

# **PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT**

Le Creuset has just released their new Alpine Collection! A first for the 100 year-old company, it is a way to bring our favorite cookware beyond the kitchen. Its quality ad sophistication is meant to be used outdoors - Crafted from their legendary enameled cast iron and specifically designed for cooking over an open flame.

The Outdoor Skillet is a versatile essential for searing, sautéing, stirfrying, and griddling outdoors.

The Square Grill Basket has perforations in the bottom of the basket to keep small items from falling through, while still allowing heat to reach the food for smoky chargrilled flavor.

The Pizza Pan has superior heat distribution for a crispy crust. We also have Revolution stainless steel slotted turners, locking tongs, and pronged forks.

Save 10% if you buy all 3 pans-OR all 3 utensils! Check out the new Alpine Collection at the front desk this month!

# EVER WONDER WHY WE ORGANIZE OUR CHEESE THIS WAY?

In "The Book of Cheese", Liz Thorpe classifies cheese into 9 categories... and insists that all kinds fall into those boxes. She explains that it doesn't matter where the cheese is made, what kind of milk it's from, or the technical classification I or any other expert would give it. She started with general, universally understood cheese - reference points and used them to establish what kind of cheese you like-what kind of flavors that jumping off point leads to? You can venture out with these guides to discover other cheeses that you are going to love!

This takes the world of cheese from a technical (and, to be honest, boring to most people) realm into a tasty exploration of flavors. Our cheeses are divided into Liz's boxes of 9 different types of cheese. Much like our wines, separated into flavor profiles to help you explore things you might not have picked up, the cheese is now subdivided into the kind of taste it has. So do your best-pick up something you've never tried before!

## **JUNE 2024** www.shirazathens.com

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# **JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

\*\*June's tasting has been moved to Saturday, June 8\*\*

\*\*We will open late on Thursday, June 13 for a wine show and an opportunity to pick out wines not normally available. We will open at 3:00 p.m.\*\*

\*\*We are closing one day early for our Independence Day / food show break. We will NOT be open on Saturday, June 22\*\*

\*\*Closed June 22 for mid year inventory and food shows! Shiraz will reopen Thursday, July 11\*\*

# SHIRAZ'S RECIPES FOR JUNE

This month's featured food item is Dream of Truffles from Sweden. These are the best truffles I've had in years--just let them melt on your tongue for a delicious chocolate flavorful treat. The boxes are available in cocoa dusted, raspberry, caramel, blueberry, or coffee. Try them as a snack with unsweetened hot tea; Have them as dessert with a late harvest wine or sherry; Chocolate truffles can be added to an after-dinner plate of fruit, cheese, and nuts. Dream of Truffles are \$25 per box and are automatically included in this month's wine club. Members can get extra boxes for only \$15 each!

### DESSERT WINES WE RECOMMEND:

501 Gades Amontillado (semi dry) \$37.99 Black Magic Late Harvest Zin \$25--on sale \$11.99 Dashe Late Harvest Zin \$28--on sale \$14.99 Fernando de Castilla PX Sherry \$29.99 Jose Alvarez Albariza Cream Sherry \$15.99 Osborne Capuchino VORS \$130--on sale \$99.99

#### BUBBLY WINES WE RECOMMEND:

Chateau St Michelle Luxe Rose Brut \$17.99 Field Recordings Monte Petnat \$44.99 Kruger Rumpf Pinot Brut Rose \$34.99 Lise et Bertrand Joussete Bubulle \$39.99 No Fine Print Lil Fizz \$19.99 Yeti the Kokonut Bubbles \$29.99

### OTHER DRINKS WE RECOMMEND:

Eden Cider Imperial Rose \$6.99 Melovino Mead All Night Long \$16.99 Carpano Antico Formula mini \$2.99 Hoxie Spritzer Cold Cola Rouge \$17.99 SAC Mead Eat a Peach \$9.99



# EMILY'S WINE CLUB SELECTIONS FOR

### Columna Albarino 2023

### Condodo de Tea, Rias Baixas, Spain

A generous and approachable style from legendary Albarino winemaker Rodri Mendez. Floral, with bitter citrus and pear. It's more minerally than flesh, but has lemon curd and pink grapefruit with yellow fruit taking the focus. Put it with any seafood, but it shines with sushi, Indian, or Thai. Try noodle dishes, tacos, roasted oysters, and hot pot.

