

Let's *Wine* About it



SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sauvignon Blanc is a white wine that owes much of its popularity to winemakers in Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France. The Sauvignon Blanc taste is very different from other white wines, like Chardonnay, because of its green and herbaceous flavors. The name Sauvignon Blanc means "Wild White" and the grape is related to Traminer with origins in the South of France. Sauvignon Blanc is one of the most widely planted wine grapes in the world and because of this it has a wide range of styles and flavors.

**Fruit Flavors** (berries, fruit, citrus) - Lime, Green Apple, Asian Pear, Kiwi, Passionfruit, Guava, White Peach, Nectarine

**Aromas** (herb, spice, flower, mineral, earth, other) - Green Bell Pepper, Gooseberry, Basil, Jalapeño, Grass, Tarragon, Lovage, Celery, Lemongrass

**Oak Flavors** (flavors added with oak aging) - Vanilla, Pie Crust, Dill, Coconut, Butter, Nutmeg, Cream

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In order to better serve our members, we need to receive any new info and changes regarding your status (i.e., change of address, new credit card number, etc.) by the 20th of each month.

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JUNE SELECTIONS	PRICES EXPIRE 08/31/2021	REGULAR PRICE*	12-BOTTLE DISCOUNT PRICE*	6-BOTTLE DISCOUNT PRICE*
Meniketti Wines 2018 Black Tiger Syrah		\$42.00	\$31.50	\$33.60
Carys 2020 Pinot Gris		\$18.00	\$13.50	\$14.40
Muirwood 2019 Merlot		\$18.00	\$13.50	\$14.40
Meniketti Wines 2018 Shine On Sauvignon Blanc		\$22.00	\$16.50	\$17.60
MAY SELECTIONS	PRICES EXPIRE 07/31/2021			
Long Valley Ranch 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon		\$20.00	\$15.00	\$16.00
Silvestri 2019 Rosé		\$27.00	\$20.25	\$21.60
De Tierra 2017 Puzzler		\$39.00	\$29.25	\$31.20
Long Valley Ranch 2019 Chardonnay		\$18.00	\$13.50	\$14.40
APRIL SELECTIONS	PRICES EXPIRE 06/30/2021			
Montoya 2019 Pinot Noir		\$17.00	\$12.75	\$13.60
Bernardus 2019 Sauvignon Blanc		\$25.00	\$18.75	\$20.00
Comanche 2018 Mesa del Sol Zinfandel		\$32.00	\$24.00	\$25.60
Montoya 2019 Chardonnay		\$17.00	\$12.75	\$13.60
PRIVATE RESERVE CLUB	PRICES EXPIRE 08/31/2021			
Folktale Winery and Vineyards NV Sparkling Rosé		\$42.00	\$31.50	\$33.60
Mansfield-Dunne 2017 Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir		\$38.00	\$28.50	\$30.40
Folktale Winery and Vineyards 2018 Le Mistral Joseph's Blend		\$50.00	\$37.50	\$40.00

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# TASTING MONTEREY

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**WINERY SPOTLIGHT:**



Meniketti Wines was started by wine lover and former rock star Dave Meniketti. Meniketti is the lead singer, lead guitarist, principal songwriter, and founder of globetrotting rock band, Y&T. After being tempted by friends in the wine industry, Meniketti and his wife, Jill decided to finally start their own wine label by sourcing grapes from the Santa Lucia Highlands and Monterey appellations. Passionate about providing wines that appeal to and impress wine lover's palates,

Meniketti also aims to be as eco-friendly as possible. All of the grapes are bought from vineyards that implement Sustainable in Practice certified farming. The label also reuses their barrels, biodegradable natural cork, and produces wines that are 100% vegan. The varieties that they currently produce are Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Point Noir, and Syrah - all placed at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition between 2019 and 2021.



