

# 13 Wines

TWELVE DAYS OF

Christmas



## UCT HOLIDAY WINE ORDER

It's a Baker's Dozen for the 12 Wines of Christmas!  
And all UCT members are members of the UCT Wine Club!

### SPARKLING

#### 1. NV Baron de Rothschild Brut Champagne \$495/case of 6

*The Baron de Rothschild Brut is aerial Champagne that is rich and complex. The blend uses three to four-year old Chardonnays and Pinots Noirs from the best land in Champagne. This subtle blend produces a wine with fabulously fine bubbles, elegant golden colour and fine, delicate nuances of white fruit. Low dosage and at least six months' time after disgorging gives this Champagne beautifully balanced structure on the palate that is highly appreciated when served as the aperitif or throughout the meal. 90pts Antonio Galloni, 92pts Wine Spectator*

#### 2. NV Borgoluce Prosecco Superiore Brut \$285/case of 12

*Limited production of select grapes, early harvest and fermentation in low temperature autoclaves to heighten delicacy and flavour. A sparkling wine with a rich, elegant personality, thanks to the aroma of wild flowers and the pleasantly silky taste. Excellent as an aperitif but also very well suited as an accompanying wine for a complete meal.*

### WHITE

#### 3. Brick & Mortar 2016 Manchester Ridge Chardonnay (Sonoma Coast)

\$420/case of 6

*The 2016 Manchester Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay from Matt Iaconi's new and revered Brick and Mortar winery is the inaugural release hailing from the furthest reaches of the Mendocino coastline. Full of expressive white blossoms, yellow apple and matchstick flint, the aromatics are expansive and alluring. Richer in style than most of Chardonnays, the palate showcases lemon curd and passionfruit with a striking and energetic finish. Gorgeous in its youth, we foresee this wine improving over the next 10+ years. 93pts Wine Enthusiast, 92pts International Wine Report*



#### 4. Cliff Lede 2017 Sauvignon Blanc (Napa Valley) \$540/case of 12

*The delectably bright and balanced 2017 Sauvignon Blanc from Canadian expat Cliff Lede is resplendent in a sea of citrus aromas and flavours. Meyer lemon, key lime, ruby grapefruit, and kumquat notes are lusciously entwined in the bouquet as well as in the flavors. As the wine opens in the glass, those citrus elements find further complexity with touches of pie crust, coconut, honeyed quince, and Thai basil. This charming wine is imbued with a bright acidity and a long, rich full bodied texture. This is a much more Bordeaux style white than many of its neighbours in Napa Valley.*



#### 5. Egon Muller 2016 Chateau Bela Riesling (Slovakia) \$370/case of 12

*The wines from Slovakia's Chateau Bela estate can be compared to the great Auslese wines of Germany. Egon Müller (Germany's foremost respected winemaker) makes a dry Riesling that lovers of Riesling should not miss out on. Flavours of citrus, stone fruit, peach with a mineral crispness on the finish.*



#### 6. La Cappuccina 2017 Organic Pinot Grigio \$320/case of 12

*The Tessari family has been making wine at the La Cappuccina estate located in the Soave region for over a century. They are the organic pioneers of Soave, having adopted organic methods and principles since 1985. The Tessari's planted their Pinot Grigio in the same volcanic soils as the Garganega used for the Soave. This Pinot Grigio is one of the only organically cultivated in the Veneto region. 100% Pinot Grigio, this wine matures on the lees for five months.*

### REDS

#### 7. Cambria 2014 Bench Break Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara) \$450/case of 12

*This 2014 Benchbreak Pinot Noir from Santa Barbara's leading sustainable winery is a dark purple colour with red fruit characters of cranberry, cherry, pomegranate, and strawberry coupled with a bit of blueberry aromas and flavours. There is a touch of Asian spice and subtle earthy characters. Balanced tannins lead way to lingering finish.*

90pts Robert Parker



**REDS Continued**

**8. Hecht & Bannier 2012 Bandol (Provence) *Very limited quantity***

\$500/case of 12

*Bandol is based on a several terroirs blend of the appellation. The deep wines from Chemin de l'argile are associated to the limestone of Saint Cyr. At the Far East, in Sainte Anne d'Evenos – the coolest area which most benefits from the maritime air inlet – they have selected a wine which brings freshness and distinction. Bandol and Mourvedre are always linked: this grape variety finds its finest expression in that region. The outstanding fullness of its ripe and deep tannins is balanced by Grenache softness and the spellbinding fruit of the wines from of the very old vines of Cinsault. With a few years of age on it, this is now drinking wonderfully. **90pts Wine Spectator***



**9. Prunotto 2017 Barbera d'Alba (Piedmont) \$160/case of 6**

*The historic house of Prunotto is located in Alba, the most important city of the Langhe district of Piedmont. Its grounds are equidistant from both Barbaresco and Barolo, on rolling plains surrounded by the vineyards of both the Langhe and Roero areas. This is an effortlessly elegant, supple wine brimming with bright berry fruit, fresh flowers, earth and cedar notes along with hints of spice. Pour with charcuterie and cheeses, or meaty pastas.*

**10. Tomasso Bussola 2015 Ca'del Laito Ripasso (Veneto) \$245/case of 6**

*Ca' del Laito is an intense rich and structured expression of Valpolicella Ripasso: a compact and concentrated red wine, aged for 30 months in big oak barrels. Scents of red fruits, black pepper, fruits in alcohol are combined in a juicy and consistent taste. We love this rustic and classic red red meat, roasted vegetables or even after dessert with hard cheeses and dark chocolate.*



**11. Copain 2013 Hawks Butte Syrah (Sonoma) \$820/case of 12**

*Profoundly aromatic with notes of violets, blackberry, smoke, black currant, clove, pie spice, black licorice and ripe raspberry. The texture is soft and alluring with flavours of figs, blackberry and black plum. Mouthwatering acidity and soft tannins highlight the long finish of this mountain grown cool climate Syrah. One of winemaker Wells Guthrie's standouts from the Yorkville Highlands. **94pts Antonio Galloni***



**12. L'Aventure 2015 Optimus (Paso Robles) \$515/case of 6**

*Optimus is a classically- styled wine that truly embodies L'Aventure's love for the Rhone valley. Bottled mid-March 2017 and a blend of 60% Syrah, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Petit Verdot, the 2015 Optimus has a deep garnet-purple color and nose of crushed black currants, black cherries and black raspberries with hints of violets, dark chocolate, baking spices and black pepper. Full-bodied and with a lovely intensity of vibrant black fruit, it has an approachable frame of rounded tannins and lively acid, finishing long and spicy. This wine will drink wonderfully decanted over the holidays or age for years to come in the cellar. **93pts Antonio Galloni, 93pts Robert Parker***

**13. Chateau Lassegue 2009 Bordeaux (Saint Emilion) \$720/case of 6**

*From iconic winemaker Pierre Seillan, the large amount of very ripe Cabernet Sauvignon delivers fruit expression with good tannins. The Cabernet Franc brings a subtle freshness and fruit with notes of raspberry, red currant, and cherry. The Merlot adds a deep color, richness and a round aspect with black cherry, cassis, and blackberry flavours. This wine will age nicely for the next 25 years but can also be enjoyed within the next 5 years. **90ts Robert Parker***



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Name of Wine	# of Cases	Total \$
<b>NAME</b>	<b>Member #</b>	

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