



JANUARY WINE CLUB WINES

WINES OF SICILY

1. GURRIERI 2023 GRILLO, SICILY, ITALY

EXPLORERS CLUB WHITE

Grillo is a white grape, thought to be native to Sicily and to be a cross between Catarratto and Moscato di Alessandria/Zibibbo. When grown and vinified correctly it shows fine freshness and perfume, with notes of citrus, apple, and herbs. Deliciously dry, this lively white wine is a perfect pairing with most seafood, fish pasta, or roast chicken.

2. CIRO BIONDI 2022 “OUTIS,” ETNA ROSSO, SICILY, ITALY

COLLECTORS CLUB

Made from old vine plantings, this blend of 80% Nerello Mascalese and 20% Nerello Cappuccio is surprisingly light in appearance, but packs tons of flavor and nuance. Notes of fresh strawberries and potpourri lead way to a palate full of rich balsamic and wonderfully gripping tannins that make this wine incredibly age-worthy and food friendly.

3. VIRGONA 2018 SALINA ROSSO, SICILY, ITALY

SURVEYORS CLUB

Hailing from Salina, an island just north of Sicily that is formed from six different volcanoes, this unique red blend is composed of 45% Nerello Cappuccio, 45% Nerello Mascalese, and 10% Corinth Black. Deep, dark, and savory, this wine has a rustic, earthy finish that perfectly reflects the island's volcanic soil.

4. PORTELLI 2019 CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA, SICILY, ITALY

EXPLORERS & SURVEYORS CLUB

This classic blend of 70% Calabrese (also known as Nero d'Avola) and 30% Frappato comes from the Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico zone in Sicily. Bursting with notes of Cherry and cinnamon, this wine has a spicy, earthy finish reminiscent of Calabrian Chiles.