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I am happy to announce a flurry of new wines being released with this year's spring wine club shipments. What arrives in your box will depend on your club level and wine mix selection. They may include Sauvignon Blanc, Rose', Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Cab Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. There are too many to review individually so I will summarize them by vintage. Also enclosed is the Spring 2018 edition of "drink", our annual drinkability matrix and guide to cellaring your Pech Merle wines.

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2017

Lake County Sauvignon Blanc



With such a warm ripening season this wine came in fully ripened with lots of tropical fruits and juicy citrus notes. It will be perfect for warm weather patio sipping as well as year 'round at the table with lighter fare such as salads, fish, shell fish, fowl and white pastas.

Mendocino County Vin Rosé de Syrah



Introducing our BRAND NEW Vin Rosé de Syrah! With a brilliant nose of ripe ruby red grapefruit, this medium-bodied and pleasantly rounded wine has a lively, yet unobtrusive texture. A light, yet solidly fruity Rosé with a palate full of well-defined flavors like white raspberry, soft hibiscus and strawberry rhubarb. More and more people are discovering just how nice it is to sip rosé all year long; there are no rules to break here, just go ahead and enjoy! And don't worry, we are still making our original rosé, the vibrant Ivy Rosé de Syrah and the 2017 vintage will be released on April 21st.

2015

In general the grape crops were much smaller than average this vintage and therefore the flavors are intensified within the berries. You will find our Zin and Cab Franc are deeply colored with jammy fruit, bolder tannins and fleshier texture. With just another year or two of bottle age these wines will be drinking very nicely and will settle down a lot (see drink. spring 2018). Pair them with strongly flavored cheeses and meats or sauces.

2014

Pinot Noir

Already having had over two years of bottle age these wines are coming out elegant and approachable. The depth and intensity of flavors, nuanced Pinot character and floral charm will grab you at first sip. These wines are true gems and you will be back for more. They are why Pinot lovers love their Pinot.

Zinfandel

When thinking of big brooding Zins these are what you have in mind. The breadth and intensity of richness and flavor in them is impressive. Zins with great flavor are simply hard to put down; you just want to keep it coming. Whether sipping solo or enjoying with food these two Zins are going to make you very happy, fire up the BBQ, and break out the sauces and caramelized yummy of your favorite ribs. Or pasta. Or sausage. Or whatever, you get the idea.

