

Wine Club

Welcome to the Club

After leaving a career in Human Resources, I dove headfirst into the world of wine - a passion that quickly became a calling. I earned my Certified Specialist of Wine credential during COVID, then gained hands-on experience in a vineyard & tasting room. A stint in London for the Wine & Spirit Education Trust Level 3 pushed me to my limits, but I passed with renewed confidence. It's been a winding journey, with a few HR detours, but now I'm fully immersed in wine and loving every moment. Thank you for joining the club - I can't wait to explore this world with fellow enthusiasts like you!

Sincerely, 

Fabien Duveau Saumur, Loire, France

Fabien Duveau is a young winemaker and the 8th generation of his family estate, which he took over in 2008. His vineyard sits in Chacé, just southeast of Saumur on the Loire's left bank—one of the top areas for Saumur-Champigny thanks to its deep tuffeau soils - a soft, porous, fine-grained limestone native to the Loire Valley in France formed over 90 million years ago from ancient seabed deposits. His cellar and vines border the famed Clos Rougeard.

The 20-hectare estate spans about 40 parcels of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc, which Fabien converted to organic and biodynamic farming. The diversity of parcels lets him vinify by terroir, creating distinct cuvées often named after each plot. Fabien ages his wines in a 14th-century cave, where the natural coolness and humidity provide ideal conditions. He vinifies in concrete and ages in neutral oak to preserve the purity of the fruit and terroir.

Hilary's Note: "What better way to experience Chenin Blanc than from its birthplace? Fabien Duveau is doing something special in the Loire, and it shows in every bottle. From the first sip to the last this Chenin shines. I'm excited to share this Saumur with you and hope it makes you a lifelong Chenin Blanc fan."

Susana Balbo Wines Mendoza, Argentina

Susana Balbo is a trailblazer in the wine world. She was Argentina's first female winemaker graduating with a degree in enology in 1981 in an otherwise patriarchal industry. By 1999 she had proven her talent working in wine across Argentina and decided it was time to start her own winery. She founded Susana Balbo Wines in the foothills of the Andes in Mendoza. She became known as the "Queen of Torrontes" by transforming this simple table wine into Argentina's flagship white.

Susana stands out for her innovation. In 2013, she introduced barrel-fermented Torrontés, proving the grape could age beautifully, developing notes of white flowers, citrus, and tropical fruit. And of course, her Malbecs deliver rich, velvety, beautifully balanced expressions of Argentine terroir. Her commitment to sustainability and innovation has also set new standards for the industry.

Hilary's Note: "I love Susana's wines. We carry her Crios Cabernet Sauvignon and Torrontes in store and I couldn't think of a better intro to Susana Balbo Wines than her Argentine Malbec. You'll get a sense of place and style while drinking this Malbec and I hope it encourages you to explore Susana Balbo Wines further."

WINES OF THE MOMENT

Saumur “La Hunaudière”

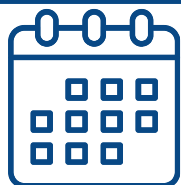
This 100% Chenin Blanc from the Saumur region is bursting with flavor and minerality. Its vines are over thirty years old and grown in the Hunaudière vineyard in the town of Saint-Cyr. It’s fermented in both cement vats (80%) and oak barrels (20%) and spends 6 months on it’s lees.



Fabien is rooted in tradition, yet his fresh, minimalist approach brings a vibrant delicacy to his wines—eloquent expressions of what Saumur-Champigny is at its core.

Expressive on the nose, the wine opens with citrus and orchard notes. On the palate you’ll find lime, apple, and tangerine with a balanced freshness throughout. There is a mineral grip to this wine that will hopefully find you seeking out wines of similar structure.

Perfect Pairings: With a white wine like this you’ll definitely want to pair with a dish like seared scallops or mussels in white wine. Love goat cheese? This wine pairs perfectly with fresh Chèvre on toast with herbs or Crottin de Chavignol from your nearest cheese shop.



Next Pick Up Dates:
Thursday, June 18th
Thursday, July 16th

Susana Balbo Signature Malbec

This is a 100% Malbec wine hand harvested in the Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco region of Mendoza. Susana’s Signature label is where she pushes the boundaries of winemaking. Susana’s creative approach is to seamlessly apply her human touch and enhance the grape’s character while preserving the terroir essence.



This wine, typical of many Malbecs, has an intense ruby color. It opens with aromas of blueberry and blackberry with subtle floral notes. On the palate you’ll find that same intense black fruit, violet, and licorice. A smooth body with round tannins and a sophisticated finish.

“This wine expresses all the power, elegance, and pleasure that Argentine Malbec can offer” – Susana Balbo

Perfect Pairings: This wine will pair beautifully with red meat, pork, or poultry. Try it with a grilled ribeye finished with a balsamic glaze or go classic Argentine with a beef or lamb empanada. If you’re looking for something lighter, add Manchego or Gouda to your next charcuterie board.

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