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Wicked Wine Club brings small-batch wines to members on Lower Cape Cod



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Six wine lovers on the Lower Cape had the chance to buy a rare bottle of pinot meunier, a still red wine produced in extremely small batches from a grape normally used in making champagne.

The opportunity came about through the new Wicked Wine Club, an extension of [The Wicked Oyster restaurant in Wellfleet](#) and the nearby [Wicked Provisions](#) shop. The club is led by sommelier Sebastien Taffara, who co-owns the restaurant and shop, working with Rosa Simpson, who specializes in small-batch wines.

“Pinot meunier is considered environmentally friendly. It’s from The Eyrie Vineyards out of Oregon. They don’t produce a lot of it, so we only got six bottles. It was a \$50 add-on to the \$95 three-bottle selection (of Wicked Wine Club’s membership tiers),” Simpson said.



Members of the Wicked Wine Club will pick up their monthly bottles of wine at Wicked Provisions, 50 Main St., Wellfleet. *Provided By CJPR*

To put the pinot meunier's rarity into perspective, on average only 250 of the 10,000 cases produced by The Eyrie Vineyards each year are pinot meunier. The bulk of the vineyard's production is pinot noir and its white wine relative, pinot gris.

A standard membership to the Wicked Wine Club is \$65 for two bottles of handpicked wines or \$95 for three bottles, accompanied with tasting notes, 10% discount at The Wicked Provisions and first access to wine tastings and wine dinners.

Club members also have access to a \$30 Pantry Bundle Add-On, “a thoughtful selection of gourmet groceries like farm-fresh cheeses, salty crackers, tinned fish, marinated olives, creamy dips, and other tasty surprises designed to complement the monthly wine selections.

The Wicked Wine Club joins several existing clubs, including those from Cape Cod Winery, Truro Vineyards, Dunn & Sons Wine, Cape Cod Cellars and Cape Cod Package Store Fine Wine & Spirits

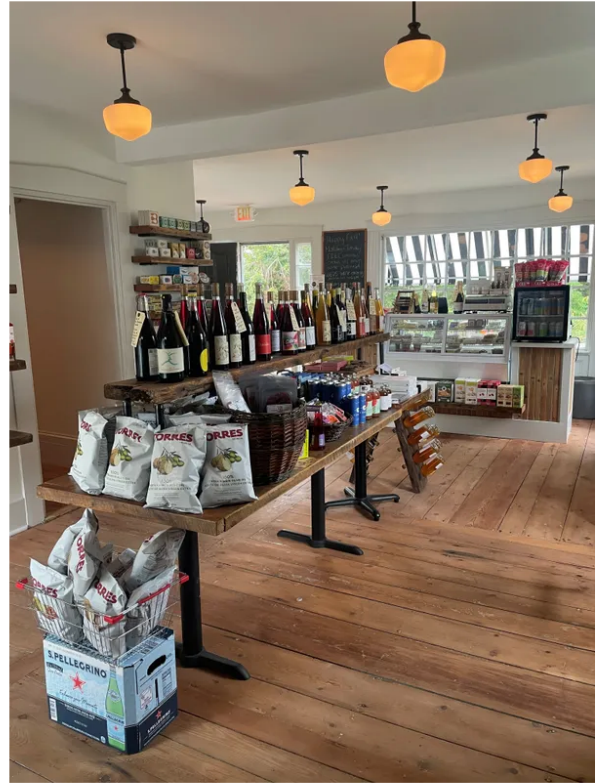
Taffara said he wanted to start the Wicked Wine Club as a way of supporting small businesses, from vineyards to importers who are bringing in rare vintages — with great stories behind them — from around the world.

The Wicked Wine Club is run out of Wicked Provisions, 50 Main St., Wellfleet.



Sommelier Sebastien Taffara set up Wicked Wine Club as a way to promote small businesses and offer Cape Cod wine lovers access to small-batch wines.
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“Those interested in becoming members can sign up via Table 22. They will receive an update on timing for each drop at the beginning of the month indicating when they can pick up their bottles at The Wicked Provisions,” according to a notice from the club, which opened this month.



The Wicked Wine Club in Wellfleet offers a \$30 monthly add-on featuring groceries that pair with that month's wines. *Provided By CJPR*

Taffara said, “A lot of the wines we pick are not from large vineyards. We want people to feel exclusive. Picking wine that is rarer to get access to makes them feel more special.”

Wicked Provisions is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The store can be reached at 508-349-3455. Information about Wicked Wine Club is available on social media, including The Wicked Provisions Instagram account.

“We have wine from France, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, but a lot from us as well ... Virginia, Vermont and more. We are trying to highlight more rare growing areas,” Simpson said.