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Everyday Club November 2024

2023 J.C. Perraud Bourgogne Pinot Noir- Burgundy, France

J.C. Perraud 2022 Pinot Noir is produced from grapes sourced from the 25-hectare Perraud estate located in La-Roche-Vineuse in the Burgundy wine region. Domaine Perraud is one of the premier estates of southern Burgundy's Mâconnais, where the esteemed grower family is famous for harvesting old-vine Chardonnay. They also happen to make a supremely elegant Pinot Noir from the mineral-rich soils of the commune of La Roche Vineuse—one that hardly ever appears in the United States. This wine is fragrant with bright red cherry, earthy mushroom, tart red berry, and spicy notes, it is just as expressive on the palate, fresh and framed with velvety tannins. These softened tannins envelop the palate leading to a satisfying, long finish. A fine Pinot that can be enjoyed tonight after a half-hour decant or stored for another 5+ years.

Pairings: Roasted game such as your Thanksgiving roasted turkey, veal cutlets, roast duck, partridge, and lamb chops from the grill.

2022 Brancaia Tre Toscana Rosso, Tuscany, Italy

Tuscany is also home to many of the country's best red wines. Sangiovese reigns supreme here, as either the single varietal, or a dominant player, in almost all of Tuscany's best. Bruno and Brigitte Widmer laid the foundation stone in 1981 with the purchase of the neglected Brancaia estate. And 40 years later, they are still doing it with a lot of heart and soul. The day-to-day business of Brancaia has long been in the hands of the second generation and the third is starting to get more involved. Shortly after taking over Brancaia, Bruno and Brigitte Widmer managed to win an important award: The 1983 Brancaia vintage won at the Chianti Classico tasting of Vinum, a Swiss magazine, took first place. TRE stands for its three grape varieties Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon as well as for its three Tuscan vineyards (Maremma, Castellina and Radda in Chianti). The blend is dominated by 70% Sangiovese, but Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon also bring their charm with 15% each. This well-structured, medium-bodied wine is aged for twelve months before it is bottled. Two thirds of the expansion takes place in French large barrique and one in cement. This elegant, well-structured cuvée offers plenty of drinking pleasure now or later and goes well with every kitchen. "There is no better entry-level wine than this," says Monica Larner (for Robert Parker) with reference to the TRE 2014. And James Suckling states: "Really delicious, really juicy, with wonderful aromas of red fruits."

Pairings: Ideal with white roasted meats such as your Thanksgiving turkey, pasta and rice dishes, poultry, roasted or grilled fish.