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## Cellar Club June 2022

### 2019 Padelletti Rosso di Montalcino, Montalcino, Italy

The Padelletti family is one of the oldest and most historic families in all of Montalcino, they have ties to the region as far back as the early 1500's. The Padelletti's are the most important family in Montalcino and still have vineyard holdings around the city of Montalcino. In the city of Montalcino. They were one of the families that pushed for the establishment of the DOC and DOCG status of Montalcino. The Padelletti's were not great at promoting their own estate, which led to this very important family being almost entirely unknown until recently. Today the estate is managed by Claudia Susanna Padelletti and her two children. This wine is 100% Sangiovese from their organically farmed vineyards located just 2.5km from the winery in the cooler, northeastern corridor of the town of Montalcino. In the glass, expect a beautiful dusty ruby color showing restrained but lifted aromas of dried cherries, pepper herbs/greens (think arugula) and soft rose-like flower petals with touches of violet. The palate is silky and incredibly well balanced with continued dried and sour cherry fruit notes along with sweet spice, purple tinged florals and a touch of licorice/anise; excellent balance of acidity and velvety tannins.

Pairing: Sangiovese pairs perfectly with a good cut of steak off the grill-Sangiovese's delicate flavor profile, excellent tannins and refreshing acidity is perfect for slightly fatty grilled meats. Try slow braised meat ragù served over pappardelle pasta; or some Italian salami.

### 2019 Blue Rock Baby Blue Red Blend- Sonoma, California

Set in Sonoma's picturesque Alexander Valley right next to Silver Oak Winery, the 100 acre Blue Rock winery crafts small batch wines using sustainable winemaking methods and minimal environmental impact. The estate benefits from cool mornings and warm, sunny days which helps the Bordeaux varieties planted here develop great depth of character while retaining grace and elegance. Their Baby Blue red blend is crafted from 100% fruit grown on the estate's hillside vineyards which boast fine rocky and pebbly soils. This blends together a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with smaller additions of Syrah, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Juicy blue fruit adorns a soft, well-integrated core of tannin and oak, rich yet balanced in style and big on value. Loads of rich red and black fruits are on the palate, plus a delightful hint of blueberry, This is followed up by a nice compliment of baking spices, vanilla, a kiss of gentle herbs, and just the right amount of beautiful French oak and earthy goodness to round things out on the finish. Wonderful length and supple tannins make for easy enjoyment of this joyous red. WE 92 PTS, JS 90 PTS

Pairings: You can pair this wine with just about any meal you match with a nice red. Grilled meats always come to mind, but poultry in rich sauces or exotic global cuisine such as Indian, Thai or Vietnamese will work equally well.