

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

MAY 2020 HALF CASE- REDS

BISHOP'S PEAK FROM TALLEY 2017, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA \$19.99 (MIXED) The Talley Vineyards label is dedicated to the production of estate grown wines produced entirely from their six vineyards in Coastal San Luis Obispo County. Produced from grapes grown in the Santa Margarita Vineyard in the cool southwestern corner of the Paso Robles viticultural area, this wine combines the balanced Talley Vineyards' house style with the soft approachability typical of the Paso Robles region. If you're looking for an every day drinking Cabernet, look no further than Bishop's Peak. Best value!

ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS 'TERROIR' MALBEC 2016, VALLE DE UCO, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA \$14.99 (MIXED) The Altos las Hormigas Terroir Project stems from the idea that the main creative force behind the wine is its place of origin, and not the winemaker. It was widely believed that quality in Mendoza was all about altitude of the vineyards and good practices in the vineyard. Grapes are harvested by hand from a blend of high density vineyards. This fresher year was very favorable to the winery's style: wines with freshness, balance, great character but also drinkability, and most certainly a sense of place. It was a harvest full of lessons, big but beautiful challenges and lots of learning... 2016 has been and will indeed be a memorable harvest.

PRINCIPE DE VIANA 2017, NAVARRA D.O., SPAIN \$14.99 (MIXED) Navarre is in the transition between two vast differences of landscapes. The transition also renders a highly variable climate, with cooler spells and heat waves mixing in summer. Winters are mild for the latitude. This garnet colored Garnacha opens with a ripe strawberry jam, pomegranate, eucalyptus bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, smooth and juicy with slightly tart black cherries flavors. I also detected some notes of plum as well. With light tannins and balanced acidity, the finish was long with a pleasurable amount of dryness. I would recommend pairing this with pasta and beef Bolognese.

LI VELI 'ORION' 2018, SALENTO, ITALY \$14.99 Primitivo is a dark-skinned grape known for producing inky, tannic wines. A classic Primitivo wine is high in both alcohol and tannins, intensely flavored and deeply colored. Although there have been contentious and long-running debates about the variety's geographical origins, there is little question that Primitivo's modern-day home is in southern Italy, in this case Salento (the 'heel' of the boot). Dense ruby red with a purplish rim, it quite intense on the nose with marked aromas of ripe and fleshy red fruits, notably cherries followed by spicy notes of cinnamon and nutmeg; on the palate it is full, powerful, smooth with a long finish and defined acid streak.

BORNE 2017, ANDERSON VALLEY, CALIFORNIA \$24.99 Borne is part of a family of boutique wines produced by Brack Mountain Wine Company. Each one of them showcases the regional character of the vineyard source. Borne wines are sourced exclusively from Anderson Valley, one of California's emerging and most noteworthy wine regions due to its steep hillsides, cool climate, and micro-tended vineyard sites. This wine showcases a deep plum red tone with fragrances of orange peel, red cherries and fresh peppercorn on the nose. The palate is bright and dynamic with a sinuous texture and racy acidity. Flavors of cranberry, saffras and clove combine for a wine with an incredible spectrum of flavors and subtlety.

JOSEP GRAU L'EFECTE VOLADOR 2018, MONTASANT D.O., SPAIN \$17.99 Montsant is a wine region in Catalonia, northern Spain. The gently undulating area was formerly categorized as a viticultural sub-zone of Tarragona. Local growers felt the high-altitude vineyards here earned the region recognition as a DO in their own right. As a result, the Montsant DO was created in 2001, its name taken from the Montsant massif ('holy mountain') that dominates the region's landscape. Made from Garnacha, Samsó (Cariñena), Syrah and a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon, grown on llicorella (slate) and decomposed granite soils. Classic Spain style interpreted in a contemporary way. Enjoy with anything off the grill!

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MONT GRAVET COTES DE GASCOGNE 2018, IGP COTES DE GASCOGNE, FRANCE \$11.99

(MIXED) Mont Gravet comes from vineyards located in the Gascony region, near the city of Toulouse in the South West of France. The climate combines the Oceanic and Mediterranean influences, which brings enough sun and humidity to grow rich, concentrated and ripe grapes. Mont Gravet, 100% Colombard, has a pale, bright yellow color, with a very intense and refreshing nose. It displays flavors of citrus fruit and blackcurrant leaf. This wine will express itself best as an aperitif or with any seafood.

AZOI NV, VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL \$11.99 (MIXED) It's about to get HOT in Atlanta. Nothing hits the spot like a chilled bottle of white, especially if that white has a touch of spritz! Vinho Verde is traditionally non-vintage and consumed quickly, so the wine on the shelf will always be a fresh bottling. The way to make a proper Vinho Verde is to suppress the malolactic fermentation and inject carbon dioxide at bottling to give the wine its characteristic sparkle. What you have in your glass is EASILY quaffable (better get a second bottle in the fridge!) and ideal for sharing!

WILHELM WALCH 'PRENDO', ALTO ADIGE, ITALY \$14.99 (MIXED) This is the second Walch wine we have featured in as many months! The Wilhelm Walch winery lies in the traditional wine village of Tramin in Alto Adige, the northernmost Italian wine-producing region. The wine estate puts emphasis on the typicity of Alto Adige and its local wine varieties – classic wines in a modern and straightforward style – while rounding out the broad palette of wines with international varieties. Bright, straw yellow in colour, gentle, pronounced aromas reminiscent of mature, yellow fruits. Harmonic and smooth on the palate, fresh and intense in the finish.

HUGUET CAN FEIXES BLANC SELECCIO 2018, PENEDES D.O., SPAIN \$18.99 Before Cava becomes the sparkler with which we are familiar, it is simply a still wine. And here it is! Produced in Penedes, one of the most ancient viticultural areas of Europe, this wine is predominantly Parellada. This blending grape is found in most Cavas and is supported by the other commonly associated indigenous varieties. With notes of orchard and citrus fruits on the nose, this wine smells fresh and mineral driven. The palate confirms that with a food friendly zip of acidity. Spanish charcuterie and cheese, along with a bottle of this wine, would make a perfect weeknight solo dinner or weekend gathering appetizer. Before the bubbles, we have Can Feixes!

MILE MARKER 'MILE 71' 2016, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON \$14.99 What's the difference between Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio? Pinot grigio, undoubtedly the most popular of the two, is lighter-bodied, crisp, clean, and vibrant with citrus flavors, according to Wine Spectator. Pinot gris, on the other hand, is sweet, and has spicy tropical fruit aromas. It generally has low acidity, higher alcohol levels, and a rich texture. Mile Post Pinot Gris is made by two dear friends who enjoy wine with a sense of place. One of their favorite locations is the Willamette Valley appellation in Oregon. This Pinot Gris has fresh apple, lemon and pear notes, with bright acidity and a crisp finish.

ANDIS PAINTED FIELDS 2019, SIERRA FOOTHILLS, CALIFORNIA \$19.99 Andis Wines is a 22,000 square foot state of the art winemaking facility designed under two tenets: 1) Design a winery that can make great wine, and 2) Make it pretty. Andy and Janis worked hand-in-hand with Sage Architecture for well over a year to come to a design that would achieve that goal. The 2019 Painted Fields "Cuvée Blanc" is a medium-bodied white blend inspired by the traditional white wines of Southern France. Fruity with aromas of white pepper, citrus, banana, passionfruit. The palate blends together notes of lemon and apple that lead to a lingering finish.