

## **HIGHLAND FINE WINE**

### **JUNE 2019 HALF CASE- REDS**

**RIO MADRE GRACIANO 2017, RIOJA, SPAIN (MIXED)** - Tucked in the Northeast corner of Spain is Catalonia, specifically Terra Alta. Although the largest growing area in Catalonia, it is virtually unknown. Garnatxa Negra (or in France, Grenache) grows well in the sand and clay limestone soil here. There is no need for oak as the grape itself is expressive and delicate. The beautiful bright crimson color gives way to dark red spiced fruit. This wine is both drinkable and affordable- a win win for everyone. So get ahead of the popular curve and indulge yourself in this up and coming Spanish favorite.

**SENDA MENCIA, BIERZO, SPAIN (MIXED) \$15.99** Mencia may not have the notoriety of Tempranillo- and that is a good thing. This wine is completely different from that darling of Rioja. Lovely flowery aromas of strawberry, raspberry, black licorice, pomegranate and cherry sauce. Deep fruit and excellent structure with lush textures of cherry, raspberry, and cassis flavors. This Mencia is a beautiful and aromatic red wine from Bierzo, making this an excellent choice with lighter red meats, fowl, chicken and shellfish in tomato sauce.

**LAVINA TEMPRANILLO/MERLOT 2015, CATALONIA, SPAIN (MIXED) \$12.99** Spanish wines are typically full of flavor and able to pair with the spicy meats and hearty cheeses of Spain. Intense, deep cherry red colour. Clear and bright. Very fruity aroma (strawberry, cherry, blackberry), with floral notes that confer a good aromatic expressiveness. In the mouth, it is harmonious, with good body, full of flavors and fresh, long, elegant aftertaste. Balanced, pleasant and easy to drink. Food pairing; light dishes, tapas, cheese, meats, bbq and grills.

**COUSINO-MACUL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016, VALLE DEL MAIPO, CHILE \$12.99** - These vineyards are located in the Maipo Valley, renowned as the source of the best Cabernet Sauvignon from Chile. The properties, Macul and Buin, enjoy the unique conditions that this valley provides, being at the foothills of the Andes Mountains, and because of its altitude above sea level, it belongs to the sub-region known as "Alto Maipo". Break away from the traditional Bordeaux Cabernet as well as the popular Napa Cabernet and enjoy this full bodied, expressive red today!

**CHATEAU DU PETIT THOUAR5 IES GEORGES' CHINON 2016, LOIRE VALLEY FRANCE \$19.99** Cabernet Franc is one of those wines geeky sommeliers crave. One of the best kept secrets in the world of wine, Cab Franc is packed with flavor and power. Maybe the best deal in Cabernet Franc anywhere, "Les Georges" comes from Chinon in the Loire Valley. A new gem in the Rosenthal portfolio, this has sappy, dusty red cherry fruit, with uncommonly fine tannins for this price point. A proselytizing bottle of Loire red if ever there was. Pull back the curtain and enter the world of Cabernet Franc!

**CASTELLO DI ALBOLA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015, TUSCANY, ITALY \$14.99** - Chianti is a type of wine that pairs with most foods. And with good reason - this wine is approachable and makes you want to bite into the most traditional Italian cuisine with every sip. Classico sets the gold standard in Chianti so the quality is guaranteed by the classification. Chianti MUST contain a large percentage of Sangiovese, and this wine does in spades. Authentic and pure, this expression is distinguished and elegant, mellow and refined. Get ready for something special with Albola!

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#### **DOS ALMAS GRAN RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, CASABLANCA, CHILE (MIXED) \$12.99 -**

Dos Almas's story is about passion. Even their motto "There is a passion that knows no borders" echoes that sentiment. Originally from Italy, these intrepid wine makers traveled to Chile and immediately fell in love. This land is generous with mountains, coasts, and sun drenched valleys. More specifically, Casablanca has a micro-climate which includes fog, salty air, and cool breezes- ideal for Sauvignon Blanc! Refreshing and crisp with lip smacking acidity, this citrusy white shows the tradition of Italy bound with the land of Chile.

**BURGANS ALBARINO, RIAS BIAXAS, SPAIN (MIXED) \$14.99 -** When a region only makes one type of wine, producers better do it well, and differently from each other. Burgas pedigree originates from the famed Martin Codax, a top notch Albarino producer from Salnes, the coolest and most humid area of Rias Biexas. What separates Burgans from the rest is their commitment to viticulturalism. Simply stated, this is a practice of growing grapes in the most hospitable environment possible. This respect for the land has produced a truly unique wine. Lush with stone fruit and supported by bright acidity, Burgans Albarino should be in your glass ASAP.

**LE SALSE VERDICCHIO DE MATELICA, MARCHE, ITALY (MIXED) \$14.99 -** Verdicchio is a white wine grape variety that has been cultivated for hundreds of years in the Marche region of central Italy. It is a versatile variety, used both for light, easy-drinking table wines, and for more complex, ageworthy examples. It is commonly lauded by critics as being one of Italy's best white wine grape varieties, and is found in vineyards across the country. This white is noted for its fresh, fragrant and harmonious character, displaying a slightly sharper characteristic than Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi, which is much rounder and mellower. Serve with seafood, ceviche, fish tacos- anything from the ocean!

**ANFITRIO VINHO VERDE 2018, MINHO, PORTUGAL \$11.99-** Summer is here! Your white wine, therefore, needs to be refreshing and thirst quenching. Vinho Verde checks those boxes- and more! Wallet friendly, this effervescent white is ideal for a day by the pool or picnic in the park. The spark of bubbles is usually considered a flaw in most wine (gas is a by product of wine making) however in this wine, it is essential! The bubbles make Vinho Verde, well...Vinho Verde! Pair with literally anything as this wine will support everything from fresh berries to roasted chicken.

**GUSTAVSHOF VOM BERG TROCKEN RIESLING 1L 2017, RHEINHESSEN, GERMANY \$21.99 -** Riesling. Just the name strikes fear in most wine lovers. Riesling does NOT mean sweet! In fact, this **trocken** style is dry. Riesling is on the radar of every savvy sommelier so let me share one of my favorites with you. This ONE LITER format means that extra glass not found in a 750mL bottle- so pour big! With very minimal technical equipment, this wine is almost the purest expression of Riesling- clean and precise with notes of apple and peach. Riesling is a chameleon so serve with anything! Trust me on this one- Riesling is about to be your new summer fave.

**VICUS FALANGHINA, CAMPANIA, ITALY \$14.99 -** To say Campania has it all is an understatement. A tourist destination, Campania is home to the ruins of Pompeii, the isle of Capri, the Amalfi coast and the cerulean waters of the Mediterranean. Campania is also known for their food- Caprese salads, Margherita pizzas, saucy ragus, and sweet gelato. When indulging in the incredible sights and humble foods, you need a versatile wine that can be drunk in copious amounts. Falanghina is coastal Italy in a bottle- fresh and salty, brisk and mineral. Open a bottle and enjoy the best of Italy!