

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

OCTOBER 2021 HALF CASE- REDS

CORAZON DEL SOL 2018, UCO VALLEY, ARGENTINA \$21.99 (MIXED) One of the largest production of wines for Corazon Del Sol, their Malbec shows a funky, beautiful reductive nose, that leads to secondary aromas of black plum, ground green peppercorn and a touch of tar. The acidity is outstanding as is the length of the finish. The palate pops with accents of black currant, blue plum and a bit of peppered salami. For only \$22, this wine is outstanding and deserves a spot on your every day drinking list.

ZINGARA MERLOT 2017, FRIULI-VENEZIA, ITALY \$17.99 (MIXED) When you consider the wines of Italy, powerhouse reds probably come to mind first. Indigenous varieties like Nebbiolo and Sangiovese have solidified Italy's place in the global market. However, Italy does French varieties too, as in the case of Super Tuscans. These wines have the signature rusticity you have come to expect from Italy. This Merlot is no different! Full and rich, Zingara Merlot backs off the trademark 'cocoa' note of Merlot and leans into the dark berry fruit side with enough acidity for any spaghetti or lasagna dinner. Coming in just in time for fall is Zingara Merlot!

R. STUART 'BIG FIRE' 2018, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON \$15.99 (MIXED) Rob Stuart's story begins the way in which many winemakers' begins- he was a simple farmer, growing grapes for other winemakers. Willamette Valley is home to many soil types, which create a unique style of Pinot- and Rob had the key to success! Along the way a decision was made to create his own label- and we are VERY glad he did! This Pinot is chock full of dark cherry and amaro notes, with rounded tannins creating a plump mouth feel. Big Fire is lush and generous, making it ideal for just about anything!

PASANAU CEPS NOUS 2018, PRIORAT, SPAIN \$21.99 Finally we are in full bodied red wine season. This wine shocked me in terms of power and bold flavors! The peppery and fresh 2017 Ceps Nous is a blend of 70% Garnacha, 21% Merlot and 9% Syrah from young vines produced in a fresh and fruit-driven style. It fermented in stainless steel and matured in used French oak barrels for some four to six months. It's 16.2% alcohol but quite juicy and balanced, and the alcohol is not noticeable, although it's clearly not a shy wine. This wine needs a fatty meal in the short term so consider prime rib for a perfect pairing!

AIRFIELD ESTATE SYRAH 2016, YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON \$16.99 Airfield Estates is a family owned and operated winery and vineyard situated in the heart of the Yakima Valley – Washington State's oldest established AVA. As the name suggests, Airfield Estates has ties to aviation. Prior to their farming days, a portion of the property operated as a training base for hundreds of WW2 Army Air Corps After the war, they began farming in the outlying area and continue to use a few of the original airplane hangars as farm storage facilities. This dark, concentrated Syrah possesses flavors of dark berry, clove, and white pepper coating the palate with a plush round mouthfeel and leading to silky, smooth tannins on the finish.

CAMINO DE NAVAHERREROS 2019, VINOS DE MADRID D.O., SPAIN \$16.99 Camino de Navaherreros comes from the outskirts of Madrid in a tiny village called Pelayos de la Presa. It is a small winery whose wines are in such demand they rarely make it to the United States Navaherreros is a delicious wine that lives up to its reputation and more. It resembles a young Chateauneuf-du-Pape and other Grenaches from France and Spain. The vines of Navaherreros are over 80 years old and produce wonderful scents of strawberry, raspberry, rose, magnolia and Asian spices. Fresh and energetic fruit with sweet red berry flavors are unfettered by tannins. The spiciness repeats on the finish, which is long and pure.

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MAISON BROTTE 'BAIES DOREES' 2019, PAYS D'OC, FRANCE \$13.99 (MIXED) Brotte Pays d'Oc 100% Viognier "Baies Dorées" expresses the full, aromatic palate of Viognier with notes of exotic fruits, citrus and fresh cooked brioche. The Viognier grape which evolved from Rhone valley wild grapes, produces berries which when ripe become amber coloured with golden highlights. The bouquet offers a unique aromatic range including citrus flowers, exotic fruits, apricots, white-fleshed stone fruit and jasmine. Intensely fruity and well balanced. At once mouth-filling and fat which works in harmony with the flavours of exotic fruit and toasted brioche.

COMTESSE DE MALET ROQUEFORT 2020, BORDEAUX, FRANCE \$14.99 (MIXED) Comtesse de Malet Roquefort is one of the best discoveries in value-priced French Bordeaux we have ever found. Made by the traditional family who owns and makes Château La Gaffelière in Saint Emilion, this is a well structured, yet subtle white wine. Look for bright, citrus and mineral aromas followed by stone, grapefruit, green melon and lime zest flavors, framed in a thirst quenching style. Perfect for warm days on the porch on its own, or to serve with shellfish, white fishes and fresh green salads.

DRY CREEK FUME BLANC 2020, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA \$14.99 (MIXED) Since 1972, Dry Creek has produced Fume Blanc wine at the heart and soul of their family winery. Modeled after the classic wines from the Loire Valley in France, this stainless steel fermented, no oak style Fume Blanc is crisp, balanced and immediately drinkable. Aromatics of lime, lemon, apricot and mango leap forward from the glass with nuances of cucumber, lemongrass and white pepper. On the palate, the wine is intense and bright with grapefruit, passionfruit and white peach. Underlying minerality and hints of jasmine, fresh cut grass and jalapeño contribute to this wine's refreshing, crisp finish. **92 points WINE SPECTATOR and 92 points Tasting Panel**

CVNE MONOPOLE BLANCO SECO 2020, RIOJA, SPAIN \$17.99 100% Viura, fermented and raised in stainless steel. One of the region's iconic go-to whites, and in fact Spain's oldest existing white wine brand, produced under the same name since 1915. This wine is gentle pale yellow-green in color. Seductive scents of spring, white flowers and fresh tropical fruit lead into a luxurious palate with just the right amount of acidity to convey a lasting freshness. An ideal companion for seafood, especially fish. The finish is very serious, dry and chalky with a salty twist. It's austere and has good acidity. Truly a white wine that over delivers for the price!

CINCINNATO 'CASTORE' 2019, LAZIO, ITALY \$15.99 The Cincinnato winery, founded in 1947 and named after the ancient Roman senator and farmer Cincinnatus, is a small co-operative. Named 'Castore' after the mythical twins Castor and Pollux, the archeological remains of their temple enrich Cori's heritage. Made entirely from Bellone is an outstanding grape variety, one of the best in Italy today. The wine has a telltale luscious texture and juicy acidity, and delightful honeyed, citrus, and tropical fruit aromas and flavors. A sophisticated, elegant 100% Bellone wine that embodies its terroir. Elegant and refined, this ancient grape variety also known as "bread grape" has soft and delicate skin. Low yields per hectare and an accurate vinification make this a fragrant and delicately fruity wine.

CASA SANTOS LIMA 2019, LISBOA, PORTUGAL \$11.99 Here is a wine that presents itself as modern, with excellent aromatic intensity and offering citric fruit notes. With a light body, it has also a great natural freshness and shows great balance in the aftertaste. With a perfumed touch of Moscatel in the blend, this wine is fragrant and tangy. Its orange peel flavor is enhanced by a ripe lemon fruitiness. This wine pairs well with salted pork and roasted chicken. So good for those warm fall days we have all been looking forward to! Enjoy this uncomplicated wine on your favorite back porch!