**MEMBER PICK PACK**

*Patty Velez*



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*Joyce GSP, DeTierra Puzzler, Pacific Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

# Monthly Wine Selections

## MENIKETTI WINES - 2018 Black Tiger Syrah



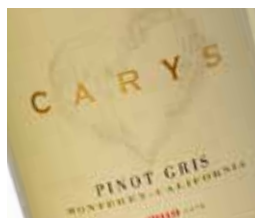
Wine lover and rock star, Dave Meniketti, had been tempted by friends in the wine industry to start his own brand of fine wines. So with his wife, Jill, he started Meniketti Wines, sourcing grapes from premium California vineyards in the renowned Santa Lucia Highlands and Monterey appellations. Like everything Dave does in music and in life, he approaches wine with passion and taste.

Black Tiger Single Vineyard Syrah hails from the San Saba Vineyard in the Monterey appellation. The unique soil and sustainable practices of this vineyard result in an elegant and superbly balanced Syrah with notes of cooked, dark fruit, rose petals, and black pepper. Nicely structured with natural acidity and harmonious tannins. A very approachable Syrah, easily enjoyable any time of the week.

**Gold award winner** ~ 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

100% Syrah 13.5% Alcohol Cellar Through 2026  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ ◇ Great ◇ Good ◇ So-So

## CARYS - 2020 Pinot Gris



CARYS (Care-iss) is a Welsh name meaning love. It's also exactly how they feel about their wines. The grapes are grown on their sustainably farmed estate vineyards and are blended to create balanced, refreshing flavors. One sip and you'll fall in love, too.

The Pinot Gris grapes are whole-cluster pressed, chilled and racked clean to a refrigerated stainless steel tank. Providing a neutral environment, the wine's crisp, zesty qualities are accentuated and its distinctive freshness is retained. A select yeast is used to start a long, slow, and cool fermentation to enhance the fruit esters. The finished wine continues to age in stainless steel and is stored cold to retain the wine's aroma, crisp acidity and fresh character.

Flavors of passion fruit and Asian pear dance on the palate, while enticing white peach aromas with a hint of orange blossom tickle the nose. Soft and balanced, the bright fruit flavors are complemented by a lingering tropical finish. Their Pinot Gris pairs well with grilled salmon, lemon chicken piccata, seared scallops, and spicy shrimp.

100% Pinot Gris 13.5% Alcohol Cellar Through 2024  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ ◇ Great ◇ Good ◇ So-So

## MUIRWOOD - 2019 Merlot (Club Red)



The Zaninovich family has deep farming roots, spanning nearly a century. In the early 1970's, captivated by the raw beauty and exceptional potential of the undiscovered Arroyo Seco wine region of Monterey County, they pioneered vineyard planting in the area. Today, with four generations of California farming in harmony with nature, they take a long-term perspective. They are inspired by the legacy of John Muir and share a belief in the importance of nurturing the land for generations to come.

Grapes were harvested during cool night and early mornings and cool fermented in stainless steel to preserve the delicate grape aromatics and flavors. Next, the wine was racked separately by individual vineyard block lots into 100% French new and seasoned oak barrels. After aging for 18 months, individual barrels were selected and blended,

including a small portion of Twin Oaks Syrah for added texture and depth. The wine received a gentle fining and filtration prior to bottling. Black currant and cassis, toasty notes, complex finish.

100% Merlot 14.0% Alcohol Cellar Through 2027  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ ◇ Great ◇ Good ◇ So-So

## MENIKETTI WINES - 2018 Shine On Sauvignon Blanc (Club Blanc)



After many years of traveling and tasting wines all over the world, Jill and Dave Meniketti strive to produce wines that impress their palates and make them proud. They are truly excited to make these fine wines available to you.

Shine On Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc hails from the San Saba Vineyard in the Monterey appellation. The unique soil and sustainable practices of this vineyard result in a dry, bright, vibrant Sauvignon Blanc with pleasant minerality, and acidity. Full mouth feel, clean citric finish with notes of pink grapefruit, lemon, lime, and lemongrass.

