



# Southbury Package Store

## Uncorked



### Speakeasy Wine of the Month Club

Membership has its benefits. If you're a fan you've been following our monthly wine writeups. Each month we pick a seasonal wine that pique's our interest and pass on the discovery to you. We strive to find unique, exciting, and delicious wines to present. For example, this month's selection is a wine from the Côtes du Marmandais, an area in France I had never seen wine from and neither had James. Of course, it made perfect sense to promote this as our WOM. These small introductions to faraway places are great opportunities to expand our wine experience.

To aid furthering our wine education, we're offering a membership to the **Speakeasy Wine of the Month Club**. For the term of your membership, you will receive the following:

- 1 bottle of the SPS wine of the month
- 10% discount on all wine purchases throughout the term of the membership (state minimum applies)
- 6 bottle SPS tote bag
- 20% off the price of wine classes
- First notice for wine dinners and special events
- Free admission (plus a guest) to our Sunday Grand Cru Tasting Events (\$25.00 for non-members)

**JOIN TODAY!**

**MAKES A GREAT GIFT!**

*3 Month Membership*  
*\$75.00*

*6 Month Membership*  
*\$120.00*

*12 Month Membership*  
*\$200.00*

## WHAT'S ON TAP?

**THIS WEEK 10/20 - 10/26**

### Cosimo Taurino Primitivo

The name of this Primitivo Salento IGP, 7° Ceppo, represents the seventh generation of winemakers of the Taurino family. The grapes for this primitivo wine come from the Manduria region from vines planted as trees of about 70 years. Its peculiarity is the steel refining, and not wood, because it expresses all its power as well, naturally!

Made from 100% Primitivo and suited for long ageing, it is a fine ruby red with a full bouquet of ripe red fruits and an herbal edge. It is moderatley dry for a primitive but still shows off the grape's classic flavors and palate. Enjoy on its own or with aged cheeses, grilled meats, and hearty roasts.

## BIN ENDS

### The Firepit Four Pack

**4 wines to warm your bones on these cool Autumn nights**

**Cesari Valpolicella Ripasso**  
**Domaine du Seuil Bordeaux**  
**Mary Taylor Douro**  
**Tomas Cusiné Llebre**

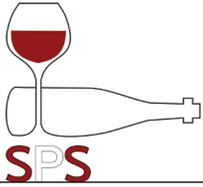
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No substitutions.

### 2019 Chateaufeuf du Pape

From [wineseacher.com](http://wineseacher.com):

For the Rhône Valley, the 2019 vintage is looking extremely strong. The winter was unusually mild with balmy temperatures continuing into a dry spring, prompting an early budbreak. However, both April and May saw a cold snap that slowed vine growth and both frost and hail served to cut yields. Although, the cool temperatures were not to last with a sizzling heatwave striking June and lasting through to July with many



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## Upcoming Events

*Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>*

### **Mine Hill Distillery**

Spirits Tasting

SPS 3:30 - 6:30

*Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*

### **Haku Vodka/Roku Gin/Toki Whiskey**

Spirits Tasting

SPS 3:30 - 6:30

*Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>*

### **Wine School - Clean Wine. Green Wine. \***

Organic, natural, biodynamic: what's the difference? Does it matter?

Heritage Hotel 6:30pm

*Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>*

### **On The Rocks Cocktails**

Spirits Tasting

SPS 3:30 - 6:30

*Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>*

### **Duckhorn Family of Wines Cru Tasting**

SPS 1:00 - 5:00

*Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*

### **Sensory Evaluation \***

That's right! We are going in blind. Put your eyes, nose, and mouth on full alert!

Heritage Hotel 6:30pm

great acidity suggesting the grapes must just have had crucial periods of time, such as at night, to cool down. The whites are also said to be fruit-forward and fresh but not overripe. The Rhône vintage for 2019 could have some very good wines indeed.

We love Chateaufort du Pape, and we have a few excellent selections from this vintage with more from the just released 2020 vintage coming! The following wines are well reviewed and that helps us choose which wines to buy without tasting. But high scores aren't the only factor, we look at wine pedigree, personal past experiences, and price before deciding to take the leap in the blind buy.

**Chateau Fortia Tradition 2019 (\$43.98)** is a wine I have had much experience with during my tenure in the wine world. For years I happily sold this inexpensive (for the region) offering as a delicate version of what CDP could be. While it was tasty every vintage it was a wine of finesse not power. The Fortia estate's history dates to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but its recent history is what has thrust this wine back into my life and hopefully yours. In 2016 Pierre Pastre decided to allow for the younger generation to step forward. With that measure, Fortia has stepped up in the "power" category yet still allowing for its trademark finesse. A delicious introduction to this great region.

**Domaine Bois De Boursan 2019 (\$49.98)** is new to my personal CDP experience. It was introduced to me while I was in Cape May, NJ of all places. While eating at a local BYOB, I was intrigued by a neighboring patron's bottle, and he noticed and was gracious enough to offer me a taste in exchange for a sip of my Green & Red Chiles District Zinfandel. Boy did I make out in that exchange! This is a traditional CDP, using all thirteen allowed varietals. They're also estate, organic and traditional. A treat, no tricks!

**Domaine du Pegau 2019 (\$89.98)** is a CDP from my early wine selling years. This is a selection from the venerable Dan Kravitz who is responsible for our best rosé this past Summer (Arrumaco). Laurence Feraud is a tour de force in CDP and her 2019 is excellent. This may be the best offering I have tried from her since I started in the early 2000s. Treat yourself.

We've also just received the 2020 Le Vieux Donjon and Clos des Papes! More on these amazing estates later.

grapes suffered from sunburn. June also saw some localized hailstorms which again damaged vineyards but much of it was, fortunately, followed by rains relieving some of the dry conditions. Grenache coped reasonably well with the heat and cooler nights helped retain the important acidity and aromatic character. However, drought has still been an issue, particularly in the Southern Rhône.

The harvest was mostly picked in September and the resulting wines look set to be very good. For the reds, reports suggest that they are extremely concentrated – unsurprising considering the summer heat – but very well balanced with

**LIFE IS SHORT.... DRINK BETTER!**