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CLUB PARADISO



Dear Club Members,

First and foremost, we want to take a moment to wish you, your family and friends health and wellness during this trying time. We appreciate your continued loyalty and support in 2020. With new challenges and changes affecting so many lives, we find a new sense of community bringing us together (virtually) more than ever!

Over the past few months we have been adapting the best way we can at the winery, offering virtual happy hours, live tastings on Instagram, and are focused on staying positive and finding the silver linings in these situations. One thing is for sure, wine certainly helps! Slowly, we have been able to invite you back to both properties and enjoy being able to reconnect.

We are currently in the midst of harvest season, and it brings a renewed energy to the winery! This year we saw an earlier start to harvest after dry winter and spring seasons. Warmer weather in July attributed to growth taking off and we have a healthy-looking crop. Our winemaking and production teams are working hard, and we are enthusiastic about the future 2020 Vintage. We are even more excited to share the Wine Club selections for Fall 2020! We hope you are able to enjoy these wines with family and friends throughout the holiday season.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris & Jamie Benziger". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Chris & Jamie Benziger





de coelo

2019 CHARDONNAY

SONOMA COAST

ALC. 14.1% | T.A. 6.5 | pH 3.23 | 91 CASES

TASTING NOTES Crisp and delicate, our de Coelo Chardonnay introduces melon and white peach aromas and citrus zest with a hint of vanilla on the palate. A kiss of French oak gives depth and roundness creating a supple mouthfeel, while stainless steel illuminates its vibrant acidity.

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 2 years*

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

RETAIL: \$50 | **CLUB:** \$40.00



2018 WHITE BURGUNDY

NORTH COAST

ALC. 14.1% | T.A. 5.8 | pH 3.42 | 1698 CASES

LABEL ARTIST SILVIA POLOTO | SAN FRANCISCO, CA

TASTING NOTES Our 2018 White Burgundy presents pineapple, white pear and enchanting floral notes on the nose. Mouthwatering acidity highlights fresh citrus and white peach flavors on the palate boasting a stunningly crisp texture and a clean finish with hints of honey and vanilla.

ACCOLADE *Gold | 93 points - International Women's Wine Competition*

BLEND *72% Chardonnay, 18% Pinot Blanc, and 10% Pinot Meunier*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now or cellar up to 1-3 years*

RETAIL: \$32 | **CLUB:** \$25.60

estate

2019 PARADISO DE MARIA SAUVIGNON BLANC

SONOMA MOUNTAIN

ALC. 14.1% | T.A. 5.8 | pH 3.14 | 487 CASES

TASTING NOTES Refreshing and bright, bursting with aromas of mandarin orange and lime zest, our crisp Sauvignon Blanc has enhanced minerality on entry and freshness that pops on the mid palate. Overall a vibrant, well balanced and is pleasing alone yet also lends itself as an excellent pairing wine.

ACCOLADE 92 points - *Wine Enthusiast*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

FARMING PRACTICES *Demeter Certified Biodynamic® Wine*

RETAIL: \$36 | **CLUB:** \$28.80



2019 VIOGNIER

PRATT VINEYARD | RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ALC. 14.3% | T.A. 6.4 | pH 3.41 | 648 CASES

LABEL ARTIST ANILA QUAYYUM AGHA | INDIANAPOLIS, IN

TASTING NOTES Imagery's Viognier is sourced from the cool climate of the Russian River Valley, where long hang times result in a wine with concentrated flavors. Delicately perfumed citrus, fresh white peach and honeysuckle notes are complemented by a bright acidity and refreshing finish, creating a brilliant food pairing wine.

ACCOLADE Gold | 90 points - *Sunset International Wine Competition*

IN THE CELLAR *Drink now*

RETAIL: \$29 | **CLUB:** \$23.20



appellation series

2018 WEST ROWS CHARDONNAY

SANGIACOMO VINEYARD | LOS CARNEROS

ALC. 14.1% | T.A. 5.2 | pH 3.51 | 1007 CASES

TASTING NOTES Sourced from the Sangiacomo Vineyard in Los Carneros, our West Rows is a richly textured Chardonnay with bright and inviting flavors. Citrus and tropical fruits and a bright acidity are artistically crafted amongst a lavish and creamy mid palate enduring through the finish, leaving you yearning for another sip.

ACCOLADE Gold | 91 points – San Diego Wine Challenge

IN THE CELLAR Drink now or cellar up to 5 years

FARMING PRACTICES Made with Certified Organic Grapes

RETAIL: \$34 | **CLUB:** \$27.20

2019 RIESLING

UPPER RIDGE VINEYARD | PINE MOUNTAIN-CLOVERDALE PEAK

ALC. 13.5% | T.A. 6.6 | pH 3.06 | 316 CASES

LABEL ARTIST JEFF FAUST | CLAREMONT, CA

TASTING NOTES The 2019 Upper Ridge Riesling embodies powerful aromatics of crisp stone fruit and citrus peel that rise from the glass. A wealth of bright granny smith apple and honeydew melon notes are equally matched on the palate. Bright acidity creates a refreshing, clean and impressive finish.

ACCOLADE Best of Class, Gold | 91 points – Sunset International Wine Competition

IN THE CELLAR Drink now or cellar up to 5-10 years

RETAIL: \$26 | **CLUB:** \$20.80





vintage notes

2018 With ideal conditions during flowering and a cooler, dry year, yields were up and the quality superb. The large crop set resulted in our team making multiple thinning passes of the fruit leaving only that of the highest quality. Due to mild temperatures, harvest started two weeks later than in 2017. With only one rain event at the beginning of October and clear skies from then on, the fruit was able to have a long hang time to reach textbook maturity.

2019 The 2019 growing season started with above average rainfall at all the vineyard properties, causing slow budbreak and vigorous canopies. More passes were necessary in the vineyards to keep ahead of the high mildew pressure, and we made it through with flying colors. Flowering took longer than normal resulting in a light Pinot crop. Luckily, this was exclusive to Pinot, and other varieties sized up well! Weather was a bit inconsistent throughout the season leading to longer hang times. Overall, the result was juicy and concentrated fruit creating wines with ripe aromas and flavors.

