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2018 Addiah Cabernet Sauvignon- Mendocino County, California

Mendocino County wine region is home to some of the state's most progressive winemakers, who perfect organic sustainable techniques in their boutique vineyards. Mendocino County has the most acreage of certified organic vineyards in the country. At 1,400 feet of elevation, on the southern edge of Mendocino County's Sanel Valley, Topel Winery and Estate sits above the Russian River and its fog lines. Duncan Peak is to the west of the estate and is flanked by the Yorkville Highlands and Alexander Valley appellations, to the south. The Topel Winery Estate has a total of 160-acres, with only 15 prime vineyard acres planted to wine grapes. The rest of this pristine land is left to nature; oaks, manzanitas, coyotes, hawks, and rattlesnakes add to its characteristic grandeur. This 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Merlot wine is medium to full bodied with beautiful aromas of violets and cassis moving to the palate with flavors of dark fruit, figs, mocha, and currants all along with well-integrated tannins and a nice surprisingly long finish. Truly a fun bottle of wine!

Pairings: This wine will pair well with wild fowl, red cabbage, aged cheeses, truffles, honey-roasted carrots or grilled red meat — especially venison, lamb or well-marbled beef.

2018 CVNE Monopole Blanco- Rioja Spain

In 1879, C.V.N.E., (The Northern Spanish Wine Company) or la Cuné, as it is commonly known in Haro, was created. The Cvne winery in Haro, is made up of a group of buildings, mostly from the 19th century for the purpose of wine production, aging, and bottling. Cvne, is situated in Rioja, by the train station, with the oldest wineries of Rioja Alta, for transporting their goods to the port of Bilbao. Viura is a vital, leading white grape of Rioja. This fruity white is also floral and light and was produced with Viura grapes that fermented in stainless steel at low temperature with dry yeasts to keep the primary aromas. It's from a fresh year with less ripeness and alcohol, and this continues with the profile of previous years. It has a nice pale yellow color. On the nose the elegance is given by floral and fruity notes such as apple, pear and citrus notes. Both its smooth entry and its delicate passage through the palate gives it a balanced and fresh wine, with a long and fruity aftertaste. 89 PTS RP

Pairings: This makes it a perfect companion for all kinds of seafood, appetizers, salads and cheese.