**Silver award winner** ~ 2020 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

100% Sauvignon Blanc 13.5% Alcohol Cellar Through 2022  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ ◇ Great ◇ Good ◇ So-So



## MEET OUR MEMBER: Patty Velez



Patty Velez has been an A Taste of Monterey Wine Club member since 1998. Originally from Southern California, Patty moved to Monterey in 1996 for work as a Marine Biologist. After exploring the area for a year or so, Patty stumbled upon A Taste of Monterey on one of her walking explorations of Cannery Row. Like many others, Velez was instantly taken aback by the breathtaking ocean view that is hidden upstairs. After bringing many visiting friends and family to the hidden gem she discovered, Patty was finally persuaded to join the wine club. "I am a big outdoors, nature, and wildlife lover and just looking out of the windows you can see the whales, otters, and birds. It's just a beautiful view," explains Patty.

"Before COVID, I would try to go in at least once a month to taste and eat, the food is fantastic. I love the flatbreads, you can get a nice variety. I think I have tried them all!" Patty is a part of Club

Taste and even though she favors red wine a little more, she enjoys the variety of this club and of course, does enjoy white wine as well. "What I have really fallen in love with over the last few years are the red blends. Those are my favorites to get and taste and try. I do love a good Sauvignon Blanc as well," says Patty.

When asked what has kept her a part of the wine club for so long, Patty says, "I like the fact that A Taste of Monterey offers you what it says-- a taste of all of the different wines Monterey County has to offer. There are so many wineries in the area, which I wasn't aware of at first. I was just blown away at how many local wineries there were and how many good wines we had. It's great that Taste gives you an opportunity to taste wine from all these different wineries and provides you with a lot of background on the winery, such as the history of each winery, which I find fascinating. So, really it is tasting all of the wines, having the variety, having the opportunity to just go there and enjoy the view and talk with the staff."

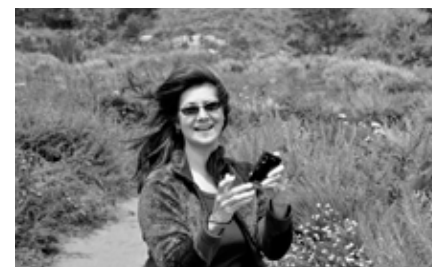
Patty worked for the state of California for 34 years in Fish and Wildlife and just recently retired. As a local, Patty enjoys the accessibility of being able to go into our wine market and bistro to pick up her wine, enjoy her complimentary tasting and have some food. She is very much looking forward to getting back to A Taste of Monterey to support one of her favorite local spots.



Patty at Point Lobos



Patty with her and her niece at A Taste of Monterey



## Cheese Corner



### PAIRING

What's better than relaxing with a glass of wine and some tasty cheeses?

#### Cabernet Sauvignon & Gouda

Gouda has rich, nutty flavors so the perfect pairing has to be a bold red. Pairing a Cabernet Sauvignon with an aged gouda brings the flavor profiles of both the wine and cheese to a whole new level.

#### Chardonnay & Cheddar

When it comes to cheddar cheese, it pairs well with an unoaked Chardonnay, or a Chardonnay that hasn't been aged in oak barrels for too long. Chardonnay is perfect for this cheese because of the dryness of it. It's not too light to get lost in the flavor of the cheese but not too full to overpower the cheddar. The apple and pear notes found in oaked Chardonnay will enhance the mild cheddar.

#### Pinot Noir & Brie

Pinot Noir is dry, light-bodied and bursting with earthy notes. Brie needs a wine that will go well with its distinct nutty flavors while remaining light enough not to overpower them, which is why Pinot Noir and brie are a match made in heaven.

#### Sauvignon Blanc & Goat Cheese

Sauvignon Blanc is light-bodied, dry and full citrus and grassy notes. It pairs well with the tangy flavors of goat cheese, especially when mixed with garlic and herbs.

#### Pinot Grigio & Mozzarella

Pinot Grigio is generally light-bodied with refreshing pear and melon flavors. Pinot Grigio deserves a mild, soft cheese like Mozzarella to help enhance its earthy, mineral flavors.

#### Rosé & Feta

The crisp flavors of Rosé pair well with the tangy flavors of feta. Prepare the feta with olive oil and herbs and serve with fresh, warm bread to take this wine and cheese pairing to the next level.