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## PRIVATE DINING WINE SELECTIONS

OUR PRIVATE DINING WINE SELECTIONS ARE HAND-PICKED BY OUR SOMMELIERS, AND SELECTIONS ROTATE FREQUENTLY TO REFLECT AVAILABILITY. THESE WINES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY AS WELL AS THEIR ACCESSIBILITY IN QUANTITY FOR LARGE GROUPS. OUR SOMMELIERS WILL GLADLY ASSIST IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF THIS LIST.

### SPARKLING WINE

SIMONNET-FEBVRE, BRUT, CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE, NV 65

*Simonnet-Febvre has been producing its wines with traditional methods since 1840. It is the only Maison in Chablis to produce Crémants of Burgundy. A harmoniously balanced wine with fine bubbles, a persistent foam and a wonderful length in the mouth. It is fresh and powerful on the nose with aromas of citrus.*

ROEDERER ESTATE, L'ERMITAGE, ANDERSON VALLEY, 2012 98

*L'Ermitage, Roederer Estate's special Tête de Cuvée, is a sparkling wine made only in exceptional years from pre-selected, estate-grown grapes. Carrying on the tradition of Champagne Louis Roederer in France, Roederer Estate produces its sparkling wines in the traditional French method and adds special oak-aged reserve wines to each blend. Fine tiny bubbles and a long-lasting mousse are the usual footprints of the L'Ermitage cuvee. Delicate aromas boast hazelnut, pastry and pear. Mouthfeel is very pure, focused freshness wrapped in yeast creaminess. Lemon curd and nutty characters play together to give a very European tasting experience.*

### CHAMPAGNE

BILLECART-SALMON, BRUT ROSÉ, MAREUIL-SUR-Aÿ, NV 184

*The Brut Rosé is a blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir vinified as red wine. Its pale and bright pink color is adorned with warm glints of gold and its delicate slowly rising bubbles give it a persistent mousse. This cuvée unveils a subtle aroma leading to an elegant, delicate bouquet of fine notes of red fruits and zest of citrus fruits. Its special method of vinification gives this cuvée a light, elegant flavor, followed by a fresh finish with a taste of raspberry.*

LAURENT PERRIER, GRAND SIÈCLE, BRUT, TOURS-SUR-MARNE, NV 272

*This is a must for anyone who loves Champagne. It has glorious detail and complexity on the bouquet. In the mouth, the bead is ultra-fine; it is hard to imagine smaller bubbles. The flavors are polished and fresh but still fully developed, a testament to the precise blending practices. A great tête de cuvée!*

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## SAUVIGNON BLANC

### QUINTESSA, ILLUMINATION, RUTHERFORD, 2017

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*The 2016 Illumination is alive with aromatic complexity, beautiful texture and bright flavors. The fruit aromas of white peach, kiwi and guava interplay with fresh herbs, pink grapefruit and beeswax honey create an intricate bouquet. On the palate, the wine dances with stone fruit, lemon zest and a touch of minerality, followed by a fresh, flavorful finish.*

### FRANCOIS CROCHET, SANCERRE 2018

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*This crisp, clean wine comes from the greatest soils for Sauvignon Blanc on the planet. It exhibits aromas of kefir lime, lemon, lemon peel, ripe green melon, cucumber, freshly crushed limestone rocks and gunflint. These wines are the epitome of the bright and fresh white wine that make the Loire Valley famous.*

### ARIETTA, ON THE WHITE KEYS, NAPA VALLEY, 2016

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*One of America's most celebrated winemakers, Andy Erickson, crafts the Arietta wines from carefully chosen blocks in the cooler climates of Napa Valley. The wine shows an abundance of honeysuckle, orange blossom, and subtle toastiness on the nose. The palate is clean and refreshing, offering plenty of honeyed fruit, orange marmalade, Meyer lemon and bright minerality that finishes with power and complexity.*

## CHARDONNAY

### HANZELL "SEBELLA," SONOMA COUNTY, 2017

75

*Long, slow and cold fermentation in tank, finished in neutral French oak barrels. No malolactic fermentation allowed. Pretty floral aromas of honeysuckle and lemon blossoms give lift to juicy white nectarine, apricot and lime zest. There is a hint of chalk dust and beeswax that give an added dimension. The palate follows the nose with additional flavors of green apple, bosc pear and tangerine. Surprisingly broad, full and expansive on the palate given the ample acidity. Truly a joy to drink!*

