

OCTOBER 2021 CLUB SELECTIONS



2020 DOMAINE POLI SCIACCA + NIELLUC ISLAND OF ROSÉ ILE DE BEAUTÉ IGP, CORSICA, FRANCE



In 2005, Eric Poli bought 7.4 acres of old-vine Niellucciu and Vermentino in the heart of Patrimonio—the oldest appellation on this mountainous island of Corsica—in addition to 108 acres outside of Linguizzetta, his hometown on the east coast of the island. Today, he not only manages the vineyards he planted near his family's estate, but also oversees Clos Alivu's 11.7 acres and 86.5 acres for his wife's family estate (Clos Teddi) and makes the wines for all three.



Eric farms his vines organically, though without certification. Niellucciu (genetically linked to Sangiovese), thrives on the island of Corsica and although yields are limited, results in wines with more freshness and finesse than those made from its Tuscan cousin. Corsica's secondary red *cépage*, Sciaccarellu, is the descendant of another Tuscan variety: Mammolo, primarily a blending grape for red wines, it often results in high-toned, floral and fruity rosés.



A blend of 70% Sciaccarellu and 30% Niellucciu, this rosé was produced using both Saignée and pressurage. The juice was vinified in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks and underwent malolactic fermentation.



Pale peach tint. Clean aromatics of red berries and chalk. The palate explodes with intense flavors of pineberry, ruby red grapefruit and raspberry. The finish is long and fruity, with a beautiful minerality and lip-smacking acidity.



ROSÉ SELECTION

- RETAIL: \$19.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$16.15
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Lobster Pasta

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2020 ARMAND HEITZ *SOL DE ROSÉE* COTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS ROSÉ AOP, BURGUNDY, FRANCE



Domaine Heitz-Lochardet started in 1857 with the Nié-Vantey family, who owned many vineyards from Santenay to Clos de Vougeot. Post-phylloxera, many of the vineyards were sold, but the best Côte de Beaune vineyards were kept in the family by Georges Lochardet (a great wine merchant) who in 1900 married Marcelle Nié; they then owned twenty hectares of vines as well as several farmhouses. Their son Armand Lochardet inherited half of the estate that he would eventually pass on to his three children, Bernard, Catherine and Brigitte. Two generations later, Brigitte Lochardet married Christian Heitz, and her share of the family vineyards became Heitz-Lochardet, that she farmed organically.



For 25 years, Brigitte Lochardet contracted all her vines to Maison Joseph Drouhin; but as Armand Heitz (the next generation), completed his oenology studies in 2011, he began reclaiming his mother's vineyards and converting them to full biodynamic practices, taking over the estate in 2012 and completing his first vintage in 2013. In 2018 Armand decided to offer a more diversified range of appellations and turned his sights on Beaujolais, partnering with his brother-in-law (Augustin Ceyrac) and sourcing fruit from their 6 hectares of vineyards in Juliénas.



We are excited to share this eponymous bottling of 100% Gamay that was vinified and then aged in stainless-steel for 7 months, sur lies.



Bright, electric copper hue. Powerful aromas of strawberry pastises. The palate follows suit, showing strawberry preserves, marmalade and wet stone. The finish is long, with great minerality and a hint of spice.



ROSÉ SELECTION

- RETAIL: \$21.00
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.85
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Butternut Squash Soup with Crisp Pancetta