


WineClub

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, 

Cantina Terlan Trentino Alto Adige, Italy

Founded in 1893, Cantina Terlan stands as one of Alto Adige's most celebrated cooperatives - where mountain terroir meets craftsmanship. Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, Terlan unites small growers under one shared philosophy: quality over quantity. Low yields and high standards result in wines of purity & depth.

With most of its production devoted to whites, Terlan is renowned for elegant, age-worthy wines that capture the cool alpine character of the region. The winery's meticulous approach & long tradition of cellar aging have made its bottlings among the most collectible in northern Italy. From Sauvignon Blanc & Chardonnay to Pinot Nero & Lagrein, each bottle reflects dedication.

Hilary's Note: "When I tasted Terlan's Pinot Bianco for the first time, the one word that came to mind was sophisticated. Elegant in both presentation and flavor, this wine is a perfect choice for anyone looking to explore something beyond their everyday white wine."

Donnafugata Sicily, Italy

Founded in 1983 by Giacomo and Gabriella Rallo, Donnafugata continues a family legacy that spans over 170 years of winemaking. Rooted in Sicily, their focus is on small, high-quality productions that highlight the island's unique vineyards and sustainable practices - bringing the spirit of "Made in Italy" to the world.

The name Donnafugata - "woman on the run" - draws from Sicilian history, symbolizing courage & transformation. Gabriella Rallo embodied that legacy when she left teaching to pursue winemaking, becoming one of Sicily's first female producers. Today, Donnafugata remains a testament to innovation, resilience, and the art of crafting wines with a true sense of identity.

Hilary's Note: "My journey with Nero d'Avola began during my wine studies. Always excited to explore new varietals, I was drawn to Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah, but Nero d'Avola's bold fruit, full body, & balanced tannins quickly made it a standout & a favorite in my tasting lineup."



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Terlan Pinot Bianco

You don't often spot a Pinot Bianco (or Pinot Blanc) on the shelves - and that's part of what makes this find so special. A close relative of Pinot Noir, this grape thrives in Northern Italy & Germany, where it produces crisp, beautifully balanced white wines full of texture and finesse.



This Pinot Bianco is wonderfully crisp and mineral-driven, with aromas of green apple, pear, and lemongrass, as well as subtle hints of lime & chamomile. On the palate, notes of pear and quince take center stage, accompanied by a hint of salinity that adds depth and a refined finish.

Perfect Pairings: Light, delicate dishes let the wine's subtle charm shine. Try with a charcuterie board featuring soft cheeses like burrata or brie, flaky white fish, or seasonal salads with roasted squash, cranberries, or nuts.



Sherazade Nero d'Avola

Bold, expressive, and full of personality - Nero d'Avola is Sicily's signature red grape, and few producers capture its spirit better than Donnafugata. If you enjoy Cabernet Sauvignon or Syrah, you'll love this wine's dark fruit intensity and smooth power.



This wine shows freshness & approachability with its vibrant aromas of raspberry & cherry, laced with spice & balsamic notes that draw you in. On the palate, those red fruits deepen alongside bold yet polished tannins, creating a velvety, full-bodied texture.

Perfect Pairings: This Sicilian red pairs well with flavorful dishes like tomato-based pastas, Margherita pizza, or roasted meats. It also pairs beautifully with Thanksgiving Turkey or a leftover holiday sandwich.



Can you Guess Next Month's Varietals?

White Wine: Grown across Spain & Portugal, this vibrant varietal shows stone fruit notes, bright acidity, and a touch of coastal salinity - a refreshing taste of the Iberian sun!

Red Wine: From Spain's most celebrated regions, this iconic varietal delivers ripe fruit, warm spice, and subtle earthy notes, with just the right touch of oak for a smooth, balanced finish.



Next Pick Up Dates:

Thursday, December 18th
Thursday, January 15th

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