

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

APRIL 2020 HALF CASE- REDS

PEPE YLLERA 2017, RIBERA DEL DUERO, SPAIN \$15.99 (MIXED) The wine Pepe Yllera Roble is a tribute to Pepe Yllera, founder of Grupo Yllera and a visionary who began to invest in the wine sector in the 1980s in the Castilla y León area. Grupo Yllera started out in Rueda, and are present today in Toro, Ribera del Duero and La Rioja. The Pepe Yllera Roble vineyards in Ribera del Duero are between 30-40 years old. Pepe Yllera Roble is a wine made with Tempranillo and Carbernet Sauvignon varieties. The grapes are harvested by hand, which allows a double selection, in the field and in the cellar. Solid red for price point!

GIO ROSSO 2017, IGT VENETO, ITALY \$12.99 (MIXED) The Ponte winery has been working with the best wine growers of the Veneto region for over 70 years. Ponte was founded in 1948 as a result of the tenacious determination and ambition of a small group of winegrowers who joined forces to tackle the challenging post-war years and the period of reconstruction. Today they represent a benchmark of quality in every aspect of their operations and an unwavering commitment to their growers. Vibrant red and violet hues with fresh notes of raspberry, cherry and earthy tones on the nose. Soft tannins with more lively assorted red fruit notes and a well-rounded mouth feel.

FINCA TORREMILANOS 'MONTECASTRILLO' TINTO 2018, RIBERA DEL DUERO, SPAIN \$16.99 (MIXED) Torremilanos Montecastrillo is an organic red wine made with the Tempranillo variety (Tinta del país) produced by the Torremilanos winery in the D.O. Ribera de Duero. The Peñalba López Torremilanos family acquired this traditional winemaking estate in the heart of the Ribera de Duero in 1975. From then on, they have used respectful cultivation methods and their wines are certified as organic wines. Torremilanos Montecastrillo 2018 is an intense red wine with floral aromas, red fruit and roasted notes. On the palate it is pleasant and fruity with mineral notes.

WILHELM WALCH 'PRENDO' 2018, ALTO ADIGE, ITALY \$16.99 Elena Walch values nature, respects it and wants to put it into the hands of the next generation in perfect condition. Sustainable operation, introduced in the vineyards a few years ago, is the focus of Elena Walch philosophy, whereby the road to sustainability is not an overnight change, but rather a learning process, an apprenticeship. Prominent notes of candied cherries, licorice, spices, earthiness and sweet toasted oak all make an appearance in this richly-textured, poised Pinot.

CHATEAU LA GRAVE CAHORS 2017, CAHORS, FRANCE 2017 Among the many specialties that have brought pride to the region, the constant has been its wine. A.O.C. Cahors is known as the “black wine” of the Southwest—the deeply inky, earthy wines that seem to complement the regional fare of duck (and duck fat!) so wonderfully. Cahors is also the birthplace of Cot, the grape more commonly known as Malbec. Philippe Bernède is no stranger to the south-west as his family has farmed vines here for many generations. His Château La Grave stands out as it is 100% Malbec, a rarity here in Cahors as most often the wines are blended with up to 30% Merlot or Tannat. La Grave is an incredible value on multiple levels—it is a hearty, full-bodied wine to drink now and a top candidate for your cellar.

VALLE LAS ACEQUIAS CLASE A 2016, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA \$17.99 While Bonarda may not be as popular as Malbec from Argentina is, it is often crafted with similar quality and value. 100% Bonarda from Don Angelino estate. The grapes are hand-picked during the first week of April to obtain optimum maturity. A little earthy and smoky on the nose with raspberry, strawberry, and violet notes. Bright acidity and good tannic structure complement the full body. Just a touch short on the finish, otherwise a very good wine. Enjoy with venison, beef, and lamb dishes.

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FOLK MACHINE WHITE LIGHT 2018, NORTH COAST, CALIFORNIA \$18.99 (MIXED) The winemakers had one goal: to bottle something fresh with acid and some mineral and retain that sort of salty, briny character that the Tocai Friulano has, but tone it down with the fruit and aromatics of Riesling and Verdelho. This is pretty much what you will find in the bottle with added zip from the Sauvignon Blanc. This is the perfect porch pounder for April! The nose shows a light orange blossom, stone fruits, lime, and a light minerality. The palate has some texture with good acid, and flavors towards orange peel, and lime zest.

QUATTRO MANI FALANGHINA 2016, CAMPANIA, ITALY \$14.99 (MIXED) Quattro Mani showcases celebrity winemakers who express the character and strength of Italy's rich viticultural heritage, interpreted through their unique personalities. The winemakers are skilled in allowing vineyards to speak through the wine, reflecting how the essence of a region can be best expressed through its traditional wines produced by skilled artisan winemakers. Falanghina is the darling white varietal of Campania, home to Caprese salads and Margherita pizzas. Open a cold bottle of this coastal Italian favorite and enjoy a taste of Italy!

SPN VERDEJO 2018, LA MANCHA, SPAIN \$11.99 (MIXED) Verdejo is a variety of wine grape that has long been grown in the Rueda region of Spain. SPÑ comes from La Mancha, an elevated plain in the heart of Spain with an extremely hot, dry climate that naturally produces ripe, structured wines from the clay and limestone soils. A great food wine due to its higher acidity and subtle bitterness acting as a palate cleanser. Try it with fish tacos, lime chicken, carnitas and seitan steaks.

RECANATI YASMIN WHITE 2018, GALILEE, ISRAEL \$12.99 Lenny Recanati's dream was to bring quality wines to connoisseurs in Israel and overseas and to make Recanati Winery synonymous with international excellence in the world of wine. This harmonious blend of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc is the perfect all occasion wine! Chardonnay gives this wine structure while Sauvignon Blanc punches up the acid and fruit. From the sun kissed Mediterranean vineyards of Israel, this wine has enticing aromas and flavors of tropical fruit. The winemaking method stresses the lightness of the wine and the fruity aroma together with its refreshing acidity.

DOMAINE DES MILES CHABLIS 2017, CHABLIS, BURGUNDY, FRANCE \$21.99 Chablis is highly regarded as THE home of Chardonnay. This UNOAKED version is ideal for all occasions. Elegantly crafted and smartly priced, this wine drinks outside of its class. The Chablis region is the northernmost wine district of the Burgundy region in France. The cool climate of this region produces wines with more acidity and flavors less fruity than Chardonnay wines grown in warmer climates. These wines often have a "flinty" note, sometimes described as "steely". The Chablis AOC is required to use Chardonnay grapes solely. Open this bottle on a special occasion...or if you want to drink something special on a Tuesday!

CHARLES BOVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, TOURAINE, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE \$21.99 The firm of Charles Bove began life in the 19th century in Montrichard, in the Loire Valley. Its base of operations was, and is, an enormous rock quarry, abandoned after it had been quarried for building the Loire Chateaux. While Sancerre is, without a doubt, the most recognizable name for Sauvignon Blanc, Touraine is the land of hidden gems. With the rising prices of Sancerre, consumers are looking for quality driven wines in a more affordable price point. Born in the chalky soils of Touraine, this wine is crisp and clean, well suited for the warmer months ahead in Atlanta. You will need a second bottle on deck because the first one will disappear quickly!