

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

NOVEMBER 2019 HALF CASE- REDS

QUATTRO MANI BARBERA 2015, PIEMONTE DOC, ITALY- \$14.99 (MIXED) In Piedmont, Barolo may be king but Barbera is what everyone is drinking! Known for its approachable, easy going style, Barbera is a perfect option for your Thanksgiving meal. Lower tannin and high acid make this wine ideal for all foods. This varietal is grown all over the world however its best iteration comes from Italy, predominately Asti and Alba. Dark cherry and dry strawberry fruits are here with a nod to violets, incense, and anise. Spend wisely! Barbera is a smart, economical wine that delivers across the board.

XANADU EXMOOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014, MARGARET RIVER, AUSTRALIA-\$17.99 (MIXED) This Cabernet is from one of the pioneers of Australian wine. Lovers of literature will remember Xanadu as Samuel Coleridge's mysterious, idyllic, exotic city; home of Kubla Khan. Dr John Lagan (founder), himself a great literature enthusiast, drew parallels between Coleridge's visions of utopia and his newly adopted home (Lagan is from Ireland), and thus the name Xanadu was born. Critically awarded, this Cabernet is full and layered with bold flavors. Drink outside the box and get into this November red from Australia!

AZUL Y GARANZA TEMPRANILLO 2018, NAVARRA DO, SPAIN \$14.99 (MIXED) Situated in a 'landscape' not a traditional vineyard, the founders of Azul y Garanza are committed to biodynamic farming. Each of their plots enjoys as much biological diversity as this harsh climate will allow. The surrounding plants, foliage, and animal/insect life play as much a part to the success of the grapes as the vines themselves. Winemaking is quite natural – use of concrete vats, natural yeasts and gentle hands. The vines offer a naturally low production of small grapes that have a high concentration and a perfect equilibrium. Fresh, dry and delicious, making the case for bigger is better (1 liter, y'all!). Bright aromatics of red cherries and raspberries give way to copious amounts of strawberry and hints of cedar on the palate

LANDMARK OVERLOOK PINOT NOIR 2016, SONOMA, CALIFORNIA- \$19.99 Landmark is a brand synonymous with consistency and quality. The Chardonnay is a favorite of HFW and now we are introducing their Pinot Noir. What better time of year to feature a crowd pleasing Pinot than Thanksgiving! Expertly blended sourced fruit with a specific sense of place, Landmark Pinot offers the best of Sonoma, Monterey, and Santa Barbara- bright red fruit with a pleasing finish of dried herbs.

ADARAS ALDEA TINTO 2017, ALMANSA, SPAIN- \$9.99 Almansa is the spot of Spain set to take the wine world by storm. Garnacha is in its element here. The organic vineyard, 1,200 metres high, sees a distinct microclimate. In this moderated temperature, grapes ripen steadily through sun-soaked days while locking in the flavour they build up. Rest assured that it'll all land safely in your glass. Think Spanish winemaking's all Rioja? Think again! Spending just a short period of time in cask, this has juicy red fruits at its forefront. Its deep-violet hues release lip-smacking tannins and fresh acidity. Dive into the warmer months with this strawberry-packed wonder!

LE CALCINAIE CHIANTI COLLI SENESI 2018, TUSCANY, ITALY- \$11.99 Tenuta Le Calcinaie is a beautiful small estate just three kilometres from the town of San Gimignano (in the province of Siena). It is named after the composition of the soil of this zone: in fact layers of limestone, originating from marine deposits ("calce" means lime in Italian). This is 100% pure Sangiovese, unrestrained with blending grapes. Fine and well balanced, this red is surprisingly soft, quite fresh, and easy to drink. The soil composition affects the power, depth of color and structure. A Monday-Thursday everyday drinking red, Le Calcinaie can be served with rustic pasta dishes with meat sauce (Bolognese?).

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JUSTIN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, CENTRAL COAST, CALIFORNIA- \$14.99 (MIXED) This Californian Sauvignon Blanc reflects the diversity of the climates and soils in the Central Coast, ranging from the cool, limestone laden Templeton Gap area to the warmer, sandy, river-influenced eastern regions. The combined sauvignon blanc from vineyards in these unique areas yields a full palate of bright citrus fruit with a hint of fresh herbs balanced by a crisp, refreshing mineral structure. The result is a wine that is both a refreshing daytime aperitif, as well as a perfect food pairing wine for an amazing range of cheeses, seafood or light dining options, such as appetizers or tapas.

LA PLAYA CHARDONNAY 2018, COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE- \$9.99 (MIXED) Repeat after me: Not all Chardonnay is oaked. And this crisp, precise white is just that- UNOAKED. La Playa Chardonnay is a golden yellow color shimmering with pale green. A fresh, fruit-friendly nose suggests pineapple and peach. On the palate, it is a fat, structured wine, with good acidity and a pleasant finish. The flavor is quite light and textured compared to other Chardonnays given that it is aged in steel barrels and not oak. Lees aging (dead yeast collected at that bottom of a tank) provides this wine with a layered mouth feel. Perfect for first course, cream based soups, and leafy green salads.

PIERRE GAILLARD DOMAINE MADELOC 'TREMADOC' 2014, LANGUEDOC, FRANCE- 17.99 (MIXED) Pierre Gaillard, winemaker of Côte Rôtie, Saint Joseph, and Condrieu, has always been fascinated by the scenic beauty of Banyuls. The vines are exposed to the north, south, and the east which enriches the complexity of the wines by the multitude of microclimates. Protected from the wind, the plots planted within the valley have a very warm climate, ideal for the maturity of the Banyuls. The plots closer to the sea have a cooler climate, ideal for the slow ripening of the grapes and balance for the Collioure. A blend of Grenache Blanc and Grenache Gris, this white is best during cooler months.

CAMINO DE CABRAS ALBARINO 2018, RIAS BIASAS, SPAIN- \$16.99 Albarino is made in Rias Biasas. It what that region is known for- and they do it well. Albariño wine is a high-quality, light-bodied white that grows mostly in Spain and Portugal. It is loved for its high acidity, refreshing citrus flavors, dry taste, and subtle saltiness. For seafood lovers, Albariño is a fantastic choice for pairing with exquisite dishes like ceviche, fish tacos, seafood pasta, and shrimp. This crowd pleasing favorite works well in almost any situation!

LAS BRISAS VERDEJO 2017, RUEDA DO, SPAIN- \$11.99 Las Brisas emerges from the origins of Naia, with a Verdejo baseline but with an international character. It is a multivarietal wine designed from the vineyard with the aim of capturing the interest of the more international tastes. With a base of herbs and balsamic notes from the Verdejo variety, it also has the subtle nuances of white fruit (pear and pineapple) from the Viura variety, which is also traditional in the region of Rueda, and an exotic touch provided by the Sauvignon blanc.

COSTERS DEL SIO 'CELISITA' 2018, COSTERS DEL SEGRE DO, SPAIN- \$14.99 Celistia is the extract of the purity of light in the night sky. As its name suggests, both the red and white are pure, direct wines. Viognier is responsible for the subtle aromatics; Macabeo provides structure and a streak of acidity (Macabeo is found in Cava as well!). This is a simple, fresh, very pleasant wine, well balanced, and easy to drink. In the ever growing market place of wine, this winery is a relative new kid on the block. Do not let that deter you from enjoying a solid white wine from an up and coming region of Spain.