### FLOWERS CHARDONNAY, SONOMA COAST, 2016

100

*Stainless steel (20%), and French Oak barrels (80%) with 20% new, for 12 months. Medium yellow in color. Aromas of straw, lemon verbena and honeysuckle mingle with layers of lemon meringue and lychee. Upon entry are flavors of lemon curd, honeydew, and hints of star fruit and wet stone, balanced with a touch of fine-grained tannin. The crisp finish is countered with a spicy note of white pepper and lingers with coastal minerality.*



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## CHARDONNAY, CONT.

FAR NIENTE, ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY, 2017

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*10 months sur lie in French oak (54% new, 46% once-used). Aromas of melon, sweet citrus and white blossom floral layered with notes of flint, yeast and sweetly toasted oak. A smooth and focused entry is followed by a silky midpalate with ripe flavors of honeydew and lemon, supported by just of touch of wet stone, yeast and toasted hazelnuts. The finish is long and structured with citrus rind and mouthwatering acid.*

DOMAINE LEFLAIVE, BOURGOGNE, FRANCE, 2015

150

*Alcoholic fermentation in oak casks, 12% new (maxi 1/3 Vosges, mini 2/3 Allier). After 12 months in cask, the wine is aged 6 months in tank where it is prepared for bottling. Farmed biodynamically, the wine is agreeably cool with its fresh array of pear, apple and kiwi fruit aromas. There is fine volume to the solidly concentrated flavors where the mid-palate is supple to the point of being almost easy, yet the finish tightens up enough to maintain the balance.*

## PINOT NOIR

HANZELL "SEBELLA," SONOMA COUNTY, 2017

75

*Intense aromas of black cherry, blueberry and boysenberry are given complexity by notes of cherry pipe tobacco, tar and pink peppercorn. On the palate, a plush, silky texture and juicy mouthwatering fruit elevate the concentrated flavors of blackberry and plum.*

REEVE, ANDERSON VALLEY, 2017

100

*Coming from the Anderson Valley, the 2016 Pinot Noir Anderson Valley saw a small amount of stems and spent 11 months in 20% new French oak. Its medium translucent ruby color is followed by a supple, forward, moderately concentrated effort that has a pretty bouquet of sweet strawberry and cherry fruit, spice, and dried flowers. It drops off on the finish, but is rounded, supple, and beautifully textured.*

ENROUTE, "LES POMMIERS" RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, 2016

140

*The 2016 EnRoute Les Pommiers is defined by luscious aromatics and rich textures that are classic in the finest Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. On the nose, aromas of ripe cherry and plum are complemented by notes of earth, sage and forest floor. Generous-yet-soft red-fruit flavors expand on the palate, punctuated with a warm array of baking spices. A mouthwatering natural acidity glides across the finish followed by a firm but silky tannin, making this wine a lovely food wine, or a delicious glass that stands alone.*



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## SYRAH

MEYER FAMILY CELLARS, "HIGH GROUND," YORKVILLE HIGHLANDS, 2013

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*One of the state's iconic wine brands, Meyer Family Cellars occupies a unique place in the story of California wine. It was established in 1987 by Silver Oak founders and former owners Justin and Bonny Meyer, who dreamt of a family wine brand that drew upon their extensive experience in the Napa and Alexander Valleys. Incorporated in the plan too was their son, Matt, a well-traveled student of wine and graduate of the enology and viticulture program at the University of California Davis. Today Meyer Family Cellars is in the capable hands of co-winemakers Matt and Karen Meyer.*

*2012 High Ground is immediately dark and brooding and takes some time to open-up but once it does show exquisite complexity. Tones of Cedar, and cracked pepper give way to dark cherry, blueberry, and dried rose petals and Spring violets. Due to extended barrel-age this wine appears smooth and silky on the palate.*

