

FEBRUARY 2024 CLUB SELECTION



2018 FATTORI COL DE LA BASTIA AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA DOCG, VERONA, ITALY

Quite coincidentally, fattori is the Italian word for "farmers", and Antonio Fattori, viticulturist and winemaker of Fattori winery comes from five generations of farmers. His grandfather planted his first vineyard in the early 1900s near the village of Terrossa, about 20 minutes east of Verona. The site would in 1927 become part of the original Soave Classico zone, which at present day comprises only the top 25% of all Soave produced. Antonio realized early on the potential of his family's estate and made it his goal to produce wines that express its unique terroir. The mineral rich, volcanic and basalt soils in this region produce fresh, mineral driven, aromatic wines. He became the first in his family to go to enology school—in Conegliano, Italy's first wine school. He went to Dijon in Burgundy, and then to New Zealand, in an effort to understand different winemaking traditions.



Antonio organically farms his 161 acres of vineyards, all of which are located less than three miles from the winery. The red grapes in this Amarone come from Antonio's 12-hectare vineyard called Col de la Bastia, named after the local medieval fortresses in the area. The vineyard sits between Val d'Alpone and Val d'Illasi, one of several vine-covered slopes flanked by mountain streams, where shale and clay alternate with limestone. The area is ideal for ripening Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, and the other indigenous grapes of the zone.



A special selection hand-picked grapes (65% Corvina, 15% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 10% other varieties including Teroldego) were fan-dried for two weeks, then spent four months in the fruttai, a ventilated room where the grapes are dried in small boxes, before being pressed and fermented with natural yeasts. The water loss promotes the concentration of flavors and aromas, and contributes to the lush texture of the resulting wine. Aged in wood for 24 months before bottling.



Ruby robe. Rich layered aromas of dried red fruits laced with savory herbs. The palate is ripe and engaging with intense flavors of Damson plum, black cherry and fig, with a subtle dusting of cocoa and spice. Expansive, with a graceful, long arching finish and perfectly polished tannins. A wonderful example of Amarone done right!

Cellaring Recommendation: 5-7 years



RED CELLAR TRIO SELECTION

- RETAIL: \$51.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$43.35
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Ragù d'Anatra

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2022 DOMAINE CÔTEAUX DES MARGOTS PINOT NOIR BOURGOGNE, FRANCE

This story begins in 1945 when Joannes Duroussay returned home after being held prisoner in Germany for four years. At that point there was no Domaine, just a small farm with a few cows and goats and some Chardonnay and Gamay vines. He started to make a little wine for himself while working for a local merchant. He also made a little extra cash performing as a saxophonist, going from ball to ball in different villages with his little band. Little by little, Grandpère Duroussay expanded the winegrowing portion of the farm, eventually handing the management of 7 hectares to his son, Jean-Luc. In 1985 Jean-Luc established Domaine Côteaux des Margots, now a third-generation family-owned wine estate. The Domaine is perfectly nestled in the Mâcon hills of Southern Burgundy and has grown to 15 hectares of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Gamay farmed by Jean-Luc and Veronique Duroussay and their son Pierre. The vineyards are certified "Haute Valeur Environnementale" due to their environmentally friendly farming practices, and are currently working to taking the winery 100% organic, while staying focused on the top priority—quality.

100% Pinot Noir, sourced from 30-year-old vines, located in the village of Pierreclos, in Burgundy's Mâconnais region. The fruit was hand-picked and macerated for ten days in concrete tanks with native yeast and zero sulfur. It was gently pressed and then aged on fine lees, 80% in neutral oak barrels for 9 months before bottling with minimal SO₂.

Crimson robe. Lovely aromas of red cherry, rhubarb and savory herbs. The palate shows tart red fruit: cherry, red currant, wild strawberry, and a delicate earthiness. Youthful, grippy tannins set against a solid acid core; charming and precocious, this bottling is a remarkable value with great aging potential.

Cellaring Recommendation: 5-10 years

RED CELLAR TRIO SELECTION

- RETAIL: \$28.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$23.80
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Mushroom Mille-Feuille with Tomato Coulis

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2021 ROCKY POND '11 DAMS' RED BLEND, DOUBLE D VINEYARD COLUMBIA VALLEY, WASHINGTON

Established in 2013 by David and Michelle Dufenhorst, Rocky Pond's name comes from the granitic river rocks scattered throughout their Columbia Valley vineyards. Rocky Reach became Washington's 20th AVA in June 2022. With a similar soil structure, Rocky Reach contains the newest plantings and is home to the winery. The estate consists of three LIVE certified vineyards. Clos Chevalle in the cool Lake Chelan AVA was the first to be planted in 2004-05. Double D and Rocky Reach are five miles apart along the left bank of the Columbia River, in the warmer Rocky Reach AVA. First planted in 2013, Double D's unique soils consist of fine sandy loam with cobblestones and tumbled granite. The vineyard faces north between 700 and 940 feet in elevation.



The 2021 11 DAMS Red Blend is comprised of 51% Malbec, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from the Double D and Rocky Reach vineyards. The grape varieties were fermented separately in stainless-steel tanks and malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. Blending followed. Aged for 20-22 months, 35% new oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



Black-red hue. Enticing aromas of dark plums and brambly berry compote, with a whiff of violets. The juicy palate is bold and fruit forward, showing primary flavors of ripe blackberry, blueberry and black currant with a touch of toffee and mocha. Decadent but not cloying, with super-fine, well integrated tannins and a long, luxurious finish.

Cellaring Recommendation: 7-10 years



RED CELLAR TRIO SELECTION



■ RETAIL: \$46.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$39.10

■ SUGGESTED RECIPE: French Dip