#### \$19.99

#### Finca El Origen Reserva Malbec 2022 Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

"Mountain Character" Malbec, this showcases the hillsides and high altitudes of Mendoza. Earthy and briary, it makes me think old world and Cahors with it's intensity. On the palate, it has elegance and a little bit of bone broth richness to boot. Nice and dirty! I said... with lots of inky black fruit. Very French in style, put it with game and root veggies.

#### \$14.99

#### Domaine Tour Boisee Rouge 2016 Minervois, Rhone Valley, France

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah

Full of cola and red currant, the minerality and siltiness make it very earthy. It opens up nicely with black fruit - black currant and mulberry. It's plummy, with blackberry, mocha, and a hint of spice. It's the perfect pairing for casual but hefty foods, so try sausages, lamb shanks, pizza, and hard cheese.

\$14.99

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#### This Month's Feature: Herman Story Nuts and Bolts Syrah 2021

### Paso Robles, California

A heady smell of roasted ribs and charcuterie--this is some seriously big Syrah! Black fruit and the grill are ever present. On the finish, cooking spice, raspberry, and leather bring some elegance. So inky and pretty that you want another sip of this red meat in a glass. Decant it or cellar for at least 5 years. BBQ sauce and grilled foods are perfect.

#### \$54.99

Wine Club deal of the month = \$34.99!



### **SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

Monthly tasting of Wine Club wines 1-5 PM Shiraz tasting room \$5 per person; free for club members in good standing

### THURSDAY, JUNE 13

We will open at 3:00 p.m.

### Rosé of the month

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#### 2 packs of Hoxie Spritzers

-Peach Blossom Blush -Grapefruit Elderflower -Lemon Ginger Rose -Coca Cola Rouge -or a mixed pack! A 4 pack of Hoxie Spritzers is almost a bottle and a half of wine! Plus, each can is only 90 calories. Low alcohol and no junk added make this a delightful way to try out a different kind of cocktail!

This month, Rose club members get 2 packs of any the flavors in stockincluding an option of a mixed box.

They also get a great discount on extra 4 packs, while they last! Hoxie is \$28 per 4 pack Deal of the month = \$18 per 4 pk

Rose Club deal of the month = \$8 per 4 pk!

### Wine Club Cru Level RED!

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#### Lagar De Pintos Albarino 2022 Rias Baixas, Spain

I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Castro Pintos last year she is as charming as her wines. A passion for her land shines through in the clean but gripping beauty of the Albarino grape. A darker, riper style, it has notes of wet slate, sea salt, and green melon. Firm and crisp, it is pure and elegant. The finish is laced with minerals and lemon oil. Put it with with grilled Padrón peppers, ceviche, fish tacos, oysters, clams, and Idiazabal cheese.

\*This wine is a blend of Marta's 7 estate vineyards. The single vineyard wines start at \$100!\* **\$34.99** 

### Wine Club Cru Level WHITE!

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#### Dante Robino Gran Dante Malbec 2009 Mendoza, Argentina

Dark, rich, and silty, it's one of the most elegant Malbecs I've had. Smooth, lingering, with chocolate and roasted chestnuts, it has soft blackberry fruit and no harsh tannic bite. It's a great match for lighter summer fare. Put it with anything on the grill, especially red meat. \$32.99

#### Wine Club is the best deal in town!

This month, our wine club gets \$75 worth of wine and food for only \$55! PLUS, wine club saves \$20 on every feature, \$10 on extra food items... plus an extra discount on all mixed cases. Not to mention early access to all our special sales and other perks! Try one of our cru levels for the VIP treatment...

### **JUNE 22 - JULY 10**

Closed for mid year inventory and food shows! Shiraz will reopen Thursday, July 11

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

Monthly tasting of Wine Club wines 1-5 PM Shiraz tasting room \$5 per person; free for club members in good standing

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Monthly tasting of Wine Club wines 1-5 PM Shiraz tasting room \$5 per person; free for club members in good standing

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