## ZINFANDEL

ROBERT BIALE VINEYARDS, "BLACK CHICKEN," NAPA VALLEY, 2016

100

*Perfecting the old California classics, Robert Biale Vineyards has become a revered standard of heritage Vineyard Zinfandel in Napa Valley. Diligent farming, expressive terroir, and superb elegance are the winery's hallmarks. Among the winery's portfolio of 20 wines that are crafted by winemaker Tres Goetting, Black Chicken Zinfandel is the flagship – and has become a benchmark for the varietal. It all started in the 1940's when 14-year-old Aldo Biale helped his mother to make ends meet by selling to insider Napans – along with eggs and produce -some of the family's homemade Zinfandel. Over the old "party line" phone system, the code words "a Black Chicken" signified a jug of bootleg wine... and kept nosy neighbors and the authorities from finding out about Aldo's underground Zinfandel operation!*

*The Oak Knoll winegrowing region is prevalent in this wine with its dark color, ripe aromatics and juicy acidity. The nose is full of vibrant black cherries, dried fig, pomegranate, wild black berry, fresh dark flowers, subtle dried herb, toasty brown spices and fruit cake. The entry is soft and weighty and gives way to supple, round tannins.*

## MERLOT

MERLOT, NICKEL & NICKEL, "SUSCOL RANCH," NAPA VALLEY, 2014

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*Established in 1997 by the partners of Far Niente, Nickel & Nickel is devoted exclusively to producing 100 percent varietal, single-vineyard wines that best express the distinctive personality of each vineyard.*

*The 2014 Suscol Merlot offers a perfect harmony of juicy and succulent flavors. A small swirl coaxes enticing aromas of dark plum, green olive and cedar from the glass. Earthy notes of tobacco leaf, olive, tar and spice blend nicely with the dark, sweet fruit. From year to year, this wine's distinctiveness lies in the lush, velvety tannins that expand upon the initial sip and develop with richness through the finish.*

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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRIEST RANCH ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY, 2015

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*The historic Priest Ranch is now part of Somerston Estate, a significant property totaling 1,615 acres with 225 acres of hillside vineyards above St. Helena. The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied wine with supple tannins and balanced acidity. The nose is full of chocolate, black cherries, cassis and a touch of earth. The rounded mouthfeel is persistent in the long and lingering rich finish.*

RAMEY, NAPA VALLEY 2014

100

*After sixteen years making wine in Sonoma County, and firmly establishing Matanzas Creek and Chalk Hill wineries in the marketplace, David Ramey and his wife Carla crossed the Mayacamas to spend six years in the Napa Valley—first as winemaker for Dominus Estate and project manager for the construction of their new winery; then helping Leslie Rudd reshape the Girard Winery into Rudd Oakville.*

*This wine is super-expressive. Dark cherry, plum, smoke, tobacco, licorice and new leather flesh out in an impeccably balanced, mid-weight Cabernet Sauvignon long on class and personality.*

FAUST, NAPA VALLEY 2016

120

*The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is blended of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller portions of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The majority of the fruit comes from the Coombsville estate blended with some mountain and valley floor fruit from other sites. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it offers a beautiful core of ripe blackcurrants, blackberries and lavender with nuances of cedar and graphite. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a nice, firm backbone of ripe, grainy tannins and freshness delivering a long, vibrant finish.*

JOSEPH PHELPS, NAPA VALLEY 2016

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*Joseph Phelps Vineyards is a family-owned and operated wine estate with vineyards and wineries in Napa Valley and on the western Sonoma Coast. The winery was founded in 1973 by Joseph Phelps, and over the next 42 years Joe became one of the most respected figures in the California wine industry, building Joseph Phelps Vineyards into a critically-acclaimed winery internationally known for its iconic wines and unwavering commitment to quality.*

*78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc from vineyards in South Napa, Oak Knoll District, St. Helena, Rutherford and Stags Leap District. The wine is inky purple in color with aromas of dense blackberry jam, cassis and balsamic followed by a layering complexity throughout the mouthfeel of supple, sweet tannins with expressive ripe plum, vanilla and rich black fruit.*



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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CONT.

