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Wine Club Tasting Notes

Sunday May 15th, 2011

Small Production, Unique Wines from Austria

Steininger Grüner Veltliner Loisium *Kamptal, Austria*

The family-run winery Steininger is situated in the wine growing village of Langenlois in the Kamptal Valley. They cultivate 25 hectares. Lower Austria is well-known for the Grüner Veltliner and this is also the strength of the winery. Grüner Veltliner represents over 50 % of their production.

This wine is named after the architect who built the Loisium. A single vineyard Veltliner with inviting fruit in the nose, exotic notes and fine ripe aroma of apples. The finish is complex and balanced with a long beautiful echo.

Hillinger Blaufränkisch *Burgenland, Austria*

The Hillinger family has managed vineyards for generations in Burgenland. In 1990 Leo Hillinger - after a long apprenticeship and many years of travel in Germany and California - took over the wine estate and began with structural reforms, which were to make the winery a top wine-growing enterprise in the Neusiedl Lake region within a few years.

Their Blaufränkisch has delightful aromas of red berry fruit and black pepper. The palate is smooth with soft tannins and ripe notes of red cherry and blackberry.

Vacherin Fribourgeois *Switzerland*

Vacherin Fribourgeois is a hearty and potent Swiss cow's milk cheese with a semi-soft to firm texture, depending on age. Selected by master affineur Rolf Beeler, Vacherin Fribourgeois is an "old fashioned" Vacherin with an uneven, craggy rind and harsh edges. Its taste is grassy, nutty, and with the perfume of fresh-cut hay. The flavors increase when melted, and, as such, Vacherin Fribourgeois makes an excellent fondue cheese.

