



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA

**Everyday Club March 2022**



## **2016 Enate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot- Somontano, Spain**

Having a continental Mediterranean climate and scarce annual rainfall, the land of Somontano is characterized by limestone and rocky soils. Also, the significant temperature difference between day and night during summer contributes to a slow, optimal ripening of the grapes. At ENATE, they understand that the quality of their wines starts in the land, in the vineyards. They own 450 hectares of vineyards that allow them to control and guarantee the utmost quality of the grapes and vineyards, with low yields per hectare, respect for the environment, through organic cultivation, precision wine making and excellence in the harvest. The best grapes of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot varieties are combined to make the exquisite Enate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2016. The aromas, the fruity and floral flavors, and richness come from the oak barrels in which it matures for six months. In addition to barrel aging, Enate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2016 rests on the bottle for a year before being able to be served at the table. It has a complex blackcurrant, blackberry aroma with a touch of violet and hints of red pepper, vanilla, and herbs. Smooth and round mouthfeel; the soft tannic cushion gives way to a flavorsome palate which releases pleasant honey-roast aromas. The well balanced acidity will ensure improvement in the bottle over the next five years.

Pairings: Roasts, Beef, particularly grilled or roast beef and filet mignon, chicken, particularly grilled or roast chicken, baked fish and cheeses, especially blue cheese, cheddar cheese, and gorgonzola

## **NV Little James Basket Press Rouge- Gigondas, France**

The estate lies in the heart of Gigondas where 15 hectares of vineyard grow in the shade of the Dentelles de Montmirail mountain. Saint Cosme Little James' Basket Press Rouge carries the Vin de France designation due to its unique production method. This 100% Grenache is made from blending wines from multiple vintages in concrete tanks starting with the 1999 vintage. The result is a wine that is both vibrant and complex. Louis Barruol believes this is an ideal wine for discovering the typicity of Grenache from the southern Rhône. The wine combines a broad array of varietal Grenache traits: softness, red fruit, and vibrancy with a dash of power, length, and structure. Aromas and flavors of cherries, strawberry compote, and gingerbread. Long, smooth and deep. Drink now. 90 PTS JS

Pairings: Grenache is the pale-colored, red-fruited, and potpourri-scented red grape variety of the southern Rhône and can be paired with both rustic and sophisticated dishes. Full-bodied Grenache-based wines are ideal with stews, braises, and grilled meats, while lighter versions can work well with dark fish and tomato-based dishes such as ratatouille.