

Wine & Cheese by TCC's August 2017 Cheese Club

This month we're featuring two cheeses from Wisconsin. Our first selection is the Extra-Aged Fontina from Sartori Company in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Sartori Company is a fourth generation family owned and operated company. The Extra-Aged Fontina is aged longer than a typical fontina to develop a rich, creamy cheese that gets sweeter as it ages. Our second selection is from Hook's Cheese Company, Inc. located in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. Tony and Julie Hook began producing cheese in 1976 and age their cheese in curing caves at just the right temperature and humidity for a slow curing process that allows the cheese to age to perfection. The Pesto Jack cheese is a mild Monterey Jack cheese blended with garlic and basil to create a full flavored cheese.

Sartori Company, Extra-Aged Fontina

Type: Pasteurized cow's milk

Flesh: Hard

Rind: Natural

Tasting Notes: Aged for 6-9 months, this cheese is buttery with a rich, deep, creamy fruitiness that grows sweeter with time.

Beer Club Pairing: For this month's beer club, pair with the Ommegang Rosetta. The complex blend of tartness and sweetness pairs beautifully with the creamy, fruitiness of the cheese.

Wine Club Pairing: For this month's wine club, pair with the Ribbonwood Sauvignon Blanc. The ripe, tropical notes in the wine highlight the sweet notes in the cheese.

Hook's Cheese Company, Inc., Pesto Jack

Type: Pasteurized cow's milk

Flesh: Semi-hard

Rind: Natural

Tasting Notes: Mild, creamy cheese with garlic and basil.

Beer Club Pairing: For this month's beer club, pair with the Ommegang Rare Vos. The notes of caramel malt and moderately dry finish is the perfect complement to the garlic and basil flavor of the cheese.

Wine Club Pairing: For this month's wine club selection, pair with the Caballero de la Crepa Reserva Malbec. The notes of plum and dark fruit in the wine pair perfectly with the garlic flavor in the cheese.

Have a great month!
The Gang at TCC



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