SIGNATURE RED WINE CLUB AUGUST 2020

Marlène & Nicolas Chevalier "Les Voleyses" Crozes Hermitage 2018

Once part of the cave co-operative at Tain Hermitage, the family vineyards of Domaine Chevalier are gradually being reclaimed by the brother and sister team of Nicolas and Marlène Chevalier. Following his formal agricultural studies in France, Nicolas spent four years honing his winemaking skills on estates in Australia, California and South Africa. Nicolas works with three distinct parcels: Marius, Petite Pend, and Les Pends. The 1.4 hectares of vines are farmed sustainably, then hand harvested, vinified and bottled according to parcel. Allowing for greater aromatic character and freshness

Variety: 100% Syrah

Tasting notes: The Voleyses Cuvée is made from younger vine fruit and aged in stainless steel. Deep purple color. Fragrant nose of blackberries, plums, a hint of leather. Layers of fruit roll over the plate, very soft and appealing. Chewy texture, medium finish. A Syrah for current drinking, enjoy with grilled meats.

Domaine Chamfort Vacqueyras 2017

The Domaine Chamfort is run by the energetic and irrepressible young vigneron, Vasco Perdigao. While Vasco is of Portuguese origin, he has fully integrated himself into the life of vigneron in the southern Rhône as proprietor of the 16.5 hectare Domaine Chamfort in Sablet, at the northern edge of the Gigondas appellation. Here he produces limited amounts of Côtes du Rhône, Sablet, Séguret, Rasteau and his main wine, Vacqueyras.

Varieties: 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, and 15% Syrah

Tasting notes: Vacqueyras is known for its finesse. The nose is powerful and complex, combining aromas of ripe red fruits and fragrant scents of earthy garrigue flavors and herbs de Provence. On the palate, the attack is full, the sweetness of the fruit caresses the palate, the tannins are soft and well-rounded. The Mourvedre lends structure to the wine. The finish combines ripe fruit and minerality, enhanced by the earthy garrigue character.