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### Everyday Club June 2022

#### **2019 Lapostolle Apalta Red 2019 Rapel Valley, Chile**

The Colchagua Valley is situated in the southern part of Chile's Rapel Valley, with many of the best vineyards lying in the foothills of the Coastal Range. The warm, dry growing season in the Colchagua Valley favors robust reds made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Malbec and Syrah. Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle (DBL) is one of Chile's most dynamic and influential winemakers. The family began producing fine wine and spirits in France in 1827. In 1994, they were one of the first to see the potential of Apalta Valley's terroirs in Chile for producing high quality red varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Merlot. In 2005, DBL's icon wine Clos Apalta made history by becoming the first and only South American wine to ever be ranked #1 of the famous Top100 of Wine Spectator. The family's goal is to create world-class wines using French winemaking philosophy and the superb terroirs of Apalta. The 2019 Apalta is a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah, 7% Carmenère, and 5% Merlot. It has an elegant, fine and well balanced nose with aromas of black fruits such as blackberries and spices. A silky attack is followed by flavors of red and black fruits, coffee and chocolate. It has good tannins with very good structure. JS 93 PTS

Pairing: The ideal companion for stewed and grilled meat such as game, lamb and a rib-eye steak.

#### **2018 E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Rouge- Rhone Valley, France**

"E. Guigal is not only one of the largest wineries in the Rhone Valley, but probably the most awarded winery. In 2021, E. Guigal was named one of "The World's most admired wine brands 2021" This "King of the Rhone" demonstrates the perfect mastery of skills on the care of its vines, the ecosystem of the soil, the wine ageing and blending, and even the barrel making. This Cotes du Rhone Rouge made by the Guigal winery is a fine example of what Rhone Valley wines can offer in the glass. A representative label of this important AOC, in which Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre come together in a blend that is appreciated by all lovers of French red wines. The 2018 Côtes du Rhône, which is a slightly more Syrah-dominated blend, offers more peppery, earthy notes as well as plenty of dark blue fruits, medium body, notable elegance, and solid balance. It has a slightly herbal, briary note, dark berry fruit and hints of mocha on the full-bodied palate. full-bodied, rich and intensely aromatic wine. Overall, a full wine with a long finish and plenty of elegance and finesse due to the well balanced tannins and fruit. Round and fleshy, it finishes smooth and velvety. RP 91 PTS, JD 91 PTS

Pairings: Perfect to pair with stewed red meat, roasted and grilled meat, meat sauce pasta, cold cuts and salami and aged cheeses.