WINE COLLECTIVE
selected by Jacqueline Pirolo

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Let's raise the volume (and a glass) on the black community within the wine world! This month's box highlights black owned wineries from around the world who are making incredible wines all while farming with a respect to nature.

Remember there is always more! Shoot me an email if you'd like to purchase another bottle (or case) of something in your pack that you loved.

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Cheers and thank you!

#MacchInMyGlass
**ASLINA**
CHARDONNAY 2019

Producer: Aslina  
Variety: Chardonnay  
Vintage: 2019  
Agricultural Technique: Sustainable  
Location: Western Cape, South Africa  
Follow: @nbiyela

As South Africa's first black female winemaker, Ntsiki Biyela has forged a path to become one of the most recognized names in the world of wine. In 2016, she established Aslina Wines, inspired by the strength and determination of the biggest influence in her life, her grandmother. Today Aslina is renowned for its range of premium wines and is the realization of Ntsiki's dream to create an exceptional world-class brand. Ntsiki Biyela, was named 2009 South African Woman Winemaker of the Year. In 2017 Food & Wine Magazine and Fortune Magazine honored Ntsiki as one of the "Most Innovative Women in Wine"

A complex, fruity Chardonnay, creamy and full. A pale straw color, full of apple and lemon fruit with minerality and brilliant acidity.

**FAMILLE DE BOEL**
"JE VOUS ADORE" 2019

Producer: Famille de Boel  
Name: "Je Vous Adore"  
Variety: Caladoc, Grenache & Carignan  
Vintage: 2019  
Agricultural Technique: Biodynamic  
Location: Vaucluse, France  
Follow: @famille_deboelfrance

Famille de Boel France is a small family estate owned and run by an enthusiastic and inspired husband/wife team in the high elevations of Saint Joseph. This is a project born from passion, not born from inheriting vineyards or a cellar. Nelly France is from Brittany (France), Arnaud De Boel is from Belgium, and they met in 2009 in New Zealand where their love for food and wine brought them together and quickly found a love for one another. With their two young children Augustin and Margot, the family chooses biodynamic farming and winemaking, and owns vineyards in the Northern Rhone where they live (in Saint Joseph and Cornas), and some land in the Southern Rhone close to the villages of Suze-la-Rousse and Sainte-Cécile-les-Vignes.

The 'Je Vous Adore' Rosé comes from a small plot of vines planted within the Vaucluse region of the Southern Rhone. A forty-year-old vineyard of Caladoc (a cross between Malbec and Grenache) was hand-harvested and then directly pressed from whole clusters for a natural fermentation in stainless steel vats. In the early spring, the wine is bottled and has a gorgeous pale pink color, and shoots forth brilliant aromas of young strawberries, white flowers, and mineral. The mouth feel is balanced and shows bright grapefruit, white-fleshed fruit, a touch of saltiness, and a kiss of lavender.
FAMILLE DE BOEL

'LE GRAS C'EST LA VIE!' 2019

Producer: Famille de Boel
Name: Le Gras C'est La Vie!
Variety: Carignan, Grenache & Caladoc
Vintage: 2019
Agricultural Technique: Biodynamic
Location: Rhone Valley, France
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Le gras c'est la vie' is a showstopper of a wine, with freshness and vivacity Coming from a young plot of vines in the southern side of the Rhone Valley, this is a hand-harvested blend of Carignan, Grenache, and Caladoc (a cross between Malbec and Grenache). A bright and brambly nose lead to a palate that is exuberant with red and black fruits, full of spicy texture, and has just the right amount of meaty grip to play well with foods of many kinds or to simply invite the next sip.

FAMILLE DE BOEL

'LES VORACES' 2019

Producer: Famille de Boel
Name: "Les Voraces"
Variety: Syrah
Vintage: 2019
Agricultural Technique: Biodynamic
Location: Northern Rhone, France
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'Les Voraces' is a pure expression of Syrah from the northern Rhone in the where only stainless steel is used for fermentation, and a short aging to give as much varietal characteristic as possible. This young vineyard is hand-harvested when the fruit has reached a perfect balance. By March or April the wine is bottled and sent to market to show its purest form, with notes of peppery spice, blackberry, boysenberry, and a touch of cured meat. On the palate the wine is fresh, but has deep complexity, showing dark berry fruit, spice, licorice, and great minerality.
MAISON NOIR
'HORSESHOES & HANDGRENADES'

Producer: Maison Noir
Name: Horseshoes & Handgrenades
Variety: Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot
Location: Oregon & Washington
Follow: @andrehmack

Maison Noir is the brainchild of Andre Hueston Mack. Despite having a successful career with Citicorp Investment Services, Andre Hueston Mack decided to leave his "desk job" to pursue his passion for wine. While working as a sommelier in San Antonio, Mack discovered the joys of introducing guests to the little-known vineyards that first attracted him to the business and "the instant gratification of a guest's reaction." While still in Texas, Mack was awarded the prestigious title of Best Young Sommelier in America by the highly regarded Chaine des Rotisseurs. Winemaking has always been a dream of his and came to fruition when he set up shop under the moniker of Maison Noir Wines. Throughout his career Mack has forged unique relationships with luminary growers and winemakers from around the planet. It is with this prestigious group that Mack currently creates his wines. He also owns a dope wine shop, bakery & ham bar in the Prospect-Lefferts Garden area in Brooklyn. Mack's wines are well respected and definitely do not take themselves too seriously, as you will see from his labels - but don't be fooled, these wines are serious and worthy of getting to know better.

Horseshoes & Handgrenades is fruit-driven, full-bodied complex red blend sourced from Southern Oregon and Red Mountain Washington.

MAISON NOIR
'LOVE DRUNK' 2019

Producer: Maison Noir
Name: Love Drunk
Variety: Chardonnay & Pinot Noir
Vintage: 2019
Location: McMinnville, Oregon
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The 2020 Love Drunk is an intoxicating rosé. Much like new love, it clouds the brain, causes eyes to sparkle, cheeks to glow, blood pressure to rise, and lips to pucker. Provocative aromas of strawberry and raspberry, followed by refreshing flavors of wild strawberry, watermelon rind, and a hint of kiwi.
Producer: Maison Noir
Name: Other People's Pinot Gris
Variety: Pinot Gris
Vintage: 2015
Location: Willamette Valley, Oregon
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The 2019 vintage we experienced a longer growing season due to the cool weather in autumn which produced complex wines with refined acidity! We would like to introduce our best take yet on Pinot Noirs favorite mutation: The 2019 Other People's Pinot Gris is like Juggling Apples, Pears and Peaches while dancing to Pharell's "Happy" - enthralling, upbeat, fresh and deluxe.

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Other People's Pinot Noir is earthy, spicy, floral, herb-framed flavors of cherry with gingery wood spice tones.