

## MARITIME

WINE TASTING STUDIO



# SIGNATURE RED WINE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2020

## Cune Imperial Reserva 2015

Imperial is one of the great names in Spanish winemaking. It is a true classic in Rioja and was first produced in the 1920s. Its name comes from a special bottling for the English market, in a measure called 'Pinta Imperial' or 'Imperial Pint' which is approximately half a litre. This wine is produced from grapes harvested in vineyards that are over 20 years old in the area around Villalba and Haro in Rioja Alta. They are bush pruned, with low yields, and hand harvested. Only the healthiest and ripest grapes are selected. It is only made in the most special vintages.

**Variety:** 85% Tempranillo, 15% Garnacha, Graciano, and Mazuelo.

**Tasting notes:** Deep cherry colour with shades of shiny red. To the nose, aromas of berries and liquorice balanced by hints of clove, rosemary, thyme and tobacco leaves coming from the oak cask ageing. To the palate, it shows its elegance thanks to a gentle tannin providing roundness and freshness. The wine tastes for long in the palate, with an interestingly complex aftertaste.



## Quinta Nova Pomares Red Blend 2016

For decades the Amorim family has been the world leader of the cork industry. In 1999 they acquired Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo in the Douro Valey. Luisa Amorim, is at the heart and soul of this project, leading a small team mostly comprised of women. At Quinta Nova there are three 18th century orchards (pomares in Portuguese) located next to the water course and harmoniously framed against the terraced vineyards. The expression of the Pomares wines results from aromatic nuances, flavours and textures of each of the respective vineyards. They are genuine and intense wines that represents the Douro valley in its fullness.

**Varieties:** Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional

**Tasting notes:** Red fruits that blend with toasted aromas and sweets from the French oak barrels, beautiful fruit sensation in flavor, mixing the juicy structure with the round tannins and a flowing body. It ends long, tense and persistent.

