

the PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Beckmen Vineyards 2019 Cuvée le Bec

This week's feature wine actually came in last week, so I've given it to a few of you to try already, but I wanted to go ahead and feature it anyway: Beckmen Vineyards 2019 Cuvée le Bec. This rich red blend hails from the Santa Ynez Valley in Central California and consists of 51% Syrah, 38% Grenache, 6% Mourvedre, and 5% Counoise. From Wine Enthusiast: "The 2019 Cuvee le Bec is superb. Ripe red cherry, plum, blood orange, spice and leather all meld together nicely in the glass. This supple, open-knit Syrah-based red delivers the goods, and then some." Beckmen is a great California winery that focuses on quality farming and quality grapes, specifically Rhône-style blends. Plus Becca says this one is named after her, so you have to give it a go.

WINE PICK

Château de Cary-Potet 2020 Les Bassets Chardonnay

My pick this week is a Chardonnay from southern Burgundy, Château de Cary-Potet 2020 Les Bassets. If you are a fan of Chardonnay — or even if you're not — and you haven't tried one from France, it's time to give it a go. It's in my opinion the best expression of Chardonnay you can find. This wine is named after the original owner of Cary-Potet, Charles Basset. Cary-Potet is now owned and produced by Château de Chamilly's Desfontaine family, who can trace their winemaking lineage in the region back to the 12th century. "Château de Cary Potet Les Bassets pours a light straw in the glass with brilliant lemon highlights. On the nose, aromas of persimmon, just-ripe peach and a saline mineral note plume from the glass. On the palate, the wine is textured and refreshing with a lively concentration of ripe fruit flavors and chalky mineral complexity. The finish is energetic and exciting, calling you back for another thirst-quenching sip." This is a beautiful, full-bodied white that will pair with tons of dishes, so don't hesitate to buy one.