JUSTIN, ISOSCELES, PASO ROBLES 2015

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*For more than 25 years, Isosceles has been one of the iconic big reds that solidified Paso Robles' role in California wine. A complex and very aromatic wine, notes of vibrant red cherry, ripe black cherry and blackcurrant. Notes of vanilla, cinnamon spice, and pipe tobacco fade into a subtle hint of toasted oak. Dry and full bodied, the palate is as rich and complex as the nose, with firm chewy tannins lasting into a long, complex finish. This wine is elegant and powerful.*

JOSEPH PHELPS, INSIGNIA, NAPA VALLEY, 2015

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*In 1974 Joe Phelps had the idea to make a separate cuvee each year, one that would represent the finest wine he could make from each vintage. He didn't necessarily think it would always be a Cabernet Sauvignon. It might be a white wine in some years, a Chardonnay or a Riesling, or it might be a Syrah or Merlot. His only thought was to make one wine that represented the best of what Joseph Phelps Vineyards could produce each year. He decided to name the wine Insignia, a proprietary name that would give him the flexibility to make the wine out of any varietal he chose. Over forty years later, Insignia is recognized as one of the world's most iconic wines. The 2002 vintage was awarded "Wine of the Year" by Wine Spectator magazine in 2005 and Robert Parker Wine Advocate has awarded four perfect 100-point scores to the 1991, 1997, 2002 and 2007 vintages of Insignia.*

*Review: (97-100) Points, "The 2015 Insignia has a very deep inky-purple color and nose of crushed red and black currants, blackberry pie and plums with hints of dried herbs, sandalwood, spice box and underbrush. Medium to full bodied, the palate delivers a knock-out core of intense, energetic fruit with chewy tannins and a lively backbone, finishing with epic length and freshness." - LPB, Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2017*

## OLD WORLD RED

RIOJA, CVNE, GRAN RESERVA, 2011

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*CVNE, Compañía Vinícola del Norte del España (the Northern Spanish Wine Company), was founded in 1879 in the town of Haro in Rioja. CVNE was founded by two brothers and today is controlled by the direct descendants of the founding family.*

*A classic Gran Reserva Rioja with exceptional purity of fruit. Fantastic balance and elegance from its five-year maturation period. Intense dark cherry color. Attractive aromas of blackberries, blackcurrants and raspberries, blended together with hints of spice and vanilla. Complex and elegant on the palate with fine tannins and a good length.*

*Blend: 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, 5% Mazuelo*

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## OLD WORLD RED, CONT.

### BAROLO, GIACOMO FENOCCHIO, CASTELLERO 2012

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*Wine lovers who appreciate traditional Barolos rather than modern ones will certainly be delighted by the wines of Giacomo Fenocchio. The Fenocchio family has been growing grapes and makes wine fine wines from grapes carefully grown in their vineyards on the slopes of Barolo for five generations. They stay true to traditional know-how and expertise and have made very few changes in their winemaking style over the years as they choose to let nature dictate the pace.*

*Definitely not fans of the new trend for woody Barolos with great extraction, the wines of Fenocchio rather represent finesse and minimalism in terms of intervention. All their red wines have a long skin contact of a minimum of 30 days. The fermentations are performed at low temperature with indigenous yeasts. The wines are then aged for several years in Slovenian barrels that bring texture and complexity without masking the Nebbiolo's delicate and subtle aromas. Giacomo Fenocchio's wines are great examples of how traditional winemaking Barolo techniques can result in fine, elegant wines.*

*Floral and fruity notes as well as hints of licorice and roots. This is a wine of character with marked tannins. Velvety and harmonious with notes of sweet spice and jam.*

### BORDEAUX, COTES DE BOURG, ROC DE CAMBES 2011

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*90-92 points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*

*“Bright ruby-red. Knockout nose offers captivating scents of superripe red cherry, Oriental spices, vanilla, milk chocolate and coffee. Creamy-rich and dense, with compelling sweetness to its red fruit, sweet spice and aromatic herb flavors. Finishes very fine-grained and long, with a wonderfully mouthcoating texture. There has never been a Roc de Cambes at this level. I imagine that over time it won't develop the complexity and depth of a first growth, but in 2011 this is simply one of the overachiever's wines of the vintage.” (5/2012)*