

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

DECEMBER 2020 HALF CASE- REDS

included in the RED 6 pack are THREE very different Cabernet Sauvignons for you to enjoy as a side-by-side at home tasting! Since we cannot taste together right now, this is the next best thing!

PRELIUS TOSCANA IGT 2019, TUSCANY, ITALY \$16.99 (MIXED) The vibrant blue label represents the fluid, the essence of the ancient costal lake of Prelius, what now is known as the Maremma Toscana. The lake has slowly disappeared but the wine lives on! The vineyards of Prelius are located on a hilltop along the shores of the ancient lake. Displaying aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and a hint of cinnamon rounding out with seductive oak notes. Vibrantly colored, Prelius is a full-bodied wine that displays solid structure and complexity; exhibiting dark red fruit and a lingering finish.

PAOLO SCAVINO ROSSO 2019, BAROLO, ITALY \$14.99 (MIXED) The Scavino family distinguishes itself from the beginning by their scrupulous care of the vineyards and passion for terroir. Their core beliefs is the supremacy of the viticulture above the oenology therefore the focus is the care of the vines in order to grow ripe and healthy grapes. In winemaking minimal and equal intervention are sought, to preserve natural diversities. Rosso is a blend which represents their indigenous varietals (Nebbiolo, Barbera, Dolcetto, and Merlot) so you can expect brilliant cherry red hues with supple structure.

LE COEUR DE LA REINE 2019, TOURAINE, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE \$14.99 (MIXED) Gamay is ubiquitous in Beaujolais. However, this light and fruity grape also has a home in the Loire where it has a completely different identity. There are still the tell-tale red fruit flavors (strawberry, raspberry) yet a streak of spice runs throughout. Gamay is an ideal choice for the holiday season as it is not heavy and over worked, rather not fussy and easy drinking. Also perfect for any holiday menu since Gamay dances through most courses with striking precision and effortless ease. Serve with a slight chill!

AIRFIELD ESTATE, YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON \$16.99 Every state in the US grows grapes. Some areas are more compelling than others and one of those is certainly Washington. After many decades of viticulture, Washington has emerged as a force in the landscape of US wine production. Family owned and operated, Airfield Estate vineyard is situated in the heart of the Yakima Valley, Washington State's first established AVA. There are 2 Cabernets in this month's half case with good reason- because it's finally time to enjoy robust reds! Classically styled, this is a purple fruit (think plum, prune, currant) dream, pairing easily with grilled meats (skirt steak with pesto) and sharp cheddar cheese.

BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO MESTIZAJE TINTO 2018, D.O.P. TERRERAZO, SPAIN \$15.99 El Terrerazo is a vin de Pago (single estate wine denomination) which is almost exclusively to the production of Bobal, its native varietal. Bobal is quite vigorous and productive so there is an obvious need for meticulous farming. Supported by Garnacha and Syrah (both of which bring their own undeniable characteristics to the table), here the edges are softened, punched up with dark red fruit and loads of structure. Pleasantly tannic and acidic, this wine is both food friendly and economically conscious. Lightly oaked, enjoy with cured meats and medium cheeses.

ANCIENT PEAKS CABERNET 2018, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA \$17.99 December is THE month to embrace those full bodied reds long sitting on your shelf. And Paso Robles does not disappoint! Cabernet Sauvignon is the longtime flagship wine of Ancient Peaks, helping drive the emergence of Paso Robles as a world-class region for this classic Bordeaux variety. Achieving both ripeness and balance amid one of the region's coolest, longest growing seasons, all while drawing natural complexity from the vineyard's uniquely complex soils. Enjoy this current vintage Cab with richly textured dishes, including grilled pork chops, veal roast with mushrooms, stuffed eggplant, filet mignon with black olive sauce and Cabernet-braised short ribs.

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THE PARING SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, CENTRAL COAST, CALIFORNIA \$19.99 (MIXED) Boasting a most impressive pedigree (Jonata, The Hilt), The Paring wines are made from vineyard blocks considered too young or not in line with the vintage. The Paring Sauvignon Blanc wines explore different blending opportunities where experimentations with site and varieties are key; select vineyards are defined and farmed to our rigorous standards. Classic lemon curd and lime zest aromas. Notes of grilled white peach and agave nectar. Dense and complete on the palate with a beautiful crisp pear-like texture. So satisfying! Finishes fresh with herbal complexity and hints of ripe green melon.

MONTE DEL FRA PINOT GRIGIO 2018, VENETO, ITALY \$15.99 (MIXED) Monte del Fra is positioned in the heart of the village of Custoza in Italy's Northeast region, the Veneto. Their commitment to expression and quality control keep the wines fresh and interesting from bottle to bottle. It is rare when I am surprised by a Pinot Grigio since I have consumed many a bottle that is a watered down version of what Pinot Grigio SHOULD be. Intensely floral (white flowers!), there is a certain elegance and sophistication here that would absolutely lend itself to creamy risottos or fresh green salads. Serve as an aperitif or just have a bottle open while you are cooking.

PERDU PICPOUL 2019, PICPOUL DE PINET, FRANCE \$14.99 (MIXED) From sustainably farmed vineyards near a string of lagoons stretching down the French coast, the vines face the morning sun. Dry and cold wind blows away the clouds and dries out the soils. This lack of water is partially balanced by the sea sprays coming from the basin of Thau, the region's oyster capital. This terroir gives birth to elegant and aromatic white wines. Picpoul de Pinet is a late ripening grape and harvest takes place end September, into October. A quick drinker, Picpoul literally translates to 'lip smacker' because of the bracing acidity. Because of this, Perdu can float easily from appetizer to entree.

CASTEL D'AGE 'FRAGMENTS' 2018, PENEDES, SPAIN \$21.99 Wines that have a strong female influence are just plain crafted better, in my opinion. There is an unexplainable quality that a female driven wine simply has- nuance, finesse, style come to mind. Fragments is THIRD generation of all women and WOW...was I impressed! A unique white wine made from Sauvignon Blanc and Xarello (one of the grapes of infamous Cava) that is a refreshing alternative. It has a straw yellow color. The nose is full of stone fruit (white peach) and tropical fruit (pineapple) aromas. On the palette it's fresh and silky. Totally enjoyable!

FOURNIER SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019, VAL DE LOIRE, FRANCE \$14.99 Fournier's Vin de Pays Sauvignon Blanc is a clean, crisp wine with typical Loire minerality and refreshing acidity. Similar in style to Touraine or Sancerre, it is sourced from areas outside of those appellations (hence its "Vin du Pays" designation), so it is able to deliver true Loire Valley style at a more modest cost. Proudly showing off its great terroirs of origin, Domaine Fournier Sauvignon Blanc exhibits its citrus and passion fruit aromas. The palate is zesty with a nice salivating acidity.

DOMAINE DE SALVARD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, CHEVERNY, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE \$16.99 Although there are 2 Sauvignon Blancs in this month's half case, the styles are vastly different. Here, in the Loire Valley, this representation is more mineral driven, simple yet elegant. Well suited for herb roasted fowl or ravioli with brown butter and sage, Salvard is ideal for your holiday table- or better yet, a last minute gift for the discerning palate. French Sauvignon Blanc sets the gold standard and Salvard maintains high quality by over performing in your glass