

# Wine & Cheese

## October 2022 Wine Club

Happy Fall all! This month we bring you Iconic Sidekick Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Iconic Wine's mission: to make wines we want to drink! Their first vintage was 90 cases of Chardonnay in neutral oak barrels. They named the wine Heroine to capture its grace and elegance and loved the idea of putting a true American art form – comic book art – on the label of the American wine. The winery was named Iconic because they aspired to establish a new benchmark for California wine: wine that is authentically Californian but more restrained than the “blockbuster” wines that became the norm in the 1990's.

The Sidekick Series from Iconic Wine represents the finest wine created at an everyday drinking value. This winery works with multiple vineyard sources from around northern California. Iconic was founded on a love of Chardonnay. It was the very first wine made, and they are very picky when it comes to this great grape. Like their flagship Chardonnay, Heroine, the focus is on fresh bright fruit and minerality. The 2021 was a classic vintage with most grapes being picked around the historic averages. The result is an easy drinking vintage of Sidekick Chardonnay that is sure to please.

Sidekick Cabernet 2020 is fermented in several stainless-steel vertical fermenters. Maceration is 14 to 20 days with once-a-day pump over. An additional portion is produced in a roto-fermenter with the wine turned three times daily until fully dry. One-third is then introduced to new French oak and aged for a minimum of six months. Final blending is done a few weeks before bottling. Great care is taken to not over extract the grapes, that would result in pushing the wine into a jam or green vegetable character. Sidekick Cabernet Sauvignon is made to focus on a rich body, while still maintaining bright red fruit flavors.

Below is information on the wines. If you're part of our red wine club, you'll receive the Juan Gil Silver Organic Monastrell (a link to more information on this wine is provided).

### Sidekick Chardonnay, California, 2021

**Varietal Composition:** Chardonnay  
**Vineyard Location(s):** Napa  
**Aging:** Stainless Steel  
**Alcohol:** 14%

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of apricot & nectarine. Bright & vibrant fruit balanced by minerality.

**Food Pairing:** Pair with our Harvest Flatbread.

**Cheese Pairing:** Pair with our Fontina Fontal.

### Sidekick Cabernet Sauvignon, California 2020

**Varietal Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Vineyard Location(s):** Napa  
**Aging:** French Oak  
**Alcohol:** 14%

**Tasting Notes:** Cedar, mocha, & ripe plum on the nose. Rich & bold on the pallet with plum, berries, & a distinct earthiness with light tannins.

**Food Pairing:** Pair with our Red Wine Meatballs.

**Cheese Pairing:** Pair with our Provolone.

Have a great month! **The Gang at Wine & Cheese**

