

Myrtle Monotony (Social Contract) & Beaujolais

On Myrtle Monotony, Social Contract solidify a distinctive alt-rock sound that, while clearly influenced by similar modern alt-rock bands, is one that they can be proud to call all their own. Indulgent guitar licks and catchy drum beats led by confident vocals drive the song into a chorus that feels so catchy you can't help but to move your head along with it. On the song's theme of inner-reflection and learning from mistakes, we think it best pairs with a region that has seen its own fair share of rises and falls — Beaujolais. It quickly went from being one of the hottest regions in the world in the 80s to foul and oversaturated by the 90s. Now, it's finding a new spotlight with the acceptance of natural wines.

Shine A Little Light (The Black Keys) & Swiss Pinot Noir-Gamay Blend

It's been five years since The Black Keys released an album, and "Let's Rock" (quotations and all) is sure to satisfy the grumbling stomachs of fans. Shine A Little Light opens the album with a vengeance, it's a tug-of-war between gritty blues and garage, but the duo manage to blend the two perfectly. We think it's only appropriate to pair this perfectly balanced track with a perfectly balanced wine. To take it even further, maybe one from a region that's been kickin' it in the wine world for centuries but isn't as appreciated outside of its own borders — specifically, a Swiss Pinot Noir-Gamay blend.

Strangling Song (Thomas Azier) & Tasmanian Chardonnay

On its own, Thomas Azier's Strangling Song teeters precariously between upbeat and subdued, but comes off as a smooth and groovy jam when contrasted with the three other songs off the Raven On The First Floor EP. Azier's distinctive voice opens the track with a few lines of near-seductive speak-singing, illustrating a scene that is embellished yet simple, backed by a sound that is both familiar and fresh while keeping the listener hooked with changes in tempo and tone. With so many contrasts, we think a well-known grape from an up-and-coming region would pair perfectly. Why not try out a Tasmanian Chardonnay?