends' for *Defense*) and offer rich, clay-limestone soils in the vein of Burgundy. The 40-year-old vines sit at an elevation of 1500 ft., allowing for maximum diurnal temperatures and lending concentration, depth and freshness to the family's concise yet impeccable roster of wines.

A blend of 60% Cinsault and 40% Grenache, this is a seriously pretty rosé that exudes summer fruits and white flowers including white peach, nectarine, ripe strawberry, orange blossom and magnolia. While the nose hints at a very fruity and almost opulent style, the palate brings forth a refreshing wet stone minerality and a clean and zesty acidity. Flavors on the palate are slightly less ripe than the fragrance suggests and are in the vein of white strawberry, crisp anjou pear, tangerine and ranier cherry. While the fruit is vibrant and lively, it is not at all tart, and the beautiful white floral notes appear once again on the very long and crisp finish. This is a perfect aperitif style rosé that can easily be enjoyed on its own while savoring that last bit of summer weather!

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2017 Lucy Wines 'Lucy' Rosé, Pisoni Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, CA

Gary Pisoni is a free-spirited, Burgundy-loving wine enthusiast from a vegetable farming family in Salinas Valley. Today, he is considered a pioneer and one of the preeminent producers of Pinot Noir in the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation of Monterey County. After planting some of the region's first acres of Pinot Noir vineyards on his family's horse ranch in 1982 (nine years before it was designated an AVA), Gary went on to develop a cult-following for his cool-climate, meticulously farmed Pinot Noir. He is also well known for planting the 40 acre 'Gary's Vineyard' with childhood friend, Gary Francioni which is arguably one of the finest sites in the appellation and whose grapes are sought after by some of the best producers in California. Gary, along with his sons, Mark and Jeff, produce outstanding Syrah and Chardonnay in addition to their coveted Pinots under the 'Pisoni' and 'Lucia' labels, and introduced this small-production, sister brand, 'Lucy Rosé' in 2003. Utilizing estate fruit from several different vineyards and employing a combination of whole cluster pressing and the saignée method results in a highly complex and structured rosé that we are thrilled to introduce to the wine club!

This 100% Pinot Noir rosé bursts with aromas of red raspberry, ranier cherry, strawberry jam, white pepper and basil. Three months rest in neutral oak barrels lends it a sturdy backbone, yet it retains a supple texture, and the pretty notes of red apple, juicy pluot and strawberry candy on the palate are not the slightest bit masked by oak flavor. This is not only an extremely polished style of rosé that can stand up to some heartier fare, but it also supports a great cause as \$1 of every bottle sold goes towards breast cancer aid and research.

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