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Cellar Club November 2021

2016 Powers Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon- Washington

Powers wines are crafted by long-time winemaker Jose Mendoza to showcase Washington State's diverse microclimates and distinctive vineyards. They are committed to sustainable practices in both winery and vineyard to only produce the smallest possible carbon footprint. A single vineyard wine: Champoux is regarded as one of the top 10 vineyards of Washington State. This intense, deep Cabernet Sauvignon from Champoux vineyard in Horse Heaven Hills AVA spends 32 months in 55% new French oak. Exquisite layered aromatics of blueberry, dark cherry, and cedar with hints of violets, vanilla and warm earth. This intriguing nose is followed by dense savory flavors of black currant, dark fruits, and cranberry with touches of cocoa, smoke and spice lingering on this complex palate. Firm, dusty, lush tannins are accented by hints of oak, acidity, and earthiness on the finish. As is typical of Champoux Vineyard, this is a very elegant yet powerful Cabernet Sauvignon that will cellar for many years.

Pairings: Try a simple grilled ribeye steak, braised beef short ribs, grilled lamb, or a cheeseburger. Try an aged cheddar or gouda or an herbed cheese. Grilled portobello mushrooms or a smoky black bean burger are great plant-based alternatives

2019 Julien Schaal Schiste Kastleberg Grand Cru Riesling Alsace, France.

Alsace wine region has a unique combination of great soils types that forms a real "kaleidoscope" of geologies. They can all be found on the grand cru vineyards. The Riesling is maybe the best variety to translate those characters into wines. The Kastleberg, 50 year old vineyard, is located on the northern outskirts of the town of Andlau. Julien Schaal, actually a sommelier by profession, began making wine in South Africa in 2001, and then started working in his homeland in Alsace in 2011. The charm of our Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Kastleberg lies in its elegance, its virility, and its delicate, discreet bouquet. Tight, mineral and lemony with good acidity. Really mineral and fresh with a pithy, taut character. Bone dry.. This wine's nose is subtle but gently aromatic, with tangerine and a tropical overtone of passionfruit. On the palate the concentration becomes evident. Fruitiness, with zesty, ripe lemon uppermost, seems anchored in coolness, giving this wine a taut, linear and zesty outlook. This wine exhibits a great length and potential. This wine has an aging potential of 20-25 years.

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Pairings: Turkey, Fried or Baked Fish, Sashimi, Sushi, Nori Rolls, Roasted Chicken, Chicken Wings, Roasted Meat, Pork, Ham, and Chinese Food.