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Swick Blanc De Noir 2016, Oregon

This brand new offering from the young winemaker Joseph Swick is almost as fun to talk about as it is to drink. Made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes that are only allowed minimal contact with their skins during pressing, this white wine is made up entirely of red grapes. This practice is most often, and perhaps notably, practiced in the Champagne region and it is still a rarity to find it in other parts of the world, and even less so in still wine production.

Joseph Swick is a fifth-generation Oregon native making limited releases of organic and biodynamically produced wine with zero sulfur as well as an emphasis on purity of fruit and naturally high levels of acid. This particular bottling bursts with bright, just ripened fruit almost like picking a raspberry from the vine just before it's had a chance to turn fully red and mature. While there is a load of juicy acidity, the wine has a richness of weight that acts as a perfect counterbalance. If you enjoy this, we recommend you grabbing it while you still can as he only produced a limited amount.



Chateau Le Bergey 2014, Bordeaux, France

Wow. Just wow. It is a rarity indeed to taste Boudreaux that is this affordable, complex, and sets itself away from the crowd of mediocre offerings in this price range. When we tasted this wine for the first time, we knew we had to jump at it and get our hands on as many bottles as possible. That being said, we managed to secure just enough for our Wine Club.

Le Bergey is the entry level label of Château L'Escart, a Bordeaux Superior winery run by Damien Laurent, who lives on the property with his family. The property is organically farmed and managed for quality throughout every step necessary to make a fine bottle of wine. You've got to try this if you are a Bordeaux fan. Using only vines that are a minimum 15 years of age adds a measure of concentration usually found only in wines costing considerably more.





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Domaine Charlopin-Tissier "Les Longeroies" Marsannay, 2014, Burgundy, France

We are honored to introduce you to Yann Charlopin, a young winemaker out of Morey-Saint-Denis from a family of winemakers with exceptional holdings up and down the Côte de Nuits. Yann set out on his own and with the advice from mentor Jean-Marie Fourrier, he purchased the vineyards and the small Domaine in the old caves of Domaine David Clark in 2013. Yann practices organic farming, short fermentation using a 'maceration à froid' and a long, gentle élevage on fine lees. For a new Domaine, Yann has made quite a splash and you can find his wines on Paris lists of Tour d'Argent, Frenchie, and here in California at Bouchon and Spago, just to name a few.

From an excellent plot of Marsannay, which shares slope and soil characteristics with the regions of Gevrey and Morey. An elegant and pure Pinot Noir with great depth and finesse. We try to only include one to two Burgundies a year in the B2 club so we sincerely hope you find this particular offering every inch as elegant and worthy as we have.

